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SLHF NEWS

Two **Walk and Talk** summer excursions are now open for booking online or by post (programme and booking form are at the end of this newsletter).

On **Thursday 18 May** members of Baldernock Local History Group and the Milngavie Heritage Centre will host a most interesting full day programme in Milngavie.

Initially based upon waterpower, as shown by the origins and pronunciation of its name, with the coming of the railway Milngavie became an attractive commuter town. The talks and walks focus on these two aspects of the town's identity.

Friday 9 June sees us on the outskirts of Dumfries in the beautiful setting of 'The Crichton', Scotland's grandest Victorian asylum, now an educational campus, business park and public grounds.



Crichton Memorial Church

The main talk will focus on the fascinating therapeutic art works produced by patients.

The extensive grounds have many A and B listed buildings and the walk will be led by Graham Roberts, the local archivist.

If you wish to stay in Dumfries overnight, an optional visit to the Ewart Library for an informal display of local archives has been arranged by Graham in the afternoon of **Thursday 8 June**.

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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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LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

▪ **Nucleus: the Nuclear and Caithness Archives** opened on 14 February in a spectacular new building at Wick Airport. This houses the historical archives of the county of Caithness and the archives of the UK civil nuclear industry, although it will take some years to move all the nuclear material from around the UK. <https://www.highlifehighland.com/nucleus-nuclear-caithness-archives/>

▪ **Annet House Museum and Garden** in Linlithgow has displays on the history of Linlithgow in a two-storey listed Georgian town house in the High Street with an attractive terraced garden. There are plans to move the museum collections to Linlithgow Partnership Centre (formerly County Buildings) in the next two years, so the 2017 season offers one of the last chances to visit this local museum in its traditional building. The museum is seeking donations and sponsors for the move, which will expand the space available for exhibits, and use modern technology to enhance displays. Volunteers are welcome and there is an adopt-an-object scheme. Open 1 April – end October. Free entry.

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

▪ **You are here!** map exhibition in the **National Library of Scotland**, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh remains open until 2 April.

<http://www.nls.uk/exhibitions>

▪ **Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017.** Find events and exhibitions at

<http://digit2017.com/events/>

▪ **Libraries Matter:** In the build-up to the local elections in May, CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland) has asked people to assist their campaign to encourage politicians to support funding for local libraries.

<http://www.cilips.org.uk/advocacy-campaigns/campaigns/libraries-matter/help-us-show-librariesmatter/>

SOCIETIES

▪ The **Scottish Industrial Heritage Society** has launched a new website

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

They are holding an annual seminar on 18 March at **10.30 in Beechwood Scout Hut, Stirling.**

Called 'Burns Doo' (it used to be held on 25 January!), two morning speakers are Professor John Hume on the emergence of Industrial Archaeology and Elizabeth

Bryson of the Glasgow Society of Field Archaeologists on their work on North Woodside flint mill. Afternoon speakers are still to be arranged and they invite speakers to propose a presentation. £11 including lunch. Information from:

Andrew J. Young, 53 Midton Rd., AYR. KA7 2SQ
ajyou@btinternet.com Tel: 01292 260983
<http://www.sihhs.co.uk/sihhs-burns-doo/>

WEBSITES

▪ *View Dumfries and Galloway: people, places and heritage*

Dumfries & Galloway Libraries have a new online site of images of the area from various formats, including postcards, lantern slides, glass negatives, photographs, engravings and other illustrations. The main collection has some 15,000 items, plus several thousand more in special collections, and currently the website displays over 5000 images; more will be added as resources permit. There are special collections, for example the Roll of Honour has photographs of casualties in World War I. They welcome help to identify images and contribute additions to the collection. Images are for sale from the library, plus over 700 aerial photographs are available to view on the site and buy from Air Images. An outline subject index enables searching by broad topic as well as keyword searching of captions.

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

▪ **Almond Valley Heritage Trust** has responsibility for the **Museum of the Scottish Shale Oil Industry** and the **BP Archive**. Volunteers are scanning oil shale maps and other records and digital images are being added to the website.

The Museum's current travelling exhibition commemorates the **Burngrange** mining disaster, when 15 lives were lost on 10 January 1947. Local groups involved with preparing the exhibition are *Calder History Group, West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust, West Lothian Council Museums and Local History Services*. The exhibition panels may be seen at:

<http://www.scottishshale.co.uk/KnowledgePages/Exhibitions/Burngrange70/burngrange0.html>

<http://www.scottishshale.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.scottishshale.co.uk/Collections/BParchive/index.php>

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

▪ **National Library of Scotland** has added 400 street maps from Post Office Directories to their Map images website; these complement the existing Directories site. As the library collection of these maps is incomplete and some are difficult to copy, these additions include about 12 towns. Selected maps of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow have been geo-referenced to make searching and over-laying easier. <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/>

▪ **Ordnance Survey Name Books** are now available *without subscription* on **ScotlandsPlaces** website. They list the names on the Ordnance Survey 6-inch first edition maps (1840s-1880s) and provide information about sources, alternative spellings etc. <http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/ordnance-survey-name-books>

▪ **DAMP** (Dumfries Archival Mapping Project) scanned around 400 estate plans last August and several have been added to NLS website.

<http://maps.nls.uk/estates/>

▪ The **British Newspaper Archive** has added pages to several Scottish titles:

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/titles/countries/scotland>

▪ The **Bearsden Shark Community Group** has launched a new website

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

PUBLICATIONS

▪ ***Galashiels history tour***, by Sheila Scott. Amberley, 2017. 96pp.; 50 illus. Pbk, Kindle, Kobo, iBook. £6.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-6662-4)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/coming-soon/galashiels-history-tour.html>

▪ ***Voices of Scottish librarians: the evolution of a profession and its response to changing times***, by Ian MacDougall; edited with notes by Alan Reid and David Fletcher. John Donald, 2017. 384pp. Hbk. £16.99. (ISBN 978-1910900093)

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/Voices-of-Scottish-Librarians.html>

▪ ***The nine lives of John Ogilby: Britain's master mapmaker and his secrets***, by Alan Ereira. Duckworth, 2016. 304pp. Hbk. £25.00 (ISBN 978-0715651100)

Ogilby (1600-1676) was born in Kirriemuir and had a remarkable and varied career as dancing master, impresario, soldier, sailor, spy, poet, mapmaker.

<http://ducknet.co.uk/books/all/The%20Nine%20Lives%20of%20John%20Ogilby>

▪ Recent Scottish titles from Stenlake Publishing:

- ***Kirkcaldy then and now***

- ***The Deeside Line***

- ***Old Rubislaw, Hazelhead and Mannofield***

- ***Bygone Montrose with Inverkeilor, Lunan Bay, Rossie, Usan, Ferryden, Bridge of Dun, Hillside, Dubton and Craigo***

- ***More Old Bute***

- ***Tullibody and Cambus then and now***

- ***Old Robertson, Wiston, Lamington and Coulter***

<http://stenlake.co.uk/>

▪ ***Journal of Scottish Historical Studies***, 36(2), Nov. 2016.

-Women and Kirk discipline: prosecution, negotiation, and the limits of control

-State power, local autonomy, and war in Scotland, 1625

-George Wilson's map of technology: giving shape to the 'industrial arts' in mid-nineteenth century Edinburgh

-Christ's soldier, Scotland's hero: Major-General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope (1846-99)

<http://www.euppublishing.com/loi/jshs>

▪ ***Dean Village News***, 175, Winter 2016.

-How Dean got its bridge

-My friends in the Cemetery, XXVII: the lighthouse Stevensons

<http://deanvillage.org/>

▪ **Cairt: newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum**, issue 30, January 2017 is available at

<http://www.nls.uk/media/1271012/cairt30.pdf>

This issue describes several additions to map images websites, new information on Stobie's 1783 map of Perth & Clackmannan, and announces a seminar on recent map research on 30 March.

▪ **History Scotland**, 17(2), March/April 2017, includes some local history articles:

- Insights into Portobello: its harbour and its industries
- The evolution of settlement at Roslin
- The Appin murder: Jacobite conspiracy or Campbell opportunism?
- Looking for Ambrose's Tavern
- Social concern and sectarian conflict: Edinburgh's Ragged Industrial Schools in the mid-19th century
- The SSPCK and the demand for education in the Highlands 1739-1800.

▪ **ARCH newsletter**, 36, January 2017 (Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands) lists talks and events:

1 March, Golspie Heritage Centre, 7:30pm,
New Old Photographs, John Mackay for Golspie Heritage Society

2 March, Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William, 8pm
Fish Farming's Early Years in Lochaber, Dick Alderson for Lochaber Local History Group

2 March, Bowling Clubhouse, North Kessock
Rosemarkie Connections, Freda Bassindale for North Kessock & District Local History Society

10 March, 10:30-16:30, Highland Archive Centre, Inverness, IV3 5SS

Researching the Impact of the First World War on the Highlands and Islands

High Life Highland and the University of the Highlands and Islands are co-hosting this open and free study

day with the First World War Centenary Partnership, led by Imperial War Museums, and Gateways to the First World War. The aim of this event is to bring community and academic audiences together to learn more about current research on the impact of the First World War on the Highland and Islands, the archival and digital resources available to those planning to conduct their own research and centenary funding opportunities for community projects. It will also provide an opportunity for organisations to reflect on centenary activity so far in order to shape and inform future work, and will provide opportunities for discussion about best practice, planning for forthcoming anniversaries and networking. Free, but must be booked in advance:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/researching-the-impact-of-the-first-world-war-on-the-highlands-and-islands-tickets-30953169764>

29 March, Dingwall Community Centre, 19.30.

The Prehistory of Skye: An overview including the results of recent archaeological discoveries, Steven Birch

26 April, Dingwall Community Centre, 19.30.

Highland Vernacular Buildings, Malcolm Bangor-Jones.

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/userfiles/file/ARCH%20Newsletters/ARCH%20Newsletter%2036%20-%20January%202017.pdf>

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>



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Two excursions to explore
local history around Scotland
organised by the *Scottish Local History Forum*
in association with local heritage organisations

Walk & Talk ...

... in Milngavie

Thursday 18 May 2017

... in Dumfries

Friday 9 June 2017

Putting the 'Mill' in Milngavie



Milngavie Heritage Centre and members of Baldernock Local History Group have prepared a fascinating day with two talks in the morning, and two walks in the afternoon.

The first theme focuses on water mills, with a talk about water power in Milngavie and elsewhere, followed by a short walk in the afternoon to explore the mills in Milngavie.

The second theme outlines the development of Milngavie as a commuter town and the influence and vision of local builder and provost John Woodburn.

PROGRAMME: 18 May, 10.00-16.00

10.00 Registration; tea/coffee (included)

10.30-12.30 TALKS

Harnessing running water – watermills in Scotland, Baldernock and Milngavie

Professor Paul Bishop

Accommodating early commuters in Milngavie

Donald Shankland

12.30-14.00 LUNCH break (cafes and restaurants in town centre; lunch is not provided)

14.00-16.00 WALKS: groups swap over at 15:00.

Milngavie Mills,

led by Prof Niall Logan and Prof Paul Bishop

John Woodburn's Milngavie,

led by Donald Shankland

<http://baldernock.herokuapp.com/groups/baldernock/sections/91>

VENUE: Milngavie Heritage Centre in Milngavie Town Hall, Station Road, Milngavie, G62 8BZ.

<http://www.milngavieheritage.org/> This is opposite the rail station (frequent service from Glasgow Queen St; half-hourly direct train from Edinburgh). Parking is limited.

Discovering 'The Crichton'

The Crichton Royal Hospital, described as 'the last, and grandest, of Scotland's royal asylums', was founded in 1838 and extended over the next century. Offering a new way to treat mental illness, the Crichton's beautiful tranquil setting, a couple of miles south of Dumfries, was part of the therapy. Splendid A and B listed buildings are spread around a large estate with a 'village green' centred on Crichton Memorial Church. Psychiatric research combined with innovative treatment using occupational and art therapy made the Crichton a landmark in the treatment of mental illness. The art work produced by the patients was collected and is the subject of one of the talks.

The site is now a business park and academic campus used by various institutions, including Glasgow University which is kindly providing a room for the talks. Easterbrook Hall car park is most likely to have space.

PROGRAMME: 9 June, 12.00- 16.00

VENUE: Rutherford/McCowan Building, Glasgow University, Crichton Campus, Bankend Road, DG1 4ZL.

12.00-12.45 Registration; tea/coffee (bring your own lunch).

12.45-14.00 TALKS

A brief introduction to the history of the Asylum

Graham Roberts

The art works produced by the patients as therapy

Maureen Parks

14.00-16.00 WALK around the grounds, led by Graham Roberts



Thursday 8 June

15.00-16.45 **Ewart Library** – optional visit to Archive (more information over)

Advance booking is essential (see over)

BOOKING FORM - WALK & TALK - 2017

BOOK BY POST OR ONLINE

(last date for booking is five days before each event)

Book and pay online at

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-milngavie>

Milngavie, 18 May

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-dumfries>

Dumfries, 9 June

OR Send this form by post with a **cheque made payable to 'Scottish Local History Forum'** to

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CRICHTON CAMPUS MAP:

http://www.crichton.ac.uk/web/downloads/crichton_site.pdf

As Dumfries is some distance from the rest of Scotland there is a late start on **Friday 9 June** allowing time for bus travel from Glasgow. Those from further afield may wish to stay for a night, either on site in the Aston Hotel (now a Holiday Inn) or in a local B&B.

Graham Roberts, Dumfries & Galloway Archivist and a member of SLHF Advisory Committee, has arranged this visit, and to add interest to an overnight stay, if there is sufficient demand, he has offered to reveal some of the **highlights of the archive collection in the Ewart Library from 3pm on Thursday 8 June** in an informal display and talk. Please indicate if you would like to attend the Archive on the booking form.

There are several places of interest in the surrounding area, including Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura (which has an excellent local history exhibition), Caerlaverock Castle, Sweetheart Abbey and Drumlanrig.

Milngavie, Thursday 18 May 2017

No of places: Members @ £10 per head

..... Non-Members @ £15 per head

Names:.....

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Dumfries, Friday 9 June 2017

No of places: Members @ £10 per head

..... Non-Members @ £15 per head

Names:.....

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Please tick here If you are interested in the **optional visit on Thursday 8 June at 3pm** to Dumfries and Galloway Archive in the Ewart Library,

A cheque for £..... is enclosed.

Booking made by (Name)

Individual member of SLHF

Society or organisation member: name of organisation:

Non-member

Email address

Address.....

.....

..... Postcode

Telephone

To receive confirmation of booking please provide your email address, or send a stamped SAE.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Do wear sensible shoes, and be prepared to walk for at least two hours on sometimes rough terrain.

Please note that lunch is not provided, but there are tea & coffee on arrival.