



SLHF NEWS

■ **AGM** The Forum's 2025 AGM was held on Monday 27 October by Zoom video conference. The meeting heard details of the Forum's activities over the year and that the accounts recorded a £5,163 surplus, which compares favourably to the £3,981 deficit reported the previous year. However, most of the surplus is the result of an error by HMRC who paid the Gift Aid claim twice! HMRC's procedures have prevented the additional money (£5,070) from being returned, instead they have advised that the Forum should retain the funds to be offset against future Gift Aid claims. Even excluding this overpayment, the Forum's finances remain healthy. The Trustees felt that no change in membership subscription rates was required, and the meeting endorsed their recommendation to maintain the current subscription rates for the membership year 2026-27.

With Andrew Jones stepping down as a trustee and Hon Secretary, there were eight Trustees standing for re-election and four new nominations. Therefore, 12 (the maximum number permitted by the Forum's Constitution) Trustees/Office Bearers were elected: Steve Connelly (Hon Chair), Jan Bateman (Hon Treasurer), Linda Riddell (Hon Secretary), Don Martin, Alison Rosie, Bill Diack, Phil Back, Claire Taylor, Julia MacDonald, Caitlin Cameron-Ramsay and Jan Polley.

Eight existing AC members had accepted nomination for re-election, Patrick Hart from the National Library of Scotland did not but suggested his colleague Suzanna Beaupre as a replacement. With this amendment, Murray Cook, Ian Shearer, Ian Copland, Sandra Purves, Iain Duffus, Derrick Johnstone, Lucy Dean, David Oswald, Eleni Koumpouzi and Suzanna Beaupre were duly elected.

In accordance with the Forum's constitution the post of Honorary President also fell to be re-elected at this year's AGM (it's a five-year appointment). Prof Chris Whatley consented to continue in this role for a further period and was duly re-elected. Full Minutes of the meeting, along with the Report and Accounts, will be available on the website in due course.

■ October was a busy month for the forum with the holding of its conference on *Popular Protest in a Scottish Local History Context* at the Wynd Centre in Paisley. Excellent presentations on the 1820 Radical Rising by Tom Dowds and David Smale, aspects of protest in the Highlands and Islands from Juliette Desportes and Iain Robertson and on two particular Glasgow protests by Chris Whatley and Phil Back. A fuller report will appear in the next issue of *Scottish Local History*.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

■ **Exploring the case for developing a National Archives and Records Strategy for Scotland.** Scottish Council on Archives (SCA) have been undertaking consultation work to gather views on the need, priorities, and potential outcomes of a national strategy to strengthen and unify the archives and records sector. Archives and records in Scotland currently lack a national strategic framework which could serve to raise visibility, attract resources, and strengthen Scotland's archival identity. Online consultation sessions are still going, make your voice heard by signing up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-archives-and-records-strategy-for-scotland-online-consultation-tickets-1828211262099?aff=odddtcreator>

■ **A Year in the Life of a Community Archive: Comunn Eachdraidh Nis (Ness Historical Society) update** This year SCA have been following Comunn Eachdraidh Nis's archive and sharing what they have been up to through a series of blog posts. The blog posts explore a range of topics such as marking their 50th anniversary and working with volunteers. In the latest one they share their experience venturing into using eHive and how they plan on making 50 years of work accessible online. Read the blog posts here: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/community-archives/a-year-in-the-life-of-a-community-archive-comunn-eachdraidh-nis-ness-historical-society>

■ **SCA Celebrated Success at Annual Conference 2025** On Thursday 20 November SCA hosted their Annual Conference 'Celebrating Success' at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. The sold-out event was a day

full of inspiring talks from across the sector and showcased the amazing work being done by a whole range of organisations and individuals.

■ **Funding Announcement: A Toolkit for Managing Deposited Collections in Archives** SCA are pleased to announce the Archives and Records Association UK & Ireland (ARA) are funding the project 'A Toolkit for Managing Deposited Collections in Archives'. The Deposited Collections Online Toolkit will support archivists (and other record-keepers) throughout the UK and Ireland in managing long-term and permanent loan arrangements. The toolkit will address widespread issues relating to provenance, legal clarity, access, and institutional risk. This initiative will provide practical guidance and advocacy resources to better equip the archive sector in managing deposited collections sustainably and ethically. Find out more: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/latest/workshops-events/funding-announcement-a-toolkit-for-managing-deposited-collections-in-archives/>

■ **SAVE THE DATE: The Community Archives and Heritage Group Scotland (CAHG Scotland)** is proud to mark its 5th anniversary this year, recognising half a decade of supporting, connecting, and inspiring Scotland's community archive and heritage sector. To celebrate they are hosting an Annual Event on 20 March 2026 celebrating intangible cultural heritage which will feature talks and performances. Call for contributions coming soon.

■ **Museums Galleries Scotland Small Grants Fund** Any organisation that runs an Accredited museum in Scotland can apply to Museums Galleries Scotland for up to £15,000 from the Small Grants Fund. This year non-Accredited museums can apply for up to £10,000. For further information and details of eligibility for non-Accredited museums: [Small Grants Fund - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)

■ **Museums and Heritage Awards** These awards celebrate the very best in the world of museums, galleries and cultural heritage visitor attractions. Do you know of any worthy institutions that deserve a nomination? Make sure you enter them into the awards by 31 January. [Museums + Heritage Awards 2026](#)

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!](#)**

■ **The Souterrains of Angus: an enigma within a mystery** Talk by John Reid to Abertay Historical Society on Wednesday, 10 December 2025 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee DD1 5EN. [Events | Abertay Historical Society](#)

■ **Carved in Stone: bringing the Picts to life** Lecture by Dr Heather Christie and Brian Tyrrell to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland on Thursday, 11 December 2025 – 6.00pm at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL and online. [Carved in Stone: Bringing the Picts to Life Tickets, Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

■ **Cowal and Kintyre in the Charters of Paisley Abbey before 1300** Online talk by Frances Bickerstaff organised by Society of Highland & Island Historical Research on Thursday, 11 December 2025 – 7.30pm. [Online lectures – Society of Highland & Island Historical Research](#)

■ **1722 The Waggonway Project, reconstructing Scotland's 1st Railway** Talk by Ed Bethune to the Gullane and Dirleton History Society on Thursday, 11 December 2025 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Gullane Village Hall, Hall Crescent, Gullane, EH31 2HA. [1722 The Waggonway Project, reconstructing Scotland's 1st Railway | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **The Bruce Domain: Annandale and the Anglo-Scottish Wars, c.1334-1384** History Scotland live webinar and Q&A with William Mulloy on Thursday, 11 December 2025 – 6.00pm. [The Bruce Domain: Annandale and the Anglo-Scottish Wars, c.1334-1384 Tickets, Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

■ **Heritage Film Evening** Organised by Dornoch Heritage Society on Friday, 12 December 2025 – 7.00pm at Dornoch Social Club. [Events | Historylinks](#)

■ **Then and Now - Photographs of Cromarty** Talk by David Kent organised by Cromarty History Society on Tuesday, 16 December 2025 – 7.30pm at Victoria Hall, Cromarty. [Cromarty History Society | TALKS PROGRAMME](#)

■ **The Curious life of a Lord Lieutenant** Talk by Alan Simpson to the Loch Ard Local History Group on Wednesday, 7 January 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Kinlochard Village Hall, Kinlochard, FK8 3TL. [The Curious life of a Lord Lieutenant | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **The Missing Lynx Project, Exploring the return of the lynx** Talk by Faith Whitley, Species Recovery Officer, who will give this lecture over Zoom to Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society on Thursday, 8 January 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at the University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

- **Our Storied Firth** Talk by Donald Smith to Dunfermline Historical Society on Thursday, 15 January 2025 - 7.30pm at Abbey Church Hall, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline KY12 7PD and online. www.dunfermlinehistsoc.org.uk
- **The History of Haddington** Talk by Hanita Richi, East Lothian's local History officer from the John Grey Centre in Haddington to Gullane and Dirleton History Society on Wednesday, 14 January 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Gullane Village Hall, Hall Crescent, Gullane, EH31 2HA. [The History of Haddington | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The lost royal lodgings of Edinburgh Castle 1093-1617, and the birthplace of Great Britain** Talk by Peter Yeoman on Thursday, 15 January 2026 at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. [The Lost Royal Lodgings of Edinburgh Castle and the Birthplace of Britain Tickets, Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Battle of Falkirk Muir (1746) 2026 Conference - 280th Anniversary** Organised by Battle of Falkirk Muir (1746) Trust at Forth Valley College, Grangemouth Road, Falkirk FK2, UK on Saturday, 17 January 2026 – 9.30am to 4.00pm. [Battle of Falkirk Muir \(1746\) 2026 Conference - 280th Anniversary Tickets, Sat 17 Jan 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)
- **John Roy Stuart - Latha Chuilodair - Battle of Falkirk 280th Anniversary** John Roy's story will be told by Michael Nevin, author of 'Reminiscences of a Jacobite', and complemented by vocals and music from the time performed by Màiri Callan, winner of the Gold Medal for Gaelic singing at the Royal National Mod in 2021 and widely recognised as one of the most gifted Gaelic vocalists and harpists of her generation, on Saturday, 17 January 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:45pm at the Muse Theatre, 24a Hill Street, Edinburgh EH2 3JZ. [John Roy Stuart - Latha Chuilodair - Battle of Falkirk 280th Anniversary | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Miss Cranston and the Willow Tearoom** Talk by Oliver Braid to the Clydebank Local History Society on Monday, 19 January 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir G81 4JH. [Talk: Miss Cranston and the Willow Tearoom - Oliver Braid | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Textiles of the Galloway Hoard** Talk by Dr Susanna Harris, University of Glasgow over Zoom to Ayrshire Archaeological & Natural History Society on Thursday, 22 January 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [Textiles of the Galloway Hoard | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Recreating colour on the margins of empire: a monument to Minerva** Talk to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 30 January 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW. [Recreating colour on the margins of empire: a monument to Minerva | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Heritage Futures Scotland – Dundee** A day of learning and networking organised by the Heritage Network aimed at young people aged 18-30 curious about a career in the heritage sector. Friday, 30 January 2026 – 11.00am to 4.00pm at Discovery Point, Discovery Quay, Dundee DD1 4XA. [Heritage Futures Scotland - Dundee Tickets, Fri 30 Jan 2026 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- **'Red Trams Go West'** Talk by Bryan Tennant, Glasgow Vintage Vehicles Trust to Clydebank Local History Society on Monday, 2 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir G81 4JH. [Talk : "Red Trams Go West" with Bryan Tennant of the GVVT | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Grants of Kilgraston: their connection with East Lothian** Talk by Richard Blake to Gullane and Dirleton History Society on Thursday, 5 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Dirleton Kirk Hall, Manse road, Dirleton EH39 5EL. [The Grants of Kilgraston: their connection with East Lothian | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The People's Dispensary** Talk to Scottish Genealogy Society by Dr Daisy Cunynghame, Heritage Manager & Librarian, of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on their recently launched website on The People's Dispensary on Monday, 9 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL and Online. [The People's Dispensary | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Gaelic in Dundee** Talk by Nicky MacCrimmon (Dundee City Council) to Abertay Historical Society on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee DD1 5EN. [Gaelic in Dundee | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The History of Duntreath Castle and Estate** Talk by Eddie Edmonstone to Loch Ard Local History Group on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Kinlochard Village Hall, Kinlochard FK8 3TL. [The History of Duntreath Castle and Estate | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **'Sappho was right': gravestones and afterlives** Talk by Dr Keava McMillan on Thursday, 12 February 2026 at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. ["Sappho Was Right": Gravestones and Afterlives Tickets, Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

■ **The Railway Revolution** Talk by June Wiggins to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society in person and streamed on Zoom on Thursday, 12 February 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA7 4PQ and online. [The Railway Revolution | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **The hidden history of fiddling in Dumfries and Galloway** Talk to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 13 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW. [The hidden history of fiddling in Dumfries and Galloway | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **'We wined them and dined them, they ate o' oor meat'** Dr Eddie Stewart, Archaeology Scotland will explain the archaeology of the MacDonalds of Glencoe in the 17th and 18th centuries to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society on Thursday, 26 February 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [We wined them and dined them, they ate o' oor meat | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Dumfries Soup Kitchens** Talk to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 27 February 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW. [Dumfries Soup Kitchens | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **The Covenanters** Talk by Warwick Louth to Clydebank Local History Society on Monday, 2 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir G81 4JH. [Talk: "The Covenanters" by Warwick Louth | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **The Early Burgh of Stirling** Talk by Professor Richard Oram to Loch Ard Local History Group on Wednesday, 4 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Kinlochard Village Hall, Kinlochard FK8 3TL. [The Early Burgh of Stirling | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Scots Emigrants to East New Jersey in the 1680s** Talk by Derrick Johnstone to Scottish Genealogy Society on Monday, 9 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL and online. [Scots Emigrants to East New Jersey in the 1680s | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Rediscovering 'The Church by the water': Monastic Archaeology Field School excavations in 2024 and 2025** Talk by Derek Hall to Abertay Historical Society on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Lecture Theatre 2, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee DD1 5EN. [Rediscovering 'The Church by the water': Monastic Archaeology Field School excavations in 2024 and 2025 | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **East Lothian at war: the human story** Talk by David Haire to Gullane and Dirleton History Society on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm at Gullane Village Hall, Hall Crescent, Gullane EH31 2HA. ["East Lothian at war: the human story" | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **At the far end of everything: A likely Late Upper Palaeolithic presence on the Isle of Skye** Talk by Professor Karen Hardy on Thursday, 12 March 2026 at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. [At the Far End of Everything: A Likely Ahrensburgian Presence on Skye Tickets, Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

■ **Scotland in 100 buildings** Talk by Roger Emmerson to Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society on Thursday, 12 March 2026 - 7:15pm to 8:30pm at The University of the West of Scotland, University Avenue, Ayr KA8 0SX and online. [Scotland in 100 buildings | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Habitat management and wildlife at Castle Loch, Lochmaben** Talk to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 13 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW. [Habitat management and wildlife at Castle Loch, Lochmaben | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **85 years on: the Blitz remembered** This will comprise a video of interviews that were made with local people in later life, whose families had experienced the Clydebank Blitz. Perhaps there will be further members' stories and memories to add to the film. Hosted by Clydebank Local History Society on Monday, 16 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir G81 4JH. ["85 years on: the Blitz remembered" - | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **From knocks to clocks: keeping Dumfries and Galloway on time through the years** Talk to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society on Friday, 27 March 2026 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW. [From knocks to clocks: keeping Dumfries and Galloway on time through the years | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Wrighting Wrongs – the story of a Dundee dynasty** by Roger Illsley. Triennium Publications, October 2025, 160pp, £37.50, ISBN1036929566. [Wrighting Wrongs – the story of a Dundee dynasty – The Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee](#)
- **King's Seat, Dunkeld: Excavations of a Royal Centre of the Southern Picts, 2017-21** by David Strachan, Cathy McIver, Andy Heald. Archaeopress, Bicester, November 2025, 246pp., 85 figures, 20 tables, 130 plates (colour throughout), hardback £35.00, ISBN9781805831174, digital free to download, ISBN9781805831181. [Archaeopress](#)
- **Perth Academy – A History** by Muriel Dunbar, Alan MacDonald. Tippermuir Books Ltd, Perth, paperback £11.99. [Perth Academy A History – Tippermuir Books Ltd.](#)
- **A Gentleman of Great Enterprise: William Sandeman (1722-1790) - Perthshire Entrepreneur and Cotton Pioneer** by Anthony Cooke. Tippermuir Books Ltd, Perth, November 2025, 130pp, paperback £10.99, ISBN9781913836511. [A Gentleman of Great Enterprise: William Sandeman \(1722-1790\) – Tippermuir Books Ltd.](#)
- **Treasures of the National Records of Scotland**. NRS, Edinburgh, March 2025, 116 pp, paperback £24.99, ISBN9780995777620. [Treasures of National Records of Scotland | Scotland's People](#)
- **Barrowland** by Alison Irvine. Luath Press Ltd, Edinburgh. Paperback £20.00, ISBN9781804252567. [Discover the Heart of Glasgow's Music Scene in Barrowland – Luath Press](#)
- **Scottish Bastards - Illegitimacy in Scotland** by Alex Wood. Luath Press Ltd, Edinburgh, paperback £14.99, ISBN9781804252383. [Scottish Bastards: Illegitimacy in Scotland's History – Luath Press](#)
- **Scottish Art & Artists in Historical and Contemporary Context** by Bill Hare. Luath Press Ltd, Edinburgh, paperback £16.99, ISBN9781804251126 [Scottish Artists in an Age of Radical Change: A Deep Dive into Art – Luath Press](#)
- **The Story so Far - 150 Years of Hibernian Football Club** by Tom Wright. Luath Press Ltd, Edinburgh, hardback £25.00, ISBN9781804252529 [The Story So Far: Hibernian FC's 150-Year Legacy Uncovered – Luath Press](#)
- **Scotland's Sacred Goddess** by Stuart McHardy. Luath Press Ltd, Edinburgh, paperback £9.99, ISBN9781804251652. [Scotland's Sacred Goddess: Uncovering Ancient Myths – Luath Press](#)

HISTORY NEWS

- Jane Haining's memory has been honoured by a plaque recently unveiled in Edinburgh. She was matron at the Scottish Mission School in Budapest, which had about 400 day and boarder pupils aged from six to 16 years old, and were a mixture of Jews and Christians. She helped keep the children safe until she was betrayed and arrested by German officers in April 1944 and murdered in Auschwitz shortly thereafter. [Plaque for Scottish Holocaust victim unveiled in Edinburgh - BBC News](#)
- Kinneil Estate, venue for a SLHF walk and talk in 2022, has been in the news regarding proposed improvements. There is, however, local concern over plans to close the Kinneil Museum. [Masterplan to improve historic Falkirk park approved despite criticism from locals | STV News](#)

WEBSITES

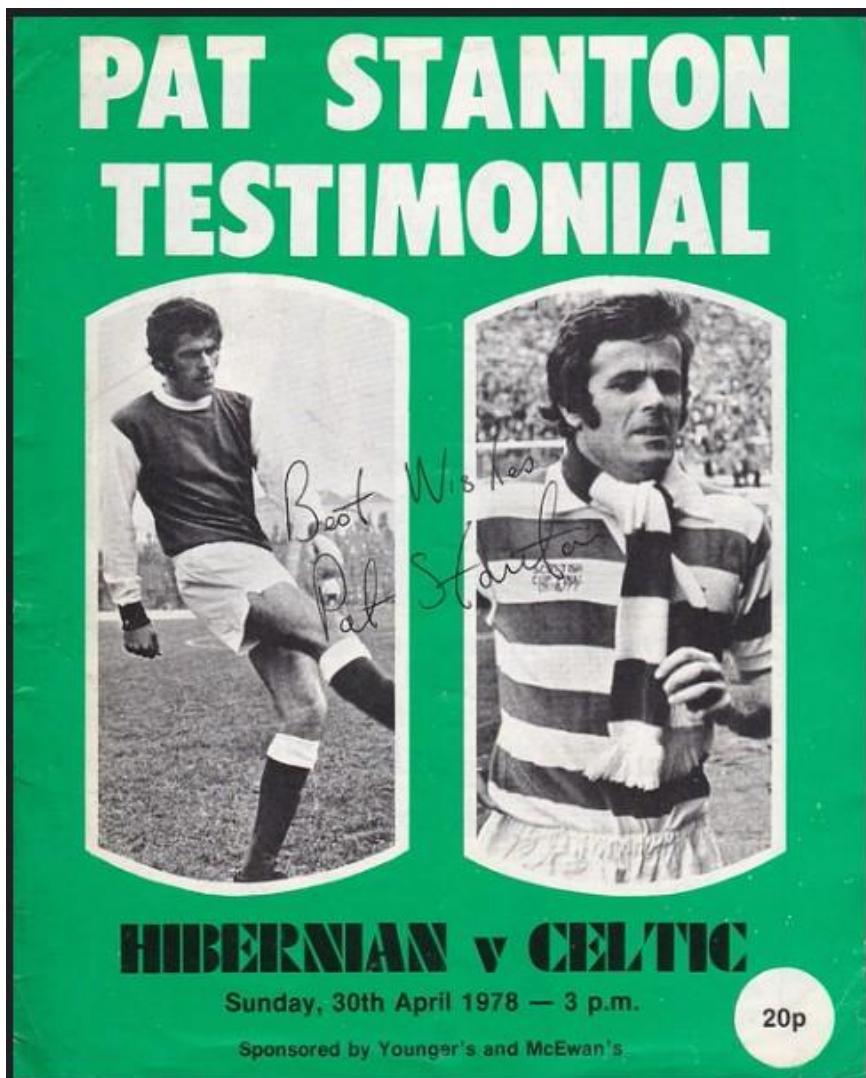
- At our recent conference in Paisley we heard from Dr Juliette Desportes and Associate Professor Iain Robertson of the University of the Highlands and Islands on the collaborative *Landscapes of Protest* project. More information about the project is available on its website. There are already a couple of blogs to read, including one from our Honorary President, Professor Chris Whatley. [Landscapes of Protest - Resistance to 'improvement' in the Highlands and Islands](#)

BLOGS

- Scotland's People website has recently published an article by Jessica Evershed, Outreach and Learning Archivist at NRS on the origins of Hibernian Football Club as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. [How it all kicked off: celebrating Hibernian F.C.'s anniversary | Scotland's People](#)



The newly-formed Hibernian team in 1876



Autographed cover of Pat Stanton's testimonial match programme, 1978: with permission from [Miles McClagan](#) via Flickr

WATCH & LISTEN

- In our last edition we mentioned changes are afoot in *In Our Time* with Melvyn Bragg stepping down after more than 1,000 episodes. Before leaving he chose some favourites from the massive archive. An episode from 2011 simply called *The Moon* is well worth your time as are [several others](#). These include *Tutankhamun* and *The Waltz*. All absolutely amazing.
- Another brilliant find is the YouTube page of the BBC Archive. Programmes such as *Man Alive*, *Tomorrow's World* as well as a sports section will help you get through the long dark evenings of the winter.
<https://www.youtube.com/@BBCArchive>
- Today in Parliament has recently celebrated its 80th birthday from 9 October 1945. In a [special edition](#) the background to and several highlights of subsequent programmes are shared with us.
- Elsewhere in the world of politics *Week in Westminster* is a regular feature of BBC Radio 4 and in recognition of what would have been Margaret Thatcher's 100th birthday includes an interesting interview with Lord Heseltine. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002l1yz>
- Meanwhile Archive on 4 keeps producing some wonderful listening. A couple of recent programmes included [A People's History of Gaza](#), told through the memories of people who lived through it. [War & Peace: The UN at 80](#) gives a fascinating history about this organisation. It also explores its history, achievements and fight to remain a peacekeeping force.
- The Findhorn Garden was founded in 1962 and in this excellent programme Jonathan Webb listens out for audio experience of fairies, fauna and nature spirits at this unique community. He draws extensively from the Findhorn archive. This is a worthwhile portrait of a unique community.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002l231>
- Digging for Britain never fails to impress. It's now into its 12th season and in [episode 3 of series 12](#) Alice Roberts joins a team of archaeologists investigating a tomb as old as the great pyramids in Egypt. A repeat of an [episode](#) has a focus on a stone carving from the early medieval period is excellent and features work by a community group—Rescuers Of Old Kilmadock who were assisted by Dr. Murray Cook.
- History's Toughest Heroes featured Constance Bulwer-Lytton who was a suffragette. She was an aristocrat who experienced forced feeding and other indignities once she chose to portray herself as a working-class activist. Her story is powerfully narrated by Ray Winstone. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002ld5q>
- [Empire with David Olusoga](#) was a 4-part series which chronicled the complex and often controversial legacy which spanned one fifth of the world at its height. It made Friday evening worth looking forward to. Rightly described by one critic as 'top-drawer TV'.
- The Rise of Rupert Murdoch: Making of a Mogul is associated with the podcast *The Rest is Politics* and is an excellent mini-series. You may have to subscribe to access it depending on where you get your podcasts from.
- [Antiques Roadshow](#) had a recent visit to Hill of Tarvit Mansion and Garden in Fife. Items featured included a jug designed by Picasso and a world map embroidered by a young girl in 1794. You will also see a painting by Jack Vettriano. There are 3 programmes to view on iPlayer.
- [Once Upon A Time in Space](#) This highly personal look at the space race interviews those involved in the 70s programme that destroyed the dominance of white, male astronauts. It's a relatable watch which makes the cosmos seem smaller. It was presented over 4 episodes on BBC Two.
- The World at One on BBC Radio 4 celebrates its 60th year. Some amazing historical events in their highlights: [over 400 hundred clips](#). Listen again for programmes during W/B 10/11/2025 to get some gems from the presenters.
- [The Everest Obsession](#) is a programme where we hear the personal stories of climbing Everest in a series that was first aired to mark the 10th anniversary of an avalanche that killed 16 sherpas. Chris Bonington is one of the contributors.
- For a little nostalgia check out Z-Cars available on Talking Pictures TV.
<https://talkingpicturestv.co.uk/schedule/>
- [Steam Train Diaries](#) travels far and wide looking at heritage railways. The programme also features the many volunteers who are so vital for these aspects of our living heritage. Available to stream via C4 streaming.
- [Materials of State](#) was a BBC Radio Series presented by Professor David Cannadine who explains the symbolism of five objects that made the British constitution unique which includes the Union Jack and the Stone of Destiny.
- [The Old Front Line](#) is a podcast series which started in 2020 and relives the battles of the First World War with vivid realism. Most of the episodes are lecture based on stories that military historian Paul Reed has picked up during more than 40 years of research.

■ [Civilisations: Rise and Fall](#) has recently been aired on BBC Two and is a handsomely produced series. A plethora of academics chart the rise and fall of Ancient Rome, Cleopatra's Egypt, the samurai of Japan and the lost world of the Aztecs. A wealth of treasures from the British Museum brings the stories to life along with dramatic reconstructions.

■ [The Man in the Mask: an Orkney Murder](#) takes us back to 1994 when a Bangladeshi waiter was shot dead in Orkney. In this 3-part programme journalist Hazel Martin tells the whole gripping tale without neglecting the duty of care to the victim's disbelieving friends.

■ [Our Story on BBC Radio Scotland](#) has as its focus The Riding for the Disabled Association also known as RDA which was founded in 1969. Mark Stephen hears from the dedicated volunteers and participants who create a special bond between humans and horses.

■ **The National Records of Scotland** has recently uploaded a couple of talks to its YouTube channel that may be of interest: [Her father's daughter? How Mary, Queen of Scots governed - YouTube](#) by Dr Amy Blakeway, University of St Andrews, and [Tourism in Scotland: a history of holidays - YouTube](#) by Professor Rab Houston, Professor Emeritus in History, University of St Andrews.

■ **Abertay Historical Society** also loads its monthly talks onto its YouTube channel. [abertay historical society - YouTube](#)

■ **The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** also has many of its public lectures recorded and available to view. [Recorded Lectures - Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#)



Mary, Queen of Scots (The Antwerp Portrait) courtesy of Scottish Borders Council and Greetings from Broughty Ferry 'The Brighton of the North' courtesy of Steve Connelly.

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

“Turmoil returns to the BBC almost as regularly as Alan Partridge.”

Henry Mance in the *Financial Times*.

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