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## SLHF NEWS



### SLHF CONFERENCE 2015 Call for speakers

**The next conference will be in October 2015 in Dundee, with the theme of Water Transport.**

**Would you like to give a talk?**

**Do you know someone who could give a talk?**

Do send suggestions for speakers and proposals for topics to SLHF via the website contacts page, or by post to the mailing address (below).

Possible subjects might be: Harbours, Ports, Coastal trade, Lighthouses, Boats, Shipbuilding, Canals & navigable Rivers, Fishing, Whaling, Ferries, Sea charts, Navigation, Smuggling, Pirates ... and any other topic relating to a maritime theme.

#### ▪ SLHF COMMITTEES 2014-15

**Trustees** for 2014-15 were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 26 October. Re-elected were:

John Irvine (Hon Chair)	Angus
	<i>Marketing &amp; advertising</i>
Don Martin (Hon Vice-Chair)	East Dunbartonshire
	<i>Journal editorial</i>
Dr Eric Graham (Hon Treasurer)	Edinburgh
	<i>Finance &amp; research projects</i>
Jan Bateman (Hon Secretary)	Edinburgh
	<i>Admin &amp; website</i>
Dr Douglas Lockhart	Ayr
	<i>Publication sales &amp; journal editorial</i>
Finlay McKichan	Aberdeen
	<i>Governance</i>
Diana Webster	Edinburgh
	<i>Events Secretary &amp; newsletter</i>
Anthony Cooke	Dundee
Dr David Ritchie	Edinburgh
New Trustee:	
Dr Graham Clark	Black Isle

The **Advisory Committee** is made up of volunteers from various member organisations plus the Trustees. Continuing members are:

Linda Clark, North Kessock & District Local Hist. Soc.  
Seamus (James) Coleman, Croy Historical Society.  
Helena Koumbouzis, Milngavie and Bearsden Hist. Soc.

Alan Provan, Elie and Earlsferry History Society.

Graham Roberts, Dumfries Archives.

New member: David Smith, East Dunbartonshire Libraries.

### NEW SERVICE

#### Market your publication via SLHF

<https://www.slhf.org/books>

Have you or your organisation published a book on local history, but you don't have a way of promoting it or accepting payment online?

SLHF's website now has the functionality to take online orders and credit card payments via PayPal for its own services. The Trustees have decided to trial a new service to members, allowing promotion, online ordering and online payment of relevant books published by individual members or member organisations.

#### How does it work?

- Your book is displayed on the SLHF website.
- Orders are placed on the website and payment is received by SLHF via PayPal.
- SLHF notifies you of the order details, and you mail the item to the customer.
- Any sums raised (less Paypal handling fees and small commission for SLHF) are sent by SLHF to the author/publisher once a year.

If you would like your book to be sold via the website, do contact us to discuss further. Please note this service is subject to Trustees' approval and is not available if you already have a marketing agent.

### CONTACT SLHF

Email <http://slhf.org/contact-slhf>

'Clish-clash' means repeated gossip, so do email your local history news & information (Word attachment or link to your website) to **Contribute**.

**For members only:** To receive notification of the newsletter by email or to be removed from the mailing list, choose **Sign up for our newsletter**.

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## AROUND THE LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

▪ **John Gray Centre.** East Lothian Council has announced a 3-week consultation period (ends 1 December) on the opening hours at the Archive and Local History Centre in Haddington. The official questionnaire is at

[https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/john-gray-centre-archives-and-local-history-servic/consult\\_view](https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/john-gray-centre-archives-and-local-history-servic/consult_view)

From 1 December the library will close at 7.30pm on Tuesdays, instead of 9pm.

## SOCIETIES' NEWS

▪ **Ethnology crossroads** conference, 6 December 2014, at the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

This conference, organised by the **Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**, marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the European Ethnological Research Centre.

<http://www.socantscot.org/article.asp?aid=2348>

There is also a reception on 5 December to mark the completion of the 14 volume **Scottish Life and Society** series.

▪ **Friends of Thomas Muir 4<sup>th</sup> annual symposium. Radical women and the study for equality**

19 November 2014, 12.45-17.00, Lenzie Academy, Myrtle Avenue, Lenzie G66 4HR

Other events in the Thomas Muir Festival, which runs from 13-24 November are listed at

<http://thomasmuir.co.uk/thomasmuirfestival2014.html>

### **SOCIETIES! ORGANISATIONS! The SLHF website needs YOU!**

Is your Society, Library, Archive, or Museum, listed in the Organisations section of the website?

We aim to make the SLHF website the main information site for local history in Scotland.

Help us to achieve this by adding your organisation's profile and events at

<https://www.slhf.org/submit-your-details>

<https://www.slhf.org/submit-event>

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Scottish towns are receiving a good deal of attention with several recent publications. In particular Edinburgh has a number of highly illustrated titles vying for the Christmas market.

▪ Two Saltire Society awards - the Scottish Book of the Year 2014 and the Scottish Research Book of the Year 2014 - were announced in November for

**The Scottish town in the Age of Enlightenment 1740-1820**, by Bob Harris and Charles McKean. Edinburgh University Press, 2014.

640pp. Hbk £120. Pbk £30. (ISBN 978-0748692576)

<http://www.euppublishing.com/book/9780748692576>

▪ **Edinburgh: mapping the city**, by Christopher Fleet and Daniel MacCannell. Birlinn, in association with the National Library of Scotland, 2014. xvi, 303 pp. Hbk. £30. (ISBN 978-1780272450)

'71 maps of Edinburgh which have been selected for the particular stories they reveal about the political, commercial and social life of Scotland and her capital.' Birlinn are planning to publish similar historical studies of other Scottish cities based on early maps.

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/Edinburgh.html>

▪ **Look up Edinburgh: world class architectural heritage that's hidden in plain sight**, by Adrian Searle and David Barbour. 2014.

272pp. Hbk. £25.00 (ISBN 978-1908754776)

<http://www.freightbooks.co.uk/adrian-searle-discusses-look-up-edinburgh.html>

▪ **A work of beauty: Alexander McCall Smith's Edinburgh**, by Alexander McCall Smith. Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, 2014. 224pp. Hbk £25. (ISBN 978-1902419862)

<http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/news/coming-soon-a-work-of-beauty>

▪ **The impact of the Great War on Aberdeen and its twin cities.** Europe Direct Information Centre – Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Libraries, 2014. 24pp. Booklet available from Aberdeen City Libraries or online text at

<http://en.calameo.com/read/0024933379b4ab61f71a6>

▪ **Kingswells & Brimmond Hill.** Aberdeen City Council, 2013. 24pp. Another in Aberdeen's series of Heritage Trails. Free booklet or download online at:

[http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/web/files/LocalHistory/kingswells\\_brimmond\\_hill\\_history\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/web/files/LocalHistory/kingswells_brimmond_hill_history_leaflet.pdf)

▪ Two leaflets issued by the **Bailies of Bennachie**, a voluntary conservation charity founded in 1973, have come our way. The **Bennachie Landscapes Project** started in 2009 to encourage research about the hill and surrounding area. **The Colony trail** is a guided walk around the former commonty where workers displaced from enclosed estates across Scotland attempted to settle from 1825 until 1859, when the landowners won the legal battle to divide the commonty.

<http://www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/>

<http://www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/publications/>

▪ **Old Burghhead, Cummington and Hopeman**, by Douglas G. Lockhart. Stenlake Publishing, 2014. 58pp. Pbk £9.00. (ISBN 978-1840336672)

[http://stenlake.co.uk/books/view\\_book.php?ref=777](http://stenlake.co.uk/books/view_book.php?ref=777)

▪ **Old Seahouses**, by Katrina Porteous. Stenlake Publishing, 2014. Pbk £9.00. (ISBN 978-1840336825)

[http://stenlake.co.uk/books/view\\_book.php?ref=780](http://stenlake.co.uk/books/view_book.php?ref=780)

▪ **100 years of shipping on the River Clyde**, by George O'Hara, was launched on 11 November at the conference of the Scottish Shipping Benevolent Association to commemorate the centenary of the association. According to publicity the book has over 200 images of Clyde-built vessels.

<http://www.scottishshippingcharity.org/>

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/100-Years-Shipping-River-Clyde/dp/099307930X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1415731630&sr=8-1&keywords=shipping+clyde+o%27hara](http://www.amazon.co.uk/100-Years-Shipping-River-Clyde/dp/099307930X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1415731630&sr=8-1&keywords=shipping+clyde+o%27hara)

▪ **Towers and castles of East Lothian: a collection of photographs comparing East Lothian's castles of today with the survey carried out by David MacGibbon and Thomas Ross in 1887-1892**, by George J.F. Simpson. Gullane and Dirleton History Society, 2014. 40 pp. Pbk £5.00. (ISBN 978-1-870479-18-9)

<http://www.elh.info/site/pages/local-heritage-groups/gullane-and-dirleton-history-society/publications-by-the-society.php>

▪ **Trace your routes in Moray** leaflet lists local groups:

**Buckie and District Fishing Heritage**

[www.buckieheritage.org](http://www.buckieheritage.org)

**Cullen, Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group**

[www.cullenheritage.com](http://www.cullenheritage.com)

**Fochabers Heritage**

[www.fochabers-heritage.org.uk](http://www.fochabers-heritage.org.uk)

**Keith and District Heritage Group**

[www.visitkeith.co.uk/heritagegroup](http://www.visitkeith.co.uk/heritagegroup)

**Moray Council Local Heritage Service**

[www.moray.gov.uk/LocalHeritage](http://www.moray.gov.uk/LocalHeritage)

Other leaflets are:

*Discovering family history*

*History of a house*

*Exploring Moray's history*

[www.moray.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.moray.gov.uk/libraries)

▪ **Transactions of the East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists' Society**, 29 (2013). (ISSN 0140-1637)

'Amidst the ivy thou perceiv'st a ruin': examining the history of St Andrew's Kirk, Gullane.

Lost in the landscape: the medieval village of Baro.

Anatomy of a Jacobean tower house: survey and excavation at Fenton Tower.

A county set: the Hepburns of East Lothian: a brief overview.

'The most skilful and successful agriculturalists': the Rennie's at Phantassie.

Pots at the Pans: Bellfield's Pottery, Cuttle, Prestonpans.

History in the making: community self-esteem in post-industrial Prestonpans.

Contents of the *Transactions* vol I (1924)-vol XXVIII (2010).

<http://www.eastlothianantiquarians.org.uk/site/pages/transactions.php>

▪ **Retour: the newsletter of the Scottish Records Association**, 22 (Autumn 2014). (ISSN 1479-9634) includes:

Around the Archives - Business Archives Surveying Officer;

Archives Accreditation;

Purpose-built film viewing equipment at the Scottish Screen Archive;

Dundee University Archives & the First World War; Archive acquisitions.

<http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/index.php/news-events/latest-news>

## WHAT'S ON

▪ 13-30 November 2014.

### **Previously... Scotland's History Festival**

Now in its fourth year the festival has broadened its reach around central Scotland, and brings many different events under its umbrella. Venues include Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Moffat, St Andrews, Stirling and elsewhere. Many events are free while others are ticketed. Walking tours, talks, classes and special themes, including Carnegie Day on November 25 in Dunfermline and a three day history festival in St Andrews from 27-30 November.

<http://www.historyfest.co.uk/>

As part of the festival, the Old Edinburgh Club is organising an afternoon of free talks on 22 November.

<http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/images/news/OECPreviouslyHistory.pdf>

▪ Find out about what's happening in local history around Scotland on the SLHF website:

<https://www.slhf.org/events>

<https://www.slhf.org/calendar>