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SLHF NEWS

An excellent turnout of around 60 people attended the two *Walk and Talk* events in Ayr and Edinburgh on 11 and 12 June. While your editor is ashamed to say she knew nothing of Edward Bruce and Thomas Muir before these two anniversaries, the gap in her historical knowledge has certainly now been filled!

With talks in the morning and walks in the afternoon, the weather was a significant factor in the enjoyment of the excursions. Ayr was particularly fine, especially considering this dismal summer, and Edinburgh also provided a bright – and dry – day. Full reports will be in the next issue of *Scottish Local History*.



Local Historian Tom Barclay talks about the Martyrs' stone at the Auld Kirk of Ayr.



AYR – Our speaker, Dr William Roulston of the Ulster Historical Foundation, provided a display on Edward Bruce's Irish campaign of 1315-18.



EDINBURGH – Don Martin (above) and Jimmy Watson (right) embrace their audience in St Andrews House.



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'Clish-clash' means repeated gossip, so do email your local history news & information (Word attachment or link to your website) to **Contribute**.

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HELP WANTED

▪ **Field Finders required for *Fields in Trust***

Jenny Peachey has contacted SLHF:

I am writing on behalf of The Carnegie UK Trust (CUKT) as we believe local historians around Scotland could play a valuable role in locating playing fields funded by the CUKT in the 1920s and 1930s.

The aim is to locate and catalogue over 100 historic playing fields in Scotland and ensure that they are legally protected from developers. To this end we have launched a campaign 'FieldFinders' in which local communities across the UK are locating Carnegie playing fields in their area. This can be quite challenging as the fields' exact locations were never centrally recorded.

There are improvement grants of £5,000 to be won by taking part in FieldFinders. Please click on the link for more information and publications on our playing fields work:

<http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-minds/people---place/carnegie-playing-fields>

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

▪ The **Genealogy Centre** at the **Mitchell Library, Glasgow (5th floor)** offers access to a range of Census enumeration schedules and records of births, deaths and marriages in Scotland similar to those available at the Scotlands People Centre in HM General Register House, Edinburgh. Photocopies of original documents can be ordered as well.

The **Registrars Genealogy Service** is running a pilot scheme to trial Saturday opening. The Genealogy Centre will be open between 9.30am and 4.00pm on the following Saturdays: 11 July; 15 Aug. and 12 Sept. Prior booking is essential – it is not possible to turn up on the day. There is a different telephone number for those making a Saturday booking: 0141 287 8365. The cost is £15 per day/part day, the same charge as weekdays.

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3214>

▪ **Next of Kin: Scottish families and the Great War**, touring exhibition produced by the National Museums of Scotland, supplemented by local material, on display in the **Rozelle House Galleries, Ayr**, 4 July-28 Sept, 2015.

[http://www.south-](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/galleries/rozellehouse/exhibition.aspx)

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The exhibition then tours to Hawick Museum (5 Oct. - 21 Dec. 2015), Hamilton, Alford, & Inverness (2016), Perth & Kirkwall (2017).

www.nms.ac.uk/nextofkin and www.1914.org

▪ **West Lothian Local History Library** has moved again (for 2-3 years), to 89-91 High Street, Linlithgow, where all the stock is now accessible under one roof. New opening hours are Tues-Fri. 10am-5pm; 1st Sat. of the month 9am-1pm. Closed on Mon.

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/2055/Local-History-Library>

SOCIETIES' NEWS

▪ **Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies** day conference ***Ayrshire and the First World War***, in Rozelle House, Ayr, 12 Sept. 2015. £15. Information from Rob Close, email craigbraecottages@gmail.com

▪ ***Crossing the Forth***, an exhibition by **Burrtisland Heritage Trust**, 4 Kirkgate, Burrtisland.

June 20-Aug. 29 2015.

Wed. 1-4; Thurs. Fri. Sat. 11-4.

<http://www.burrtisland.net/heritage-trust.htm>

WEBSITES

▪ The **Scottish Council on Archives** has produced an interactive map showing the location (zoomable down to street level) of around 70 archives in Scotland. This also gives contact details. Given how difficult it often is to navigate through complex organisational websites to find the archives' pages, this is a quick way to find those archives which have joined the scheme.

<http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/map>

▪ The **National Records of Scotland** website has a new display on the ***Quintinshill disaster 22 May 1915*** (better known as the Gretna rail disaster).

http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/learning/first-world-war/quintinshill-disaster?utm_campaign=news&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sp&utm_content=416597

▪ **British Newspaper Archive** –

Images of Scottish newspapers added in April:

Ayrshire Express, 1863

Berwickshire Advertiser, 1830, 1834, 1838, 1863,

1871 1873, 1875-1876, 1878, 1880, 1915, 1931-1949, 1951-1955

Fife Free Press, & *Kirkcaldy Guardian*, 1894-1899, 1934, 1939-1945

Glasgow Courant, 1746

Glasgow Sentinel, 1850-1854

Greenock Advertiser, 1871

Number of images added in May (years not provided):

Aberdeen Journal, and *General Advertiser for the North of Scotland* = 2,541

Aberdeen Weekly Journal and General Advertiser for the North of Scotland = 424

Edinburgh Evening News = 4,680

The Falkirk Herald and Scottish Midlands Journal = 1,334

The Fife Free Press, & *Kirkcaldy Guardian* = 3,966

<http://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2015/06/10/we-added-over-150000-new-newspaper-pages-last-month/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

▪ ***Lords of the Isles: from Viking warlords to clan chiefs***, by Timothy Venning. Stroud: Amberley, 2015. 272 pp. Pbk. £16.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4485-1)

- **Broadsheet: magazine of the Scottish Council on Archives**, issue 33 (double edition), June 2015. Available online at <http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/magazine/current>
- **West Lothian Heritage: newsletter of West Lothian Heritage Services**, Spring 2015, 8pp. Contents include articles on Torphichen Preceptory , Gala days, the Pithead baths at Polkemmet. For a free copy contact sybil.cavanagh@westlothian.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON

- **Historic Scotland** events throughout the summer: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/hsevents15.pdf>
- **John Gray Centre**, Haddington, events: <http://www.johngraycentre.org/events/>
- **Lanarkshire Local & Family History Show** is in Motherwell Civic Centre on 22 August 2015. £2. <http://lfhsshow.weebly.com/>
Speakers: <http://lfhsshow.weebly.com/speakers.htm>
- **Angus Heritage Week**, 4-11 September 2015. Various locations. info@news-tayroots.com

Find out about what's happening in local history around Scotland on the SLHF website:

<https://www.slhf.org/events>
<https://www.slhf.org/calendar>

Submit your events at:

<https://www.slhf.org/submit-event>