



## SLHF NEWS

The Forum's trustees and honorary president convened for a review session on 18 March. We are grateful to Reyahn King for her excellent facilitation and to Patrick Hart of the National Library of Scotland for hosting the day. The aim was to look at the priorities for the next three to five years and how we could best meet the needs of members. We are grateful to all of you who took time to complete our members' survey, which greatly helped us in our deliberations.

■ **Scottish Local History issue 118** should be with members by now and preparation of issue 119 is well advanced. The latter's articles will include: Waistell the Duellist by L Brown, Sir Alexander Murray and St Kilda by A Drummond, Dunbar Battery Hospital by J E Herring, Politics in Strathard by J Kennedy, The First Bicycles in Scotland by B Price, Robert Thom by D Whyte and The Earl and the Shirra by J Wood.

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

■ The **National Library of Scotland** is offering a new Virtual Reading Room service. Wherever you are in the world, you can now access the collections from the comfort of your own home, without the hassle and cost of travel. Thanks to special cameras, users of the service can view collection items in real time through a live video call, using Zoom or Microsoft Teams. You can request to see a particular page or section, for example, or to zoom in on a particular detail. The Library has two camera set-ups. The desktop visualiser is suitable for viewing collection items that are smaller than A3, like letters, books, and pamphlets. The ceiling visualiser is used for larger items like maps and newspapers. For more information on how to access the service: <https://www.nls.uk/using-the-library/reading-rooms/view-material-online/>.



NLS Virtual Reading Room cameras in action



■ **SECOND LAND-UTILISATION SURVEY MAPS OF SCOTLAND, 1964-75** NLS has put online 860 field survey sheets showing land-use in selected areas in Scotland in the 1960-1970s. These maps were created as part of the Second Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain, directed by Professor Alice Coleman (1923-2023) of King's College, London. The survey built on the experience of the First Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain in the 1930s, directed by L. Dudley Stamp. It employed a broadly similar methodology, with volunteers, including school children and university students, hand-annotating land-use onto Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 scale base maps, but it used a more detailed set of over 70 land-use categories. Due to funding difficulties, only part of the country was surveyed, and the surviving sheets cover about a quarter of Scotland, with best coverage of Lowland, more settled areas. Further details: [Second Land Utilisation Survey, Scotland, 1964-1975](#)



Detail from: Second Land Utilisation Survey, Sheet NT17SW, surveyed 1966

■ **MAPS OF BRITAIN BY COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS, 1840s-1970s** NLS has put online 906 maps by commercial publishers of Great Britain. Most of these are smaller-scale maps of the whole of Great Britain, England and Wales. These maps provide an overview of these countries, and include maps of railways and roads, economic maps showing geology and coalfields, educational maps for classroom use, maps showing administrative and ecclesiastical boundaries, planning maps, and maps for tourists. Also included are 88 county maps of regions within England and Wales, as well as 159 town plans, including 119 town plans of London. Further details: [Maps of Britain by commercial publishers, 1840s-1970s](#)





Detail from: George Philip, *London & North Eastern railway and connecting railways* (1926)

■ **Museums Galleries Scotland** has announced that 14 museums and galleries across Scotland have been awarded £521,000 through the Capital Resilience Fund. This fund was created thanks to the Scottish Government who allocated £500,000 of capital funding to develop resilience in Scotland’s museums. The awards will support capital costs that directly increase the resilience of museums by increasing energy efficiency, reducing running costs or preventing increases in maintenance and repair costs. A priority in the awarded projects is to reduce carbon emissions or to have a positive environmental impact. The 14 museums and galleries awarded a Capital Resilience Grant are: Bennie Museum, National Mining Museum Scotland, Dundee Heritage Trust (Verdant Works), South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (Low Parks Museum), The Whithorn Trust, Glasgow Women’s Library, John Paul Jones Birthplace Museum, David Livingstone Birthplace, National Trust for Scotland (Robert Burns Birthplace Museum), Museum of Islay Life, St Andrews Heritage Museum & Garden, Glasgow Life Glasgow Museums (Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum), Inverclyde Council (McLean Museum), High Life Highland (Inverness Museum & Art Gallery).

■ **Dumfries Museum** currently has an exhibition on the theme **Fighting for Justice: Strikes & Protests in Dumfries 1770-1920**. It looks at some of the struggles of the organised working class of Dumfries and Maxwelltown across 150 years of its history – from the food riots of the later 18<sup>th</sup> century down to the labour unrest of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Based on material from Scottish Labour History Society member Ian Gasse’s book, *Mobbings, Struggles and Strikes* (2022), the exhibition features walks, talks, Chartist songs, special weekends and a play reading, and runs to 4 September 2024. [Fighting for Justice - DG Culture | Dumfries and Galloway Culture | Museums and galleries - Dumfries and Galloway Council | Festivals | Events | Exhibitions | Whats On Dumfries and Galloway](#)

■ The current refurbishment of **Paisley Museum** has won a prestigious international award recognising its significant role in the town and wider region’s cultural regeneration. Architects AL\_A won the Cultural Regeneration category at the AR Future Projects 2024 awards, organised by The Architectural Review. The £45 million refurbishment of Paisley Museum is part of a once-in-a-generation investment by Renfrewshire Council in four key cultural assets in the town. Paisley Museum is due to reopen in 2025. [Paisley Museum succeeds in major global competition to win prestigious international award | OneRen](#)

- The **Scottish Crannog Centre** has reopened following a fire which destroyed the crannog on Loch Tay in 2021. They have built back bigger and better. There is now a museum which holds ancient artifacts, and an Iron Age village, crafted with locally sourced materials, showcasing traditional craftsmanship with hands-on activities. Visitors can join expert-led tours and witness the construction of the first of three Crannogs. [Home - The Scottish Crannog Centre](#)
- Running until 22 September 2024, **Style & Society: Dressing the Georgians**, is the first exhibition to open at the newly-refurbished **King's Gallery**, at the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**. Curated by the Surveyor of The King's Pictures, Anna Reynolds, the exhibition brings together almost 100 works from the Royal Collection, including paintings, prints and drawings by artists including Gainsborough, Zoffany and Hogarth, as well as a selection of surviving period clothing and accessories. Together these works will build up a layer-by-layer picture of what the Georgians wore - from the functional dress of laundry maids to the glittering gowns suitable for court - between the accession of George I in 1714 and the death of George IV in 1830. <https://www.rct.uk/visit/the-kings-gallery-palace-of-holyroodhouse>
- Museum and archive collections from **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum** are now available for everyone to explore online: [Robert Burns Collection | National Trust for Scotland \(nts.org.uk\)](https://www.rts.org.uk/robert-burns-collection)

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **Where Men May No More Reap or Sow – The Little Ice Age: Scotland 1400-1850** by Richard D Oram. Birlinn Ltd, 6 June 2024, 432pp, £75, ISBN 978-0-859767-17-0. [Where Men No More May Reap or Sow | Birlinn Ltd - Independent Scottish Publisher - buy books online](#)
- **The Mysterious Case of the Stone of Destiny** by David Maule. Tippermuir Books Limited, £9.99, ISBN 978-1-913836-26-9. [The Mysterious Case of The Stone of Destiny – Tippermuir Books Ltd.](#)
- **The Stone of Destiny and the Scots** by John Hulbert. Tippermuir Books limited, £10.99. [The Stone of Destiny & The Scots – Tippermuir Books Ltd.](#)
- **A Portrait of the Unknown Jacobite Ladies 1688-1766** by Anita R Gillespie. Postscriptum, 2024, 232pp, £12. [‘A Portrait of the Unknown Jacobite Ladies, 1688-1766’ - A Portrait of Scotland's Jacobite Ladies \(postscriptum.co.uk\)](#)
- **A History of Irish Republicanism in Dundee c1840-1985** by Rút Nic Foirbeis. Tippermuir Books Limited, May 2024, 555pp, £15, ISBN 978-1-913836-27-6. [The History of Irish Republicanism in Dundee c1840 to 1985 – Tippermuir Books Ltd.](#)
- **The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club - The Journal for Edinburgh History** New Series, Volume 19, 2023. Contains articles on shenanigans at Georgian Edinburgh's Stamp Office, a Napoleonic War veteran's contribution to Edinburgh's cityscape, the grisly fate of a Leith Jacobite, Victorian Government funding for 'Scotland's metropolis' and how church seat rents contributed to the City's finances. <https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/boec/boec-new-series-volume-19-2023/>
- **Scottish Archives – the Journal of the Scottish Records Association** Volume 29, 2023. Contains: About the West Boathouse Project by Ingrid Shearer; The Regional Ethnology of Scotland Project: Archive and Research in Partnership by Caroline Milligan, Lesley Bryson and Mark Mulhern; Patrick Mitchell and Calico Printing in the West of Scotland, 1796-1864 by Alison Spence; Towards an Oral History of the Stanley Mills, Luncarty Bleachworks and Ordie Shuttle Mill, Perthshire by Margaret Bennett; The Outdoor Blind People of Perth and Perthshire, 1886-1908 by Iain Hutchison; George MacLeod, Baron Macleod of Fuinary: Living Faith and Learning about Class Divisions in the First World War by Victoria Turner; The Edinburgh Movement for Women's Higher Education Through the Eyes of its Founder: What Can the Writings and Biography of Mary Crudelius Reveal About the Campaign (1866-77)? by Hannah Speed; 'Scenes of Great Animation!': Reflections on the Cruise Diary by Eamonn Connor and The Archive of the Edinburgh Academy by Andrew A. McMillan. Free to members, available for purchase: [PUBLICATIONS \(scottishrecordsassociation.org\)](https://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/)
- **The Local Historian - Journal of the British Association for Local History** Volume 54 No 1, February 2024. Includes: The incidentals of estate mapping by Robert Silvester; Mistress Longe and Master Stephen: a businesswoman navigates mid-Tudor London by Geoff Gillham; Craigmar Vineyard in Finchley: commercial grape growing in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by Dudley Miles; Thomas Rennison and his Grand Pleasure Bath: a maverick Midland entrepreneur in Georgian Bristol by Peter Cullimore and Exploring Victorian Belfast's penological history: a discussion of source material for local historians and conflict archaeologists by Terence Duffy. £5 (free to members): [The Local Historian | Publications | British Association For Local History \(balh.org.uk\)](https://www.balh.org.uk/publications)



■ **Local History News – Magazine of the British Association for Local History** No 150, Winter 2024. Includes articles on the government wills consultation, the mapping the past projects of the Historic Towns Trust and a piece on the new ruling over copyright. £3 (free to members).

[Local History News | Publications | British Association For Local History \(balh.org.uk\)](https://www.balh.org.uk)

■ **The Lands of Ancient Lothian: Interpreting the Archaeology of the A1** by Olivia Lelong and Gavin MacGregor is now available as an open access e-book : <https://doi.org/10.9750/9781908332332>

■ **History Scotland**, Spring 2024. 100pp, £7.99. Includes: the 1919 'battle' of George Square re-examined through eyewitness accounts; the mysterious disappearance of the Flannan Isle lighthouse keepers; new evidence uncovered for Bronze Age burial rites; classical allusions and the Jacobites and exploring the fate of the Aberdeen teenagers transported for life. <https://www.historyscotland.com/news/new-look-for-history-scotland>

■ **Stirling Castle Guidebook** by Morvern French and Andrew Burnet. Historic Scotland, 2024, 108 pp, 150 illustrations, £6.00. [Stirling Castle Guidebook — Historic Scotland Shop](#)

■ **John Dewar's Islay, Jura and Colonsay** edited by Ronald Black and Christopher Dracup. John Dewar Publishing, July 2024, 576pp, £27.50. [BOOKS | John Dewar's Islay, Jura and Colonsay – John Dewar Publishers](#)

## BLOGS

■ Find out about Bella Keyzer, Victoria Drummond and some other remarkable women pioneers in Scottish maritime history from this **Historic Environment Scotland** blog:

[Scotland's Female Ship Workers- Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)



**Panmure Shipyard Joiners, Dundee, featuring two female workers, 1918**

■ **AOC Archaeology Group** has recently undertaken some investigations of St Columba's Cave, Argyll and you can read up on the work here: [St Columba's Cave – In Situ](#)

■ **Why is Scottish filmmaker John Grierson on a Light-Keeper's register?** See the National Records of Scotland's "Hall of Fame" feature to find out about the man who wrote the script for "Seawards the Great Ships" about Clyde shipbuilding which won an Academy Award in 1961. [John Grierson: Stories of Scotland through the lens | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](#)

- **See this Historic Environment Scotland blog** to discover the inspirational story of Jane Ferrier, whose tenacious work in the 1800s ensured the survival of the amazing Stirling Heads at Stirling Castle. [Jane Ferrier and The Stirling Heads - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#).
- **Archaeology Scotland has recently celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** This year, in recognition of its remarkable journey, it has planned a special set of activities to commemorate and celebrate this significant milestone. Discover more about Archaeology Scotland's journey through a celebratory blog written by Archaeology Scotland's Director, Gavin MacGregor.  
[Happy 80th Birthday Archaeology Scotland and Council for British Archaeology | Archaeology Scotland](#)
- **Kilmarnock Old Kirk Trust** give their top tips for community groups thinking of taking on the running of a historic place of worship. [How To Take a Kirk Into Community Ownership - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)
- **Huts, tents, bothies and more.** Holidaymakers in Scotland have a wealth of tiny vacation spaces to holiday in: [Little Wonders: A History of Small Getaways in Scotland \(historicenvironment.scot\)](#)
- **Read about the abduction of Lady Grange** and her imprisonment on St Kilda in 1732.  
[The abduction of Lady Grange - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)
- **How reliable are the claims made for the ages of Scotland's distilleries?**  
[Old, Older, Oldest? Iain Russell unpicks tales from the Scotch whisky – Edinburgh Whisky Academy](#)
- **This year marks the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Argyllshire Highlanders regiment**, one of the predecessors of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Find out about its pre-1881 history:  
[Ne Obliviscaris – 230 years of the Argyllshire Highlanders – The Argyll Sutherland Highlanders Museum](#)
- **Find out about the wife of James II** who ruled Scotland on behalf of her young son, James III, after being widowed in 1460. [Mary of Guelders: A Charitable Queen - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)
- **The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** has launched a new non-fellows e-newsletter to keep the general public up-to-date with its public lectures, latest news and Fellowship application dates. Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/iNb-M/>
- **A peaceful spot on the isle of Lismore**, was once a hive of activity. Journey into our industrial past on a tour of An Sailean lime works. [Back in the Limelight: An Sailean Lime Works \(historicenvironment.scot\)](#)

## WATCH & LISTEN

- **James and John** featured as a book of the week on BBC Radio 4 and is a moving account of the lives and trial of James Pratt and John Smith the last 2 men to be hanged for homosexuality in the UK, in 1835.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m001whcw>
- Some more listening associated with the **RNLI at 200**. A special programme of Archive on 4: RNLI at 200 was presented by Griff Rhys Jones. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001wyfm>  
Meanwhile on BBC iPlayer **Saving Lives at Sea in World War II** is a fascinating account of bravery and courage.  
<https://tinyurl.com/439esjt4>
- On the theme of anniversaries **Strike Boy** is a 10-part series which was on Radio 4. It took us back to the 1984 Miners strike and over the 10 episodes Mark Watson travels the country to make sense of what happened.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m001wxm9>
- On **Channel 4** there is series called [Miners' Strike: The Battle for Britain](#). A very interesting and powerful watch. Its episodes focus on communities as well as the power and politics of the dispute.
- On **BBC iPlayer** is [Miners' Strike](#) a frontline story which tells the story of 15 men and women and one life-changing year on the front line of the most divisive conflict for a generation. It combines archive footage with deeply personal testimony from striking and working miners, their families and the police-with many speaking for the first time.
- One of our favourite programmes has returned to **BBC Radio 4**. It's called **The Life Scientific** and is presented by Jim Al-Khalili. The first episode was an interesting and engaging interview with Jonathan Van-Tam famous for his down to earth presentations during the Covid pandemic. There are over 300 archive episodes taking us back to 2011.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001x4k4>
- **Witness History** was originally broadcast on the BBC World Service and we get the chance to listen to it on BBC Radio 4. Short bite-size episodes every Sunday late afternoon and with a massive back catalogue.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004t1hd>
- **Sporting Witness** offers similar high-quality material except with a focus on sport.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct4skc>
- **History's Secret Heroes** Helena Bonham Carter shines light on extraordinary stories from World War Two.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m001mcbp>
- **The cryptic crossword** is 100 years old this year and listen to a fascinating history presented by James Peak. You may learn some new techniques! The programme is called GEGS (9,4)\*: A Cryptic History.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001y22r>

■ **The Belgrano Diary** is an interesting podcast series from the London Review of Books and hosted by Scot Andrew O'Hagan. <https://tinyurl.com/2nt4n2rd>

■ It's **75 years since RCA released the first 7" record**. In the digital age, when we routinely stream or download music, it might be thought to be obsolete. However, it continues to retain its allure. Songwriter Pete Waterman hosted a special Archive on 4 documentary explaining why they have retained such a following. Broadcast on Saturday 13 April. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001xnvk>

■ Historic Environment Scotland's **Digital Documentation and Innovation** team has taken over 3,000 photographs and 262 scans to create a detailed model of the Broch of Gurness, Orkney. You can now explore these 2,000 year-old walls from your screen!.

[Broch of Gurness, Orkney - 3D model by Historic Environment Scotland \(@HistoricEnvironmentScotland\) \[8f89828\] \(sketchfab.com\)](#)

■ Listen to a **discussion of Scottish Kingship on BBC Sounds**: "In 2024, Scotland marks two big anniversaries: David I ascended the throne nine centuries ago and James I of Scotland began his reign 600 years ago. Both Kings played a role in shaping Scotland's ideas about its monarchy. How did David shape Scotland, and what relevance does the Stone of Destiny have - then, and now, as it returns to its native Perthshire? We look at the Scottish dream vision, initiated by James I in writing Scotland's first love poem, sparking a new tradition lasting through the Renaissance and beyond. Anne McElvoy hears about distinctly Scottish ideas of Kingship. Kylie Murray is the author of The Making of the Scottish Dream Vision and a BBC Radio 3 AHRC New Generation Thinker. Alexandra Sanmark is Professor of Medieval Archaeology at the University of the Highlands and Islands. Donna Hedde is Professor of Northern Heritage and Director of the UHI Institute for Northern Studies at the University of the Highlands and Islands. William Murray is Viscount Stormont and owner of Scone Palace." [Free Thinking - Scottish Kingship - Scottish Kingship - BBC Sounds](#)

## HISTORY NEWS

■ **Scotland's Churches Trust** has produced a searchable map relating to the information it has been able to obtain about the Church of Scotland's planned closures of its church buildings.

[Scotland's Closing Churches - Scotlands Churches Trust](#)

■ As a consequence of the sale of its parish church two early Christian monuments are being moved from Minnigaff to **Stranraer Museum** 25 miles away. [Early Christian monuments from Minnigaff on the move - BBC News](#)

■ A remarkable new project is creating virtual photographs of Edinburgh in the 1700s. Newly awarded support from the Jean Guild Grant Programme of the **Old Edinburgh Club** is helping TV and film director Dr Robert Sproul-Cran to use cinematic CGI techniques to create computer models of Parliament Square and its surroundings. A website and blog has been set up to showcase **Old Edinburgh Reborn**, and an exhibition and book might be on the cards for the future. In the meantime, it is possible to follow the detective work online as each new insight is revealed.

[Old Edinburgh Reborn - The Old Edinburgh Club](#)



An image of Parliament Square illustration 1700 from the **Old Edinburgh Reborn** project.



■ An updated bibliography of Edinburgh history has been put together by the **Old Edinburgh Club** and can be accessed online. This extensive collection of nearly 3,000 items: books, chapters, journal articles and dissertations illuminate the rich heritage of the city, dating from William Maitland's 1753 *History of Edinburgh and Leith*. [OEC Bibliography of Edinburgh History - The Old Edinburgh Club](#)

■ **Old Edinburgh Club** and other relevant publications are available via the SLHF website on [Books & CDs | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#). If you are interested in us selling your publications online, contact us via our website [Contact SLHF | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ The new **North UK Mills networking group** held its first open public meeting online recently. The intention of the group is to facilitate dialogue, share historical, operational and (for current and aspiring future mill conservation projects) technical /practical considerations relating to industrial and pre-industrial mills. The hope, over time is to be able to foster some in-person events and, by opening a facility to discuss current goings on, to introduce interested parties to each other on a virtual forum. This group, facilitated by the Heritage Trust Network and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Scotland is in its early stages -so would welcome ideas as to what such a group could do for your mill project. Contact [marissa.trimble@heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk](mailto:marissa.trimble@heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk) for more details.

## WEBSITES

The **Old Edinburgh Club**, which is the city's local history society, has revamped its website and you can access information about its events, projects and publications at: [The Old Edinburgh Club - exploring the city through history - The Old Edinburgh Club](#)

## WHAT'S ON

■ **Brora Beach Huts (part 2)** Talk by Morag Sutherland and Ellen Lindsay organised by Clyne Heritage Society. 7.00 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2024, Brora Community Centre, at rear of Brora Primary School.

■ **Time Travelling: the search for a creative archaeological narrative** Online talk by Matt Ritchie for Kilmartin Museum. 7.00 pm, Thursday, 16 May 2024. For details and to book: [Evening Talks — Kilmartin Museum](#)

■ **Two 'little' ice ages and an anomaly: climate, environment and cultural change in medieval and early modern Scotland.** Professor Richard Oram delivers the **Rhind Lectures 2024** for the **Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**, Friday, 31 May to Sunday, 2 June, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. Attend in person or online, free and open to all, registration required. [Climate, environment and cultural change in medieval/early modern Scotland Tickets, Fri 31 May 2024 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

■ **150 years of women writing medicine.** 6.00 pm- 7.30 pm, **Wednesday, 26 June 2024**, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ [150 years of women writing medicine | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

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## MEET AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER – SANDRA PURVES

I am a retired Civil Engineer. I have been involved for many years with the Institution of Civil Engineers Panel for Historical Engineering Works and I am the Panel Member for the West of Scotland. The work of the Panel is to record significant Historical Engineering structures and to publicize such structures which illustrate the history and development of Civil Engineering. To this end I have been involved with organising visits to interesting historic engineering structures for many years and with erecting plaques and producing trail leaflets. It becomes apparent the more one is involved how much engineering infrastructure is an important factor in Social Engineering.

I am the Treasurer of Broughton History Society and have carried out research on the local history of the Broughton area resulting in walks and talks on Broughton.





I was involved with campaigning for the restoration of the Lowland Canals in Scotland to through navigation in the 1980's & 90's which resulted in the Millennium Link Project and the construction of The Falkirk Wheel. A member of Edinburgh Union Canal Society & Linlithgow Union Canal Society both of which provide opportunities for people to experience the Canals by water by hiring out rowing boats or running boat trips. Over the years I have organised canal events in the Edinburgh area and trips to look at the engineering of the canals and given talks about the history of the Union Canal. One of my other interests is in Classic Cars of which I have two, a Jowett Bradford van and a 7hp Jowett long saloon. I am also involved with helping cataloguing archive material for the Dundee Museum of Transport. I am currently the Chairman of the Jowett Car Club.

Over the years I have spent time investigating the development of Artificial Lighting & lamps and some of the people involved particularly in the Edinburgh area. This was in conjunction with my late husband's business "Mr Purves' Lighting Emporium.

## CAN YOU HELP?

■ **Historic Environment Scotland** is looking for help testing its new tool for supporting decision making for historic places. Find out about the development of the [Your Historic Place lens](#), designed to be used with the [Place Standard Tool](#): [\(16\) Help test our new tool to support decision making for historic places | LinkedIn](#)

■ The **Black Watch Museum** is keen to hear from anyone with information about the women of the **Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS)** stationed at Balhousie Castle during the Second World War. [\(16\) Post | LinkedIn](#)

■ **Dunollie Museum Castle and Grounds**, in association with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Oban Common Good Fund will be hosting a **Scottish Women Collectors: Sharing Stories Event** on Saturday, 7 September 2024 at the Rockfield Centre in Oban, including speakers on a range of topics including traditional textile and craft production, Scottish women collectors and historians, fishing and agriculture communities and more. Having already begun receiving some abstracts for papers – if you would like to submit one, please do so to [anna@dunollie.org](mailto:anna@dunollie.org) – the above topics are not exclusive! [The Sophy & White Project | dunollie](#) [Sophy & White: April Update \(dunollie.org\)](#)

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## QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

*"It's very nice to be right sometimes."*

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Peter Higgs, after whom the Higgs boson was named, who died recently aged 94.

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