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SLHF NEWS

Welcome to Issue 54 of *Clish-Clash* and we hope that you have been enjoying the summer and the opportunities to get out and about that it has provided.

■ A reminder that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Local History Forum will take place on Monday 24 October at 6 pm online via Zoom, anyone can attend, but only individual members and those representing organisational members can vote. Further details are available through this link:

<https://www.slhf.org/event/slhf-annual-general-meeting>.

■ We have vacancies for trustees for the ensuing year and would like to hear from any member interested in serving. There are four meetings a year and most of these will continue to be held online. We are also looking for people to serve on our advisory committee. This meets twice a year and is most valuable in helping the forum meet its aim of stimulating and encouraging interest in local history and heritage in Scotland. The purpose of the advisory committee is to represent to the trustees the views of member local history societies and other organisations affiliated to the forum. If you are interested in becoming a trustee or representing your society or institution on the advisory committee then please email scottishlocalhistoryforum@gmail.com.

■ Issue 113 of *Scottish Local History* has already dropped through members' letter boxes and a splendid edition it is too. Work is already well underway on issue 114 and our redoubtable editor, Don Martin, has intimated that the main articles will be chosen from the following: Graham Clark: 'Corrugated Iron Halls in Scotland'; Anthony Cooke: 'Famed for its Mills' [Perth Mills]; Chris Hawksworth: 'The 1884 Typhoid Outbreak in Benslie, Fergushill and Glasgow'; Peter Hoad: 'Conflict over Cholera' [Edinburgh, 1832]; James Kennedy: 'It Started with Rob Roy' [Film-making in the Trossachs]; Margaret Kennedy: 'Murder in Tinwald Parish' and Douglas Lockhart: 'Palaces of Light and Luxury' [Roller rinks in the north of Scotland].

■ Our long-serving membership secretary, Doris Williamson, has now officially retired from the post. A bunch of flowers has been presented to her on behalf of the trustees and members. A tribute to her various contributions and long involvement in the work of the forum is included in *SLH* 113.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ **National Records of Scotland:** A group of 78 Scottish historians and organisations have signed an open letter calling for the removal of all access restrictions at the NRS in Edinburgh. You can read the letter using this link <https://www.oldscottish.com/blog/open-letter-to-nrs#comments>

In response a spokesperson for NRS said 'Our services are delivered from historic listed buildings with particular challenges in terms of ventilation and building layout and so, in common with many other organisations, this has meant changes to how services are delivered and safe occupancy levels. Since last year, we have progressively increased capacity and the range of services available using a booking system to ensure fairness.'

■ **We are grateful to Dr Douglas Lockhart for this latest update**

The Historical Search Room in NRS has reopened – I was there last Wednesday morning (17 August). Reader spaces do not seem to have increased significantly. Five hard copy readers present plus myself on Virtual Volumes at a pc. However, there are no longer set times when a reader with an appointment can arrive – previously it was staggered. No copying from Virtual Volumes because NRS is in the process of creating a new payment system – however up to two free copies from Virtual Volumes can be requested. Waiting times for an appointment remain very long due to what I was told - 'NRS being exceptionally busy' – 7-8 weeks has been my average and that was the same for my most recent visit.

■ **Balfour Papers:** The National Records of Scotland has purchased the family papers of Arthur Balfour, prime minister, 1902-1905. Further details are available on this link:

[Balfour family papers bought for the nation | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/news/balfour-family-papers-bought-for-the-nation)

■ The shortlist for the **Family Friendly Museum Award 2022** has been announced by its organiser Kids in Museums, a charity dedicated to making museums open and welcoming to children, young people and families. **The Riverside Museum** in **Glasgow** is in the running in the Best Large Museum category. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in London in October. <https://tinyurl.com/496t6585>

■ For those historians frustrated by gaps in Irish records you might want to have a look at *The virtual Record Treasury of Ireland* — an all-island and international legacy for the Decade of Centenaries. The Treasury re-imagines and reconstructs through digital technologies the Public Record Office of Ireland, a magnificent archive destroyed on 30 June 1922, in the opening engagement of the Civil War. This is an open-access resource, freely and permanently available online to all those interested in Ireland's deep history at home and abroad. <https://virtualtreasury.ie/>

■ **Historic Environment Scotland (HES)** announced in late June that St Columba's Church on St Vincent Street in Glasgow has been granted Category A listed status.

[St Columba's Church in Glasgow listed at category A | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

■ Our thanks to Douglas Lockhart for the following item:

Visits to Ayrshire Archives HQ in July Ayrshire Archives in Ayr have re-opened to researchers in their new purpose-built premises in South Harbour Street overlooking the River Ayr. The search room is very well appointed, and the large windows provide welcome natural light. The Archives in Ayr are open by appointment each Tuesday: 9.30-1.00 and 2.00-4.00 with a long-term projected capacity of around four archive readers per session. I booked my appointment by e-mail giving details of the items that I wished to see and was pleasantly surprised to be given an appointment in about 10 days. The pre-ordered items were several volumes of minutes of Stevenston Parish Council and of Stevenston Town Council and these were waiting for me on arrival. It was possible to order two additional volumes during my first visit. I returned the following week to complete research when I was the only customer in the search room. Digital photography is permitted and costs £1 per image or £5 for a half-day or £10 for a whole-day permit. It is likely that the local Registrars will offer facilities for family history research in the near future, with archives and family history sharing the same room.

A long sequence of volumes of Valuation Rolls and Electoral Registers of the County of Ayr are on open access shelves in the search room which also contain a selection of local books; some Ayr Trades Directories and pamphlet boxes on miscellaneous subjects. Staff were approachable and extremely helpful. The Carnegie Library which has an impressive Scottish and local history library (visits currently by appointment) is 5 minutes distant. The Archives are only a short walk from Ayr town centre and less than 10 minutes walking from the bus station and about 20 minutes from the railway station. Street car parking in the vicinity of the Archives is limited to a three hour stay.

Ayrshire Archives HQ, South Harbour Street, Ayr KA7 1JA Email: archives@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Tel: 01292 616260

■ Ayrshire Archives also offers search facilities in East Ayrshire at the Burns Monument Centre, Kay Park, Kilmarnock which has re-opened to customers. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the search room in North Ayrshire at Irvine Town House continue to be restricted due to COVID protocols.



Ayrshire Archives

■ **The National Library of Scotland** provides a wide range of talks and workshops, many with a strong local history theme. Before Covid-19 these were run in the Library, but were made available online at the beginning of the pandemic. Audiences are bigger, and researchers from around the world can now attend. The main local history events are:

- Introduction to Family History
- Maps for Family and Local History
- Navigating the Maps Website
- House History
- Women's Lives and Writing
- Exploring the Climate Crisis at NLS

The current programme is listed on the NLS website

– <https://www.nls.uk/events/workshops-and-tours> – and each event appears between three and one weeks before it happens (this varies depending on the workshop). A link leads to Eventbrite where the talk or workshop can be booked. Please be aware that these events fill up very quickly, so it is advisable to ask Eventbrite to send an automatic reminder when an event becomes bookable.



St Andrews

■ **National Library of Scotland - New Roy Military Survey of Scotland Gazetteer:** Thanks to the fantastic work of a set of enthusiastic volunteers earlier this year, all the names from the Roy Military Survey of Scotland Maps of Scotland (1747-1755) are now fully searchable. Collectively, over 180 people worked on the project between February and July 2022 and 33,523 names were captured: 16,425 for the Highlands and 17,097 for the Lowlands. As well as being strikingly attractive to look at, the Roy Map is of value for researching many types of landscape history, including woodland, land-use, roads, settlements and antiquities. For many Highland areas, it is the most detailed and informative map that is available for the entire 18th century, whilst for all areas of the Scottish mainland, the only standardised topographic map prior to the Ordnance Survey mapping in the 19th century. It is useful to stress that the names in the new Roy Gazetteer are not just for settlements, but also for natural features such as glens, lochs, and mountains, as well as other man-made features such as roads, kirks and mills. The names can be keyword searched using a map interface to generate distribution maps of particular name elements. It is also possible to zoom in on the Roy Map and view all of the names in a particular area, or click on a name on the map to view its transcription. The names can also be browsed as an alphabetical list which can be filtered. The transcription workflow also recorded related or nearby names from the Ordnance Survey 1st edition mapping from a century later in order to help searching and provide additional context for the Roy names. The gazetteer can also be downloaded in accessible formats for onward use and research.

- Roy Gazetteer information page: <https://maps.nls.uk/roy/gazetteer/>
- Search the Roy Names with a map: <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/roy/>
- Browse all the Roy Names as a list: <https://maps.nls.uk/roy/gazetteer/browse/a-c.html>

The screenshot shows the National Library of Scotland's Roy Military Survey of Scotland Gazetteer interface. The interface includes a search bar, a map of Scotland, and a table of results for 'kirk' names in the Roy Highlands layer. A pop-up window displays details for a specific kirk.

Search Results - 382 "kirk" names in the Roy Highlands layer:

Roy Name	OS Nearby Name	Parish	County
Aberdeen Kirk	Aberdeen Ch	Aberdeen	Fortarney
Aberdeen Kirk	Church Auch	Aberdeen	Ross-shire
Aberdeen Kirk	Church Auchterderran	Auchterderran	Fife
Aberdeen Kirk	Angus Church	Angus	Fife
Aberdeen Kirk	Church (Remains of) Auch	Auch	Strathclyde
Aberdeen Kirk	Castle		
Aberdeen Kirk	Antiquary Chronica All an	Glenelg Kintail	Ross-shire
Aberdeen Kirk	Leid Chalmers		
Aberdeen Kirk	Church Alva	Alva	Strathclyde
Aberdeen Kirk	Church Loch Alvie	Alvie	Inverness-shire
Aberdeen Kirk	Church	Duffus Alives	Elginshire
Aberdeen Kirk	Widman	Andersie	Inverness-shire
Aberdeen Kirk	Auchtergavren Church	Auchtergavren	Perthshire
Aberdeen Kirk	Banniskirk	Bower Halkirk	Caithness
Aberdeen Kirk	Church Benholm	Benholm	Kincardineshire
Aberdeen Kirk	Benholm Church (Remains of)	Forbes Easter Liff and Benrie	Forfarshire Perthshire
Aberdeen Kirk	St Bride's Church (in ruins) Old Blair	Blair Atholl	Perthshire
Aberdeen Kirk	Stary Ford Kilsdale	King Edward	Barrenshire
Aberdeen Kirk	Buchanan Smithy	Buchanan Drymen	Strathclyde
Aberdeen Kirk	All an Rian	Tongue	Sutherland

Pop-up window details:

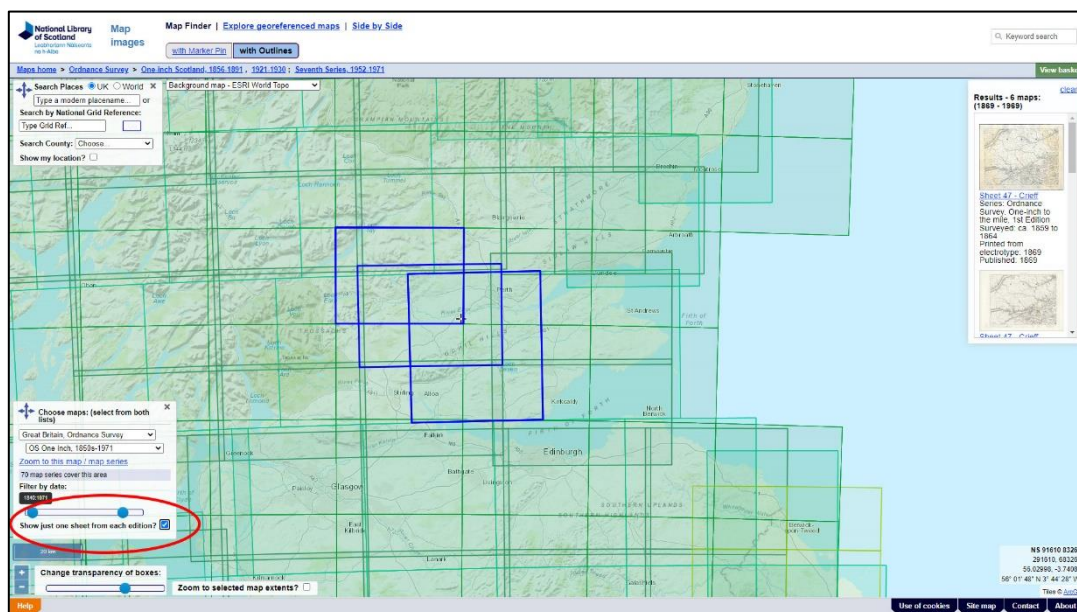
- ID: H1407
- Roy Name: Kirk of Auchterderran: Kirk of Auchterderran
- OS Name: Church | Station of Auchterderran
- Parish: Auchterderran
- County: Perthshire
- Roy Map Reference: CC 1.4.4.1
- 1832

Roy Gazetteer

■ **National Library of Scotland - Complete Set of OS One-Inch Maps of Scotland Now Online:** We have added 348 new Ordnance Survey One-Inch to the mile (1:63,360) engraved maps online. We now have a comprehensive set of all our OS one-inch to the mile single-sheet maps of Scotland available on our website. This includes two new 'hills' editions at one-inch to the mile scale, with relief shown by hachures (horizontal lines following the direction of the slope). We have also added a number of variant states of these OS one-inch maps, including those with railway additions, minor corrections, different printings, and different colour. By giving coverage of a wider area than the larger six-inch and 25 inch to the mile maps, the one-inch series is particularly useful in showing an overview of significant landscape changes such as urbanisation, changes to roads, and forestry developments. It is also possible to filter the OS One-Inch maps in our Map Finder viewer to return just one map per edition. This can be useful for those just interested in one-inch maps covering a place which incorporate more significant landscape revision.

- Further information and links: <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#130>
- Search using the Map Finder viewer: <https://maps.nls.uk/openlayers/?id=1>

The NLS Map Finder viewer, with the new checkbox circled, which allows one-inch maps to be filtered to return just one map per edition.



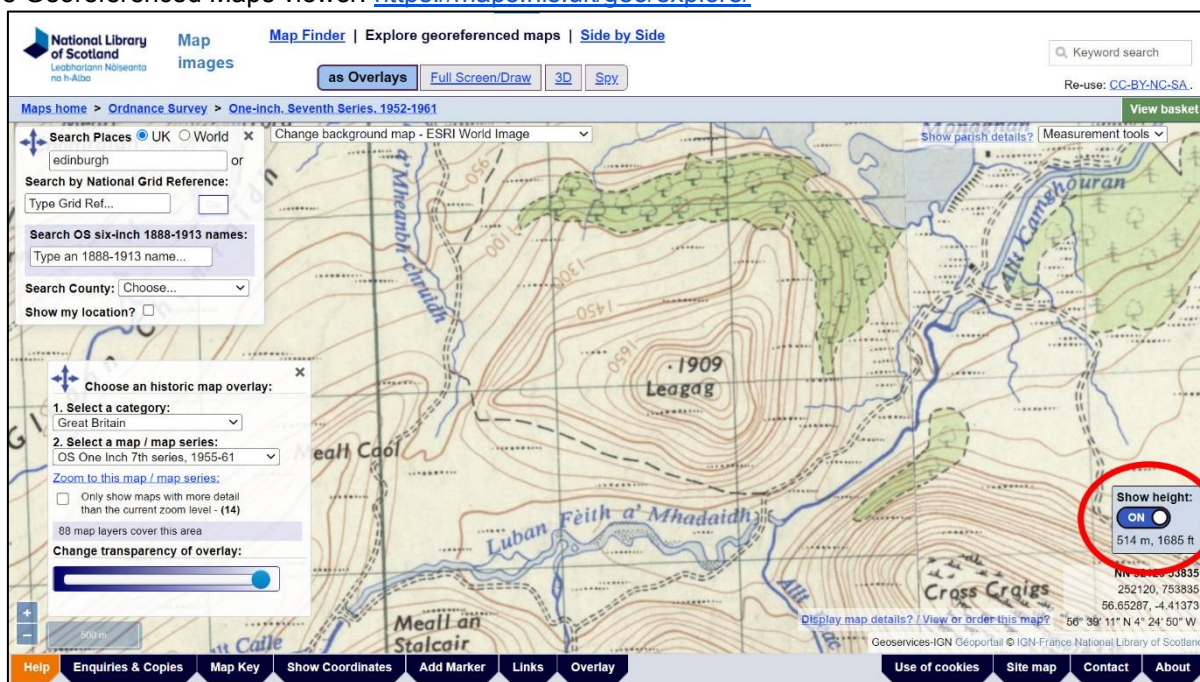
■ **Cairt Newsletter and New Subject Index:** The July issue of the Scottish Maps Forum's *Cairt* newsletter carried updates of the recent NLS map transcription projects, details of new publications, recent estate map acquisitions, and website updates. It also carried a detailed research article by John Moore on the Lanarkshire surveyor Robert Park, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1839.

To commemorate 20 years of *Cairt*, Diana Webster has also helpfully compiled a Subject Index to the first 40 issues of *Cairt*.

- Cairt July 2022 newsletter: <https://maps.nls.uk/cairt/cairt41.pdf>
- Cairt Subject Index: https://maps.nls.uk/cairt/Cairt_subject_index_1-40.pdf

■ **NLS: New 'Show Height' Function for Georeferenced Maps:** We have recently added a toggle button allowing you to view the height under your cursor in our *Explore Georeferenced Maps* viewer. This could hopefully be useful particularly when looking at our larger-scale OS maps, which do not have contours. For those maps with contours, it could be useful too for finding the direction of slope or when the contour values are not shown nearby. These heights are generally to the nearest 30 metres, so are less accurate than bench marks or spot heights shown on OS maps, but can be useful in giving approximate heights where these are not present. The data is obtained via the Géoportail Altimétrie Web Map Service, using height data from the N.A.S.A. Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM3) Global Digital Terrain Model.

Explore Georeferenced Maps viewer: <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/>



Create a listing for your library, archive or museum in the SLHF Directory of local history resources. It is easy to do and free, just go to <https://www.slhf.org/submit-listing>

SOCIETIES

■ **Society of Antiquaries Scotland** The Society began publishing its annual journal in 1851. Today, the [Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#) is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal of new research on all aspects of Scotland's past. The upcoming volume 152 is now open for submissions. Send enquiries to the Managing Editor at editor@socantscot.org. The deadline is **Wednesday 30 November 2022**. Submissions are welcome from both Fellows and non-Fellows of the Society, including early-career researchers, established academics and independent scholars.

■ **Friends of Thomas Muir** have made a representation to Historic Environment Scotland requesting that Huntershill House Category B Listing be raised to Category A Listing.
<http://www.thomasmuir.co.uk/friendsofthomasmuir.html>

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WEBSITES

■ **The Scottish Council on Archives** website now has a straightforward **guide to copyright**. Created by **Dr Ellie Pridgeon**, this brief guide seeks to demystify this notorious and complicated subject, offering clear guidance on topics including duration, exceptions, and exhibitions. As an archives consultant, Ellie works with a range of heritage organisations, including museums, universities, charities and community archives. She was also copyright consultant for Naomi Korn Associates. Ellie has also delivered SCA's popular webinar series on Understanding Copyright, [SCA-Copyright-Guidance.pdf \(scottisharchives.org.uk\)](#)

■ The family history website **Ancestry** has added a collection of **British Army attestation registers** from **Edinburgh**. The collection covers 1796-1857. <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62349/>

■ **Naval history** can be a subject of enormous interest. Here's a website to help you along the way <https://www.naval-history.net/>

■ **Sport** Explore the heritage of sport across Europe <https://www.europeana.eu/en/sport>

■ **Lost Glasgow** is an internet page devoted to the documentation, discussion and appreciation of Glasgow's changing architecture and its community throughout the last few centuries, and more!

Acting as an online, interactive archive 'Lost Glasgow' allows its followers to share, discuss and learn from the city's colourful past through like-minded individuals and even the city's own residents.

All images have been submitted by individuals or groups from their own private collections, are images that have collected and received explicit permission to upload and recreate, or that have been sourced from websites/collectors' archives that offer free and welcome distribution of their material. Copyright holders are credited on each post and within their relevant album. <https://www.lostglasgow.scot/about/>

■ **The Scottish Roads Archive** is the largest private collection of roads and transportation records and photographs in Scotland. <https://www.scottishroadsarchive.org/>

■ **The Aviation and Aerospace Archives Initiative** The aim is to signpost relevant archive collections to anyone wishing to learn more about the history of the UK's aircraft manufacturing industry.
<https://ukaeroarchives.wordpress.com/>

■ The **'Railway Work, Life & Death project'** is a joint initiative between the University of Portsmouth, the National Railway Museum (NRM) and the Modern Records Centre at the University of Warwick (MRC). They also work with other institutions including The National Archives of the UK. You can find out about railway worker accidents in Britain and Ireland from the late 1880s to 1939. <https://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/>

There is also a useful blog on this subject:

<https://www.balh.org.uk/blog-railway-work-life-and-death-project-2022-08-05>

■ A new website from **Spirit of the Highlands and Islands**, filled with stories from across the region, is now available to visit. **Spirit: Stories** is an online archive of tales submitted to the Spirit of the Highlands and Islands project from people who live, work and travel in the region. <https://discoverhighlandsandislands.scot/archive>

■ **The Immeasurable Wilds: Travellers to the Far North of Scotland** is a website created by Alastair Mitchell. This extensive website should keep those with an interest in Sutherland and Ross-shire very busy. <https://www.theimmeasurablewilds-sutherland.co.uk/>

■ **Scottish Historic Buildings Trust** has a website that may be of interest to local historians. It includes details of their lecture series. <https://www.shbt.org.uk/news-events/>

■ **War Memorials Trust** works to protect and conserve war memorials in the UK. The charity provides free advice to anyone as well as running grant schemes to support repair and conservation projects. You can find a range of resources on this website to help you engage with our unique war memorial heritage.

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

■ **Jisc Library Hub Discover** exposes rare and unique research material by bringing together the catalogues of major UK and Irish libraries. In a single search you can discover the holdings of the UK's National Libraries (including the British Library), many university libraries, and specialist research libraries. This service replaces Copac and

SUNCAT, providing access to a growing range of library catalogues, with a new interface style and updated search facilities, with more changes in the pipeline. <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>



■ A new **online, free and monthly magazine** reports the news from 200 years ago as if it was happening now, and in today's language. **200 Magazine** makes use of contemporary newspapers, magazines, diaries and images from the 1820s. The front section contains news coverage from then, and the back pages link them to now, highlighting related visitor attractions, websites, books, magazines, organisations, and TV/film/radio output. News stories in the first three editions have included the deaths of the poet Shelley and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Castlereagh, a famine in Ireland, construction under way on the Stockton and Darlington railway, and a big slave revolt in the USA. Other famous names featured have included Constable and Turner, William Wordsworth, and Madame Tussaud. In Scotland, stories we have so far reported include the start of King George IV's historic visit and the duel between James Stuart and Sir Alexander Boswell, with the opening of the Caledonian Canal to come this autumn. At the magazine's website - <https://www.200livinghistory.info/> - you can sign up to receive an alert when future editions are published.

BOOK REVIEWS

Hood, John, *Old Polmont, Laurieston and Brightons* ISBN 978 1 84033 911 6

Byrom, Bernard, *Old Blair Atholl, Killiecrankie and Struan* ISBN 978 1 84033 929 1

Byrom Bernard, *Old Dingwall* ISBN 978 1 84033 930 7

Three more photo-albums in the 'Old ...' series published by Stenlake Publishing Ltd of Catrine, Ayrshire, were issued in the first half of 2022. All are in the familiar 'landscape' style, with 48 internal pages of vintage black & white pictures, priced at £11.95 each. They are very similar to the same publisher's 'Then and Now' series, except that the latter features modern colour views, alternating with vintage b&w pictures of the same scene on every facing page. Occasionally the 'Old ...' series has colour pictures on the end papers, but the present trio can only muster one between them – a colour representation of the heraldic blazon of Dingwall on the inside front cover of *Old Dingwall*.

Old Polmont, Laurieston and Brightons is a posthumous publication researched by the late John Hood, one of Stenlake's most prolific authors. He was also well-known as a speaker at local history society meetings, especially in the Glasgow area and Clydebank, where he was Chief Librarian for some years. SLHF tribute was paid in a review of his *Clydebank – Then and Now*, published in *SLH* 105 (Spring 2020), which we believed to be his final book. However, in *Old Polmont*, just published, there is a tribute on behalf of Stenlake by editor Lewis Hutton. Hutton confirms that his own task was to prepare a narrative from John Hood's 'copious notes, backed up by extensive research', which were typical of John's industrious approach. All of the images in the book are very well annotated. They cover the usual range of subjects found in a Stenlake album, but perhaps the 'mix' is even more varied than usual as the book deals with a locality comprising several villages, not all of which are named in the title, whilst Polmont itself has had a flexible location, influenced by the ongoing development of transport routes including the Edinburgh-Stirling turnpike, the main Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway and the M9 motorway. The book has some interesting stories, including the rapid rise and equally rapid fall of Blairlodge boarding school, with the buildings used for Polmont Young Offenders Institution and with Blairlodge 'old boys' campaigning against the school name being used for the borstal.

Old Blair Atholl, Killiecrankie and Struan and *Old Dingwall* are both prepared by Bernard Byrom, another of Stenlake's regular authors. *Old Blair Atholl* is especially strong on country houses and other countryside buildings. *Old Dingwall* has many views of a military nature, including a life-sized model of a 'British Legion Tank' in Dingwall's procession at the time of the Coronation of King George VI, images relating to the controversial local hero Sir Hector Macdonald, and various HLI images, including local marching processions. Both of the Byrom albums have good representation of local transport, especially railways.

RADIO AND PODCAST

■ To mark the opening of **Treasures of the National Library of Scotland**, NLS have asked some of Scotland's real-life national treasures to select their favourite items from the exhibition in a new weekly podcast series.

<https://www.nls.uk/treasures/podcast/>

Meanwhile some more gems from **BBC Sounds**:

■ **Archive on 4: Sir Alex Ferguson-Made in Govan** BBC Radio Manchester presenter Mike Sweeney and former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson go back a long way. They used to play football together and bonded over their love of music from the 60s. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0015tw6>

■ **The Museums That Make Us** Neil MacGregor travels the length and breadth of the country to find out how Britain's museums use their collections to reflect the identity and ambitions of local communities. This new series for BBC Radio Four celebrating the museums to be found in all corners of Britain including a visit to Stornoway and Edinburgh. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0015474>

■ **The Caretakers** This programme takes us behind the scenes to meet the people who really know our museums, galleries and country homes - because they clean them! Well worth a listen including Doreen who works at the Glasgow Women's Library. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m00162tm>

■ **Cold as a Mountain Top** Robert Macfarlane cites the work of W.H.Murray as one of his greatest inspirations and in this programme follows his footsteps up Buachaille Etive Mor. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0015kt7>

PUBLICATIONS and BLOGS

Publications:

■ **History Scotland** Vol. 22 No. 5 September/October 2022 is a themed medieval special which includes 'Averting plague in medieval Scotland'; 'Pre-reformation Scottish churches: everyday experiences of extraordinary things'.

■ **The Local Historian** the Journal of the British Association for Local History July 2022 Vol.52 No. 3 includes an article about 'Scots in rural Northumberland: a mid-nineteenth snapshot'. <https://www.balh.org.uk/thelocalhistorian>

■ **Local History News** Magazine of the British Association for Local History No.144 Summer 2022 has a wide range of articles including details of an aviation and aerospace archive and a database of accidents to British and Irish railway staff-more details in the websites section of CC. <https://tinyurl.com/28aujvv8>

■ **Journal of Scottish Historical Studies** Vol. 42 No. 1 May, 2022 <https://tinyurl.com/3tkhddmf> **Scottish Historical Review** Vol. 101 No.2 August, 2022 <https://www.euppublishing.com/toc/shr/101/2>

■ **CAIRT-Newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum** Issue 41 July 2022 from National Library of Scotland <https://www.nls.uk/collections/maps/subject-info/cairt/>

■ **The Scots Magazine** always has something of interest to local historians. The June 2022 edition featured the story of how in 1922 the people of Wick voted to be alcohol free. <https://www.scotsmagazine.com/>

■ **Dictionaries of the Scots Language Summer Newsletter** gives up to date information about the latest corrections and updates on the dictionaries. <https://tinyurl.com/yd8y9e5v>

■ **Who Do You Think You Are? Issue 193** includes a feature on ancestry research sources in Aberdeenshire <https://tinyurl.com/3tze5xvr>

■ **'Mon the Workers - Celebrating 125 Years of The Scottish Trades Union Congress** by Daniel Gray. <https://www.luath.co.uk/product/mon-the-workers>

■ **Daughters of the North-** Jean Gordon and Mary, Queen of Scots by Jennifer Morag Henderson Pub. March 2022 <https://sandstonepress.com/books/daughters-of-the-north>

■ **Happy Homes: Cooperation, Community and the Edinburgh Colonies** by Professor Richard Rodger Published by Word Bank, a community publishing collective run by Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust. <https://tinyurl.com/4r5sefxv>

■ **Scotland: The Global History: 1603 to the Present** by Murray Pittock. Pub. July 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/5f4ecau7>

■ **The Bannock Burn: Journeys Along and Across the World's Most Famous Burn** by Murray Cook and Ian McNeish. Pub. September. 2022 <https://www.extremispublishing.com/the-bannock-burn.html>

■ **Peak Beyond Peak the unpublished Scottish journeys of Isobel Wylie Hutchison** Compiled and transcribed by Hazel Buchan Cameron. Pub. September 2022 <https://tinyurl.com/mpky9tma>

■ **ARCH (Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands)** has produced its latest newsletter which includes details of the upcoming Highland Archaeology Festival and other events and projects in the area. [ARCH Newsletter 53 August 2022.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](https://mcusercontent.com/ARCH_Newsletter_53_August_2022.pdf)

Blogs:

The history and demise of telephone boxes have featured in some issues of *Clish-Clash* and here are a couple of articles from wider afield that may be of interest.

■ **A visual history of the British telephone box** where Nick Sturgess, Head of Collections and Interpretation at Avoncroft Museum, takes us through their wonderful collection of K telephone boxes dating from the 1920s through to the 1980s. <https://tinyurl.com/245ke4b4>

■ **Why am I so sad about the loss of phone boxes when they are practically useless?** Written by Emma Brockes 'It's a mark of how we don't share any more, even if the idea of using a receiver someone else has just used now seems barbaric' <https://tinyurl.com/27u42uba>

■ **Kathlyn Oliver: Sexual Identities, Loneliness and The Link** by Iona Tytler (Iona is a recent graduate of the MSc in Gender History at the University of Glasgow) <https://tinyurl.com/2qggh7f6>

■ **Alexander Berry: holes in the story of a NSW pioneer conceal a dark past of Indigenous exploitation** A pretty Shoalhaven town now bears Berry's name, but the Yuin people say he sent body parts of their ancestors to British museums. This has an interesting relevance to the exhibition: 'Anatomy: A Matter of Life and Death' at the National Museum of Scotland. <https://tinyurl.com/2zve36xm>

■ In the July blog from the **Society of Authors in Scotland**, **Jennifer Morag Henderson** considers libraries and archives essential not just to her own non-fiction work but to writers of fiction too. <https://societyofauthors.org/News/Blogs>

■ **Amundsen and Scott in the Great Tay Boat Race** By Michael Durning 'In 1911, two huge personalities raced to be the first to reach the South Pole. Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen bounded to the end of the Earth in two ships which, by a quirk of fate, could be viewed as the Great Tay Boat Race, a contest between Perth and Dundee. Perth won, and a new polar hero was found for the city in time for the 150th birthday of Amundsen in 2022!'. To read the rest of this story go to <https://www.rsgs.org/blog/amundsen-and-scott-the-great-tay-boat-race>

■ **John Rae: gate-crashing the annual dinner of the Lochaber Agricultural Society** by Jo Woolf Writer in Residence at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. <https://tinyurl.com/2e8pe57y>

■ **The Darien Scheme** was one of the most ambitious colonial schemes attempted in the 17th century—read all about it here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8sekzm>

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WATCH

■ The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II offered several items of historical interest. **Elizabeth: the Unseen Queen** is the Queen's story in her own words, featuring previously unseen home-movie footage. It follows her from her childhood up to the coronation in 1953. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0017xv0>



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(Coronation celebrations in Aberfoyle and Cullen primary 1 pupils receiving coronation mugs, new testament bibles and Cadbury chocolate bars, June 1953.)

■ **Coming Home: Ancestral Journeys in Scotland – New Scottish Council on Archives short film.** This short film looks at the issue of ancestral tourism, since so many people with Scottish heritage travel to the country to trace their family history. <https://tinyurl.com/mr3aatyx>

■ The BBC is highlighting its archive through the **BBC Rewind** project, as part of the broadcaster's centenary celebrations. You can view Scottish content using the following link <https://bbcrewind.co.uk/search?q=Scotland>

■ As part of **Voices: The Community Story** project, the **Scottish Council on Archives** is releasing a series of short webinars to assist anyone undertaking an oral history project. Topics covered will include interviewing techniques, technical tutorials and oral history training. The series will be published over the duration of the project. Three episodes are already available online:

Episode 1 - Interviewing Techniques Project officer **Taylor Webb** walks you through interviewing techniques that will help you feel more confident and prepared going into your oral history interviews.

Episode 2 - Oral History Interviewing Online The second webinar episode is brought to you by **Conor Walker** from **Scotlands Sounds, National Library of Scotland**. Conor talks about how to record your oral history interviews using Zoom as your online platform – this is great for those of you planning on conducting remote interviews

Episode 3 - Interviewing People with Lived Experience of Seeking Safety in Scotland. The third episode in the series is led by **Chris Afuakwah** from the **Scottish Refugee Council**. In this webinar, Chris discusses how best to approach conducting interviews with people who may be vulnerable due to their experience of seeking safety in Scotland. <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/community-archives/voices/>

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MEET AN SLHF TRUSTEE – Andrew Jones

My interest in history goes back to my school days in Wiltshire and an excellent teacher who not only sparked my curiosity for the subject generally but also encouraged us to explore the history of our immediate area. I have fond memories of a little local history project that a friend and I carried out cycling to a nearby village to record epitaphs from the gravestones in the little church there. Whilst there we were challenged by an elderly local resident who found our loitering in the churchyard suspicious but, after we explained what we were about, went on to treat us to recollections of life in the village in the early part of the 20th century and, particularly, the arrival of electric light. I have since regretted not taking better (any) notes of that oral history – but it didn't fit our specific project and neither of us yet knew the value of following up such serendipitous discoveries!

Whilst any thought of active study and research was largely impracticable whilst working full time in a bank, I did manage one or two interesting little projects of my own over the years and, eventually, signed up and completed a Local History MA with the Open University in 2014 (with a thesis titled *Linlithgow Town Council versus The Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway: why*



did the town council take the railway company to court, and how did losing the case affect the council's finances?) That work concluded during an unexpected break in employment, and, during that time, I was able to chair the *Linlithgow in the Great War* group, which researched the effects of WW1 on the home front in the town, contributing to, editing, and publishing the book published on completion of the group's work in 2018.

Now retired (early) after almost 40 years in banking I have time to focus on history research and writing, with something of a focus on railway and business history – both of which frequently come down to what are effectively local studies. (I had intended to work on my MA thesis for publication to a wider audience after retirement, but a combination of becoming interested in other areas and topics, and difficulties in getting access to the National Records of Scotland has put that very much 'on the back burner'.)

As well as being a trustee and Honorary Secretary of SLHF, I facilitate a *Railway History Research Group* within *The Railway and Canal Historical Society* (which I have done since that sub-group's inception in 2012), have recently taken on the membership secretary role for *The North British Railway Study Group*, and write occasional pieces for the *British Banking History Society's* journal.

WHAT'S ON

■ **Anatomy: A Matter of Life and Death National Museum of Scotland until 30 October 2022.** Explore the history of anatomical study, from artistic explorations by Leonardo da Vinci to the Burke and Hare murders. This exhibition will look at the social and medical history surrounding the practice of dissection. It will trace the relationship between anatomy, its teaching and cultural context and the bodies that were dissected. Looking at Edinburgh's role as an international centre for medical study, the exhibition will offer insight into the links between science and crime in the early 19th century. <https://www.nms.ac.uk/>

■ **The 1745 Association** Friday, 9 September 2022, marks the official launch of The 1745 Association Collection within the AK Bell Library in Perth. The Collection comprises over 500 books on the Jacobite era, papers of F. Peter Lole, a leading authority on Jacobite glass, and other printed and manuscript material relating to all aspects of Jacobite heritage. For further information, contact Michael Nevin, Chair of The 1745 Association SCIO, at mike@nevinassociates.co.uk or on 0782-4829-445.

■ **National Library of Scotland** has a new exhibition called **Pen Names**, which explores why some authors prefer to use an alias. Using material from their extensive literary archives and printed collections, the exhibition covers a range of writers using pseudonyms who were working in the UK from the 1800s to the present day. The exhibition runs until April 2023. <https://www.nls.uk/exhibitions/pen-names/>

■ **The Highland Archaeology Festival** the main event for Highland heritage is back again this year, with a filled programme of activities 24 September – 14 October. Over 100 events and exhibitions are listed on the HAF website [Highland Archaeology Festival \(HAF\) | Home](#)

HISTORY NEWS

■ **Proposed Witchcraft Convictions (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill:** A proposal for a Bill to pardon all those convicted under the Witchcraft Act 1563. The consultation runs from 23 June to 15 September 2022 <https://tinyurl.com/4t4japx4>

- **The construction of a replica 17th Century turf and creel house has been completed in Glen Coe.** National Trust for Scotland (NTS) said the turf, wattle and thatch structure was erected using traditional materials, tools and techniques. <https://tinyurl.com/2txtvbkp>
- **Book of Deer** manuscript returns to Aberdeen after 1,000 years - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-62065214>
- **Black History and Culture Collection:** Rarely-seen photographs of key moments in Black history will be made available for free for the first time by Getty Images. The collection, **Black History and Culture Collection**, aims to grant access to images from the US and UK to educators, academics, researchers, and content creators, enabling them to tell untold stories about Black history and culture. Available for projects focused on education around the histories and cultures of the African/Black diaspora, the archives dating back to the 1800s and consist of tens of thousands of images. <https://www.gettyimages.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/bhcc>
- **Glasgow:** Essential repair and preservation has recently begun on the **Provand's Lordship building**, a medieval historic house museum known as the oldest house in Glasgow. Glasgow City Council has backed the work with £1m of Capital Funding. Works include repairs to the roof, chimneys and down pipes, treatment to stop and prevent rising damp, and a new lime harling render. The interior will benefit from structural improvements, and replaced windows and doors. <https://tinyurl.com/2azdhfwl>
- **BBC 100:** The BBC is to make a 'vast portion' of its archive available to the public as part of its centenary celebrations. The content will be made available on the BBC Rewind website as part of a string of events to mark the corporation's 100th birthday. <https://bbcrewind.co.uk/>
- **Viking-age treasure hoard goes on show in Aberdeen** One of the UK's most important archaeological finds is going on show in Aberdeen, with new discoveries being unveiled.
- **The Viking-age Galloway Hoard** was found in a south of Scotland field in 2014 and continues to surprise experts. The exhibition at Aberdeen Art Gallery includes images of three newly-revealed intricate gold objects which were bound together with silk braids. The display in Aberdeen will run from Saturday until 23 October. <https://tinyurl.com/56cvumv4>
- **Unsung forestry heroes are recognised** The sacrifice of foresters from the Commonwealth countries, who travelled thousands of miles to keep Scotland's timber supplies flowing during WW2, has been recognised in a living memorial in Pollok Country Park, Glasgow. The Commonwealth Foresters' Memorial has been sensitively landscaped into the Park. It features a mix of 100 trees that are planted in widening circles, similar to the growth rings of a tree, marking the passage of time. <https://tinyurl.com/bdcrrdzy>
- **Indian WW2 soldiers of Force K6 to be remembered at festival.** Force K6 - Indian Contingent Story is a multi-media performance involving images, music and storytelling to recall the troops' exploits in war and in Badenoch and Strathspey. It will be performed at Newtonmore on 20 September as part of the Badenoch Heritage Festival. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4n334qe0lvo>
- **Bird fossils dating back 50 million years gifted to National Museums Scotland More than 700 bird fossils, dating back from 54 to 56 million years ago, have been donated to National Museums Scotland.** The collection is believed to include many species new to science, one being a falcon-like bird and another a diver or loon. The fossils, from the Eocene period, represent the early stages in the evolution of modern birds. Palaeontologists have said there is no other collection like it in the UK. The rare specimens were collected over the lifetime of amateur palaeontology enthusiast Michael Daniels, who died last year aged 90. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62456601>
- **In pictures: 40 years of the Kessock Bridge** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-62419815>
- If you've been captured by the **Wordle** craze you might like to have a go at **MacWordle** a Scots version of this game. <https://macwordle.co.uk/>

CAN YOU HELP?

NORWEGIAN BRIGADE IN SCOTLAND - 1940-1945 The Scottish Norwegian Connection, which is exploring World War II Norwegian Brigade in Scotland links between the two countries, completed an extensive tour of Scotland covering many locations between the 6th and 14th June. Destinations covered ranged from Dingwall to Aviemore, St Andrews, Dunblane, Edinburgh and Largs. Another tour is planned for September this year. The group has had an overwhelming response to their first book - "*The Whaler Brigade*" about their time in Dumfries in 1940/41. They are now working on a second book which will cover the remaining years in Scotland (1942-45). For more on this organisation, see Clish-Clash issues 48 and 50. contact is George Bratli at georgebratli@gmail.com.

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

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'The legendary cellist Pablo Casals was asked why he continued to practice at the age of 90. "Because I think I'm making progress" he replied.'

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