



SAFHS Bulletin

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SAFHS 2010 CONFERENCE, LIVINGSTON

West Lothian FHS are pleased to report that the Livingston Conference was a financial success. There were 156 delegates and allowing for some counting errors during the course of the day some 500??? visitors entered the stand area.

There is no doubt that the generous help provided by the Lord Provost and his staff towards the financial success of the event was the result of our contribution towards community projects in the Libraries, Schools and Community Centres in West Lothian. We would encourage other Societies to develop a working relationship with their Local Authority elected members and Council Staff and enjoy the benefits of making Family Research easily available to the wider community in your region.

We are now celebrating our 10th anniversary and, with our enthusiastic membership and a dedicated committee, we aim to further the interest of our hobby in West Lothian over the next 10 years.

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The next meeting of SAFHS is on Saturday, 5 March 2011, in the Boardroom, Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh:

AGM at 1 pm

Council Meeting at 2.15 pm

Agendas will be sent out prior to the meetings. If you have not received these by 7 days before the meetings, please contact the Chairman or the Editor

22nd SAFHS Conference 2011, Edinburgh "Census, Church & City"

Saturday 25th June 2011, 9.30am to 4.30pm
Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HR

Speakers:

10am CITY – Richard Hunter: Edinburgh, its Archives and Inhabitants

11am CHURCH – Dr Tristram Clarke: Scottish Episcopal Church Records

2pm CHURCH – Andrew Nicoll: Roman Catholic Archives

3pm CENSUS – Duncan Macniven: The 1911 Census

Plus short lunch-time talks, stalls of Family History Societies, Booksellers, Postcard-sellers, a Raffle and more yet to be confirmed.

The **SGS Library** at 15 Victoria Terrace will be open for the full weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

More details and booking forms on the SGS website
www.scotsgenealogy.com

Future SAFHS Conferences

- 2011 Scottish Genealogy Society, 25 June 2011, Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh 9.30–4.30.
- 2012 Tay Valley FHS & Fife FHS, Dundee
- 2013 Borders FHS, date and venue to be confirmed

If you need a copy of the *SAFHS Conference Guide*, please be in touch with Margaret Mackay, publications.

Editor's Note: SAFHS member societies do not pay a stand fee, but please do remember to book your stand early.

Council Meeting 16 October 2010 Chairman's Report

As usual over the summer months there has been a somewhat different focus on family history work.

There has been a good selection of Family History Fairs and events, starting with the excellent SAFHS Conference in Livingston at which everyone was made to feel so welcome. The event was very well organised by West Lothian FHS, and it was so well supported by the local council, who provided an excellent civic reception. There have also been family history fairs at Dundee, Nairn, Melrose, Troon and Dumfries, and many other events which have been of interest to the family historian and the local public alike.

Although most of the Scottish Family History Societies have had a break from their meetings over the summer it doesn't mean that they have not been active, for example, the summer weather is ideal for organising MI recording outings, and many groups have been very busy.

But your executive has not been idle either. Ken and I have attended meetings at GRO(S), including discussions on NAS, and Ken will report on these. Andrew Eadie has represented SAFHS on the Scottish Council on Archives, and I recently attended the first meeting of the newly-convened Ancestral Tourism Steering Group. This is a committee established to plan for Homecoming 2014 (the state of the economy permitting). The first meeting of the group, under the Chairmanship of Dr Bruce Durie, was given the remit of discussing possible outline plans for the year, and to consider the proportional representation of Family History, Local History, Culture, Art, Music and Clan affairs in order to avoid the imbalance which affected the 2009 event. This would lead to the discussion of more specific proposals at an early stage of the planning. It would be very useful for me to have some comments from the SAFHS membership, both on the past event and on ideas for the next one.

I also represent SAFHS on the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland, which has a rather wide-ranging brief. My remit is to ensure that graveyards and tombstones are considered as a major part of the carved stone heritage of Scotland. It is also good to report that Historic Scotland and other heritage organisations have made very favourable comments on the usefulness of the SAFHS Graveyard Inventory.

Bob Stewart has conducted a survey on the usefulness to Family History Societies of facilities such as Twitter and other forms of electronic communication, and will give a brief report later in the meeting.

As you know, SAFHS has only had Acting Treasurers for the past two years, and it is important that this post is filled as an Executive position. The Acting Treasurer and I met with John Irvine earlier this week, and as a result the Executive plans to co-opt him as SAFHS Treasurer with effect from January 1st, the appointment to be ratified at the SAFHS AGM in March.

I will leave Janet to comment on SAFHS finances, and Margaret to comment on publications. Overall, though, it

seems that SAFHS is not only of benefit to its own members, but is also beginning to be more widely recognised as a serious partner to organisations such as GRO(S), NAS, HS and many other well-respected bodies. Bruce B Bishop

After the Council Meeting, Ken Nisbet gave a very informative and entertaining talk on the new ScotlandsPeople website. The talk centred on the new features of the site and Ken provided a handout.

OTHER SAFHS NEWS



Margaret MacKay, Publications, at the SAFHS stand at the Conference

Website

We would like to thank Peter Munro for his work over the past few years as SAFHS Webmaster. The new webmaster is Doug Stewart. Would you please submit anything you have for the website to Doug Stewart. Please note, however, that changes to your contact details should be sent to the Editor, who will then circulate the updated list as appropriate.

Contacts List

Please note that the official contacts list is kept and updated by the Editor, then circulated to the members of the Executive Committee and the webmaster. If there are any changes in office bearers, reps, email addresses, mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc, between Council Meeting updates, can you please send them direct to Janet Bishop, Editor.

ScotlandsPeople Vouchers – Orders

As intimated in April, please note that all orders for ScotlandsPeople vouchers should be sent to Acting Treasurer, Janet Bishop, 259 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife, KY4 8LG. All orders must be accompanied by a cheque and should include postage, as per the current agreement. If you wish to collect vouchers at a Council Meeting, or at New Register House, this is possible, by prior arrangement with Janet. Please allow at least 3 weeks from receipt of order and cheque. Orders sent to any other address will inevitably be held up.

John Irvine will be co-opted as Treasurer, with effect from 1 January 2011. Please note that from that date all ScotlandsPeople Voucher orders should go to John. The Executive will circulate details in due course.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met 3 times since March, in Livingston and Edinburgh, and minutes of the meetings have been sent to member societies.

Graveyard Inventory

The Graveyard Working Group has now been disbanded, having completed the Graveyard CD. However, when member societies publish new MI books, it would be appreciated if they could let Margaret Mackay know, as the CD may be updated at some point in the future.

Project Working Group

The new edition of the Parishes Book is now available. The PWG is now in the process of discussing its next project, and will keep you informed on what that is to be. Anyone wishing to become involved in the Project Working Group, for future SAFHS publications, please contact Bruce Bishop, the convenor. The group's meetings are usually on a Sunday, lasting for around 5 hours, and reasonable travelling expenses are paid.

ScotlandsPeople Executive Committee

Ken Nisbet represents SAFHS on this group, and will routinely keep member societies informed of any news.

ScotlandsPeople User Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

The Scottish Council on Archives

Andrew Eadie represents SAFHS on this group.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Steering Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

Donald Whyte

It was with regret that we heard of the death of Donald, on 23 April this year. Although not directly involved in SAFHS, Donald was instrumental in the foundation of several of our member societies. On a personal note, Donald was a past chairman of ASGRA, and latterly our Honorary President. He will be missed.

JMB

Aberdeen University Centre for Lifelong Learning – new course

Family History in Scotland

This new course is a level 1 course, and will run from early February 2011 until June 2011. It is taught via the web – all you need is a PC and internet access. The cost of the course is £160.50.

The course will examine a wide range of the sources that can

help in tracing your Scottish Family History. The whole ethos of the course will be aimed at the practical aspects and problems of tracing ancestry in Scotland. Language, religious divisions and geography all played their parts in shaping the land and the people that live there. In order to understand fully the sources discussions will take place on the formation of archives, churches and local and national government to help lay the foundation for further research.

Special emphasis will be placed on the use of names and their development, as useful guides to origins. Each student will be expected to undertake a research project on a particular Scottish name and also to draw up a family tree of interest to himself or herself.

Course Outline

- In the beginning
 - Surnames and getting started
 - Civil Registration, 1855 onwards
 - The Census, 1841-1891
 - The Old Parish Registers
- Practical Family History
 - Some examples of practical family history
- Flesh on the bones
 - Archives and how to use them
 - How to research occupations
 - How to find poor ancestors
- Where to go next
 - My ancestor was not Church of Scotland
 - Bibliographical sources

Assessment

- 1 essay/project report
- 1 monitored compilation of the family tree
- End-of-course assignment

Reading

- Cory, Kathleen B. *Tracing your Scottish Ancestry*, Polygon, 1990
- James, Alwyn. *Scottish Roots: From Graveyard To Website*, Luath Press, 2002
- Sinclair, Cecil. *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors*.
- Titford, John. *Writing and Publishing Your Family History*, FFHS, 1996

The course tutor is Gordon Johnson, who has been working on different aspects of family history for over 40 years. Following his retirement from Aberdeenshire Libraries service, Gordon moved to Wick in Northern Scotland, where he carries out family history research.

(Further information about the course can be found online at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/documents/arch_ss_prospectus.pdf)

Further information can be obtained from: flexiblearchaeology@abdn.ac.uk

News from Member Societies

Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS

Meetings of the Society and its branches have continued to be well-attended. The April meeting, to a packed audience, featured a talk by Douglas Gray entitled "Cove Bay – A History". Once a small village in Nigg parish, Cove has now become a suburb of Aberdeen, with industrial estates close by. The talk was based on the speaker's book of the same title, published in 2008, and was full of interest. Thoroughly researched and abundantly illustrated, it presented a picture of the evolution of this small fishing village through changing times. The May meeting was a talk by Marza Robertson on "Amos Cruickshank and the Quakers of Kinmuck". Just 13 miles northwest of Aberdeen, Kinmuck is still a very rural area, but it became the site of the largest and longest-lasting Quaker settlement in Scotland. It proved to be a fascinating talk on this, to many people, a little-known feature of Scottish life.

The May meeting of the Glasgow Group was a Member's Day, with the theme "Knocking down brick walls", a think-tank brainstorming forum sharing problems and offering appropriate sources and advice.

The May meeting of the Moray and Banff Branch was also a Members Day, at which there were also two short talks. The first was given by Janet Bishop on beneficiaries of wills, and the legal process of allocating the funds which were left by the deceased. The second talk, by Bruce Bishop, considered the reasons why researchers may have difficulty in tracing events pre-1855 because of all the various churches which were in existence in Scotland at the time.

Meetings planned for the winter season are:

13 th November	Edinburgh Group, Members Day, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm
20 th November	Aberdeen, "A Boddam Loon makes good" John Dunn, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30
20 th November	Glasgow, "Scottish Photographers pre-1914" Richard Torrance, Renfield St Stephens Church Centre, Bath Steet, Glasgow, 2 pm
4 th December	Aberdeen, Christmas Social, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 3 pm
4 th December	Elgin, "Old handwriting and documents", a workshop, Elgin Library 2 pm.
15 th January	Beginner's talk and workshop, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30
22 nd January	Edinburgh Group, "Newspapers in Family History", Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm
12 th February	Elgin, "Rathven, a Parish divided", Bruce Bishop, Elgin Library, 2 pm
19 th February	Aberdeen, TBA

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Glasgow, "The Railways of Aberdeen" Don Martin, Renfield St Stephens Church Centre, Bath Steet, Glasgow, 2 pm

Membership continues strong with nearly 500 new members this year. The research centre continues to be very busy, and you will always receive a warm welcome when you visit King Street in Aberdeen.

The MI's for Newburgh are in preparation, as are those resulting from this year's very successful graveyard outing to Ellon.

Latest Publications: MI for Banchory-Devenick. (Ref AA100), price £3.00, MI for Gartly (Ref AA198), price £2.40, MI for Oyne (Ref AA199) price £2.40.

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Alloway & S Ayrshire FHS

Our Society has changed its meeting night. In order to gain the use of a larger hall in the same building as before (Alloway Parish Church Halls), with more space for workshops, we have changed to Tuesday evenings at 7.30 for 7.45 pm. Meetings take the form of a talk or demonstration, followed by tea or coffee, after which members can make use of the Society's research facilities and internet facility until 10 pm.

Meetings have continued to be well attended, with most interesting subjects. In March it was the turn of our Society to host the annual joint meeting of the four Ayrshire family history societies. The speaker was Mr. Gerald Cummins on the Old Roads of Ayrshire, which many of those present followed up by visiting his website, www.oldroadsofscotland.com

April's AGM was followed by a presentation on 'Dating Old Photographs' by Mr. Ron Ferguson of Dalgarven Mill, Kilwinning, which we visited earlier this month. Another visit was that made to Dean Castle in Kilmarnock on a beautiful June evening. The author, Dane Love, spoke to us in May about his book 'Lost Ayrshire' with most interesting information on buildings and places in Ayrshire which have changed or disappeared over the years. DNA Testing was the subject of September's meeting, with Mr. Chris Paton, a professional genealogist and writer, who explained the science and possibilities of the latest developments.

Future meetings include a wide variety of subjects, including Poor Laws from 1845, Military Records, Flight over Everest and Scottish Aviation, History of St. Andrews Ambulance Service and Auld Ayr – details of all of these are available on our web-site, www.asafhs.co.uk.

Our web-site has undergone a great deal of development in recent months. There is a new Members Only area which is accessible by user name and password. This includes an on-line library where articles from our own journals only at present, sorted by subject, are available as .pdf files and lists of books and microfiches, CDs, etc. which, on request, can be made available to members at the research sessions following our monthly meetings. There is a Forums page, with a number of subjects already initiated, including a 'Futures' Forum in which all members can suggest and discuss changes to the Society they feel would be of benefit to them. There is also a facility for contacting our Research Co-ordinator and Librarian. Pages open to general access detail a page listing Members' Surname Interests, membership application form, reports of meetings, future programme events, publication lists, notices and a contact facility. It was felt that a 'Guest Book' forum would be a useful addition in the open access pages and we have had a member's posting into this in answer to a guest book query from a non-member within hours of it going live. New threads in the Guest Book forum originate from non-members and are manually moderated before being posted. Replies from members are similarly moderated and forwarded to the original non-member, with a recommendation to join the Society to continue the discussion personally.

An electronic payment facility has been in place on the website for several years and has been the source of much increased sales of our publications, as well as making considerably easier the payment of subscriptions, particularly from abroad. A further development at present being considered is the possibility of including videos of meetings on the site and contact from any other society with experience of this would be welcomed.

Our latest publications are 'Crosshill Cemetery and War Memorial Monumental Inscriptions', price £3.50 and 'Dalmellington Cemetery (Old Sections) Monumental Inscriptions' price £5.00. Details on our web-site.

For further information contact: *The Secretary, Alloway and Southern Ayrshire FHS, Alloway Public Library, Doonholm Road, Alloway. KA7 4QQ*
Website: www.asafhs.co.uk

Anglo-Scottish FHS



Ina and Michael at the SAFHS Conference in April 2010

Once again we had an interesting and informative programme. Dan Muir outlined the complexities and problems associated with the transcribing of the Manchester Presbytery records and the wealth of information contained within them. David Muil spoke about maritime records and their value to family historians and Ian Witherspoon introduced us to the many and varied records referring to members of the theatrical profession in an interesting presentation entitled "She married an actor". We also had our usual meetings devoted to member's heirlooms, their ancestral breakthroughs and Ancestry Workshop when members can air their problems and usually someone can offer guidance. Members attended various Family History Fairs promoting the benefits of Society membership.

Meetings are well attended with new members finding the advice and help from more experienced members and the use of the Resource Centre facilities prior to our presentations invaluable.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month except August and December and non-members of the Society are welcome.

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Association of Scottish Genealogists & Researchers in Archives



Alan MacLeod at the SAFHS Conference in April

2010 has been a busy year, with the negotiation and establishment of a partnership with our equivalent across the border, The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA). It has to be stressed that this is not a merger in any way, each association retaining complete autonomy, but we are embarking on some joint ventures, including co-ordinating logos and a linked website, which will go live very soon. We look forward to a mutually beneficial future.

ASGRA will be attending the WDYTYA event at Olympia in February – this is a first for us, and we hope it will be an annual entry in the diary. Several of our members will be in attendance over the 3 days, where we are taking a joint booking with AGRA as part of the “Origins” area.

Andrew Eadie has now successfully converted from probationer to full member.

In October, members had a very enjoyable tour of Glasgow City Archives and our thanks go to Irene O’Brien for her very informative and entertaining talk.

This year we have also had a fairly radical revision of our entrance requirements, as well as our assessment procedure. For the first time, we have included an application category for graduates in Scottish Genealogy from any UK university. Any professional researchers interested in discussing membership can contact in the first instance:

Janet M Bishop, Chairman, ASGRA, 259 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife, KY4 8LG

Website: www.asgra.co.uk

Borders FHS

The Society is still enjoying growth in membership, but at lower rate than in the previous year.

We’ve had an interesting spring and summer, with many visitors to our archive at Old Gala House, Galashiels. It will be open until 29th October every Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. and also for the same hours on Tuesdays and Fridays but by appointment only. While strictly speaking no booking is required for a Thursday visit, because of the small size of the room booking is nevertheless strongly advised and is necessary at all other times. Booking should be made via our website. Between 30th October 2010 and 31st March 2011, we may be able to arrange access for our members, but you’ll need to give at least 2 weeks notice.

The archive continues to grow, and an up to date list of all volumes is contained on our website.

Our Poor Law project in partnership with Scottish Borders Archives and Local History Centre in Hawick to index digitised poor law records and transcribe core information, and to publish them for sale, is ongoing and we have published Melrose this year. More details below.

Our website, www.bordersfhs.org.uk, has steady usage, attracting new members and higher publications sales. There are searchable indexes to our MI volumes, magazine articles, queries, family trees, surname interests, poor law volumes and forums. We have a blog, too. Work is still underway on adding requests for research, and publication sales to the website.

The facility to record surname interests is still very popular, and it's open for everyone to record their interests, not just members. The number of interests recorded encompasses more than 2,300 distinct surnames, all over Scotland, and many in England and overseas too. With the addition of new burial

places, our MIs now cover almost 4,550 distinct surnames in the Borders. The 550 family trees held now cover more than 4,100 distinct surnames. The forums have become more popular, too. We hope that other Societies will make these facilities known to their members.

In April, Trevor Swan spoke to us about the illustrious Clay Family; and after our AGM in May, Cecil Johnston talked about history of Clan Johnston and his new book, *The Unblessed Hand*, based on the recorded historical facts about the longest and most violent blood feud of 16th century Scotland. In September, Gregory Lauder-Frost gave an interesting lecture about Families of Ancient Origin around Foulden, Berwickshire.

Last summer, we had 8 very successful days recording monumental (gravestone) inscriptions in the cemeteries at Stobo, Peebleshire; Jedburgh Abbey, Roxburghshire; and Coldingham Priory, Berwickshire (together with Friends of Coldingham Priory); and there was on the job training for those who wanted it. Apart from several people adding to their skills, we also managed to record most of the inscriptions and check some of them and we all found them fun days out. There is some residual work to be done, like taking photographs of the stones, but we hope to publish the results soon. We’re going to have more of these days, as they are such fun, so if you would like to take part in future days, please contact our organiser, Ronald Morrison, on 01361 882166, or contact him on our website, www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHSContacts.asp, using the contact type Gravestone Recording.

We have a weekly column, “Kith and Kin”, in two of our local papers, the Border Telegraph, and the Peebleshire News.

In September 2010, Borders Family History Society was 25 years old. The first meeting was held in September 1985 in Galashiels when Donald Whyte talked about "Basic Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History". To celebrate our silver jubilee, we held a family and local history fair and conference on Saturday, 9th October in Melrose, at which one of our founder members, the noted local author, Norrie McLeish, gave the keynote lecture, Juline Baird and Sarah Chapman talked about Borders Police Records, Ellis Macgregor talked about his life in textiles, Peter Munro spoke about Poor Relief in Melrose from 1871 to 1890. Due to illness causing 2 withdrawals, we had only 16 exhibitors. Both the Hawick Heritage Hub and we provided research advice. We provided a café, which proved a hit with everyone. We’ve had very favourable feedback about all aspects, and everybody would like to see us hold this event regularly.

We have 9 new publications:

1. Abbey St Bathans Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £6 plus postage). 115 gravestones. Hearth tax list, a list of kirk ministers and a militia list, photographs of all the stones. Also included are 48 mortcloth records from 1755 to 1759, mostly with the name of the deceased. There are indexes to the surnames and places mentioned.

2. Cranshaws Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £6 plus postage). 123 gravestones. Hearth tax list, a list of kirk ministers and a militia list, photographs of all the stones. Also included are 331 mortcloth records from 1731 to 1853, mostly

with the name of the deceased. There are indexes to the surnames and places mentioned.

3. Longformacus Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £7.50 plus postage). 221 gravestones. Includes old churchyard at the Parish Church and the burial ground at Christ Church Episcopalian Church with photographs of all stones, and indexes to the surnames. Includes Hearth Tax, Militia Lists, War Memorial, Roll of Honour.

4. Duns Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £9 plus postage). 544 gravestones. Includes old churchyard and new burial ground with photographs of all stones, and indexes to the surnames. Includes Hearth Tax, Militia List, Roll of Honour. Also School Admission Log from 1873 to 1913.

5. Innerleithen Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £12 plus postage). 1,232 gravestones, includes Leithen Road and Traquair Road burial grounds with photographs of all stones, and indexes to the surnames. Includes Poll Tax, War Memorials in Innerleithen and Walkerburn, Rolls of Honour.

6. Galashiels - Eastlands and St Peter's Monumental Inscriptions - (CD - £15 plus postage). 3,322 gravestones, includes photographs of all stones and indexes to the surnames, Militia Lists, Galashiels War Memorial, together with War Memorials in Gala Academy, St Peter's Church and the Old Parish and St Paul's Church. No Hearth Tax list. No list of kirk ministers.

7. Melrose Parish Poor Law Records (1871-1874) - (CD - £12 plus postage) and covers over 760 people. Contains chapters on Melrose parish – the historical context, an expanded introduction to the poor law, using the poor law records, Dingleton asylum, the report into the administration and practical operation of the Poor Laws in Scotland, excerpts from Poor Law Magazines, the Poor Law Diploma examination, the Society of Inspectors of Poor for Scotland - office bearers, workhouse reform, duties of inspectors of the poor, a map of Melrose parish and a railway map, and the index to the Poor Law Records images contained on the CD, illustrations in the text, and digital images of the records transcribed, most of which have additional information.

8. Melrose Parish Poor Law Records (1875-1883) - (CD - £12 plus postage) and covers over 820 people. Contents similar to Melrose Parish Poor Law Records (1871-1874).

9. Melrose Parish Poor Law Records (1884-1930)- (CD - £12 plus postage) and covers over 760 people. Contents similar to Melrose Parish Poor Law Records (1871-1874) but also contains legal cases, description of boundary changes and an additional map showing Melrose parish after the boundary changes of 1889.

Two different Melrose Parish Poor Law Records volumes cost £22, the set of 3 costs £30.

Work on producing Monumental Inscriptions volumes for Broughton, Bunkle & Preston, Caddonfoot, Cockburnspath, Coldingham Priory, Drumelzier, Jedburgh Abbey, Kirkurd, Lyne, Manor, Meggat, Minto, Stobo, Stow is in progress. We're also reprinting the Monumental Inscriptions volumes for

Greenlaw, Kelso, Stichill & Hume, Yetholm.

We warmly invite you to attend our Society meetings whether you are a member or not. There is no admission charge. Except where stated otherwise, meetings are held at 2.30 pm. Speakers at Society meetings occasionally need to be changed at the last minute, due to circumstances beyond our control. Where time permits, changes will be shown on our website What's On page.

Our programme for 2010/2011 is below:

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| 28 November 2010 | Small Island, Big World: Border Roots: Colin Murray, Abbey Row Centre, Kelso, TD5 7BJ |
| 27 February 2010 | Old Maps: Andrea Massey, Map Library, NLS: Corn Exchange, Market Pl, Melrose, TD6 9PN |
| March 2011 | Visit to Clapperton Collection of Old Photographs, Clapperton Studios, Selkirk: tbc |
| 24 April 2011 | Dr J Leyden (the famous poet and Orientalist from Denholm: Marjorie Gavin, Denholm Village Hall, Denholm |
| 29 May 2011 | AGM, Granny's Bawbees and Other Coins: Peter Munro, Corn Exchange, Market Pl, Melrose TD6 9PN |

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Family History Society of Buchan



At the May meeting, which was held in New Deer, local man, Sandy Ritchie, gave an illustrated talk on the history of his village. New Deer was originally called Auchreddie, and the oldest part of the village is still known by that name today. Sandy showed slides of old New Deer and its surroundings, and talked about many of the landmarks around the village.

At the June meeting, Anne Park gave an illustrated talk about the Scottish Memorial Project, which started in 2006 as an internet discussion forum, for anyone interested in Scottish war memorials. The project is ongoing, and contributions are always welcome. These may be photographs of a memorial, information about its unveiling, or a photograph/personal story about one of the names.

The Society was very busy during Peterhead Scottish Week in July. The family history exhibition in Arbuthnot House attracted lots of visitors, several of whom took the opportunity to have a free session with the local Registrars. There were displays about: the Rev James Anderson, a 19th Century Church of Scotland minister at St Fergus; George Alexander

Chalmers, a son of Peterhead, who, at the time of his death in 2002, was the last surviving member of the Dambusters; the Buchan Ness Lighthouse; Simmers Bakery at Hatton; and a selection of OPRs, Poor Law Records and School Log Books.

The largest display was a collection of old class photographs from Peterhead Academy, which were donated to the Society. Visitors had great fun spotting themselves and friends from their schooldays.

On Sunday 25 July, members of the Society conducted tours of Peterhead's Constitution Street Cemetery, pointing out the gravestones of some "local worthies" of the past.

The speaker at the August meeting was Ron Maurice, a board member of the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh, who talked about the history of Scottish Lighthouses and described the lives of the keepers and their families.

In September, as part of the Buchan's Larder Festival in Peterhead, FHSB member Margie Davidson gave a talk entitled "Buchans on the move", in which she highlighted the importance of the village of Rattray in the history of fisher-folk from the 13th Century onwards.

At the October meeting, the speaker was Claire Petty from the Gordon Highlanders Museum in Aberdeen. After explaining how this museum came into being, Claire showed some of the regimental memorabilia in the collection.

FHSB publications are:

CDs of the MIs in St Peter's Old Churchyard and Constitution Street Cemetery, both in Peterhead, and 2 books – "Palaces for the People" and "Peterhead Street Names". At present, we are arranging publication of 2 books – "Peterhead Shipmasters" and "Peterhead Street Roll". In 2011, we also hope to publish a CD of the MIs at St Fergus Graveyard.

For further information contact: *Family History Society of Buchan, 35 Broad Street, Peterhead, AB42 1JB, Tel; 01779 478950*

Email: chair@fhsb.org.uk

Central Scotland FHS

The Society continues to have good support from the members but like many Societies, Committee members are hard to find. However, as our Treasurer of many years stood down this year we were fortunate that our Secretary volunteered to become Treasurer and another member of the Society took on the role of Secretary. Happily we had a new volunteer for the Committee so we are now only one member down.

The Smith Museum where we have met for many years is seeking funding for a total restoration and we decided that it would be better to seek alternative accommodation sooner rather than later. We soon realised that our options were limited for the size of venue we required and so we have decided to move to the new Raploch Community Campus after Christmas for a trial period until the AGM in May. Perhaps by that time the situation with the Smith may be clarified and the members

will have to make a choice of whether to return to the Smith or stay on the Campus.

Work is almost complete on the first cd-rom of the Camelon lairs and the second section is now underway. Volunteers are always welcome for this project and for the project to finish Polmont Graveyard. This will be very useful as there are no existing lair records for this graveyard.

Meetings continue to be well attended and this year at Christmas we will mark our 20th year in existence at the Social evening.

For further information contact: *The Chairman, Central FHS*

Dumfries & Galloway FHS

Our change of venue to the Kings Arms in Castle Douglas for our meetings has proved to be very popular and our audience numbers have increased significantly. We also found that emailing a reminder a few days beforehand to local members was useful. The first meeting to be held there in 2011 will be Bruce Durie talking about "Testaments and Retours - Inheritance in Scottish Family History" on Saturday 5th March 2011 at 2.15. The following month's meeting will be the AGM plus a talk titled "Peter Rae - Printer & Genius" by Graham Roberts. This too will be held in Castle Douglas but at the Douglas Arms hotel at 7pm on Tuesday 12th April. We return to the Kings Arms on Saturday 8th October for Chris Paton's talk "Online Irish Resources"

This year we have taken stalls at Livingston, at Troon and at Melrose as well as participating in the Doors Open day in September – the latter enticed 100 visitors to our premises over two days.

We hope to arrange other meetings in May and September. Details will be available on our website.

For further information contact: *The Hon Secretary, Dumfries & Galloway FHS, 9 Glasgow Street, Dumfries DG2 9AF.*

Website: www.dgfh.org.uk

Email: secretary@dgfh.org.uk

East Ayrshire FHS

The Society meets at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of the months September to May in the Gateway Centre, Foregate Square, Kilmarnock. Visitors are welcome. Workshops are held in The Cabin, Witch Road, Kilmarnock from 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm on most other Thursday afternoons throughout the year.

The November meeting is being held at the Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, where members will be shown around the exhibition "A Royal Engagement". This special exhibition recreates a wedding scene from five hundred years ago, depicted in a tapestry at Dean Castle, Kilmarnock, and showcases the skills of the textile team there. The tapestry relates to the time of James IV and his wife Margaret Tudor,

sister of Henry VIII, who received Dean Castle as part of her marriage settlement in 1508. The textile team consists of a group of skilled local volunteers set up in 2005 to preserve some of the treasured fabrics held at the Castle. The visit will be followed up in January with a talk by Linda Fairlie, museums officer, on Textiles in Ayrshire. Subjects of other talks during the session are Thomas Brisbane, Hamilton Palace and Strang's Foundry, Hurlford.

Members and others visiting our website www.eastayrshirefhs.org.uk will realise that the site is no longer fully functional. Because of a change in hosting arrangements it may not be possible to update the present site. Work is ongoing to design and set up a new website. It is hoped to find a way of redirecting users to the new website when it goes live but this may not be possible; so please check the SAFHS website over the next few months for information about any new EAFHS website address.

Publications: The Society has available on CD facsimile copies of local histories and directories. Some of the twenty four titles are listed on the present website and it is still possible to purchase publications (and Membership Subscriptions) from there using PayPal. A full list of publications is available on request.

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.org.uk is undergoing change. There is a link to the EAFHS website accessed by scrolling down the Membership list on the SAFHS website and we will try to keep that up to date.

Email: The address enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.org.uk is still active. However, if you receive no reply after seven days, please re-send your enquiry to jffh@btinternet.com.

For further information please contact: Secretary, East Ayrshire FHS, c/o Dick Institute, Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.org.uk

Fife FHS



Andrew Campbell at the Fife FHS stand at the Conference in April 2010

As usual, Fife were in attendance at the SAFHS Conference.

For further information please contact:

Chairman: Archie Lumsden: chairman@fifefhs.org

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membership@fifefhs.org

Website: www.fifefhs.org

Genealogical Society of Utah

The GSU stand at the Conference was kept very busy, as one would expect.

Geoff deals with a delegate below.



Geoff Mawlam with a delegate at the GSU stand at the Conference

For further information please contact: *Geoffrey Mawlam:*

Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

We have changed our venue for the Society meetings for the 2010-2011 session, from the Boyd Orr Building to the Hillhead Library due to the high rental being levied by the University. Unfortunately, the Glasgow Council workers industrial action prevented us from using it for the September meeting when David W. Webster gave a talk on *Why Can't I Find That Record?* but we managed to hire the nearby Baptist Church. The October meeting will be back in Hillhead Library when Tom Barclay will be speaking on *The Smugglers of Troon, Loans and Dundonald*. On 15 November Alex Hunter will give a talk on the Greenock Blitz and then the Social and Film Evening on 13 December will be held in St Peter's Hall, Chancellor Street, Partick. We look forward in the New Year to having the following talks:

17 January *Irish sources on the Internet* by Chris Paton

21 February *The Mills of the Kelvin* by Dr Stuart Nisbet

21 March *North Lanarkshire Archives Update* by Wiebke McGhee.

Information on the meetings, which start at 7.30 pm, can be found on the Society's website and reports of the talks are usually given in the Society's Newsletter that is published three times a year (October, March and June).

The Society had a successful two days during the Glasgow Doors Open Days in September, when we had 100 visitors to

our research centre and 13 joined the Society. We also took part in the West End Festival in May, when we had a large number of visitors some of whom joined. Four of our computers in the research centre are being updated.

Volunteers from the Society have been assisting with the Historic Hospital Admission Records Project (<http://hharp.org>), the home of 19th century children's hospital records, by transcribing the admission records of the Royal Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital. The database is now on the HHARP website and covers the period 1883 (when the hospital first opened) to 1903. The database offers insight into the health of the children in Glasgow, complementing databases already available for three London hospitals: the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, the Evelina Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease.

Other work the Society is involved is the photographing all the stones at the Glasgow Necropolis and transcribing the same. The Cathedral burial stones project is going at a pace now (it was started years ago) and hopefully this will be finished next year. Society members are working in several joint projects with Glasgow City Archives to produce databases. So far the following have been completed:

City Porters: 1832 - 1868: - gives name, age, marital status, Native/county, height, station, address.

Chimney Sweeps Licenses: 1852 - 1868: - gives name, address, dates, remarks.

Lair holders of certain burial grounds of Glasgow: this includes St Mary's Abercromby St, North Street, St Mark's Cheapside St, Gorbals, Calton, Anderston UP Church, Bridgeton, Wellington UP Church.

For further information contact:

G&WSFHS, Unit 13, 32 Mansfield Street, Glasgow G11 5QP
Tel: 0141-339 8303

Website: www.gwsfhs.org.uk

Guild of One-Name Studies

In 2005, the Guild launched a UK telephone helpdesk, with a Freephone number 08000 11 2182. This year this has been extended to North America, with the toll-free number 1 800 647 4100, and it is hoped the next foray may well be into Australia, with possible provision of an 1800 toll-free number. To launch a world-wide Freephone number is unfortunately out of the question, due to cost. At present, North American queries are answered in the UK, but it is hoped to get volunteers in Canada and the USA to answer some of the calls, especially during the night-time in the UK.

The Guild E-library is now online, but is only available to Guild members through the website. The Guild Online Library Catalogue is the centralized directory for all one-name material held by the Guild, which includes physical material such as books, electronic material in the E-library, and other one-name material which is on the website, such as articles relating to specific one-name studies.

Although the electronic storage is expanding, the written word is moving in the opposite direction, and, after 9 years, the Guild Bookstall is to close. We have a new post-holder "Stand Manager", and the person who has taken on this role is also the

Reginal Representative Co-ordinator - as a Regional Representative (as well as SAFHS rep), I have noticed the difference, and now have a Guild banner and other items, which were launched at the FH Fair in Nairn, but will appear again at the SAFHS Conference in 2011.

The forthcoming seminars organized by the Guild are:

20 November 2010 - Born Abroad - Sevenoaks, Kent

12 February 2011 - Rogues and Victims - Taunton, Somerset

21 May 2011 - Northumberland Meeting - Ashington, Northumberland

13 August 2011 - The Art of One-Name Studies - Alwalton, near Peterborough

The Guild AGM and Conference will be 15-17 April 2011 in Warrington, Lancashire, with the conference title "Northern Lights".

After the 2010 AGM, we have a new Secretary, Jan Cooper, because our previous Secretary has taken on the role of Guild Chairman.



Graham Tuley eating a well-earned lunch at the SAFHS Conference

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Lanarkshire Family History Society

Since the March SAFHS Bulletin we have continued with a varied range of topics at our monthly meetings including:- Pam McNicol Stirling Council Archivist "The Welfare of Families Records of the Poor Law", Elizabeth Carmichael "Hot off the Press", Paula Williams N.L.Scotland Maps, "Putting Your Relatives in Their Place", Duncan Close "Wanlockhead & Leadhills Lead Mining", Eric J. Graham "Robert Louis Stevenson and the Scottish Pirates" and Bruce Durie "Scottish Heraldry". The numbers attending our monthly meetings continues to increase, with recent months seeing between 70 - 90 members and guests enjoying the lectures.

On 6th September we had an official visit from John Wilson MSP for Central Scotland. We will organise further visits by MSP's and LKS Councillors to our Resource Centre. This is a

way of making MSP's and Councillors aware, not only of the facilities in our own Research Centre but also the growing interest in local and family history research throughout Scotland. This will help the country's politicians understand the importance of, and the need to preserve the archive records both nationally and locally. We would like to suggest other societies consider similar visits to their own Centres or Speaker evenings.

We travelled with our Bookstall to the following Family History Fairs:- SAFHS at Livingston, Troon, Nairn, Melrose and 10 local events within Lanarkshire. We also organised a full day "Family History Workshop", while the numbers attending were low we plan to organise further Workshops as a way to attract new members and also advertise ourselves.

The "Irish Interest", "Military Matters" and "Old Handwriting" groups continue to meet each month. These small groups of members discuss issues and pass on their knowledge and are also able to answer member's questions and resolve problems.

In our Resource Centre we currently have two cabinets displaying items that belonged to soldiers of the 155th Lanarkshire Yeomanry Regiment along with information and photographs about the terrible conditions experienced by the men in the Japanese POW Camps during WW2. This display is worth a visit if you are in the area. The display will be available to view during our normal opening hours until at least 28th November. If anyone has any information on the Lanarkshire Yeomanry, one of our society members Campbell Thomson would like to speak with you. Campbell is assembling records for the Lanarkshire Yeomanry regiments and very keen to speak to anyone who can give him even the smallest piece of information.



Please address all correspondence to: Lanarkshire Family History Society, c/o Motherwell Heritage Centre, Local History Room, High Road, Motherwell. ML1 3HU

Email: secretary-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

Lothians FHS

Meetings started after the school holidays, with a talk in September about Gilmerton Cove in Edinburgh, followed by one on Border Records by the chairman of Borders FHS. Members are looking forward to talks on Historical Links

between Scotland and the Caribbean, Midlothian Local Studies and Archives, the Forth Rail Bridge and research in Ireland and Germany.

Talks are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre of Lasswade High School in Bonnyrigg.

Workshops take place each Wednesday evening in the school library from 7 till 9 pm.



Dorothy et al at the Lothians stand at the Conference in Livingston

For further information contact: Lothians FHS, Lasswade High School Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, EH19 2LA.

E-mail: lothiansfhs@hotmail.com

Website: www.lothiansfhs.org.uk

Moray Burial Ground Research Group

Over the past year the group has continued to conduct monumental inscription recording and buried tombstone research at various sites throughout Moray and Banffshire. The Monumental Inscriptions and Buried Tombstones at the old church of St Peter at Duffus are now in print, as are the MIs for the Roman Catholic burial ground of St Ninians at Chapelford of Tynet. This latter publication also includes the two inscriptions at Preshome and the inscriptions within St Peter's Church in Buckie, completing the Roman Catholic burial sites in the Enzie.

Work is nearly completed on the publication for Kinloss Abbey, where the visible MIs have been recorded, and negotiations with Historic Scotland have also allowed the inclusion of some of the more shallow buried tombstones. Rothes Cemetery has been completed and is in preparation for publication. Work on the MIs at Forres (Clunyhill) is nearly complete, and the recording at Forres (Clovenside) is also under way.

The summer outing, in which over twenty members of the group took part, was a visit to the Knockando Churchyard, where both visible and buried tombstones have been recorded. Work is also ongoing at Rathven Churchyard, and historical research is being undertaken at several other sites in Moray and Banffshire.

The Website gives up to the minute details of all of the research in progress, and a full publications list. The Ancestor Index on

the website now contains over 25,000 names.

Latest Publications: Monumental Inscriptions for St Ninian's, Chapelford, price £5.00, and Monumental Inscriptions for St Peter's, Duffus, fully illustrated, price £9.50. Postage is extra for all publications.

E-mail: secretary@mbgrg.org

Website: www.mbgrg.org

For further information contact: *Hon Secretary, Moray Burial Ground Research Group, Rivendell, Miltonduff, Elgin, IV30 8TJ. Tel 01343 549509*

E-mail: secretary@mbgrg.org

SAFHS Rep: Stephen Leitch: publicity@mbgrg.org

Website: www.mbgrg.org

Moray & Nairn FHS

MNFHS recently jointly hosted the first family history fair to be held in Nairn on the 2nd of October. There were a number of other family history societies and local groups at the event. There were over 180 visitors, and overall it was felt to be a good day.

The society has two new publications: Ardcloch Monumental Inscriptions; Morayshire Free Church records, details of which can be found on our web site.

The next meeting of the society is at Nairn Community Centre at 2pm on Saturday 20th November - all are welcome.



Stuart Farrell at Livingston in April

For further information contact: *The Secretary, Moray & Nairn FHS, Rivendell, Miltonduff, Elgin, IV30 8TJ. Tel 01343 549509.*

Website: www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Scotslot

At the March Scotslot meeting, a round up of sources for Scottish Family history in the London area was presented, with emphasis on the Society of Genealogists holdings. In April, we learnt how to write up our Family History, which inevitably resulted in heated discussion and the conclusion that we all have different ideas! The Historical Value of Money was the subject of the May meeting, with contributions from many

members.

In June several members gave short presentations: June Wiggins on 'the Tea Rooms of Glasgow'; Marion Donaldson on 'Dundee Tenements' which invited comments from the gathering on tenements in all parts of Scotland! Bill Taylor then spoke about a particularly complicated family in his maternal history.

Michael Gandy gave an excellent talk on 'Catholics in Scotland' in September, again resulting in considerable discussion. While perhaps we were offered no new sources for information on Catholics, especially those from Ireland, we now have a multitude of reasons why there are few records!



Stuart Laing at the Civic Reception in Livingston

Future meetings, at which guests are most welcome, will cover 'Scots in the Antipodes', 'Food our Ancestors Ate' and 'Scots in the Americas' and are held in Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Our meetings generally begin with a round-the-table discussion of latest news from the many sources of family history information, both on line and in traditional archives. This is coupled with discussion of member's recent successes or brickwalls in their research. This is followed by a presentation on a particular topic, often with a guest speaker.

For further information contact: *Scotslot, 16 Bloomfield Road, Harpenden, Herts*

Scottish Genealogy Society

Preparations continue for the 22nd SAFHS Conference on 25th June 2011 (see front page).

Recent new MI publications include *Gladsmuir MIs* and *Newhaven's Forgotten Burial Ground*, both in book form. Forthcoming publications include more East Lothian MIs: Aberlady, Athelstaneford, Spott, Whitekirk and Dunbar plus Mortcloth Dues. All these will be published as individual small books, other than Dunbar (book and CD). Some of the larger Edinburgh cemeteries are almost complete: Grange, Rosebank, Portobello, Eastern and Dean. These will be published on CD only. Prints of some of the sections of these

cemeteries are currently available in the SGS Library. The Clackmannanshire MIs book is in the process of being updated. Forthcoming new publications on other topics include *Ane Theatre of Mortality*, *St Cuthbert's 1790 Census*, Military Extractions from late 18thC Almanacs and the 78th Regiment of Foot (Seaforth Highlanders) 1804-1816.

We continue meantime to arrange evening visits to New Register House, in conjunction with Standard Life. In accordance with SAFHS policy, members of all SAFHS-affiliated societies are welcome. Please contact the Library to book or for further details. (0131-220 3677).

We continue to host evening talks once a month during autumn, winter and spring at the Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, which are open to all, regardless of any membership of any society. Details of these are published in *The Scottish Genealogist* and on our website www.scotsgenealogy.com

Our website has been revamped and new features are still being added. The online shop is updated regularly, and a specific page is set aside for additions.

For further information contact: *Scottish Genealogy Society*,
15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh
Website: www.scotsgenealogy.com

Shetland FHS

“Wow!” is the only way to describe Shetland this summer. All the hard, preparatory work for our “Hamefarin” (Homecoming) was well worthwhile as 700 visitors from all over the world enjoyed two weeks of trips, visits, lectures, concerts, dances, family research, gatherings and socializing. The Society ran daily at two venues – our usual rooms at 6 Hillhead and also at the Islesburgh Community Centre which became the *Hamefarin Club* for the event. It was lovely to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and put faces to all the names behind the emails and letters asking for help before arriving. Many, of course, could not stay for the full two weeks and some lingered longer, but the feed-back has been very positive and appreciative, praising the Society for its organisation, local knowledge and help. A busy few months have followed, with overseas visitors still arriving, even though our summer season is now officially closed.

Next summer, Shetland is one of the host ports for the *Tall Ships* events but this year will be hard to beat. The Society is considering taking a stand at the conference in Edinburgh in June, but the cost of travel from the Isles is high and rising.....

Our opening times for the Society premises are still every weekday afternoon from 2–4 p.m. but the evening openings on Mondays & Thursdays may be discontinued for the winter months, with access by appointment easily arranged by telephoning one of the contact numbers displayed at the premises. Details of opening times, publications and events are available on the Society’s web site :- www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

For further information contact: *Mrs. E M Angus*, 6 Hillhead, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0EJ
Email : secretary@shetland-fhs.org.uk

Society of Genealogists

Events January-March 2011

15 Jan 2011, 1400hrs
Writing Family History: Building Background Material (part 4)
A half-day workshop with Gill Blanchard (£17.50/14.00)

12 Feb 2011, 1400 hrs
Writing Family History: Production & Presentation (part 5)
A half-day workshop with Gill Blanchard (£17.50/14.00)

19 Feb 2011, 1400 hrs
Immigration to America for Religious Reasons
A half-day course with Michael Gandy (£17.50/14.00)

26 Mar 2011, 1100-1600 hrs
Open Day - FREE
Open Day with library tours, beginner's lectures (must be pre-booked) and advice sessions. The society’s membership joining fee will be waived this day. Call or see the SoG website for more information.

To book a place contact:

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Website: <http://www.sog.org.uk>

Tay Valley FHS

Another busy 6 months have passed since the last report. We again joined with Angus & Dundee Roots, with a presence at various events in the area, including at Verdant Works in Dundee and a Family History Fair at Kirriemuir, both in May, Glamis Castle in June, and the House of Dun at Montrose in July. In September, we participated in the Roots Festival at the local library on the Thursday, the immediate past Chairman and the current Chairman hosted tables at the Lord Provost’s lunch on the Friday, we took a book stall at the Family History Fair in Montrose on the Saturday, and held an “open day” at the Centre on the Monday.

Our winter session of talks started in Abertay University in September, and continues on the third Wednesday of the month in October and November, and from January to April next year – visitors are most welcome.

We were represented at the SAFHS conference in Livingston and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

We are running a Book Fair next year 2011 – on Saturday 9th April – information has been sent out to all SAFHS members and we will look forward to seeing you there. It will serve as a

practice run for the SAFHS Conference in 2012, when the conference will be held on Saturday 28th April in the Bonar Hall of the University of Dundee. For any information, contact us by telephone at 01382 461845, or email us at tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk, or by mail to 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee, DD4 6DQ.

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West Lothian FHS



The host society, WLFHS, at the SAFHS Conference 2010

The new session has started with another full programme of meetings, Road Shows and the very popular monthly visit to Register House. The success of the Conference has resulted in a continuing increase in our membership and an encouraging list of renewals. The help from volunteers at the SAFHS Conference has resulted in an increase in our active list of helpers for Library visits, Saturday workshops and spreading the load for manning our stand at Family History Fairs. Our main concern for the future was highlighted at the October meeting when the hall, where meetings are held, was full to capacity. This is a problem we are happy to address and the Committee is looking at alternatives for the future.

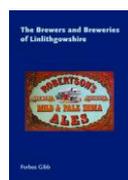
For further information contact: *The Hon Secretary, West Lothian FHS, 23 Templar Rise, Livingston, EH54 6PJ*
Email: honsec@wlfhs.org.uk
Website: www.wlfhs.org.uk

The History of Brewing in Scotland

Scotland has a long and successful history of brewing beer, and Lomax Press has published a series of books which will list and describe the brewers and breweries of Scotland, county by county. It is hoped that the reader will be inspired to track down what remains of the historic brewing industry in Scotland, and to sample responsibly the products of the growing number of innovative microbreweries which have been founded over recent years.

The Brewers and Breweries of Stirlingshire, by Forbes Gibb, is the first in this series. In this book you will discover the secret of Valentine Ord, why there is "Strength behind bars", and the link between the St Ninians Well Brewery and the inventor of smokeless fuel. The book should appeal to anyone with an interest in beer and its production, and brings together information and illustrations about breweries and the people who created them. Brewery historians will find information on brewers, breweries and their beers from 1688 to the present day, and pictures and locations of breweries and associated buildings. Family historians will find entries for over 200 brewers and their relations, from Abercromby to Younger. £11 inc P&P from Lomax Press, 13 Park Place, Stirling, FK7 9JR.

Lomax Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-9560288-0-6 (68pp illustrated)



The Brewers and Breweries of Linlithgowshire, by Forbes Gibb, is the second in this series. In this book you will discover why Charles Robb was imprisoned, be horrified by the iniquitous two-penny tax on beer, and learn about the fire that destroyed the former Chapel Lane Brewery. The book should appeal to anyone with an interest in beer and its production, and brings together information and illustrations about breweries and the people who created them. Brewery historians will find information on brewers, breweries and their beers from 1655 to the present day, and pictures and locations of brewery buildings. Family historians will find entries for over 100 brewers and their relations, from Addison to Younger. £7 inc P&P from Lomax Press, 13 Park Place, Stirling, FK7 9JR.

Lomax Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-9560288-2-2 (36p., illustrated)

Ne'er-do-wells in Stirling

The Vagabond Book of Stirling, by Marie Brammeld, is a rogues' gallery of sorts, a historical record of misdemeanours and punishments of all the ne'er-do-wells to be hauled before the town Baillies in Stirling's Tolbooth. A selection of their stories are told here, fully indexed to help you find colourful long-lost relatives! Crimes include general socially-acceptable behaviour such as breach of the peace, theft and assault and battery. Loose morals feature heavily, and - as ever - women come off by far the worst. The book illustrates a unique slice of Stirling's social history, showing us what life was really like in the crowded vennels at the Top of the Town in the 18th century, and hinting at what went on behind the doors of the more fashionable residences, too. In addition, the human stories of are placed in their social and historical context, and so will prove of interest to both the casual reader and those looking for a local history book with a difference. £9 inc P&P from Lomax Press, 13 Park Place, Stirling, FK7 9JR.

Lomax Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-9560288-3-9 (over 60pp illustrated)

Editor's Note: These are independent external reviews

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31 October 2010: “My Ancestors/Relatives who went to the Antipodes” (Scotslot) – Southdown Methodist Hall, Harpenden – 2pm. Please contact Stuart Laing or Elizabeth van Lottum (Scotslot).

Saturday 13 November 2010: Edinburgh Group Members Day, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh – 2 pm. (ANESFHS).

Monday 15 November 2010: Bruce Bishop – The Work of The Moray Burial Ground Research Group – Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm (SGS).

Monday 15 November 2010: The Greenock Blitz, Alex Hunter, Hillhead Library (GWSFHS).

Saturday 20 November 2010: “A Boddam Loon Makes Good”, John Dunn, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm (ANESFHS).

Saturday 20 November 2010: Glasgow Branch: Scottish Photographers pre-1914, Richard Torrance, Renfield Saint Stephen’s Church Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow, 2 pm (ANESFHS).

Saturday 20 November 2010: Born Abroad? – Sevenoaks, Kent (GOONS website for information)

Saturday 20 November 2010: A Tour of Historic Nairnshire, Jenny Rose-Miller, Nairn Community Centre, 2 pm (MNFHS).

Saturday 27 November 2010: Alan Stewart, Willie Cross and Else Churchill – My Ancestor was Scottish (SOG).

Sunday 28 November 2010: Colin Murray – Small Island, Big World – Border Roots, Abbey Row Centre, Kelso (BFHS).

Saturday 4 December 2010: Christmas Social, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 3 pm (ANESFHS).

Saturday 4 December 2010: Moray Branch: Old Handwriting and Documents, a workshop, Elgin Library, 2 pm (ANESFHS).

Saturday 11 December 2010: Christmas Meeting (Scotslot) – Quiz; “Antique Roadshow”; Photos – Southdown Methodist Hall, Harpenden – 2 pm. Please contact Stuart Laing or Elizabeth van Lottum.

13 December 2010: Social and Film Evening, St Peter’s Hall, Chancellor Street, Partick, 7.30 pm (GWSFHS).

Saturday 15 January 2011: Beginners Talk and Workshop, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm (ANESFHS).

17 January 2011: Irish Sources on the Internet, Chris Paton, Hillhead Library, 7.30 pm (GWSFHS).

Saturday 22 January 2011: Edinburgh Branch: Newspapers in Family History, Ken Nisbet, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm (ANESFHS).

Saturday 12 February 2011: Moray Branch: “Rathven – a Parish Divided”, Bruce Bishop, Elgin Library, 2 pm (ANESFHS).

12 February 2011: Rogues and Victims, Taunton, Somerset (GOONS).

Saturday 19 February 2011: Glasgow Branch: “The Railways of Aberdeen”, Don Martin, Renfield Saint Stephen’s Church Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow, 2 pm (ANESFHS).

21 February 2011: The mills of the Kelvin, Dr Stuart Nisbet, Hillhead Library, 7.30 pm (GWSFHS).

27 February 2011: Old Maps: Andrea Massie, (Map Library, NLS), Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, 2.30 pm (BFHS).

March 2011: to be confirmed
Visit to Clapperton Collection of Old Photographs, Clapperton Studios, Selkirk (BFHS).

Saturday 5 March 2011: SAFHS AGM & Council Meeting, Board Room, Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh, 1 pm.

Saturday 5 March 2011: Testaments and Retours – inheritance in Scottish family history, Bruce Durie, 2.15 pm, King’s Arms, Castle Douglas (DGFHS).

21 March 2011: North Lanarkshire Archives Update, Wiebke McGhee, Hillhead Library, 7.30 pm (GWSFHS).

9 April 2011: Book Fair (TVFHS).

Tuesday 12 April 2011: DGFHS AGM, followed by talk: Peter Rae – printer and genius, Graham Roberts, Douglas Arms Hotel, Castle Douglas, 7 pm (DGFHS).

15-17 April 2011: Guild AGM and Conference, “Northern Lights” – Warrington, Lancashire (GOONS).

24 April 2011: Dr J Leyden (Famous poet and orientalist from Denholm), Marjorie Gavin, Denholm Village Hall, Denholm, 2.30 pm (BFHS).

21 May 2011: Northumberland Meeting, Ashington, Northumberland (GOONS).

29 May 2011: Borders FHS AGM, followed by talk “Granny’s Bawbees and other coins, Peter Munro, Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, 2.30 pm (BFHS).

13 August 2011: The Art of One-Name Studies, Alwalton, nr Peterborough (GOONS).

Saturday 8 October 2011: Online Irish Resources, Chris Paton, King’s Arms, Castle Douglas (DGFHS).

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