

Falkland Society

7:00 p.m., Wednesday 21 November 2018

Upper Town Hall, Falkland

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The Ancient Burgh of Cupar - History and Aspirations

Cupar's origins are ancient and its history reveals some surprises. How will Cupar become an exemplar of a twenty-first century market town? What does it have in common with Falkland?

This lecture in the 2018-2019 programme will be given by Bill Pagan.

This year's programme will have two overriding themes:

- The first theme reflects the fact that we are about to mark the hundredth anniversary of the end of the first World War. The scale of loss, and the poignancy and sharpness of grief, led to the commissioning of countless memorials in all the countries involved: some of them fine works of art, some not, but almost all of them involved the craft of lettering. That craft is still alive today.
- The second theme looks at some of our surrounding towns and villages, many of them of immense historic importance, yet with a vibrant present. There will be lectures on Cupar and Markinch. We will also cover our highly significant local archaeology, with an exploration of 'Fife's Pictish hill-forts in their wider national perspectives', and our local architecture, with an exploration of the *significance* of the Temple of Decision on the Falkland Estate. The designer of the Temple was the architect Alexander Roos who also designed the drinking fountain in Falkland High Street.

Bill Pagan



Bill has lived in Cupar all his life, except for some years away at school and university - at Cambridge and Edinburgh - and occasional periods of military service in what is now the Reserve (formerly Territorial) Army. Bill's family moved to Cupar in 1827, for reasons he will explain, and he continued the family tradition, becoming a Solicitor in 1970. Bill is a well-known lecturer to university and professional audiences, in Scotland and England, on Tax, Trusts, Investments and - relevant to his current commitments - Charities and Governance. Bill served eight years as a Trustee of the MacRobert Trust, and is a Board member of the Built Environment Forum Scotland. Early in his career, he was the Scottish Editor of the first Encyclopaedia of European Community Law, and was co-author of *Inheritance Tax in Scotland*, and went on to serve on committees of both the Law Society of Scotland and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, as well as on working parties of the Treasury, HMRC and Revenue Scotland. Bill was a founding Board member of all of North East Fife Enterprise Trust, Fife Enterprise, Elmwood College, and more recently Cupar Development Trust, and until earlier this year was a Deputy Lieutenant of Fife. He was for many years Registrar of the Episcopal Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. Bill is MBE (Military), Member of the Order of St John, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts & Manufactures.