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Conversations and Events

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Lecture Programme 2011/12

The Crichton Foundation invites you to participate in the next series of talks taking place on the Crichton Campus. You will see that the programme includes details of the **Crichton Conversations** and other Foundation events.

The Crichton Conversations continue to attract high calibre speakers pre-eminent in their fields and our audiences enjoy opportunities for discussion and questions on a range of topical subjects of relevance to today's Scotland. We are delighted to welcome eight distinguished speakers.

The Crichton Foundation wishes to thank its sponsors and partners for their support: Scottish Agricultural College, Crichton Carbon Centre, The University of the West of Scotland, Armstrong Watson, Magnox and Bonhams.



Crichton Conversation

Date: Thursday 13th October 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Speaker: Dr Campbell Christie CBE
Title: Report on the Findings of the Christie Commission.
Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus



The Crichton Foundation is pleased to welcome Dr Campbell Christie, Chairman of the Scottish Government Commission set up to examine the future delivery of health and social care services in Scotland. Reaction to the Report by the public and voluntary sectors has been largely positive. The Report recognises that a preventative approach is required to manage increasing demand for services and that there is an urgent need to improve joint working and joined-up care between social care services and the NHS.

A Galloway man, Campbell Christie has been a valued patron of the Foundation since its inception. Born in Carsluith, one of six brothers, the family moved to Glasgow. On leaving school he joined the Civil Service and based in London he was key to reforming the Society of Civil and Public Servants into a modern and effective organization. In 1986 he returned to Scotland when he became the General Secretary of the Scottish Trade Union Congress.

Campbell has served on the Board of Scottish Enterprise and also the Board of British Waterways, is Chairman of Falkirk Football Club and holds honorary degrees from three Scottish universities.

Crichton Gala Evening



Date: Friday 4th November 2011
Time: Pre dinner drinks from 7.00pm
Venue: Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus

As one of **the** social events of the Crichton season, the 2011 Gala Evening promises to be as exciting and glamorous as ever with fizz, fine food and fabulous music.

You are invited to enjoy a programme of music from the Nineteen Twenties and Thirties followed by Dinner by Candlelight. One of the biggest fundraisers of the Foundation's calendar, the Auction and Raffle are aimed at raising funds which will go 100% to the work of the Foundation in supporting the Crichton.

So dress up for the occasion and enter into the spirit of the world of Vaughan Williams, Cole Porter, Noel Coward, Gershwin and many other familiar composers of the age.

To add your name to the invitation list contact Crichton Foundation;

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The Foundation is delighted to acknowledge Magnox as the main sponsor of the Gala.

Additional date for your diary:

Crichton Foundation AGM 23rd November 2011.

Venue: Room 205, Browne House, Crichton University Campus

China Day at the Crichton

Date: Tuesday 15th November 2011
Time: 7.30pm
Speaker: Mr Percy Weatherall
Title: The China Connection: Past, Present and Future
Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus



For generations, the Dumfriesshire - China connection has been of huge significance to the local economy and offered jobs and opportunities to the young men of the county to go East. Here at the Crichton we are part of that history as a significant recipient of funds which had their origins in the Orient.

As part of a day of activities seeking to examine and grow the region's connections with China and Hong Kong, we welcome Mr. Percy Weatherall a prominent local business man who has had a distinguished career in the Far East. Based for many years in Hong Kong, Percy is a member of the Keswick family whose involvement with Jardine Matheson is of long standing. He joined the Jardine Group in 1976 and worked in senior executive positions in Hong Kong, the USA, the UK, Saudi Arabia, Korea and the Philippines prior to becoming 'Taipan' as Managing Director of the Jardine Matheson Group in 2000.

Now based at the family home in Dumfriesshire, he holds a number of international company directorships.

In his talk, he will look at the history of the development of Hong Kong and the China connection, assess the present importance of the Far East and look to the future.

Crichton Conversation



The Crichton Carbon Centre Lecture

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2011

Time: 7.30pm

Speaker: Mr. Alex Hill

Title: Weather and Climate: Past, Present and Future.

Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus

There can be no more topical subject for discussion than THE WEATHER ... it affects all our lives both daily and long term and whether we like it or not climate change is happening. Alex Hill, best known to many of us as TV Weatherman, is well qualified to look at that change, what has caused it and what we can expect in the future.

Currently the Met Office Chief Advisor to Government for Scotland and Northern Ireland he was previously Head of the London Weather Centre.

A native Glaswegian, after graduating from Strathclyde University, he joined the Met Office in the early 1970s. He has held a number of posts working, amongst others, as a forecaster at RAF Leuchars, Glasgow Weather Centre, Senior Forecaster, London Weather Centre and ITV National Weather.

His other claim to fame is that he once performed a song and dance routine for Comic Relief with Manuel (Andrew Sachs) from Fawlty Towers.



This Lecture is sponsored by the Crichton Carbon Centre.

Crichton Conversation

Annual Scottish Agricultural College Lecture

Date: Tuesday 31st January 2012

Time: 7.30pm

Speaker: Professor Alistair Lawrence BSc, PhD

Title: Animal Welfare: An old problem in need of new thinking.

Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus



Animal welfare is an issue that commands considerable public sympathy, yet it is not a new concern having drawn the attention of philosophers and legislators for over 250 years. More recently scientists have begun to tackle the complex problems of how we can assess animals' experiences in order to reduce the harm we do to them but also to increase their quality of life. Much of the attention has been on farm animals due to the sheer scale and intensification of animal farming. Important progress has been made but new threats are emerging not least the potential threat to animal welfare posed by the demands of feeding the growing human population and of effectively reducing the environmental footprint of livestock production.

Prof. Alastair Lawrence currently co-ordinates the Scottish Government programme on Livestock Welfare which has the aims of improving animal welfare, and integrating animal welfare with other issues and concerns.

A Perthshire farmer's son, he graduated in Zoology at the University of St. Andrews before studying in Edinburgh for his PHD looking at animal behavior and welfare. After completing his thesis he joined Scottish Agricultural College where besides teaching he coordinates a number of projects funded by the BBSRC, DEFRA, the EU, animal charities and industry.

This lecture is sponsored by the
Scottish Agricultural College



Crichton Conversation



- Date:** Tuesday 28th February 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Speaker: Professor Alexander Stoddart BA (Hons)
Sculptor in Ordinary to the Queen in Scotland
Title: Scotland's Special Philistinism; The Problem
of Dynamism in Scottish Cultural Life.
Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall,
Crichton Campus

Honoured by HM the Queen in 2008, Sandy Stoddart is Scotland's most distinguished neo-classical sculptor with a long list of public monuments to his name. His works include the Monument to John Witherspoon unveiled by the HRH The Princess Royal in Paisley with a duplicate cast erected before the University Chapel in Princeton, New Jersey, USA; and of great interest in Galloway, the James Clark Maxwell monument commissioned by the RSE in George Street, Edinburgh. He is currently engaged upon a large scheme of statuary for a civic site in Atlanta, USA and an important Scottish project in hand is the Adam Smith Monument for Edinburgh's High Street.

Born in Edinburgh, he attended the John Neilson School in Paisley then entered Glasgow School of Art where he graduated and then undertook post graduate studies at Glasgow University. He was awarded a doctorate of The University of the West of Scotland in 1997. In the midst of his busy life he finds time for public talks in Scotland, England and America.

Prof Stoddart will look at the way in which, what Scotland is doing in the modern arts and sciences, is in fact a sign of health and high naturalism. Our country, his thesis runs, is getting fitter by the day but our monuments are hardly seen and the remembrance of past times is far from our minds.

10th Dumfries and Galloway Women's Lunch



Date: Friday 9th March 2012
Time: 11.45am
Venue: Easterbrook Hall,
Crichton Campus



The Dumfries and Galloway Women's Lunch was launched in 2003 to recognize the contribution women make to the quality of life in the South West of Scotland. A major fundraiser for the Crichton Foundation's work, our guests represent a wide range of professional, business and voluntary sector interests.

To celebrate our tenth birthday we will welcome two very exciting and contrasting speakers to entertain and inspire us. The first, Anne Widdecombe, recently retired MP, Privy Councillor, novelist and TV personality, needs no introduction. The second, dynamic business woman, Sarah Mackie, an Aberdeenshire farmer's daughter and Nuffield Scholar is a Senior Director managing 5 regional buying offices across the UK for Tesco.

This event attracts women from all parts of the region. Tickets will be in demand. If you wish to have your name on the invitation list please contact Pam or Kirsty at the Foundation Office to book.

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The Foundation is delighted to acknowledge Bonhams as the main sponsor of the Lunch.

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Crichton Conversation



Date: Tuesday 27th March 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Speaker: Dr James Miller MBA, FRSM,
Open University, Director in Scotland.
Title: The Open University in Scotland –
from BBC2 to iTunesU
Venue: Gilchrist Room, Easterbrook Hall,
Crichton Campus

Dr James Miller was appointed in 2010 to be the next Director of the Open University in Scotland. In his lecture he will look at the OU's history and development and the economic, social and cultural impacts of the institution across Scotland and the UK.

The OU has had a presence on the Crichton for many years and is an active partner in the development of the Campus.

After graduating, Dr Miller began his career as a Clinical Nurse in the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh eventually becoming Divisional General Manager of the South Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust and then CE of the Royal College of Physicians in Glasgow.

Dr Miller gained an MBA from Napier University in 1998 and a PhD from Edinburgh University in 2004. He has been a visiting Lecturer at four Scottish Universities and has published in peer reviewed national and international journals.

Crichton Conversations - Ticket Request Form

Name:

Address:

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Tel:

email:

I/we shall be delighted to attend the following Conversation(s)

Please indicate the number of tickets required

	Lecture	Number required	Total
Thu 13 Oct 2011	@ £4.50 each		
Tue 15 Nov 2011	@ £4.50 each		
Tue 6 Dec 2011	@ £4.50 each		
Tue 31 Jan 2012	@ £4.50 each		
Tue 28 Feb 2012	@ £4.50 each		
Tue 27 Mar 2012	@ £4.50 each		
All 6 talks	@ £25.00		

Students admitted free with valid identification.

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Help students to achieve their true potential.

Help our academic partners on the Campus with key projects.

Improve the facilities and opportunities for study.

Regenerate the Crichton Estate as a public asset to be enjoyed by all.

Raise awareness of the importance of the Crichton University Campus to the prosperity of the whole community.



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