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SAFHS CONFERENCES 2015 & 2016

Following the undoubted success of the 2014 SAFHS Conference in Dunfermline, the SAFHS Executive is pleased to announce that the **SAFHS Conference 2015** will be hosted by Central Scotland Family History Society, in Stirling, on Saturday 25 April 2015. The theme of the event is "*There was a Soldier ...*". As details of the Conference become available, they can be seen on the SAFHS website www.safhs.org.uk - we hope you will support the event.

Hot off the press! A preliminary offer has been received from **Lanarkshire Family History Society** to host the **SAFHS Conference 2016** details to follow in due course.

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The ***SAFHS AGM 2015*** will take place on Saturday, 7 March 2015, at 1 pm, in the Boardroom, Edinburgh Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh.

This will be followed by the ***SAFHS Council Meeting*** at 2 pm. Please note that the ***Council Meeting is open to designated SAFHS Council Representatives only.***

Agendas will be circulated to the designated SAFHS Council reps prior to the meeting. If any rep has not received an agenda 7 days before the meetings, please contact the Chairman or Editor.

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met since March, in Edinburgh, and minutes have been sent to member societies.

Website

Items for the website should be submitted to Doug Stewart direct, including changes to your **website contact details** only.

Contacts List

The Editor maintains the official contacts list. If you have changes between council meetings, please send them to Janet Bishop.

ScotlandsPeople Voucher Orders

Orders for Vouchers should be sent to John Irvine, with a cheque, and should include postage as per the current agreement:

Minimum order 20 vouchers

Postage:

21-50 vouchers - £6

51-100 vouchers - £7.20

101-175 vouchers - £8.50

176-250 vouchers - £10.50

More than 250 vouchers, by arrangement

ScotlandsPeople User Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group. Ken Nisbet and Janet Bishop also attend, representing the amateur and professional genealogists respectively.

The Scottish Council on Archives

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this council.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

News from Member Societies

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS

The meetings of the Society in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh continue to be well attended.

In October we will have Neil Cooney speaking to the Aberdeen meeting about *The 19th Century Fermtoun*.

The Glasgow meeting in October will have Gavin Bell speaking on *MIs: some FAQs*, and our Edinburgh meeting in November will have *Records of Newhills parish for family history* by Bill Diack.

The shop, library and research centre on King Street have been very busy, as usual, over the summer, and the Society has been represented at many events over the course of the summer. The society has a very full

calendar of events over the coming winter, in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and in Elgin. A full list of these can be found on the ANESFHS website.

The society is in the process of changing our legal form to a SCIO. A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation is a legal structure which has been purpose built for the charity sector in Scotland. It provides limited liability and a separate legal identity to organisations that want to become charities but do not want or need the complex structure of company law. This means that even the smallest charity can access the benefits of incorporation – including limited liability and legal capacity. In other words the committee is not held responsibly financially unless they are negligent. This has been a lot of work but we have been greatly helped by ACVO (Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations) which is the Third Sector Interface for Aberdeen City. ACVO is part of Voluntary Action Scotland. They exist to develop, involve, represent and support the voluntary, charity and social enterprise organisations in Aberdeen. They are one of 32 Voluntary Interfaces (TSI's) created throughout Scotland and represent what is often called the 'Third Sector'. So if you require help then you should have a local one handy.

We recently had one of our volunteers suffer a stroke. She did most of her work from home. She also had a number of people helping so although we are still trying to get to grips in how to continue her good work it could have been a lot worse if she had not written a book of what and how she did it. Maybe it's something that other societies could consider before it's too late. We will certainly be making sure all our volunteers have something similar in place.

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Alloway and Southern Ayrshire FHS

Our meetings, still on the second Tuesday of the month, are currently being held in the Robertson Room of the Burns Museum at 7.30pm, while alterations are being carried out at our usual venue of Alloway Church Halls. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of the year and that our 2015 meetings will once again be held there.

In September 2014 – our speaker was Anne Doull a local member of the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter-day Saints. The Church are well known for their extensive ancestral records and we were told of the "New Family Tree" – and much improved Website together with

details of their partnership with Ancestry.com and the ease with which anyone can now upload their Family Tree to the Website.

In **October 2014** – a visit is planned to the **Mitchell Library** to find out more about their "One Stop Shop" on the 5th floor.

Our regular meeting on **21 October 2014** in the Burns Museum has the intriguing title "**The Grandfather Clock Connection**" when our speaker Irene Hopkins will explain how an inscription inside a grandfather clock re-united two branches of a family after 100 years.

On Tuesday **18 November 2014** David Warrington will speak on the "**Scottish Dark Skies Observatory**", again in the Burns Museum.

On Tuesday **16 December 2014** we will have our annual **Christmas Meal**.

On Tuesday, **20 January 2015** Andrew Dick will speak on "**Ayrshire Mining**".

On Tuesday, **17 February 2015**, our speaker will be Jim O'Neil on the topic of the "**Fenwick Weavers**".

On Tuesday, **17 March 2015** the topic will be "**Dundonald Castle**" when Irene McMillan will speak on the history of the castle and the work which has been done to make it an interesting and accessible place to visit.

On Thursday, **19 March 2015** we will be joining Largs Family History in the Main Hall of Clark Memorial Church, Largs for the Ayrshire Family History Societies joint meeting when we look forward to a "**Selection of Films from the Scottish Archive**"

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 21 April 2015**.

Checking the Holy Trinity records which we have transcribed continues and they are now being prepared for handing over to the Church for printing, and formatted for inclusion on our Website.

A full report of our past talks can be viewed on our website: www.asafhs.co.uk

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ASGRA

ASGRA's membership is expanding well, and we firmly remain the recognised association of professional genealogists in Scotland. Our members are rigorously peer-assessed, and therefore clients can be assured of a high standard of professionalism.

We will be having a stand at Who Do You Think You Are? Live in the NEC, Birmingham, in April 2015. Our partners, AGRA, will also be there.

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Borders FHS

We've moved! Our new Archive and Research centre is in Overhaugh Street, in the centre of Galashiels. After several months of refurbishment work, the premises were handed over to the Society in June when we got to grips with the redecoration and the big flit. Donations of furniture and equipment have been greatly appreciated and have improved the facilities. There's still some work to do but our plans are coming on.

Archive & Research Centre opening hours:

Monday 6pm to 8pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am to 4pm

If you are unable to visit, we offer a Research Service. Contact us via our website, email, facebook or by post.

One of Archive rooms has been reserved for exhibition space where we currently have a display of WWI books, biographies and artefacts. Several visitors have given us diaries, pictures and more information which has enhanced the exhibition.

Work continues on recording Monumental Inscriptions and on photographing gravestones and memorials throughout the Borders and we hope to publish Lyne, Megget & Manor soon. Recording events will be planned for 2015.

Indexing of the Police & Criminal Records continues. We have indexed over 10,000 individual records to date and have another 45,000 or so still to do. The Selkirkshire Criminal Register 1897-1918 has been completed with over 5,200 arrests for over 4,000 individuals, with over 370 occupations. Arrests were made by 30 individual policemen as well as the Railway Police, SSPCC, SSPCA, Revenue Officers, Sanitary Police, Factory Inspectors and of course, the Tweed Police. The information indexed includes name, age, residence, occupation, place of birth, crime, sentence, constable in charge but the actual records include height, hair colour, eye colour, complexion, build, whether they were drunk or sober,

any marks or disabilities and also the number of previous convictions.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with this project and if you are interested in helping with our locally based and online projects, your assistance would be most welcome.

Our 2014-15 Syllabus got off to a fine start with a fascinating talk by Harry Scott on the Radio Officer's War, using the letters and journals of Ian Waddell, who joined the Merchant Navy in 1940. Sunday meetings all start at 2.30pm and are listed below:

2014-15 Syllabus

· Sunday 26th October 2014: The Hume and Robertson Families of Gunsgreen by Derek Janes. Venue: Masonic Hall, 41 Newtown St, Duns, TD11 3AS

· Sunday, 30 November 2014 - Society Meeting Beggars, Thieves and Prostitutes by Mary Craig. Venue: Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN

· Sunday, 22 February 2015 - Society Meeting Treasure and a Coldstream Lad, John Hamilton Hall by Peter Munro. Venue: Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN

· Sunday, 29 March 2015 - Society Meeting Lt. General Babington - A Remarkable Man and His Interesting Ancestors by Maggie Babington. Venue: Abbey Row Community Centre, The Knowes, Kelso, TD5 7BJ

· Sunday 25th April 2015: High Court trials & criminals by Margaret Fox, archivist at Traquair House. Venue: Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN

· Sunday 31st May 2015: Hatches, Matches and Dispatches by Marjorie Gavin, a light hearted and somewhat irreverent look at births, marriages and deaths 1700 – 1900. Venue: Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN
Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and twitter for updates on events, projects and news.

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Central Scotland FHS

The Society continues to welcome good turnouts for our

monthly meetings but every year we lose members either through death or non-renewals. Despite having a monthly drop in at St Ninians Library which are popular it has only resulted in a few new members over the years. The costs involved in WDYTYA Glasgow were covered by our sales which did generate a small surplus however some smaller Fairs did not generate good sales.



We are now planning the 2016 SAFHS Conference which will be held in Allan Park South Church, Stirling. We have the use of the Church and both halls which will provide enough space for Societies. The Park & Ride bus from Craigforth (on the motorway) stops outside Central Library which is right next to the Church. Other parking is also available nearby. Hopefully it is going to be a success and we are pleased that Paul Laidlaw, auctioneer and expert on war memorabilia has agreed to be one of our speakers.

Convincing members to serve on the Committee is always a challenge. At the moment we have one vacancy and at the 2015 AGM I as Chairperson am standing down after 7 years. Elma Lindsay our Syllabus Secretary is also standing down after a period of long service so hopefully these posts will all be filled.

The enthusiasm and loyalty of members is much appreciated and we look forward to many more years of welcoming them and visitors to our monthly meetings.

Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

Dumfries & Galloway FHS

Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society has been active for 27 years and covers the South West of Scotland, including the three counties of Wigtownshire, Dumfriesshire and the old Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. We are bordered by England and the Scottish counties of Lanarkshire and Ayrshire.

Our Research Centre, situated at 9 Glasgow Street, Dumfries, is convenient for buses, trains and the historic

town of Dumfries, with its library, museum and other attractions. There is ample free parking to the rear of our building.

Annual membership is currently £9, with reduced membership of £7:50, for those of pension age. From 2015 it will be possible to receive our journal electronically, for which service a reduced membership fee will apply. Over the last year we have conducted a ballot of our membership to gauge preference for receiving our journal electronically. We have in place the facility for members to choose either paper based or electronic newsletters, thrice yearly.

Our Research Centre is well resourced. We hold fiche and film records of census and pre 1855 Parish Registers. The Dumfries Local Newspaper is indexed and available on fiche from 1777-1930. In addition, we have fiche records of the Wigtown Free Press, for the years 1843-1925. We have published a large number of memorial inscription booklets for local graveyards, a project which is ongoing, carried out by our army of enthusiastic volunteers. We have indexed Old Parish Burial Records for a number of parishes. Our library is extensive, containing many books of local interest, indexed by author and subject. Internet access is available for the Scotland's People website, using vouchers. We can be readily contacted via our website www.dgfhs.org.uk, which provides further information and a number of useful links.

The Research Centre is open Tuesday to Saturday. From April to October, opening hours are, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12.30pm-3.30pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-1pm. From October to March, we open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10am-1pm, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30pm-3.30pm.

Our enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers are on hand to help visitors and respond to online enquiries from our membership. We offer free access to our resources to members of other Scottish Family History Societies on production of a current proof of membership.

A volunteer delivers talks on Family History research to local organisations to raise our profile in the community. Our members are invited to attend talks of genealogical interest in the Spring and Autumn in Castle Douglas and Newton Stewart. The programme for 2015 includes, "Scottish Marriage, Instantly Buckled for Life" by Chris Paton, The Life and Work of James Clerk Maxwell by Dr. Toolis and a talk on Dumfries Aviation Museum, delivered by Susan Lammin.

We continue to welcome a large number of local and overseas visitors, together with significant numbers of visitors from other parts of the United Kingdom. Our membership stands at 1400, worldwide, with agents in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. Our

dedicated team of volunteers are on hand to assist researchers from all parts of the globe.

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East Ayrshire FHS

Meetings: Evening meetings are held at 7pm in the Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock on the second Thursday of the months September to May. Visitors are very welcome to attend. On most other Thursdays throughout the year workshops, with internet access, are held in The Cabin, Witch Road, Kilmarnock from 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm.

At the September meeting Alexander Hall gave a talk on *Ypres and the Flanders Salient*. The meeting was well attended and a special collection was made for **Erskine**. For information about the work of this charity supporting veterans see their website www.erskine.org.uk. The talk at the October meeting was about Dean Castle Country Park in Kilmarnock. Christine Strong, a countryside ranger, spoke about the projects carried out in association with schools throughout East Ayrshire and with various groups of volunteers from the local area and from abroad. Her presentation also touched on future plans to develop the park and improve facilities for visitors to Dean Castle and the Country Park. In November Alasdair Macdonald will speak about *DNA Testing for Genealogy*.

Recent events: The Society took a stand at the Who Do You Think You Are? Live Show in Glasgow at the end of August. This was a new, and at first a rather daunting, venture for our volunteers but it was a rewarding experience to meet and chat to visitors to the Show and try to answer at least some of their questions. At the beginning of October representatives of the Society attended the annual *Swap Shop* meeting of the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies, the venue this year being Dalgarnen Mill, near Kilwinning. This meeting gives an opportunity for history and family history societies from the length and breadth of Ayrshire and from Arran to get together and exchange information.

At the start of the new session in September the Society introduced a £10.50 annual subscription for e-membership, available to members worldwide opting to receive the August and April *Journal* and the December *Bulletin* by email as a PDF attachment.

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Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

IMPORTANT all meetings (unless otherwise stated) are held at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW and entry is via the Kirklee Rd entrance.

The start of the new season of Monthly Meetings began on 15th Sept 2014, with Ann Laird "Best West End Tenements".

The meetings start at 7:30 pm prompt and the meetings for the 2013/14 session are on

20th Oct 2014, Dr. Irene O'Brien "Family History at the Mitchell"

17th Nov 2014, Craig Statham "Using Maps in Family History"

8th Dec 2014 is the Christmas Social and Photo evening

19th Jan 2015, George Parsonage "The Glasgow Humane Society"

16th Feb 2015, Ken Nisbet "Records of Corrected Entries"

16th Mar 2015 Anne Cameron "Sources for Family History in the University of Strathclyde Archives"; 20th Apr 2015 is the AGM followed by Sheila Duffy "Billy Connolly - A Typical Glaswegian?"

18th May 2015, Prof. John Hume "Glasgow's Maritime Heritage"

Information on the meetings can be found on the Society's website and reports of the talks are usually given in the Society's Newsletter published three times a year in March, June and October.

Please note that any changes to venues will be advertised on the Society Website.

In August the Society had a stand at Who Do You Think You Are? Live Scotland 2014 in Glasgow's SECC. This was a successful event for the Society as over the two days 80 members joined. The stand was very busy, selling out of several publications, and offering help and guidance to many visitors.

The monthly electronic newsletter, E-NEWS, is sent out to all members with an email address. This provides members not just with the Society's news updates but general news as well. Back issues can be viewed on the members only area of the website that also includes several databases together with information from recent talks.

We have recently expanded our computer resources at the Research Centre, with one new PC and one replacing the ageing Windows XP with an up to date PC. Both machines have access to the Internet.

As well as frequent additions to the Society's library there

are also regular additions to the computers in the Research Centre. The library additions includes both new publications and out-of-print books and the library catalogue can be searched on the Society's website. Many of the books are donated by members.

Finally thanks must go to all the many members who help keep the Society running and help with the operation of the Research Centre in Mansfield Street. The Centre's opening hours are:

TUESDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm
THURSDAY from 10 am until 8.30 pm
SATURDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm
except for Easter Saturday and 3-4 weeks over Christmas & New Year

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Guild of One-Name Studies

There have been changes to the Guild Committee and we now have a new Chairman, Registrar and Editor. In November, which is the start of our financial year, a new Treasurer will be taking over but the old one will still be a member of the committee and able to assist. The Guild SAFHS representatives remain the same.

The review of our Constitution is still going ahead. One change that is being considered is to abolish the Executive Committee because it is possible to get a decision from members of the Committee by email voting. I recently found out how fast our Committee can respond when I sent a draft of a response to SAFHS about reciprocal arrangements that I had prepared to the Guild Secretary. Within 24 hours I had messages of support from over half of the Committee.

The Guild had its own stand at WDYTIA? Glasgow event and benefited from the presence of people who had been involved in the events in London.

The forthcoming seminars organised by the Guild are:

- 8 November 2014 – One-Name Studies: The Next Stage – Burgess Hill, West Sussex
- 7 February 2015 – Medical Records – Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, London
- 16 May 2015 – One-Name Studies: Hatches, Matches and Despatches – Preston, Lancashire
- 15 August 2015 – One-Name Studies: Cornucopia – Winchester, Hampshire

Our 36th Conference and AGM 2015 will be on 27 to 29 March at Broughton, Lincolnshire

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Highland FHS

Following on the success of an outside trip to Dornoch last year, our opening meeting of the new season was an outing to Helmsdale a few weeks ago. The weather was favourable, and the bus was well-filled for the journey from Inverness. We were given a warm welcome at the Timespan Centre by Jacquie Aitken, the Archive Officer, who gave us a tour of the centre and explained the background to this fascinating building and archive.

Jacquie also gave us a guided walk round the planned village of Helmsdale, visiting Telford's harbour and bridge, the icehouse, and the clock tower war memorial, as well as the site of Helmsdale Castle, the remains of which now lie beneath part of the A9 road built in the 70's, before returning to Timespan for lunch. In the afternoon, we were able to investigate further the archives held at Timespan, many of which relate to the clearances. A fascinating place, and one which can be highly recommended for a visit.

Our regular monthly meetings start this month, and our programme for the year is as follows:

22 October	An aspect of Rogart Parish, by John MacDonald;
26 November	The history of Clan Maclean, by Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch;
28 January	The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Highlands, by Susan Kruse;
25 February	Mental Health in the Highlands – Resources in the Highland Archives, by Colin Waller;
25 March	The settlements of the Beaully-Wick coastline and the history of the Moray Firth, by Dr David Worthington;
22 April	The Highland Diary of a Victorian Lady, by Jonathan McColl.

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Highland Archive Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness, and visitors will be made most welcome.

Our website at www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org has full details of the Society's activities and contact details.

Website: www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org

Lanarkshire FHS

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

New publication this month is "Hamilton WW1 Fallen" it contains names and details about 1,193 Hamilton men who fell during WW1.

Over the summer months we have been able to welcome members from New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada and other areas of UK on visits to our Research Centre.

Our "Local and Family History Show 2014" was a great success and we thank the SAFHS societies who attended, we hope you had a successful day. As you may already know it was so successful that we are holding it again next year on Saturday 22nd August.

It has been a busy summer with us attending many fairs and events including Troon, Glenrothes, Stirling, Blantyre, Coatbridge, Strathaven, SAFHS Conference in Dunfermline, Linlithgow, East Kilbride and WDYTYA in SECC Glasgow. We continue to be invited to give family history talks to local clubs, churches and organisations.

We now have a stair lift installed in the Research Centre. Tradesmen have recently installed new Cisterns, Taps etc, and redecorated both toilets and the Staircase.

The monthly E-News continues to be enjoyed by members including our overseas members. It is proving to be great addition to the 3 Journals which members receive each year. E-Membership continues to appeal to members with over 40% of members now receiving their Journals electronically.



We were delighted when one of our long-serving members Joe O'Raw, who will be known to member of other societies, attended Holyrood Palace

to be presented with the MBE by Her Majesty the Queen. This was in recognition of the 35 years research he had carried out researching and documenting the Lanarkshire Men who fell during both the Great War and the Second World War.

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Largs and North Ayrshire FHS

Our meetings, which are normally held in the Community Room of Largs Library, are well attended.

The Society is continuing with 'Find your Ain Folk'; the monthly Workshop, which is open to all. The dates for the 2014/15 session are 30th Oct, 27th Nov, 29th Jan, 26th Feb, 26th Mar and 30th Apr, from 2-4pm.

In April we had an illustrated talk on the 'Greenock Cut' by Pat Emslie, a Muirshiel Park Ranger. This was followed by the AGM in June at which we had a 'Show and Tell', themed on WW1 after the business was over.

Later in the month, a group visited the archives at the Burns Monument Centre, Kilmarnock with considerable success.

August took us off to the SECC to 'Who Do You Think You Are? Where we enjoyed helping those with ancestors from our local area and perhaps made a few new members.

The first speaker of the new session was Tom Barclay, who told us about '1263 And All That'; this was very appropriate, as it followed the Viking Festival.

A busy month October, with the Society joining others at the Scottish Boat Show at Kip Marina from the 10-12th.

On the 14th October, June Wiggins' subject will be, 'My Ancestor was a Shopkeeper' and this will be followed by our Annual Coffee Morning on the 25th.

Local genealogist, Chris Paton will be telling us about Scottish marriage in a talk titled 'Instantly Buckled for Life' on the 11th November and on the 24th we have a Joint Meeting with Largs Historical Society.

Judith Davenport, our Honorary Vice-President, will be the speaker at our Christmas Social and her subject will be 'Dalry Remembered'.

The new year begins with a talk on Portencross Castle followed by 'Fairlie's Men of the Great War'. This will give an insight into the ongoing research into all of the men of Fairlie, who went to WW1 and what happened to the survivors.

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Lothians FHS

The autumn session started in September in style, with a Film Night from Ian Rintoul on 'Bygone Scotland and Hollywood the Dream Factory'. Our Speakers evenings take place at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month, September to November and January to May.

8th October: 'Foul Death of the English', Mary Craig
12th November: 'Where will your DNA take you?', Laura Marshall
14th January: 'A brief history of Dalkeith', Alan Mason
11th February: 'Borders Railway – Rebirth of a legend', Robert Gardener
11th March: 'DNA talk', John Cleary
8th April: 'Shotstoun', James Waugh
13th May: TBA

Volunteers are currently transcribing OPR deaths and burials for Midlothian parishes. Several have been completed and are now available on CD.

A 'Members Area' has been created on the Lothians FHS website where members can view videos of the talks if they are unable to attend the speakers' evenings. There is also the opportunity for members to share photos or articles about their research.

This year the Society has taken out a worldwide subscription for FindMyPast to complement the Ancestry subscriptions to aid member's research.

Workshops take place each Wednesday evening from 7 till 9 pm in the library of Lasswade Centre and we have been delighted to welcome several new members in the last few weeks.

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Moray & Nairn FHS

In February the Moray & Nairn Family History Society celebrated its fifth birthday and continues to move along if only slowly, though we have continued to produce 3 publications this year. We attended the SAFHS conference in Dunfermline and the family history fairs at Motherwell and Glenrothes.

Work last summer and autumn saw recording undertaken at Cawdor Churchyard, which has noted over 700 stones and which was published in the Spring. During the summer we published the births and baptisms of Kinloss Free Church and the Findhorn War Memorial. Continuing

with a World War One theme, our latest book, to be launched soon, is the Forres War Memorial 1914-1918 which details all the men commemorated on the war memorial.

Details of these publications can be found on our web page www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Work also continues with next year's publications to include continuing our publication of extracts from the local newspapers, work in our recording at Barevan Churchyard and records relating to Nairn Poorhouse.

But it's not all research; our Secretary Mary Evans, starred, along with Julian Fellowes, of course – in ITV's *Blenheim Palace - Great War House*, broadcast on Thursday, October 2, 2014. If you want to see Mary in action, you can see the programme for a short period on [ITV Player](#), [STV Player](#) and [UTV Player](#).

www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Moray Burial Ground Research Group

MBGRG is a voluntary group dedicated to recording and researching graveyards, cemeteries and monuments throughout Moray, publishing books of monumental inscriptions and creating an online index of names accessible to all.

Since the last edition of this bulletin in April, the group have had a successful year recording at Elgin South, Elgin North, Cullen, Rothiemay, Mortlach, Tomintoul and Deskford. We are very grateful to have had help from some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter Day Saints who are recording in Elgin North for us. In addition to this we have published Elgin East which can be purchased via the website The book, which contains full transcriptions, graveyard plans and a selection of photographs costs £10.00 plus postage, and can be obtained by contacting Helen Mitchell on 01343 546620, Yeadon's Book Shop, Elgin, or at enquiries@mbgrg.org

As you record in these burial grounds you get a feel for the social history of the time. It was about 1877 approximately that this part of the Cemetery came into use. From the social history point of view the stones provide not only the names of the people interred but often their occupations. Some mentioned on their stones are Explorers in Mexico, Tea planters in Ceylon, Bakers, Brewers, Bankers, Rope makers and China merchants in Elgin and an engineer who was lost on the Titanic and is remembered on the family stone.

In this time of remembrance for those who fought in the Great War it is interesting to find buried in Elgin East two

soldiers, veterans of the Crimea war and the Indian mutiny, both having been at the Relief of Lucknow. Although their rank, background, and life after leaving the army were very different, they fought in the same places and displayed great courage. From a little research in the Heritage Centre in Elgin the following information was acquired.

Duncan McDonald (Old Balaclava) was one of those soldiers. He served with the 93rd Highlanders at Crimea and received a medal and clasps for having been at the battles of Alma, Balaclava and Sebastopol, therefore being able to say he was one of "The Thin Red Line." He gained another clasp for being at the Relief of Lucknow. In total he served 21 years in the Army retiring with a pension of 10d per day, and when he died in 1905 aged 75 years, he received a Military funeral.

The second soldier was Lieutenant Colonel William Rennie VC who was born in Elgin in 1822. He enlisted in the 73rd Regiment and was soon promoted through the ranks to Sergeant Major fighting in Crimea. After this he bought himself out of the Army, but later reconsidered and bought a commission as a Lieutenant in his old regiment. He was soon sent to South Africa in 1846 to fight in the Kaffir war. It was for this campaign he was awarded a medal for gallant conduct in the field and promoted to Captain. On his promotion he joined the 90th Perthshire Light Infantry. It was with this regiment he was sent to India and was present at the relief of Lucknow where he was seriously wounded, but went on to be awarded a medal and clasp for his bravery. This was not the end of his medal tally. From events which occurred in September 1857 at Lucknow, it is recorded "he charged the enemies guns single handed" and "he charged in advance of the 90th columns in the face of heavy fire, and forced the enemy to abandon their guns" he was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He was reputedly the first man in Moray to win the VC. His obituary appeared in the Northern Scot of August 1896 where it states that "the officers of the 90th sent a wreath of rare flowers, very large and beautiful to his funeral". His Victoria Cross was sold at Sotheby's for £1,700 in 1969.

From a military point of view there is one more item worth noting. While much attention is quite rightly being paid nationally at the moment to repair and restore war memorials throughout the country, many family memorials with WW1 or WW2 connections are not so lucky. While recording in Elgin South Section earlier this year, we came across a small plain cross lying on its side, in amongst the roots of a tree. On closer inspection we discovered that this memorial was dedicated thus "In loving memory of Pte William McKenzie 5th Scottish Rifles killed in action Dec. 17th 1916." Unfortunately little is known about this soldier, and an appeal in the Northern Scot elicited only one response that was virtually of no

help. Thanks to the Moray Parks Department, the tree covering the memorial was removed, but deep roots still pose a problem. We are hoping that this situation may be resolved, the roots removed, the stone re-erected, and perhaps on the centenary of his death a small military ceremony might be organized to commemorate William's death.

In April we attended the 25th Annual Conference and Family History Fair of SAFHS at Dunfermline. It was good to meet like-minded people and put faces to names of people from the other Family history groups. In September we attended a Homecoming event at Culloden near Inverness, flying the flag for Family History and MBGRG.

As a group we are facing the challenges of declining book sales as E-publishing takes a bigger hold on the book market. We have been looking at options such as Kindle and PDF downloads from our own site, but there is much information to digest before we make a final decision as to which way to go. Any information from other groups who have looked at this would be most gratefully received.

We have also been reviewing our backup systems for the vast data base we have on computer. Again there is a wealth of information out there and after careful consideration we opted for the Cloud. As we have an archive approaching 70,000 photographs it was felt imperative that these were made as secure as possible, bearing in mind the problems of multiple hard disc crashes and other mind-blowing computer problems. The broadband speed here in Elgin is derisory, at times the response is so bad that one might almost be quicker using a quill! As a result our Webmaster in Aberdeen agreed to upload our archive, and even with his significantly higher speed, it took him 62 hours to upload all the photographs. Technology still has a long way to go it seems.

The next main publication we are working on is Rathven (old churchyard) and Rathven (Burnside) in Banffshire. This will include approximately 1700 memorial inscriptions along with a number of buried tombstones, as well as a rare example of a burial hatchment used for heraldic purposes. We are aiming to have this published before the end of the year if possible, but it may yet prove to be later than that.

Since 2012, a few of our members have been helping to record the Michael Kirk at Gordonstoun. However, this project has proved different from all the others we have done. Recording at this old churchyard has taken place at least five times over the years, the last being by A&NESFHS in 2002, ably edited by Bruce Bishop. However, we decided to redo it as we wanted to create a photographic archive of every memorial inside and outside the church to be merged with our main

collection. As a result of this, one of our members Sue Rennison gave up two weeks of her summer holiday in 2012 to come over to Moray from Vancouver Island to clean some of the recumbent tombstones. She managed nearly 30 all on her own! We are currently also recording the War Memorial in Gordonstoun School, which will be published alongside all the photographs of the Michael Kirk Memorials. This publication will be a strictly limited edition, and it is hoped to have copies available by Christmas.

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Shetland FHS

Building on the growing trend for Ancestral Tourism both nationally and locally, our society undertook a promotion "Sharing Shetland Surnames" during the summer months. As Shetlanders spread world-wide, there is an enthusiasm for research - shown again by our visitor numbers this summer. Shetland Surnames play a vital role in all research, so a "Surname of the Month" was featured and promoted throughout the Isles and beyond through a variety of media outlets. The names featured were **GIFFORD, ANDERSON, INKSTER** and **BOLT** - each with a locally featured promotion - the latter chosen because Robert Bolt was the first Shetland casualty of the Great War, dying on 14th September, 1914. This is being commemorated, along with other family stories, at a special society evening to be held on November 10th.

A our summer weather has been favourable, trips and visits went ahead as well as continued visits from local schools researching Shetlanders lost in World War 1 and featured on many memorials. Having built up a very comprehensive database of Shetland's fallen, the society is delighted to be able to share this with schools and other researchers. No doubt this will be an impressive resource for future generations!

In 2015 the society is planning an ambitious trip to London, giving a presentation to the Society of Genealogists on September 23rd and meeting up with local members as well as taking in a few research venues. Any far-flung SFHS members are welcome to make contact and meet with the group.

The society's AGM will be held on 3rd March, 2015 and as we are now into our winter opening schedule, times have reverted to each weekday afternoon from 2-4p.m., with appointments being arranged by calling one of the contact phone numbers displayed at the premises at 6 Hillhead, Lerwick.

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Society of Genealogists

We were extremely pleased with the turnout at the 'Who Do You Think You Are? Live' show in Glasgow (29-30 August), especially as this is the first time the show has been held outside of its normal home in London.

Several of the workshops were fully booked, with a diverse programme of knowledgeable speakers. The stands and the 'ask the experts' areas were all very busy throughout the two days. Thanks are due to the speakers, exhibitors and experts who rallied round to volunteer their time, to make the show so successful. Special thanks to Janet Bishop (ASGRA), Kirsty Wilkinson (ASGRA) and Dee Williams (ScotlandsPeople Centre) for helping us to organize such a wonderful group of experts, and also to those individual experts who were willing to go the extra mile to tackle the long queues in the 'ask the experts' area. Our own Society of Genealogists stand was kept extremely busy, and we very happy with book sales.

For those planning a visit to London next year, please keep an eye out for our 2015 events programme, which will include a week-long course, 'Family History Getaway: Genealogy in the 21st Century'. More information about this and our other events will be available on our website in December, please visit: www.sog.org.uk

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Tay Valley FHS

In the Centre, in Princes Street, Dundee, we have completed our layout changes, the computers are up and running well after a few glitches, new carpet laid throughout, with an area of vinyl flooring, pictures hung, notice boards rearranged and the final tidying up just about completed. We have had many compliments together with a few grumbles!

We are in the process of completing our Book Website and our technical people together with the webmaster John Ross are handling this.

The Council has experienced some changes. Mary Daun is our Interim Hon Editor, with an editorial team of three. She would be delighted to receive articles of interest for the Journal.

As of September 10, 2014, Council has appointed Peter

McBride as Interim Treasurer and Thelma Thornton as the Deputy Chair. Until the AGM in May 2015, all of the above office bearers are co-opted positions. We are also reviewing our annual auditing costs and are ever hopeful of finding an accountant who would donate their time to us, in this regard.

We still require a Secretary; so would be delighted to hear from any member or potential member, who would be prepared to fill that position. It is really not onerous and I can personally vouch for that. Within the running of a charitable business, as is usual, we are also looking for more volunteers for our team. Please get in touch with us, as so many of you have such varied skills. We do value the contributions of those volunteers who man the centre daily.

At the end of August – 29th/30th at the SECC in Glasgow, we had a table under the auspices of SAFHS (Scottish Association of Family History Societies) at 'Who Do You Think You Are'. This was financially a very good arrangement. There were 150 stalls and I am told three thousand in attendance. It was very busy with lots of interest generated, books sold, visitors from overseas and members who all identified themselves. There were lots of questions and many answered.

On Friday, September 5, TVFHS were in attendance in Angus College, Arbroath at the Angus Heritage, Tay Roots Fair. It was quite quiet and slow although the lectures seemed well attended.

Dundee 2014 Doors Open Days was held on the 13/14th September. We participated on the 13th and were detailed in the booklet. It is a Scottish Civic Trust National Event. We had very good attendance and interest, new members and the possibility of a volunteer or two. Old slides of Dundee were shown and refreshments available.

We were invited to participate at the Fife Family History Society Fair, held on Saturday, September 20th in Rothes Hall Glenrothes, Fife. Once again, this was good exposure.

All of the above Fairs were manned by volunteers and we thank them for their time, as travel was involved and often by public transport.

Council meetings are well attended. There is still a lot to cover in the future planning amongst the items are the bookshop, monthly talks, a get-together in February, review of walk-in and email research charges, joining packs, postage costs and not least the Journal. We, like many other societies, are looking at an e-version and are awaiting results of a survey of our members.

On November 18, 2014 in Dundee two of us will have a table at Learning at Work, HRMC (HM Revenue &

Customs) where we will meet the members and do some networking.

We continue to have visitors and members from overseas and the U.K. Sometimes it is to do their own research, or to get help, to chat about their challenges or 'brick walls' or to tell their interesting stories. Our research team of volunteers continue to handle and address requests as they come in to the centre.

Costs continue to escalate, such as postage, Journal publications, printing, computer subscriptions and general running expenses.

Our volunteers are always willing to help in all capacities and we thank everybody, members and visitors as well for their support of Tay Valley Family History Society.

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Troon @ Ayrshire Family History Society

Following last year's session of interesting meetings, outings, and social events we are now anticipating another busy year.

We have been working hard recording the monumental inscriptions on stones in the 1906 extension of Holmston Cemetery in Ayr. They are now almost complete and we should manage to finish and publish the information by the end of this session.

At the time of writing we are looking forward initially to Mr Tom Barclay's talk entitled "Ayrshire's Great War – the Local Impact of the 1914-1918 Global Conflict." Many other informative evenings are to follow on various subjects such as "Scottish Marriage" by Chris Paton, "Holidays, Hotels and Hoteliers" by June Wiggins, and "A Tale of Two Cities" by Irene Hopkins. Largs FHS have invited us to their Joint Meeting, and we will be visiting the University of Glasgow's Business Archive Department. By the time we add on a "Question and Answer" evening, an "Open Mike" evening, a Christmas Social, and our AGM you can see that a busy session awaits.

We meet in the hall of Portland Parish Church in Troon usually on the third Thursday of every month. Our membership is holding up well, but due to the distance factor we are unable to see our members from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Spain, or the USA, not to mention England on a regular basis!

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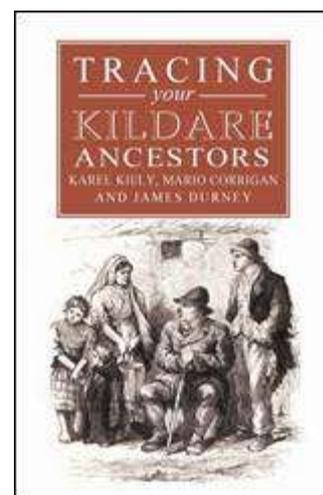
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BOOK REVIEW

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Scotland's Hidden Harlots & Heroines Womens's role in Scottish society from 1690-1969 by Annie Harrower-Gray

Discover three centuries of Scotland's turbulent history through the eyes of the nation's women; from ordinary labourers, prostitutes and factory hands to upper-class ladies, witches and even female bodysnatchers!

Family history researchers often consider it much easier to find information about the male members of a family, and it tends to get more difficult as we go back in time. The important, and in actual fact essential part which women play through the generations, in families at all levels of society, is sometimes given scant coverage. If it wasn't for these women, though, we would all have very short family trees

The book is divided into three sections, 1690-1800, 1800-1900 and 1900-1969. In earlier times very few women could afford the privilege of staying single, but of course, on marrying they lost their independent legal status and were considered to come under the authority of their husband, for better or worse. Before marriage a young woman was always at risk of pregnancy, and the Kirk Session Minutes are littered with cases of fornication, always, of course, the woman's fault. After marriage there was also the possibility of being censured for adultery.

A woman living alone was often suspected of being a prostitute, and the oldest profession was often a woman's only protection against homelessness and starvation.

The widow of a wealthy man was often left in a position where she could continue, or even set up her own business, but for the widow of a poorer man only the Parish Poor Roll beckoned. If she had any knowledge of herbs or remedies, and wanted to help people, the spectre of being accused of witchcraft was always at the door.

Agriculture and fishing both relied heavily on female labour, and wives and daughters were an invaluable source of labour to any farmer or crofter, or to any fisherman away at sea.

Things changed little until the 19th century, but by then even the daughters of tradesmen wished to emulate the upper classes, and they believed themselves above any domestic chores. Education was now becoming available, travel was easier, and the class system was becoming much more defined. The daughters of 'working men' could find employment as servants in the houses of the middle and upper classes, the daughters of tradesmen did not need to work, and the upper classes had their own well-defined social structure leading towards a 'good' marriage. There were some, though, who never made it, as the 200 or more brothels in Edinburgh in 1840 will testify. At least suggestions of witchcraft were well in the past.

By the 20th century the First World War, the emancipation of women and their increasing presence in the workplace leads to the society we know today, where women have, in general, gained much more equality with men.

This is a fascinating book, sometimes showing the lighter side of female life over the centuries, at other times a much darker picture of the treatment of women. It shows how, by their own efforts and their endeavours to improve their education, and often despite the activities of the menfolk, they gradually progressed to become respected members of society in all walks of life, in education, in politics, in medicine and in business.

This book is a valuable addition to the bookshelves of any serious family historian.

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THE MEMORIAL IN THE SCHOOL

JOHN S B BECK

*The Story of the Teachers and Pupils from
Kirkcaldy High School who died in the Great War*

Tommies Guides Military Book Specialists, 2014, soft covers, £12.99, 159 pages, 52 b/w photographs, 2 maps, index, bibliog, appends. Available direct from the publishers, Gemini House, 136-140 Old Shoreham Road, Brighton, BN3 7BD, www.tommiesguides.co.uk. ISBN 978-1-908336-85-9

This book has as its main theme the biographies of the 108 names of teachers and former pupils, which appear on the War Memorial at Kirkcaldy High School, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 3LR. The author has identified all the names and has written something about each, although as he says, "what sort of biography can you write about a boy who leaves school at 18, joins the army and is dead at 19?" Each vignette is written in the same style to accentuate the banality and brutality of war. Many of the dead were boys, teenagers, who went off on a great adventure and the reader can't help but be moved when reading of Charles Duff who was killed having been at the Front for only a few hours or Haydon Mellor who had not been in the trenches an hour when he was killed instantly.

(John Beck is a former pupil of Kirkcaldy High School. He is currently also vice chairman of the Friends of Kirkcaldy High School (FoKHS), which gives support in many ways, including financial, to Kirkcaldy High School. A review of this book will appear in the next SAFHS Bulletin in April – Editor)

Diary Dates, 2014-2015

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- 26 November Highland FHS: The History of Clan Maclean, Alan Maclean of Dochgarroch, 7.30 pm, Highland Archive Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness
- 30 November Borders FHS: Beggars, Thieves & Prostitutes, Mary Craig, 2.30 pm, Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose
- 2 December Lochaber & NAFHG: Christmas get-together, Fort William Library

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- 8 January East Ayrshire FHS: A Cockney-eyed View of Family History, George English, 7 pm, Johnny Walker Bond, Kilmarnock
- 13 January Lochaber & NAFHG: Practical Session, Fort William Library
- 14 January Lothians FHS: A Brief History of Dalkeith, Alan Mason, 7 pm, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg
- 19 January Glasgow & WSFHS: The Glasgow Humane Society, George Parsonage, 7.30 pm, Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow
- 20 January Alloway & SAFHS: Ayrshire Mining, Andrew Dick, 7.30 pm, Alloway Church Halls
- 28 January Highland FHS: The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Highlands, Susan Kruse, 7.30 pm, Highland Archive Centre, Bught Park, Inverness
- 7 February Guild of ONS: Medical Records, Seminar, Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, London
- 10 February Lochaber & NAFHG: Smiraisy and its People, Donald MacIsaac, Fort William Library
- 11 February Lothians FHS: Borders Railway – Rebirth of a Legend, Robert Gardiner, 7 pm, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg
- 12 February East Ayrshire FHS: The 1715 Jacobite Rising, Barbara Graham, 7 pm, Johnny Walker Bond, Kilmarnock
- 16 February Glasgow & WSFHS: RCEs, Ken Nisbet, 7.30 pm, Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow

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- 17 February Alloway & SAFHS: Fenwick Weavers, Jim O'Neil, 7.30 pm, Alloway Church Halls
- 22 February Borders FHS: Treasure and a Coldstream Lad, John Hamilton Hall, Peter Monro, 2.30 pm, Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Melrose
- 25 February Highland FHS: Mental Health in the Highlands – Resources in the Highland Archives, Colin Waller, 7.30 pm, Highland Archive Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness
- 10 March Lochaber & NAFHG: 1901 Fort William Families, part 7, May & Alisdair, Fort William Library
- 11 March Lothians FHS: DNA, John Cleary, 7 pm, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg
- 12 March East Ayrshire FHS: Members Open Evening, 7 pm, Johnny Walker Bond, Kilmarnock
- 16 March Glasgow & WSFHS: Sources for Family History in the University of Strathclyde Archives, Anne Cameron, 7.30 pm, Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow
- 17 March Alloway & SAFHS: Dundonald Castle, Irene McMillan, 7.30 pm, Alloway Church Halls
- 19 March Ayrshire Family History Societies Joint: Selection of Films from The Scottish Archive, Clark Memorial Church, Largs
- 25 March Highland FHS: The Settlements of the Beaulay-Wick coastline, and the History of the Moray Firth, Dr David Worthington, 7.30 pm, Highland Archive Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness
- 29 March Borders FHS: Lieutenant General Babington – a remarkable man and his interesting ancestors, Maggie Babington, 2.30 pm, Abbey Row Community Centre, The Knowes, Kelso
- 8 April Lothians FHS: Shotstoun, James Waugh, 7 pm, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg
- 9 April East Ayrshire FHS: Social History & Robert Burns, J Thomson, 7 pm, Johnny Walker Bond, Kilmarnock
- 14 April Lochaber & NAFHG: Alex Du Toit (archivist), venue tbc
- 20 April Glasgow & WSFHS: AGM, followed by Billy Connolly – a typical Glaswegian?, Sheila Duffy, 7.30 pm, Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow
- 22 April Highland FHS: The Highland Diary of a Victorian Lady, Jonathan McColl, 7.30 pm, Highland Archive Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness
- 25 April Borders FHS: High Court Trials and Criminals, Margaret Fox, Archivist, Traquair House, 2.30 pm, Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Melrose
- 12 May Lochaber & NAFHG: RCEs and their use for Family Historians, Ken Nisbet, Fort William Library
- 14 May East Ayrshire FHS: AGM & Mini Talks, 7 pm, Johnny Walker Bond, Kilmarnock
- 16 May Guild of ONS: One-Name Studies: Hatches, Matches & Dispatches, Preston, Lancashire
- 18 May Glasgow & WSFHS: Glasgow's Maritime Heritage, Proff John Hume, 7.30 pm, Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow
- 31 May Borders FHS: Hatches, Matches & Dispatches, Marjorie Gavin, 2.30 pm, Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Melrose

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