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# Conversations and Events

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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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# Crichton Conversations

## Programme 2015/16

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 our distinguished speakers.

Doors open at 7pm and the lectures begin at 7:30pm prompt. Supper will be served after the question and answer sessions close at 9:00pm. Please note that supper must be booked at least one week in advance of the event.

The Crichton Foundation wishes to thank its sponsors and partners for the lecture series: Dumfries and Galloway College, Farries, Kirk and McVean, the Open University in Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scotland's Rural College, University of Glasgow, University of West of Scotland and Watson Birds.



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# Crichton Conversation



**Date:** Tuesday 6th October 2015  
**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm  
**Speaker:** David Frost CMG  
**Title:** Does Scotch Whisky need the EU?  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
Dumfries DG1 4TA

The opening lecture of the 2015/16 series of Crichton Conversations will be given by Mr David Frost, Chief Executive of the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA). The intriguing title will allow us to look broadly at European issues at a moment when the EU is increasingly in the headlines as the referendum approaches.

Prior to joining the SWA in January 2014, David worked in Government at the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills as Director for Europe, Trade and International Affairs where he was responsible for external trade policy, EU issues and the UK's export controls regime.

His permanent career was with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office where he was a specialist in European issues, trade and global affairs and multilateral diplomacy. His most recent overseas posting was as HM Ambassador to Denmark but he also served at the British Embassy in Paris, the Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels and the UK mission to the UN in New York. In London he worked extensively in European Affairs, including as a Director for the EU during the UK's last EU presidency. He was awarded the CMG in 2006.

David studied at Nottingham High School and St John's College Oxford where he took a First in Modern History and Modern Languages.

# Crichton Conversation



**Date:** Tuesday 27 October 2015  
**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm  
**Speaker:** Professor Roger Crofts CBE  
**Title:** Looking after our land: New approaches lead to new horizons.  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
Dumfries DG1 4TA

This evening's Conversation has a different format as we welcome Professor Roger Crofts who will chair a discussion on new approaches to looking after our land. The current Scottish Government proposals for land reform have generated a new debate on who should own the land and what rights and responsibilities should be enshrined in legislation. However, how the land should be looked after, or stewarded, to use a resonant word, is a fundamental element of this debate which is being ignored.

Roger, for many years Chief Executive of Scottish Natural Heritage, will introduce the subject and reflect on the late Dick Balharry's valedictory challenge to land owners. Thomas MacDonell, the Director of Conservation at Wildland Ltd, the Danish owned enlightened estate owners in the highlands, including Glenfeshie, will talk about their vision and what is being achieved. In addition, Jo Pike from the Scottish Wildlife Trust and also project director of the World Forum on Natural Capital will place the debate in the wider global context of the need for improved care of our natural assets, especially the land.

Hopefully this will inspire a thoughtful debate, facilitated by Roger, on looking after our land.

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# Crichton Conversation



**Date:** Tuesday 1st December 2015  
**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm  
**Speaker:** Professor Alice Brown CBE  
**Title:** Scottish Further and Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities.  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
Dumfries DG1 4TA

We are delighted to welcome Professor Alice Brown who plays a key role in education matters as Chairman of the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). She will give us an important update on the present state of Scottish Further and Higher Education and what the future may hold.

Alice has spoken at the Crichton Conversations before in her capacity as the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman a post she held from 2002 to 2009. She is Emeritus Professor of Politics at the University of Edinburgh and throughout her career has played an active role in public life in Scotland and the UK.

She gained extensive research experience during her academic career and through her appointment on the Economic and Social Research Council. She has published widely on economic and labour market policy, equal opportunities, women and politics, constitutional change and administrative justice. She has served on a wide range of public bodies and organizations and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh becoming their General Secretary and stood down from this position on being elected Chair of the SFC.

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**Date:** Tuesday 12th January 2016  
**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm  
**Speaker:** David Strang QPM  
**Title:** What good is prison?  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
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David Strang was appointed to the post of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland in June 2013. He is responsible for the inspection of the 16 prisons in Scotland, to examine the treatment of prisoners and the conditions in prisons. He is required to report his findings to Scottish Ministers and to lay a report to the Scottish Parliament

David began his career with the Metropolitan Police in 1980 and rose to be Divisional Commander of Wembley Division. He returned to Scotland to Dumfries & Galloway as Chief Constable from 2001 to 2007. During that time he was a regular participant in the Crichton Conversations both as lecturer and as chairman. He then became Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police, a post he held for six years till 2013.

He has had a long involvement in the reform of criminal justice in Scotland and is currently the chair of the Scottish Association for the Study of Offending.

Born and brought up in Glasgow he attended Glasgow Academy and Loretto School before studying at Durham University where he obtained a BSc in Engineering Science. In 1989 he obtained an MSc in Organisational Behaviour from Birkbeck College.

# Crichton Conversation



**Date:** Tuesday 2nd February 2016  
**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm  
**Speaker:** Professor Charles Munn OBE  
**Title:** Henry Duncan: Minister for Money.  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
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Our speaker this evening is Professor Charles Munn who has written a biography of the Reverend Henry Duncan and will tell us the story of his life and times.

Charles has had a distinguished career in banking and was for 1988-2007 Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland and served for a time as president of the European Bank Training network. Prior to that he was a university lecturer. He served as a member of the Scottish Qualifications Authority and of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. He is an Honorary Professor in the Universities of Glasgow, Stirling and Dundee.

He was also Chairman of the Church of Scotland Special Commission on the Purpose of Economic Activity and presented the Commission's findings to the Church's General Assembly in 2012. He also writes business history.

Leaving School at 16 Charles spent three years working at a branch of the British Linen Bank in Govan. At 19 he left the Bank and enrolled at Strathclyde University studying Economics and Economic History. He undertook a PhD at the University of Glasgow and went on to become a senior lecturer at the University.



# Crichton Conversation



## The Annual SRUC lecture

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd February 2016

**Time:** Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm

**Speaker:** Professor Colin Campbell

**Title:** Soil as the natural capital we all depend on.

**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road  
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We are delighted to welcome one of Scotland's leading soil scientists for the 2016 Annual SRUC Lecture. Professor Colin Campbell is Director of Science Excellence at the James Hutton Institute, the internationally recognized research centre based in Aberdeen. The institute's work is right at the top of the global agenda and involves tackling some of the world's most challenging problems including the impact of climate change and threats to water and food security.

Colin is responsible for the strategic development of the excellence of the institute's scientists, facilities and resources. His expertise lies in fundamental and applied studies on the effects of pollutants on soil microorganisms and soil health.

He is visiting professor at the Soil and Environment Department of the Swedish Agricultural Sciences University, Uppsala, Sweden and a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of Scottish Natural Heritage and has acted as an expert advisor and participant in several EU and UK Government workshops addressing issues of the sustainable use of soils.

Colin studied Applied Microbiology at Strathclyde University followed by a PhD on Microbial decomposition of tree bark and its use in horticulture.

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# Dates for your Diary

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## Gatsby Gala Encore

**Date:** Friday 6th November 2015  
**Time:** 7.00pm until midnight  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall,  
Bankend Road,  
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You are cordially invited to join us for our Gatsby Gala Encore. Following the hugely successful events held in previous years, the Crichton Foundation promises another fabulous Gala Evening. Fine dining, magnificent music and excellent company, all with a Gatsby theme, are sure to make this an evening to remember.

We welcome the Classic Jazz Orchestra to provide the evening's entertainment. The eight piece Gatsby style orchestra will play an appealing mix of 1930s swing and jazz. Guests may sit back, relax and enjoy the easy-listening music or are welcome to dance if the toe-tapping tunes prove irresistible.

**Tickets £55 each**

## 14th Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch

**Date:** Friday 11th March 2016  
**Time:** Pre-luncheon drinks from 11:30am  
**Venue:** Easterbrook Hall,  
Dumfries  
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Plans are well ahead for the 2016 Women's Lunch, details of which will be available shortly. We predict that yet again this will be a popular event celebrating the contribution to the region of the Women of Dumfries and Galloway.

**Tickets £35 each**

## Crichton Foundation AGM

**Date:** Wednesday 25th  
November 2015  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Venue:** Browne House,  
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Please indicate the number of tickets required		Lecture only* £5 per person	Lecture and supper £16 per person	Total
6 October 2015	David Frost			£
27 October 2015	Roger Crofts			£
1 December 2015	Alice Brown			£
12 January 2016	David Strang			£
2 February 2016	Charles Munn			£
23 February 2016	Colin Campbell			£
I enclose my cheque for <i>*Students are admitted free (lecture only) with valid identification</i>				£
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A one-course supper, followed by coffee, will be served after the lecture for those who have pre-booked. Red or white wine will be available for purchase by the glass.

**Please note that supper must be booked at least one week in advance of the event. No refunds will be made for cancellations made less than one week before the event.**

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