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SLHF NEWS

Don't forget to book the SLHF Conference and AGM to be held in Clydebank Town Hall on 9 October.

Down to the Sea in Ships: water transport in Scotland through time offers a range of illustrated talks by well-known speakers, covering social and technical developments in moving people and goods around Scotland during the past few hundred years.

<https://www.slhf.org/event/slhf-2015-conference-and-agm>

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<https://www.slhf.org/how-join-slhf>.

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Postcard of the Clyde and 'Lord of the Isles', sent by 'Nellie' on 6 June 1904 [Private collection]



Clydebank Town Hall's recently refurbished reception area

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ The **Shetland Museum and Archives**, Hay's Dock, Lerwick, is mounting an exhibition of the work of Shetlander **James Robertson** (1752-1829) who went to the sugar plantations of Jamaica in the 1770s. Surveyed in 1796-99, his maps of Jamaica were published in London in 1804. Robertson later mapped the counties of Aberdeen and Banff, published in 1822. The exhibition runs from **26 September – 22 November** and there will also be talks. <http://www.shetland-museum.org.uk/index.html>
Maps are online at <http://maps.nls.uk/jamaica/index.html>

■ In July 2017 **Aberdeen City Libraries** will celebrate 125 years since the Central Library opened on Rosemount Viaduct. Between July 2015 and July 2017 125 items from the collections will be displayed, five each month, including pictures, photographs, maps and plans, and illustrated books. **Treasures from our Collections** is also available online. The eclectic first displays include library memorabilia, *The last speech, confession and dying declaration of three unfortunate men*, and splendid table settings from Mrs Beeton's *Book of household management*. View the selection at: <http://www.silvercityvault.org.uk/>

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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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▪ **Photography: a Victorian sensation** is an exhibition of photographs and photographic equipment from the earliest years, beginning with daguerreotypes and calotypes, first introduced in 1839, to the Box Brownie camera in 1900. On show in the **National Museums of Scotland**, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 19 June-22 November 2015. Adults £10.00; concessions £8.50; 12-15 £6.50; under 12 free.

<http://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland/whats-on/photography-a-victorian-sensation/>

Two books to accompany the exhibition are published by NMS:

▪ **Photography: a Victorian sensation**, by A D Morrison-Low. Pbk. £12.99. (ISBN 9781905267958)

<http://shop.nms.ac.uk/collections/promoted/products/photography-a-victorian-sensation>

▪ **Scottish photography: the first 30 years**, by Sara Stevenson and Alison Morrison-Low. Hbk £35. Pbk £25. (ISBN 9781905267996)

<http://shop.nms.ac.uk/collections/new-products/products/scottish-photography-the-first-thirty-years-softback>

▪ In conjunction with the exhibition, **Edinburgh University** offers a five week course on the history of photography starting on 12 October.

<https://www.coursera.org/course/vicphoto>

▪ **Recording Britain: life and landscape during World War II** is an exhibition of a selection of paintings and drawings from the Recording Britain Collection (now in the care of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London). The Recording Britain scheme was established at the outbreak of WWII as an artistic documentary project, to record landscapes and buildings in case they were destroyed by bombing or by development, and to provide employment for artists.

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/r/recording-britain-collection/>

Recording Scotland was launched in 1942 with similar aims and the collection is now held at the **Museum of St Andrews**, 7a The Scores, St Andrews where this exhibition, which brings together items from both collections for the first time, is on display until 6 December 2015. Free admission.

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa/> <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museum/exhibitions/current/musa/>

SOCIETIES' NEWS

▪ **Dumfriesshire & Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society** is opening up its **Truckell Prize** (£500) which was formerly for undergraduates and postgraduates on the Crichton Campus, Dumfries.

The prize is now open to all-comers for a research paper on a human or natural history topic relating to the geographical area covered by the three former counties of Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire.

Entries must be submitted by 1 October each year.

<http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/pdfdocs/TruckellPrizeNotice.pdf>

SOCIETY SECRETARIES – do remember to post your new programmes on the SLHF website.

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

▪ **The Friends of Thomas Muir** have revealed an extensive autumn programme of talks and events. Find out what, where and when at:

<http://www.thomasmuir.co.uk/thomasmuir250.html>

▪ Sadly members of **Croy Historical Society** have ended their struggle to keep going after their venue closed through funding difficulties. A model of what can be achieved through voluntary effort, their museum collection is being returned to the donors where possible.

▪ Doreen Edgar writes: **Woodside Community Council** (Glasgow) has produced a heritage trail which can now be downloaded from the heritage section of their website. Printed copies of the booklet are available at Woodside Library - an Andrew Carnegie building from 1905 designed by James Robert Rhind. The library will feature in Doors Open Day 2015 over the weekend of 19th / 20th September. The library will be open on both days and a number of events are planned, including a talk by Professor John Hume on the former industries of Woodside.

<http://www.woodsideonline.org.uk/heritage/>

UNIVERSITIES' NEWS

▪ MESH, Edinburgh University's project **Mapping Edinburgh's Social History** invited volunteers to spend a day on 25 August to help 'clean up' the data for searching Edinburgh and Leith Post Office street directories, by name, occupation etc. Unfortunately notification was too late for inclusion in the last *Clish-Clash*, but there may be further opportunities to assist. Contact mesh@ed.ac.uk

<http://www.mesh.ed.ac.uk/joomla/>

WEBSITES

▪ **Scotland's People** has released records of **Deaths of Seamen** on British registered vessels between 1897-1974, compiled by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen. Scots (but not other nationalities) can be searched by name. Other Marine Returns are also available.

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/Content/Help/index.aspx?r=2345>

▪ The **National Library of Scotland** has made several improvements to its map website, and it is now easier to save and print map extracts, and also to rotate images.

Additional zoomable digital maps have also been added, including:

▪ The **Land Utilisation Survey of Scotland** recorded land cover throughout Scotland during the 1930s, mostly between 1931-35. Volunteers, particularly schoolchildren and students, hand-coloured Ordnance Survey 6-inch sheets with different

categories of land use, eg. arable, heath, deciduous woodland, etc. These were reduced to 1-inch scale for publication, but only about one-third of Scotland was covered by printed maps; other areas are available as unpublished hand-coloured sheets. It is possible to compare these with current satellite images and other maps.

<http://maps.nls.uk/series/land-utilisation-survey/index.html>

▪ Images of James Robertson's Jamaica maps (1804) have been mounted to support the exhibition in Shetland. <http://maps.nls.uk/jamaica/index.html>

▪ A most useful detailed gazetteer of around 13,000 names on **Timothy Pont's manuscript maps** (ca 1583-1614) has been added to the Pont website. Names are searchable with the original Pont spelling, and also as the modern form (with grid reference) and the gazetteer then links to the map digital image.

<http://maps.nls.uk/pont/>

▪ **British Newspaper Archive.**

Scottish titles recently added to their website:

- Aberdeen Journal, 1930
- Falkirk Herald, 1941
- Glasgow Evening Citizen, 1870
- Kelso Chronicle, 1844-1847, 1849-1866, 1868-1871
- Nairnshire Telegraph and General Advertiser for the Northern Counties, 1855-56
- Stonehaven Journal, 1848-1852

In July they added pages (years not listed) from:

- Aberdeen Journal, and General Advertiser for the North of Scotland
- Arbroath Herald and Advertiser for the Montrose Burghs
- Berwick Advertiser
- Fife Free Press and Kirkcaldy Guardian
- Glasgow Sentinel
- Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette.
- Nairnshire Mirror and General Advertiser.
- St Andrews Citizen

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

▪ **Roy's Roads**

Tracings of the road network on William Roy's military survey of Scotland 1747-55, displayed on a modern Ordnance Survey map. Roads in the south of Scotland have recently been added to the site.

<http://www.roysroads.co.uk/index.html>

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK AUCTION: Edinburgh local history books

Malcolm Cant wrote many local history books on Edinburgh and its suburbs. His book collection, mostly relating to Edinburgh, but also including other areas, will be auctioned by Robert Murray on 7 September in Edinburgh.

View the online catalogue at:

<http://www.stamp-shop.com/sep2015-cant-books.html>

▪ **A history of drinking: the Scottish pub since 1700**, by Anthony Cooke. Edinburgh University Press, July 2015. 280pp. Hbk. £70.00 (ISBN 978-1-4744-0736). Pbk. 19.99 (978-1-4744-0762-5).

Special prices of £59.50 and £16.99 if ordered directly from EUP before 30 Sept. Discount code 6JG.

▪ **The lighthouse on Skerryvore**, by Paul A. Lynn. Whittles Publishing, 2015. 144pp. Col. Illus. Pbk. £16.99. (ISBN 978 184995-140-1)

http://www.whittlespublishing.com/The_Lighthouse_on_Skerryvore

▪ **A new way of living: Georgian town planning in the Highlands and islands**, by Gordon Haynes. Whittles Publishing, 2015. 198pp, 70 illus. Pbk. £30.00. (ISBN 978-184995-153-1)

http://www.whittlespublishing.com/A_New_Way_of_Living

▪ **Caithness archaeology: aspects of pre-history**, by A Heald and J. Barber. Whittles Publishing, 2015.

http://www.whittlespublishing.com/Caithness_Archaeology

▪ **Edinburgh New Town: a model city**, by Michael Carley et al. Amberley, 2015. 192 pp.; 200 illus. Hbk & various e-book formats. £20.00.

(ISBN 978-14456-3948-2) <https://www.amberley-books.com/edinburgh-new-town.html>

▪ **Black markers: Edinburgh's dark history told through its cemeteries**, by Jan-Andrew Henderson. Amberley, 2015. 96pp. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-4798-2)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/black-markers.html>

▪ **The Boys of the Eilan: shinty in Newtonmore 1820-1945**. Rosemary M. Gibson with David Ritchie. Newtonmore Camanachd Club, 2015. 238pp. Pbk. £15.00 plus £2.50 postage and packing. (ISBN 978-0-9576121-1-2).

Available from Ian Gibson, An Rath Liath, Spey Bridge, Newtonmore PH20 1BD. Cheque made payable to Newtonmore Camanachd Club

<http://newtonmoreshinty.com/books.html>

This is the second book to be published as a result of grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Cairngorms Local Action Group to research the history of shinty in the area.

The first book (published in 2013) **The caman is their past time from the cradle to their graves: shinty in Badenoch and Strathspey 1747-1939** is still available for sale with a CD of poetry, music and song. Oral history recordings made during the project are deposited in Highland Archives in Inverness and in the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore, with written records and photographs also lodged in Newtonmore.

▪ **Stenlake Publishing**, Catrine, have added a few more titles to their old photographs series: <http://stenlake.co.uk/tvcs.htm>

▪ **Old Fort William**, by Guthrie Hutton. Stenlake, 2015. 48pp. Pbk. £10.00. (ISBN 9781840337006)

▪ **Old Slamannan and Avonbridge**, by John Hood. Stenlake, 2015, 56pp. Pbk. £10.00. (ISBN 9781840337129)

▪ **Old Abington, Crawford, Elvanfoot and Crawfordjohn**, by Raymond Hood. Stenlake, 2015, 56pp. Pbk. £10.00. (ISBN 9781840337105)

▪ **Old Cuminestown, Garmond and New Byth**, by Douglas G. Lockhart. Stenlake, 2015. 48pp. Pbk. £10.00. (ISBN 9781840337181)

▪ **On tour with Thomas Telford**, by Chris Morris. Amberley, 2015. 160pp.; col. illus. Pbk & various e-book formats. £19.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-5057-9)
<https://www.amberley-books.com/on-tour-with-thomas-telford.html>

▪ **GUARD Archaeology Ltd** has published several **Archaeology Reports Online** (ISSN 2052-4064)
www.archaeologyreportsonline.com

The most recent are:

ARO16: **Digging Linlithgow's past: early urban archaeology on the High Street, 1966-1977.**

GUARD Archaeology Ltd, 2015. (ISBN: 978-0-9928553-5-2). Free download at:
http://www.archaeologyreportsonline.com/PDF/ARO16_Linlithgow.pdf

ARO17: **The demise of Tigh Caol, an eighteenth century drovers' inn.** GUARD Archaeology Ltd, 2015. (ISBN 978-0-9928553-6-9). Free download at:
http://www.archaeologyreportsonline.com/PDF/ARO17_Tigh_Caol.pdf

▪ **Cairt: newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum**, issue 27 (July 2015). National Library of Scotland. (ISSN 1477-4186)

Includes:

- notes about the Land Utilisation Survey of Scotland.
- new map books to be published by Birlinn later this year (*Mapping Glasgow, The Scottish railway atlas*).
- NLS map website additions (eg SE England, 25-inch OS maps).

Articles include:

'James Robertson: the Shetlander who mapped Jamaica'.

'A Scot's atlas of England and Wales: Ogilby, Ogilvie and Britannia' includes an illustration of the horoscope of John Ogilvie (1600-1676) based on his Kirriemuir birthplace.

'The National Records of Scotland's collection of John Home's Scottish estate plans'.

Free from NLS Maps Library, also online at:
<http://www.nls.uk/media/1175993/cairt27.pdf>

▪ **History Scotland**, 15(5) (September/October 2015) includes articles relating to local history on:

'Hopes for improvement' [about Sir Thomas Hope (1573-1646) and the barony of Craighall, Fife]

'Oronsay's sculptural heritage'

'Shipbuilding on the Clyde' [Fairfield Heritage Museum, <http://www.fairfieldgovan.co.uk/heritage/>]

'Shaping the Scottish landscape: Moray's regular revolution'

'Spotlight on Mearns History Group'

▪ **Scottish Local History**, 92 (Autumn 2015).

(ISSN 0266-2027) is now available.

'Feeing time: farm service in west central Scotland'
'A local court for local people: using franchise court records in local history research – an example from Breadalbane'

'The Govan rent strikes of 1915'

'Trade through the port of Leith in the mid-eighteenth century'

'Tomatoes, tulips and Chrysanthus: the Harrisons' Temple Farm in the 1950s and early 1960s'

'Thomas Muir: an Australian perspective'

'Useful local history sources 1: the Inland Revenue Survey of Land Value and Land Ownership, 1910-1915'

Order SLH at: <https://www.slhf.org/publications>

WHAT'S ON

▪ September sees many interesting historical buildings open to the public through the **Doors Open Days** programme, organised by the Scottish Civic Trust. <http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays/>

There are different dates for different areas throughout Scotland. The Calendar is available at: <http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays/areas.aspx>

▪ September is also **Scottish Archaeology Month**
http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/events?field_event_details_value=6

▪ **National Records of Scotland** has organised two family history talks:

8 September: Iain Ferguson offers hints and tips on using Scotland's People.

8 October: Louise Williams of the Lothian Health Service Archive on using hospital and medical records.

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visits/events-talks-and-visits>

▪ **National Library of Scotland** events, including Doors Open Day on 26 September, are at <http://www.nls.uk/events/>

▪ **Scottish Records Association** conference, 6 November 2015, AK Bell Library, Perth:

On the Move: researching Scottish migrants and immigrants to Scotland.

<http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/index.php/news-events/upcoming-events/13-events/upcoming-events/105-sra-annual-conference-and-agm-6-november-2015>

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>

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