SLHF NEWS

Collaboration is the theme of this year for SLHF, with events planned together with organisations from around the country.

- The next Walk & Talk is organised by Graham and Linda Clark of the North Kessock and District Local History Society. Graham is an SLHF Trustee and Linda is on the SLHF Advisory Committee. This will be held on Thursday 12 May in Inverness, with the theme of Old Inverness. Timings will fit in with public transport from the central belt.

- Another Walk & Talk is being arranged with Helen Williams of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust, for a walking tour in Edinburgh relating to the history of the printing trade. This will probably be in mid-June.

Full details of both these Walk & Talk events will be available in March.

- The National Library of Scotland is wishing to enhance its interests in local history by including occasional local history themed talks in its events programme, and adding as much local material as possible to the national collections.

SLHF Trustees have agreed to collaborate with NLS to achieve this, and we welcome suggestions for events (see SLHF contact details below) and remind local societies and organisations to send all publications, no matter how small, to:

Jennifer Giles,
Curator (Scottish Communities & Organisations),
General Collections,
National Library of Scotland,
George IV Bridge,
Edinburgh EH1 1EW.

The first talk is in NLS at 2pm on 3 February by Tony Cooke on A history of drinking: the Scottish pub since 1700.

Other talks which may be of local history interest are:

Edinburgh in the shadows (2 Feb)
Herring tales: how the silver darlings shaped human taste and history (11 Feb)
Terrorists in long dress – the Scottish suffragettes (1 Mar)
Plagues (8 Mar)

See more NLS events and book here: http://www.nls.uk/events

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

- The National Records of Scotland have asked for views on the topics to be included in Scotland’s Census 2021. You have until 15 January 2016 to comment. http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/

Following suggestions that the ten-year census may be discontinued, the UK government continues to consider research into alternative forms of data collection, which will be compared with the census data collected in 2021 in England & Wales. http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2021-census/progress-and-development/programme-timeline/index.html

- Lothian Health Services Archive has begun a Wellcome Trust funded project ‘RVH v TB’ to catalogue the Royal Victoria Hospital case notes and registers relating to tuberculosis and diseases of the chest (c.1920-2000).

To protect patient confidentiality, this has been catalogued at two levels, for public consultation without individual details, and for research use, by application.

Other projects are listed at: http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/projects/index.htm

Online resources, including a new website from their HIV/AIDS collection (1983-2010) are at: http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/exhibits/index.htm

- Plague! How Scotland was “ravaged by pustular horrors, including the black death, cholera, typhus, smallpox and other plagues”. Exhibition in the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 11 December 2015 - 29 May 2016. http://www.nls.uk/exhibitions/plague

CONTACT DETAILS

Email http://slhf.org/contact-slhf

‘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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SOCIETIES’ NEWS

- The 1745 Society is organising an event entitled Falkirk or Paradise? Commemorating the 270th anniversary of the Battle of Falkirk at Callendar House, Falkirk, on Saturday January 16th 2016, with a guided tour of the site of the Battle of Falkirk in the afternoon (13.30-17.00). This may be preceded by an optional lunch (12.00-13.30) in Callendar House where Prince Charles Edward Stuart dined on 14 September 1745.

Note that the guided tour is free, but places are limited. Bookings should be made to Michael Nevin, either by e-mail on mike@nevinassociates.co.uk or by phone on 0782 4829 445 stating whether the booking is for The Main Event from 1:30 PM onwards, or whether you also like to book for the Prince’s Dinner at midday.

Full details of the programme are at: http://www.1745association.org.uk/news.html

UNIVERSITIES’ NEWS

- University of Aberdeen Museums

  War paintings exhibition in ArtSpace at MacRobert, 1 October 2015 - 15 April 2016. James Morrison’s landscape paintings inspired by WWI.

  City of Ghosts: a dialogue with George Washington Wilson exhibition from 15 October 2015 - 21 February 2016 of 15 modern photographs together with images from George Washington Wilson’s original glass plate negatives, in the Gallery, Sir Duncan Rice Library, Aberdeen University, Bedford Road, Aberdeen, AB24 3AA

  A full programme of talks accompanies the exhibition. http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/xev_EventDetail.asp?id=8493

WEBSITES

- Aberdeen Built Ships Project is an ongoing project based at Aberdeen Maritime Museum and researches the nearly 3,000 recorded ships built in Aberdeen since 1811, including trawlers, the famous Aberdeen clippers, many other merchant ships and naval vessels. Volunteers collect information from shipbuilders lists, Lloyd’s Register of Shipping, online newspapers, local archives and the Museum’s own library. Some entries are illustrated. http://www.aberdeenships.com/

- World War 100 Scotland

World War I commemorative events and exhibitions are listed on this site, including future venues and dates for the National Museums of Scotland’s touring exhibition, Next of Kin (Hamilton, Alford, Inverness).

Special commemorations in 2016 include the Battle of Jutland (Orkney, 31 May) and an overnight vigil for the Battle of the Somme (Scottish National War Memorial, Edinburgh, 30 June). You can also share your memories and events information on this site. http://www.ww100scotland.com/

- South Lanarkshire Museums have a new website illustrating the Camerons (Scottish Rifles) collections. http://www.silccameronians.co.uk/Cameronians/site/index.php

- The Heritage Hub Hawick is issuing a daily transcription of the diary of Dr J.S. Muir of Selkirk during WWI in their blog. http://heritagehub.tumblr.com/


- Michael Greenwell has started a podcast interview series Scotland’s Missing Histories.


  He would be interested in hearing from any other potential interviewees.

  Contact him at amichaelgreenwell@gmail.com.

NEW PUBLICATIONS


At the time of writing, there were discounts for books on the Amberley website.


- **Retour: the newsletter of the Scottish Records Association**, issue 24, Autumn 2015. (ISSN 1479-9634)

  Features include:
  - The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland’s Archives and Collections.
  - Lothian Health Services Archive.
  - Lists of major accessions in 2014 to Scottish archives, relating to Scottish history.

- **The Highland Broadsie: Highland Archives Centre newsletter**, 2015, has recently been circulated to subscribers. Sign up here to be put on their mailing list: [https://www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service/mailing-list/](https://www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service/mailing-list/)

- **Carmyllie Heritage Society** have asked us to mention that there are just a few copies left of their 2013 publication. **Carmyllie: its land and people 1840-1975.** 186pp. Pbk. £10.00. [http://carmyllieheritage.co.uk/book.html](http://carmyllieheritage.co.uk/book.html)

### WHAT’S ON

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

The next SLHF Conference & AGM will be in Perth on Friday 7 October 2016 with the theme **Safe as Houses: Scotland’s defensive buildings**

Booking and full programme will be available from Summer 2016.

- **Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society**: meetings are usually held in the Cumberland Street Day Centre, Dumfries at 7.30pm.
  - 12 Feb. Alan Wilkins - *Recent developments at Birrens Roman fort.*

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

[https://www.slhf.org/events](https://www.slhf.org/events)

[https://www.slhf.org/calendar](https://www.slhf.org/calendar)

Submit your events at:

[https://www.slhf.org/submit-event](https://www.slhf.org/submit-event)