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SAFHS Conference 2011, Edinburgh Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Joy Dodd, Chairman, SGS

In spite of it being damp and also National Armed Forces day in Edinburgh, all our plans fell into place. The equipment worked, the coffee was good and many people attended.

The Conference was opened by the SGS Honorary President, Mr David Sellar, the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

All the talks including the free lunchtime talks were very well attended.

City: Richard Hunter from the Edinburgh City Archives gave an informative talk on its large and various holdings. He also related that the Archives staff had come across some school and other records. Well worth a visit if you have Edinburgh ancestors, but do allow time as not a lot of the material is indexed. The Archive Search Room is closed until October 2011.

Church: Tristram Clarke from the National Records of Scotland gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Scottish Episcopal Church, including some its difficulties in the early days, such as priests not being allowed to baptise children. In the 19th century many of its members came from industrial workers, such as weavers in Girvan and iron workers in Airdrie, who had migrated from England. Tristram is currently updating the NRS publication *Tracing your Scottish Ancestors*.

Church: Andrew Nicoll's very lively talk on the Scottish Catholic Archives started off the afternoon. He explained the various records they hold at Columba House. He and his assistants are to be congratulated on their work in collecting these records and making them available on online via the ScotlandsPeople Website.

Census: The last talk was from Duncan Macniven, Registrar General for Scotland. With the Scottish 1911 census having been released in April, it was interesting to hear some of the aspects of Scottish life that can be learnt from it - not just finding our ancestors. He also spoke about collecting the 2011 census and some of the differences in the contents of both.

The Family History Fair over three floors, with a wide variety of exhibitors, from our sister societies to postcard- and book-

sellors, provided interest for everyone. It was certainly very busy at lunchtime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the SAFHS societies who had stalls at Adam House and who gave their time and worked so hard to make this event such a success.

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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
- 2014** A SAFHS Conference hosted by SAFHS, date and venue still at the planning stage

The SAFHS Conference Guide, is available from Margaret Mackay, publications.

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:

SAFHS Conference 2012, Dundee

The SAFHS Conference in 2012 will be hosted jointly by Tay Valley Family History Society and Fife Family History Society, and will be held in the Bonar Hall of the University of Dundee on Saturday 21st April.

The theme for the 2012 conference will be “Crops, Cloth, Cod ‘n’ Coal” and the talks will reflect on the importance of crops, weaving, fishing and coal mining to the communities in the Tay Valley and Fife areas in the past.

Federation of Family History Societies

WE were pleased to welcome David Holman, Chairman of FFHS, to our Council Meeting on 15 October 2011. David gave a short presentation, which highlighted the fact that the problems experienced by FFHS member societies were exactly the same as those faced by our own SAFHS member societies: falling membership, difficulty in appointing committee members, etc. Of course the positive experiences also matched, but as usual the negatives are most spoken about.

On behalf of FFHS, David has already made an offer to be included in the organisation of the 2014 SAFHS Conference.

The SAFHS Executive has encouraged a relationship between SAFHS and FFHS, and we look forward to future communication and co-operation with the Federation.

Editor – please see separate Bulletin entry.

1911 Census Transcription by Family History Societies

Further to Denise Cowan’s article in the last Bulletin, regarding permission from NRS if a society wishes to publish transcriptions or indexes of the 1841-1911 censuses, we wish to point out that this also applies to the publication on society websites of such items.

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

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

The post of Deputy Chairman is vacant and will be advertised in the usual way before the AGM.

Margaret Mackay has announced her intention to step down as publications manager, and the post will be advertised in the usual way before the AGM.

The Chairman’s term of office is up in March 2012. He has announced he is willing to remain for a further term, but, in line

with the terms of the SAFHS Constitution, the post will be advertised in the usual way before the AGM.

Website

Would you please submit anything you have for the website to Doug – 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.

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

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Steering Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

CLOSER TIES BETWEEN UK SOCIETIES

Following the meeting between Bruce Bishop and myself, and the subsequent Council Meeting of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS), the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) is pleased to announce that it is our intention to work closer with SAFHS, to enhance the family history experience for family history societies and family historians both north and south of the border.

The two organisations intend to share reciprocal memberships; this will apply to the organisations themselves, and will not provide reciprocal memberships between our member societies.

The FFHS will look at ways of enhancing the visibility of SAFHS on its website. The FFHS will also publish contact

details of the SAFHS members who agree to such publication in the FFHS 'Really Useful Leaflet'.

The FFHS intends, when possible, to attend events in Scotland that will provide closer links between the societies of the two organisations.

Both organisations intend to celebrate notable anniversaries and events in 2014, and the FFHS proposes to take part in these celebrations, in particular the events planned for April 2014 in Scotland.

The FFHS welcomes any further links between the societies of the two organisations, and enquiries should initially be sent to the FFHS Administrator, Philippa McCray on

David Holman
Chairman FFHS

News from Member Societies

Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS

The meetings of the Society in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh continue to be well-attended, but the Moray/Banff meetings are in abeyance at present pending the appointment of a new organizer for this branch.

The Aberdeen meeting in February was a talk by Alison Smith on "Portsoy Salmon Bothy and its resources", in which she gave a history of the bothy, and then went on to describe the restoration of the building, which, on completion, was awarded an Aberdeenshire Council Design Award. After this she gave a summary of the facilities available for family history research at the bothy.

In March, following the AGM, Jenny Brown gave a fascinating talk on "A Victorian Pharmacy: Davidson & Kay". This followed the business from its inception in 1828 right through to the present day, the business now operating under the generic Lloyds Pharmacy banner. The talk described the training of pharmacists, and gave a great insight into the medication which our ancestors had to 'suffer'. The development of the Davidson's Red Water Cure for cattle was a very successful venture into veterinary medicine, and generated considerable profits for the company.

In April, Pete Wadley from the National Records of Scotland (formerly NAS and GROS) spoke to a packed audience on the holdings of NRS, especially the extensive church records such as Kirk Session Minutes, Teind Court records etc, and also mentioned many of the other records held in the archives which are invaluable to the family history researcher. In May Catherine Taylor of Aberdeen City Libraries Local Studies Department spoke about the old shops of Aberdeen, and about how people's shopping habits had changed over the years. This very informative presentation surely brought back many memories to old Aberdonians of "Gau'n the Messages" in days

gone by.

At the Edinburgh meeting in March, Elspeth Reid from Falkirk Council Archives gave an informative presentation on how to care for your important family history documents and photographs. The main rules which she suggested were: Do nothing – leave your records alone, keep your records in boxes and store in a cool dry place. Poor handling is the biggest cause of damage to any sort of document or photograph, so treat them carefully.

The Glasgow meeting in May was the annual Members' Day, and was dedicated to discussing family history problems, with members offering possible solutions. The problems were many and varied, from how to find out-of-print books to erroneous transcriptions; from the use of valuation rolls to Australian and Irish records. Overall it proved a very successful evening.

The talk at the Moray/Banff meeting held in Elgin in May was given by Marion Yool of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies Church Recording Group. While we family historians are beaver away outside the church recording the MIs, there are also people working inside the churches, making a record of everything within the building. From altar cloths to vestments, chalices, bibles, candles, fixtures and fittings such as pews and organs, every item is catalogued. Details of windows and of memorial tablets within the church are also recorded. This fascinating talk was an eye-opener to find out what we didn't know about the contents of our local churches.

Membership continues to be strong, although the number of new members is very slightly down when compared with last year. The Society bookshop has attended numerous events during the year, including the Yorkshire Family History Fair, the SAFHS Conference in Edinburgh, the Fife Family History Fair, and many others throughout Scotland.

MIs for St Machar's in Aberdeen have been transcribed and typed up, and many are looking forward to the publication of that volume.

Latest Publications: "Road to Charleston, Nigg" price £3.00 plus postage.

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

The Society generally holds meetings on the third Tuesday of the month in the Alloway Church Halls from September to May. However, our May meeting this year was held at The McKechnie Institute in Girvan when Sheila and Andrew Dinwoodie told the story of some of those recorded on the Boer War Memorial in the town including showing where they died in South Africa, from their own research in the area. Talks before the summer break included the *History of the St Andrews Ambulance* by Mrs Brenda Kidd, which gave us a picture of the organisation from

its creation in 1882 to the present day; and *Auld Ayr* when Mrs Sheena Andrew shared her excellent collection of photographs and stories of Ayr in the past.

During the “summer” we enjoyed an interesting trip to **Rowallan Castle**, which is looked after by Historic Scotland whose guides gave us insights into the history of the building, even as we huddled under our umbrellas!

Plans for the new session include *Professor Hume* on **Victorian Churches**, *Dougal McIntyre* talking on “**An Ayrshire Shipbuilder**”, *John Steele* on “**The Sinking of HMS Dasher**” and *Robert Foulkes* on “**The Census – Past and Present**”. There will also be a Workshop evening and a meeting at Maybole Castle.

We are planning to hold an Open Day “**Search for your Ancestors**” in the Church Halls on Saturday, 8 October.

Full details of dates and talks are available on the Website.

The Society has continued to develop its Website to include more services to Members Only. Non-local and Overseas members now account for a large percentage of our total membership.

Details of all our meetings, together with brief reports of the talks are available on our Website www.asafhs.co.uk in the *Events* and *Activities* sections.

PROGRAMME FOR 2011/2012

20 September:

“Victorian Churches in Ayrshire” – Professor J Hume

8 October:

Open Day - “Search for your Ancestors”, Church Halls 11 am – 4 pm

18 October:

“The story of John McIntyre’s working life of 50 years as an Ayrshire Shipbuilder” – Dougal McIntyre

15 November:

“The American Connection to the Sinking of the Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Dasher off Arran 1943” – John Steele

13 December:

Christmas Supper, tba

17 January:

“The Census – Past and Present” – Robert Foulkes

21 February:

Workshop – “Tracing my Ancestors” - Alexander Murdoch (Member)

20 March:

Annual Hosting of the Local Societies – Troon FHS

24 April:

AGM, Church Halls

15 May:

Maybole Castle – Tour 6.45 pm, speaker 7.30pm, tba

June:

Visit, tba

We meet in Alloway Church Halls, 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.45 pm - Visitors £1.50p - includes tea/coffee

For further information contact: *The Secretary, Alloway and Southern Ayrshire FHS, c/o Alloway Public Library, Doonholm Road, Ayr, KA7 4QQ*

Website: www.asafhs.co.uk

Anglo-Scottish FHS

For the greater part of this year our presentations have been member lead when the subjects have included new Scottish Family History on the web, the best way of using the new 1911 census and discussions about members’ heirlooms, their research breakthroughs and research workshops aimed at overcoming brickwalls. Formal presentations included a member’s research into the life of her ancestor, James Campbell McInnes who was a famous national and international singer and professor of English and another about a Scottish family that emigrated to Liverpool, set up a shipping line and who sailed ‘Close to the Wind’ both literally and metaphorically.

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

Please note that we have a new website address, which should be used to access our Marriage Index to which so many have contributed.

For further information contact: *Michael J Couper*

Email: office@mlfhs.org.uk

Website: www.mlfhs.org.uk/AngloScots

Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives



AGRA, in conjunction with ASGRA and APGI is now making plans for a joint stand at WDYTYA, with the emphasis on how prospective Clients can find the services of accredited professional researchers by choosing a member of one of our associations.

We recently had a joint event hosted by the Society of Genealogists in which we came together with the SoG and also the FFHS. The day consisted of talks about the history,

collections and work of the SoG together with a tour of the library.

AGRA also held an Associate Members' Day in London, in which full members gave presentations on palaeography, report writing and business skills for the professional genealogist. A further day will be held in March in the midlands. Membership continues to grow steadily and the number of enquiries about membership have increased - this can be attributed to would-be professional researchers looking for a career change, possibly because of the current employment climate.

Association of Scottish Genealogists & Researchers in Archives



Since last reporting, ASGRA has been pleased to admit Bruce Bishop and Dr Kirsteen Mulhern as full members. We look forward to working with them. After her recent illness, Diane Baptie was also welcomed back as a full member, specialising in transcriptions.

Our partnership with AGRA continues well, and we will be sharing stand space with them at WDYTIA Olympia in February 2012. APGI will also be attending with us (Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland). Member Bruce Bishop will be giving one of the talks this year.

Our annual outing this year was to the Scottish Catholic Archives, where we had a very informative and entertaining talk from Catholic Archivist, Andrew Nichol.

For further information contact:

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Borders FHS

We've had an interesting spring and summer, with many visitors to our archive at Old Gala House, Galashiels. It will be open until 27th October every Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. and also for Tuesday afternoons and Friday afternoons but by appointment only. While strictly speaking no booking is required for a Thursday visit, because of the small size of the room booking is nevertheless strongly advised and is necessary at all other times. Booking should be made via our website. Between 28th October 2011 and 2nd April 2012, we may be able to arrange access for our members, but you'll need to give at least 2 weeks notice. The archive continues to grow, and an up to date list of all volumes is contained on our website.

Our 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've added parish pages for Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire parishes. We have a blog, too. Work is still underway on adding requests for research, and publication sales to the website. We have a Facebook page, and a Twitter account @BordersFHS.

The facility to record surname interests is still very popular, and it's open for everyone to record their interests, not just members. The number of interests recorded encompasses more than 2,380 distinct surnames, all over Scotland, and many in England and overseas too. With the addition of new burial places, our MIs now cover over 5,000 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.

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

We've recently placed our publications online at Parish Chest. Our stand also includes the popular Selkirk Genealogy transcriptions of death, burial and mortcloth records and bills of mortality. We've recently added a small selection of second-hand books, most of which look as good as new.

We have 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. The 1st prize fund currently stands at £64.50, and the 2nd prize fund at £9.25 (we had a prize winner in August). More details and joining form at www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHS50-50ClubForm1.asp

We have published 2 new MI Volumes:

1. A revised and improved edition of Kelso Abbey, Old Churchyard, St Andrews Monumental Inscriptions. We've extensively revised and improved this volume (previously known just as Kelso) and it's available on CD. Improvements include photographs of the stones and a list of funerals and dates in Kelso, 1798 to 1813. This is particularly useful because many of Kelso's inhabitants were buried without a marker, visitors to the parish were sometimes buried without their name being known. Several regiments were stationed in the town, together with French prisoners of war and their burials are recorded here, as well as an index to the surnames included in the inscriptions. Price £10 plus postage (UK 36p, EU £1.49, other places £2.07).

2. Minto Monumental Inscriptions. 257 gravestones are listed in the volume with colour photographs of all. Names of householders listed in the Hearth Tax of 1694 are included, together with the Militia Lists of 1813 and 1831, which show an interesting mix of occupations within the parish, reflecting the demands of a rural community and an estate. There are lists of ministers of Hassendean and Minto, and photographs of Minto War Memorial together with the inscriptions. Surnames, place names and occupations have been indexed and there are

plans of both churchyards showing the location of the stones. CD price £7 plus postage (UK 36p, EU £1.49, other places £2.07).

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

We're also reprinting the Monumental Inscriptions volumes for Greenlaw, Stichill & Hume, Yetholm. Others are working on Borders police and criminal records, and poor relief records for various parishes.

Our remaining programme for 2011/2012 is below:

27 November: Margaret Jeary – From Kelso to Kalamazoo
Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose

30 October: Gregory Lauder-Frost – Looking at local families
Foulden Village Hall, Foulden, Berwickshire

26 February: Peter Munro – Saving, Spending and Family History
Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose

25 March: Marjorie Gavin – From the Poorhouse to Knighthood
Evergreen Hall, Hawick

29 April: Jim Lyon – Adam Clark, Bridge Constructor, Budapest
Drill Hall, Peebles

27 May: Andrew Haddon – AGM.
Dr John Haddon – A Hawick man's trip around the world in 1882
Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose

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.

Website: www.bordersfhs.org.uk

Central Scotland FHS

Last year's Syllabus was distinguished by the knowledge and presentation skills of the speakers and the variety of topics proved very popular with members and visitors alike. We are returning to the Smith Gallery for our meetings as the funding required for a refit was not awarded to the Gallery. This move back will be welcomed by the members who missed the social side of meetings due to the restrictions of the

alternative venue.

We have produced 2 CDs over the summer. All of the pre 1855 burials, deaths and mortcloth/lair records in parishes with no burial records are now available on a fully searchable Cdrom. The lair records for Falkirk (Camelon) Cemetery from 1873-1903 & 1912-1929 (August) have all been indexed. Work on the later records is making good progress. The work on Polmont Graveyard is on-going.

The sudden and serious illness of our magazine editor, Liz Youngson, has been a source of concern for all over the summer. Liz is still undergoing treatment and her absence will be felt by all but Liz is very positive and we look forward to her return. We were unable to produce a Journal for the Autumn as the material was unavailable but a larger Journal will appear in March.

The problem of appointing new Committee members continues and with the illness of Liz and another resignation due to family commitments an effort will be made at the first meeting to address this problem.

Dumfries & Galloway FHS

Holding our meetings in Castle Douglas on a Saturday has proved to be popular. The programme for next year will follow the same format but we have changed venue and are back in the Douglas Arms Hotel, Castle Douglas. The talks start at 2.15pm with tea/coffee served from 1.45.

Our speakers for next year include Ken Nisbet on the 1911 Census on Sat 3rd March and Pete Wadley with a talk entitled 'Top 20 pre-1855 records for Family History held at the NAS' will speak on 15th September. Our AGM is held in the same venue but on the evening of Tuesday 10th April followed by Dr Toolis "A tale of two surgeons".

The Stranraer branch meets in the Library, North Strand St, Stranraer at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of the month between Sept and May. They have two speakers arranged for 2012. Monday 12th March Rev John McLean: "Christian Heritage Sites in the Rhinns of Galloway" and on Monday 16th April Ian McClumpha: "The LDS Church and its Resources"

On 6th October we plan to hold a one day Family History Fair with stalls and workshops in Dumfries to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society.

Unsurprisingly in the current economic climate, our membership has dropped a little but visitor numbers to our FH Centre in Dumfries continue to flourish.

The series of Wigtownshire MIs, as transcribed by J.E. Birchman have been published Glasserton, Kirkcowan, Kirkinner, Mochrum, Sorbie, 2 vols of Whithorn and 2 vols of Wigtown. We also published the last graveyard in what had been the Gilchrist and Shannon series but Kirkpatrick Fleming MIs were updated and corrected by incorporating other surveys. We have also published "Annan Marriages from the OPRs and Kirk Session Minutes" Details of all publications are on the website.

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

The speaker at the meeting on 13th October was genealogist Chris Paton who gave a very informative and enjoyable talk on *Online Irish Sources*. On Thursday 10th November Gordon Thomson will speak on *Ayrshire Railways*. The full syllabus is on the EAFHS website at www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk.

Other events: Several members of the Society attended a conference on 24th September organised jointly by Glasgow Caledonian University and the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies [AFHS]. This event, entitled *Global Citizens, Local Roots: Lord Boyd Orr, Sir Alexander Fleming and Kilmarnock Academy*, celebrated the school's unique connection with two Nobel prizewinners. An accompanying exhibition included information about Alexander Fleming's family roots in Darvel and John Boyd Orr's connections with Kilmaurs and Saltcoats and featured the original Kilmarnock Academy register showing, some years apart, their admission to the school.

At the invitation of Alloway & Southern Ayrshire FHS, representatives of East Ayrshire FHS took part in a Family History Open Day in Alloway on 8th October. The following day some committee members attended the AFHS Swap Shop held in the Racquet Hall at Eglinton Park, Kilwinning, at which information was exchanged between the member societies.

Website: Our new website has been up and running since March of this year and is accessed regularly. The Members' Pages include a Forum where we encourage members to post their surname interests and research questions. We recently encountered a set-back when the website was apparently hacked into and content destroyed. The web-host has been unable to recover what was lost; so our webmaster is having to rebuild much of the website. Fortunately this has not affected the facility for members to renew their subscriptions online through PayPal and we are grateful for their continued support.

Publications: CD-books of local histories and directories, priced at £7 each inclusive of postage. These include:

History of the County of Ayr Vol I, published 1847, covering Ayr, Newton on Ayr, Ardrossan, Auchinleck, Ballantrae, Beith, Colmonell, Coylton, Craigie, Old Cumnock, New Cumnock, Dailly, Dalmellington, Dalry, Dalrymple and Dreghorn;

Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae, published 1868, detailing ministers in the Parish Churches of Scotland in the Presbyteries of Ayr and Irvine from the Reformation;

Jonas' Kilmarnock Directory, published 1879.

Also available at £10, inclusive of postage, is a CD of Census Indexes for Ayrshire for both 1861 and 1851. A full list of publications is available on request.

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

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Fife FHS

The 2010/2011 programme finished with talks in March and April. In May Members of the Society and of the public made a visit to Balgonie Castle. The AGM of the Society took place on June.

The 2011/12 season started in September with a talk on the Enigma machine by Mrs Mary Sherrard, who as a WRN worked at Bletchley Park during the period of code-breaking. This will be followed by a talk in October by Eric Neuson on the history of Leven. This follows on from a talk he gave last year.

We have moved our activities to a new venue at the Mybus Centre in Methil.

September was very busy. We attended events at Dunfermline and Newburgh, where Hugh Hoffman also gave a talk. The Fife Family History Fair at Glenrothes is our main event, where we support Fife Council. This year this was very well attended and our stall was always busy. We were then present at The Tayroots event in the Discovery Centre in Dundee.

As usual we have produced three journals during the year. Since our last report we have published another Publication dealing with Fife Chelsea Pensioners of the Peninsular Period. We have also produced another CD, covering Fife Monumental Inscriptions and Burials. These were already contained in paper publications; the CD makes searching so much easier, and saves shelf space! This makes seven CDs produced by the FFHS.

The FFHS is partnered with Tay Valley FFH to host the 2012 SAFHS Conference and regular meetings take place.

Website: www.fifefhs.org

Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

The first meeting of the 2011/12 session was held on 19th September at Hillhead Library, Byres Road, Glasgow G12 8AP, when Davina Williams of ScotlandsPeople gave a talk, *The Census Then and Now*. All the Monday evening talks will be at Hillhead Library and start at 7.30 pm. The talks for 2011/12 include the following:

17th October 2011

Honeyman, Keppie and MacIntosh – a Social History in Stone, David Stark

21st November 2011

My Tobacco Trading Ancestors, Colin Donald

12th December 2011

Social & Archive Film evening

16th January 2012

Discovering Hospital Archives in Glasgow, GGHB Archivist

20th February 2012

LDS resources for Family Historians, Anne Doull

19th March 2012

Saving Photos for Family History, Andrew Donaldson

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.

A valuable new addition to the benefits enjoyed by members of the Society started in August when the first new monthly electronic newsletter, E-NEWS, went out to all members with an email address. This has proved to be a great hit with members and thanks must go to John Mills, the editor of E-NEWS. This is to complement the Society's Newsletter that is published three times a year (October, March and June). The aim of E-NEWS is to update members with snippets of information from the Society, for example additions to the library or volunteering opportunities.

The Society is in the process of photographing all the gravestones in the Glasgow Necropolis, through a team of volunteers. We are now nearing completion of the photography, the last two sections having been taken up. Hopefully we will have them complete before the end of October and transcribing is well in hand.

There have been changes to the members only area on the website and the webmaster, Alistair Smith, has been very busy adding new information in this area of the website. In this area members can view all the E-NEWS newsletters and change the names in their online members' interest directory. In addition databases are being added, for example the Register of Chimney Sweeps Licenses for the Burgh of Glasgow from 1852 to 1862.

In the summer we took part in the West End Festival and received some new members as a result. The Society's Research Centre was also open on the Doors Open Day weekend for Glasgow in September and this resulted in 14 new members joining the Society. We are pleased that our membership is staying at just over 2000 members and it looks as though there will be an increase in members for the new session.

The Society has some new publications and these include:

Argyll Men eligible for Service in the Militia: Lorn to South Knapdale, 1803-1804; Edna Stark, £3.50. This contains names and place of where they lived and in many cases, occupations.

Lair Holders of Certain Burying Grounds in Glasgow; John McCreadie

Old Kilpatrick Gravestone Photographs on CD; John McCreadie, £9.00

A book listing the Methodist baptisms for Cathcart, Pollokshaws and Thornley Park Churches for 1868 to 1921 will shortly be available.

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. The Centre's opening hours are:

TUESDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm

THURSDAY from 10 am until 8.30 pm

SATURDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm

The centre will be closed from 18th December, reopening on the 10th January 2012.

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Guild of One-Name Studies

One of the projects of the Guild for the last few years has been a "Marriage Challenge" where one member, or a group of members, takes responsibility for a Registration District in England and Wales and attempts to find marriages of interest to Guild members up to 1911. Where the church records have been deposited in a local record office or are otherwise available then the details are then copied and forwarded to the Guild member. During this process the "Cardinal Points" are determined – these are the reference number of the first and last marriage in a particular church in a particular quarter. The Guild has now set up a free public-access website called Marriage Locator <http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk> If you have the GRO reference for a marriage then Marriage Locator might be able to tell you in which church the marriage took place. Information is still being added to the website. Within a Registration District the records are normally put in alphabetic order by name of the Church of England Church, then the records of the other churches and finally the marriages performed by the registrar. Do try it out – it is free.

The Guild has introduced a life membership option for members 65 and over in the year or renewal. A discounted membership is also now available for anyone willing to pay for

5 or 10 years in advance. A variable joining subscription is also now available based on the month of joining which varies from 10 to 23 months so that renewal is due at the beginning of our financial year which is 1st November. According to the latest issue of our Journal (October-December 2011) this has proved very successful with the number of new joiners so far this year is 122 higher than in the same period in 2010.

Also in the latest issue of the Journal in an article on the 1911 Census of Scotland explaining how it is different from the one for England and Wales and advising Guild members how to use it on the Internet and at the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh. There are downloads of screenshots from the website and census entry for James TULLEY and his family. This entry is interesting because his wife and 4 of the 5 children have “do” for the surname and can be found by searching using just the surname. The youngest child does not have “do” and so has been transcribed without a surname and I only discovered her when I looked at the family group.

The forthcoming seminars organised by the Guild are:

- **19 November 2011** – Railway Workers – at Swindon, Wiltshire
- **18 February 2012** – Army Records – at Ash, Surrey
- **19 May 2012** – Industrial Revolution - at Ironbridge Gorge, Shropshire
- **18 August 2012** – Hands-On Computer – at Epsom, Surrey

The Guild 33rd Guild Conference and AGM will be 13th-15th April 2012 in Maldon, Essex with the conference title “Seven Pillars of a One-Name Study”.

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Lanarkshire Family History Society

Since the March report we have attended 17 FH Fairs and Events throughout Lanarkshire and Scotland. We have found, that, possibly because of the current economic situation, sales are down on previous years.

We opened our Resource Centre on both the Saturday and Sunday as part of “Doors Open Days” with many members of the public visiting the Centre and 4 of them joining the society. Our membership numbers are up on last year, with overseas and local members showing an increase, and UK members slightly down.

In September we held a “Family History Day” at the David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre. Along with our Bookstall we staffed three FH Advice/Help Desks, held two 1 hour “Starting Your Family Tree” Talks and had a Guest Speaker James Cornfield, a Blantyre Historian, also giving talks. The event was a great success with the David Livingstone Centre requesting that we return again at a future date.

Our Speaker evenings at the GLO Centre Motherwell continue to be well attended with around 70-90 members and visitors present. Speakers have included; Jess Smith “Gypsy Life”, Johnny Templeton “Miners Voices”, Dane Love “Scottish Covenanters”, National Museum of Country Life and Neil Fraser “SCRAN”. At our next meeting on Thursday 10th November we will have author Eric J. Graham giving a talk about his book “Clyde Built - Blockade Runners of the American Civil War”. As always visitors are welcome.

At a recent “Heritage and Museum Open Day” at Low Parks Museum, Hamilton, Elizabeth McCarrol, our Membership secretary, below, gives Tribune Gaius Iulius Raeticus some advice on researching his family tree. Not being able to find any reference to the RAETICUS surname in the 1881 Census and British Isles Vital Records, Elizabeth did suggest he visits our Centre where further research can be carried out. The surname does not sound Irish - it might be worth checking Irish records; O’Raeticus or M’Raeticus might bring up something.



In actual fact the gentleman is Mr R Greer Secretary of “The Antonine Guard” who attended the event. Along with 9 members of his guard they carried out marching displays and held photo shots with visitors www.theantonineguard.org.uk

Stop Press: We will be at the David Livingstone Centre Blantyre on Saturday 19th November. This event will have a Military theme, including a display of military medals and memorabilia, along with our FH Bookstall and Advice Desks. There will also be a display of Ex-Military Land Rovers. There will also be the following talks:-

- 10:30: Starting Your Family Tree. *Ian McNeill.*
- 12:00: Lanarkshire Yeomanry. *Campbell Thomson.*
- 13:30: War Memorials in Lanarkshire and the Cameronian War Diaries. *Allan Colthart.*
- 15:00: The Battlefields & Cemeteries of France & Flanders. *Joseph O’Raw.*

More information about this event can be found on our website. Proceeds will be donated to Erskine Home for Ex-Servicemen.

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

Lothians FHS

The autumn session started in September with a talk by Karen Bell from the Almond Valley Heritage Trust on the Shale Oil Industry. This was followed in October by a presentation by Laragh Quinney from the Map Library in Edinburgh. Talks take place at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month, September to November and January to May. Volunteers are currently transcribing OPR deaths for Midlothian parishes. Several have been completed in print and it is hoped that these will shortly be available on CD.

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

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

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Moray Burial Ground Research Group

The MBGRG members have been very busy this summer, with recording work continuing at Rathven, Elgin (West), Cluny Hill and Knockando. Work has also started at Aberlour which is proving an intriguing site to work on. As well as recording the MIs the group has also cleared away the ivy from the remaining section of the ruined church to uncover a dozen stones resting against the ruin, which had previously been only partly recorded. This included a potential 'standing stone', which appears to have been reused as a tombstone.



The group also made two trips to Kirkmichael 5 miles north of Tomintoul. The churchyard is proving a hot spot for buried tombstones, though many of these are proving to be frustratingly blank. In the middle of the churchyard is an ancient stone cross. This is known as St Michael's Cross and tradition avers that it may have been erected by the Culdees. If true, this would date the cross to between the 8th and 12th centuries.

Keith and Helen Mitchell made two visits to RAF Lossiemouth where they advised a group of RAF Lossiemouth personnel on cleaning and caring for the remaining tombstones at Drainie Kirk. The church foundations and churchyard are situated on RAF Lossiemouth close to the main runway. The site was originally recorded in 2004 by the MBGRG.

The Lossiemouth Cemetery book was launched on the 28th July at Lossiemouth Library. The book has sold incredibly well and has already been reprinted. The book contains over 1700

records from the north and south sections of the cemetery, as well as details of the Lossiemouth War memorial and transcriptions from the memorial room of the Lossiemouth Fisheries and Community Museum. The next batch of publications will include Rothes, Dyke, Cluny Hill and Forres.

The work of the group was featured in the September edition of 'Family Tree' magazine. The four-page article was written by group member Mary Evans and focused on the work of the group, especially in relation to recording buried tombstones.

Latest publication: Monumental Inscriptions: Lossiemouth Cemetery £15:00 + P&P.

For further information contact:

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Website: www.mbgrg.org

Moray & Nairn FHS

This year Moray & Nairn FHS has seen a slight increase in members which we take as a good sign as we are only 2 years old. We attended the SAFHS Conference though results were poor and recently the Fife Family History Fair in September which was more successful. We have published two new books this year and have tried to continue our work on the recording of the Monumental Inscriptions at Auldearn but nearly every planned visit has been called off or stopped due to rain!

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 nationwide. 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 it's 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.

Scotslot

Our meetings this summer have been fewer in number however all were well attended with much interesting discussion. The May meeting was a round table discussion on websites members had found useful for family history in its widest sense but many detailed sites of great relevance to Scotland were described. Our June meeting was centred on the Scottish 1911 census coupled with a report on the 2011 SAFHS conference held in Edinburgh. Members reported their various experiences in finding family in the census – and on the unexpected places in which some relatives found themselves. In September, three members presented aspects of the lives and work of fisher folk in NE Scotland, describing their living conditions, their way of work and the fishing industry in general as it affected those from the area.

Meetings for the remainder of the include a discussion on sources and records available for our ancestors who crossed the Atlantic, whether to Canada or the US on 29th October and our Christmas meeting on 11th December.

Scotslot meet in Harpenden in Hertfordshire and welcome anyone in the area with an interest in Scottish Family History.

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

Scottish Genealogy Society

Recently published books and CDs include more MIs of East Lothian – Whitekirk, Dunbar Cemetery MIs and Dunbar Burials – plus Edinburgh-based and general interest volumes, such as the 1790 Census of St Cuthbert's Parish, Bristo Baptisms, Grange Cemetery MIs, Grange Cemetery Burials, Portobello Cemetery MIs, Newhaven's Forgotten Cemetery, the History of the 2nd Battalion of the 78th Regiment, the Moll Atlas and a Military Almanac.

At various stages of compilations are some more Edinburgh MIs: Dean (Old and Middle Grounds), Eastern, Corstorphine Hill, Rosebank Cemeteries and Restalrig Churchyard. Some of these are due to be published later in 2011, while others may be out in early 2012.

Other work in progress includes records of baptisms at South College Street, Edinburgh and burial charges at East Preston Street, Edinburgh, as well as Kilmun and Liddesdale MIs.

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

The SGS continues to hold talks at the Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, and evening visits (in conjunction with Standard Life) to New Register House. The former are open to all and the latter to all members of SAFHS societies. See *The Scottish Genealogist* or our website (address above) for dates, times and talk titles.

For further information contact:

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

Shetland FHS

As was the case in most of the country, Shetland has had an atrocious summer, with the *Tall Ships* event having high seas and northerly gales, causing postponement of the start of the leg from Lerwick. Visitors keep coming by land and sea despite the weather and the recession, with cruise ships still bringing in a few researchers as well. Project work on transcribing all the dedication plaques throughout the Isles is nearing completion, with final checking being done. Work on transcribing the newest burial ground in Lerwick has begun.

Our 20th Anniversary celebration buffet and lectures took place in the Shetland Museum and Archives on 1st September when Archivist, Brian Smith and Museum Curator, Dr. Ian Tait, both gave their individual, interesting, and highly entertaining take on family history. These were open to the general public so more than FHS members enjoyed the evening.

We were represented at the SAFHS conference in Edinburgh and enjoyed the visit and lectures, though for us it was purely a chance to meet with members of other societies and make contacts.

Our Summer opening mornings have now ceased and we are back to the winter schedule with opening times as follows:

Every weekday afternoon from 2-4pm
Monday & Thursday evenings from 7-9pm (these may stop for November, December, January, February)

Access by appointment can be easily arranged by telephoning one of the contact numbers displayed at the premises. Details of opening times, publications and events are available on the Society's web site

www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

Tay Valley FHS

We are pleased to report that we have had yet another busy summer! It is always a pleasure to welcome overseas visitors in particular during the summer months, and I think we have had our fair share of visitors to the Tayside area.

We continue to attend the annual Angus & Dundee Roots Festival, with a presence at as many events in the area as we can. It is always good to catch up with other local genealogy groups at these events and book sales at these fairs are always very encouraging.

Our biggest consideration at the moment is getting our new web site up and running. A local company is presently building a new web site for us, which we hope will meet the needs of the electronic age. Many of our members live outwith the local area, and I know that they depend upon a comprehensive and reliable web site in order to keep in touch with us. Hopefully, soon, we will be 'on line' again.

The project we have been involved in for the past few years, in conjunction with Dundee Civic Trust, in identifying city-wide photographs (approximately 40,000) mainly the property of Dundee City Council, has finally concluded. The Civic Trust intends to make a formal presentation to the Lord Provost very soon, and a copy of the documentation will be donated to Tay Valley Society.

During the summer, we were approached by the BBC, who were keen to come along to the Research Centre to record a programme they wished to include as part of their outreach programme of digital media sessions for the over 55s, which would be available on the BBC web site as an audio slide show. So, in September, several members gathered in the Research Centre, were introduced to the two BBC staff involved and, by all accounts, a most interesting and worthwhile recording session followed! We are looking forward to hearing the outcome!

The SAFHS Conference in 2012 will be hosted jointly by Tay Valley Family History Society and Fife Family History Society, and will be held in the Bonar Hall of the University of Dundee on Saturday 21st April. The theme for the 2012 conference will be "Crops, Cloth, Cod 'n' Coal" and the talks will reflect on the importance of crops, weaving, fishing and coal mining to the communities in the Tay Valley and Fife areas in the past. We are working very hard to ensure that the Conference will run smoothly, and will be of interest to everyone. Do come along and join us!

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West Lothian FHS

Our new session started off with a bang at the Heritage Centre Linlithgow on Tuesday 6th September and over 50 members turned up. Small groups were formed for a walk round our new location in the Council Building, and all commented favourably on facilities now available for Research in West Lothian. West Lothian Council has allocated us space at this location, and for the first time in 10 years we now have all our assets in one area. This is manned on a Wednesday by a team of members and the good people of West Lothian can now pop in for a chat about family research when shopping in town. Although not large enough to seat our monthly meeting turnout for speakers, it will be used for Saturday Workshops, research evenings, and small educational day classes.

Our programme of meetings, including our regular trip to New Register House, is shown on our web site and we have started up a Forum for members only to contribute and comment.

The Digitising of the West Lothian Poor House Records is progressing and our members are being encouraged to submit small articles of interest for Journal Publication. We are assisting the Library services in another "Silver Surfers" training programme, and providing speakers for local community groups. An enthusiastic committee, dedicated to advancing Family Research in West Lothian, is looking forward to the next 10 years.

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Diary Dates

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

Sun 30 Oct 2011: BFHS: "Looking at local Families", Gregory Lauder-Frost, Foulden Village Hall, Foulden, Berwickshire, 2.30 pm.

Thurs 10 November 2011: Lanarkshire FHS: "Clydebuilt – Blockade Runners of the American Civil War", Eric J Graham, author: GLO Centre, Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN, 7 pm.

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

Sat 12 Nov 2011: ANESFHS, Edinburgh Branch: "Special Collections, Medical School Records and New Website", Grant Buttars, Royal Scots Club, 29 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm.

Mon 14 Nov 2011: SGS: "18th Century Taxation Records", Joy

Dodd: Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm.

Tues 15 Nov 2011: ASAFHS: "The American Connection to the sinking of the Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier HMS Dasher off Arran 1943", John Steele: The Alloway Church Halls, 7.45 pm.

Sat 19 Nov 2011: ANESFHS: "How to be a Professional Genealogist/Family Historian", Janet M Bishop, ASGRA, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm.

Sat 19 Nov 2011 ANESFHS, Glasgow Branch: "Using Old Newspapers for Family History", Ken Nisbet, Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, Glasgow, 2 pm.

Sat 19 Nov 2011: GOONS: Seminar: "Railway Workers", Swindon, Wiltshire.

Sat 19 Nov 2011: LksFHS: Event with a Military Theme, 10.30 onwards, David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre.

Mon 21 Nov 2011: GWSFHS: "My Tobacco Trading Ancestors", Colin Donald, Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Sun 27 November 2011: BFHS: "From Kelso to Kalamazoo", Margaret Jeary, Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, 2.30 pm.

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

Mon 12 Dec 2011: GWSFHS: "Social and Archive Film Evening", Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Mon 16 Jan 2012: GWSFHS: "Discovering Hospital Archives in Glasgow", GGHB Archivist, Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Tues 17 January 2012: ASAFHS: "The Census Past and Present", Robert Foulkes, The Alloway Church Halls, 7.45 pm.

Sat 21 Jan 2012: ANESFHS, Edinburgh Branch: "Old Documents and Old Handwriting", Margaret McBride (NAS), Royal Scots Club, 29 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm.

Sat 18 Feb 2012: GOONS: Seminar: "Army Records", Ash, Surrey.

Mon 20 Feb 2012: GWSFHS: "LDS Resorces for Family Historians", Anne Doull, Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Tues 21 February 2012: ASAFHS: Workshop – "Tracing my Ancestors", Alexander Murdoch, The Alloway Church Halls, 7.45 pm.

Sun 26 Feb 2012: BFHS: "Saving, Spending and Family History", Peter Munro, Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, 2.30 pm.

Mon 19 Mar 2012: GWSFHS: "Saving Photos for Family History", Andrew Donaldson, Hillhead Library, Byers Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm.

Sun 25 Mar 2012: BFHS: "From the Poorhouse to Knighthood", Marjorie Gavin, Evergreen Hall, Hawick, 2.30 pm.

13-15 Apr 2012: GOONS: 33rd Guild Conference & AGM. "Seven Pillars of a One-Name Study", Maldon, Essex.

Sun 29 Apr 2012: BFHS: "Adam Clark, Bridge Constructor, Budapest", Jim Lyon, Drill Hall, Peebles, 2.30 pm.

Tues 15 May 2012: ASAFHS: Maybole Castle Tour, 6.45 pm. Speaker 7.30 pm, tba.

Sat 19 May 2012: GOONS: Seminar: "Industrial Revolution", Ironbridge Gorge, Shropshire.

Sun 27 May 2012: BFHS: AGM "Dr John Hadden, A Hawick Man's Trip Round the World in 1992", Andrew Hadden, Corn Exchange, Market Place, Melrose, 2.30 pm.

Sat 11 May 2013: SAFHS Conference (Host: Borders FHS), Galashiels.

Sat 18 Aug 2012: GOONS: Seminar: "Hands-on Computer", Epsom, Surrey.

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

If you would like your events included on the diary, please send them to the Editor at jb.bishop@virgin.net along with your next item for the Bulletin.

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The Parishes, Registers and Registrars of Scotland (New Edition)	£ 6.75	£1.50	£4.26	£7.50
Registers of the Secession Churches in Scotland	£ 4.00	£1.50	£4.25	£7.50
Researching Scottish Graveyards	£ 4.50	£0.80	£1.80	£2.50
Scots Abroad (Part One)	£ 4.50	£1.10	£2.65	£4.30
A Scottish Historian's Glossary	£ 4.50	£0.40	£1.85	£2.75
Scottish Trades, Professions, Vital Records and Directories: A Selected Biography	£ 7.00	£1.00	£3.75	£7.00
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