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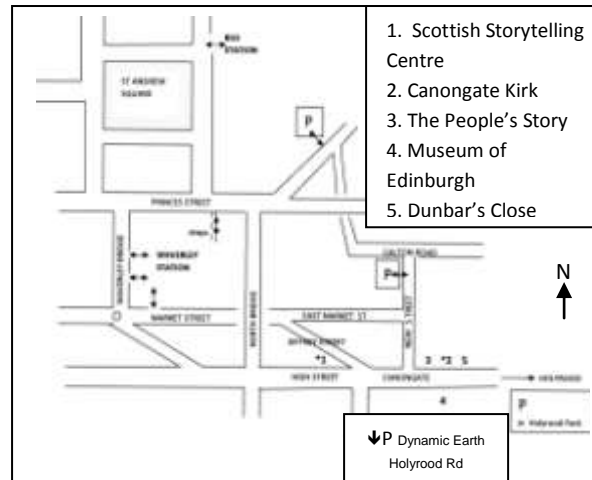
- **The People's Story** (in the former Canongate Tolbooth) is a museum about the lives of ordinary people, their occupations and trades, housing and lifestyles, from the 18th century to the present.
- **The Museum of Edinburgh** is Edinburgh's local history museum, housed in the 16th century Huntly House.
- **Dunbar's Close** is a recently restored town garden open to the public. If weather permits, it is a quiet spot to enjoy a packed lunch.
- **Canongate Kirk** was built 1688-91 with a Dutch-gable style. The Kirkyard has some notable occupants eg. Adam Smith, David Rizzio, Robert Fergusson and 'Clarinda'.

SCOTTISH LOCAL HISTORY FORUM www.slhf.org

The Scottish Local History Forum is the umbrella organisation for all individuals and organisations interested in local history in Scotland.

It publishes a journal 2-3 times a year, organises an annual conference in the autumn, campaigns on behalf of local history, compiles occasional reference works, and generally keeps those involved in local history in touch with Scottish activities.

Annual membership costs:
Individuals - £18 (1 copy of each journal)
Groups and Societies - £24 (£26 for 2 copies)
Student rate - £10



DIRECTIONS (minimising hill climbing!)

- **BY RAIL:** From **Waverley Station** upper level, exit to Market Street, and turn left. At junction with Jeffrey Street fork right, and continue to High Street; then turn right. The Storytelling Centre is beside John Knox's House.
- **BY BUS:** From **St Andrew Square Bus Station**, turn left along the Square & St David's St to Princes Street; turn left into Princes St and cross at next lights. Turn right into North Bridge, then continue to the High Street and turn left.
- **BY CAR:** **Parking** is limited and expensive. East Market Street has several on-street places, limited to 4 hours (£2 per hour); Jeffrey Street has a handful. **Waverley Station Car Park** in New Street is the closest with 24 hour parking (eg 6 hours for £8.50). There is also parking at **Dynamic Earth** in Holyrood Road & **Holyrood Park**.

For further information about the conference, or joining SLHF, contact:
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FRONT: John Kay's portrait of Sir John Sinclair, 1791
(courtesy of S & J Szatkowski)



Scottish Local History Forum Conference

A Zest for Information!

*Celebrating
Sir John
Sinclair's
contribution
to local
history*



12 November 2010
at the
Scottish Storytelling Centre
43-45 High Street
Edinburgh

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A Zest for Information !

Celebrating Sir John Sinclair's contribution to Local History

Sir John Sinclair (1754-1835) is well known to most local historians for his work in promoting and editing the Old Statistical Accounts. But Sir John's 'zest for information' involved him in many other pursuits which contribute to local history and are less well known.

This year is the 175th anniversary of his death and the Scottish Local History Forum is marking the occasion with this conference which highlights some of Sir John's achievements. David Affleck 'tops and tails' the day with an introduction to Sir John's life and work, and concludes with an assessment of his legacy. Heather Holmes gives an account of the reports compiled for the Board of Agriculture, an invaluable, but less well known, source for local historians in the UK, while Helen Chisholm focuses on the Statistical Accounts website.

In afternoon the location changes to the Canongate Kirk, where Sir John was an enthusiastic participant. Graeme Cruickshank completes the day with highlights from the history of the Canongate.

I reflect on the great moral lesson to be learnt from Sir John Sinclair's admirable life. I consider whether during the many years in which he flourished, there was any man whom I could fix upon as having laboured with the same assiduity and with the same success for the benefit of mankind.

(Archibald Alison 1757-1839)

COST (includes morning tea/coffee)
Members £15 Non-members £18

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (ATTENDANCE IS FREE) WILL BE HELD FROM 12.00-13.15.
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE ATTEND THIS MEETING.

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION Scottish Storytelling Centre 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh

09.45 COFFEE & REGISTRATION

10.15 Welcome

10.20 David Affleck (SLHF)

Part 1. **Sir John Sinclair and his East Linton network: a local history study**

10.40 Dr Heather Holmes (Scottish Government)
Sir John Sinclair, the county surveys and the dissemination of knowledge

11.20 D Helen Chisholm (Edina)
A tour of the Statistical Accounts of Scotland online service

11.50 Questions

12.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13.15 LUNCH (not supplied)

There are many eating places in the High Street and Canongate, including a small cafe in the Storytelling Centre. During the lunch break, participants may wish to visit **The People's Story Museum** (163 Canongate) or **Museum of Edinburgh** (142-146 Canongate) which are close to Canongate Kirk. **Dunbar's Close** (137 Canongate) is an attractive recently restored garden.

AFTERNOON SESSION

**Canongate Kirk
153 Canongate, Edinburgh**

14.30 David Affleck (SLHF)

Part 2. **Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster: the need for fresh analysis?**

14.50 Graeme Cruickshank (Edinburgh Historical Enterprises)

A canter around the Canongate

15.20 Questions

15.30 It is hoped to arrange tea at Canongate Kirk.

16.00 **CLOSE**

BOOKING FORM

• I wish to book the following places for the conference on **Sir John Sinclair** on 12 Nov. 2010.

..... place(s) at full rate (£18) = £

..... place(s) at Member's rate (£15) = £

• **I enclose a cheque** for £..... payable to the **Scottish Local History Forum.**

Name (s).....

Organisation.....

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Please send

• completed **form** with
• **cheque** and
• **stamped addressed envelope** (for confirmation)

to **Doris Williamson, SLHF Administrator,
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If you are interested in joining SLHF please tick here.

If you are intending to attend the AGM but not the conference, it would be useful if you could please inform Doris Williamson. This will help to ensure adequate seating and to identify that the meeting will be quorate.

