

Dates for your diary

Monday September 12th, Annual General Meeting

Monday October 10th, Michael Gallon, '*The French Connection to Hidden Treasure in Fortrose*'.

Mike will share his 40 years of metal detecting experience in the Highlands including his search for buried treasure in Fortrose.

Monday November 14th, Dr Daisy Cunynghame, '*Remote and Rural Remedies*'.

Dr Daisy Cunynghame, Heritage Manager at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, will explore medicine in the Highlands over the last 600 years.

Monday December 12th, David Rendell, '*Meet Mrs Bean, Postmistress of Fortrose*'

Dave will use information gathered from the Trade Directories to help us understand the processes of change at work in small, rural, Victorian communities.

Monday January 9th, Glen MacDonald, '*Monkstadt House*'

On behalf of the Clan Donald and the 1715 Association Glen has researched the role played by Monkstadt House, Skye, in Bonnie Prince Charles' escape from Scotland after the Battle of Culloden. Glen has delved into the history of the clan from its origins at Glentulm castle to the magnificent Monkstadt House, its decline and ruin plus its rebirth after much conservation to a commercial enterprise.

Monday February 13th, Richard Littlewood, '*Tain's Architectural History*'

Richard Littlewood, Chair of the Tain District Civic Trust will take us on a virtual tour of the historic buildings in Tain. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Trust Richard has detailed 95 buildings of historical interest and these will provide the foundation for his virtual tour.

Monday March 13th, Mark Hatton, '*Old Scottish Gravestones and their Symbols*'

Mark Hatton will take us through the history of the symbols found on old gravestones. He has studied the chronological and geographical development of gravestones across Southern Scotland and Northern England and put them into their historical context so as to fully understand the meaning and significance of the symbols to the dead and their grieving relatives. Mark is currently exploring the graveyards and cemeteries in the Highlands.