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SLHF NEWS

- **SLHF AGM** on Monday, 19 October 2026, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Calling all members and representatives of member organisations: please ensure that we are quorate by registering for our AGM on Zoom: [SLHF 2026 AGM | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- Phil Back is stepping down as a trustee after helping the Forum with many marketing initiatives over the past couple of years. The good news is that he will continue to provide a wide variety of local history stories on Substack. Subscribe for free here: [SLHF | Substack](#)
- The next issue of *Scottish Local History* will be special church history edition. Editor Don Martin, assisted by fellow trustees Linda Riddell and Jan Polley, has received a good mix of long and short articles that will be available early in the New Year.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

- **Scotland's Museums and Galleries Strategy Symposium** is the key annual gathering for people working and volunteering in the Scottish museums sector. This one-day event is an opportunity to discuss the role, impact and needs of our museums framed within our collective work to realise the priority areas of Scotland's Museums and Galleries Strategy. Museums and Galleries Scotland is seeking contributions to help shape the programme of the Symposium. This can be done by answering its call for papers or simply by sharing ideas by email before Monday 26th October 2026. [Call for papers: Strategy Symposium 2027 - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)
- **Verdant Works**, the museum of Dundee's jute industry, celebrated its 30th anniversary in September and is planning a year long series of events to mark this milestone. [30 Years of Verdant Works Museum - Dundee Heritage Trust](#)



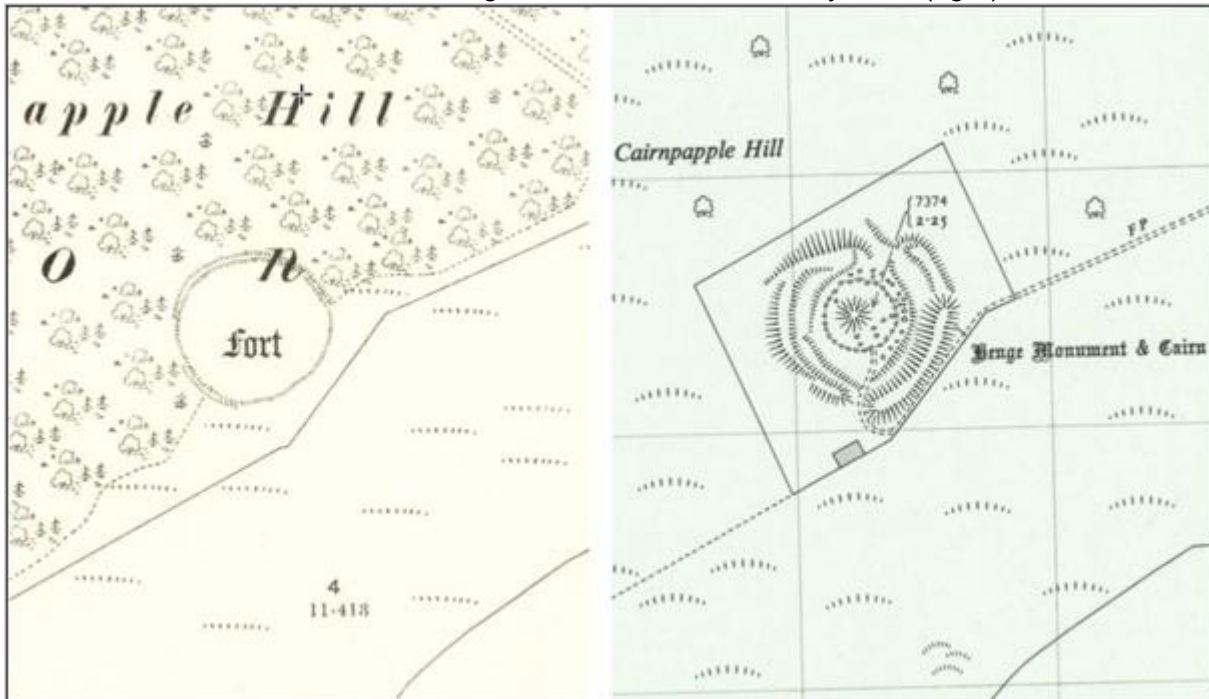
Verdant Works in 2023 photographed by Steve Connolly

- If you missed the **National Records of Scotland's** summer exhibition about lighthouses you can find the text and illustrations online: [For the Safety of All: Scotland's Lighthouses - National Records of Scotland](#)

(NRS). NRS conservator Saho Arakawa has also created a blogpost about the famous family of lighthouse engineers: [The Stevenson Legacy: Pioneers of Lighthouse Engineering](#).

■ **Researching Archaeology on Historic Maps** The National Library of Scotland has published a new online Research Guide, *Researching Archaeology on Historic Maps*, for anyone interested in how Scotland's archaeological past has been recorded, interpreted and sometimes overlooked on maps. Rather than treating maps simply as inventories of surviving sites, the guide traces changing representations from early antiquarian and estate surveys to modern mapping, showing how what appeared on the map could be shaped by survey instructions, available technology, local knowledge, individual enthusiasm, archaeological fashions and the resources available. It invites local historians to compare maps across time, question apparent absences as well as presences, and place mapped evidence alongside fieldwork, records and local knowledge.

[Researching Archaeology on Historic Maps](#): **Cairnpapple Hill in West Lothian** shown by the OS (left) in 1895 as a 'Fort', but transformed to a 'Henge Monument and Cairn' by 1954 (right):



■ **Museums and Galleries Scotland** recently published its annual review which can be accessed here: [Annual Review 2025-26 - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)

■ **Early bookings for Scottish Council on Archives Annual Conference 2026 now live!** Tuesday, 3 November 2026 at Tynecastle Park, home of Heart of Midlothian FC, this conference will explore how archives and records underpin democracy, accountability, creativity, wellbeing & community, and bring together voices from across the sector to share how archives and record-keeping contribute to a more transparent, vibrant and healthier society. Book via [Eventbrite](#).

■ **Call for Digital Posters: Scotland's Community Heritage Conversations 2026** The Scottish Council on Archives is delighted to share that submissions for the digital poster session at this year's Scotland's Community Heritage Conversations hybrid event are now open! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your organisation or project to a diverse group of delegates. They will be displaying posters/video clips based on the conference theme **Sharing our Strengths**, in a constant loop throughout the day on large screens. Find out more and submit: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/latest/call-for-digital-posters-scotlands-community-heritage-conversations-2026/>

■ **SCA Launch Nationwide Sector Survey 2026** – open 16 September to 16 October. Thirty minutes of your time to complete this sector survey will significantly improve the SCA's advocacy work, efforts to establish a National Strategy, and secure greater levels of funding for the Scottish archives and records sector. Find out more and complete the survey: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/latest/sca-launch-nationwide-sector-survey/>

■ **The National Archives National Loans Programme and Archive Loans 101 in Scotland** This joint TNA-SCA webinar is designed to support the Scottish archive sector in borrowing collection items for display in exhibitions. This webinar will provide archive services across Scotland with an opportunity to learn more

about the new National Loans Programme pilot from The National Archives. There will be a short introduction to the programme, followed by a session on loans basics for borrowing from The National Archives' collection. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tna-national-loans-programme-and-archive-loans-101-in-scotland-tickets-2002071350303>

■ **Sing, O Sad Heart: Hamish Mann – Poet, Playwright, Philosopher** is a temporary exhibition at the Black Watch Museum, Balhousie Castle, Hay Street, Perth PH1 5HR exploring the life and creative work of Black Watch soldier, poet and playwright Hamish Mann through his poetry, letters, diaries and notebooks, alongside the experiences that shaped his writing during the First World War. [Sing, O Sad Heart: Hamish Mann – Poet, Playwright, Philosopher](#)

PUBLICATIONS

■ **Family Life, Work and Death on the Highland Main Line: Railway Men in Blair Atholl at the Time of the 1881 Census** by Vivienne E. Cree & Sandra Cairncross. Published by Informa UK Limited, trading as Taylor & Francis Group Published online: 10 August 2026, ISSN: 1463-1180 (Print) 1751-3812 (Online) Journal homepage: www.tandfonline.com/journals/yfch20

■ **Black Lives in Scotland - Telling Our Stories** by Jeanette R Davidson. Edinburgh University Press, September 2026, 416 pages, 29 colour and 18 black & white illustrations, ISBN Paperback: 9781474441469, £19.99; Hardback: 9781474441452, £95.00; Ebook (app): £19.99; 9781474441483, Ebook (PDF): 9781474441476, £19.99. [Black Lives in Scotland](#)

■ **The Estate and the Country House in Scotland, circa 1700 - A Case Study of Sir William Bruce's Hopetoun House** by Charlotte Abney Bassett. Edinburgh University Press, September 2026, 296 pages, 45 colour and 21 b&w images, ISBN Hardback: 9781399552783, Ebook (app): 9781399552806, Ebook (PDF): 9781399552790 all £95.00. [The Estate and the Country House in Scotland, circa 1700](#)

■ **Presbyterian Strathspey in the Jacobite Era** by Frank D Bardgett. Edinburgh University Press, September 2026, 232pp, 1 B&W illustration, ISBN Hardback: 9781399563185, Ebook (app): 9781399563208, Ebook (pdf): 9781399563192 all £95.00. [Presbyterian Strathspey in the Jacobite Era](#)

■ **Walter Scott on Monarchy - Royal Bodies and the Body Politic** by Tara Ghoshal Wallace. Edinburgh University Press, March 2025 (Hardback), September 2026 (Paperback), 256 pages ISBN: Paperback: 9781399535823, £19.99; Hardback: 9781399535816, £95.00; Ebook (app): 9781399535847, £19.99; Ebook (PDF): 9781399535830, £19.99. [Walter Scott on Monarchy](#)

■ **Serious Crime in Late Seventeenth-Century Scotland** by Allan Kennedy. Edinburgh University Press, August 2026 (Paperback), February 2025 (Hardback), 256 pages, 15 b&w illustrations, ISBN Paperback: 9781399533171, £19.99; Hardback: 9781399533164, £90.00; Ebook (app): 9781399533195, £90.00; Ebook (PDF): 9781399533188, £90.00. [Serious Crime in Late Seventeenth-Century Scotland](#)

■ **Langwell - The History of a Caithness Estate and its Management, 1750-1850** by Michael Moss, William Parente. Edinburgh University Press, September 2026 (Paperback), September 2025 (Hardback), 344pp, 73 black and white illustrations and 24 colour images on plates, ISBN Paperback: 9781399549097, £35.00; Hardback: 9781399549066, £100.00; Ebook (app): 9781399549080, £35.00; Ebook (PDF): 9781399549073, £35.00. [Langwell](#)

■ **Stenhouse: Growing Up in Edinburgh and Beyond** by Bill Rectangle. Hat Media, July 2026. [STENHOUSE Edinburgh Memoir | Bill Rectangle | White Hat Media](#)

■ **Powburn Toll to Bothwell Brig: Growing Up in a Lanarkshire Community** by Iain Hutchison. Kea Publishing, 2026, ISBN 9780 9564 47746, £11.95. [Kea Publishing - Scottish History Press Books](#)

■ **The Local Historian** Journal of the British Association for Local History, Volume 56 No 3, August 2026. [The Local Historian Volume 56 Number 3 August 2026 | | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)

■ **Local History News** Magazine of the British Association for Local History, No 160, August 2026. [Local History News Number 160 August 2026 | | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)

HISTORY NEWS

■ **Abertay Historical Society** has launched a crowdfunding appeal to replace the unicorn on Dundee's mercat cross. Learn more here: [Save Dundee's Mercat Cross Unicorn - a Creative & Arts crowdfunding project in Dundee by Abertay Historical Society](#)

■ **The Scotland's Places of Worship Fund** will support eligible listed places of worship across Scotland by helping them recover VAT costs associated with repair works, helping to protect some of the country's most

valued historic buildings and the communities that use them. The fund is expected to open for applications in autumn 2026. [Pilot fund launched to support Scotland's historic places of worship | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

■ **The Tunnock Prize 2026** is the **Scottish Records Association's** essay competition aimed at postgraduate students and early career researchers kindly sponsored by Thomas Tunnock Ltd. Entries should focus on the use and interpretation of Scottish archives both within Scotland and further afield. Submissions should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words. Any submission that makes use of archival material to explore historical matters relevant to Scotland will be considered. Entries should follow the format specified in the Guidelines to Authors available at <https://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/scottish-archives> and should be in Word format.

The winning entry will be awarded a prize of £250 and, subject to peer review, will be eligible for publication in *Scottish Archives* (journal of the Scottish Records Association).

Please send your submissions via email to: editorscottisharchives@gmail.com accompanied by a brief covering letter giving your name and eligibility (degree, university and year of studies, or the year of obtaining your degree). The closing date for entries is 31 October 2026. The prize winner will be announced at the Scottish Records Association's AGM in November/December 2026 and publicised on the SRA website at <https://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org> and in its newsletter, *Retour*.

The Scottish Records Association is concerned with the preservation and use of historical records in Scotland. It provides a forum for users, owners and custodians of records to discuss matters relating to the records, their custody and conservation and research.

■ **Perth Charterhouse Dig** Supported by local bodies, including the [Perthshire Society of Natural Science](#), the King James VI Hospital Trust and the Guildry Incorporation of Perth, has made some interesting finds. Here is what the local press reported: [Perth Charterhouse dig brings medieval murder mysteries to light](#)

■ **The Register of British Slave Traders** compiles and presents information on all known slave-traders in Britain who invested in the trafficking of captive Africans from 1563 to 1807. The database can be used to find out who financed the British slave trade, where they lived, what legacies they made, which other businesses they were involved with, and which organisations they were connected to. [New Register reveals extent of Britain's slave-trading past - Lancaster University](#)

■ **Third Eye Centre and Centre for Contemporary Arts Archive** Supported by [Creative Scotland](#), [The Ballast Trust](#), and [Scottish Government Culture](#) Glasgow Life has secured the future of this important archive. Spanning more than five decades of contemporary art history, the collection documents the people and creative practice that helped shape Glasgow's reputation as a global cultural powerhouse. Glasgow City Archives team will now begin cataloguing the collection so it can be preserved and made accessible for future generations of artists, researchers, students, and the public. An assessment is also taking place of the most appropriate long-term home for the archive.

■ **VE Day 80 – a celebration of Peace: VE Day in West Lothian** This small (A5) pamphlet of some 23 pages in length provides a brief snapshot of how various communities in West Lothian - Armadale, Bathgate, Broxburn, Linlithgow, Stoneyburn and Uphall (to name but a few!) - celebrated the ending of WWII. With excerpts from diaries as well as details from interviews and newspaper reports, we are guided through several 'vignettes' which summarise the staging of street parties, parades, and religious services, all complemented by a series of carefully chosen black and white photographs and illustrations. The author - Mrs. Emma Peattie, West Lothian Council's Heritage Manager - is to be heartily commended for her work in compiling this pamphlet which concentrates on how 'ordinary' people viewed the ending of the war and how it ought to be commemorated. Special mention should be made of the role of Bathgate Community Council who were persuaded to provide the necessary monies to publish this booklet in 'hard copy' - it is freely available online. As such, two hundred copies only were printed, several of which have now been donated to local primary schools, National Library of Scotland, community councillors as well as Bathgate councillors and the town's Bennie Museum. A **limited** number of copies are still available for purchase from Mr. David Main at a cost of £3.50 (including p/p). If interested, please contact Mr. Main by e-mail at: meikleinchies@gmail.com

■ **SHARE YOUR MEMORIES of QUEEN ELIZABETH** Do you have a memory of Queen Elizabeth that you would like to share? The **Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial** would love to hear from you and help preserve your memories for future generations. [Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial](#)

■ **Scottish Holocaust victim recognised at Auschwitz** Jane Haining, who died in the Holocaust after refusing to abandon Jewish children in her care has had her name added to a special memorial wall. [Scottish Holocaust victim Jane Haining recognised at Auschwitz - BBC News](#)

BLOGS

- Chris Fleet of the **National Library of Scotland Map Library** writes about the significance of John Slezer the creator of *Theatrum Scotiae* in 1693: [John Slezer's Scotland | National Library of Scotland](#)
- **The Tay Road Bridge Turns 60**: A photographic journey through its construction. [Tay Road Bridge at 60 - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)
- Dr Amy Blakeway, St Andrews University, is guest blogger for Historic Environment Scotland. [The Battle of Pinkie, Mary Queen of Scots and the Anglo-Scottish Wars of the 1540s](#)
- **Black Watch Museum** has provided a new blog: [From Boy to Soldier: The Story of Harry Wynd](#)
- **Shetland Museum & Archive** is the venue until 11 October for an exhibition of the work of local photographer J.D. Rattar on the 150th anniversary of his birth. This blog gives a flavour of what you may have missed. [Fresh perspective on J.D. Rattar's enduring legacy unveiled in new anniversary exhibition | Shetland Museum & Archives](#)





J D Rattar exhibition photographed by Steve Connelly August 2026

WEBSITES

■ A wealth of information on **Highland hospitals** compiled by Jim and Steve Leslie is available on this website, along with details of a number of the books they have produced for different parts of the Highlands: [History of Highland Hospitals | Home](#)

■ **StoneKeep Atlas** has published a free guide to eight Scottish castles, including Edinburgh, Stirling, Doune and Eilean Donan. It combines a map, historical introductions and source references, with attention to the distinction between medieval remains and later rebuilding. It may interest local history societies looking for an accessible starting point before consulting site records and specialist studies. [Castles of Scotland: Great Fortresses from the Rock to the Cliffs](#)

WHAT'S ON

Links to the Scottish Local History Forum's events page will contain further details provided by the organisers. For events where information has not been provided by the organisers a link has been found by the editor when possible. Information about upcoming archaeological events and talks can also be found at: [Events and Digs - Dig It!](#)

■ **Bannockburn House Guided Tours** Bannockburn House, Stirling, FK7 8EY, 10:30am – 4.00pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Sunday, 1 November 2026. [Bannockburn House Guided Tours | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **'GU'UN THE FISH N' THAT** Exhibition by East Anglian artist Beverley Carruthers at the Scottish Maritime Museum, Harbour Road, Irvine KA12 8BT until 23 January 2027. ['GU'UN THE FISH N' THAT By Beverley Carruthers. New exhibition at the Scottish Maritime Museum - Scottish Maritime Museum](#)

■ **Maritime Leith's Black History** Tours of Trinity House to celebrate Black History Month on selected dates from Friday, 2 October 2026 to Friday, 23 October 2026 – 11.00am to 2.00pm. [Maritime Leith's Black History | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

■ **"A Short History of Singers": Clydebank Museum's sewing machine collections: history, key machines, and stories** A talk to Clydebank Local History Society by Andrew Graham, Arts & Heritage Collections Officer on Monday, 5 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH. [Talk: "A Short History of Singers" : Clydebank Museum's sewing machine collections: history, key machines, and stories. | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **New Futures: Former Places of Worship Programme** Development Trusts Association Scotland series of free online workshops, 6 October - 26 November 2026. [Development Trusts Association Scotland](#)

- **John Grierson - the Father of Documentary Film Making** Talk to Loch Ard Local History Group by Karl Magee, University of Stirling Archivist on Wednesday, 7 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Village Hall, Kinlochard FK8 3TL. [John Grierson-the Father of Documentary Film Making | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Archaeology of Whitelees & Eaglesham** Talk to Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society on Thursday, 8 October 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [The Archeology of Whitelees & Eaglesham | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Townscapes, Energyscapes and Rural Landscapes** Conference organised by Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society on Saturday, 10 October 2026 - 10:00am to 3.45pm at Harbour Arts Centre, 116 Harbour Street, Irvine KA12 8PZ. [Conference - Townscapes, Energyscapes and Rural Landscapes | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **A Right Royal Year** Talk by Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms on the year 2022 to Meigle and District History Society on Saturday, 10 October 2026 – 2.00pm at Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle.
- **Longniddry's Victorian Superstar** An illustrated talk by Edinburgh author Helen Graham about the internationally famous actress, Eloise Juno on Saturday, 10 October 2026 - 11:00am to 12:00pm at Longniddry Library, Church Way, Longniddry EH32 0LW. [Longniddry's Victorian Superstar | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Highland Archaeology Conference** Organised by Highland Council's Historic Environment Team, 10-11 October 2026 at Highland Council Chamber, Inverness. [HAF Conference - Highland Historic Environment Record](#)
- **Jacobite Afternoon Tea: A Journey Through Time** Culloden Battlefield (National Trust for Scotland), Culloden Moor IV2 5EU on Saturday, 10 October – 2.00pm to 4.00pm. [Jacobite Afternoon Tea: A Journey Through Time Tickets, Saturday, October 10 • 2 PM - 4 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **No Vote No Census 1911** Talk by Ruth Boreham to Dalkeith History Society on Monday, 12 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Dalkeith Baptist Church Hall, 8 North Wynd, Dalkeith EH22 1JE. [No Vote No Census 1911 | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Extraordinary case of the 'Snail in the Bottle'** Online talk by Tessa Spencer, National Records of Scotland, for Curious Histories: Charity History Talks on Monday, 12 October 2026 – 6.30pm to 7.45pm. [The Extraordinary Case of the 'Snail in the Bottle' Tickets, Monday 12 October | Eventbrite](#)
- **The Royal Caledonian School in London for Scottish Orphans** Talk by Lorna Kinnaird to Scottish Genealogy Society on Monday, 12 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL and Online. [The Royal Caledonian School in London for Scottish Orphans | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **How to make a pomander** Drop-in activity at Royal College of Physicians. All ages invited to come and learn all about the plague and how it spread, using real medicinal plants to make your own protective pomander! Wednesday, 14 October 2026 - 11:00am to 2:00pm at 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ. [Drop in Activity: How to Make a Pomander | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Black Lives in Scotland: telling our stories** Talk by Jeanette Davidson to Abertay Historical Society on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN.
- **Parliament Square: Images of civic, church and state power** Talk by John Lowrey to Old Edinburgh Club on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL. [Parliament Square: Images of civic, church and state power, talk By John Lowrey | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Lords of the Salt Road** History Scotland live webinar and Q & A with Angus Konstam, Wednesday, 14 October 2026 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm. [Lords of the Salt Road: The Norse Earls of Orkney Tickets, Wednesday, October 14 • 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)
- **'A Lifetime of Connections between the Seas and Kirkcudbright'** Talk by David R Collin to Kirkcudbright History Society on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Parish Church Hall, St Marys St, Kirkcudbright DG6 4AQ and ONLINE. ['A Lifetime of Connections between the Seas and Kirkcudbright' David R Collin | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **MacUalraig Migrations: A Family's Move from Lochaber** Online talk by Ewan Kennedy organised by Society of Highland & Island Historical Research on Thursday, 15 October 2026 – 7.30pm. [35. MacUalraig Migrations: A Family's Move from Lochaber via Badenoch to the Lowlands, 1720–1840 – Society of Highland & Island Historical Research](#)
- **Perth and Poland – A Wartime Bromance** Talk by Roger Pickering to the Friends of Perth & Kinross Archive on Thursday, 15 October 2026 – 2.00pm to 3.00pm at the Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, 2-8 York Place, Perth PH2 8EP. [Perth and Poland – A Wartime Bromance | Perthshire Box Office](#)
- **North UK Mills Group** Online meeting on Thursday, 15 October 2026 - 10:00am to 11:30am. [North UK Mills Group - October Meeting | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

- **History In Our Bones: Uncovering Stories of Disability** Talk by Professor Alison Beach to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and the Scottish History Society on Thursday, 15 October 2026 – 6.00pm at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL and online. [History in Our Bones: Uncovering Stories of Disability Through Time Tickets, Thursday, October 15 • 6 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Have we forgotten our past? An archaeological research framework for South-West Scotland** Talk by Tom Rees to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 16 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Online. [Lecture by Tom Rees: Have we forgotten our past? An archaeological research framework for South-West Scotland | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **From 'Shaky Toun' to Schiehallion: geological stories from Breadalbane** Talk by Dr Martin Smith to Breadalbane Heritage Society on Friday, 16 October 2026 – 7.15pm at Breadalbane Community Campus, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy PH15 2DU. [The new 2026-27 winter season of talks – Breadalbane Heritage Society](#)
- **Scottish Local History Forum AGM** Monday, 19 October 2026 – 7.00pm to 8.00pm Online [SLHF 2026 AGM | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **"Gavin's Mill - the Story so far"** Talk by Sue Milne of the Gavin's Mill Community Project, Milngavie to Clydebank Local History Society at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH on Monday, 19 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. ["Gavin's Mill - the Story so far" | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Archaeology of Loudon Estate** Talk by Max Coxhead to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society on Thursday, 22 October 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [The Archeology of Loudon Estate | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Scottish policewomen & suffragettes** Talk by Chris Longmuir to The Montrose Society on Thursday, 22 October 2026 – 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Legends Suite, George Hotel, 22 George Street, Montrose DD10 8EW. [\(2\) Facebook](#)
- **Testimonies of Transition and Transformation: Female Voices from the Scottish Diaspora'** Women's History Scotland Sue Innes Memorial Lecture by Professor Marjory Harper on Saturday, 24 October 2026 - 2:00pm to 3:30pm at Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, York Place, Perth PH2 8EP. [Women's History Scotland Sue Innes Memorial Lecture with Marjory Harper | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Mary at War: A First World War Nurse's Story** Talk by Ian McCracken on Saturday, 24 October 2026 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm at The Mitchell Library, 201 North Street, Glasgow, G3 7GN. [Mary at War: A First World War Nurse's Story | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **History Novels** Talk by Vicki Masters to Cupar Heritage Centre at Age Concern Centre, Provost Wynd, (entry through Bonnygate Car Park), Cupar KY15 5HE on Monday, 26 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [History Novels | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Scottish Family History: Where to start for Kippen Heritage** Talk by Jessica Evershed, National Records of Scotland, on Tuesday, 27 October 2026 – 2.30pm at Kippen Reading Rooms, Main Street, Kippen, Stirling FK8 3DN.
- **Heritage-Led Regeneration in Perth** Conference organised by Heritage Network on Wednesday, 28 October 2026 - 09:30am to 4.30pm at YMCA Tayside, 19 Atholl Street, Perth PH1 5HN. [Heritage-Led Regeneration in Perth Tickets, Wednesday 28 October • 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Conversion of City Hall into Perth Museum. Photo by Steve Connolly

- **Spotlight: Jacobite Medicine Chest** Event at the Royal College of Physicians on Wednesday, 28 October 2026 - 12:30pm to 12:45pm at 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ. [Spotlight: Jacobite Chest | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Poxed: Germs in History** Exhibition launch at Royal College of Physicians on Thursday, 29 October 2026 – 6.00pm to 8.00pm at 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ. [Exhibition Launch of Poxed: Germs in History | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Forestry and Land Scotland: Lochar Mosses Peatland Restoration Presentation** Lecture by George Hemstock to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW on Friday, 30 October 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [Lecture by George Hemstock - Forestry and Land Scotland: Lochar Mosses Peatland Restoration Presentation | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **"Into the Cauldron: Mary Queen of Scots story continued"** Talk by Elspeth Crocket to Clydebank Local History Society at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH on Monday, 2 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. ["Into the Cauldron: Mary Queen of Scots story continued" | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Commonwealth War Grave Commission** Talk by Christine Copeland to Loch Ard local History Group on Wednesday, 4 November 2026 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Village Hall, Kinlochard, Stirling FK8 3TL. [Commonwealth War Grave Commission | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Family History Fair** Historic Environment Scotland hosted event at John Sinclair House, 16 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh EH8 9NX on Friday, 6 November 2026 – 10.00am to 4.00pm. [Family History Fair | Historic Environment Scotland](#)
- **Archives of Public Benefit Legal Trusts: their value and use, and are they at risk?** Scottish Records Association Annual Conference at National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW on Friday, 6 November 2026 – 10.15am to 4.00pm. [Conferences](#)
- **Ayr Choral Union: A Choral Legacy** Exhibition celebrating 150 years of music making in Ayrshire from Sunday, 8 November 2026 to mid-January 2027 (Monday to Saturday – 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday – 12.00am – 5.00pm) at Rozelle House, Rozelle Park and Art Galleries, Monument Road, Ayr KA7 4 NQ. [Ayr Choral Union: A Choral Legacy | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The First Modern War - Technology & Innovation Crimean War 1854-56** Talk by Brian S Scott to Dalkeith History Society on Monday, 9 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Dalkeith Baptist Church Hall, 8 North Wynd, Dalkeith EH22 1JE. [The First Modern War - Technology & Innovation Crimean War 1854-56 | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The War Graves of Seafield Cemetery, Edinburgh** Talk by Ken Nisbet to Scottish Genealogy Society on Monday, 9 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL and Online. [The War Graves of Seafield Cemetery, Edinburgh | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Tartan and Turmoil: the Angus Jacobite story** Talk by Emma Gilliland to Abertay Historical Society, 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN.
- **The Kirkoswald Smugglers' Ballad** Talk by Neill McDermott to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society on Thursday, 12 November 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and Online. [The Kirkoswald Smugglers' Ballad | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Has the 1745 Association Found the Site of 'Cluny's Cage'? The Story behind the 2017 Expedition to Ben Alder** Online talk by Glen MacDonald organised by Society of Highland & Island Historical Research on Thursday, 12 November 2026 – 7.30pm. [36. Has the 1745 Association Found the Site of 'Cluny's Cage'? The Story behind the 2017 Expedition to Ben Alder – Society of Highland & Island Historical Research](#)
- **The influence of geology and landscape of Northern England on prehistoric and Roman societies** Lecture by Ian Jackson to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW on Friday, 13 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [Lecture by Ian Jackson - The influence of geology and landscape of Northern England on prehistoric and Roman societies | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire** Exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF Saturday, 14 November 2026 to Sunday 18 April 2027. [Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire | National Museums Scotland](#)
- **"Building the Erskine Bridge"** Talk by Stuart Baird to Clydebank Local History Society at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH on Monday, 16 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. ["Building the Erskine Bridge" | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

- **'To do the sick no harm: and maybe even some good'** Hybrid talk by Malcolm Fraser to the Old Edinburgh Club on Wednesday, 18 November 2026 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Augustine United Church, 41 George VI Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. ['To do the sick no harm: and maybe even some good' | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Assassins and Secret Listeners: Britain's Invisible Armies, 1939-45** History Scotland live webinar and Q& A with Alistair Moffat on Wednesday, 18 November 2026 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm. [Assassins and Secret Listeners: Britain's Invisible Armies, 1939-45 Tickets, Wednesday, November 18 • 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM GMT+0 | Eventbrite](#)
- **In Over Our Heads: Heritage in the Water** Online half-day conference organised by Heritage Network on Wednesday, 18 November – 9.00am to 1.00pm. [In Over Our Heads: Heritage in the Water Tickets, Wednesday 18 November • 9 AM - 1 PM GMT+0 | Eventbrite](#)
- **Cromwell in Perth** Rhoda Fothergill Annual Memorial Lecture by Norah Carlin at the A K Bell Library, 2-8 York Place, Perth PH2 8EP on Thursday, 19 November 2026 – 7.00pm to 8.00pm. [Perth and Kinross Archive - Perth & Kinross Council](#)
- **Sporting Heritage Conference 2026** Online event organised by Sporting Heritage on Thursday, 19 November 2026 – 10.00am to 4.00pm. [Sporting Heritage Conference 2026 Tickets, Thursday 19 November • 10 AM - 4 PM GMT | Eventbrite](#)
- **Wild Pines: in search of Breadalbane and Blackmount's forgotten woodlands** Talk by Andrew Painting to Breadalbane Heritage Society on Friday, 20 November 2026 – 7.15pm at Breadalbane Community Campus, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy PH15 2DU. [The new 2026-27 winter season of talks – Breadalbane Heritage Society](#)
- **Stirling Rocks – the city that defined Scotland** Conference organised by Stirling Heritage Alliance on Saturday, 21 November 2026 – 10.00am to 4.30pm at the Church of the Holy Rude, St John Street, Stirling FK8 1ED. [Stirling Rocks 2026 - the city that defined Scotland! Tickets, Saturday, November 21 • 10 AM - 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Spotlight: Victorian Exercise** Curator-led talk at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ on Wednesday, 25 November 2026 - 12:30pm to 1:45pm. [Spotlight: Victorian Exercise | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Excavation of the Late Iron Age Settlement, Forfar Road, Meigle** Talk by Cathy McIvor to Meigle and District History Society on Wednesday, 25 November 2026 – 7.45pm at Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle.
- **Scotland's Community Heritage Conversations 2026: Sharing Our Strengths** One-day event at The Engine Shed, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ on Thursday, 26 November 2026 – 9.30am to 4.25pm. [Scotland's Community Heritage Conversations 2026: Sharing Our Strengths Tickets, Thursday, November 26 • 9:30 AM - 4:25 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Curating Arctic Fever, Text, Illustration and Acquisition** Talk by Isabelle Gapp, University of Aberdeen to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society on Thursday, 26 November 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [Curating Arctic Fever, Text, Illustration and Acquisition | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Drymen and Buchanan in old photographs** Slide show by Mary Bruce and Alison Brown for Drymen and District Local History Society on Thursday, 26 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Drymen Village Hall, 3 Main Street, Drymen, Glasgow G63 0BP. [Drymen and Buchanan in old photographs | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Medieval Castle at House of Dun** Talk by Dr Daniel Rhodes to The Montrose Society on Thursday, 26 November 2026 – 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Legends Suite, George Hotel, 22 George Street, Montrose DD10 8EW. [\(2\) Facebook](#)
- **William Craik of Arbigland (1703-1798) Living through turbulent times** Lecture by Alistair Alcock to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW on Friday, 27 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [Lecture by Alistair Alcock - William Craik of Arbigland \(1703-1798\) Living through turbulent times | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **'Sumptuous' Rosslyn Chapel: Pious Experience in Late Medieval Scotland** Talk to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland by Dr Lizzie Swarbrick on Monday, 30 November 2026 – 4.00pm at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL and Online. ['Sumptuous' Rosslyn Chapel: Pious Experience in Late Medieval Scotland Tickets, Monday, November 30 • 4 PM - 5 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Cupar Sugar Beet Factory** Talk by Ian Copland to Cupar Heritage Centre at Age Concern Centre, Provost Wynd, (entry through Bonnygate Car Park), Cupar KY15 5HE on Monday, 30 November 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [Cupar Sugar Beet Factory | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

- **Smith's Seat at Loch Ard** Talk by Richard Grosse to Loch Ard Local History Group on Wednesday, 2 December 2026 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Village Hall, Kinlochard, Stirling FK8 3TL. [Smith's Seat at Loch Ard | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Art of Commemoration** Exhibition at the National War Museum, Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NG from 5 December 2026 until 14 January 2029. [The Art of Commemoration | National Museums Scotland](#)
- **"...the only society of its kind in Scotland": Dundee Fiddle Orchestras (1869-1930)** Talk by Rosa Michaelson to Abertay Historical Society, 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9 December 2026 at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN.
- **Darkland Tales: Crafting Scottish Fiction from Historical Fact** Society of Antiquaries of Scotland event on Thursday, 10 December 2026 – 6.00pm with authors James Crawford, Val McDermid, Jo Sharp and Graeme Macrae Burnet at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL and online. [Darkland Tales: Crafting Scottish Fiction from Historical Fact Tickets, Thursday, December 10 • 6 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Of Ships and Men in Argyll and Beyond: Military Levies in the First Millennium** Online talk by Alex Woolf organised by Society of Highland & Island Historical Research on Thursday, 10 December 2026 – 7.30pm. [37. Of Ships and Men in Argyll and Beyond: Military Levies in the First Millennium – Society of Highland & Island Historical Research](#)
- **Powerful Prestongrange** Talk by Dr Hanita Ritchie to Dalkeith History Society on Monday, 14 December 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Dalkeith Baptist Church Hall, 8 North Wynd, Dalkeith EH22 1JE. [Powerful Prestongrange | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **"Earl Loudoun's Regiment of Foote"** Talk by Robert Taylor to Clydebank Local History Society at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH on Monday, 14 December 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm. [Christmas meeting: including talk: " Earl Loudoun's Regiment of Foote" | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

WATCH & LISTEN

Watch and Listen

- **Antiques Roadshow** enjoys a welcome return to our screens with a repeat of a visit to Brodie Castle. This interesting episode was [screened](#) in October 2022. Elsewhere is an episode from 2025 which was a commemoration of [Victory Over Japan](#) day. A new series commenced on 13 September.
- **Last Word** continues to be an excellent programme reflecting on the lives of the famous and just as importantly the less famous. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006gpmv>
- **PBS America** continues to offer some excellent fare including the series **The Abolitionists** which was a 3-part series broadcast in early August 2026. Not surprisingly Frederick Douglass and Angelena Grimke feature greatly in the series. You can also watch it on the increasingly excellent YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgqlqvMBGk>
- **Dictator : the Hitler Interviews** was broadcast on Channel 4 in early August and over 3 parts we hear from the people who knew him and offered first hand testimonies of this man who was responsible for some of the worst crimes we know of.
- **Book of the Week** is a regular item on BBC Radio4 and a painful but worthwhile listen was [Hiroshima, 8:15: the Lost Memoir](#). This is a recently discovered eyewitness account written by local Methodist minister Kiyoshi Tanimoto with a foreword by his daughter Koko.
- The BBC's popular house history series [A House Through Time](#) returned on Thursday, 13 August 2026 with a new series looking at the history of a house in Edinburgh. A House Through Time is a documentary television series made for BBC Two and presented by historian David Olusoga. The popular [house history](#) series started in 2018 with a deceptively simple idea - David Olusoga traces the history of a single house, uncovering the lives of the people who lived there throughout centuries of British history. Olusoga travels to Edinburgh and researches the history of 20 and 22 Calton Hill, a block of flats built in the 1770s. David will discover that the buildings' inhabitants over the years include a clergyman who risked imprisonment, a notorious brothel-keeper and a prison warder who was attacked by an inmate.
- **Concorde Crash: Days that Shocked the World** is an excellent documentary which adds to the range of programmes about this icon which was seen as the last word in luxury travel. All that begun to change on July 2000 when an Air France Concorde caught fire when leaving Paris and heading to New York. Crash investigators describe what happened.

- **John Betjamen Night on BBC Four** includes an excellent profile and several of his marvellous films including *Beside the Seaside* and *Metro-Land*. There are also several other items on the [BBC iPlayer](#). He gives us an incredible body of work projected with skill and affability from another age.
- **[Fake or Fortune?](#)** is a highly popular British arts documentary television series broadcast on BBC One. First debuting in 2011, the programme is co-presented by journalist Fiona Bruce and art dealer/historian Philip Mould. You might find interesting episodes in a very large back catalogue of 14 series!
- **The Hitler Diaries Scandal** is a brand new 10-part audio series aired on BBC Radio 4 and available on [BBC Sounds](#) from 14 September 2026. Hosted by podcaster, author, and comedian Andrew Hunter Murray, the documentary series is a sub-series of *The History Podcast*. It retraces the 1983 media disaster where Germany's *Stern* magazine and Britain's *The Sunday Times* paid millions for 60 volumes of diaries allegedly written by Adolf Hitler, only to discover they were forged by a small-time fraudster.
- **Soul Music** is one of these programmes that is always worth checking out. A recent episode looked at the origins and relevance of 'Wild Mountain Thyme' which had deep roots in Scotland and Ireland. A beautiful [listen](#) and it starts in the 1940s when the song was written and its subsequent popularity.
- **Norman Day** was on BBC Radio 4 on 3 September. It coincides with the arrival of the Bayeux Tapestry. Several programmes were Norman themed including Women's Hour, The Food Programme, Word of Mouth and [Front Row](#). Radio4 Extra has also got a series of programmes including [The Bayeux Tapestry by Morna Stuart](#). BBC2 also adds to the range with [Secrets of the Bayeux: inside the museum](#).
- **[The Killer Wave of 1607](#)** tells the story of a 12 ft. high wall of water which devastated the Bristol Channel coastline. Scientists look for evidence that the event was a tsunami—first shown in 2005 as a *Timeshift* film.
- With the **25th Anniversary of 9/11** which involved the destruction of the Twin Towers there is a significant number of programmes taking us back to those dark and traumatic days. Here's just a few...
- **[9/11 Story](#)**: Hosted by investigative journalist Jane McMullen, this season marks 25 years since the deadliest terror attack in history, investigating why thousands of grieving families are still fighting for answers.
- **[9/11: Inside the President's War Room](#)** is a gripping 2021 documentary film co-produced by BBC One and Apple TV+. Directed by Adam Wishart, the 90-minute film chronicles the 12 hours immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks through the eyes of the Bush administration.
- **[9/11 The Unseen Footage](#)**. the new feature-length documentary from Atomic Television, aired on 5 on Saturday 29th August at 9pm. Marking 25 years since the attacks, the 90-minute film offers an immersive account of one of the defining events of modern history, using previously unseen footage captured by Reuters journalists at the scene and in the days that followed. A collaboration between Atomic Television and Reuters Archive, the documentary reveals how the events of 9/11 unfolded through footage that has never been seen before. Paired with eyewitness testimony, including from people sharing their experiences publicly for the first time, the film provides a different perspective on the day and how New York and its people responded as the world watched.
- A must listen is an episode of [The Reunion](#) which goes to New York to hear directly from several people affected by the demise of the Twin Towers. A really powerful piece of radio-journalism.
- **[Archive on 4:Aberdeen-After the Black Goldrush](#)** draws from first-person testimony from the University of Aberdeen's oral history project. Michael Gove examines how Aberdeen became the oil capital of Europe. Where it had once relied on traditional industries such as fishing, farming and granite quarrying, by the 1970s life dramatically changed with the discovery of oil 110 miles off the east coast of Scotland.
- The slave trade gets looked at by historian David Olusoga in [Finding Britain's Slave Traders with David Olusoga](#). He reveals how modern British Institutions were connected with the slave trade.
- **[70 Up: The Story](#)** explores the making of the landmark documentary series.
- **[70 Up: the Victorians](#)** is a chance to see interviews with a group of 70-year-olds in Victorian Britain.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

The Plight of Modern History Societies A report by Stuart J Campbell, Chair, Stirling Local History Society: With so many pressures to the survival of organizations in our current times, especially post Covid, Local History Societies are not exempt. On the 26 July 2026 there was a joint Local History Society Networking Meeting held in the Stirling Central Library. The meeting was designed to bring together societies within the Stirling Council area with a view to sharing experiences, ways of working, how events are publicized and generally getting to know one another. The following societies from the area attended;

Stirling Local History Society. (SLHS) Membership c70-90
 Dunblane Local History Society. (DLHS) Membership c 9
 Fintry Museum. (FM) Attendees c 40-60
 Callander Heritage Society. (CHS)

Loch Ard Local History Group. (LALHG) Membership c 30-40
Strathblane Heritage Society. (SHS) Membership
The Friends of Kilmadock (Doune) were unable to attend.

There was an open discussion where each organization highlighted their strengths and weaknesses. Although the points raised were not surprising, there was a strange comfort in knowing that the issues raised were so similar to each of the organizations. A common theme was membership fees, which ranged between £6- £20 with DLHS lowest, SLHS highest. SLHS has just raised its fees from £15 to £20, predominately due to a venue charge of £120 per meeting.

It was agreed by all that the rural societies' memberships could sometimes be limited due to population density, or lack of. Isolated locations limit the number of speakers prepared to travel. Venue location and lack of parking also impacted on attendance figures. It was felt that although useful, publicity posters and Facebook had little value when publicizing events. Promotion through blogs such as the one produced by the popular and local archaeologist Dr Murray Cook has proved very effective in promoting all events and meetings by all parties listed.

A high quality of speakers is a definite advantage, especially if they are endorsed by prior knowledge of their abilities. The attraction of high-profile speakers will always secure a high audience attendance. DLHS has prepared a speaker database drawn from several sources and covers a period of several years. An outcome of the networking meeting was that all attendees would submit into a central database the same information relevant to their own organizations.

Most societies have ways of adding value to their annual syllabus's by having coffee, teas and wine occasionally, field trips and day trips. SLHS this year had a successful Summer Lecture Day. This had three speakers doing 15 min stints each, followed by a key speaker who talked for 45mins. There was a £10 charge/person for this event. The proceeds from this event took the society from a small debit situation for the year, to a small credit one.

All attending agreed that the meeting was of value. Although there was no immediate remedy for the problems faced by any of the societies, the fact we came together to discuss these problems was helpful. It was unanimously agreed that a networking session should be held at least annually.

Every society, in a variety of settings and locations will probably relate to the points raised in our small and short meeting. One common result of our meeting was that each society went away from it feeling less isolated than when they came to it. It would be interesting to know if our fellow societies throughout Scotland also identify with the points raised.

Editor's note: I am grateful for Stuart's report on this local networking initiative. SLHF has also launched a directory of speakers and details can be added here: [Directory of Speakers | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

Apologies to those who have contacted SLHF for the delay in replying. A glitch with our contact forms has prevented prompt responses. These enquirers are seeking your help:

■ **Belgian refugees in Scotland 1914-1918** Patrick Staes has been in touch: During the First World War, many Belgians fled to Scotland. Among them were 13 family members, all belonging to the STAES and WUYTS families. The refugees were warmly received by the Scottish population, with local authorities playing a crucial role. Patrick Staes ventures to ask if you have any information about the impact of these refugees on the local communities in general, and Bute and Glasgow in particular. Any form of information is welcome: studies, newspaper articles, photos, etc. If you can help: [Contact SLHF | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Scottish Textiles** Jenny Pearce has been in touch with the Forum: I have been engaged in some informal research regarding correspondence I was fortunate enough to access which has piqued my interest in the fashion/ textile industry in Scotland particularly during the late 1500's through to the end of the 18th Century. While the finished garments themselves are of interest I am more interested in the processes needed to procure the fabric and finishes. I was only in Scotland for a brief time last year and while I have accessed some online resources I would love to discuss this with other textile enthusiasts. Most of what I have read is more English based and I would really like a Scottish perspective. If you can help [Contact SLHF | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Polish and Italian Immigrants to Scotland** Benjamin Harris seeks help with his project: I am a PhD historian at the University of Strathclyde currently conducting a project about the lives of Polish and Italian immigrants to Scotland and their children. I am emailing because of the important work you do around local history in your community. As such, I was wondering if I could work with you in some way to spread the word

about my project, as I am hoping to gather responses from those that I may not be able to reach from my base in central Glasgow. I feel this work is important because it will allow stories to be told that are often overlooked in traditional histories in Scotland, and it would be incredible to have groups like yours involved in this. If this interests you, I have attached the poster to my survey to this email. [Contact SLHF | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Recognition of Local Marine Knowledge Survey** Chloe Mackley has also been in touch: I'm a Master's student at the University of Edinburgh researching how local knowledge is recognised in marine management. As part of the project, I've put together a short survey exploring the knowledge, observations and experiences people hold about their local marine environment, coastal heritage, and whether they feel that knowledge is listened to and valued. I wondered whether you might be willing to share the survey with your more coastal members? There's also an option at the end of the survey for anyone who'd be happy to chat a bit more through a follow-up interview. I'm hoping to hear from a wide range of people and communities around Scotland, so any help spreading the word would be hugely appreciated. Survey link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/3b9pyvi0KT>

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

The further society drifts from the truth the more it will despise those that speak it.
George Orwell

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