

# Stuart Kings and Queens connected with Falkland Palace

*Falkland Palace provided a much-loved holiday home for the Stuart Kings and Queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots.*



James II  
(reigned 1437-60)

Courtesy of Scottish National Portrait Gallery



James VI of Scotland  
(reigned 1567-1625)  
and I of England (1603-25)



James IV  
(reigned 1488-1513)

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Charles I  
(reigned 1625-49)

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James V  
(reigned 1513-42)



Charles II (reigned 1660-85)  
(Crowned in Scotland in 1651)



Mary, Queen of Scots  
(reigned 1542-67)



## KEEPERS OF THE PALACE

There have been many generations of Keepers at Falkland, who have looked after the Palace for the Crown. The Atholl, Stormont, Skene, Bruce, Tyndall Bruce and Crichton Stuart families have all provided Keepers of the Palace.

As you make your way around the Palace, you will hear much about the four most recent Keepers and their contributions to the building.

### THE 3RD MARQUESS OF BUTE (1887-1900)

The 3rd Marquess of Bute was responsible for a large-scale restoration programme, which saved the Palace from its ruinous state at the end of the nineteenth century.

### LORD NINIAN (1900-15)

Lord Ninian carried on the good work of his father and reopened the chapel for worship in 1906.

### MICHAEL CRICHTON STUART (1915-81)

Michael Crichton Stuart arranged for the redesign of the garden after the Second World War and is responsible for much of the current layout of the interiors of the Palace. Major Michael appointed The National Trust for Scotland as Deputy Keeper in 1952.

### NINIAN CRICHTON STUART (1981-PRESENT)

Ninian is actively involved in the stewardship of Falkland Estate's heritage, as well as the Palace and Burgh. He and his family regularly use the Palace apartments.

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Royal Tennis Court

Built in 1539 for James V, the tennis court at Falkland is the oldest in Britain. Generations of Scottish kings and queens have played tennis here, including Mary, Queen of Scots, who is reported to have shocked her courtiers by wearing breeches to play.

Remains of Falkland Castle

Orchard

Garden

Toilets

Trust Shop

EXIT Palace  
through  
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ENTRANCE

## Different areas of the Palace

### The Royal Apartments (south and east range)

The kings and queens who stayed here once occupied these areas of the Palace.

Unfortunately, a large part of the Royal Apartments was destroyed by fire in 1654 when Oliver Cromwell's soldiers, quartered here at the time, left a pot unattended.

The below stairs area, underneath the East Range of the Royal Apartments, was once a warren of activity, complete with kitchens, a Guard Room, a Brewhouse and a Bakehouse.

### Keeper's Apartments (south range)

These are the private quarters of the Keeper of the Palace of Falkland. Former Keeper the 3rd Marquess of Bute restored these apartments in the late 1800s.

