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SLHF NEWS

Clydebank Town Hall proved a popular venue for the SLHF Conference *Down to the Sea in Ships* on 9 October, with an attendance of around 80 people. →



← Prof Chris Whatley was an excellent conference chair, and at the AGM was approved as the new Honorary President.

At the AGM two new Trustees were elected: Graeme Cruickshank, a long time SLHF member from Edinburgh, and formerly a committee member some

years ago, and Bill Sadler from Grantown-on-Spey.

The existing Trustees were approved to continue:

John Irvine (Chair)
Don Martin (Vice-Chair & Journal)
Jan Bateman (Hon. Secretary)
Eric Graham (Hon. Treasurer)
Graham Clark
Tony Cooke
Douglas Lockhart (Journal sales)
Finlay McKichan
David Ritchie
Diana Webster (Events & e-newsletter)

A full complement of 12 Trustees has been appointed, for the first time since the new constitution and charitable status were introduced. They hail from many parts of Scotland: Aberdeen, Ayr, Dundee, Edinburgh, Grantown, Kirkintilloch, North Kessock.



↑ Finlay McKichan (standing in as AGM chair as John Irvine was indisposed) with Jan Bateman and Eric Graham.



LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

▪ **Historic Environment Scotland (HES)** became operational on 1 October 2015 following the merging of **Historic Scotland** and **The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS)** into a new public body. This new national heritage body for Scotland has received charitable status from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and as a new Non Departmental Public Body (NDPB) with charitable status, HES will operate with a degree of independence while still being accountable to Scottish Ministers and Parliament.

<http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/news/historic-environment-scotland-receives-charitable-status>

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/historicenvironmentscotland.htm>

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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▪ **Edinburgh City Libraries** has organised two drop-in sessions on **Edinburgh Collected**, which was set up to create a digital heritage website, of memories and other information about Edinburgh (see issue 92 of *Scottish Local History* for news of the launch). The sessions are on 27 October and 10 November, 5-6.30pm, in Edinburgh Central Library.

<https://www.edinburghcollected.org/informationdigital@edinburgh.gov.uk>

▪ A new exhibition is on show at the **Central Library**, George IV Bridge, in Edinburgh for four weeks from Thursday 1 October. This celebrates Scotland's brewing heritage, with the title **Raise Your Glass!** The free event has been mounted by a not-for-profit community interest company **Brewing Heritage Scotland**, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

This exhibition is planned as the first event to help tell the untold story of Scotland's great and historically world-renowned brewing industry. The exhibition includes confirmation of the significance of brewing in 18th century controversy over the Treaty of Union of 1707 that united Scotland and England under one parliament in London. A petition signed by brewers in Edinburgh in 1725 is one of the topics, from a time when there were riots in Scotland over the price of beer.

There are proposals for a second and bigger exhibition next year at another City of Edinburgh Council venue, the **Museum of Edinburgh** on the Canongate in the heart of an area of Scotland's Capital where historic breweries once flourished.

Brewing Heritage Scotland website:
www.scottishbrewingheritage.org

The exhibition helps to promote interest in brewing industry records housed by the **University of Glasgow Archive Services**.

▪ **Dumfries Museum** exhibitions:

-**Waterloo remembered**: Dumfries Museum Foyer exhibition until Jan. 2016.

-**Hosts and Champions: Scotland in the Commonwealth Games**. Exhibition 31 Oct. - 12 Dec. 2015.

-**World War One stories**. 31 Oct. 2015- 31 Mar. 2016.

▪ The **Dumfries Archival Map Project** aims to digitise as many pre-Ordnance Survey maps of Dumfries & Galloway as possible, starting with the Nithsdale area. Two free DAMP consultation events, with refreshments, will present a selection of maps to gather local knowledge. These will be in **Dumfries Museum** on 21 Jan. 2016, and in **Annan Museum** on 28 Jan. 2016, both at 6.30-8pm. Phone **Dumfries Museum** 01387 253374 to reserve a place.

SOCIETIES' NEWS

▪ **Deaf History Scotland** (est. 2008) and the **British Deaf History Society** (est. 1998) have announced that a commemorative plaque on the site of the world's first school for the deaf, Braidwood's

Academy for the Deaf and Dumb, will be unveiled on 24 Oct. at 12 noon. Thomas Braidwood (1715-1806) founded his Academy – the first regularly organised school for deaf children – in 1760. The area is now known as Dumbiedykes, named after Braidwood's 'deaf and dumb' pupils. The school was relocated to London in 1783, and the house where the deaf pupils were taught was demolished in the 1940s. A portion of the house's wall is still visible on Dumbiedykes Road, and a plaque is to be mounted here to celebrate Edinburgh's unique place in the history of deaf education.

The two organisations have the aim of promoting and advancing the discovery, preservation and conservation of the histories of deaf people, their communities, culture and sign languages.

The **Deaf History Journal** is published four times a year, and both organisations hold conferences, seminars and workshops for members and the public.

The British Deaf Society have also published

Deaf Edinburgh – the heritage trail – a fascinating list of locations of significance to deaf history or people in Edinburgh.

Walter Geikie 1795-1837

<http://www.bdhs.org.uk/>

▪ Nan Lawless has written on behalf of the **SHARKS community group**

I am a member of a local voluntary group in Bearsden North who are working to promote the Bearsden Shark found in our local Manse Burn, Bonnaught/Baljaffray, in the 1980's. We have funding and support from East Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow University Hunterian Museum among others.

In October 2015 we hope to unveil our information board in situ at the site of the fossil. The stone plinth is currently in place and we are waiting the confirmation of a new logo from our main sponsor, Tarmac, before we have the information board made up and installed. A small 'opening' ceremony will be held with the intension of holding a larger community event at a later date to celebrate.

The site is on the footpath between Grampian Way, South Baljaffray in Bearsden and Ledi Drive, Bonnaughton. The OS coordinates are [approx] 253121,673219.

<http://www.scottishgeology.com/geo/scotlands-fossils/bearsden-sharks/>

http://www.gla.ac.uk/news/archiveofnews/2001/november/headline_30055_en.htm

WEBSITES

▪ **EDINA** is digitising the '**County Surveys of Great Britain, 1793-1817**' which were undertaken by the Board of Agriculture, initiated under the chairmanship of Sir John Sinclair, who is probably better known to local historians for the '**Statistical Accounts of Scotland**', whose website is already hosted by EDINA.

Copies of the County Surveys are hard to find and usually have the title '*The general view of the*

agriculture of the County of ...' but their content is so much more than agriculture, including all aspects of rural life and economy. The early stages of planning were due to be completed in July-August 2015. Find out more about the progress of the project at:

<http://countysurveys.blogs.edina.ac.uk/>

A pilot project is digitising copies held by the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh:

<http://countysurveys.blogs.edina.ac.uk/2015/07/02/working-with-the-royal-botanic-gardens-edinburgh/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

■ **Glasgow: mapping the city**, by John Moore. Birlinn, 2015. 304 pp. col illus. Hbk. £30.00. ISBN 9781780274198

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/Glasgow-Mapping-the-City.html>

■ **Ate the dog yesterday: maritime casualties, calamities and catastrophies**, by Graham Faiella. Whittles Publishing, 2015. 528pp. £30.00 (ISBN 978 184995-089-3)

http://www.whittlespublishing.com/Ate_the_Dog_Yesterday

■ **The last miners of Ayrshire's Doon Valley**, by Donald L. Reid. The author, 2015.

Advance orders from 20 Oct. Launch on 7 Nov. 2015, 11am-3pm, at Dalmellington Community Centre. 264 pp.; illus. Hbk. £18. Limited edition available only from the author; order form at <https://www.facebook.com/donald.reid.1401>.

■ **Shetland and the Great War**, by Linda K. Riddell. Lerwick: the Shetland Times, 2015. 272 pp., illus. £25. (978-1904746959)

<http://www.shetlandtimes.co.uk/shop/product.php?productid=307&cat=0&page=1>

■ **East Kilbride from old photographs**, by Bill Niven. Amberley, 2015. 96pp.; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4880-4)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/east-kilbride-from-old-photographs.html>

■ **Falkirk through time**, by Jack Gillon. Amberley, 2015. 96 pp.; 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4643-5)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/falkirk-through-time.html>

■ **Potteries of Kirkcaldy: the home of Wemyss Ware**, by Carol McNeil. Amberley, 2015. 96pp. ; 150 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-4456-5156-9)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/potteries-of-kirkcaldy.html>

■ **Waterloo remembered in Nithsdale**. Dumfries & Galloway Council, 2015. Leaflet 6pp. Free.

■ **Lanark Lanimers – the Willie Gall Cartoons 1965-2005**. the Lanark Lanimer Committee, 2014. Published by to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Lanimer brochure.

<http://lanark.co.uk/latest-news/news-detail/lanimer-cartoons-brought-together-under-one-cover#.Vh7uquxViko>

■ **Beside the Sea**, by Sarah Freeman. Aurum Press, 2015. 192 pp. Hbk. £25. (ISBN 9781781313053)

<http://bookshop.nationalarchives.gov.uk/9781781313053/Beside-The-Sea/>

Has a short but interesting chapter on Portobello. The '99 ice cream is supposed to have originated in Acari's ice cream parlour in the High Street.

WHAT'S ON

■ **Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society** meets in Cumberland Street Day Centre, Dumfries at 7.30pm (enter via Brooms Road car park).

6 Nov. 2015. David Ross: *Lines of Divergence: the formation of railways in Dumfries and the South-West*.

4 Dec. 2015. Dr Valentina Bold: *Father of the Society: Frank Millar FSA*.

15 Jan. 2016. Andrew Nicholson: *Excavating the Galloway Viking hoard*.

■ **Maryhill Burgh Halls events 2015**

- **Securing Maryhill's Heritage**

Wed 18th November 6pm - 8pm

An evening of talks and refreshments.

Local historians will reveal the dynamic history of Maryhill while local community groups will tell us how they promote and preserve the area's rich heritage. You can get involved in preserving Maryhill's heritage by joining the groups who will be running information stalls throughout the evening.

Cheese, wine and tea and coffee refreshments will be available.

This event is free. Donations to Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust are welcome at the event. Order your ticket on Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/securing-maryhills-heritage-tickets-18885434844>

- **Maryhill Heritage Walks**

Sat 24th October and Sat 14th November at 1pm

Join us on a trail of discovery along the paths, canal or river walkways through Maryhill. Discover the buildings that tell Maryhill's story from grand estate grounds to buzzing industrial police burgh to modern life.

Suitable for adults and children aged 12+ years. Disabled access cannot be guaranteed as the walk involves mixed terrains. Please book a place by calling us on 0845 860 1878 or email us at heritage@mbht.org.uk. Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for mixed terrains. In the event of bad weather the walks may be cancelled up to an hour before.

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>

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<https://www.slhf.org/submit-event>