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The 29th SAFHS Annual Conference

SAFHS 2018
Conference & Family History Fair

At the Rothes Halls, Glenrothes, KY7 5NX
on Saturday 21 April 2018

'Was Your Ancestor a Convict?'

Fife Family History Society presents
The SAFHS 29th Annual Conference & Family History Fair

Entrance to the Fair (£2) payable at the door. Accompanied children under 12 will be admitted FREE of charge. Doors open 09:15.

Delegates to the Conference (4 talks) must book in advance (£20)

£15 if booked before 12:00 on 03 Jan 2018

Enquiries from stallholders welcomed.

More details on the conference website:
safhs2018.fifeffhs.org

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Featuring the launch of
The Fife Kalendar of Convicts, 1790 - 1880
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Was Your Ancestor a Convict?

The 29th Annual SAFHS Conference, which will be held on 21 April 2018 in the
ROTHES HALLS, Glenrothes.

Mr Robert W Balfour, the Lord Lieutenant of Fife, will officially open the Conference at 10:15.
For more information and booking of tickets go to: safhs2018.fifeffhs.org

Contacts: Please contact via the SAFHS website www.safhs.org.uk

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Deputy Chairman: Stephen Benson
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The next SAFHS Council Meeting will take place on **Saturday 10th March at 12.00 p.m.** in **Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL.** The meeting will be over by approx. 3.00 p.m.

Please note that the Council Meeting is open to **designated SAFHS Council Representatives only.** An agenda 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 meeting, please contact the Chairman.

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meets quarterly and edited 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.

Bulletin Editor

The Editor is grateful to those who continue to submit material for inclusion in the Bulletin. The main aim of the Bulletin is to keep Societies in touch with each other and encourage participation and sharing. As usual, the deadline for items is the day of the Council Meeting.

Contacts List

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

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.

SAFHS Archive

Member societies are asked to consider submitting material that can help build a history of SAFHS. Photographs, posters etc. will be welcomed and in the first instance material should be submitted to Murray Nicoll at tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk

News from Member Societies

Anglo Scottish FHS

Attendance to our meetings through the summer has been variable with numbers unfortunately down. We continue with our help desk on the mornings of our meetings and we hope attendances will slowly increase. Our meetings included a very interesting presentation about the Border Reivers and an equally interesting visit to the Portico Library in Manchester.

We have completed the upgrading of our Scottish Marriage Index webpage. Those searching are now presented with a much more friendly presentation of results and for contributors there is a new page where data can be input, to be approved by an administrator before inclusion in the database. Whilst we would encourage contributors to use this method, data can still be sent to smi@mlfhs.org.uk. You can access the Index at www.angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk.

We are looking forward to the imminent visit by Dr. Laura Stewart to speak about The Scottish Covenant and its effect on politics. Future meetings for the winter season will cover aspects of using the revised ScotlandsPeople website, and the use of DNA in family history as well as our social gathering in January and members talking about their family heirlooms.

Have you viewed our monthly newsletter? This is not restricted to our members but available to anyone. Past editions can be viewed at: <http://www.angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk/scotia/scotia.php> where you can also subscribe to receive future editions.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, starting at 2.00.p.m., except August and December and non-members of the Society are always welcome.

The help desk is open from 10.30am until 1.00pm.

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Website: www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk

ASGRA

ASGRA enjoyed hosting this year's annual SAFHS conference in Fife and judging from the favourable comments received from colleagues, stallholders and members of the public, it was a great success. We were particularly pleased to welcome members of Accredited Genealogists Ireland, our alliance partners, with whom we are developing a strong relationship. In December ASGRA Chairman Janet Bishop will be attending their AGM in Dublin and council member Val Wilson will be speaking on behalf of the Association at their CPD event in February 2017, also in Dublin. A particular noteworthy innovation was the talks provided for the general public.

These were a sell-out and covered diverse topics from Medicine and Morality, Gordon Bennett and Using English Records to Research Your Irish Ancestors. During the lunch break Strathclyde students gave short presentations about their recent work in genealogical studies.

ASGRA's annual visit and social event this year is to the Moving Image Archive at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow and is being arranged by Linda Kerr. The Moving Image Archive has been part of the National Library of Scotland's collections since 2007 and recently moved into a purpose-built facility and is an often-overlooked resource for family history.

The next ASGRA continuing professional development day will take place on 3 November in the Dome Seminar Facility in New Register House Edinburgh.

Entitled *Preparation for Professional Development*, it forms part of a recruitment drive to attract new members. Anyone who is, or aspires to be, a professional genealogist or researcher in archives and who might be interested will find further details on our website.

The membership application fee will now rise to £25.00, in line with comparable associations, to reflect increased administrative overheads as well as the cost of the badge and certificate when joining. In conjunction with this the assessors are currently revising ASGRA entrance requirements for holders of the PG Diplomas awarded by the Universities of Strathclyde and Dundee. The new requirements will be on the website as soon as they are ready, along with the new Transcription Guidelines.



Finally, ASGRA has just commissioned a splendid blue and silver lapel badge based on our coat of arms, which is now available for all members to use.

Contact: Janet M Bishop, Chairman
Email: info@asgra.co.uk
Website: www.asgra.co.uk

Borders FHS

Archive and Research Centre opening hours until November 2017 – Monday 6pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 4pm. Winter openings from 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018 will be Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 4pm. Friday opening will be by appointment only.

Programme of talks and events

Sunday 29th October 2017

- 'Our Sheriff Court Records' by Gillian Mapstone

Sunday 26th November 2017

- 'Banishment and Transportation' by Ken Nisbet

Sunday 25th February 2018

- Topic to be confirmed by Mary Craig

Sunday 25th March 2018

- 'The Deid's Letters and Legacies' by Margaret Fox

Sunday 29th April 2018

- To be confirmed

Sunday 27 May 2018

- AGM followed by a talk to be confirmed

Talks on Sunday 29th October 2017 and Sunday 26th November 2017 will be held in the Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose TD6 9BN. Talks on Sunday 25 February 2018 to Sunday 27 May 2018 will be at our new venue at St Peters Church Hall, Parsonage Road, Galashiels TD1 3HS. All talks begin at 2:30pm.

We continue to work in partnership with Archaeology Scotland on the Stobs Project identifying Internees, Prisoners of War and Garrisons at Stobs POW Camp. As a part of this project we will be in attendance at the Project Open Day on the 29th October 2017 at Hawick Town Hall, High Street, Hawick TD9 9EF from 10am to 4pm.

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Twitter: @bordersfhs

Caithness FHS

Caithness Family History Society members are delighted to report on how they have been able to assist with an increasing number of family history enquiries over the past few months.

Meetings have also been well attended.

In May Merran Gunn, creative events advisor to the Board of Trustees for The Dunbeath Preservation Trust and also a part time volunteer with The Dunbeath Heritage Museum, gave an interesting talk to CFHS members about some of the changes that have been made, are being made, and are in the pipeline for The Dunbeath Heritage Museum.

At our meeting in June, Alan Sinclair, through an illustrated talk, described the ancient history and geology of the diverse and contrasting counties of Caithness and Sutherland and explained the Viking influence upon the place names and dialect of the area.

At our September meeting Roy Mackenzie talked about the "The Veterans' Memorial" overlooking Wick Bay, which has fallen into disrepair. He has been a key figure in ensuring its restoration. He described the involvement of the Royal British Legion in securing funding and he also talked about the involvement of pupils and teachers from Wick High School who have researched the history of the veterans. The aim is to return the monument to its former glory.

Forthcoming programme:

Wednesday, 8th Nov 2017 in the Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick,

- "John O'Groat Mill and the Houston Millers of John O'Groats" By Rognvald Brown

Wednesday, 13th Dec 2017 in Caithness Horizons, Thurso

- "Nucleus: Nuclear and Caithness Archive" by Garance Warburton

Wednesday, 10th Jan 2018 in Caithness Horizons, Thurso

- "Wick Voices Oral History Project" by Doreen Leith

Address: C/O Caithness Horizons, High Street, Thurso KW14 8AJ

Email: Secretary - nems623@btinternet.com

Website: <http://caithnessfhs.org.uk>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/caithnessfamilyhistorysociety/>

Central FHS

We meet, usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from October to May in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to listen to the informative talks and to stay and have a cuppa and a chat with other members at the end of the meeting. Visitors pay £2 per visit. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming friends old and new to this year's talks:

11 October 2017

- "Tracing Quaker Ancestors" by Paul Burton

8 November 2017

- "A-pulling and a-pushing: a railway town at work" by Jim Summers

6 December 2017

- Christmas Past, followed by our Social Evening (tickets £5)

10 January 2018

- "The Forth & Clyde Canal: past, present and future" by Tommy Lawton

14 February 2018

- "Register of Corrected Entries" by Ken Nisbet

14 March 2018

- "Genealogy Without Borders: the importance of exploring cousin lines and the overseas diaspora" by Chris Paton

11 April 2018

- "Were Your Ancestors farmers?" by John McGee, Treasurer of ASGRA

2 May 2018

- "Poor Relief In Falkirk" by Ian Scott, preceded by our AGM

Contact: Hon. Secretary, CSFHS, 4 Fir Lane, Larbert, FK5 3LW

Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

East Ayrshire FHS

Evening meetings are held at 7 pm in the Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU on the second Thursday of the months September to May. Visitors are very welcome to attend. On most other Thursday afternoons throughout the year workshops are held in New Farm Loch

Community Centre, Kilmarnock from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

At the September meeting, member and past-chairman John Stevenson spoke about *100 years of Gutta-Percha*. In October, Robert Smillie will be speaking about *Carrick Coast – the old Ayr to Girvan Railway* and in November Barbara Graham returns to give a talk on *Women Munitions Workers in World War 1*. The dates and topics for future talks are in the Diary Dates section.

A special meeting was held on the afternoon of Thursday 5th October when Iain Ferguson of the NRS in Edinburgh gave a presentation about ScotlandsPeople. We were pleased to welcome to this event members of some other local and family history societies, including Troon @ Ayrshire FHS, Cumnock History Group and North Ayrshire FHS.

Founder member Jim Steel: Sadly, we have to report the death in September of Jim Steel, our founding member and first chairman. Jim was a well-known and respected member of the family history community. He was a SAFHS representative for a number of years and, with his wife Willina, travelled to many of the early SAFHS Conferences to represent East Ayrshire FHS. For services to Family History in Ayrshire he was awarded the 2009 John Strawhorn Quach by the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies. He was also elected as a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and was still actively involved in transcribing records.

Diary Dates 2017-2018

9th November 2017 (Thursday)

- **Women Munitions Workers in World War 1** by Barbara Graham, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)

11th January 2018 (Thursday)

- **Antiques - Past and Present** by Robert Watt, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)

8th February 2018 (Thursday)

- **Glenfield and Kennedy** by Bill Howie, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)

8th March 2018 (Thursday)

- **Life in the Miners Raws** by Bobby Grierson, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)

12th April 2018 (Thursday)

- **Dundonald Castle** by Irene McMillan, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)

Contact: Secretary, East Ayrshire FHS, c/o Dick Institute, Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU

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Fife FHS

The Fife Family History Society is busy just now in preparing to host The 29th Annual SAFHS Conference, which will be held on 21 April 2018 in the ROTHES HALLS, Glenrothes.

Mr Robert W Balfour, the Lord Lieutenant of Fife, will officially open the Conference at 10:15.

At this Conference/Fair, the Fife FHS will take the opportunity to launch The Fife Kalendar of Convicts CD (1790-1880), available as a CD or Download

Speakers are:

- 10:30 – 11:00 Andrew Campbell: The Making of Fife Kalendar of Convicts
- 11:30 – 12:15 - Emma Maxwell: Finding your Ancestors' Footprints
- 13:30 – 14:15 Ken Nisbet: Banishment and Transportation
- 15:00 – 15:45 - Bruce Durie: The Strange Tale of Charles Durie`s Trousers

Delegates' Tickets are £20 (or £15 if booked before 03 January 2018)

Stallholders: The first Table is free and

thereafter Stalls are £15 each, or £10 if booked before 03 Jan 2018. This is to encourage Early Bird Bookings

There is a Café within the Rothes Halls and also in the Kingdom Centre adjacent. There is plenty of parking available around the Rothes Halls. The Main Glenrothes Bus Station is close-by. Glenrothes also has a Railway Station

For Stallholders: Due to the fact that we are using the Main Hall, this Main Hall is in use on the Friday evening, and therefore the setting up of stalls can only be done on the Saturday morning. Please arrive early.

For more information and booking of tickets go to: safhs2018.fifeffhs.org

Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

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

The meetings start at 7:30pm prompt and the meetings for 2017/18 sessions are on:

Monday 16th October 2017

- "The Britannia Panopticon Music Hall" - Judith McLay

Monday 20th November 2017

- "The City as Reliquary" - Gordon Urquhart

Monday 11th December 2017

- Social Evening

Monday 15th January 2018

- "The Lost Grandeur of the Clyde" - Dan Sweeney

Monday 19th February 2018

- "Maps for Family History: Some views on sources and Resources - Their strengths and weaknesses" - J Moore

Monday 19th March 2018

- "Towers and Spires of Glasgow" - D Martin

Monday 16th April 2018

- AGM + "The Daphne Disaster" - Bill Black

Monday 21st May 2018

- "Govanhill Paradise Preserved" - A Redpath

The Society will have a stall at Hobby Craft Event "CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS", 26-29 October 2017 at the SSEC, Scottish Exhibition Centre, in Glasgow

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. There is an index to the Society's Newsletter, from 1978 (Issue 1) to 2015 (Issue 104) on the Society's website

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

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.

The Society has a Research Centre at Unit 13, 32 Mansfield Street, Partick, Glasgow. It is situated just off Dumbarton Road and is well served by public transport; Kelvinhall Underground Station is also nearby.

The Centre's opening hours are:

- TUESDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm but currently, for a trial, the centre is open at 10 am
- 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)*

For exact dates please check the Society's website.

Non-members can join the Society when they visit and then get immediate access to the collections. Our facilities include photocopier, research computers, microfiche and microfilm viewers, a fiche/film copier and access to the Internet. Guidance is available to members on request.

As well as frequent additions to the Society's library there are also regular additions to the computers in the centre. The library additions include both new publications and out-of-print books and the library catalogue can be searched on the Society's website. Members donated many of the books.

In addition to the library holdings we hold:

- 1841, 1851 and 1861 census films for our area and indexes for these.
- 1881 census and indexes for the whole of Scotland, England & Wales.
- 1891 census index for the whole of Scotland and the films for our area.
- 1901 census index for the whole of Scotland and the films for our area.

The Society also offers a wide range of publications for sale and details of these can be viewed on the Society's website.

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

Website: www.gwsfhs.org.uk

Twitter: @GWSFHS

Lanarkshire FHS

Our sincere thanks to all 11 SAFHS member societies that supported our 'Local and Family History Show' on Saturday 2nd September. While everyone appears to have enjoyed the event the number of visitors attending was down on last year. We can announce that the date for the 2018 Show will be Saturday 27th October, it will be held in the Concert Hall in Motherwell.

This year at our Research Centre, we have welcomed members from New Zealand, Canada, Australia and USA.

One member travelling all the way from Hawaii.

New Publications

Bothwellhaugh – A Lanarkshire Mining Community 1884 - 1965. This is a local history book first published in 1986, the society worked with author Robert Duncan and the Bothwellhaugh Past Residents Group to get the book re-typed, updated and back in print.

Calderbank – An Industrial and Social History – Is another of Robert Duncan's books that was out of print. We have re-typed and Mr Duncan has updated the information and the book is now available again.

Newarthill Local History Group produced 7 volumes of local history during the years 1993-2002. The books have been out of print and are constantly being requested by people wishing to purchase copies. We now have the first three volumes back in print; the others will follow later this year.

The latest books in our Military Groups WW1 Fallen series is: - "Lanarkshire Fallen at the **Battle of Arras 1917**" and "Lanarkshire Fallen at the **Battle of Passchendaele 1917**".

School Books this series is proving very popular. When researching ancestors, school registers can tell you when families moved into the area and, if they left, where they moved to. Society member Robert Earl continues with the transcription of school Registers and Log Books, his latest books completed are: -

Crawford Public School - Book 1 Admissions Register **1892 - 1948**. Book 2 Leavers Register **1924 - 1955**. Book 3 Log Books **1867 - 1907**. Book 4 Log Books **1907 - 1952**. Wiston Public School Admission Register **1866 - 1890**. Yieldshields School near Carluke Register of Admissions **1884 - 1902**.

Graveyard Group Janet Smith and her team of graveyarders have completed and published the **Lesmahagow Cemetery** Monumental Inscriptions and are currently checking their transcriptions of Carluke Cemetery.

It is thanks to our great team of volunteers that make it possible to carry out so much transcribing and research each year.

Contact: North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre, 1 High Road, Motherwell, ML1 3HU. Research Centre address: 122 - 124 Merry Street, Motherwell, ML1 1NA.

E-mail: secretary-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

Lothians FHS

Evening meetings are held at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg every week from September to June. Talks are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month as follows:

Sept 13

- Using Old Maps and how they can help in Family History - Craig Statham

Oct 11

- Scottish place names – Bill Patterson

Nov 8

- Scotlands Places website - Kim Beasley

Dec 13

- Christmas Gathering

Jan 10

- "What's in your Attic?"- Bring along your artefacts

Feb 21

- Family History from Medieval Sources - Alan Borthwick

Mar 14

- The Flemish in Scotland - John Irvine

Apr 11

- Kirk Session Minutes - Bruce Bishop

May 9

- Aberlady – a one place study - Lorna Kinnaird

Jun 13

- AGM

The Society has a number of resources at its disposal. There is a selection of books and pamphlets for the absolute beginner, some more specialised guides for the more advanced members and newsletters from

other Family History Societies.

There are files on alternative sources of information from Scottish Public Libraries to the National Repositories like National Records of Scotland. We have an expanding collection of Edinburgh Directories of various dates, files of commercial search organisations and of various courses and events. Of course the library has a number of publications and a collection of maps covering Scotland and Northern England. The Society strives to keep all its members interested and we have access to the library's computers and the Internet.

Many members have volunteered in projects, e.g. indexing of burial registers as well as their own interests or just helping others with their research. There are many more details about the Society, which you will find on our new web site:

www.lothiansfamilyhistorysociety.co.uk

The society provides a newsletter, thrice yearly, to members to inform and keep abreast of the activities by members or just provide interesting stories about family history.

If you have anything you think might interest the members, whether it is pertinent to your family or not, or something you have found of interest, funny or otherwise, the society would be grateful to hear from you.

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

E-mail: lothiansfhs@hotmail.com

Website: www.lothiansfamilyhistorysociety.co.uk

Facebook: [Lothians FHS](#)

Moray & Nairn FHS

Work this year saw the society produce the following publications: -

- Lhanbryde War Memorial
- Lhanbryde Poor Register 1845-1905
- Lhanbryde Burial Register 1895-1954.

Three areas of research into the Parish of St. Andrews Lhanbryde, Moray all in one book!

Lhanbryde War Memorial – This details all the men commemorated on the war memorial from World War I and II. Information includes awards of medals, place of burial and newspaper extracts.

Lhanbryde Poor Register 1845-1905 which is a transcription of the Register for each pauper who was accepted to be given Poor Relief under The Poor Law Act of 1845. They note in detail the change in circumstances of the person named and sometimes their family's circumstances, including any increase or decrease of relief given, occasionally entry into the poorhouse and often their date of death. They give a unique glimpse of the social attitudes to the poor in Victorian Morayshire, though it was not always paupers who got relief, sometimes it was those who were sick or out of work.

Lhanbryde Burial Register 1895-1954 is a register of burials in the Parish a vastly interesting document especially for those tracing their family history in particular for those persons who died outwith the Parish. This work by the Moray & Nairn Family History Society follows on from the work undertaken on the War Memorials of Alves and Forres and for the Poor Registers for the Parishes of Alves, Bellie and of Elgin. The book is available from Moray & Nairn FHS at only £8, p&p extra.

Forres Free Church Births & Baptisms 1870-1914

An interesting insight to the church and its congregation in the late Victorian period and the cross-section of those having their children baptised in the church of Forres.

This work by the Moray & Nairn Family History Society follows on from the work undertaken on the Church Registers for Kinloss and Burghead. The book is shortly to be available from Moray & Nairn FHS.

Work this winter will see the Society starting to map the main Cemetery of Nairn with an eye to start recording it in the spring of 2017.

For further information see the Bookshop on the website www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

North Ayrshire FHS

In November, we joined with the Largs Historical Society, who hosted the annual Joint Meeting, where Dr. S. Morrison gave a very interesting illustrated talk on 'People's Histories: Exploring oral history in the community.'

This was followed in December by the Christmas Social the speaker being Val Reilly, whose talk 'To Honour the Angels: the story of the Christmas Carol', explained the origins of well-known Christmas carols. This was followed by an enjoyable supper provided by the committee.

One of our members, John Riddell, began the new session by telling us of his investigations into the life of George Nixon Duck, who was a notable Fairlie resident at the time of the building of the Fairlie Tunnel and whether it had a part in his downfall.

February brought Tom Barclay from the Carnegie Library in Ayr giving the details of the beginnings of the Library and its resources. A visit is planned for 27th. April, to allow members to see behind the scenes, and if any of the resources would be helpful to them.

The annual Joint Meeting of the three family history societies in Ayrshire, and hosted by E.A.F.H.S. will be held on Thursday 9th March in the Johnnie Walker Bond, in Strand Street, Kilmarnock. The speaker will be Dr. I. O'Brien from the Mitchell Library, Glasgow and her topic will be - 'The Heritage of the Clyde'. A treat in store.

At our March meeting, J. O Neill will be telling

us about the 'Fenwick Weavers'. A topic of interest to members with weavers and Fenwick Weavers in their ancestry.

This will be followed on the 11th. April, when we shall learn in a talk given by Dr. I Matheson, titled-'The Union of the Parliaments,' of the various events that led up to this dramatic event.

On the 9th May, our year will end with the A.G.M. possibly a quiz and a light supper.

Through some grant aid, the society has had the IGI for 1981 digitised and is now available to all. It is easy to use and anyone can take away information specific to their area of interest to work on at home. It is hoped to extend this in future.

All meetings are held in the evening on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Community Room, in Largs Library and begin at 7-30pm., unless otherwise stated.

The **Find your ain Folks** workshops are also held in the Community Room from **2-30-4-30pm.** on the last Thursday of the month, September to April.

Contact details: Largs Library, 26, Allanpark Street, Largs, KA30 9AG

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North Perthshire FHG

We meet from 2.30 pm in Moulin Hall, which is behind Moulin Kirk (Heritage Centre) and close to Moulin Hotel, to the North of Pitlochry. The Heritage Centre is open daily between 2 and 4 pm between May and October, but if travelling any distance, you may phone 01796 473071 to ensure access.

(If anyone has read our Website, please be assured that we have not discovered the secrets if time-travel.

All meetings between October and December

will be held in 2017 and those between January and May in 2018).

19 October

- **Michael Lawrence** will talk about **James Wylie of Airleywright**

16 November

- **Isabel Hay and Jan Conacher** will talk about **Odds and Ends**

December

- **Christmas Lunch**

18 January

- **Syd House** will talk about **Early Plant Hunters**

15 February

- **Gordon Dilworth** will talk about **Where were you when J F Kennedy was shot?**

15 March

- **Ken Nisbet** will talk about **The Register of Corrected Entries**

19 April

- **Alan Brown** will talk about **Jam, Jute and Jacobites**

17 May

- **AGM**

Website: pitlochryandmoulinheritagecentre.co.uk

Scottish Genealogy Society

The Scottish Genealogy Society is the longest established family history society in Scotland and our library and research centre are located at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL, where members and non-members are welcome.

Enthusiastic volunteers who are happy to assist researchers and offer advice staff the library. UK annual membership is £20 and overseas membership is £25, which includes receipt of 4 journals a year.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.30-5.30, Wednesday 10.30-7.30 and Saturday 10.00-5.00.

The library offers access to both Ancestry and Find My Past, as well as the myriad Internet sites offering free access.

ScotlandsPeople website can also be accessed using the visitor's account.

The society holds all the microfiche and microfilm records of the Old Parish Registers for the whole of Scotland, of which copies can be taken at a charge of 30p. One of the strengths of the society is its collection of Monumental Inscriptions, which are continuously added to and can be viewed free of charge, or purchased as required. The extensive reference library holds many rare and interesting volumes.

Our website offers a wealth of information with numerous links which are helpful to family and local researchers. Monthly meetings are held between September and April (see website for details).

The society also organises a series of courses on Saturday mornings in the library. Upcoming topics include 'Beginners', 'Irish Records', 'Old Scottish Handwriting', 'WW1', 'Beginners in English Genealogy', 'Beyond the Old Parish Registers', 'Health and History: Using Medical Records in Genealogical Research' and 'Kirk Session Records'.

Please see the website for further details.

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Shetland FHS

Following the popularity of the **Sharing Shetland Surnames** project, this year the Shetland Museum offered space and assistance for a summer display related to the surname **GOUDIE** (with all its various spellings).

As usual, the research team worked furiously to collect, document, collate, check and work with Museum staff preparing information panels and leaflets.

The main event in May, held over two days in

the Cunningsburgh Hall, brought visitors from all parts of the U.K and even from Australia.

Such was the interest that it was an overflowing hall for the talks and displays with many relationships discussed and addresses exchanged. As so much effort had been put into this event it was decided to postpone the other chosen surname, **ROBERTSON** until June 2018.

The "homing instinct" has brought many visitors to our office this year, and a welcome increase in membership – our dedicated volunteers have been endlessly busy. Seventy cruise ships have called this year with an increase to ninety forecast for next summer - all bringing researchers just for a day, weather permitting! Equinox gales mean the end of the cruise season now, but not the visitors; Shetland Wool Week with about five hundred delegates attending has now ended; local winter groups and events are starting up.....and the Shetland F.H.S. volunteers are already gearing up to prepare for next year.

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West Lothian FHS

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

We have office space within the Library at the Lanthorn Centre, where we are happy to welcome along new members.

We aim to provide a similar service to that which we already currently have in place at the Local History Library in Linlithgow, where we provide a "helping hand" to anyone who

pops in to the Local History Library.

Lantern days and times:

Mondays 10.00 am till 3.00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00 am till 4.00 pm.

Linlithgow days and times: Wednesdays and Fridays between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.

The Lantern is also a place for people to come along and meet us and learn what the Society is all about. With the help of our member volunteers we aim to provide beginners start up sessions as well as giving a helping hand to all members, old and new, to explore various websites to get the best out of them, further their knowledge and to help grow their family trees.

Our syllabus for this year includes:

3 October 2017

- Guest Speaker: Matt Fry, "My Walk Through Family History"

7 November 2017

- "Gi's a haun" night, we help you to find your way around the various Family History websites and offer advice on any topic you need help with

5 December 2017

- Christmas get-together. An informal meeting with non-alcoholic drinks, eats and a quiz

9 January 2018

- Guest Speaker: Ken Nisbet, "The 2nd Boer War 1899-1902 and the Volunteer Forces"

6 February 2018

- "Gi's a haun" night

6 March 2018

- Guest Speaker: Kim Beasley, Historic Environment, "Exploring ScotlandsPlaces"

3 April 2018

- "Gi's a haun" night

1 May 2018

- Guest Speaker: Margaret Fox, "The Deidis Latterwills & Legacies", lifting the veil on past lives

- **5 June 2018**

- Annual General Meeting

We continue to have our monthly visits to New Register House on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. These visits are very well attended by our members and more often than not our 40 places are taken up. New members are welcome to attend and our steadfast members will assist anyone who needs help with their research.

This year, in support of the 2017 year of Scottish History, Heritage and Culture, we held a number of well-attended family history workshops in nine libraries throughout West Lothian. A further workshop is planned for Broxburn Library on Saturday 18th November from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. The workshops provided an introduction to anyone wishing to look into their family tree but not knowing where to start and there were member volunteers of the Society on hand to assist with on-line searches etc. We would welcome anyone who wishes to come along to our final workshop in Broxburn on 18th November to learn about their ancestors.

The Society continues to grow from strength to strength and we are very fortunate that we continue to have an excellent turnout of members to all of our meetings and talks.

Our membership remains at £10 for single members, £15 for a couple from the same household and £12.00 for overseas membership.

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Diary Dates 2017-18

- 3 November 2017 **Preparation for Professional Development** – ASGRA continuing development at The Dome Seminar Facility in New Register House, Edinburgh
- 7 November 2017 **Gi's a Haun** – help to find your way around the various family history websites and offer advice on any topic you need help with - 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)
- 8 November 2017, **John O'Groats Mill and the Houston Millers of John O'Groats** By Rognvald Brown in the Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick (Caithness FHS)
- 8 November 2017 **A-pulling and a-pushing: a railway town at work** by Jim Summers at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 8 November 2017 **Scotlands Places website** - Kim Beasley at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 9 November 2017 **Women Munitions Workers in World War 1** by Barbara Graham, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)
- 16 November 2017 **Odds and Ends** by Isabel Hay and Jan Conacher at 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 20 November 2017 **The City as Reliquary** by Gordon Urquhart at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 26 November 2017 **Banishment and Transportation** by Ken Nisbet at 2.30 p.m. in the Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose TD6 9BN. (Borders FHS)
- 6 December 2017 **Christmas Past**, followed by our Social Evening (tickets £5) at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)

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- 11 December 2017 **Social Evening** at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 13 December 2017 **Christmas Gathering** at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 13 December 2017 **Nucleus: Nuclear and Caithness Archive** by Garance Warburton in Caithness Horizons, Thurso (Caithness FHS)
- 9 January 2018 **The 2nd Boar War 1899 – 1902 and the Volunteer Forces** by Ken Nisbet 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)
- 10 January 2018 **Wick Voices Oral History Project** by Doreen Leith in Caithness Horizons, Thurso (Caithness FHS)
- 10 January 2018 **The Forth & Clyde Canal: past, present and future** by Tommy Lawton at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 10 January 2018 **What's in your Attic? - Bring along your artefacts** at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 11 January 2018 **Antiques - Past and Present** by Robert Watt, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)
- 15 January 2018 **The Lost Grandeur of the Clyde** by Dan Sweeney at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 18 January 2018 **Early Plant Hunters** by Syd House at 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 6 February 2018 **Gi's a Haun** – help to find your way around the various family history websites and offer advice on any topic you need help with - 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)
- 8 February 2018 **Glenfield and Kennedy** by Bill Howie, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)
- 14 February 2018 **Register of Corrected Entries** by Ken Nisbet at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 15 February 2018 **Where were you when J F Kennedy was shot?** by Gordon Dilworth at 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 19 February 2018 **Maps for Family History: Some views on sources and Resources - Their strengths and weaknesses** by J Moore at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 21 February 2018 **Family History from Medieval Sources** by Alan Borthwick at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 25 February 2018 Topic to be confirmed by Mary Craig at 2.30 p.m. in St Peters Church Hall, Parsonage Road, Galashiels TD1 3HS (Borders FHS)
- 6 March 2018 **Exploring Scotlands Places** by Kim Beasley 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)

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- 8 March 2018 **Life in the Miners Raws** by Bobby Grierson, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)
- 9 March 2018 The annual Joint Meeting of the three family history societies in Ayrshire, and hosted by E.A.F.H.S. will be held on in the Johnnie Walker Bond, in Strand Street, Kilmarnock. The speaker will be Dr. I. O'Brien from the Mitchell Library, Glasgow and her topic will be **The Heritage of the Clyde.**
- 13 March 2018 **The Fenwick Weavers** by J. O'Neill at 7.30. p.m. in the Community Room, in Largs Library (North Ayrshire FHS)
- 14 March 2018 **Genealogy Without Borders: the importance of exploring cousin lines and the overseas diaspora** by Chris Paton at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 14 March 2018 **The Flemish in Scotland** by John Irvine at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 15 March 2018 **The Register of Corrected Entries** by Ken Nisbet 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 19 March 2018 **Towers and Spires of Glasgow** by D Martin at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 25 March 2018 **The Deid's Letters and Legacies** by Margaret Fox at 2.30 p.m. in St Peters Church Hall, Parsonage Road, Galashiels TD1 3HS. (Borders FHS)
- 3 April 2018 **Gi's a Haun** – help to find your way around the various family history websites and offer advice on any topic you need help with - 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)
- 11 April 2018 **Were Your Ancestors farmers?** by John McGee, Treasurer of ASGRA at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 11 April 2018 **Kirk Session Minutes** by Bruce Bishop at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 11 April 2018 **The Union of the Parliaments** by Dr. I Matheson at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room, in Largs Library (North Ayrshire FHS)
- 12 April 2018 **Dundonald Castle** by Irene McMillan, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HU (East Ayrshire FHS)
- 16 April 2018 **AGM + The Daphne Disaster** by Bill Black at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 19 April 2018 **Jam, Jute and Jacobites** by Alan Brown 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 21 April 2018 **Was Your Ancestor a Convict – the 29th Annual SAFHS Conference at** Rothesh Halls, Glenrothes
- 1 May 2018 **The Deidis, Latterwills and Legacies: lifting the veil on past lives** by Margaret Fox at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)

- 2 May 2018 **Poor Relief In Falkirk** by Ian Scott, preceded by our AGM at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling (Central FHS)
- 9 May 2018 **Aberlady – a one place study** by Lorna Kinnaird at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)
- 9 May 2018 **A.G.M.** possibly a quiz and a light supper at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room, in Largs Library (North Ayrshire FHS)
- 17 May 2018 **A.G.M.** 2.30 p.m. in Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Hall (North Perthshire FHG)
- 21 May 2018 **Govanhill Paradise Preserved** by A Redpath at 7.30.p.m. Gilchrist Theatre at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow G12 0SW (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)
- 27 May 2018 **Borders FHS AGM** at 2.30.p.m. followed by a talk to be confirmed in St Peters Church Hall, Parsonage Road, Galashiels TD1 3HS.
- 5 June 2018 AGM at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL (West Lothian FHS)
- 13 June 2018 **AGM** at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg (Lothians FHS)

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- Contact – Ian Leith at ian@baselineresearch.co.uk



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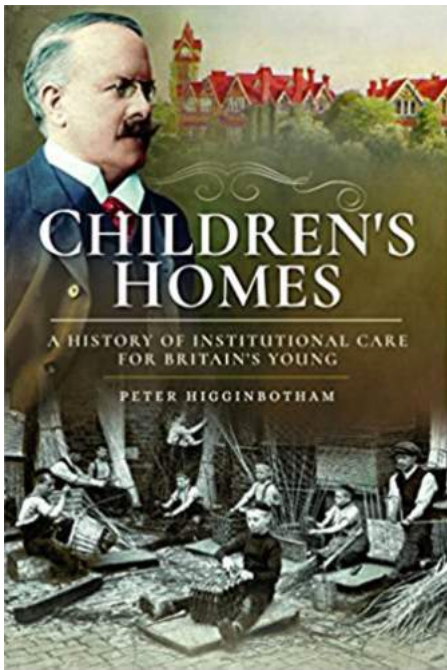
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England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include: Births: 1837 –1916 Deaths: 1837 –1957

Book Review



'Children's Homes: A History of Institutional Care for Britain's Young' by Peter Higginbotham

Children's Homes surveys the wide range of institutions that, over the centuries, were used as a substitute for children's 'natural' homes. As well as charitably funded orphanages, these included homes run by religious or occupational groups, institutions for those who had broken the law or otherwise gone astray, establishments for children with special needs, homes run by the poor law authorities, and by local councils. This fascinating and copiously illustrated volume answers questions such as: Who founded and ran all these institutions? Who paid for them? Where have they all gone? What was life like for their inmates? And where can their records be found?

Peter Higginbotham became fascinated by the workhouse when, while tracing his family history, he discovered that one of his forebears had died in such an institution. His extensive researches resulted in a number of books including the much-praised 'Workhouse Encyclopedia', 'Voices from the Workhouse', and 'A Grim Almanac of the Workhouse'.

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