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SLHF NEWS

■ SLHF Events

The SLHF/NLS Annual Lecture on 12 March in the National Library of Scotland is fully booked, and less than half the places remain for the **Forth & Clyde Canal Walk & Talk in Glasgow** on 16 May, so do book quickly. The boat is larger for the **Union Canal excursion in Edinburgh** on 20 June, so there are more places available.

A booking form is attached to this newsletter, or book online at:

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-boat-trip-forth-clyde-canal-glasgow-end>

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-boat-trip-union-canal-edinburgh-end>

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ Thomas Brochard, a researcher at Aberdeen University has uncovered the earliest known documented record of a Scottish vessel sailing to Newfoundland in 1596, in **Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives**.

<https://news.aberdeencity.gov.uk/reference-to-earliest-scottish-vessel-sailing-to-north-america-discovered-in-aberdeenshire-archives/>

■ **Historic Environment Scotland** is funding the *Living on Water* project, which is researching early Iron Age loch dwelling communities, currently excavating crannogs in Loch Tay. Fieldwork has taken place in 2017 and 2018, and preliminary results for 2017 are available.

<http://www.crannog.co.uk/latest-news/291-living-on-water-crannog-project>

Their blog highlights findings:

<http://www.crannog.co.uk/blog/stua-blog>

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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■ The **National Museum of Scotland** has opened three new galleries: **Ancient Egypt**, **Exploring East Asia** and **Art of Ceramics**. Although not at first obviously connected with local history, much of the collection derives from Scots travellers and collectors.

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland/things-to-see-and-do/new-ancient-egypt-east-asia-and-ceramics-galleries/>

A pan-Scotland programme is planned.

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/national-international/sharing-collections/national-projects/east-asia-collections/>
<https://www.nms.ac.uk/about-us/press-office/new-gallery-celebrating-the-art-of-ceramics/>

■ **Mitchell Library**, Glasgow, events are at:

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/whats-on?page=1&venue=Mitchell%20Library>

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/media/3881/mitchell-events-guide-feb-mar-a5-web.pdf>

■ The **National Library of Scotland** holds regular workshops and events for users:

<https://www.nls.uk/events/workshops-and-tours>

■ **Aberdeen Libraries** events are at:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/What%27s%20on%20at%20Aberdeen%20City%20Libraries%20Jan-Mar%202019.pdf>

■ **Local History Week** in **East Dunbartonshire**, 2-9 March: <https://eastdunbarton.gov.uk/news/local-history-week-2019>

HELP WANTED

■ Alison Stirling writes: *I'm looking for people with an interest in local history to give talks on the river Clyde, shipbuilding, nursing, world war 1, tenement living, the garden suburb movement, the history of Bearsden, the history of Glasgow bowling greens etc.*

Our local library is under threat and we are trying to enliven our community by putting on a series of talks. If you know of any people who would be interested to talk in Bearsden then please let me know.

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SOCIETIES

■ The **Scottish Association of Family History Societies** (SAFHS) are holding their 30th annual conference in the Pulteney Centre, Wick, with Caithness Family History Society. **Northern Roots** is on Saturday 27 April 2019.

<http://caithnessfhs.org.uk/northern-roots/>

http://caithnessfhs.org.uk/?wpfb_dl=220

■ **National Trust for Scotland and The 1745 Association** lecture, *Walking with Charlie: Treading in the Footsteps of the Bonnie Prince*, will be held at the NTS Visitor Centre at Culloden at 13:30 on Friday April 12th 2019. Book tickets, £5.00, at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walking-with-charlie-treading-in-the-footsteps-of-the-bonnie-prince-tickets-52302047833>

UNIVERSITIES

■ The **Scottish Heritage Partnership** based at Glasgow University has been researching the use of technology in heritage 'immersive' displays at several sites, with Professor Murray Pittock as Principal Investigator and Professor Lorna Hughes and Dr Maria Economou (Hunterian-Information Studies) as Co-Investigators. <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/informationstudiesresearch/researchprojects/scottishnationalheritage/>
https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_615337_en.pdf

Their questions and results are summarised in a Youtube display. [WARNING if you are viewing in a quiet place: – this video has an audio commentary]. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2D_jU1cj3V4

■ **Mapping the Scottish Reformation: a database of the Scottish clergy 1560-1689**

This new project is at an early stage and is led by Michelle D. Brock (Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia) and Chris Langley (Newman University, Birmingham, UK). Initially drawing on *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae* (published short biographies of the clergy) there are plans to explore manuscript sources, such as Kirk records in the National Records of Scotland. A pilot project intends to cover archives of the synod of Lothian and Tweeddale, subject to funding. A recent blog reveals that the project is also looking at wives of the clergy. <http://mappingthescottishreformation.org/>

WEBSITES

■ The **National Library of Scotland** has added images of estate plans courtesy of **Lovat Highland Estates**, Beaulieu to the maps website. The first tranche consists of 7 estate maps by Peter May (ca. 1724/33-1795) and a volume of 64 estate plans by George Brown (1747-1816). During 2019 it is intended to add over 300 Lovat estate maps, including a selection from neighbouring estates.

<https://maps.nls.uk/estates/#inverness-shire>

Other maps added recently to the Maps website include post-war out-of-copyright (over 50 years old) **6-inch Ordnance Survey maps of Scotland**. During 2019, similar maps of England and Wales will be added. <https://maps.nls.uk/os/national-grid/index.html>

■ The **National Records of Scotland** has mounted an illustrated display *The sinking of H M Yacht Iolaire, 1 January 1919*.

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/learning/first-world-war/the-iolaire-disaster-1919>

■ **Scotland's People: The great storm of 1968**.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/article/our-records-great-storm-1968>

The borrowed wedding dress 1943.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/article/our-records-borrowed-wedding-dress>

PUBLICATIONS

■ **Scotland and the Flemish people**; edited by Alexander Fleming and Roger Mason. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2019. 208pp; col. illus. Pbk. £20. (ISBN 9781910900277)

<https://www.birlinn.co.uk/Scotland-and-the-Flemish-People.html>

■ **The Battle of Carham: a thousand years on**; edited by Neil McGuigan and Alex Woolf. Edinburgh: John Donald, 2018. 352pp; b/w illus. Pbk. £30.00. (ISBN 9781910900246)

<https://www.birlinn.co.uk/Battle-of-Carham-The.html>

■ **Old Letham, Guthrie and Friockheim**, by Guthrie Hutton. Catrine: Stenlake, 2018. Pbk. £10.99. (ISBN 9781840338324)

http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1178§ion=

■ **Old Houston and Crosslee**, by John Fyfe Anderson. Catrine: Stenlake, 2018. Pbk. £10.95. (ISBN 9781840338317)

http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1173§ion=

■ **Clydebank then and now**, by John Hood. Catrine: Stenlake, 2018. Pbk. £10.95. (ISBN: 9781840338270)

http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1172§ion=

■ **My Scottish common people: the history of a Scottish family**, by George Smith. You Caxton, 2018. 234pp. Pbk. £9.00. (ISBN 9-781912-419234)

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Scottish-Common-People-history/dp/1912419238>

■ **Cairt: the newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum**, 34, January 2019

- Lovat Estate Map project.

- George Taylor's plans of Aberdour Estate, Aberdeenshire, 1774.

- Admiralty charts in the Sutherland papers.

<https://www.nls.uk/media/1685264/cairt34.pdf>

■ **Highland Archive Centre Newsletter**, November 2018

<https://mailchi.mp/highlifehighland/highland-archive-service-1094233>

■ **History Scotland**, 19(2) March/April 2019.

- The Café Royal and the plumber's showroom [Edinburgh pub history].

- The Robertsons of Alvie in Van Diemen's Land, part 2 (part 1 is in issue 19(1))

--Glasgow made the Clyde and the Clyde made Glasgow: the early years of wooden shipbuilding.

- Coastal history in Scotland.

- The tragedy of the Iolaire, 1 January 2019.

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WHAT'S ON

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<https://www.slhf.org/events>

<https://www.slhf.org/calendar>

Submit your events at:

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



<https://www.slhf.org/scottish-local-history-directory>

Is your organisation in the Scottish Local History Directory?

Helping people to find their way around local history in Scotland.

<https://www.slhf.org/slh-directory-map>



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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 (& Sail)...

... in Glasgow
Thursday 16 May 2019

... in Edinburgh
Thursday 20 June 2019

Two interesting Walk & Talk excursions are planned to experience Scotland's Central Belt canals: the Forth & Clyde Canal along the Glasgow cut and at Maryhill; and the Union Canal, built to link Edinburgh with the Forth & Clyde Canal. As well as short walks, with talks, there are also boat trips on the canals. Lunch is included.

The Forth & Clyde Canal



Maryhill Lock & Kelvin Aqueduct

Paul Bishop has planned this programme which includes return cruises to the Maryhill Locks, on the Forth & Clyde Society's vessel, the **Gypsy Princess**.

PROGRAMME: Thursday 16 May, 10.45-15.45

10.45 Meet at Scottish Canals HQ at Applecross Street. On-street parking available, or a bus passes the end of Applecross Street.

11.00 Depart (promptly) on the '**Gypsy Princess**' to cruise to Maryhill with commentary en-route.

12.00 Lunch (soup / sandwiches / tea / coffee / fruit or cake) at The White House, an historic pub at Maryhill top lock, which is being refurbished by a cycling charity. During lunch there will be a short talk on historical industry and activities at the Maryhill flight of locks

13.00 A guided walk & talk to explore the locks and / or the aqueduct.

14.00 Return cruise to Canals HQ at Applecross Street.

15.00 Walk around Canals HQ with a talk about the sculptures of the Forth & Clyde reservoirs.

15.45 Finish.

The Union Canal

Graeme Cruickshank will lead this excursion, which starts at Tollcross, Edinburgh and includes a 3-hour cruise on the **Lochrin Belle** to the Slateford Aqueduct.

PROGRAMME: Thursday 20 June, 11.00- 16.00

11.00 Registration in the **Central Methodist Hall**, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh EH9 3BP. Coffee/tea.

11.30 Talk by Graeme Cruickshank, giving a brief overview of canals in Scotland, more detail about the Union Canal, and an introduction to the 'lost' section of the canal, now filled in, which will be the route of the following walk.

12.30 Walk a few hundred yards from the canal's former terminus at Port Hopetoun, tracing the route to the present start of the canal at Edinburgh Quay.

13.30 Board the **Lochrin Belle** and cruise to the Slateford Aqueduct. Lunch will be served on board: the 'Boater's Buffet'. Toilet facilities are available.

15.00 At Slateford there will an opportunity to disembark for a short time while the boat is turned around for the return trip.

16.30 Return to Edinburgh Quay (Fountainbridge)



Union Canal 1922

Advance booking is essential (see over)

BOOKING FORM - WALK, TALK & SAIL - 2019

BOOK BY POST OR ONLINE

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

Book and pay online at

www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-Milngavie 16 May

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-boat-trip-union-canal-edinburgh-end> 20 June

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

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Queries

Tel: 0131 669 8252

Email: <http://slhf.org/contact-slhf>

£28 Members

£33 Non-members

Includes outward and return sailings, a sandwich lunch in Glasgow, and buffet lunch on board the boat in Edinburgh.

UNION CANAL AT EDINBURGH

Note 1:

BY CAR Parking is expensive and very limited near the Central Methodist Hall (near the south end of Lothian Road, at the junction of Earl Grey Street and West Tollcross). There is Castle Terrace Carpark multi storey (Lothian Road) and there are 46 places at Edinburgh Quay (10 minute walk).

<https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/edinburgh/>

BY BUS For those arriving by long distance bus from out of town, the best point to alight is around the Shandwick Place/Princes Street junction. From there, it is a 12-15 minute walk, or many buses run along Lothian Road.

BY TRAIN Arrive at Haymarket or Waverley and take a bus or walk to Princes Street/Lothian Road.

Note 2: In the event of a medical emergency, assistance may not be immediately at hand on board the *Lochrin Belle*. Please advise the captain if you have an acute health issue. The boat does not have a licence for the consumption of alcohol.

Glasgow, Thursday 16 May 2019

No of places: Members @ £28 per head
..... Non-Members @ £33 per head

Names:.....

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Edinburgh, Thursday 20 June 2019

No of places: Members @ £28 per head
..... Non-Members @ £33 per head

Names:.....

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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.....

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..... Postcode

Telephone

SPECIAL DIETS.....

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.

Participants should have suitable footwear and be able to board the boats, and walk for at least an hour, sometimes on rough terrain.