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SLHF NEWS

■ There is still time to book the two **Walk and Talk** events in Ayr (11 June) and Edinburgh (12 June), although places are limited. Last date for booking is 8 June. Details and online booking are on the SLHF website:

<https://www.slhf.org/event/edward-bruce-700-walk-and-talk>

<https://www.slhf.org/event/thomas-muir-250-walk-and-talk>

HERITAGE TRAILS

■ With summer approaching, local history turns to outside activities, and we are therefore intending to highlight heritage trails and guides in *Clish-Clash* and on the SLHF website. As a useful summary of local history, some of these guides have been mentioned in previous *Clish-Clash* issues, and, with your help, we hope to create a list of trails and guides.

In the past couple of decades, the significance of the heritage tourist industry, and the importance of promoting a 'sense of place' among residents and creating a pride in the community, has encouraged local authorities to produce guides, maps and heritage trail leaflets. Local organisations have also developed trails and guides for their areas or for a particular theme. Many of these are printed leaflets, usually available free in local libraries and museums, and these are often also downloadable on websites.

Perhaps you will pick them up on holiday, or perhaps your organisation has produced such guides. Please send them to us, give us details, or let us know a website URL. See page 3 for the latest ones which we have come across.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

*'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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SLHF ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM

Date: Friday 9 October 2015

Venue: Clydebank Town Hall

***Down to the Sea in Ships:
water transport in Scotland through time***

The full programme will be available in July.



Where are we? Answers on page 3.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ **South Ayrshire History and Family History Fair** is in the Walker Halls, Troon on 6 June, 9.30-16.00. £10 (full day); £5 (half day).

<https://southayrshirehistory.wordpress.com/program-me-of-events/>

■ The **Scottish Council on Archives** has become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Council aims to promote and support Archives and Records management in Scotland. An ongoing review has recommended that membership should be free to any individuals, organisations and corporate bodies with an interest in archives, who support the aims of the SCA. As so much local history research is based on your local archives, do look at what the SCA can offer - see their website at:

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

■ **Glasgow School of Art** is rising from the ashes after last year's fire and now access to some core records in the Archives is available by appointment – most records are still in offsite storage. There is a three-year project to conserve, develop and manage the collections, and online access to the catalogue went public in December 2014, with more information about the School's history and examples of how the archives have been used in research and creative projects. www.gsa.ac.uk/archives

■ **Argyll and Bute Archive** have recently added the research papers of the late Ian McDonald, a local expert on Kintyre and mid Argyll (Ref. DR/1/226). These complement the holdings of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society and records of several local authorities, including Campbeltown Burgh, as well as business and private records. Volunteers are transcribing files from the Tobermory Procurator Fiscal's office (19th - early 20th century) and preparing a name index of the Lochgilphead Town Council minutes. There is a new digital repository and online catalogue which will continue to be developed.

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/archives>

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/local-studies>

<https://argyll-bute.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/LOCAL/BSEARCH>

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/history-argyll>

■ **Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow.** John Knox's lively painting of the **Glasgow Fair** in 1832 has been bought by the city and was put on display in February. Last shown publically at the Glasgow International Exhibition in 1901, it was sold soon after, and its location unknown as it was in a private collection in the USA until auctioned in London in 2013. Mis-identified as Duthie Park in Aberdeen and mis-attributed to an Irish artist, it took some research to identify its provenance.

<http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/news/pages/Glasgow-Museums-Secures-John-Knox%27s-Painting-%27Glasgow-Fair%27.aspx>

SOCIETIES

■ The **British Society for Sports History (Scottish network)** has issued a call for papers for a joint symposium with the **Scottish National Portrait Gallery**, Edinburgh, on **Scottish Sport and the Arts**. The symposium will be held in the Gallery on Friday 28 August, to accompany the current exhibition of pictures relating to sport, **Playing For Scotland: the making of modern sport**. Abstracts (no longer than 200 words) should be sent by Friday, 29 May to *both* Imogen Gibbon igibbon@nationalgalleries.org and Matthew McDowell matthew.mcdowell@ed.ac.uk who can give further information.

UNIVERSITIES

■ **The Gaelic Story at the University of Glasgow** is a project to chart the history of Gaelic in the university. Their website gives an historical overview of Gaels attending the university and the teaching of Gaelic at the university from the 15th century, but also gives a much broader context of the spread of Gaelic in Scotland.

<http://www.gaelicstoryatgu.ac.uk/> (Gaelic)

<http://sgeulnaqaidhlig.ac.uk/?lang=en> (English)

■ **The Far North: Frozen Stars, Shifting Ice and the Silence Beyond** exhibition at the **University of Aberdeen** runs throughout the summer from April, and displays objects, rare books and archives from the University's museums and special collections. There is also a programme of events.

www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special

■ **Ingenious Impressions: the Coming of the Book** exhibition is at the **Hunterian Art Gallery**, Glasgow, from 27 February - 21 June, accompanied by talks, tours and other events.

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian/visit/exhibitions/major%20exhibitions/ingeniousimpressions/>

■ **Saturday 9 May**, 10.15-3.30.

Open Studies study day.

www.gla.ac.uk/services/centreforopenstudies/

■ **Friday 15 May** 2.00-3.30.

Conservation of incunabula special talk and visit to Conservation Studio. Free admission but booking required - tickets at www.eventbrite.co.uk/ingenious-impressions-conservation-of-incunabula-tickets-14942706036

PUBLICATIONS

■ **Cumbernauld through time**, by Adam Smith. Stroud: Amberley, 2015. 96pp., 180 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4522-3)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/cumbernauld-through-time-9781445645223.html>

■ **Glasgow: a history**, by Michael Meighan. Stroud: Amberley, 2015. (Revised and corrected reprint of 2013 ed). 208pp. 30 illus. Pbk. £12.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4719-7)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/glasgow-a-history-9781445647197.html>

■ **Secret Edinburgh**, by Jack Gillon. Stroud: Amberley, 2015. 96pp., 100 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-3969-7) <https://www.amberley-books.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=secret+edinburgh>

■ **CalMac: an illustrated history of Caledonian MacBrayne**, by Alistair Deayton. Stroud: Amberley, 2015. 128pp., 200 illus. Pbk. £19.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-3921-5) <https://www.amberley-books.com/calmac-9781445639215.html>

■ **History Scotland**, 15(2), March/April 2015.

Topics relating to local history include:

- Recognition status for Shetland archaeology collection.
- New research into the vegetation history of central Scotland.
- Scotland's asylum patients and the Great War.
- Aberfoyle slate quarries.
- The Highlands and the Restoration regime, part 2: the 1680s.
- The Places of Worship in Scotland Project

■ **Scottish Archives: the journal of the Scottish Records Association**, 19, Spring 2013 (issued 2015). ISSN 1358-0264.

Contents include:

- Changing the framework: reflections on records and archives in Scotland 2001-12.
- Scottish Catholic Archives: a 2013 to remember.
- Scottish Catholic Archives: looking to the future.
- Painting time: the Highland journals of John Francis Campbell of Islay.
- Stephen Place's journal: a footman's visit to Scotland.
- The Great Exhibition of 1851: tracing the Scottish contribution.
- Sugar and the early Identity of Glasgow: Glasgow planters in the Leeward Islands, c.1650-1750.
- 'Beyond rubies and pearls and diamonds': a manuscript collection recovered [Aeneas Gunn's papers.
- 'To amuse for an hour': materiality, femininity and performance in the scrapbook of Lady Maxwell.
- Around the Archives: University of Strathclyde Archive; Lothian Health Services Archive.
- Review article: Grand tourists in general and particular.

■ **Retour: the newsletter of the Scottish Records Association**, 23, Spring 2015. This has ceased paper publication and is now emailed to members. Items include:

- University of Glasgow Archives have conserved the ship plans of William Simons & Co Ltd (1810-1960s). This included repairing, recording and improving storage.
- Over 3000 photographs of Dundee in the 1950s-1970s from the Planning Department library have been put online by the City Archives, recording much of the Victorian city which was demolished in this period.

www.dundee.gov.uk/archive/flickr

HERITAGE TRAILS

■ **Bucksburn Valley: a guide to walking and cycling.**

<http://kwwells.org/files/Bucksburn%20Valley.pdf>

■ **Thomas Blake Glover.** Aberdeen City Council, 2015. 20pp., illus. Free booklet, also available to download. Alternative title 'Thomas Blake Glover's story and trails.' Trails are in Fraserburgh & Aberdeen.

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/web/files/LocalHistory/thomas_blake_glover_leaflet.pdf

■ **Aberdeen's Second World War archaeological trail map.** 2009. Gordon Highlanders Museum, with Aberdeen City Council's Archaeological Unit. Leaflet still available from Aberdeen City Council.

■ **Angus heritage trail, Angus Pictish heritage trail,** and trail guides for **Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Monifieth** and **Montrose** are at <http://www.angusheritage.com/Places/Places-Heritage-Trails.aspx>

WEBSITES

■ **Edinburgh Collected** was launched at **Edinburgh Central Library** on 21 April, with the slogan 'share your memories and make history'.

This website encourages people to contribute photographs and texts about events and people in Edinburgh to create a digital collection of memories, a local history source for the future. There are plans to extend this to other local authorities in Scotland, and to develop a capacity for audio and video recordings. www.edinburghcollected.org/

■ **Saints in Scottish Places**

A Glasgow University project (2010-13) has created a website of place names in Scotland relating to saints. The principal source was the Ordnance Survey 6-inch maps (1843-1882) augmented by other information. About 13,000 place names and 750 saints have been identified. It is possible to browse through alphabetical lists of places and saints' names as well as sources. The records include etymology of the name and related names, with location maps.

<http://saintsplaces.gla.ac.uk/>

WHAT'S ON

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>

Submit your events at:

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

Where are we?

Illustrations on page 1, from the top: Montrose, Newburgh, and the Titan crane in Clydebank.