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## SLHF NEWS

■ Two successful - and sunny - *Walk and Talk* events were held in May and June in Inverness and Edinburgh. Full accounts will be in the next *Scottish Local History*.



Admiring the Three Virtues in Inverness

Norman Newton and Maureen Kenyon gave the introductory talk in Inverness Museum



Norman led the Inverness walk in dazzling sunshine on May 12

The SLHF Annual Conference and AGM will be held on 7 October 2016 in the Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, Perth. See details on p 4.

Helen Williams of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust organised an excellent day on June 9 in Edinburgh focussing on Scottish printing history. Thanks to the Trust for sponsoring the venue, speakers and lunch. <http://scottishprintarchive.org/projects/printing-walks/>



Speakers David Finkelstein and Helen Williams

Helen guided the participants around sites related to printing history in Edinburgh Old Town



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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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## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

### ■ National Records of Scotland

#### ***An introduction to the NRS maps and plans collections.***

Jane Brown, Head of Maps and Plans, explores the rich variety of maps and plans held in NRS, the largest collection of hand-drawn plans relating to Scotland.

**7 July 2016, 2-3pm** New Register House, Edinburgh.

Free, but advance booking is required:

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visits-us/events-talks-and-visits>

■ Alison Stoddart, Library Development Officer, **Edinburgh Libraries** has notified two projects: "*Myplace: Edinburgh is a competition being run by the City of Edinburgh Council as part of Edinburgh's contribution to activities for Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016, which is focused on the [Edinburgh pavilion](#).*

*Between 1 June – 10 July 2016 participants can add a photograph of their favourite Edinburgh place to [Edinburgh Collected](#) and tell us what makes it special to them. Find more information on the [blog post](#)."*

■ **Trails and Tales: A History of East Dunbartonshire in 110 Objects**, from **East Dunbartonshire's Museum and Archive Collections**. Exhibition 18 June-16 July in the Auld Kirk Museum, Kirkintilloch (closed Mondays).

From a Neolithic carved stone ball to a Garvie's lemonade water jug this is an eclectic selection of objects, archives and library material representing the local heritage of the 11 towns and villages of East Dunbartonshire.

<http://www.trailsandtales.org/events/auld-kirk-museum-18-06-16>

There will also be access to the full on-line time line of objects and an opportunity for you to contribute your ideas and objects to a community time line of local archives and treasures. **Trails and Tales** is a 3 year arts and heritage programme, 2014-17. Information from East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust, William Patrick Library, 2-4 W High St, Kirkintilloch. <http://www.trailsandtales.org/about>

■ The **AK Bell Library** in Perth has replaced its microfilm reader/printers with new digital microfilm readers. SLHF members should be aware that the Library has introduced charges for access to its extensive collection of local newspapers, censuses and Old Parochial Registers on microfilm. The first hour is free; for each additional hour £5.00; the day charge is £15. [www.pkc.gov.uk/library](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/library)

■ **Ayr's new Heritage Trail** will be launched in the Autumn. Associated events will be running throughout 2016, including guided tours on some Sundays (July 10 & 24, Aug 21, Sept 4 & 25). Tours start at 3pm at the Fish Cross (opposite M&S in the High Street, Ayr). More information at <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/events/ayr-heritage-trail-guided-walks.aspx>

■ **Scotland's Urban Past** is a 5-year nationwide project led by **Historic Environment Scotland** with the communities of Scotland's towns and cities. Community groups, such as local history societies, youth clubs and schools are invited to 'become an urban detective'.

<http://scotlandsurbanpast.org.uk/>

Their first conference is at Ayr Academy on June 25, 2016.

<http://scotlandsurbanpast.org.uk/event/scotlands-community-heritage-conference-ayr>

## SOCIETIES

■ **North Kessock and District Local History Society** are preparing a display on **The Kessock Ferry** which will be shown (with film, raffle and teas) in the Village Hall, North Kessock on Sat. 17 Sept. 10.00-17.00.



Catherine Cumming and Linda Clark gave a preview of the Kessock Ferry exhibition at the SLHF Inverness Walk & Talk.

■ **Renfrewshire Local History Forum with Paisley Abbey** are organising a conference **Stewart 700: celebrating the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert II the 1<sup>st</sup> Stewart king**, on Sat. 10 Sept. 2016 in Paisley Abbey. £30 with lunch; £25 without lunch.

[www.rlhf.info](http://www.rlhf.info)

[info@paisleyabbey.org.uk](mailto:info@paisleyabbey.org.uk)

■ **Dumfriesshire and Galloway Antiquarian and Natural History Society** has announced the conditions of the £500 **Truckell Prize** for 2016, for an article on the area. Closing date 1 October 2016. <http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/pdffdocs/TruckellPrizeNotice.pdf>

■ **Carsphairn Heritage Centre's** exhibition in 2016 is on **Local Tales and Legends... and spooky stories**. The Centre is in Carsphairn on the A713 between Castle Douglas and Ayr. Open 2 June-25 Sept, Mon-Tues & Thurs-Sat 10.30-17.00; Sun 14.00-17.00.

[www.carsphairnheritage.org](http://www.carsphairnheritage.org)

■ **Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society** have announced a full programme for Autumn 2016-Spring 2017. [www.aaanhs.org.uk](http://www.aaanhs.org.uk).

## WEBSITES

■The **National Library of Scotland** has digitised over 400 titles on *Histories of Scottish Families*. These are not just genealogies and biographies, but include travel accounts, memoirs, local histories etc. Find out more at: <http://blog.nls.uk/histories-of-scottish-families-digital-resource/>

<http://digital.nls.uk/histories-of-scottish-families/pageturner.cfm?id=93506071>

The NLS Blog is an informal note written by curators about items which have caught their eye, so it is an eclectic mix. Recent posts include, for example, Motherwell Poorhouse, Scottish cricket books, *The book of tea*. <http://blog.nls.uk/scottish-poorhouses/>

### ■Records of the 100 oldest companies still registered in Scotland

Belated recognition of this website, the result of a research project by the **British Archives Council in Scotland (BAC Scotland)** carried out from 2011. Home page of the project:

<http://oldestscottishcompanies.wikispaces.com/>

Index of companies:

<http://oldestscottishcompanies.wikispaces.com/Completed+Companies+Index>

Find out more about Business Archives Council in Scotland at:

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

■**Scotland's People** April newsletter highlights the anniversary of the Zeppelin raid on Edinburgh and Leith in 1916, which killed 13, and injured many more. Scotland's People are looking for any stories from descendants of those involved.

A recent special feature on the Valuation Rolls for 1930-31 highlighted the last 16 households on St Kilda, poignantly just before the last surviving resident, Rachel Johnson (nee Gillies) died on 4 April aged 93. The May/June newsletter is also available:

<http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk/Content/Help/index.aspx?r=546&2153>

Visit the NRS Events page to book talks on using Scotland's People site: Next talk is on 22 July.

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/events-talks-and-visits>

## PUBLICATIONS

■**Secret Aberdeen**, by Lorna Corall Dey. Amberley, 2016. 96pp. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4914-6) <https://www.amberley-books.com/secret-aberdeen.html>

■**Edinburgh Festival and King's Theatres through time**, by Jack Gillon. Amberley, 2016. 96pp.; illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5460-7) <https://www.amberley-books.com/edinburghs-festival-and-kings-theatres-through-time.html>

■**Kelvin Central Buses**, by David Devoy. Amberley, 2016. 96pp. illus, Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5484-3) <https://www.amberley-books.com/kelvin-central-buses.html>

■**North-east Scotland independents**, by Peter Findlay. Amberley, 2016. 96pp. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN978-1-4456-5903-9) About bus and coach companies in and around Aberdeen.

<https://www.amberley-books.com/northeast-scottish-independents.html>

Some Amberley titles are offered at reduced prices on their website.

■**Heroes... [or Raj Hantle?]: a community care engagement and wellbeing project**. Perth & Kinross Council, [2015?]. 44pp. Illus.

Don't be put off by the subtitle! This is an interesting well illustrated booklet, the result of partnership research projects on two stigmatised groups in WWI. Part 1. *Gypsy Travellers in the First World War*.

The experience of shell-shock patients is explored in part 2. *Murthy Hospital in First World War* & part 3. *Murray Royal Hospital*.

Available free from Customer Service Centre 01738 475000. [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

■**Queen's Park and the Great War 1914 to 1918**.

Glasgow: Queen's Park FC, 2016. 12pp. Illus. Free booklet from [secretary@queensparkfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@queensparkfc.co.uk)

■Two heritage trail maps in the Exploring Perthshire's Past series have recently been picked up in Perth Library. Although published in 2012 by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust, we thought them worth mentioning:

**Picts, Scots and the creation of Alba: monuments in stone.**

**Prehistoric Perthshire: settlement and ceremony.**

**Explore the Iron Age of Loch Tay & Loch Tummel.** (Explorer Guide 1). Leaflet. PKHT.

**Explore the archaeology of Glenshee.** (Glenshee Archaeology Project) (Explorer Guide 2). Leaflet. PKHT. [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)

■**Exploring Badenoch: Clan Macpherson country**, by John Barton. Clan Macpherson Trust, 2016. 165pp. Pbk. £10.00 (ISBN 978-1526201829)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Exploring-Badenoch-Clan-Macpherson-Country/dp/1526201828/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1465903447&sr=1-1&keywords=exploring+badenoch](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Exploring-Badenoch-Clan-Macpherson-Country/dp/1526201828/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1465903447&sr=1-1&keywords=exploring+badenoch)

■**The wild black region: Badenoch 1750-1800**, by David Taylor. John Donald, 2016. 336pp. Pbk. £25. (ISBN 978-1906566982)

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/The-Wild-Black-Region.html>

■**CORRECTION:** In the last issue we notified a new edition of the following publication, but the information given related to the first edition. Here are the correct details: **Listen Up! HMS Tarlair and Memories of the Hawkcraig Admiralty Experimental Establishment Station, Aberdour, Fife, 1915-1918** by Diana Maxwell. New edition, published by Aberdour Cultural Association, 2016. 70pp.; many photographs. £6.99. (ISBN 978-0-9929470-1-9)

<http://www.aberdourculture.org.uk/Index.asp?MainID=17914>

## SLHF ANNUAL CONFERENCE



### ***Safe as Houses: Scotland's defensive buildings through time***

**Friday 7 October 2016  
10.15-16.30  
AK Bell Library, Perth**

£20 (members, without lunch)  
£25 (non-members, without lunch)  
plus sandwich lunch £10.

The programme and online booking is now  
available on the SLHF website  
[https://www.slhf.org/event/slhf-2016-  
conference-and-agm](https://www.slhf.org/event/slhf-2016-conference-and-agm)

Programme & booking form leaflets will be  
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**The Annual General Meeting will be held  
12.50-13.15.**