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SLHF NEWS

■ The SLHF **Annual Conference** takes place on Friday 27 October 2017, in the Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, Perth. This year's theme is a feast of fun, highlighting days out, events and leisure in times past, with the title '**Fairs, Fêtes and Festivals**'.

Galas, pageants, bazaars, fairgrounds, and a fire festival, are included in the mix of illustrated talks. The programme booking leaflet will be circulated with the next *Scottish Local History*, or you can book online and find out more at:

<https://www.slhf.org/event/slhf-conference-agm-2017>

■ The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 12.50-13.15, during the Annual Conference.

We encourage you to attend, to find out about the Trustees' plans, and to contribute your ideas. Trustee nomination forms are available from the Secretary at the address below. Trustees must be individual members of the Forum.

■ **Subscriptions** are due on 1 October: fees are unchanged. Standing order payments will be collected from your account on 1 October. If you pay by cheque, please send it in promptly; a payment form will be in the next issue of *Scottish Local History*.



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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LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ The **National Library of Scotland Maps Reading Room** at Causewayside will be temporarily closed from 7-11 September, while it relocates to a position close to the Salisbury Place entrance.

From 11 September a pre-booked appointment system will apply, available four days a week, 10.00-13.00; 14.00-17.00 (the reading room was previously open three days a week with a drop-in service).

To make an appointment to access the collections: email maps@nls.uk or phone 0131 623 4660.

<http://www.nls.uk/using-the-library/reading-rooms/maps>

■ The **National Library of Scotland** is holding a photography competition to commemorate the 300th anniversary of John Slezer's death. Slezer's views in *Theatrum Scotiae (1693)* are a significant historical source, and entrants are asked to provide photographs which replicate, as closely as possible, these views. Entries close on 13 Oct. 2017.

<http://www.nls.uk/photo-competition>

■ **Heritage on your doorstep: East Lothian Archaeology & Local History Fortnight** runs from 1-17 September at various sites around East Lothian. The programme includes:

-**Archaeology digs** at:

Cockenzie Harbour, with pan salt making;

Newhailes House, with guided tour.

-**Setting up a sound archive** project.

-**Family history day**.

-**Military history day**, plus Battle of Pinkie re-enactment march over several days.

-**Tours and talks** on:

Shop front architecture in Tranent;

Medieval Dirlerton

The Palace Green skeletons

Archaeology at Tantallon

Seton Collegiate Church & the site of Seton Palace

Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield walk

Archaeology of the Garletons

Hunters of the Firths

Gullane Railway branch line, with old photographs

History of Winton Cinema

Gosford House designed landscape

Loretto School Pinkie House and Chapel.

-**Exhibitions** include: **Digging up Dunbar**; Coastal Communities Museum **Treasured Memories**; **The Rough Wooing**; **Mining in Musselburgh**.

View the full programme and book online here:

<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeologyfortnight>

■ **Coal, Cottages and Canals:** is a new free exhibition celebrating Glasgow's lost mining communities, on display until Oct. 17 at **Lambhill Stables** on the Forth and Clyde Canal, at 11 N Canal Bank St (off Balmore Road), Glasgow G22 6RD. <http://www.lambhillstables.org/lambhills-history/coal-cottages-and-canal/>

■ **Aberdour Heritage Centre** and Station Gardens opened on 28 July 2017, actually in the railway station buildings. <https://www.scotrail.co.uk/about-scotrail/news/new-heritage-centre-aberdour-station>
<https://www.aberdourheritage.uk/>

■ **Musket, axe and drum: the Town Guard at a time of unrest** is an exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of the disbanding of Edinburgh's Town Guard. This is on display until 30 October, at the **Museum of Edinburgh**, 142 Canongate. <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/Museum-of-Edinburgh/Exhibitions/2017-18/Musket,-Axe-and-Drum>

■ The **Style at Sea** exhibition celebrates the grand age of ocean liners. It runs until 25 Sept. at the Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine. <https://scottishmaritimemuseum.org/style-sea/>

SOCIETIES

■ **Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage (SGLH)** is hosting a day seminar on Wed. 27 Sept. to enable people involved in research at any level into the historic landscapes, estates and gardens of Scotland to share their topics and interests with others and to discuss how best to promote and support research into these areas. The free seminar will be in the A K Library, Perth, from 10.30 to 15.30. A sandwich lunch will be provided. The sessions will be moderated by Margaret Stewart (Edinburgh College of Art, University of Edinburgh) and chaired by Sue Hewer (SGLH). To reserve a place, contact: suehewer1@bopenworld.com

■ **East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists' Club** host the annual lecture series on Sat. 9 Sept. **Empire, Expansion & Disruption** is in St Mary's Church, Haddington. Booking required, £10, plus optional soup and sandwich lunch, £5. Book through the East Lothian Archaeology and Local History Fortnight website described on page 1.

■ **Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies** has their annual conference on Sat. 16 Sept. 2017, at the Millport Heritage Centre on Cumbrae, with the theme **Millport: Habitat, Heritage, Holidays**. <https://www.slhf.org/member-event/millport-habitat-heritage-holidays>
https://www.facebook.com/ayrshirefederationofhistoricalsocieties/?hc_ref=ARS891YcYGJhuUcy8mlj4Alj9-8lOle2uyw94DOGCvOopl2WefzHYhTLjr2tw0L_rTM

■ The 2017 **Thomas Muir Festival** runs from 24 Aug. to 24 Dec. <http://www.thomasmuir.co.uk/thomasmuirfestival2017.html>

■ Call for Papers **The Scottish Winter** by the **British Society of Sports History, Scottish Network** Dewars Centre, Perth – the Home of Scottish Curling, Wed. 15 Nov. 2017.

This one-day conference will examine the history/histories of tourism, sport, and leisure during the winter months in Scotland. Suggested paper topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Winter holidays in the Highlands and Islands
- Winter sports in Scotland (including curling, skiing, ice skating, etc.)
- Mountaineering, hill walking, Munro bagging, and the winter landscape in Scotland
- Outdoor activities and winter weather
- Transport and winter tourism in Scotland
- Labour and the winter tourist economy

Abstracts should be no longer than 200 words, and should be sent by Thursday, 31 August 2017 to both Imogen Gibbon igibbon@nationalgalleries.org) and Matthew McDowell matthew.mcdowell@ed.ac.uk.

[The Call for papers was received too late for the last issue of *Clish-Clash*, but readers may be interested in the conference programme when it is available]

UNIVERSITIES

■ **University of Dundee Archive Services** are hosting the fourth in a series of events based around their oral history collections. **Design Out Loud** is on Thurs. 21 Sept. in the Baxter Suite, Tower Building, on the University campus from 6.30pm -8pm. The evening will feature oral history clips, a Q & A and chat focused on design covering illustration, graphics, comic art and fashion. There will also be archive collections on display. The event is free and all are welcome. Please book via Eventbrite, phone 01382 384095, or email to ensure a seat. Contact details are at: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives/voicesofdundeeoralhistoryproject/>

■ The **Scottish History Network** produces a weekly blog, principally aimed at history students, but containing useful information about history in general, including courses, conferences and other historical events. View a recent blog at: <https://scottishhistorynetwork.wordpress.com/2017/08/18/1519/>

WEBSITES

■ **The Brechin Herald** 1890-1892 has been added to the **British Newspaper Archive**. Holdings have been extended for: **Brechin Advertiser** (now includes 1848-1957) **Rothsay Chronicle** (now includes 1875-1892). <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

■ The latest addition to **Glasgow Museums'** online photolibrary is a selection of **Anchor Line posters**. Together with other highlights of the collections, these are on display and may be purchased from: <http://www.csgimages.org.uk/indexplus/collection/Anchor%20Line%20travel%20posters.html>

PUBLICATIONS

■ **Dundee at work: people and industries through the years**, by Gregor Stewart. Amberley, 2017. 96p.; 130 illus. Pbk. £14.99. (ISBN 978-1-4456-7070-6) <https://www.amberley-books.com/dundee-at-work.html>

■ **St Andrews history tour**, by Helen Cook. Amberley, 2017. 96p. Pbk. £6.99. (ISBN 9781445657677) <https://www.amberley-books.com/current-month/st-andrews-history-tour.html>

■ **Old Shawlands and Newlands**, by Sandra Malcolm. Stenlake, 2017. Pbk. £10.00. (ISBN 9781840337648) http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1093§ion=

■ **Ayr Choral: a celebration of 140 years**, by Nan Newall and Margaret Crankshaw. Ayr Choral Union, 2016. 14p.; illus. This booklet was picked up in Ayr Library. There is also a fuller history available online as a PDF at: <http://www.ayrshirehistory.org.uk/pdfs/Ayr%20Choral%20Union%201876-2016.pdf>

■ **Cairt: Newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum**, 31, July 2017. (ISSN 1477-4186) Contains information about the latest map digitisation:

- Ordnance Survey National Grid maps of Scotland, 1940s-1960s.
- OS ½ inch to the mile Ministry of Transport road maps of Scotland, 1923.
- Kitchener's survey of Cyprus 1882.

Map access has been added to three recent websites on the National Library of Scotland's website:

- Thomas Annan's photographs of Glasgow tenements, late 1860s.
- Iolaire disaster, Stornoway, 1919.
- Journals of Henrietta Liston, 1796-1801.

Short articles are on:

- Dating Pont's map 6 and the Battle of Glenlivet
- Acquisition of the Smith Map Collection.

<http://www.nls.uk/media/1505280/cairt31.pdf>

■ **History Scotland**, 17(5), September/October 2017, includes items on:

- Mapping Scotland's hillforts
- Recording the Lossie coastal crust
- The Scots' defeat at Pinkie in 1547
- The Royal Clyde Yacht Club
- Selkirk Abbey
- Charles Seton, 2nd Earl of Dunfermline

<https://www.historyscotland.com/>

WHAT'S ON

■ The **2017 Clinker Memorial Lecture** will be given at the Mechanics Conference Centre, 103 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD on Sat. 14 Oct. 2017 at 2.00pm. The lecture by Richard Byrom is entitled **William Fairbairn: the experimental engineer – a study in mid-nineteenth century engineering**. William Fairbairn (1789-1874), a Scot, was one of the greatest of nineteenth century engineers yet is strangely overlooked. Apart from being the leading international mill-builder and the leading experimental engineer in the middle quarters of the nineteenth century, he was much involved in railways and other transport <http://www.rchs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Clinker-Lecture-Flyer-RB4Junfinal.pdf>

■ Paul Murton's TV series **Grand Tours**, resumes on Mon. 4 Sept at 19.30 on BBC1, for six weeks, with a new theme **Scotland's Lochs**.

■ **Shining Lives**, Sat. 20 & Sun. 21 Oct. 2017, 18.30-21.30, at **New Lanark**. Images and videos projected on the buildings plus lighting and soundtrack. Part of Scotland's 2017 Year of History and Archaeology. Register for free tickets at: <http://www.newlanark.org/visitorcentre/shining-lives.shtml>

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