

SCOTTISH LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

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

It publishes a journal three times a year, organises conferences and workshops, 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

October 2011 - September 2012

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Groups and Societies - £26 (£30 - 2 copies)

Students - £10 (1 copy of each journal)

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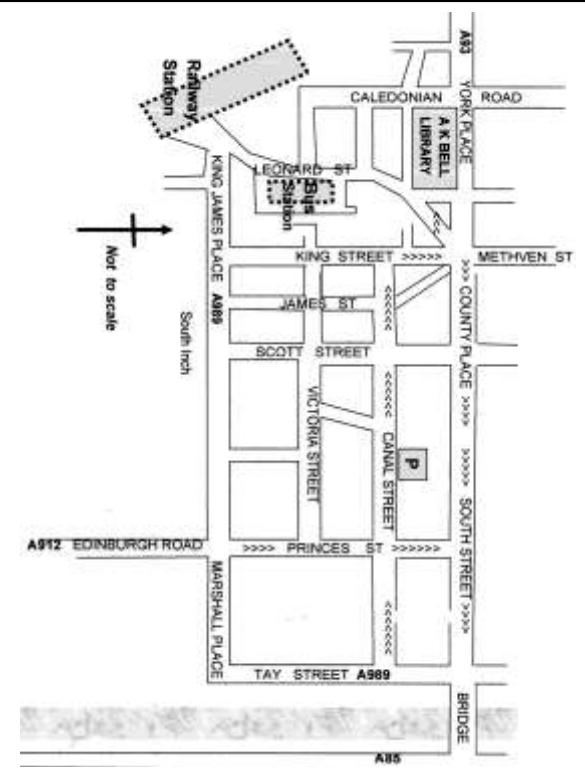
THE SLHF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012 (ATTENDANCE IS FREE) WILL BE HELD FROM 13.00-13.30.

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.

Illustration - 'Hugo Arnot Esq., Advocate and Gingerbread Jock' [John Duncan], Plate VIII (1784) from John Kay: *A series of original portraits and character etchings...* v. 1. 1837.

Title from 1579 Act of the Scottish Parliament - *For Punishment of Strang and Idle Beggars, and Reliefe of the Pure [poor] and Impotent.*

DIRECTIONS to A K Bell Library, York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP. The Soutar Theatre entrance is on the right of the main door; the Theatre has a loop system. The Library is 5-10 mins walk from the Railway and Bus Stations. Short-stay parking (max 3 hours £3.00) & disabled parking (3 places) are adjacent to the Library. All-day parking at Canal Street Car Park is about 15 mins walk. (Cost 6hr £5.30; 6-10 hr £9.00).



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SCOTTISH LOCAL HISTORY FORUM CONFERENCE

'For Reliefe of the Pure and Impotent'

Welfare in Scotland before the Welfare State



Friday 26 October 2012
in the
A K Bell Library
Perth

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SLHF CONFERENCE
***For Reliefe of the Pure and Impotent:
welfare in Scotland
before the welfare state***

Friday 26 October 2012
10.15-16.30
Soutar Theatre, A K Bell Library, Perth

Today we are in the depths of a major economic crisis where there is much discussion about the role of individuals vs the state in the 'Big Society', and the deserving and undeserving poor. But these debates are not new. This conference explores some of the ways in which the nation, communities and individuals coped with past economic crises, famine, poverty, sickness and other disasters.

State and Church sponsored aid, such as the Poor Law in Glasgow and Dundee poorhouses, will be considered, with advice on archival sources. The former sailing ship 'Mars' at Dundee provided an industrial school for destitute boys from 1869-1929. The programme includes a look at care in the 19th century (the elderly in Sutherland and provision of hospitals in the Highlands) as well as self-help groups (West Lothian friendly societies and Trinity House of Leith). These topics will be of interest to local, family and social historians.

CONFERENCE COST	
<i>(includes morning tea & coffee)</i>	
SLHF Members	Non-members
£17 <i>without lunch</i>	£22
£24 <i>with sandwich lunch</i>	£29

PROGRAMME

09.45-10.15 COFFEE & REGISTRATION

10.15-12.55 MORNING SESSION

- 10.15 Welcome
- Robin Urquhart (National Records of Scotland)
The Poor Keeping the Poor? - the Kirk and poor relief 1650-1894.
- Rev Dr Johnston McKay
Thomas Chalmers' Glasgow experiment.
- Dr Irene O'Brien (Glasgow City Archives)
Scottish Poor Law: painting the local picture in the west of Scotland.
- Iain Flett (Dundee City Archives)
Poor houses in Dundee.
- Gordon Douglas ***We'll send ye tae the Mars: Dundee's legendary training ship.***
- 12.40 Questions

12.55-14.00 LUNCH
(in two sittings, at 13.00 & 13.30)

13.00-13.30 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14.00-16.30 AFTERNOON SESSION

- Dr Malcolm Bangor-Jones
Growing old in 19th century Sutherland.
- Dr Patricia Whatley (CAIS, University of Dundee)
Medical services in the Highlands under the Scottish Poor Law, 1845-1913.
- Dr Eric Graham
The Incorporation of the Masters and Assistants of Trinity House - caring for the seafaring community of the Forth 1555-1950.
- Elizabeth Henderson (W. Lothian Council Museums)
Friendly Societies: the West Lothian experience.
- 16.15 Questions
- 16.30 CLOSE

BOOKING FORM
For Reliefe of the Pure and Impotent

• I wish to book the following places for the SLHF conference on Friday 26 Oct. 2012.

- SLHF Member's rate**
- place(s) at £17 *without lunch* = £
- place(s) at £24 *with lunch* = £
- Full rate (non-members)**
- place(s) at £22 *without lunch* = £
- place(s) at £29 *with lunch* = £

Special diet:

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

Name (s).....

Organisation.....

Address

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Please send (to arrive by 19 Oct. 2012)
• **BOOKING FORM**
• **CHEQUE**
• **STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE or email address** (if you require confirmation of booking)

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Please note, your booking will not be confirmed unless you send an SAE, or an email address.

If you are interested in joining SLHF please tick here.

