Dr Nicola Small on ‘Jacobite Clans and their Stories’
7 p.m. Wednesday 12 February 2020
at the Chapel Royal, Falkland Palace KY15 7BY
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All welcome, retiring collection.

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Dr Nicola Small is a professional historian with a special insight into Jacobite women. She is Local History Officer at Culture Perth and Kinross, the charity responsible for cultural institutions and their activities in Perth and Kinross. A Carnegie Scholar, her doctoral thesis was on the theme of ‘Scottish Noblewomen, the Family and Scottish Politics’. She is also one half of PlaidSong, a musical duo who specialise in performing traditional Scots songs and telling the history and story behind the song.

Jacobite Clans and their stories was the subject of a major exhibition curated by Dr Small at the Perth Museum in summer 2019. Focusing on the great clans and families of Perthshire, this exhibition revealed the hidden stories of warring kinsmen and forfeited homes, from the old chief carried home on the spoils of combat to the stricken mother, desperate for news of her son, missing after battle.

The conflicts had on one side the supporters of the new king William III and his successors, on the other those supporters of the deposed Stuart dynasty who had ruled Scotland since the 14th century. For a conflict that played out across the length of Scotland, England and Ireland, many of the bloodiest episodes of the Jacobite Wars took place in Perthshire.