SLHF NEWS

Scottish Local History Directory

Good progress has been made with the first steps to create a Scottish Local History Directory, which will be hosted on the SLHF website, and represents collaboration by several bodies. In the past SLHF has published two editions of Exploring Scottish history: with a directory of resource centres for Scottish local and national history in Scotland, edited by Michael Cox. The second edition was jointly published in 1999, with the Scottish Library Association and Scottish Records Association. It has long been recognised that a revision was required, accessible on a website, but SLHF volunteers did not have the time or resources for such a task.

Each year the National Library of Scotland receives requests from library schools for work experience for their students. Jennifer Giles, Curator (Scottish Communities & Organisations) in NLS and a member of SLHF Advisory Committee, suggested that a suitable project for students would be to assist to promote and create a website listing Scottish local history organisations and resources and to help to review and authorise submissions.

Last autumn a Steering Group was set up with Jennifer Giles, Jan Bateman from SLHF, and a representative from LOCScot, the organisation for Local Studies Librarians in Scotland and they have done a huge amount of work. In addition there was a User Group to advise, and provide expertise from archives, museums and libraries as well as a tutor from the Information & Library Studies programme at the University of Strathclyde, whose students would carry out the project. NLS provided desk space and equipment. The website fields have been identified, and some trial information has been entered, and it is hoped to go live in April.

This is where YOU come in. Member organisations in SLHF will be contacted in a few weeks to ask them to input information about their organisation. Do help to populate the Directory with data about your society or collections.

LOCScot has organised a meeting in the National Library of Scotland on 20 March to promote the project. Booking via NMCowmeadow@pkc.gov.uk

The project will continue next university year to approach more potential contributors, to develop further enhancements, and to evaluate usage.

SLHF EVENTS 2018

13 March
SLHF / NLS Annual Lecture.
Duping the Luftwaffe, talk by Prof Niall Logan.
https://www.nls.uk/events
This free event is now fully booked.

28 June
SLHF WALK & TALK
Glenlee Tall Ship & the Govan Stones
https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-glenlee-tall-ship-and-govan-stones
£15 members; £20 non-members

25 October
SLHF Annual Conference and AGM
After the war was over
Perth, AK Bell Library.
Programme and booking information available later.

If you have suggestions for a speaker for the 2019 SLHF / NLS lecture, or for a theme for the 2019 Conference, do contact SLHF (address below).

We welcome two new members to the SLHF Advisory Committee: James Kennedy of Loch Ard Local History Group and Nicola Cowmeadow, Local History Officer, Culture Perth & Kinross. The Advisory Committee was established when new Scottish Charity rules were introduced which prevented organisational members from serving on the Trustees Committee, to avoid any conflicts of interest. The loss of their advice and involvement was a blow to the Forum, and the Advisory Committee now enables a voice for organisations within the Forum, but without Trustee responsibilities.

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.

Members only: To receive notification of the newsletter by email or to be removed from the mailing list, choose Sign up for our newsletter on the website contacts page.

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LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

Edinburgh’s Museum of Childhood reopens on 3 March after refurbishment, but because of cuts will operate on only 4½ days per week: Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday afternoons.
https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venue/museum-childhood

It’s International Women’s day again in March, so several activities are clustered around the theme (see also Websites heading).

Dundee Women’s Festival runs from 4-17 March and includes a few historical events, notably on witches, as well as ‘Hidden harlots and heroines’:

National Library of Scotland George IV Bridge, Edinburgh talk, 8 March, 14.00.
‘The tumbling lassie’: human rights in 17th-century Scotland?
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-tumbling-lassie-human-rights-in-17th-century-scotland-tickets-42123044159

The Scottish Warrior exhibition is on display at King’s Museum, Aberdeen University until 26 May 2018. Open Tuesday-Friday, 13.00-16.30.
https://www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/exhibitions/kings-museum.php

The National Library of Scotland has a small temporary display on The Scotsman: 200 years of a Scottish newspaper, 18 January–8 April 2018.
https://www.nls.uk/exhibitions/treasures

Macduff Revival is an interesting combination of food, arts and heritage, which aims to ‘raise the profile of Macduff by revealing and re-interpreting its history, its place and its people.’ The project is supported by Aberdeenshire Council.
https://macduffrevival.wordpress.com/about/

The actors are come hither: Perth Theatre through its archive: displayed at the A K Bell Library, Perth until 17 March 2018.
http://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on/the-actors-are-come-hither-perth-theatre-through-its-archive/

The Smith Museum and Gallery in Stirling has an exhibition on The Flow Country, the peat-lands of Caithness and Sutherland, accompanied by talks. The exhibition runs from 11 January–11 March, 2018.
http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/exhibitions/flow-country/
http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/product/flow-country-lecture-series/

The main exhibition, The Stirling Story, continues throughout the year.


The National Library of Scotland Maps Images Website won an award in 2017 as ‘An Outstanding Electronic Information Resource’ from the Knowledge and Information Management Group of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). In 2017 the website was used by 1.2 million users, in 2.9 million user sessions. There are 200,000 maps online.

SOCITIES

Constructing the paper landscape: recent research in historical maps of Scotland is a Scottish Maps Forum seminar to be held on 20 April in the National Library of Scotland at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. Talks by 10 speakers range from 18th century mapping to GIS. £25.00 (includes lunch).

Dumfriesshire & Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society announces that entries may be submitted for the 2018 Truckell Prize for an article about the area.
http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/TruckellPrizeRules.pdf

UNIVERSITIES

The Scottish History Network is ‘run by a small collective affiliated to various universities and institutions’. A weekly blog of articles and ‘what’s on’ is produced during term time:
https://scottishhistorynetwork.wordpress.com/
A new prize has been offered for a school pupil’s essay: the first was announced in November 2017:

WEBSITES

HELP WANTED
Have you come across any useful websites for Scottish local history?
Does your society have a website with local history content (not just your events programme)?
The Clish-Clash editor would like to hear from you! (Email address on front page).

As 8 March is International Women’s Day, March is Women’s History Month and 2018 celebrates the centenary of some women getting the vote in the UK, here are some websites which focus on women’s history:

Women’s History Month events for March 2018 are highlighted by History Scotland:

Women’s History Network is a UK and international forum for ‘for anyone with a passion for women’s history’:
https://womenshistorynetwork.org/
Women’s History Scotland promotes study and research in women’s and gender history in Scotland. [http://womenshistoryscotland.org/](http://womenshistoryscotland.org/)

The group provides sources for women’s history and resources for schools: [http://womenshistoryscotland.org/resources/sources-for-womens-history/](http://womenshistoryscotland.org/resources/sources-for-womens-history/)

The most recent resource, on suffragettes, will be launched in March at the Dundee Women’s Festival.


- A previous project was Mapping Memorials to Women in Scotland, in conjunction with Girlguiding Scotland and Glasgow Women’s Library. This was funded by a Lottery grant and ran from 2010-2011 as The Big Name Hunt, and was opened for public contributions in 2012. [http://womensofscotland.org.uk/](http://womensofscotland.org.uk/)

For example here is the entry for the Glasgow Suffragette Oak (Scotland’s tree of the year 2015 – did you know?). [http://www.womensofscotland.org.uk/memorials/suffragette-oak](http://www.womensofscotland.org.uk/memorials/suffragette-oak)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-34655433

Sadly it is now badly damaged; visit while you can: https://glasgowgallivanter.com/tag/suffragette-oak/#jp-carousel-13587


- An outline history of the background to International Women’s Day was published in The Telegraph on 25 February 2018: [https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/international-womens-day-did-start-important/](https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/international-womens-day-did-start-important/)

**PUBLICATIONS**


[http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1121&section=](http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1121&section=)


This is the first in an occasional publication series by Scottish Labour History and reprints two contemporary pamphlets and a retrospective overview.

Available from Stewart MacIennan, SLHS, 64 Terregles Avenue, Glasgow G41 4LX.

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[https://www.scottishlabourhistory.org.uk/](https://www.scottishlabourhistory.org.uk/)


Articles:

- Hawick Hut Week, November 2018.
- The Orphan Hospital in Edinburgh.
- The Mitchell Library, Glasgow: a social history of its early years.
- Late eighteenth century ‘Right to roam’ and ‘Right of way’: John Glassford versus local residents of south west Stirlingshire.
- John Keppie, architect. 

Notes:

1. Thomas Legerwood Hately, an outstanding church musician.
2. New finds on the site of the Ellangowan Paper Mill.
4. The Paragon Works, Dundas Estate, Queensferry.
5. The ecstasy of great speed! In search of J. Steel – a snapshot of Scottish motorcycling in 1913-14.

**Scottish Archives, 22**, 2016. Contents:

- In search of Margaret Anderson: Scottish female convicts transported to Van Diemen’s Land.
- Scots in the West Indies in the colonial period: a view from the archives.
- Missing emigrants: gleanings from petitions presented under the Presumption of Life Limitation (Scotland) Acts.
- Friendly aliens on the home front: migrants, refugees and colonial workers in Scotland during and after the First World War.
- Polish troops in Perth during the Second World War.
- Six stories from six continents: the varied documentation of global migration in the records of the University of Glasgow.
- ‘My solemn desire is not to burden themselves with religious duties’: researching 100 years of a Scottish Jewish family.
- The value of a flawed source: the Register of Missions to Outdoor Blind for Edinburgh, the Borders and the Lothians, c.1903-1910.

[http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/scottish-archives](http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/scottish-archives)
History Scotland, 18(2), March/April, 2018.
Items of local history interest include:
- Exploring social networks of the Auchenlecks of Auchenleck
- Living on water: the early Iron Age crannog-dwellers of Loch Tay.
- The First World War and policing in the Scottish Borders.
- This belongs to us! Competition between the royal burgh of Stirling and the Augustinian abbey of Cambuskenneth, part 2.

Cairt: newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum 32, January, 2018. Contents include:
- New acquisition: Ferguson’s astronomical rotula.
- New digital map websites for England & Wales 1841-1952, GB administrative boundaries, 34 maps of the world.
- Slezer’s Prospect of the town of Haddingtown (1693): reassembling the truth behind the view.
- John Sleigh (1826-1918): the “Grand Old Man of Buchan”.
https://www.nls.uk/media/1553885/cairt32.pdf

WHAT’S ON

History Scotland has inaugurated a lecture series, with the first in Dundee on 24 Apr. 2018 on the Jacobites.
https://www.historyscotland.com/information/history-scotland-lectures/

Because of the popularity of the course Strathclyde University is repeating ‘Understanding DNA Testing for Genealogy: a beginner’s guide’. The 8-week course starts on 16 April.
https://mycll.strath.ac.uk/View-class/m/qs/rdid/206/cr/1608

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