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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>

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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 merchants 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 ***Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) collections***.

<http://www.sllccameronians.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/>

▪ **Scotland's People** website has added the ***Military Service Appeals Tribunal Records, 1916-1918***.

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&2352>

▪ **British Newspaper Archive**. Some recently added Scottish newspaper titles:

Aberdeen Herald and General Advertiser, 1844-1862.

Portobello Advertiser, 1876-77, 1884, 1886, 1888-90.

Scottish Guardian, Glasgow, 1853.

Dumfries and Galloway Standard, 1914.

Dundee, Perth, Forfar and Fife People's Journal, 1865.

Glasgow Evening Post, 1867, 1870.

Montrose, Arbroath and Brechin review; and Forfar and Kincardineshire Advertiser, 1846.

Peterhead Sentinel and General Advertiser for Buchan District, 1858-61, 1866-72.

Sunday Post, 1928.

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

▪ Michael Greenwell has started a podcast interview series ***Scotland's Missing Histories***.

1. ***James Connolly***, with Jim Slaven.

<https://michaelgreenwell.wordpress.com/2015/09/19/scotlands-missing-histories-episode-1-james-connolly-with-jim-slaven/>

2. ***Mairi Mhor van Oran***, with Liz MacRae Shaw.

<https://michaelgreenwell.wordpress.com/2015/09/23/scotlands-missing-histories-episode-2-mairi-mhor-nan-oran-with-liz-macrae-shaw/>

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

Contact him at amichaelgreenwell@gmail.com.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Antonine Wall: a handbook to Scotland's Roman frontier, by Anne S. Robertson. New revised ed.; revised and edited by Lawrence Keppie. Glasgow Archaeological Society, 2015. 144pp.; 75 illus. Pbk. £9.95 + p. & p.

<http://glasarchsoc.org.uk/publications/antonine-wall-2015-publication/>

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

▪ ***East Neuk of Fife through time***, by Jack Gillon. Amberley, 2015. 96pp.; 80 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5349-5)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/east-neuk-of-fife-through-time.html>

▪ **Monumental Edinburgh**, by Jack Gillon and Paul McAulley. Amberley, 2015. 96pp.; 100 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5007-4)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/monumental-edinburgh.html>

▪ **Scottish railway icons: Central Belt to the Borders**, by Chris Hogg and Lynn Patrick.

Amberley, 2015. 96pp.; 200 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-2109-8)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=scottish+railway+icons>

▪ **River Forth from source to sea**, by Richard Happer and Mark Steward. Amberley, 2015. 160pp.; 200 illus. Pbk. £16.99. (978-1-4456-4884-2)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=river+forth>

▪ **Inverness through time**, by Adrian Harvey. Amberley, 2015. 96pp.; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4199-7)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=inverness+through+time>

▪ **Midlothian through time**, by Liz Hanson. Amberley, 2015. 96 pp.; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-3491-3)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=Midlothian+through+time>

▪ **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 Broadside: 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/mailling-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>

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.

15 Jan. Andrew Nicholson - *Excavating the Galloway Viking Hoard*.

29 Jan. Penny Eley - *First encounters with the Roman de Fergus: a medieval tale of Galloway goings-on*.

12 Feb. Alan Wilkins - *Recent developments at Birrens Roman fort*.

26 Feb. Stuart McCulloch - *Heroine or harlot: Eliza Smith and the New Abbey refugees*.

11 Mar. David Munro - *The Laird and the land surveyor: the mapping of the Queensberry Estate*.

26 Mar. (in Castle Douglas Parish Church Hall, 2pm)
Ivor Waddell - *Billy Marshall, Galloway gypsy and leveller: myth and reality*.

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>