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## SLHF NEWS

- **SLHF website** developments continue, with the arrival of an online payments system. Membership subscriptions, back numbers of *Scottish Local History* and events bookings can now be requested and paid for online.
- The SLHF visit to **Trinity House of Leith and walking tour of Leith** on 2 May was a great success and there will be a full report in the next issue of *Scottish Local History*. As it was oversubscribed, it is hoped to repeat the programme some time in 2015. Jim Tweedie of Leith Local History Society, who led a walk round Leith, presented all the participants with a copy of their new guidebook *Explore Historic Leith* – see the New Publications section for details.

### **On the Wrong Side of the Law**

#### **300 years of crime and punishment in Scotland**

The next **SLHF conference and AGM** will be on Friday 24 October 2014 in the AK Bell Library, Perth. The programme & booking form will be circulated in late August with *Scottish Local History*, and online booking is available on the website now!



*Edinburgh  
City Guard  
c. 1780*

## CONTACT DETAILS

[www.slhf.org/contact-slhf](http://www.slhf.org/contact-slhf)

'Clish-clash' means repeated gossip, so do send your local history news & information by post or via our website contact page; choosing **Contribute**.

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## SOCIETIES' NEWS

- **Eddie Stewart of Clackmannanshire Field Studies Society** writes:

*"Our Society is just about to begin a four year project under the auspices of the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative, and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Our project is called "A Tale of Two Estates", concerning two local families, the Mars of Alloa and the Bruces of Clackmannan.*

*It deals with: the 17th century stone harbour; 17th & 18th century lade systems which carried water to power Egyptian wheels, which drained the coal pits; 18th century waggon-ways for the Alloa and the Clackmannan Estates, that carried coal to the local harbours and carried limestone from the harbour back up to the Devon Iron works."*

For more about the society and their activities, see their website <http://www.cfss.org.uk/index.php>

- **Elie & Earlsferry Local History Society.**

*Alan Provan has sent information about their summer activities:*

### **- Wartime Memories Exhibition**

Friday 8 – Monday 11 August 2014, 10am-4pm. Free. Elie Parish Church Hall, Kirkpark Road, Elie KY9 1DG.

How Elie and Earlsferry were affected in WWI and WW2: video displays, artefacts etc.

- The Society is also organising two **guided walks**, open to all. Walks take about 'an hour and a bit maybe more, not an exact science'.

**27 July: Elie**, leave from Parish Church at 2 pm

**3 August: Earlsferry**, leave from Earlsferry Town Hall at 2 pm. <http://www.eliehistory.com/>

## AROUND THE LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

- **Edinburgh City Art Centre**, exhibition until 6 July 2014, **A capital view: the art of Edinburgh.**

The growth and development of Edinburgh as seen through the eyes of artists. See details of accompanying publication in the 'New publications' section.

<http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/City-Art-Centre/Exhibitions/2014-15/A-Capital-View---the-Art-of-Edinburgh>

- **Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum**, exhibition until 17 August 2014.

**How Glasgow flourished, 1714-1837.**

<http://scot.sh/hskelvin>

▪ **West Lothian in the Great War 1914-1918**

Bathgate Partnership Centre, 2 August 2014, 10-3.  
Displays, stalls, talks, Scotland's War Roadshow,  
West Lothian Family History Society, re-enactment  
soldiers and more.  
For information phone 01506 282491;  
email [localhistory@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:localhistory@westlothian.gov.uk)

▪ **Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh**,  
free exhibition: **Remembering the Great War**. 4  
August 2014- 5 July 2015.  
<http://www.nationalgalleries.org/whatson/exhibitions/remembering-the-great-war/>

▪ **Pam McNicol of Stirling Council Libraries and Archives** writes:  
*Stirling Council is running a fun, innovative family history themed day on Sept 13 as part of the Stirling 2014 activities to celebrate the City and its history. As part of this event, we are offering local and family history societies the chance to have a stand in our display area.*

*Held in Stirling's Tolbooth in the historic 'Top of the Town' area, 'Wha's Like Us?' will exploit the unique history of the building to explore topics such as crime and punishment and how people lived and worked in the local area. The day will end by exploring the family tree of a well known Scottish author who will be present at the event and give their view of what has been discovered about their ancestors.*

*The programme is being created to appeal to a diverse group of people, some of whom will have experience of researching family history. It will also be accessible for those who are just starting out on their research and those who might not even have considered that family history is for them. The speakers will be bringing the stories of the past to life. The venue will be open from 8.30am to allow delegates to set up their stands and will continue until 5.30 pm. Refreshments will be available.*

*Talks and workshops include:*

- DNA and Family History
- Crime and Punishment in Stirling – the place of the Tolbooth
- The castle and the town – Stirling and its soldiers
- Unique information available from the records of the poor law
- Registrar's records taster session
- Archives and Libraries taster session
- Surgery for the identification of documents, photographs and artefacts.

*Stands in the gallery area will cost £15 per place and are being made available on a first come, first served basis. Please tell any of your members who might be interested about this event.*

*If you are interested in booking a stand, please contact Pam McNicol at Stirling Council Archive, 5 Borrowmeadow Road, Springkerse Estate, Stirling, FK7 7UW. Tel: 01786 450745.  
E-mail: [mcnicolp@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:mcnicolp@stirling.gov.uk)  
<http://whaslikeus.stirling.gov.uk/index.htm>*

## HELP WANTED

▪ Helen Kay writes: *The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the oldest surviving women's peace organisation will be 100 years old in April 2015.*

*One of the founders was Chrystal Macmillan, an Edinburgh woman who helped organise the first Congress at The Hague in 1915. By 1916, there were three branches in Scotland, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Midlothian - but so far we have not been able to trace the records of their work or their minute books.*

*I wonder is it possible to make an appeal through your journal, requesting any information which may be held by your members about the WILPF Scottish branches or their minute books?*

*Thanks for any advice or assistance that you can give.*

To contact Helen, telephone 0131 336 5506.

▪ Trevor Johnson, of **Historic UK, the history and heritage accommodation guide** has sent this request.

*We have just launched our brand new interactive map detailing the [Museums of Britain](#). Due to the large scale nature of the project, we are anxious to learn if we have missed any museums in your area? You will find a form on the above page to let us know of any omissions.*

*Once this is complete, we will then integrate the museum details into our interactive maps covering the regions of [Historic Scotland](#). Over the coming months it is our intention to feature further historic attractions including abbeys, palaces, stately homes, ancient and prehistoric sites.*

*Further to the many requests that we have received on the topic, our next task will be to collate and present a comprehensive listing of Local History Societies. If you are aware of any group or society that may like to be included, please do not hesitate to [let us know](#).*

*Finally, please remember to let us know if you would like us to promote any living history events for you. You will find a link to do so on our [Living History Events Diary](#) page.*

*Many thanks in advance,*

Trevor Johnson, [www.historic-uk.com](http://www.historic-uk.com)

## WEBSITES

▪ **Project Adair** is a 2-year collaboration between RCAHMS and Historic Scotland to 'collate and promote information on the marine historic environment'.

This includes records and data (for example the UK Hydrographic Office Wrecks database) as well as images. 1200 images from the Colin & Paula Martin Collection, relating to nautical archaeology and shipwrecks dives off Scotland, have recently been added. <http://scot.sh/hsadair>

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

▪ **Explore Historic Leith: a free guidebook** by the Leith Local History Society. 32 pp. Also available to download online at

<http://www.leithlocalhistorysociety.org.uk/guidebook/guidebook.htm>

▪ RCAHMS and Historic Scotland have launched their first joint publications catalogue in advance of their amalgamation in 2015.

<http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/rcahms-books/rcahms-historic-scotland-books-2014-15>

Three books of photography of Scotland have been re-issued in compact paperback editions.

- **Above Scotland**

- **Wanderings with a camera in Scotland**

- **Scotland's landscapes.**

Edinburgh: RCAHMS, 2014. Pbk. £14.99.

▪ **A capital view: the art of Edinburgh, one hundred art works from the City collections**, by Alyssa Popiel. Birlinn, 2014. 224 pp. Hbk. £25.00. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1780271965).

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/A-Capital-View.html>

▪ **The Cairngorms: a secret history**, by Patrick Baker. Birlinn, 2014. 176 pp. Pbk. £9.99. (ISBN 978-1780271880).

<http://www.birlinn.co.uk/Cairngorms-The-A-Secret-History.html>

▪ **The history of St Kilda**, by Kenneth Macaulay; foreword by Roger Hutchinson. Birlinn, 2013. xviii, 160 pp. Pbk. £7.99. (ISBN 978-1780271217).

Re-publication of Rev Kenneth Macaulay's 1763 memoir.

▪ **A history of Stromness**, by Bryce Wilson. The Orcadian Ltd (Kirkwall Press), 2013. 322 pp. Pbk. £19.50. (ISBN 978-1902957586).

[http://www.orcadian.co.uk/shop/index.php?id\\_product=409&controller=product](http://www.orcadian.co.uk/shop/index.php?id_product=409&controller=product)

▪ **Hidden Aberdeenshire: the coast**, by Fiona-Jane Brown. Black & White Publishing, 2014. 96 pp. Hbk. £9.99. (ISBN 978-1845027575).

[http://www.blackandwhitepublishing.com/index.php/books/view/hidden\\_aberdeenshire\\_the\\_coast](http://www.blackandwhitepublishing.com/index.php/books/view/hidden_aberdeenshire_the_coast)

▪ **Hidden St Andrews: discover the hidden history of one of Scotland's oldest towns**, by Susan McMullan. Black & White Publishing, 2014. 96 pp. Hbk. £9.99. (ISBN 978-1845027558).

[http://www.blackandwhitepublishing.com/index.php/books/view/hidden\\_st\\_andrews](http://www.blackandwhitepublishing.com/index.php/books/view/hidden_st_andrews)

▪ **Routes to your North East roots: researching family history in Aberdeen city and shire.**

40 pp. Free booklet; also available online at <http://www.northeastscotlandroots.com/>

▪ **MacBrayne ships**, by Alistair Deayton. Amberley, 2014. 128 pp. Pbk. £19.99. (ISBN 978-1-444456-3582-8). <http://amberleybooks.com/>

▪ **History Scotland**, 14(4), July/August 2014. Warner Group Publications. 64 pp. £3.95. (ISSN 1475-5270).

- Cromarty: exploring the origins of a royal medieval burgh.

- Set a stiff heart to a stae brae: two remarkable wives and an 18<sup>th</sup> century Orkney estate.

- The Black Captain and the catastrophe of Gaick.

- The Neitan stone.

▪ **The book of the Old Edinburgh Club: the journal for Edinburgh history.** New Series, 10, 2014.

172 pp. (ISBN 0-9517284-9-0).

- 'A venerable and romantic ruin': St Anthony's Chapel and its place in Edinburgh's historical and visual image, by Patricia Andrews.

- James Ker, member of Parliament for Edinburgh, 1747-1754, by William Irvine Fortescue.

- The Musick Club and the Edinburgh Musical Society, by Roger L. Emerson and Jenny Macleod.

- Ramsay Garden: 'Professor Geddes's new buildings', by R. J. Morris.

- The public washhouses of Edinburgh, by Steven Robb.

- *Edinburgh portrait*: Sir John Marjoribanks, Bart, MP (1763-1833), by Roger Marjoribanks.

- *Reekiana*: 'Spectator of a busy scene': a visitor of 1793 experiences Edinburgh outside and in, by Iain Gordon Brown.

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

▪ **New Orkney Antiquarian Journal**, 6, 2012. Orkney Heritage Society. £15.

- Who was Dufnjall? Did St Magnus kill him?

- The Country of Orkney and the Complaints against David Menzies.

- Jo: Ben's Description of Orkney .

- Jo: Ben Revisited.

- The Centre for Nordic Studies.

- The Establishment of the Scots Language in Orkney.

- The Fur Trade Families of Orkney and Canada.

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/OHS/documents/NOAJ%20Contents.pdf>

▪ **Caledonian Maps**, which specialises in publishing reproductions of Scottish historical maps, has been advertised as a business for sale.

[www.caledonianmaps.co.uk/](http://www.caledonianmaps.co.uk/)

## WHAT'S ON

There is a list of events at <http://slhf.org/events>.

Also see the Calendar on the SLHF website at

<http://slhf.org/calendar-node-field-date>.

▪ **Routes to your North East roots**

8-10 August, Haddo Country Park, Methlick, Ellon AB41 7EQ. Family history and heritage fair.

[www.northeastscotlandroots.com](http://www.northeastscotlandroots.com)

▪ **Lanarkshire Family History Society Local and family history show**

23 August. 9.30-4.30. Motherwell Concert Hall & Theatre, Airbles Road, Motherwell ML1 1AB.

Lectures: £4.00 each (includes history fair).

History fair only: £2.00.

<http://lfhsshow2014.weebly.com/>

▪ ***Who do you think you are Live***

29-31 August, SECC, Glasgow G3 8YW.

<http://scotsh/slivescot>.

**Please remember to submit your event to the SLHF website.**

Submit information to promote your organisation or society on our website at

<http://www.slhf.org/submit-your-details>.

Submit information on your events for promotion on our website and in the e-newsletter at

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