



The Falkland Society

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Our next online talk – Lily Barnes on 11 October

The Falkland Society's lectures take place on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:45 for 7 p.m. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 11 October, will be **Lily Barnes**, talking about her project **Flooring the World**, exploring the history of the Fife linoleum industry.



Fife has been a centre for linoleum production, ever since it was invented in the 1860s. At its peak there were lino factories in Kirkcaldy, Newburgh and of course Falkland, where the nine-acre site of the former St John's Works, empty for five years, awaits its new use.

Lily Barnes has an MA in the History of Art from St Andrews. She has worked for the Oxford Natural History Museum, the National Trust for Scotland and the University of St Andrews Special Collections. Since February 2022 she has been Engagement

Curator with OnFife, a registered charity and Fife's leading cultural organisation. In February this year she hosted a group of Falkland Society members on a very interesting trip to the Fife store and archives at Glenrothes, seeing many important artefacts, mainly about the linoleum industry, not to mention the Falkland Provost's Chain.

On 11 October Lily will talk about her project **Flooring the World**, exploring what in its day was one of the major industries of Fife. She will give an introduction to Fife linoleum, outline the work done during the project, and share images of the wonderful and everyday objects in OnFife's collections.



This meeting, like all our meetings, is available online by Zoom: if you're on our mailing list you'll be receiving our email Newsletters, which include invitations to all our meetings. If you're not currently on our mailing list and would like to join us online please sign up at www.falklandsociety.org.uk/contact.shtml and we'll make sure you receive the October Newsletter with an invitation to Lily's talk.

By the way if you missed **Sarah Brown's talk** on 13 September, or would like to hear it again, you can view the recording at www.falklandsociety.org.uk/videos/2023-09-13-Sarah-Brown.mp4

The Falkland Society's website at www.falklandsociety.org.uk gives full details of all our meetings and other events, details of the books and other items we have published, and links to the recordings of previous talks.

We also maintain the Historic Falkland website (www.historicfalkland.scot) with resources about the history of our town, and the Falkland Wiki (www.falkland.wiki) with a database of information about Falkland's Historic Buildings.

