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## SLHF NEWS

■ **Fairs, Fêtes and Festivals** proved an entertaining subject at the Annual Conference in the A K Bell Library in Perth on 27 October, with around 50 participants. A full report will be in the next issue of *Scottish Local History*.

Next year's theme will be **After the War was Over**, the legacy of World War 1. How did society change after the war? What was the impact on different parts of Scotland? Graham Clark welcomes suggestions for topics and speakers – email him at the contact details below and choose 'events'.

■ At the **AGM** Steve Connelly, formerly archivist in Perth, was nominated to the Trustees Committee, filling a vacancy left by Eric Graham's withdrawal, and Paul Bishop, co-opted earlier in the year, was also elected, together with ten existing Trustees, so there is now a full complement of twelve:

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## 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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■ Keen users of the SLHF website may notice a new addition – a "**donate**" button. This allows anyone (not only members) to make a donation to the work of the Forum using their credit or debit cards. Some amounts are predefined to make it as easy as possible, but these can be substituted with any amount you may care to donate. Costs are ever-increasing and any contributions – however small – are very, very welcome.

■ Using the donate button is not the only way you can support the Forum. One of our long-term members left a very generous bequest to the Forum in her will. The Trustees of the Forum wish to express their gratitude to **Dr Margaret Nora Bainbridge**, who died in Lancaster in May 2016 aged 91. Although her principal research area was Turkey, she had a long-term interest in local history, and Scottish connections, obtaining her first degree in geography at Edinburgh University.

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS



■ **Saving and Sharing: Scottish Borders Stories of WW1**. All round the country, libraries, archives, museums, and heritage groups are commemorating World War 1 with different projects. Your editor was in **Hawick Archives**, part of the **Hawick Heritage Hub**, and spotted this Ordnance Survey map of Hawick at the time of the War, on foam board, and thought this was a lovely idea, worth sharing. A list of names from the Roll of Honour is available for people to select a name and stick in a miniature poppy pin at the appropriate address.

The map will be used in an exhibition on World War 1 to be held in **Hawick Museum** in Spring 2018.

■ **The Stobs Camp Project** is another community project. Stobs Camp, a few miles south of Hawick, was a military training camp for over 60 years, but also housed internees and prisoners of war in WW1. After WW2 allied Polish servicemen and their families were housed temporarily. Although the land has returned to agricultural use, there is still archaeological evidence to find, and the digs are backed up by historical research, and collecting memories and stories from anyone whose relatives were involved in the camp. Surviving huts which were dispersed after the camp was closed in 1957, are also being traced.

<http://www.stobscamp.org/>

## SOCIETIES

■ The next **Thomas Muir** symposium is on **Scottish and English Radicals**, on Wed. 8 Nov., 12.45-4.30 at Kirkintilloch High. The event is free, but must be booked in advance at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thomas-muir-symposium-2017-scottish-and-english-radicals-tickets-37876462519>

Other activities in the **Thomas Muir Festival** are on their website:

<http://www.thomasmuir.co.uk/thomasmuirfestival2017.html>

■ **Putting on the Writs: Scottish Court and legal records** is the title of this year's Scottish Records Association annual conference which will be held on 10 Nov. in New Register House, Edinburgh:

<http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/conference>

■ Over the past few months plaques have been, and are being, erected at various railway station sites to commemorate the centenary of '**The Jellicoe Express**', named after Admiral Jellicoe, First Lord of the Admiralty in WW1. The 22-hour train journey, taking service personnel to and from the naval base at Scapa Flow, was dreaded by troops because of the over-crowded carriages and length of the journey, leaving London at 6pm and arriving in Thurso at 3.30pm.

Station sites include: Thurso, Dingwall, Helmsdale, Inverness, Edinburgh Waverley, Inverkeithing, Perth, Galashiels.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2017/may/15/170515-wartime-navy-express-runs-again>

■ **ARCH (Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands)** has a new project to research **Fortrose, Rosemarkie and Avoch in WW1** on Wednesday mornings 10.30-1pm, beginning on 1 Nov. at **Groam House Museum**, and also at the archives:

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=3781>

Other ARCH events are on their Calendar:

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?EventDate=30-November-2017>

## UNIVERSITIES

■ Glasgow University short courses include a one day event, which will be very relevant for local historians, on Sat. 25 Nov. at 10am. **A short history of Scottish cartography: sources and resources** is led by John Moore. £35.00.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/short/book/course/ADED9720D>

This site also lists other short courses in 2018, on various historical topics, such as the abolition of slavery, Glasgow cemeteries and crematoria (including 5 walks), Introduction to researching your house history.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/short/book/>

■ Lauren Weiss has recently submitted her doctoral research (Universities of Stirling & Strathclyde) on 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century mutual improvement groups in Scotland, whose members met together to debate and learn, and created manuscript and printed magazines. She has identified some 193 literary societies in Glasgow alone. Following her research, the **Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP)** has awarded a grant to the Universities of Strathclyde and Manchester to collaborate on a project to create an online resource based on material from 1830-1900 in Scottish and English archives, including the National Records of Scotland and Glasgow City Archives. **Literary bonds: mutual improvement society magazines and Victorian periodical culture** will run from January-June 2018.

<http://rs4vp.org/rsvp-field-development-grant/>

## WEBSITES

■ **New Cumnock Heritage** website has an article on **Campbells of Dalhanna: road builders**

<https://newcumnockheritage.com/2016/09/30/campbells-of-dalhanna-road-builders/>

■ The **British Newspaper Archive** has added more Scottish newspapers to their website including the **Aberdeen Evening Express** which now covers 1879-1965.

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/search/results?retrievecountrycounts=false&sortorder=dayyear&country=scotland>

## PUBLICATIONS

■ **The Clyde: mapping the river**, by John Moore. Birlinn, 2017. 288 pp; illus. Hbk. £30.00.

(9781780274829) <https://www.birlinn.co.uk/Clyde-Mapping-the-River.html>

■ Two recent publications of monumental inscriptions from Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society are:

**The Kirkyard of Kildrummy**. £3.00; postage £1.50. (Ref. AA 080)

**The Kirkyards of Chapel of Garioch and Logie Durno**. Rev. ed. £3.00; postage £1.00. (Ref. AA116)

<https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/publications/anesfhs-titles?task=publications>

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■ *The evolution of Scotland's towns*, by Patricia Dennison. Edinburgh University Press, Nov. 2017. 256pp; 100 illus. Pbk £24.99; Hbk £100; Ebook £24.99; PDF £100. (ISBN Pbk: 9781474432979; Hbk: 9781474409810; eBook (ePub): 9781474409834; eBook (PDF): 9781474409827) <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-the-evolution-of-scotland-s-towns.html>

■ *Selkirk and Melrose through time*, by Jack Gillon. Amberley, 2017. 96pp; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-7300-4) <https://www.amberley-books.com/selkirk-and-melrose-through-time.html>

■ *Walking with cattle: in search of the last drovers of Uist*, by Terry J. Williams. Birlinn, 2017. 160 pp. Pbk. £7.99. (ISBN 978-1-780274881) <https://www.birlinn.co.uk/Walking-With-Cattle.html>

■ *Life and death on Little Ross: the story of an island, a lighthouse and its keepers*, by David R. Collin. Whittles Publishing, Nov. 2017. 240pp; 44 illus. Pbk. £18.99. (978-184995-359-7) [https://www.whittlespublishing.com/Life\\_and\\_Death\\_on\\_Little\\_Ross](https://www.whittlespublishing.com/Life_and_Death_on_Little_Ross)

■ *The Scottish Historical Review*, 96(2), Oct 2017. Edinburgh University Press. (ISSN 0036-9241) Articles include:

-Sheltering under the Covenant: The National Covenant, orthodoxy and the Irish Rebellion, 1638–1644.

-The origins of the New Statistical Account of Scotland.

-'Bottom dog men': disability, social welfare and advocacy in the Scottish coalfields in the interwar years, 1918–1939.

Notes are:

-On the nature of the Picts.

-The leper and the lion: The Order of St Lazarus in Scotland.

<http://www.euppublishing.com/toc/shr/96/2>

■ *Journal of Scottish Historical Studies*, 37(2) Nov. 2017. Edinburgh University Press for the Economic and Social History Society of Scotland. (ISSN 1748-538X)

Articles include:

-Lost alternatives to council housing? An examination of Stirling's alternative housing initiatives, c. 1906–1939.

-The business of religion: lending and the Church of Scotland in the eighteenth century.

-Women at work: innkeeping in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland 1790–1840.

-The making of a missionary icon: Mary Slessor as 'Heroine of Empire'.

<http://www.euppublishing.com/toc/jshs/37/2>

■ *ARCH newsletter*, 39, Sept 2017, is now available: <http://www.archhighland.org.uk/userfiles/file/ARCH%20Newsletters/ARCH%20Newsletter%2039%20-%20September%202017.pdf>

■ *Retour: the Newsletter of the Scottish Records Association*, 28, Autumn 2017. Contains items on:

-*Mermaids and Muggles: fantastic tales and Kintyre folk*, a mini-exhibition project arranged by Campbeltown Museum and Library, the Argyll papers and Argyll & Bute Council Archives, on display in Campbeltown Museum from 16 Oct. - 16 Dec.

-The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appointment of a Business Archives Surveying Officer for Scotland is celebrated this year, with their annual conference on 2 Nov. at the Brewery, Glasgow.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archives/bacs/events/>

-*Rogues and Auld Reekie: records of Edinburgh and Lothian & Borders Police forces, 1805-1998*. Edinburgh City Archives began a project to catalogue these records in September 2016. Examples of the *Criminal Photograph Albums* are displayed in a free exhibition at the National Records of Scotland, 25 Oct.-1 Dec.

-The School of Scottish Studies, Edinburgh University has increased its opening hours at 29 George Square, Edinburgh. The collections are available Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm. An appointment is not essential, but it is advisable to contact staff in advance with any specialist enquiries.

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/literatures-languages-cultures/celtic-scottish-studies/>

## WHAT'S ON

■ *Previously: Scotland's History Festival* runs from 17 to 26 Nov. 2017, with many talks and events: <http://www.historyfest.co.uk/events>

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>