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## SLHF NEWS

■ The **SLHF Walk & Talk** outing to the **Forth & Clyde Canal** in Glasgow on 16 May is fully booked, but there are still places available for the **Union Canal in Edinburgh** on 20 June. Numbers are limited by the capacity of the canal boats and Edinburgh's boat is almost twice the size. See the full programme and book online at:

<https://www.slhf.org/event/walk-talk-boat-trip-union-canal-edinburgh-end>

■ The second and final year of student participation in the **Scottish Local History Directory** has come to an end. The *Directory* is supported by the National Library of Scotland, which provided space and supervision for work experience library students from Strathclyde University, and LocScot, the organisation for local history librarians in Scotland. Thanks to all involved. The *Directory* is up and running on the SLHF website and almost 200 organisations have already contributed their information. But to be even more useful, many more heritage and local history groups need to register in the *Directory*. Please check to see if your local groups are represented, and encourage them to provide their information. Registration is free. There are two levels: the first is to provide contact details of the organisation; the second level summaries collections and content held by the organisations. Submit your entries at:

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

■ SLHF will be represented at the **Scottish Community Heritage Alliance Roadshows** around Scotland this summer and autumn. This new networking group has organised 12 discussion workshops for people and organisations interested in local heritage. SLHF will be promoting the Forum and the **Scottish Local History Directory**,

15 May - Maryhill Burgh Halls, Glasgow  
17 May - Peter Pan Moat Brae, Dumfries  
31 May - Strathpeffer Community Centre  
4 June - Timespan, Helmsdale  
7 June - Garioch Heritage Centre, Inverurie  
8 June - Blairgowrie Town Hall  
29 June - Voe Hall, Shetland  
18 September - Kyle Hall  
19 September - Nevis Centre, Fort William  
20 September - Kilmartin Church  
11 October - Eyemouth Hippodrome  
25 October - Leverburgh Hall, Harris  
Find out more, and sign up for the roadshows at:

<https://twitter.com/SCHAlliance>

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

■ **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Libraries** are inaugurating a **Local History Month** in May 2019, and have prepared a full programme of local history and heritage events, with walks, talks, exhibitions and nostalgia days. Heritage walks take place in East Kilbride, Hamilton, Lanark and Rutherglen. Talks include: Sir Tom Devine discussing his book 'The Scottish Clearances: a history of the dispossessed, 1600-1900'; John Moore on 'The Clyde – Mapping the River'; Carol Foreman on 'Rutherglen then and now'; Chris Ladds on 'Ancient East Kilbride'.

<http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/news/article/3143/slc-libraries-local-history-month>

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<https://www.nls.uk/using-the-library/copying-services/permission>

<https://maps.nls.uk/copyright.html>

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>

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■ The front door of General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, is closed until further notice from 15 April because of works to assess the Adam Dome. Access to the **National Records of Scotland** search rooms is well signposted to the rear of the building via Register Place into the Archivist's Garden and the Garden Entrance. To go to the **Historical Search Room** proceed through the **ScotlandsPeople Centre** search room to reach the lockers and the foot of the stairwell leading upstairs to the Historical Search Room. Services are unaffected by building operations.

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/news/2019/front-door-of-grh-to-close>

■ **Mitchell Library, Glasgow.** History events in May include the following (free, but booking required):

**Madeleine Smith and Morris & Co.:** a talk by Andy Hughes plus display of original material relating to the 'Square Mile of Murder' cases:

30 May, 18.00-19.00.

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/madeleine-smith-morris-co>

**Tracing Belgian refugees during World War I:** a workshop about the UK online database.

31 May, 12.30-17.00.

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/2/tracing-belgian-refugees-during-world-war-1>

■ **Annan Museum** has a permanent exhibition on the history of Annan and the surrounding area, and is open between 1 April and 31 October, Monday-Saturday 11.00-16.00.

From 4 May to 15 June, a special display on **Haaf Net History** will be mounted, as a contribution to the **International Year of the Salmon 2019**. Haaf netting is unique to the inner Solway and has been practised for over 1000 years.

<https://www.annan.org.uk/events/>

<https://www.dgculture.co.uk/venue/annan-museum/>

<https://yearofthesalmon.org/>

**Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum** is open 1 April to 30 September, Tuesday-Saturday 10.00 - 13.00; 14.00 - 17.00; Sunday 14.00 - 17.00. The local history focus is on their mining heritage, and knitting tradition.

**Coastwise – where every name tells a story** is an exhibition on coastal place names from Redkirk Point to Southernness, their origin and evolution. The display will travel to Annan Museum 22 June – 8 September and Dumfries Museum 21 September-23 November there will be:

**Dumfries Museum** has a programme of talks and workshops. A brochure of activities from April to September in **Museums in Annan, Dumfries and Sanquhar** is available online:

<https://www.annan.org.uk/museum/museums-brochure-2019.pdf>

■ The **Ballast Trust** was founded in 1988 by William Lind to help to preserve the records of Scotland's industrial past. This charitable foundation provides a rescue, sorting and cataloguing service for business archives, especially technical records such as shipbuilding, railway and engineering plans, drawings

and photographs, which may require specialist knowledge. The Trust exists principally to provide expertise to other archives, but does hold three collections:

-The Lind Collection focuses on ships

-The Dan McDonald collection (photographs of puffers)

-British Corporation for the Survey and Registration of Shipping, c.1890-1960s.

<http://ballasttrust.org.uk/>

To celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Trust published **The business of archives: a labour of love**, by Tony Slaven and Kiara King in November 2018, available for £5 from the Trust, or online at:

[https://issuu.com/ballasttrust/docs/ballast\\_trust\\_30\\_w eb\\_preview](https://issuu.com/ballasttrust/docs/ballast_trust_30_w eb_preview)

■ The **National War Museum of Scotland** at Edinburgh Castle has a new exhibition **Conscience matters**, on conscientious objectors in WW2. The exhibition continues until 26 January 2020. Entry is included with Edinburgh Castle admission.

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/exhibitions-events/exhibitions/national-war-museum/conscience-matters/>

## SOCIETIES

■ The **1745 Association** has arranged a talk on 10 June to commemorate **The Battle of Glenshiel – 300 Years On!** Michael Nevin, Chairman of the Association will give the talk at the **Scottish National Portrait Gallery**, York Place, Edinburgh, on the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle, the deciding conflict of the 1719 Rising. Based on paintings in Gallery 1 he will describe the events leading up to the battle, then conclude with Peter Tillemans' contemporary masterpiece, *The Battle of Glenshiel* in Gallery 4. Because of space limitations, the talk will be given twice. Booking is free:

12.30-13.15 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-battle-of-glenshiel-300-years-on-tickets-58660778969>

15.15-16.00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-battle-of-glenshiel-300-years-on-the-teatime-commemoration-tickets-59516490425>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-battle-of-glenshiel-300-years-on-the-teatime-commemoration-tickets-59516490425>

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The SNP has a display until May 2020 on **Imagining power: the visual culture of the Jacobite cause**.

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/exhibition/imagining-power-visual-culture-jacobite-cause>

■ Following the request for information about groups commemorating the **1820 Radical Rising**, Glasgow West End U3A has notified their project:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/glasgow-west-end/page/95138>

This includes research findings on 'Gilbert McLeod and *The Spirit of the Union*', the founding of this radical newspaper; a list of radical rising songs; and slides of various powerpoint presentations presented to the group.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/g/glasgow-west-end/docs/gilbertmcleodandthespiritoftheunion-findings.pdf>

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/g/glasgow-west-end/docs/radicalrisingsongs.pdf>

■ The **Scottish Civic Trust** organises Scotland's **Doors Open Days** each year in September and this year is the 30<sup>th</sup> since Scotland first participated in this pan-European heritage project.

Information came too late (closing date 12 April) to publicise their enabling grants to assist organisations to prepare sites for viewing, eg. tidying gardens and improving access, but groups who wish to become involved in future should sign up to their e-newsletter for advance information:

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

<https://www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk/doors-open-days/>

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

<https://www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk/applications-open-for-doors-open-days-enabling-grant/>

■ **Lairg Local History Society** have reported a find of an old quern stone set into a wall just south of Lairg. See the photos at:

<https://twitter.com/LairgHistory>

■ The **Scottish Records Association** may be able to offer classes in palaeography for members (institutional or individual). A 2-hour class **Palaeography for Beginners**, based on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century parish records, is run by volunteers for groups of 5-10 people. If you are interested in running a class, or acting as tutor contact:

[enquiries@scottishrecordsassociation.org](mailto:enquiries@scottishrecordsassociation.org).

## UNIVERSITIES

■ **Abertay University** celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and is undertaking a National Lottery Heritage funded two year community project exploring the 25 year history and achievements of the university, as well as uncovering the stories of people and innovations dating back to the establishment of the Dundee Technical Institute in 1888. The **Abertay25 Project Group** includes the City and Dundee University Archivists, Developing the Young Workforce, Dundee Heritage Trust, Dundee Local History Centre and other partners.

### HELP WANTED

A major part of the Abertay25 project is for **Volunteer Facilitators**, working mainly with Dundee schools, to gather information from the university archives and other local collections, on 25 people and innovations in the history of the University and its predecessors. This will then be presented in a number of ways to the public, such as exhibitions, talks, and a resource pack for schools, but could also include other creative projects involving multimedia technology. A Project Engagement Officer will be appointed shortly to co-ordinate the work with the Facilitators and partners.

Find out more at:

<https://www.sihf.org/project/call-volunteer-facilitators-abertay-25-dundee%E2%80%99s-changemakers>

To register interest, or to have an informal chat about the project, please contact the University Archivist, Ruaraidh Wishart: [r.wishart@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:r.wishart@abertay.ac.uk); Tel. 01382 308120.

<https://www.abertay.ac.uk/abertay-is-turning-25/>

■ Anniversaries come thick and fast. **James Watt 2019** commemorates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of scientist, inventor and engineer James Watt, and also the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his patent for a separate condenser.

Birmingham is the centre for much of the commemorative activity, but there are also events in Scotland. For example **Glasgow University** is hosting several activities: an exhibition from May-September; a symposium and public lecture on 5 June; followed by a dinner on 6 June; Glasgow Science Festival: **Glasgow steams ahead** 6-16 June.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/events/jameswatt/uofgevents/>.

<https://www.jameswatt2019.org/>

<https://twitter.com/watt2019>

■ This a reminder about **The Scottish History Network**, a collective information sharing group, run by history students from several universities. During the academic year they produce a comprehensive weekly digest of activities relating to Scottish history, talks, conferences, exhibitions etc.

<https://scottishhistorynetwork.wordpress.com/who-we-are/>

## WEBSITES

■ Victorian glass photographic plates of the construction of the second **Katrine aqueduct** (1885-1901), which supplies water to Glasgow and west central Scotland, have been rescued from a skip, found when **Scottish Water** was closing an office. The first aqueduct opened in 1859, but the rapid growth of Glasgow required double the water supply. View some dramatic photographs of the engineering works and a video, on these websites:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i30ivhyvmuol3os/AACMqvXGBSDU0auuGoHs0rWda?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pnds2ene80vezc6/Loch%20Katrine%20%28web%20version%29.mp4>

<https://www.historyscotland.com/news/pioneer-victoria-era-glass-photograph-slides-rescued-from-skip>

■ **Points of Arrival**, are five short films (3 minutes) of interviews with Jewish immigrants to Scotland. These are from the research project **Jewish lives, Scottish spaces: Jewish migration to Scotland 1880-1950**, which **Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities** carried out between 2015 and 2018.

<http://jewishmigrationtoscotland.is.ed.ac.uk/>

<http://jewishmigrationtoscotland.is.ed.ac.uk/index.php/about/>

## PUBLICATIONS

■ **On the edge of everywhere: Thornhill and its environs**, by Stuart James McCulloch. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.: **A social history revisited**. Glasgow: Thornhill Community Trust, 2018. 238 pp; 72 illus. £10.00 (ISBN:978-15272-2905-1) Available from:

[Thornhilleditorialteam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Thornhilleditorialteam@hotmail.co.uk)

■ ***The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club: the journal for Edinburgh history***, N.S.14, 2018.

Contents include:

- The design and building of Newhailes House.
- Food for thought: coffee, coffee-houses and *le bon gout* in Edinburgh during the Scottish Enlightenment.
- Edinburgh's first Chinese gentleman.
- James Syme - humanity and the garden.
- The Treasury and the National Galleries of Scotland.
- Collective action to meet social needs: Edinburgh Voluntary Organizations Council.

<http://www.olderedinburghclub.org.uk/boec/>

■ ***History Scotland***, 19(3) May/June 2019.

This is a special issue with the theme 'After the Great War: rebuilding a nation'

Contents relevant to local history include:

- Scotland's Great War memorials.
- The lasting effect of war on crime in Scotland.
- Making it new: interwar literature.
- Desolation or New Deal? The Highlands in the interwar period.
- Going back to yesterday – the legacy of war.
- The salvage sites of the German High Seas fleet in Scapa Flow.
- The brief life of Louis Campbell.
- War poets trail.
- Spotlight on Tullibody History Group.

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

■ ***Retour: the newsletter of the Scottish Records Association***, 31, Spring 2019. Includes archive news and features:

- Katrine Aqueduct photographs.
- Development of Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre in Garnethill Synagogue, Glasgow.

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

- Perth & Kinross Archive 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and school pupils' performance of letters from a WWI soldier.
- Royal Troon Golf Archive archive.
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.
- Ballast Trust.

<https://www.scottishrecordsassociation.org/retour>

## 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>

### PBFA

*Provincial Booksellers Fairs Association*

#### **Book Fairs in Scotland 2019**

25 May Melrose

15 June Edinburgh

3 August Glamis

4 August Ballater

7 September Edinburgh

27 October Aberdeen

30 November Edinburgh

<https://www.pbfa.org/fairs>

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