



**Castle Studies Group 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
Thursday 28 May – Sunday 31 May, 2020  
Riverside Lodge Hotel, 46 Annick Road, Irvine, Ayrshire, KA11 4LD

**PROGRAMME**

The conference programme will follow the usual format of daytime excursions with guided site-visits, coupled with after-dinner talks which are designed to provide context and outreach to sites where access or distance has prevented their inclusion in the itineraries. Audio-visual facilities will be available each evening in a lecture room which will provide seating for up to 100, allowing us to invite guests from local societies who have assisted in the background organisation of the conference.

The daily routine will consist of breakfast from 07.30, excursion departure at 09.00, dinner at 18.30, and talks from 19.30. Adjustments are still being made to the routes and timings of the itineraries, but, provisionally, as it currently stands, the conference programme runs as follows:

Thursday, 28 May: registration and room allocation from 15.00; introductory talk by David Caldwell

Friday, 29 May: excursion to Carrick, including visits to Maybole, Crossraguel Abbey, Culzean Castle, Dunure Castle and Dundonald Castle with Tom Addyman, Derek Alexander, Gordon Ewart and Geoffrey Stell as guides; evening talks by Tom Addyman (Brodick Castle), Piers Dixon (Turnberry Castle) and Geoffrey Stell (Rowallan Castle)

Saturday, 30 May: excursion to Kyle, including visits to Seagate Castle, Irvine, Dean Castle, Kilmarnock, Craigie Castle, Tarbolton Motte and Ayr Fort with Peter Corser, Aonghus Mackechnie, Tom Rees and Louise Turner as guides; evening talks by Caroline Borwick (Blair Castle), Tom McNeill (Some Ulster-Ayrshire links) and CSG AGM

Sunday, 31 May: half-day excursion to Cunninghame featuring visits to Portencross and Ardrossan Castles with David Caldwell and Tom Rees as guides; supplementary afternoon excursion to Bute via the Wemyss Bay-Rothesay ferry to visit Rothesay Castle and St Mary's Chapel with Tom Addyman and David Caldwell as guides