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SLHF NEWS

▪ **Scottish Local History** issue 94 (Spring/Summer 2016) was circulated in March. Contents are listed at www.slhf.org/publication/issue-94

▪ There are still spaces on the two **Walk and Talk** events in Inverness (9 May) and Edinburgh (12 June).

www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-inverness

www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-edinburgh-print-trail

CALLS FOR PAPERS

▪ The **British Society for Sports History** UK Conference will be held in Edinburgh, 2-3 September. There is an open call for papers on any topic relating to the history of sport and related fields, with a broad geographic focus. Proposals for twenty-minute papers should be sent to Dr. Matthew McDowell via email matthew.mcdowell@ed.ac.uk by 15 May 2016. www.sportinhistory.org/articles/20160314

▪ The **World Canals Conference** will take place in Inverness on 19-22 Sept. 2016: wccscotland.com/ The call for papers closes on 29 April: <https://wccscotland.com/call-for-abstracts/>

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

▪ The **Festival of Museums** runs from 13-15 May 2016, with many different activities, some aimed at children, others at adults.

There are too many events to list here – find out what's on and where on their website:

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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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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▪ **National Library of Scotland.** Last chance to see the exhibition **Plague!**. This lively and informative free exhibition, which includes material from many parts of Scotland, closes on **29 May**.

NLS events:

27 April, 18.00. An Iolaire.

Talk and performance of drama, Gaelic poetry and song about the loss of over 200 Lewis and Harris men returning from the Great War, who drowned in sight of Stornoway, New Year 1919.

17 May, 18.00. An infusion of Highland blood.

Talk on the history of shinty in Edinburgh.

6 June, 18.00. Serbian Herioters.

Talk about 27 Serbian refugee boys educated at George Heriot's School 1916-19, their time in Edinburgh and what happened after their return. Some of their descendants are visiting for the centenary.

NLS is collaborating with **TradFest Edinburgh** in the Treasure Trove of Tradition series:

-Plague and pestilence! A Caddy Capers story walking tour of Auld Edinburgh from Macastory:

1 May and 8 May, 14.30.

-The province of the cat: storying Caithness: 2 May, 14.00.

-The end of the shift: working lives in Fife and Perthshire: 3 May, 14.00.

-William Macmath and the songs of Dumfries and Galloway: 4 May, 14.00.

-Working the sea: Port Seton and Cockenzie: 5 May, 14.00.

-The unbroken circle: Helen Fullerton in Argyll: 6 May, 14.00.

Admission free; booking essential.

www.nls.uk/events

▪ **Glasgow School of Arts Archives and Collections** has re-opened with an open day on 27 January in new premises at the Whisky Bond, near Spiers Wharf, Forth & Clyde Canal.

<http://www.gsaarchives.net/about/>

▪ **Elgin Cathedral. Historic Environment Scotland** has mounted a new exhibition of 126 detached sculptural stones which have been discovered over many decades during clearance and conservation. These will be displayed in the towers of the Cathedral from Spring 2016.

A new book has been published: **Elgin Cathedral and the diocese of Moray**, by Richard Fawcett.

<http://scot.sh/hselgin>

SOCIETIES' NEWS

▪ **Aberlady Conservation & History Society** have been awarded a grant of £43,800 by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the **Aberlady Angles** project. Previous finds suggest that Aberlady is a significant Anglo-Saxon and early Christian site. An archaeological investigation will be conducted by volunteers this year, in the Glebe field, with a supporting programme of educational outreach.
www.aberladyangles.com

▪ **Grantown250**. Last year Grantown celebrated its 250th anniversary with a lively programme of events. Following this success, Grantown250 is continuing, with a **Summer Festival**, several days of activities (walks, tour, displays, talks, music, etc) from 22-26 June, culminating in a celebration of the anniversary of the first Figgat Fair (1766) on Sunday 26. The programme is available at: <http://grantown250.org/>

▪ Brian Wilkinson, LHS Learning Officer with the **National Trust for Scotland**, writes:

*I'm working on a project for the Little Houses Improvement Scheme at the NTS. Over the next year we are undertaking the restoration of Bennet House, an historic building in Culross, Fife. At the same time as the building work we are running a programme of events and activities which we have titled 'The Study House'. It's an opportunity for locals and visitors to Culross to find out about conservation skills. Find out more at: <http://westfifevillages.co.uk/News17.htm>
<http://www.nts.org.uk/Site/LHS/Bennet-House>*

UNIVERSITIES' NEWS

▪ **Open Virtual Worlds** is a research group within the Computer Sciences Department at **St Andrews University**. With advice from Prof Richard Fawcett, the group has constructed a 3D interactive reconstruction of how **St Andrews Cathedral** might have looked in 1318, the year of its consecration.
www.openvirtualworlds.org/ <http://blogs.cs.st-andrews.ac.uk/openvirtualworlds/reconstructions/st-andrews-cathedral/>

▪ **Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives** with **Aberdeen University** have been granted £310,000 by the Leverhulme Trust to translate and transcribe 8 volumes of the Aberdeen Burgh Records from 1398-1511, the earliest and most complete record of any Scottish burgh. **Law in the Aberdeen Council Registers, 1398-1511** will be based in the University's Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies. <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/8597/>

WEBSITES

▪ **Queen's Park and the Great War, 1914-1918**. Between now and the Club's 150th anniversary in July 2017, reports will be published on their website on research into the impact of the War on the Club. 31 members and players died; 216 names of those who served are on the Roll of Honour.
www.queensparkfc.co.uk/?page_id=13458

NEW PUBLICATIONS

▪ **Voices from Lilliesleaf: life and work in a Scottish Borders village during the twentieth century**, by Ian MacDougall. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2015. xxiv, 480 pp; illus. Pbk. £20.00. (ISBN 978-1906566951)
www.birlinn.co.uk/Voices-from-Lilliesleaf.html

▪ **Dr Lachlan Grant of Ballachulish, 1871-1945**, by Edinburgh: John Donald, 2015. 256 pp. Pbk. £25.00. (ISBN 978-1906566746)
www.birlinn.co.uk/Dr-Lachlan-Grant.html

▪ **Listen up!: HMS Tarlair and memories of the Hawkraig Admiralty Experimental Station, Aberdour, Fife, 1915-1918**, by Diana Maxwell. Aberdour Cultural Assoc., 2014. 48 pp. Pbk. £5.99. (ISBN 978-0992947002)
<http://www.aberdourculture.org.uk/Index.asp?MainID=17914>

▪ **A heritage trail through Fochabers**, by Peter Dawson. 2015. Free leaflet. Available from Fochabers Folk Museum and Heritage Centre. <http://fochabers-heritage.org.uk/>

▪ **Central SMT buses**, by David Devoy. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96 pp; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5480-5)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/current-month/central-smt-buses.html>

▪ **St Andrews: the postcard collection**, by Helen Cook. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96 pp; 160 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4576-6)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/st-andrews-the-postcard-collection.html>

▪ **Glasgow in 50 buildings**, by Michael Meighan. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96pp; 91 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5591-8)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/glasgow-in-50-buildings.html>

▪ **Dalkeith & around through time**, by Jack Gillon. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96pp; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5257-3)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/dalkeith-around-through-time.html>

▪ **Galashiels through time**, by Sheila Scott. Rev. ed. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96pp; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5033-3)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/galashiels-through-time-revised-edition.html>

▪ **Edinburgh pubs**, by Jack Gillon. Stroud: Amberley, 2016. 96pp; 100 illus. Pbk and e-book. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5259-7)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/edinburgh-pubs.html>

▪ **The grand scuttle: the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow in 1919**, by Dan van der Vat. New ed. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2016. 240 pp; 8 pp illus. Pbk. £9.99. (ISBN 978-1843410690)
www.birlinn.co.uk/Grand-Scuttle-The-new-edition-pbk.html

▪ ***The Edinburgh Merchant Company, 1901-2014: a story of endeavour and achievement***, by Rosalind K Marshall. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2015. 208pp; 181 col. illus. Hbk. £30.00. (ISBN 9781906566968)
www.birlinn.co.uk/Edinburgh-Merchant-Company-The.html

▪ ***Kinship, church and culture: collected essays and studies by John W.M. Bannerman***; edited by Dauvit Broun and Martin MacGregor. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2016. 320 pp; illus. Pbk & e-book. £25.00. (ISBN 978-1906566913)
<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/Kinship-Church-and-Culture.html>

▪ ***The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club: the journal for Edinburgh history***, N.S. 11, 2015. £18.00. (ISBN 978-0-9933987-0-4)

- The monument to John Bayne of Pitcarlie: a neo-classical puzzle

- Archibald Mcdowall (1743-1816): "a public spirited man"

- Epidemic disease in Edinburgh, 1840-1850

- The formation of the Old Edinburgh Club and its first 300 members

- A Morningside Brethren meeting: the Old School House

- "Quite unique in his cemetery": Sir James Caw's gravestone

<http://www.oldedinburghclub.org.uk/BOEC/>

▪ ***History Scotland***, 16(2), March/April 2016. (ISSN 1475-5270)

- Finding the Battle of Bannockburn.

- After the War: role of the Highlands and Islands and the impact of military bases.

- Drum Castle archives.

- Prehistoric predecessors: shipping on Loch Ness before the opening of the Caledonian Canal.

- Aberdeen's piracy past.

- An Orkney woman in Hudson's Bay: the story of Isobel Gunn, part 2.

- Unravelling Riddles Court, Edinburgh.

WHAT'S ON

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>

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

▪ **Dundee's Royal Arch** was dismantled during city developments in the 1960s. The original design drawing survives in Dundee City Archive, and also photographs in Dundee City Library.

French artist Olivier Grossetête has created several "People's Towers" around the world, and using these sources will design and construct over 1000 cardboard pieces, with the help of volunteers, to recreate the Arch. Preparation takes place in Slessor Gardens in the week before the build on Sat. 28 May, with demolition on 29 May!

<http://creativedundee.com/2016/02/dundee-royal-arch/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CardboardArchDundee/photos/a.474625822728870.1073741830.464903043701148/474625202728932/?type=3&theater>

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