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SLHF NEWS

■ Scottish Local History Directory

Good progress has been made with the first steps to create a **Scottish Local History Directory**, which will be hosted on the SLHF website, and represents collaboration by several bodies. In the past SLHF has published two editions of *Exploring Scottish history: with a directory of resource centres for Scottish local and national history in Scotland*, edited by Michael Cox. The second edition was jointly published in 1999, with the Scottish Library Association and Scottish Records Association. It has long been recognised that a revision was required, accessible on a website, but SLHF volunteers did not have the time or resources for such a task.

Each year the National Library of Scotland receives requests from library schools for work experience for their students. Jennifer Giles, Curator (Scottish Communities & Organisations) in NLS and a member of SLHF Advisory Committee, suggested that a suitable project for students would be to assist to promote and create a website listing Scottish local history organisations and resources and to help to review and authorise submissions.

Last autumn a Steering Group was set up with Jennifer Giles, Jan Bateman from SLHF, and a representative from LOCSCOT, the organisation for Local Studies Librarians in Scotland and they have done a huge amount of work. In addition there was a User Group to advise, and provide expertise from archives, museums and libraries as well as a tutor from the Information & Library Studies programme at the University of Strathclyde, whose students would carry out the project. NLS provided desk space and equipment. The website fields have been identified, and some trial information has been entered, and it is hoped to go live in April.

This is where YOU come in. Member organisations in SLHF will be contacted in a few weeks to ask them to input information about their organisation. Do help to populate the Directory with data about your society or collections.

LOCSCOT has organised a meeting in the National Library of Scotland on **20 March** to promote the project. Booking via NMCowmeadow@pkc.gov.uk

The project will continue next university year to approach more potential contributors, to develop further enhancements, and to evaluate usage.

SLHF EVENTS 2018

13 March

SLHF / NLS Annual Lecture.

Duping the Luftwaffe, talk by Prof Niall Logan.

<https://www.nls.uk/events>

This free event is now fully booked.

28 June

SLHF WALK & TALK

Glenlee Tall Ship & the Govan Stones

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-glenlee-tall-ship-and-govan-stones>

£15 members; £20 non-members

25 October

SLHF Annual Conference and AGM

After the war was over

Perth, AK Bell Library.

Programme and booking information available later.

If you have suggestions for a speaker for the 2019 SLHF / NLS lecture, or for a theme for the 2019 Conference, do contact SLHF (address below).

■ We welcome two new members to the **SLHF Advisory Committee**: James Kennedy of Loch Ard Local History Group and Nicola Cowmeadow, Local History Officer, Culture Perth & Kinross. The Advisory Committee was established when new Scottish Charity rules were introduced which prevented organisational members from serving on the Trustees Committee, to avoid any conflicts of interest. The loss of their advice and involvement was a blow to the Forum, and the Advisory Committee now enables a voice for organisations within the Forum, but without Trustee responsibilities.

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**.

Members only: To receive notification of the newsletter by email or to be removed from the mailing list, choose **Sign up for our newsletter** on the website contacts page.

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LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ Edinburgh's **Museum of Childhood** reopens on 3 March after refurbishment, but because of cuts will operate on only 4½ days per week: Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday afternoons.

<https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venue/museum-childhood>

It's **International Women's day** again in March, so several activities are clustered around the theme (see also Websites heading).

■ **Dundee Women's Festival** runs from 4-17 March and includes a few historical events, notably on witches, as well as 'Hidden harlots and heroines':

<https://arts.st-andrews.ac.uk/facetoface/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Dundee-Womens-Festival-Programme-20181.pdf>

■ **National Library of Scotland** George IV Bridge, Edinburgh talk, 8 March, 14.00.

'The tumbling lassie': human rights in 17th-century Scotland?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-tumbling-lassie-human-rights-in-17th-century-scotland-tickets-42123044159>

■ **The Scottish Warrior** exhibition is on display at **King's Museum, Aberdeen University** until 26 May 2018. Open Tuesday-Friday, 13.00-16.30.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/exhibitions/kings-museum.php>

■ The **National Library of Scotland** has a small temporary display on **The Scotsman: 200 years of a Scottish newspaper**, 18 January-8 April 2018.

<https://www.nls.uk/exhibitions/treasures>

■ **Macduff Revival** is an interesting combination of food, arts and heritage, which aims to 'raise the profile of Macduff by revealing and re-interpreting its history, its place and its people.' The project is supported by Aberdeenshire Council.

<https://macduffrevival.wordpress.com/about/>

■ **The actors are come hither: Perth Theatre through its archive**: displayed at the **A K Bell Library**, Perth until 17 March 2018.

<http://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on/the-actors-are-come-hither-perth-theatre-through-its-archive/>

■ The **Smith Museum and Gallery** in Stirling has an exhibition on **The Flow Country**, the peat-lands of Caithness and Sutherland, accompanied by talks. The exhibition runs from 11 January-11 March, 2018.

<http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/exhibition/flow-country/>

<http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/product/low-country-lecture-series/>

The main exhibition, **The Stirling Story**, continues throughout the year.

■ The **National Library of Scotland** is consulting users on their **Gaelic Language Plan 2018-2023**. The consultation is open for comment until 16 March 2018. <https://www.nls.uk/news/archive/2018/02/draft-gaelic-language-plan-2018-2023>

■ The **National Library of Scotland Maps Images Website** won an award in 2017 as 'An Outstanding Electronic Information Resource' from the Knowledge and Information Management Group of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). In 2017 the website was used by 1.2 million users, in 2.9 million user sessions. There are 200,000 maps online.

SOCIETIES

■ **Constructing the paper landscape: recent research in historical maps of Scotland** is a **Scottish Maps Forum** seminar to be held on 20 April in the National Library of Scotland at **Kelvin Hall, Glasgow**. Talks by 10 speakers range from 18th century mapping to GIS. £25.00 (includes lunch).

<https://www.nls.uk/media/1553877/2018-scottish-maps-forum-seminar.pdf>

■ **Dumfriesshire & Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society** announces that entries may be submitted for the 2018 **Truckell Prize** for an article about the area. <http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/truckell.php>
<http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/pdfdocs/TruckellPrizeRules.pdf>

UNIVERSITIES

■ The **Scottish History Network** is 'run by a small collective affiliated to various universities and institutions'. A weekly blog of articles and 'what's on' is produced during term time:

<https://scottishhistorynetwork.wordpress.com/>

A new prize has been offered for a school pupil's essay: the first was awarded in November 2017:

<https://scottishhistorynetwork.wordpress.com/2017/11/23/winner-of-inaugural-scottish-history-network-school-essay-prize-announced/>

WEBSITES

HELP WANTED

Have you come across any useful websites for Scottish local history?

Does your society have a website with local history content (not just your events programme)?

The *Clish-Clash* editor would like to hear from you! (Email address on front page).

As 8 March is **International Women's Day**, March is **Women's History Month** and 2018 celebrates the centenary of some women getting the vote in the UK, here are some websites which focus on women's history:

■ **Women's History Month** events for March 2018 are highlighted by **History Scotland**:

<https://www.historyscotland.com/news/womens-history-month>

■ **Women's History Network** is a UK and international forum for 'for anyone with a passion for women's history':

<https://womenshistorynetwork.org/>

■ **Women's History Scotland** promotes study and research in women's and gender history in Scotland.
<http://womenshistoryscotland.org/>

The group provides sources for women's history and resources for schools:

<http://womenshistoryscotland.org/resources/sources-for-womens-history/>

<http://womenshistoryscotland.org/resources/>

The most recent resource, on suffragettes, will be launched in March at the Dundee Women's Festival.

- A new research bursary is available – entries by 31 Mar. 2018

<http://womenshistoryscotland.org/projects-and-activities/new-whs-research-bursary/>

- A previous project was *Mapping Memorials to Women in Scotland*, in conjunction with **Girlguiding Scotland** and **Glasgow Women's Library**. This was funded by a Lottery grant and ran from 2010-2011 as *The Big Name Hunt*, and was opened for public contributions in 2012. <http://womenofscotland.org.uk/> For example here is the entry for the **Glasgow Suffragette Oak** (Scotland's tree of the year 2015 – did you know?).

<http://www.womenofscotland.org.uk/memorials/suffrage-oak>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-34655433>

Sadly it is now badly damaged; visit while you can:
<https://glasgowgallivanter.com/tag/suffragette-oak/#jp-carousel-13587>

- There is also a Blog with short articles about particular topics – eg '*Bedding Rituals in Scotland*':
<https://womenshistorynetwork.org/womens-history-month-bedding-rituals-in-scotland/>

■ An outline history of the background to *International Women's Day* was published in *The Telegraph* on 25 February 2018:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/international-womens-day-did-start-important/>

PUBLICATIONS

■ *The enchantment of the Trossachs*, by Louis Stott. 2nd ed. Loch Ard Local History Group, 2018. £4.99 + p&p. (ISBN 978-1-9999487-0-2)

This first publication by the Group is an enhanced revision of the 1992 work on Aberfoyle's Rev Robert Kirk in the context of 17th-18th century religion and superstition. Launched on 7 March 2018. Buy from:

<https://www.sihf.org/book/enchantment-trossachs-publishlochard@gmail.com>

■ *Scottish railways 1923-2016: a history*, by David Ross. Stenlake, 2018. Hbk. £40. (ISBN978-8184033783-9)

http://stenlake.co.uk/book_publishing/?page_id=131&ref=1121§ion=

■ *Leith history tour*, by Jack Gillon and Fraser Parkinson. Amberley, 2018. 96pp; illus. £6.99 (ISBN 978-1-4456-7807-8) <https://www.amberley-books.com/leith-history-tour.html>

■ *Cowie miners, Polmaise Colliery and the 1984-85 Miners' strike*, by Steve McGrail with Vicky Patterson; *Introduction: 33 years on*, by Jim Phillips. Scottish Labour History Publication, 2017. 146 pp. £6.00 + £1.50 p&p.

This is the first in an occasional publication series by Scottish Labour History and reprints two contemporary pamphlets and a retrospective overview.

Available from Stewart MacLennan, SLHS, 64 Terregles Avenue, Glasgow G41 4LX.

scottishlabourhistory@gmail.com

<https://www.scottishlabourhistory.org.uk/>

■ *Dundee in 50 buildings*, by Brian King. Amberley, 2018. 96pp; 100 illus. Pbk. £14.99.

(ISBN 978-1-4456-6492-7)

<https://www.amberley-books.com/dundee-in-50-buildings.html>

■ *Scottish Local History*, 99, Spring 2018.

Articles:

-Hawick Hut Week, November 2018.

-The Orphan Hospital in Edinburgh.

-The Mitchell Library, Glasgow: a social history of its early years.

-Late eighteenth century 'Right to roam' and 'Right of way': John Glassford versus local residents of south west Stirlingshire.

-John Keppie, architect.

Notes:

1.Thomas Legerwood Hatley, an outstanding church musician.

2.New finds on the site of the Ellangowan Paper Mill.

3.Stone sleepers of the Edinburgh & Glasgow railway.

4.The Paragon Works, Dundas Estate, Queensferry.

5.'The ecstasy of great speed!' In search of J. Steel – a snapshot of Scottish motorcycling in 1913-14.

■ *Scottish Archives*, 22, 2016. Contents:

-In search of Margaret Anderson: Scottish female convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land.

-Scots in the West Indies in the colonial period: a view from the archives.

-Missing emigrants: gleanings from petitions presented under the Presumption of Life Limitation (Scotland) Acts.

-Friendly aliens on the home front: migrants, refugees and colonial workers in Scotland during and after the First World War.

-Polish troops in Perth during the Second World War.

-Six stories from six continents: the varied documentation of global migration in the records of the University of Glasgow.

-'My solemn desire is not to burden themselves with religious duties': researching 100 years of a Scottish Jewish family.

-The value of a flawed source: the Register of Missions to Outdoor Blind for Edinburgh, the Borders and the Lothians, c.1903-1910.

<http://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/scottish-archives>

■ **History Scotland**, 18(2), March/April, 2018.

Items of local history interest include:

- Exploring social networks of the Auchenlecks of Auchenleck
- Living on water: the early Iron Age crannog-dwellers of Loch Tay.
- From log-book to e-book: the farm diary of Thomas Graham Bonar of Greigston.
- The First World War and policing in the Scottish Borders.
- This belongs to us! Competition between the royal burgh of Stirling and the Augustinian abbey of Cambuskenneth, part 2.

■ **Cairt: newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum**

32, January, 2018. Contents include:

- New acquisition: Ferguson's astronomical rotula.
- New digital map websites for England & Wales 1841-1952, GB administrative boundaries, 34 maps of the world.
- Slezer's *Prospect of the town of Haddingtown* (1693): reassembling the truth behind the view.
- John Sleigh (1826-1918): the "Grand Old Man of Buchan".

<https://www.nls.uk/media/1553885/cairt32.pdf>

WHAT'S ON

■ **History Scotland** has inaugurated a lecture series, with the first in Dundee on 24 Apr. 2018 on the Jacobites.

<https://www.historyscotland.com/information/history-scotland-lectures/>

■ Because of the popularity of the course **Strathclyde University** is repeating '**Understanding DNA Testing for Genealogy: a beginner's guide**'.

The 8-week course starts on 16 April.

<https://myccl.strath.ac.uk/View-class/m/qs/rdid/206/cr/1608>

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>