



SLHF NEWS

I hope by the time you read this you will already have filled in your membership survey, which was emailed out to all individual and institutional members last month. It is hoped that the survey will provide some useful information for the upcoming review of SLHF's vision, activities, priorities and sustainability. More on this in the next issue.

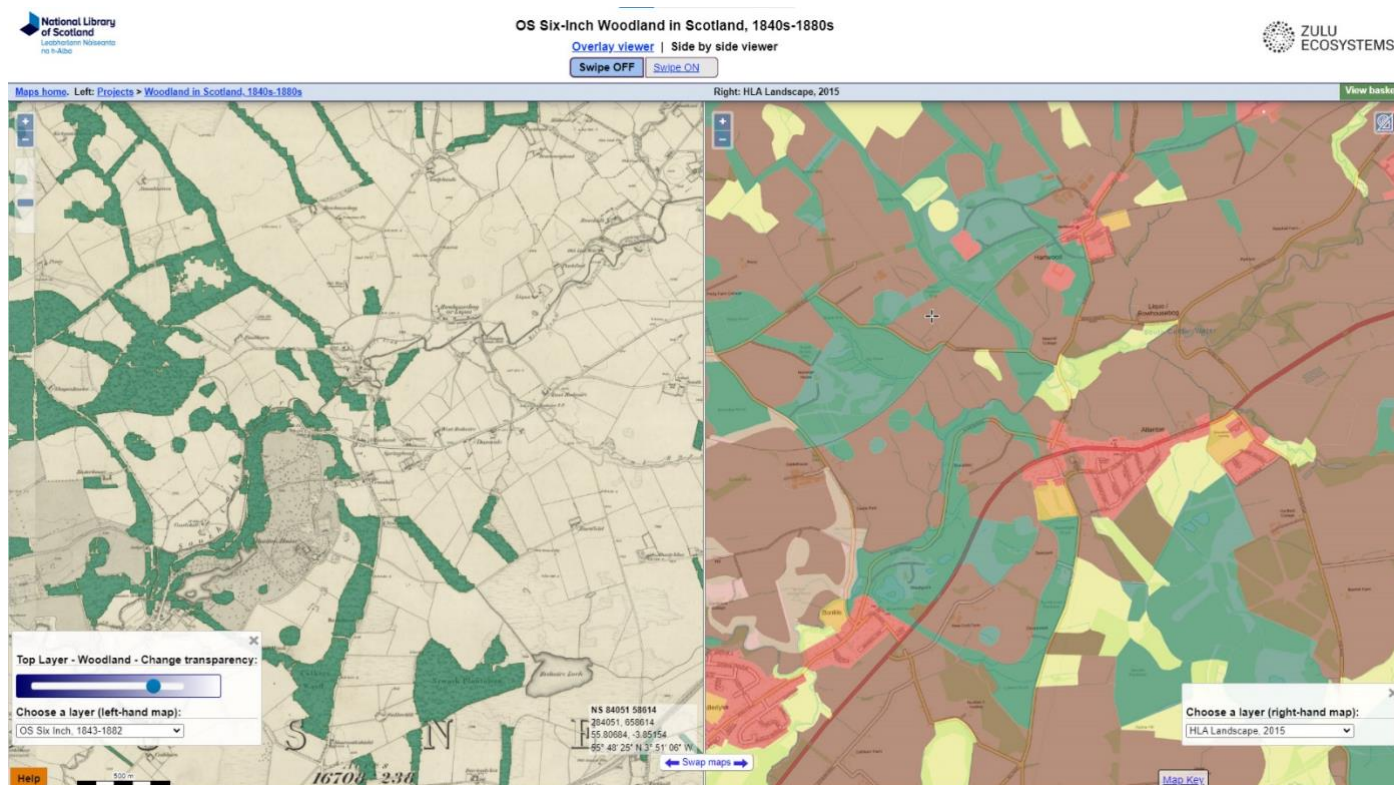
■ **Scottish Local History** issue 118 is close to completion and should be ready for circulation in April.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

■ **The National Library of Scotland** is changing its opening hours at George IV Bridge, Edinburgh. From 5 February it will open at 10am (Monday to Saturday). Closing hours are unaffected by this change. Full details of NLS opening hours: [Opening hours | National Library of Scotland \(nls.uk\)](https://www.nls.uk/opening-hours/)

■ **NLS Map Library News:**

Woodland in Scotland Map Viewer, 1840s-1880s. The National Library of Scotland has recently partnered with Zulu Ecosystems, who have extracted a digital layer showing woodland from 1st edition Six-Inch to the mile Ordnance Survey maps (1843-1882). The depiction of woodland on these OS Six-Inch to the mile maps is one of the most comprehensive records of early woodland in Scotland, and an important component of the Ancient Woodland Inventory. Due to the automated processes used to extract the layer, some revisions are still needed. We are inviting volunteers to easily record corrections they spot in the viewer.



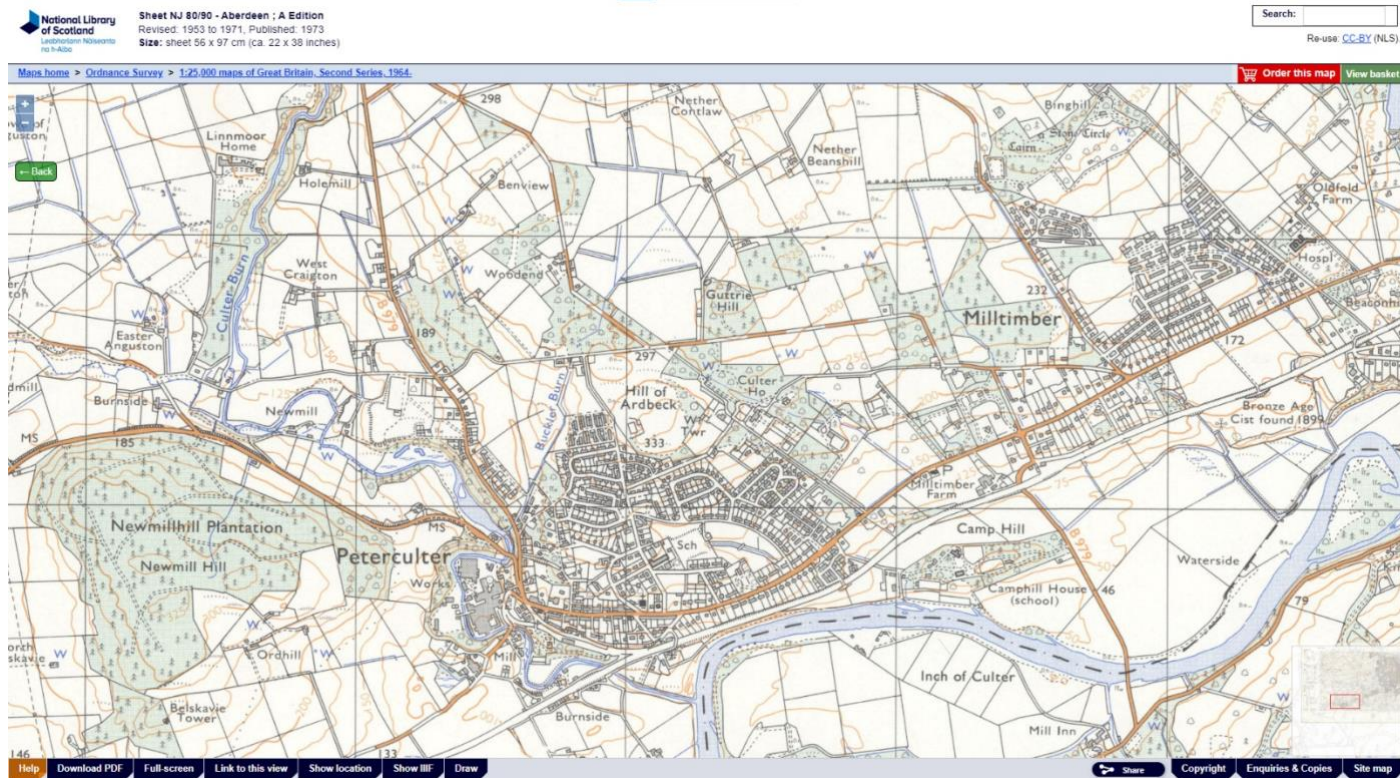
Woodland map viewer and further details: <https://maps.nls.uk/projects/woodland/>

■ **Ordnance Survey Maps Published in 1973.** As usual, in January we put online all the Ordnance Survey maps which were published in 1973, and which therefore came out of copyright on 1 January 2024. These include 1,151 detailed maps at scales of 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 covering areas in Scotland, and 717 less detailed maps at scales of 1:10,000/1:10,560 covering areas in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are usually the most detailed, basic scales of Ordnance Survey maps for these areas.

We also put online 328 maps at 1:25,000 scale, and 57 maps at 1:63,360 scale, covering specific locations in England, Scotland and Wales, which are also just out-of-copyright. Maps at these scales are particularly useful in providing an overview of significant landscape features such as villages and towns, the routes of paths, tracks, roads and railways, as well as patterns of woodland and rural land use.

Large-scale National Grid maps: <https://maps.nls.uk/os/national-grid/>

OS 1:25,000 and 1:63,360 maps: <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#156>



Detail from OS 1:25,000 Pathfinder Sheet NJ 80/90, published 1973

■ **Business Archives Council of Scotland.** In 2024 BACS relaunched its journal under a new title *Business and Industrial History: A Journal of Archival Research* in partnership with the University of Glasgow. The journal is for archivists and historians to share and develop knowledge and awareness of business and industrial history and archives both in Scotland and internationally. It offers a space in which professionals and academics can enter into a dialogue and learn from their respective practices and research. BACS is currently seeking submissions for papers for its 2024 special issue on the whisky industry. [Call for Papers 2024 \(busarchscot.org.uk\)](https://busarchscot.org.uk)



Bowmore Distillery

■ **Museums and Galleries Scotland** has made funding grants to nine Scottish museums: Annan Museum, Dumfries & Galloway; David Livingstone Birthplace, South Lanarkshire; Historylinks Museum, Sutherland; Kilmartin Museum, Argyll & Bute; McLean Museum, Renfrewshire; Museum nan Eilean, Outer Hebrides; North Lanarkshire Museums and

Collections; Paxton House, Berwickshire and the Stirling Smith Art gallery and Museum share the development funding. [Nine Scottish museums to share nearly £422,000 in development funding - Museums Association](#)

■ Each year the **Keeper of the Records of Scotland** produces an annual report on the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011. A copy can be downloaded from this link: [Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](#)

■ Initial designs for a new multi-million Aberdeenshire regional museum and a new Peterhead Library have been unveiled. It is part of the 'Cultural Tides: North Sea Connections in Aberdeenshire' bid being supported with £20million from the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund which focuses on the development of a cultural project in Peterhead centred around the vacant Arbuthnot House and the renovation and extension of Macduff Marine Aquarium. [Initial designs unveiled and public engagement launched for new multi-million pound regional museum - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

■ The new **Perth Museum** will open to the public on Saturday, 30 March 2024. Among the items that will go on display are Bonnie Prince Charlie's sword, a rare Jacobite drinking glass and the ancient Carpow log boat. A major attraction will be the Stone of Destiny which is being moved from Edinburgh Castle to form the centre-piece of the new museum. The former City Hall in the centre of Perth has been redesigned by Netherlands-based architects, Mecanoo, to house and showcase the significant collections of Perth Museum, amassed over the last couple of hundred years. The first special exhibition will centre on Scotland's national animal – the Unicorn. [Unicorn - Perth Museum](#)



Perth Museum 22 February 2024

■ The Scottish Government has accepted the recommendations of the **Empire, Slavery & Scotland's Museums (ESSM) Steering Group**, set up to advise on how Scotland's museums and galleries can better reflect the country's role in empire, colonialism, and historic slavery. See the recommendations and the response from the Scottish Government and Museums Galleries Scotland: [Scottish Government responds to Empire, Slavery and Scotland's Museums Recommendations - Museums Galleries Scotland](#)

Create a listing for your library, archive or museum in the SLHF Directory of local history resources. It is easy to do and free, just go to <https://www.slhf.org/submit-listing>

PUBLICATIONS

- *Three Forts on the Tay: Excavations at Moncrieffe, Moredun and Abernethy, Perth and Kinross 2014-17* by David Strachan, Martin Cook and Dawn McLaren, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, 2024, £35. [Three Forts on the Tay: Excavations at Moncrieffe, Moredun and Abernethy, Perth and Kinross 2014-17 - Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust \(pkht.org.uk\)](https://www.pkht.org.uk)
- *Who Do You Think You Are?* February 2024 contains an article by Chris Paton on Scottish birth records. A short version is available on the magazine's website: [Scottish birth records: Where to find them, and what they can tell you - Who Do You Think You Are Magazine](https://www.who-do-you-think-you-are.com)
- *On the Fringe of Neolithic Europe* by Dr Anna Ritchie HonFSAScot. 5,000 years ago, the Holm of Papa Westray Chambered Cairn in Orkney was built to house the dead of a nearby community. Discover the amazing findings from the 1982-1983 excavations (including human burials and Neolithic pottery) in the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland latest open access e-book. [On the Fringe of Neolithic Europe: Excavation of a Chambered Cairn on the Holm of Papa Westray, Orkney | Open Access E-Books \(socantscot.org\)](https://www.socantscot.org)
- *Border Mills: Lives of Peeblesshire Textile Workers* by Ian MacDougall, edited by Caroline Milligan, NMS Enterprises Limited in association with The Scottish Working People's History Trust and the European Ethnological Research Centre, December 2023, 416 pp, £18.99. ISBN 9781910682517. [Border Mills: Lives of Peeblesshire Textile Workers - National Museums Scotland Shop \(nms.ac.uk\)](https://www.nms.ac.uk)
- *The Final Frontier: Scotland's Early Roman Landscape* by Andrew Tibbs, Amberley Publishing, February 2024, 96 pp, £15.99. ISBN 9781398117235. [The Final Frontier - Amberley Publishing \(amberley-books.com\)](https://www.amberley-books.com)
- *Robert Burns in Perthshire* by Donald N M Paton. Rymour Books, January 2024, 90 pp, £11.99. ISBN 9781739480189. [Foot of the Walk \(rymour.co.uk\)](https://www.rymour.co.uk)
- *Scottish Historical Review* Volume 102, Issue 3, December 2023. Print ISSN: 0036-9241, Online ISSN: 1750-0222. Includes: Katherine Beaumont, Countess of Atholl, and the Second Scottish War of Independence (c. 1327–c. 1336) by [Morvern French](https://www.morvern.com) and [Iain A. MacInnes](https://www.morvern.com); Adam Ferguson, Sir John Macpherson and the French Revolution: New Evidence and Perspectives by [Ian Stewart](https://www.morvern.com); Hair-raising Adventures Loosely Organised: Early Years of The HALO Trust and Humanitarian Mine Action in Afghanistan, 1988–92 by Angus Mitchell; A Kingdom Cleared of Castles: the Role of the Castle in the Campaigns of Robert Bruce by David Cornell; Scottish Women's and Gender History and Women Historians in Scotland: Past, Present and Future Directions by Katie Barclay and Rebecca Mason; David Hume and the Jacobites by [Max Skjónsborg](https://www.morvern.com) and Courage, Fear and the Experience of the Later Medieval Scottish Soldier by [Alastair J. Macdonald](https://www.morvern.com). [The Scottish Historical Review: Vol 102, No 3 \(eupublishing.com\)](https://www.eupublishing.com)

BLOGS

- Among the many research articles on the National Records of Scotland website is a piece on the history of Scottish midwives. [Safe Delivery: A History of Scottish Midwives | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)
- *Grassroots hutting: an architecture borrowed from the soil* by Graham Briggs, project manager for skills and materials at the Engine Shed: [Grassroots hutting: an architecture borrowed from the soil - Engine Shed](https://www.engine-shed.co.uk)
- Dive into the diaries of Anne Lister (TV's Gentleman Jack) and uncover the places she visited on her 1828 Scottish tour. [A Scottish Adventure with Anne Lister - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](https://www.historicenvironment.scot.blog)
- Professor Richard Oram discusses the origins of the mythical great wood of Caledon in this article: [9\) The Mythical Great Wood of Caledon \(Part 1: Origins\) | LinkedIn](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)
- Unearthing Morison's Haven, a once-thriving port near Prestonpans in East Lothian, now long-deserted. Clare Stubbs, digital imaging specialist, delves into the archives to explore its past: [Morison's Haven – Part 1 – Open Book \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)
[Morison's Haven – Part 2 – Open Book \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)
- Read Lorraine Murray's blog about this fountain which has been in the east end of Glasgow for the last 110 years. [The Dennistoun Saracen Fountain – The Archivist History Blog \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.archivisthistory.com)
- What secrets can archives and science reveal about the Crown of Scotland? Reed Hudson, Senior Metals Conservator, Historic Environment Scotland takes a look: [The Crown of Scotland: A History of Craft and Care - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](https://www.historicenvironment.scot.blog)

WATCH & LISTEN

If you are a regular reader of this part of Clish-Clash you may appreciate the following from Charles Moore in *The Spectator*.

'Our granddaughter, who is five has recently discovered the joys of the wireless. To her, it is magic when you switch it on, a conversation or piece of music is already playing which you have not selected. Until now, she had not heard anything broadcast that she or her parents had not chosen. She is entranced by what she thinks is a form of eavesdropping. I think she has accidentally identified why I have never felt totally at ease with a multi-channel world in which you preselect what you hear. Choosing for yourself can be limiting, and knowing what you are going to hear can be boring. I half prefer the days when you just pressed the knob and took what came.'

- [PBS America continues to deliver high quality content. As well as an excellent documentary about the](https://www.pbsamerica.co.uk/) assassination of **President Kennedy**, there was recently a 2-part documentary about the **Irish Famine**. Catch up via Freeview Play or watch out on their schedule for a repeat. <https://www.pbsamerica.co.uk/>
- **Union** presented by historian David Olusoga is well worth a catchup on BBC iPlayer. Over 4 excellent episodes this major series charts the background and evolution of the United Kingdom. <http://tinyurl.com/ntd4wbjt>
- A recent visit of the **Antiques Roadshow** to Glasgow's Pollok Park has plenty of items of interest including several pieces of silver used in a royal handwashing ritual that prompts the biggest reaction among the crowd. <http://tinyurl.com/5abvs9cu>
- **The Long View** does what it says on the tin. It aims to put a current 'hot' issue into perspective by drawing from history to remind us that most issues have followed a long pattern. Episodes include 'The Long Shadows of Dominant Leaders' and 'Political Comebacks' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001fm9n>
- **Private Passions** is a regular series on BBC Radio 3. A recent edition featured the actor **Brian Cox** who was born in Dundee in 1946. His choice of music is as wide-ranging as his career. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001r877>
- **Helen Lewis: Great Wives** is an excellent listen as she surveys what it takes to live with someone who changes the world. In a 5-part programme of 15 minutes per episode Lewis looks at the power of creative couples in the world of royalty as well as politics and philanthropy. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000z0cv>
- **The Empire of Tea** was a worthwhile listen about this essential commodity which was Britain's favourite drink. Its very much tied in with Britain's imperial past and is a fascinating account of how a 17th century luxury turned into a necessity for almost everyone. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m001t30b>
- **RNLI: 200 Voices**. In the run-up to its 200th anniversary in March 2024, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has released bite size talks featuring celebrity endorsers, serving crew and people who have been rescued. Listen to a new voice every day, for 200 days, from around and across the UK and Ireland - and beyond. Expect stories of kindness, courage and pride, all sharing how the charity's lifesavers have made a difference - and continue to help save lives today. <https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history/2024/200-voices>
- **On Reading The Making of the English Working Class** BBC Radio 3 recently featured a series of talks by five writers to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the publication of Edward Thompson's classic of social and labour history, *The Making of the English Working Class*. The talks, all about 15 minutes long, are available on BBC iPlayer. The first is by historian Sheila Rowbotham; the second is by historian and biographer Geoff Andrews; the third by writer and historian Christina Fryar; the fourth by broadcaster David Aaronovitch; and the fifth by writer Natasha Carthew, All five talks are available at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001svy9>
- **Ramsay MacDonald: Labour's First Prime Minister** is presented by historian David Torrance. MacDonald was the first Labour Prime Minister in 1924 and Torrance explains how he navigated the tensions between radicalism and respectability within the party. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001vcgv>
A new season of the series '**History on the Edge**' has recently appeared on BBC Radio 4 and it very interesting. One episode is called '**The Tinker Experiment**' which takes us to Scotland to look at how the authorities tried to get Gypsy Travellers to leave their nomadic traditions. The final programme in the series was a visit to **Lennox Castle Hospital** and highlights the benefits of oral history as a powerful method of undertaking research. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001pmbx>
- **Archive on 4** which is a BBC Radio 4 series has recently had a focus on Glasgow. In an episode called 'Motorway City' Allan Little examines the impact of the motorway era on Scotland's biggest city. Glasgow has more miles of urban motorway than any other city in the UK. Unusually, the M8 directly bisects the urban city centre, encompassing one of the busiest river crossings in Europe, the Kingston Bridge. Work began on the M8 almost 60 years ago in 1965, and was completed just over half a century ago in 1972, fundamentally altering the urban fabric of Glasgow and the central belt as a whole. Allan explores the modernist thinking of the time to understand the utopian vision of the 20th century urban planners who reshaped post-war Britain, initiating a nationwide infrastructure project that would see the construction of 2,300 miles of motorway. He speaks to architects and urban planners to hear how modern cities might be transformed once more to better meet the needs of their citizens at a human, liveable scale. He also charts the history of motorway protest, from Newbury to London, Glasgow's Pollok Free State to the rise of modern day 'locking on'. He hears about Replace the M8, a group that believes the costs of the motorway slicing through Glasgow are larger than its benefits, and are reimagining an alternative future without it. Through archival documentary footage and promotional films, Allan looks back on the heyday of the motorway era in Glasgow and beyond, and asks what the future might hold.

HISTORY NEWS

■ Following the launch of the **Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society's** inaugural Young Researcher Competition, a winner has been chosen. She is Sophia Earle, a 16-year-old student from St Joseph's College, Dumfries; and her winning entry is 'Dumfries' Dark Past: Dissection of a Death Mask'. A presentation ceremony was held at St Joseph's College on Tuesday, 20 February when Sophia was presented with her certificate and a cheque for £250. The death mask of Robert Smith is on display at the Dumfries Museum and available online. Sophia's article can be viewed in full on the DGNHAS website: [Sophia Earle: Winner of the DGNHAS Young Researcher Competition | DGNHAS](#)

■ The archaeological remains of a settlement in Glen Brittle on the Isle of Skye dating back to the 17th century have been discovered during forestry works. [Ruined Skye township found under 1970s tree plantation - BBC News](#)

WHAT'S ON

■ **Exploring Dornoch's Heritage.** A weekly course led by Dr Susan Cruse of ARCH is running until the 9 May. Find out how to get involved: [Exploring Dornoch's Heritage \[Dornoch\] - ARCH Highland](#)

■ (Un)Seen, (Un)Heard: Celebrating Young LGBTQ+ Voices in Perth. A K Bell Library, Perth, 27 February to 26 March 2024. In partnership with Perth and Kinross Archive, LGBT Youth Scotland and GLOW, a free exhibition will mark LGBT History Month 2024. This is part of the (Un)Seen (Un)Heard project by LGBT Youth Scotland, which captures and shares the experiences of young LGBT+ people in Scotland, Find out more: [\(Un\)seen, \(Un\)heard: Celebrating Young LGBTQ+ Voices in Perth - Culture Perth & Kinross \(culturepk.org.uk\)](#)

■ **Verdant Works, Dundee** is hosting an exhibition until 1 April on TB which looks at its effect on the mill workers of the 19th century and how it is still affecting millions worldwide. [Exhibit - Tackling TB: Dundee Scientists Fighting The Killer Cough - Verdant Works](#)

■ **Early Censuses of Dingwall.** Talk by Jonathan McColl to Dingwall History Society, 19.30-20.30, Thursday, 7 March 2024, St Clements Church Hall (at Cromartie Car Park), Dingwall.

■ **Historic Engineering in East Sutherland... and the train that stopped for a PHEW.** Talk by Robin Sutherland organised by Dornoch Heritage Society, 19.30-20.30, Thursday, 7 March 2024, Royal Dornoch Golf Club.

■ **In their footsteps: the Northern Pilgrims Way.** Talk by Jane Coll to Caithness Family History Society, 19.00-20.00, Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at West Church Hall, Thurso. Free, donations welcome.

■ **Legacy of Victory – Observations on the History of Camperdown Park.** A talk by Christopher Dingwall to Abertay Historical Society. 18.30-19.30, Wednesday 13 March 2024, at Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN. Members free, non-members by donation.

■ **Legacy of Victory – Observations on the History of Camperdown Park | Scottish Local History Forum (slhf.org)**

■ **South Scotland's largest community buyout – creating the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve.** A lecture by Jenny Barlow, Estate Manager, Tarras Valley Nature Reserve, to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society. 19.30-21.00, Friday, 15 March 2024 at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries, DG2 9AW. Members free, non-members £4.

[South Scotland's largest community buyout - Creating the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

■ **Scotland Underground.** A talk by Bruce Keith to Clydebank Local History Society. 19.30-20.45, Monday 18 March 2024, Dalmuir Barclay Church, Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JH. Members free, visitors £2. [Scotland Underground | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

■ **Researching the History of a Street.** A talk by Barclay Price to the Scottish Genealogy Society. 19.30-21.30, Monday, 18 March 2024, Augustine United Church Centre, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL Members free, non-members by donation. [Researching the History of a Street | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

■ **Strathblane Rocks!** A talk by Alan McKirdy to the Strathblane Heritage Society, 19.30-21.30, Monday, 18 March 2024, The Village Club, 20-22 Glasgow Road, Blanefield, Glasgow, G63 9BP. Members free, guests £3. [Strathblane Rocks! and AGM | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

■ **'Are we nearly there yet?' – A journey exploring Scotland's milestones.** A talk by Bruce Keith to Cromarty History Society, 19.30-20.30, Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at Victoria Hall, Cromarty. Members free, non-members £3.

■ **The Gaelic Revival: Developments in Education, Broadcasting and the Arts, 1980s to 2020s.** A talk by Iain MacilleChiar to Inverness Field Club, 19.00-20.00, Wednesday, 20 March 2024, Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness.

■ **The Great North Road: the A9 through the ages.** A talk by Jim Miller to Clyne Heritage Society, 19.00-20.00, Thursday, 21 March 2024, Community Centre Lounge, Brora Primary School. Free.

■ **The 1921 Census: How does it help us discover our past?** A talk by Tessa Spencer, National Records of Scotland, to Gullane and Dirleton History Society. 19.30-20.45, Thursday, 21 March 2024, Dirleton Kirk Hall, Manse Road, Dirleton, EH39 5EL. Members free. Non members asked for a donation of £3. [The 1921 Census: How does it help us discover our past? | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

■ **Update on recent archaeological investigations in NE Scotland.** A talk by Professor Gordon Noble to the Moray Society, 19.00-20.00, Friday, 22 March 2024, Elgin Museum. Members free, non-members £4 (£2 students) Booking essential: [Welcome to Elgin Museum! - Elgin Museum](#)

■ **Highland Heritage Day.** 10.00-15.30, Saturday, 23 March 2024, Dingwall Academy [Highland Heritage Day 2024 \(Dingwall\) - ARCH Highland](#)

- **Kings on the Move: The Case of the Great Viking Army.** Online talk by Dr Shane McLeod, organised by UHI Institute for Northern Studies, 19.00, Thursday, 28 March 2024. Free. Booking: [Institute for Northern Studies - Public events and seminars - 'Kings on the Move: The Case of the Great Viking Army' with Dr Shane McLeod \(uhi.ac.uk\)](#)
- **Ben Lomond: history of the mountain and surrounding area.** A talk by Alastair Eckersall, Property Manager and Ranger/Naturalist for the National Trust for Scotland, to Drymen and District Local History Society. 19.30- 21.00, Thursday, 28 March 2024, Drymen Village Hall, 3 Main Street, Drymen, G63 0BP. Free to members, visitors £3. [Ben Lomond: history of the mountain and the surrounding area | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)
- **Archaeology on the Rhins: recent work on the route of the Rhins Coastal Path.** Lecture by Dr Graeme Cavers, AOC Archaeology Group to Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society. 19.30-21.00, Friday, 28 March 2024 at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries, DG2 9AW. Free to members, £4 for non-members. [Archaeology on the Rhins: recent work on the route of the Rhins Coastal Path | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)
- **Highland Retreats.** A talk by Mary Miers to Lochaber Local History Society, 20.00-21.00, Monday, 1 April 2024, Highland Cinema, Fort William. Members free, non-members £5.
- **William Roy's Map and the 45 Rebellion.** A talk by David Simpson to Loch Ard Local History Group. 19.30-21.00, Wednesday, 3 April 2024, Kinlochard Village Hall, Kinlochard, FK8 3TL. £15 per year members, £4 per meeting guests. [William Roy's Map and the 45 Rebellion. | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)
- **The 2024 Ian MacDougall Memorial Lecture** will explore the lives of Peeblesshire textile workers and the process of telling their stories. It will take place on 4 April 2024 at the National Library of Scotland. *Border Mills: Lives of Peeblesshire Textile Workers* is a new book based on a series of oral history interviews the late Ian MacDougall made with mill workers between 1996 and 2004. Charting a period of immense change across all aspects of textile manufacturing in the Scottish Borders, the book documents the lives and work of a generation who lived through both World Wars and worked in an industry in flux, with new innovations in mechanised processes and fibres. Caroline Milligan, Researcher at the European Ethnological Research Centre, University of Edinburgh, will discuss how she returned to Ian's research as editor and the process of bringing a collection of oral history recordings out from the archives to a publication. The book, published in collaboration with National Museums Scotland, will be available to purchase at the event. Following Caroline's talk, The Mills of Tweeddale Project will give a presentation on their new oral history project, which aims to preserve the contemporary history and heritage of the Tweeddale textile industry. Launched in March 2023, this is a partnership between Peebles Civic Society and Peebles Library, Museum and Gallery, the Innerleithen Community Trust and the Walkerburn Community Development Trust. Watch the National Library of Scotland website for how to book: www.nls.uk/whats-on
- **Slaves and Highlanders: Slavery in the Plantations of the Caribbean.** A talk by David Alston to the Portree Local History Society, 19.30-20.30, Monday, 8 April 2024, Portree Community Centre.
- **Timothy Pont.** A talk by Jim Miller to Caithness Family History Society on the 16th century mapmaker originally from Caithness, 19.00-20.00, Tuesday, 9 April 2024, Castlehill Heritage Centre, Castletown. Free, donations welcome.
- **From Deep Time to Our Time – The Work of the Cateran Ecomuseum.** A talk by Clare Cooper and Laura Jayne to Abertay Historical Society. 18.30-19.30, Wednesday, 10 April 2024, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN. Free - donations from non-members welcome. [From Deep Time to Our Time – The Work of the Cateran Ecomuseum | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)
- **1909: The Greatest Year in Royal Dornoch History.** A talk by Todd Warnock to Dornoch Heritage Society, 19.30-20.30, Thursday, 11 April 2024, Royal Dornoch Golf Club.
- **Celebrating ARCH.** Celebrating ARCH's achievements over the last 15 years and planning for the future. 11.00-13.00, Saturday, 13 April 2024, Goods Shed, Strathpeffer Station. Refreshments available. [Celebrating ARCH \[Strathpeffer\] - ARCH Highland](#)
- **Captain John Orr and the History of the Scottish Naval and Military Academy.** A talk by Rosslyn MacPhail to the Scottish Genealogy Society. 19.30-21.00, Monday, 15 April 2024 Augustine United Church Centre, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL. Free for members; small donation from non-members [Captain John Orr and the History of the Scottish Naval and Military Academy | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)
- **Papers relating to the Black Isle in National Archives: non local sources for local history.** A talk by Nicola Mills to Cromarty History Society, 19.30-20.30, Tuesday, 16 April 2024, Victoria Hall, Cromarty.
- **Slavery and the Machair Chat: East Sutherland and the Plantations of the Caribbean.** A talk by David Alston to Clyne Heritage Society, 19.00-20.00, Thursday, 18 April 2024, Community Centre Lounge, Brora Primary School. Free.
- **The Northern Isles and Scotland in the Anglo-Saxon Mappa Mundi.** An online talk by Dr Oisín Plumb, organised by UHI Institute for Northern Studies, 19.00, Thursday, 25 April 2024. Free. Booking: [Institute for Northern Studies - Public events and seminars - The Northern Isles and Scotland in the Anglo Saxon mappa mundi with Dr Oisín Plumb \(uhi.ac.uk\)](#)
- **Tinsmiths and Travellers.** A talk by Eric Grant to the North Kessock and District Local History Society, 19.00-20.00, Wednesday, 1 May 2024, The Bowling Club, 21 Ferry Brae, North Kessock IV1 3YH.
- **Scottish Maps Forum Seminar – The Premodern Scottish Place: Mapping, Chorography, History, Landscape, Literature.** NLS Causewayside Building and online, Friday, 3 May 2024. Register for a place: [Scottish Maps Forum seminar - 3 May 2024 \(office.com\)](#)
- **Egyptology in Dundee – its origins to the present day.** A talk by Averil Anderson to the Abertay Historical Society. 18.30-20.00, Wednesday, 8 May 2024 Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN. Free - donations from non-members welcome. [AGM & Egyptology in Dundee – its origins to the present day | Scottish Local History Forum \(slhf.org\)](#)

- **Islay History – Comparative Approaches.** An online talk by David Caldwell and Ronald Black, organised by the Society of Highland & Island Historical Research. 19.30, Tuesday 14 May 2024. Members free, non-members £5 donation. Booking: [Online lectures – Society of Highland & Island Historical Research \(highlandhistoricalresearch.com\)](https://www.slhf.org/events)
- **The Early National Censuses of Dingwall.** An online talk by Jonathan McColl organised by Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Group, Wednesday, 15 May 2024. Membership £5 per annum. Apply: [Online talk: The Early National Censuses of Dingwall - ARCH Highland](https://www.slhf.org/events)
- **Clyne Heritage Society’s Archives: an evaluation.** A talk by Dawn Evers to Clyne Heritage Society, 19.00-20.00, Thursday, 16 May 2024, Community Centre Lounge, Brora Primary School. Free.

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MEET AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER – LUCY DEAN



Lucy Dean is a senior lecturer at the Centre for History, University of the Highlands and Islands, researching and teaching on late medieval and early modern Scotland and Europe with a range of interwoven research interests and specialisms including ritual, commemoration and funerary practices, kingship and royal power, material culture methods and approaches, gendered identity and the life cycle (with a particular interest in youth/ coming of age and old age). I am also a keen advocate in and for public and community history, and currently lead UHI’s flagship third-year Public History module. My first monograph – titled *Death and the Royal Succession in Scotland, c.1214– 1543: Ritual, Ceremony and Power* – is currently in production, forthcoming later in 2024 with the St Andrews Scottish History Series, Boydell and Brewer. While one of my newer areas of research explores kingship, masculinity and coming of age in late medieval Scotland, with the long-term aim of undertaking a significant comparative project comparing gendered ideals and experiences of elite men in late medieval and early modern Scotland.

I have undertaken various projects and outreach activities with national and local heritage organisations, including Stirling History Society, Historic Environment Scotland (including a commissioned report on the Royal Honours), Royal Collections Trust, Culture Perth and Kinross, Perthshire Society of Natural Science (archaeology and history), and I was on the advisory committee for the reinterpretation of the Stone of Destiny at the new Perth Museum. I am also the co-investigator on the Perth Charterhouse project, which is working to employ public and community history methods, in collaboration with local partners like Culture Perth and Kinross, to explore Perth’s medieval past with an aim of supporting community cohesion and wellbeing in the present.

CAN YOU HELP?

Kirkcaldy Probus Club is looking for a speaker on the subject of the local Raith Estate. Let us know if you can help.

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QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

Wonderful line from **Lord Hayward**, the Conservative peer and elections analyst to whom I spoke last week, which I intend to use a lot this year: **‘An opinion poll is only a prediction of what might have happened yesterday.’**
John Rentoul *the Independent*.

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