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SAFHS Conference 2011, Edinburgh

Preparations continue apace for the 22nd SAFHS Conference to be held on Saturday 25th June 2011 at Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HR.

As well as our 4 key Speakers, Richard Hunter of the City of Edinburgh Archives, Tristram Clarke of the NAS (on Episcopal records), Duncan Macniven, the Registrar-General (on the 1911 Census), and Andrew Nicoll of the Catholic Archives, we have arranged a wide range of stalls. Not only will many of our Scottish sister societies be present, but others such as the Anglo-Italian Society and Families in British India Society have booked.

Furthermore there will be a number of "official" organisations present, such as ScotlandsPeople, NAS, Lothian Health Board Archives and the National Library of Scotland, to date. There will also be the opportunity to browse book stalls, second-hand book stalls and postcard stalls.

Delegate Forms can be downloaded from the SGS website, which will soon also carry details about parking and offloading.

Bookings are still coming in! As they arrive, they're added to the Conference section of our website
www.scotsgenealogy.com

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Future SAFHS Conferences

2012 Tay Valley FHS & Fife FHS, Bonar Halls, Dundee University

2013 Borders FHS, date and venue to be confirmed

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

The next Council meeting of SAFHS is on Saturday, 15 October 2011, at 1 pm, in the Boardroom, Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh.

The AGM 2012 is on Saturday, 10 March 2012, 1 pm, in the Boardroom, Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh. The Council Meeting follows at 2.15 pm.

The second 2012 Council Meeting is on Saturday 13 October 2012, at 1 pm, in the Boardroom, Central Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh.

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

REMINDER

Since SAFHS was founded, there has been an arrangement whereby a member of any SAFHS member society, on production of their membership card, will be granted use of another member society's research facilities, free of charge.

Can you please make sure that all your voluntary staff members are made aware of this arrangement, in order to avoid any embarrassment.

AGM, 5 March 2011 Chairman's Report

Since the last AGM there have been many Family History Fairs and other events throughout the country. One of the high points of the year was the excellent SAFHS Conference in Livingston at which everyone was made to feel so welcome. The event was very well-organised by West Lothian FHS, and it was well-supported by the local council, who provided an excellent civic reception. There have also

been family history fairs at Dundee, Nairn, Melrose, Troon and Dumfries, and many other events which have been of interest to the family historian and the local public alike. I hope that you will all give your full support to the SGS as the hosts of this year's Conference in Edinburgh, and I am assured that there are still stands available to SAFHS member societies - remember that you get a table free of charge at the Family history fair associated with the Conference. Please also remind your membership that the success of the Annual Conference depends on the active participation of the delegates, so let's see a lot of people there.

Some of the member societies have commented that there has been a slight decline in membership over the past year, and that sales of publications have also fallen. It may be that this was a consequence of the over-exposure associated with the 'Homecoming 2009' events, or possibly just a reflection of the overall economic climate. It is more likely, though, that it is a mixture of these and other factors.

Your executive has been very active over the past year. Ken and I have attended meetings at GRO(S), including discussions on the merger of GRO(S) and the NAS and future proposals for the ScotlandsPeople service. Andrew Eadie has represented SAFHS on the Scottish Council on Archives. I have attended meetings of the newly-convened VisitScotland Ancestral Tourism Steering Group. This group, established to plan for Homecoming 2014, is under the Chairmanship of Dr Bruce Durie of the University of Strathclyde, and has been given the remit of discussing possible outline plans for 2014. It is to consider the proportional representation of Family History, Local History, Culture, Art, Music and Clan affairs in order to avoid the imbalance which affected the 2009 event and to discuss specific proposals at these early stages of the planning. I also represent SAFHS on the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland, which has a rather wide-ranging brief. My remit is to ensure that graveyards and tombstones are considered as a major part of the carved stone heritage of Scotland.

Janet Bishop, as Editor, has continued to work very hard to expand the Bulletin, and I am sure that you will all agree that the larger format, and the inclusion of photographs and a diary all add to the interest. Margaret Mackay continues to be the face of SAFHS at several Family History Fairs, and has ensured that the SAFHS publications are well-known in the family history world, especially the new 'Parishes' book.

Overall, it seems that SAFHS is not only of benefit to its own members, but is also beginning to be more widely recognised as a serious partner to well-respected bodies within Scotland.

Bruce B Bishop
3rd March 2011

Editor:

At the AGM John Irvine was appointed Treasurer, and 3 new member groups were confirmed: Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives (AGRA); Buckie & District Fishing Heritage Centre; Standard Life Family History Club.

National Records of Scotland (NRS)

It has been announced that from 1 April 2011 the new name of the merged NAS/GROS organization will be the National Records of Scotland – NRS.

The following strapline will also be adopted: "preserving the past; recording the present; informing the future"

1911 Census Transcription by Family History Societies

I am happy to confirm that there is no need to seek GROS permission if a family history society or individual wants to transcribe the 1911 census material or create an index. However as the 1911 Census records, as with all other records held by GROS, are covered by Crown copyright, GROS permission *is* required before any kind of publication can be undertaken. We would not normally see any difficulty in giving that permission for localised areas; larger scale transcription of the census records or creation of indexes however, may not be permitted. **Denise Cowan, GROS**

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met twice since October in Edinburgh, and minutes of the meetings have been sent to member societies.

For personal reasons, Deputy Chairman, Andrew Eadie, has decided to step down from his post, with immediate effect. The post will be advertised in the usual way in due course.

Website

Would you please submit anything you have for the website to Doug on webmaster@safhs.org.uk – any changes to your website contact should also be sent direct to Doug.

Contacts List

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

ScotlandsPeople Vouchers – Orders

All orders for ScotlandsPeople Vouchers should be sent to John W Irvine, Treasurer, at 3 Grants Wynd, Bridgefoot, Angus, DD3 0RZ. All orders must be accompanied by a cheque and should include postage, as per the current agreement, which is £6 for 21-100 vouchers, £8 for 101-200 vouchers, and £10 for over 200 vouchers.

Graveyard Inventory

When member societies publish new MI books, it would be appreciated if they could let Margaret Mackay know, as the CD may be updated at some point in the future.

Project Working Group

Anyone wishing to become involved in the Project Working Group, for future SAFHS publications, please contact Bruce Bishop, the convenor. The group's meetings are usually on a Sunday, lasting for around 5 hours, and reasonable travelling expenses are paid.

ScotlandsPeople Executive Committee

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

ScotlandsPeople User Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

The Scottish Council on Archives

Andrew Eadie has represented SAFHS on this group.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Steering Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

News from Member Societies

Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS

The Aberdeen meetings of the ANESFHS continue to be well-attended, as do the meetings of the Glasgow, Edinburgh and Moray/Banff branches.

The Aberdeen meeting in September was a talk by Professor Arnold Morrison on the "Scottish silver-miners in Patagonia", and in October Fiona-Jane Brown spoke about "Faith, Fear and Folk Narrative in Scottish Fishing Communities. The backbone of her work, which had now been expanded from the original work on the northeast fishing communities to include Shetland and the Outer Hebrides, is based on oral reminiscence, folk lore, and traditional stories. Many hours of interviews, always raising a specific topic, resulted in a selection of audio clips, interspersed with her own comments and interpretations, which gave the audience a picture not only of the part that the fishermen's faith played in their lives, but also their own beliefs in the supernatural, and above all their faith in their own abilities.

In November John Dunn spoke about William Murray, a 19th-century emigrant to the USA in his talk "A Boddam loon makes good". William's paranoia about banks, bankers and solicitors made it quite difficult to follow his life story, as he used numerous addresses and 19 different aliases. This informative and entertaining talk gave the audience a good picture of the difficulties which could be encountered when researching such a character.

The Christmas Social in December was, as always, well attended, and in January there was the usual "Beginners talk and workshop", where members were invited to speak to the experts.

The Glasgow meeting in October was a talk by the Revd Alan Sorensen, the minister of Greenock Wellpark Mid Kirk, who,

despite a laptop failure, gave an un-illustrated but hilarious and unexpectedly racy talk on why he is "Addicted to Ancestors". The November talk was given by Richard Torrance of the SGS, on "Scottish Photographers pre-1914". Richard's vast collection of photographs, and his extensive knowledge of the subject, provided a fascinating talk for the audience.

At the February meeting the audience was treated to a talk on "The Railways of Aberdeen", by Don Martin.

In Edinburgh the September meeting was a talk by Danny Cordiner on "Computers, websites and DNA", in which Danny gave an informative look at using the internet as an alternative resource for research, and also gave an introduction to DNA genealogy, sharing some interesting insights based on his own family history research. In November the branch had a "Members Day", at which not only were some quite contentious issues discussed, but many of the lesser-known sources were explored. Websites were also discussed, and a note of caution was sounded about the use of some websites, especially those sites with an input from other people's research, in which source references were not always given. This long and extremely well-received meeting went on almost until everyone was thrown out of the Royal Scots Club. In January Ken Nisbet of the SGS gave a most interesting talk to a packed audience, on "Newspapers in Family History".

The Moray/Banff branch meeting in September was a "Discussion Forum", at which several members had some quite interesting points and queries to raise. The December meeting, which was to have been a Palaeography workshop, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the snow.

Membership continues to be quite strong, although there was a slight fall in membership during 2010. The research centre continues to be very busy, and you will always receive a warm welcome when you visit King Street.

Latest Publications: MI for Echt, price £3.00, MI for the Kirkyard of Peterculter, price £3.00.

For further information contact: *Hon Secretary, Aberdeen and NE Scotland FHS, 158-164 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5BD. Tel 01224 646323; Fax 01224 639096.*

Alloway & S Ayrshire FHS

Our Society has continued to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of the month in the Alloway Church Halls. These have been well attended both by local members and by the public, some of whom have later joined. Typically they include a speaker and some time for research, which is now enhanced with a mobile connection to the Internet. Full details of meetings, together with a brief report afterwards, are publically available on our website at www.asafhs.co.uk in the "Events" and "Activities" sections.

In these meetings, we have enjoyed a variety of topics over recent months: In October, we learned more about "Poor Laws from 1845" from Irene O'Brien including how it was administered and the wealth of detail about family circumstances which could be discovered from the applications

for relief. This was followed in November, by David Webster speaking on "*Military Records*". He gave us a good picture of the development of various Scottish Regiments. He also gave us pointers to where and how we could try to find details of the service records of our soldier ancestors. Mr Webster has kindly given us permission to make the presentation available in the online library on our website for our Members who couldn't attend. In January, Dougal McIntyre recalled the spectacular career of his father, David F. McIntyre, entitling his talk "*From Everest to Prestwick*." Although many of us were well aware of the memorial stained-glass McIntyre window in Alloway Church, with its small aeroplane flying over Everest on its left-hand side, few knew in any detail the full story of this extraordinary man's career and we were given a warm, detailed and inspired picture of his life. In October, we paid a return visit to **Dalgarven Mill**. This country life museum contains a wealth of objects, often with details of the local families which used them in times past. In December, we held our annual Social Evening in a local hotel and had an illustrated talk given by Tom Barclay on the "**Franco Scottish Wine Trade**" which has a long and fascinating history, particularly for the port of Ayr.

Future talks this session include the "**History of St Andrew's Ambulance**" by Brenda Kidd on 15 February and "**Auld Ayr**" by Sheena Andrew on 15 March, which will take place, as usual, in Alloway Church Hall at 7.45 pm. On 19 May, we will be at **The McKechnie Institute** in Girvan when Sheila and Andrew Dinwoodie will give a talk on "**Girvan – The Boer War Connection**". This will give the story of recent research carried out both in Girvan and in South Africa. All are welcome, and details are available on our website.

We have continued our work on giving remote members additional benefits of membership. This has centred on our website with its now fully operational, secure, Members only area. This has a simple way for us to change the content and to add additional material without our having to learn website construction and maintenance procedures. We can easily load articles and other items of interest to the on-line library which is accessible only to members, via the website, and we are getting some positive feedback about this facility and discussions about the content. Unfortunately, as communicated previously, we have had to withdraw our offer to include articles from other FHSs due to their concerns about open publishing, which it specifically is not, being for Members only and not even seen by search engines. To help with this for the content we do include, we are looking into the new, simpler, "Creative Commons" licencing for intellectual property.

Our on-line Members' Forums are slowly beginning to be used with an interesting collection of members' questions, experiences, feedback, etc. The linking of this to our on-line guest book, via our membership secretary for filtering purposes, is allowing feedback on the guest's questions by all members with web access. Indeed, we have found more members taking part in the research task for those unable to do this personally. This leads to a new problem we have identified – we are leaving behind some of our local members who do not have web access, so we now need to look to their needs – a complete reversal of the problems identified a year or so ago. Remote members, typically, have web access and communicate via that medium and are happy with the concept of "Virtual Organisations". They want more interaction via the Web and

the documents we have available to be on-line or made available to them electronically. If we can help local members to take the step to join this community, then we may see a change in direction for the society.

For further information contact any committee member via the "**Contact**" section of our website at www.asafhs.co.uk or:

The Secretary, Alloway and Southern Ayrshire FHS, c/o Alloway Public Library, Doonholm Road, Ayr, KA7 4QQ

Anglo-Scottish FHS

Our programme was once again both interesting and informative. We had a presentation on 'The British Fisheries' with the subtitle 'Speed dating with 500 Years of History' detailing the growth of British Fisheries from the 1600's to the present day and the effect this had on drawing Scots south in an annual work led migration. Another presentation was about 'Things your Granny told you', how such sayings and remedies could have arisen or have a basis in fact. We also had our usual meetings devoted to member's ancestral breakthroughs which is always popular and so often gives a clue to solving one's own problems. Members also attended various Family History Fairs promoting the benefits of Society membership.

Meetings are well attended with new members finding the advice and help from more experienced members and the use of the Resource Centre facilities prior to our presentations invaluable. We also contributed to a series of beginners talks organised by our parent Society, outlining the facilities and methodology available to researchers after Scottish ancestors.

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

For further information contact: Michael J Couper

Website: www.mlfhs.org.uk/AngloScots

Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives



AGRA attended the WDYTYA Live event at Olympia over the weekend of 25-27 February 2010, and in partnership with ASGRA had a busy weekend, answering enquiries ranging from how to become a professional genealogist to requests for help with family history. The photo shows members William Bortrick (SAFHS



Rep) and Nick Barratt at the show.

As part of the weekend, Ian Marson (Chairman of AGRA) gave a talk and presentation on how to find a professional genealogist and the advantages of using accredited researchers who are members of AGRA and ASGRA.

Membership continues to grow steadily, keeping the Board of Assessors busy with the process of checking that applications meet the required standard of expertise for acceptance.

The Annual General meeting takes place in May which will include a full day where members can meet and discuss matters informally, enjoy a buffet lunch, and then listen to a visiting speaker, followed by the formal business of the AGM.

Looking ahead, AGRA will be holding a professional day in September in London - further details will be announced in due course.

For further information contact: *Secretary, AGRA, 43 Bowes Wood, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8QL*

Association of Scottish Genealogists & Researchers in Archives



At our recent AGM, Val Wilson took over from Margaret Hubble as Hon Secretary.

Five of our members attended WDYTYA at Olympia, in partnership with AGRA. It was a very enjoyable and beneficial weekend, as well as exhausting, and we look forward to planning the same for next year. The photo shows Alan MacLeod in full regalia, flying the ASGRA flag.

We admitted Carolyn McNicholl as a probationer in December and wish her well with her assignments for full membership.

On a downside, Elizabeth Mortimer retired in January and Diane Baptie has also decided to retire from ASGRA. Elizabeth is a past Chairman, and Diane a past Treasurer and Chairman of ASGRA. Their experience and expertise will be greatly missed.

For further information contact:
Janet M Bishop, Chairman, ASGRA, 259 Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife, KY4 8LG

Website: www.asgra.co.uk

Borders FHS

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

The early snow and severe conditions forced us to cancel the November meeting at which Colin Murray was to have spoken, however, he will now be speaking at the same venue on 20th March.

Our archive at Old Gala House, Galashiels is re-opening on 5th April. It will be open until 27th October every Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. and also for the same hours on Tuesdays and Fridays but by appointment only. While strictly speaking no booking is required for a Thursday visit, because of the small size of the room booking is nevertheless strongly advised and is necessary at all other times. Booking should be made via our website.

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

Our Poor Law project in partnership with Scottish Borders Archives and Local History Centre in Hawick to index digitised poor law records and transcribe core information, and to publish them for sale, is ongoing. We featured as a case study at the launch event for the Visualising Urban Geography project run by the University of Edinburgh and the National Library of Scotland; using the tools produced by this project we've produced an interactive web map of poor relief recipients in Scotland and further afield. This currently reflects only our Jedburgh and Melrose publications, but it will be augmented as we publish further volumes. See the introductory blog at <http://blog.bordersfhs.org.uk/2011/03/visualising-urban-geography-launch.html> that has a link to the interactive map.



Residential Addresses of Poor Law Recipients in Jedburgh and Melrose

Our website, www.bordersfhs.org.uk, has steady usage, attracting new members and higher publications sales. There are searchable indexes to our MI volumes, magazine articles, queries, family trees, surname interests, poor law volumes and

forums. We have a blog, too. Work is still under way on adding requests for research, and publication sales to the website.

The facility to record surname interests is still very popular, and it is open for everyone to record their interests, not just members. The number of interests recorded encompasses more than 2,300 distinct surnames, all over Scotland, and many in England and overseas too. With the addition of new burial places, our MIs now cover over 4,900 distinct surnames in the Borders. The 550 family trees held now cover more than 4,100 distinct surnames. The forums have become more popular, too. We hope that other Societies will make these facilities known to their members.

In February, Laragh Quinney gave a really interesting talk titled 'Maps as Historical Sources - an Introduction to Historical Maps of the Borders'.

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

We've set up a 50-50 club to help raise money towards acquiring premises. The club is open to non-members, and an annual subscription (12 draws) costs £12. Each draw there are 2 prizes, a 1st prize, and a 2nd prize. Prizes not won are carried forward to the next draw. Each of the prize funds currently stands at £30. More details at

www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHS50-50ClubForm1.asp

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

We're also reprinting the Monumental Inscriptions volumes for Greenlaw, Stichill & Hume, Yetholm, and revising and making extensive additions to the Kelso I volume to include transcriptions and photographs of all the stones in Kelso old churchyard, Kelso Abbey and St Andrews Episcopal Church, and a list of funerals and dates in Kelso from 1798 to 1813.

Others are working on Borders police and criminal records, and poor relief records for various parishes.

Our remaining programme for 2010/2011 is below:

20 March 2011: Small Island, Big World: Border Roots: Colin Murray – Abbey Row Centre, Kelso, TD5 7BJ

27 March 2011: Visit to Clapperton Collection of Old Photographs: **Booking essential – limited to 40 – book on <http://clappertonsstudiovisit.eventbrite.com/>** - Camera Club, 64 High Street, Selkirk, TD7 4DD

24 April 2011: Dr J Leyden (the famous poet and Orientalist from Denholm) Marjorie Gavin - Denholm Village Hall, Denholm

29 May 2011: AGM: Granny's Bawbees and Other Coins: Peter Munro - Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, TD6 9PN. More details of these meetings on our What's On page, www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHSEventList.asp

We warmly invite you to attend our Society meetings whether

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

For further information contact: Fred Kennington, 35 Corbar Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 6EP, England; or through our website *Contacts page*

Website: www.bordersfhs.org.uk

Family History Society of Buchan



The FHSB is now in its 4th year and continues to go from strength to strength. We hold six meetings per year and, although the January meeting had to be cancelled, we have a variety of speakers booked for the rest of 2011.

These meetings are held in Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead and our programme for this year is as follows:

Monday 28th March, 7-9pm - AGM followed by Fiona Watson, Northern Health Services Archives

Thursday 19th May, 7-9pm - David Catto, Aberdeenshire Library & Information Service

Thursday 30th June, 7-9pm - Phil Astley, Aberdeen City Archives

Monday 12th September, 7-9pm - Sandy Ritchie, "New Deer Folk"

Saturday 12th November, 2-4pm - Gordon Casely, "Railways of the North-East" (To be confirmed)

After many months when our website was out of commission, we now have a new website located at www.buchanroots.co.uk.

We hope to publish our CD of the MIs at St. Fergus Graveyard later this year. Final transcriptions and checking had to be postponed over the winter but, as soon as the weather allows, our trusty band of volunteers will continue with this work. Two books are in preparation for publication – "Peterhead Shipmasters" and "Peterhead Street Roll".

Peterhead Projects Ltd. with whom we share our premises in Peterhead have changed their opening hours, with the result that we have had to do likewise. For the moment, FHSB opening times are:

Monday-Saturday 10a.m.-1.30p.m.

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

Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Centre

The Centre was founded in 1986, when a group of enthusiasts met in a house in Buckie. They discussed the forming of an organisation that would help preserve the heritage of the fishing in Buckie and the surrounding area of Portgordon, Buckpool, Portessie, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen. Ten people attended, and they donated £10 to get the project up and running.

They obtained the use of a small room in the public library in Buckie, and began to collect artefacts from the area. Later they negotiated a lease of the caretaker's cottage at the rear of the public library, which soon filled up with all sorts of artefacts and memorabilia. A small group of volunteers was gathered, and they opened the Cottage, as it was known, and visitors began to turn up, looking for information on the history of the fishing.

The Cottage provided assistance for research, and collected information on the past, present and future history of the area. Progress was remarkable, and the group of founders formed themselves into Buckie District Fishing Heritage Association, which became registered as a Scottish Charity.

It was realised very quickly that the Cottage had insufficient space in which to preserve the continuing flow of artefacts of all sorts from the district. It was agreed to seek out funding for an extension to be built on to the cottage. This was successful, and an amount of just over £180,000 was raised.

In 2006, the upgraded Centre was opened for business, and the visitors once again poured in to see the model fishing boats and the tools used in the industry. The gutting quines were not left out, and their artefacts were set out alongside the coopers, who worked in tandem with the gutters. Gansies (jerseys) were donated along with other woollen garments worn by the fishermen and knitted with such skill by their wives and girlfriends. We proudly boast of having one of the largest and finest collections of model boats in the north east of Scotland.

Schools and other organisations began to visit the centre, and this type of visit is now a regular occurrence, with the children having a look into their past, through the various artefacts and displays in the Centre. They can try on the clothing of their ancestors, and play with the toys from yesteryear, like the Petery Dick, once owned and made by boys and girls many years ago.

Family History began to play a part in the centres activities. The updated facilities include four computers, all online and ready for use for anyone visiting, to look up their family history online. During the Homecoming 2009 a DVD was produced in-house - "Jock Tamsons Bairns" - which was so good that many people began asking if they could buy a copy. We sold over 300 copies of the DVD, which was made as a publicity vehicle for our free offer to trace families who were

coming home from outside Scotland; we traced their family back to 1855 and delivered the history to the visitors when they visited the centre. We managed to trace 62 family records, for families who were coming from all over the world to visit. It was a fantastic success, and the visitors were delighted, as it was not just ancestors but also any boats they owned; their old house was photographed in some instances. It proved that the added value of 'extras' was more than welcome. We hope to repeat a similar offer in the forthcoming planned Homecoming.

Admission to the Centre is free for all, donations are welcome, and the public who have visited add to our coffers very generously as each year passes. The Homecoming 2009 visitors were particularly generous in their donations.

We are currently seeking premises in Buckie, to open a Family History Unit. We have all the equipment ready and are just waiting for sufficient space to fill with our Family History artefacts, which we are hoping to build upon. We have our patron already in place with the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire delighted to patronise the Unit. Lady Clare Russell of Ballindalloch is very keen to see as many historical records of Banffshire returned, where possible, from their currently widespread locations, back to the county of their origin.

We have since 2006 published a number of our own books from the stories of the three main shipyards that once operated in the Buckie area, and an update on an earlier book on the sail and steam era of the fishing boats. We have produced a book on the now defunct Lamp Factory, which once gave jobs to over 200 women in the area. Sadly all are now closed. Our latest book takes on the subject of Tee Names, a local phenomenon, which was practised in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries in the North East of Scotland. The fishing villages were usually founded upon a small number of families, and it soon became apparent that Tee names would be beneficial in identifying which family people using the same surname came from. This has been another best seller. We also sell books by outside agencies such as Bruce Bishop and his various titles.

The Centre has come a long way in 25 years, and it is still looking forward, as well as backwards, to our history. We have recently obtained two state of the art movie cameras and ancillary equipment, which will be used to 'shoot' interviews of our older citizens or any other interesting events which are taking place. The resultant DVDs will be set up alongside our collection of photographs, now nearing ten thousand.

For further information contact:

*Buckie & District Fishing Heritage Centre Ltd, Cluny Place,
Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 1HB, Scotland*

Central Scotland FHS

Attendances at meetings are very good and memberships remain steady. We have a very loyal core, although new members are much appreciated, as they provide new queries and family links for others to investigate.

Those who were able to attend our meetings thoroughly enjoyed the talk by Elspeth King, curator of the Smith Museum, in November, followed in January by Dr Bruce

Durie's excellent talk on tracing your house history. In February, Dee Williams from the ScotlandsPeople Centre gave an excellent talk on the history of the census from the earliest to the impending launch of the 1911 census.



At the Christmas social, we had hoped to celebrate our 21st Anniversary, and plans were made for competitions, a slide show, excellent food, and to cap it all, an anniversary cake, complete with the Society's logo. Then the

weather stepped in! After great debate, we had to cancel on the grounds of health and safety. A generous offer from Celebration Cakes in Dunblane, who had made the cake, resulted in our receiving a fresh cake in January, at no expense to the Society – a much-appreciated gesture. The photo below shows Carole cutting the cake.

Due to proposed alterations at the Smith Museum, we moved in January to the Raploch Campus. Accommodation is lovely and new, but as with all venues there are drawbacks. The attending members will be able to state their preference at the April and May meetings.



Good progress is being made on the transcription of Camelon lair records, with the first CD-rom nearing completion, and similarly we hope to have the burial records available as a CD-rom. When the weather improves, we will finish off the images for Polmont Graveyard.

We should soon have a link to PayPal on our website, which should help simplify publication sales and membership fees.

Many thanks to all the transcribers and checkers, who keep Ian so happy when the sections are returned. Volunteers are always welcome, even if you can only commit to one section.

For further information contact:

The Chairman, Central FHS c/o 18 Melloch Crescent, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, FK13 6QJ, Scotland

Dumfries & Galloway FHS

Encouraged by the increased audience numbers at our lunchtime Saturday meetings in the Kings Arms in Castle Douglas, we are continuing the arrangement this year, with our first meeting being Bruce Durie on 5th March. April sees our AGM, also in Castle Douglas, but at the Douglas Arms on a Tuesday evening. There are two outings in early and late summer – one to Dalbeattie Museum and one to the new Archives Centre in Carlisle. In October we are back at the Kings Arms to hear Chris Paton talk about Online Irish Resources.

We took advantage of the quiet winter months to 'spring-clean' and repaint our premises in Glasgow St. We also spent time re-organising our library system.

After a pause to take stock, we are about to publish another series of MIs. Mr J.E. Birchman transcribed the graveyards of the Machars of Wigtownshire in the late 1970s and his daughter has given us permission to publish. The first book, Mochrum MIs, has already appeared and more will follow. Other MI projects are in the pipeline.

For further information contact: *The Hon Secretary,*

Dumfries & Galloway FHS, 9 Glasgow Street, Dumfries DG2 9AF.

Website: www.dgfhs.org.uk

East Ayrshire FHS

Meetings: Evening meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Gateway Centre, Foregate Square, Kilmarnock on the second Thursday of the month (except June, July and August). Visitors are welcome. Workshops are held in The Cabin, Witch Road, Kilmarnock from 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm on most other Thursday afternoons throughout the year.

In January, Linda Fairlie and Bruce Morgan of East Ayrshire Council Museums Service gave an illustrated talk about Textiles in Ayrshire in the past two hundred years, ranging from delicate Ayrshire Whitework, through woven fabrics to bonnets and carpets. At the February meeting, Mrs Valerie Campbell spoke about Thomas MakDougall Brisbane, giving fascinating detail about his family home at Brisbane House, Largs, his observatory there, his work in New South Wales and the establishment of what was to become the city of Brisbane in Queensland.

At the next meeting John Stevenson and Dan Mackay will illustrate their talk about Strang's Foundry, Hurlford with DVD footage. We also look forward in March to the joint meeting of the four family history societies in Ayrshire, this year hosted by Largs and North Ayrshire FHS when Chris Paton's talk is entitled *Researching your Irish Ancestry*. The other speakers this session are Joyce Brown, whose subject is Hamilton Palace, and local author Dane Love.

New Website: We would be delighted if you would browse our new website www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk. Using the drop-down menus you can access information about the local area and some old photographs. The Members' Pages include an archive of early EAFHS magazines and a Forum where research questions can be posted.

Publications: CD-books of local histories and directories, including the following titles:

Ayrshire Yeomanry Cavalry – A History, by W S Cooper, published in 1881

The Parish of Dalmellington – history, antiquities & objects of interest, by Rev. George S Hendrie, published in 1889

Jonas' Kilmarnock Directory, published in 1879

Kilmarnock Paupers, Voters & Ratepayers – listing paupers in 1842 & 1869, voters in 1837, 1841, 1844 & 1852 and

ratepayers in 1838 & 1846
Muirkirk in Bygone Days, by J G A Baird, published in 1910

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

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.org.uk

Fife FHS

Our winter programme began at the Community Centre in Methil. in September with a talk by Murray Nicol from Tay Valley FHS on "The Victims of the Tay Bridge Disaster". Many of these were Fifers and Murray discussed some of the erroneous reports that have been mooted in the past. A discussion took place on the proposed memorial in Dundee.

In October we had a presentation by Eric Simpson on "Big Hooses and Country Estates" This well-illustrated subject touched on the families and their workers on some of the large houses and estates in Fife with a discussion on the changes occurring as a result of World War I.

Meredith Geiling from the Aberdeen Maritime Museum visited us in November to talk about "Tracing Family History in the Merchant Navy". We were led through the many and varied sources now available for researchers.

After our winter break and the chaos of the snows in Scotland, we resumed in February with a talk by Graham Meacher from the Elie and Earlsferry History Society. This well-illustrated talk on the history of this interesting corner of the East Neuk attracted several members of the public.

There are still two talks to look forward to in March and April, followed by a planned outing to Balgonie Castle in May. The AGM in June winds up our programme for this session, beginning again in September

This year we have attended the the events at Troon and Livingstone and the Gravestones Conference in Kirkcaldy. We are looking forward to the SAFHS Conference in Edinburgh and the Fife Family History Fair in Glenrothes in September.

As usual we have produced three Journals for our members and two further publications. These are "Dunfermline Association Births and Baptisms 1799-1845" and "Fife Waterloo and Peninsular Veterans". We are working on a new CD with many Fife Church and Graveyard records. We hope to have this ready for the Glenrothes event.

For further information please contact:

Chairman: Archie Lumsden:

Membership Secretary: Margery Sinclair:

Website: www.fifehfs.org

Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

The venue for the Society monthly meetings is now Hillhead

Library, Byres Road, Glasgow G12 8AP. The remaining Monday evening talks for the 2010/2011 session are as follows,
21 March: *North Lanarkshire Archives Update* by Wiebke McGhee

18 April: AGM and followed with *Scotland's 'Humble Addresses' against the Treaty of Union. Who signed?* by Joyce Lockhart

16 May: *Scotland's Travelling People* by Jess Smith

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

Volunteers from the Society have been assisting with a variety of projects. Scott Fairie has transcribed: Rutherglen Churchyard, Cadder Churchyard and St Andrews on the Green Episcopal Churchyard. Society members have checked his work and we should have it published in time for the SAFHS Conference in June 2011. We will also have baptismal records of the Methodist Church circuit Cathcart Rd, Thornliebank & Pollokshaws 1861-1990 for the SAFHS conference. Work is going well for the photographing and transcribing of Old Kilpatrick churchyard in Dunbartonshire and we will also try and publish this in time for conference.

Persons from the War in South Africa who were appointed Burgesses of the City of Glasgow, these are soldiers who fought in the Boer war. It contains the soldier's names addresses in Glasgow, regiment and profession. This work may not be published but it will be available on the office computers at our Research Centre in Partick.

Edna Stark has transcribed the Argyll militia from the early 1800's, which covers Lorn to South Knapdale, and this will also be ready in time for the SAFHS conference. This will contain names and place of where they lived and in many cases, occupations.

Many members of the Society have the names and locations of the families they are researching entered on the Society's Online Members' Interests Directory. The pages display members' ancestors who mostly lived in Glasgow, or in the old counties of Argyllshire, Ayrshire, Bute, Dunbartonshire, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire or the western end of Stirlingshire. Many members had earlier ancestors who came to our area from elsewhere, most usually from the Scottish Highlands, the Scottish Borders or Ireland. This facility gives the facility for our members to be contacted by anyone researching the same names.

The library continues to grow steadily and we to buy books and electronic media relating to family history research in Scotland. The library catalogue can be searched and viewed on the Society's web pages.

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

For further information contact:

G&WSFHS, Unit 13, 32 Mansfield Street, Glasgow G11 5QP

Tel: 0141-339 8303

Website: www.gwsfhs.org.uk

Guild of One-Name Studies

We now have 2 SAFHS representatives – Graham Tuley has been joined by Samantha Godley and emails to the rep-safhs address will go to both of us. Samantha lives in Angus and is also the Guild Regional Representative (RR) for South Scotland and can be contacted in this role by email at rep-scotland-south@one-name.org. She is keen to make contact with family history societies in the southern half of Scotland to promote the Guild and would like to attend fairs etc. organised by societies. Please get someone to contact her on behalf of your society. Graham is the RR for 2 areas - North Scotland and Aberdeen - and can be contacted at rep-scotland-north@one-name.org or by replacing north by aberdeen until he can find someone willing to take on the Aberdeen area again. The Guild will be at SAFHS Conference and there will be A3 size encapsulated lists of 2011 registered names available for any society who wishes them. Let Graham know if your society would like to pick up a free set.

The Guild is improving its services to members by having mentors who can guide new members. The proportion of Guild members outside the UK is increasing and we now have 3 freephone telephone numbers with Australia 1800 305 184 being added to the original UK one of 0800 011 2182 and 1-800 647 4100 in North America.

In the latest issue of the Guild Journal there is an article about John MADDER who's will was proved in 1707 and it said that he was of the parish of St Paul, Shadwell in the east end of London. The author has not established where he was born but it may have been in Scotland. He was John MAITHER the mate of the ship Worcester when he was hanged in Leith on 11 April 1705 as a pirate. I have just solved a problem in my own TULEY family in Yorkshire which has been a problem for many years. His birth was registered as Charles TULY in 1848, he was married twice as Charles TUELY and Charles Myers TULLY but the death of both wives was recorded as MYERS. He is in censuses as Charles TULEY, Charles Myers TULY, Charles Tuley MYERS, and 4 times as Charles MYERS which was the name used when his death was registered. The clue was in the Methodist baptism registers where both parents were present which was two and a half years before they married. I had not expected a change of surname after his marriage. This problem was one reason why I joined the Guild 28 years ago and started researching variations in the spelling of my surname – never give up looking!

The forthcoming seminars organised by the Guild are:

- 21 May 2011 – Northumberland Mining – at Ashington, Northumberland
- 13 August 2011 – The Art of One-Name Studies – at Alwalton, Cambridgeshire
- 19 November 2011 – Railway Workers – at Swindon, Wiltshire
- 18 February 2012 – Army Records – at Ash, Surrey

The Guild AGM and Conference will be 15-17 April 2011 in

Warrington, Lancashire with the conference title “Northern Lights”.

Secretary: Jan Cooper, Guild of One-Name Studies, Box G, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

Lanarkshire Family History Society

Since the October 2010 SAFHS Bulletin we have continued with a varied range of topics at our monthly meetings including:- Bruce Durie “Scottish Heraldry” and Chris Paton “The Mount Stewart Murder”. Our December meeting was cancelled because of the bad weather. As a change from the normal speaker evening in January we held a “Mini Family History Fair” with GWSFHS, WLFHS and “Croy Heritage Group” attending with their Bookstalls. We also had both North and South Lanarkshire Councils represented by their Archive Services, Registration Services, Heritage Services and Library Services. The evening was enjoyed by the members and the many visitors, we are planning to organise a similar event next year.

At our February meeting Iain Anderson of the “Commonwealth War Graves Commission” presented an interesting DVD on the CWGC and also gave a short talk followed by answering questions from the members. The numbers attending our monthly meetings continues to increase, with recent months being 80 - 95 members and guests enjoying the lectures.

In November we organised a full day “Family History Workshop” in Summerlee Museum Coatbridge which was well attended with the society gaining 11 new members from the event.

Over the summer months we will be attending Family History Fairs and local events in Kirkintilloch, Dundee, Glenrothes, Troon, Cambuslang, Hamilton, Motherwell and also SAFHS own Conference.

In Motherwell Library from 3rd until 21st March we have a Display to encourage interest in family history. During this time we will also hold 1 hour “Family History Taster Workshops” to encourage members of the public to start researching their ancestors, make them aware of our Society and invite them to visit our Research Centre.

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

Our Research Centre building was originally the Janitors House located in the corner of the school Playground at Brandon Street Public School. The School closed many years ago, and has been lying empty since then. Currently the



school building, which was built in 1884, is being demolished. To preserve at least a small part the schools past we arranged for the School Bell which has hung on the main school building since 1884 to be removed and after cleaning to be put on display in our Research Centre. The society is also producing a book documenting the history of the school from 1859 – 1912, it also contains lists of the Prize Winners 1898 - 1912 and Teachers names for some of the years around 1900.

On Thursday 24th February we organised a 3 hour “Irish Interests Workshop” by Dr Irene O’Brien, Senior Archivist at the Mitchell Library. The workshop was held in our Resource Centre and attended by 20 members. The lecture was enjoyed by the members and we all went away with much to think about regarding our Irish research.

Later in March in our Resource Centre we will have a display of items assembled by our Military Group. At the time of writing the contents have not been finalised but will include Military Medals, Shell Cases, Head Gear etc., This display will be worth a visit if you are in the area. The display will be available to view during our normal opening hours.

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

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

Lothians FHS

Meetings started again in January after the Christmas break. Unfortunately a couple of meetings in December (including our Christmas party) had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions. Talks recently have been on the Historical Links between Scotland and the Caribbean, Midlothian Local Studies and Archives, and the building of the Forth Rail Bridge. Members are looking forward to speakers on research in Ireland and Germany and East Lothian fisherwomen. A visit to Gilmerton Cove in Edinburgh will take place in May.

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

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

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

Website: www.lothiansfhs.org.uk

Moray Burial Ground Research Group

The MBGRG has published several books recently of Monumental inscriptions and buried stones. The first was St. Peters Kirk Duffus in August, and in January Kinloss Abbey. The Kinloss Abbey publication, which included the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery, was officially launched on the 7th January at the Falconer Museum in Forres with members of the group, Kinloss Abbey Trust and members of

the public attending the launch. The book has proved very popular and has already had to be reprinted.

Our forthcoming publications include Lossiemouth New Cemetery which should be published in late spring. Lossiemouth new contains 1600 stones and includes some Commonwealth War Graves, and also several German war graves. Stones date from the 1800s to the present day. This publication will be a two-volume set.

The group has focused its attention on several cemeteries this year, including starting work at Rathven near Buckie. The cemetery is around the remains of the old Rathven Kirk, of which little but the Rannas Aisle remains. This was originally built into the church post reformation, but was retained as a burial enclosure when the church was demolished. Alterations did take place to the aisle in 1792 to raise it. It now contains on its south wall a huge memorial stone. The arched entrance to the Aisle has masons marks on almost every stone and an inscription from the mason of who the aisle was built for and when, and the mason’s name. It is very similar in style to the south aisle arch at Cullen Old Kirk.

Work is still ongoing at Rathven, Dyke, Rothes and Knockando. Work continues recording the New Elgin cemeteries and Forres Clovenside and Clunyhill. Some research has also started into the churchyard of Moy.

The MBGRG has recently been invited by RAF Lossiemouth to offer advice in looking after the remains of the Old Drainie Church and churchyard, which lie near the runway of RAF Lossiemouth. Keith and Helen Mitchell from the MBGRG have been liaising with the RAF over this. The site has been recorded and published by the MBGRG in 2004.



Bruce Bishop stepped down from the post of Secretary of the MBGRG at our March AGM. Bruce is a founder member of the group, which was formed in 2003, and

has played a key role in the development of the group, its activities and publications. The group now has over 40 members. Bruce will not be escaping work for the group totally, as he will remain Historical Research Coordinator for the group. At the group’s annual party in March, Bruce was presented with a cake, in the shape of a tombstone (picture shows Bruce about to cut the cake). The MBGRG would like to thank Bruce for all his work and dedication to the group over the past 8 years. The cake was made by SAFHS Rep, Stephen Leitch.



Latest Publications:

Monumental Inscriptions St. Peters, Duffus £9.50 p + postage
Monumental Inscriptions Kinloss Abbey £10.00 p + postage

For further information contact:

Website: www.mbgrg.org

Moray & Nairn FHS

MNFHS recently had its second birthday in February, and membership stands at over 35, although we have lost a few members in the past year. This we feel is in line with other family history societies, due to the recession.

At our recent AGM, our secretary Janet Bishop stood down after 2 years. The society would like to thank her for helping us along in our early days. Mary Evans has taken over the post, and we wish her well.

This coming year, the society will continue its work on Monumental Inscriptions, the details of which can be found on our website. <http://www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk> as well as work on church records.

The society has an open meeting at Elgin Library, at 2pm on Saturday 21 May - all are welcome.

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

Website: www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Renfrewshire FHS

RENFREWSHIRE Family History Society's meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Paisley Museum, High Street, commencing at 7.30pm, and on the 4th Tuesday of the month at R.A.F. Club, 11a Ardgowan Square, Greenock at 7.45pm. Meetings are generally well attended and the speakers and their subjects are varied:- from local interest to nation wide. All are welcome and a good social environment exists with a cup of tea/coffee and a good natter afterwards.

Over the past year a few significant events have taken place. The Society has struck up a good working relationship with Paisley Abbey at 'Doors Open Day' events, but more significantly the Society have obtained space within the Abbey, namely within the 'Cathcart Aisle' where we can assist visitors/general public with their 'family research'. This facility, we trust, will grow in the coming months. Exciting times.

The Society has also struck up a relationship with a neighbouring FHS, namely Largs Family History Society and 20 of us are invading their meeting in St. Columba's Church, Largs on 23rd March when Chris Paton will be taking us through "Irish Ancestry Research".

The Society has a solid band of volunteers and they have just completed transcribing Woodside Cemetery, Paisley. This must be one of the largest private cemeteries in Scotland with over 4,500 monumental stones. The Society has had great co-operation from the Directors of this company whilst completing the project. A CD-Rom will be available in the next few months. Woodside contains many well known personalities such as Sir William Arrol, of Forth Railway Bridge fame, Sir

Thomas Coats etc; also monuments to the Covenanters and 1820 Reformers Martyrs, two of whom were hanged at Stirling. Transcribing of Hawkhead Cemetery, Paisley starts in the spring and we look forward to another successful summer and learning more of the local history and its characters.

The editor of our 'Journal' Willie Cross is retiring after 11 years service, and the Society records a debt of gratitude for his faithful and effective service in this respect. This position is being taken over by Barbara Morrison who has been a Society member for many years. We wish her happy editing!!

We look forward to session 2011/12 with great anticipation.

For further information contact:

c/o 51 Mathie Crescent, Gourock, PA19 1YU, Scotland

Scotslot

Attendance at recent Scotslot meetings has decreased slightly and somewhat fewer members are renewing their subscriptions. Perhaps this is a reflection of the increase in information available on line. However we continue to hold meetings and to produce a newsletter covering the discussion at them.

Two meetings in the Autumn covered 'Catholics in Scotland' by Michael Gandy and a talk on Scottish Emigrants to the Antipodes, emphasising sources of information both in the UK and abroad.

In December, the Christmas meeting centred on Family Relics brought along for discussion, including army mementoes and many photographs. Along with the latter was a reminder to look in the frames of old photographs for hidden gems!

Our first meeting of 2011 was the AGM followed by a presentation by June Wiggins on 'What our Ancestors Ate.' The discussion that followed included many reminiscences – with Tunnock's Marshmallows for tea!

Topics for meetings in the immediate future will cover the Industrial Revolution and the effect it had on our great grandfathers, particularly in regard to emigration both within Scotland and into England. We will also be looking at websites for Scottish Family History and at the 1911 Census for Scotland. Later in the year, we will be discussing emigration 'Across the Atlantic' and sources of information about our lost ancestors in North America.

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

Scottish Genealogy Society

Recently published books include more MIs of East Lothian - Aberlady, Athelstanford, Gladsmuir and Spott – plus the Edgehill Ground of Edinburgh's Dean Cemetery and *Ane Theater of Mortality*.

In production are CDs of the 1790 Census of St Cuthbert's Parish, Edinburgh (see article in March 2011 issue of *The Scottish Genealogist*), the Moll Atlas and a Military Almanac, as well as books of Dunbar MIs and Mortcloths.

Progressing well are some Edinburgh MIs: Dean (Old and Middle Grounds), Eastern, Grange, Portobello and Rosebank Cemeteries. Some of these are due to be published later in 2011, while others may be out in early 2012. We're continuing our work on East Lothian, with Whitekirk in progress.

Other work in progress includes records of Bristo Church, Edinburgh, baptisms at South College Street, Edinburgh and burial charges at East Preston Street, Edinburgh. Work on the history of the 78th Regiment of Foot continues.

New items are added regularly to the Sales section of our website www.scotsgenealogy.com

For further information contact:

The Hon. Secretary, Library and Family History Centre, 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL, Scotland

Shetland FHS

The weather affected Shetland, much as everywhere else and, after discussion, it was decided not to open in the evenings for the winter months. Though there are still a few visitors to the Isles most of the research is done by local members who can call in at any time. It is back to business as usual now as we prepare for the *Tall Ships* event in July when many "Shetland exiles" return to enjoy the spectacle. Winter has been a time of project work undertaken by our volunteers, ever-increasing research for our far-flung members and preparations for our stand at the conference on 25th June. How we wish that we could jump in a car or on a train rather than have to consider cost, accommodation and weigh up air versus sea travel!

Our premises opening times are as follows:-

Every weekday afternoon from 2 - 4p.m.; Monday & Thursday evenings from 7 - 9p.m.;

June, July, August on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings from 10 - 12 noon.

Out of hours appointments by phoning one of the contact numbers displayed at the premises.

Details of opening times, publications and events are available on the Society's web site:-

www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

For further information contact: *Mrs E M Angus, 6 Hillhead, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0EJ*

Society of Genealogists

The Society of Genealogists will be 100 years old in 2011 and we intend to celebrate our anniversary in style. On Saturday 7 May, the Society will host its Centenary Conference, 'Breaking the Barriers: Innovative Genealogy in the 20th & 21st Centuries'. This will be held at the Royal Overseas League in London, and is sponsored by findmypast.co.uk

The Society's Centenary Conference is a celebration of the past century of genealogy and the role played by the Society of Genealogists. We will also look forward to the future of the subject. The conference will include a full day of lectures and networking, luncheon and dinner, featuring nationally and internationally known genealogical speakers.

Full details of the conference programme including prices and information about the speakers can be found online at: <http://www.familyhistoryconference.net/> or by telephone or email: events@sog.org.uk

Tel: 020 7553 3290

For further information contact: *Society of Genealogists, Tel: 020 7553 3290*

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

Tay Valley FHS



The severe winter weather caused its own disruption to the usual smooth running of our Research Centre and we reluctantly had to take the decision to close the Centre for a week at the height of the weather problems. Grateful thanks are due to all our volunteers who made the effort to get to the Centre in what continued to be rather difficult underfoot conditions throughout December.

Tay Valley volunteers continue to carry out talks in the community, and we were recently approached by a group of University students who asked for an insight into researching family histories for their course of study.

Our winter session of talks continues in Abertay University, and we were pleased to welcome an interested audience at our February talk, given by Major Ronnie Proctor of The Black Watch, who took the opportunity to remind us all of the forthcoming launch of the Friends of The Black Watch Museum.

We continue to work in conjunction with Dundee Civic Trust in identifying city-wide photographs (approximately 40,000) mainly the property of Dundee City Council. A lottery grant was granted for the scanning of the negatives and teams of "identifiers" from both societies meet regularly.

A reminder that we are running a Book Fair on Saturday 9th April – information has been sent out to all SAFHS members – and we are pleased that some of you will be able to join us at St Andrews Church Halls. We look forward to seeing you!

Due to circumstances outwith our control, the date of the SAFHS Conference in 2012, to be held in the Bonar Hall of the University of Dundee, has had to be changed from 28th April to Saturday 21st April.

For further information contact: *Tay Valley FHS 179/181 Princes Street, Dundee DD4 6DQ*
 Tele/Fax 01382 461845

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

Troon@Ayrshire FHS

The Society continues to enjoy a good local membership though in common with many other groups the distant membership has fallen away somewhat in recent years. Our Tuesday meetings gather an audience of about 40 each time. The topics this session have included researching Irish ancestors, a trip down memory lane with some excellent slides of Ayrshire in times past, the lives of the wives of soldiers of the past and present and the story of the family (of Norman descent) who lived and developed the gardens and house at Blair Estate in the north of our county.

Our meeting in October took the form of a Question Time when we attempted to answer a wide range of questions that have arisen in members' researches. In our March meeting members are invited to tell some of the stories that have emerged in the course of investigating family history. We don't know what to expect but hopefully it will be an interesting evening. In April we are scheduled to learn of another "Big House" in Ayrshire when Mrs. Sandra Liquorish of Fairlie will tell us of the families who have lived there. In May some 30 members will be travelling through to Edinburgh for a full day accessing the records at the Scotlands People Centre.

Within the last six months we have added to our list of publications with Volume 3 of the continuing series of "Ayrshire News". This volume covers the eventful historic period of 1811 to 1820 and contains some fascinating snippets from the local newspaper, the Ayr Advertiser. It is available from our publications officer as a book at £5.50 or as a CD at £4.50. Also new this year and thanks to the efforts of Irene Hopkins who lives in and researches local history in Galston we have been able to publish a book giving brief biographies of servicemen named on that town's war memorial together with photographs of their graves or the Commonwealth Memorials where they are commemorated. This is available at a price of £6.00. Details of all our publications, including postage charges, can be found on our website from which they can be purchased using Paypal or alternatively by post from our Publications Officer at the address below.

For further Information Contact: *The Chairman, Troon @ Ayrshire Family History Society, c/o MERC, Troon Library, South Beach, Ayrshire, Troon. KA10 6EF*
Website: www.troonayrshirefhs.org.uk

West Lothian FHS

West Lothian FHS rounded off a successful year with a Tenth Anniversary Party at our December Members night. The photo shows President Bert Gamble cutting the Birthday cake, with Chairman Tom Smith supervising.

We recalled the excitement of our hosting the 2010 Conference

at Livingston and debated our plans for the future. An interesting programme of speakers for our monthly meeting has given the committee the task of finding more spacious accommodation for the 50 plus members and friends who regularly attend. A list of requests by Library Heads for our Saturday road show in West Lothian has been met with a list of volunteers encouraged by their experience helping out at the Conference.



We organise an evening visit of 40 members once a month to Register House, the majority training in to Edinburgh Waverley from Bathgate.

WLFHS will be relocating our Research Centre along with the Local History Library to the Old County Buildings Linlithgow in March and we will have a central roll to play when West Lothian opens the Family History Tourism and Visitor Centre later this Spring at our new location.

Forthcoming Events:

We will once again be working in partnership with West Lothian Council as they host a Local History and Heritage Fair on May 7th at Linlithgow Academy. Lectures and guest speakers will be:

- West Lothian, a Medical Legacy by Dr Morrice Macrae
- Macbeth, A True Story by Dr Fiona Watson,
- Aspects of the Scottish Witchhunt by Dr Lizanne Henderson
- The Churches of West Lothian by Professor John R Hume.

Our NEW Burial CD Vol 2 is now on sale:

On this CD are all the Interments for Bathgate Glasgow Road (1860-1975), Bathgate Boghead (1936-1975), Mid Calder (1895-1975), East Calder (1921-1975), East Calder Churchyard (1908-1970), Kirknewton (1902-1975) and Winchburgh (1906-1975) – Over 30,000 entries in total.

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Diary Dates

Sat 2 April 2011: ANESFHS Moray/Banff Branch, Palaeography Workshop, Elgin Library, 2 pm.

Sat 9 April 2011: Tay Valley FHS Book Fair, Dundee.

Tues 12 April 2011: Fife FHS, "Your Family History – a

Professional approach”, Janet M Bishop, Chair of ASGRA: Methil Institute, Fisher Street, Methil, 7.30 pm.

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

Thurs 14 April 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: “Covenanters’ Memorials”, Dane Love, author: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm

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

Sat 16 April 2011: ANESFHS, Aberdeen Meeting, “National Archives of Scotland”, Pete Wadley, NAS Outreach Officer, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm.

Mon 18 April 2011: GWSFHS: AGM, followed by “Scotland’s Humble Addresses against the Treaty of Union. Who signed? Joyce Lockhart, Hillhead Library, Byres Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Mon 18 April 2011: SGS, “Dalrymple Crescent – a snapshot of Victorian Edinburgh, Joanne M Lamb, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm.

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

Thurs 12 May 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: “Scottish Poor Law”, Dr Irene O’Brien, Senior Archivist at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm.

Sat 14 May 2011: Scotslot: Websites for Scottish Family History,

Sat 14 May 2011: ANESFHS, Aberdeen Meeting, “Aberdeen University Special Collections”, Siobhan Convery, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm.

Sat 14 May 2011 ANESFHS Moray/Banff Branch, “Church Inventory Recording”, Marion Yool, Elgin Library, 2 pm.

Sat 14 May 2011: ANESFHS Glasgow Group Meeting “Members Day”, Renfield Saint Stephen’s Church Centre, 260 Bain Street, Glasgow, 2 pm.

Sat 14 May 2011: SGS: Guided walk of Corstorphine and visit to the Corstorphine Heritage Centre. Please book at the SGS Library

Mon 16 May 2011: GWSFHS: “Scotland’s Travelling People” Jess Smith, Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Thurs 19 May 2011: FHSB: David Catto, Aberdeenshire Library and Information Service, 7 pm, Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead.

Thurs 19 May 2011: ASAFHS: “Girvan – the Boer War Connection”, Sheila and Andrew Dinwoodie, McKechnie Institute, Girvan.

Sat 21 May 2011: Moray & Nairn FHS: Open meeting, Elgin Library, 2 pm.

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

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

Sat 4 June 2011: ANESFHS: Annual Graveyard Outing: TBA

Thurs 9 June 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: “Working People between the World Wars”, Ian McDougal, Research Worker with Scottish Working People’s History Trust: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1 BN, 7 pm.

Tues 14 June 2011: Fife FHS: AGM, Methil Institute, Fisher Street, Methil, 7.30 pm.

Sat 25 June 2011: SAFHS 22nd Annual Conference and Family History Fair, Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 9.30-4.30: Hosted by the SGS.

Sat 25 June 2011: 16th Yorkshire Family History Fair, Knavemire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse, 10-4.30.

Thurs 30 June 2011: FHSB: Phil Astley, Aberdeen City Archives, 7 pm, Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead.

Sat 9 July 2011: The 1911 Census of Scotland.

23-25 July 2011: Banffshire History Festival, Banff Castle.

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

Sun 4 September 2011: Scotslot: Mix and Match Members Meeting.

Thurs 8 September 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: “Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland – SCRAN System, Neil Fraser, Education and Outreach: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm.

Mon 12 Sept 2011: FHSB: “New Deer Folk”, Sandy Ritchie, 7 pm, Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead.

Mon 19 Sept 2011: SGS: “The Sandemans of Springland”, Dr Charles D Waterston: Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm

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

Thurs 13 October 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: “Miners’ Voices” – mining oral history, John Templeton, Researcher, www.miners-voices.homecall.co.uk GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm.

Mon 17 Oct 2011: SGS: “Emigration and Immigration Records on the Web, Ken Nisbet: Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm.

Sat 12 Nov 2011: FHSB: "Railways of the North East", Gordon Casely, 2 pm, Arbuthnot House, Broad Street, Peterhead.

author: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm.

Mon 14 Nov 2011: SGS: "18th Century Taxation Records", Joy Dodd: Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm.

Sun 11 December 2011: Scotslot: Mix and Match Members Meeting.

Please confirm with the society before setting out for these events.

Sat 29 October 2011: Scotslot: They Crossed the Atlantic.

Thurs 10 November 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: "Clydebuilt – Blockade Runners of the American Civil War", Eric J Graham,

If you would like your events included on the diary, please send them to the Editor, along with your next item for the Bulletin.

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