



### SLHF NEWS

■ **Walk & Talk:** Last chance to book one of the few remaining places on our visit to Linlithgow on 22 May. Book now to avoid disappointment: [Linlithgow Walk and Talk | Scottish Local History Forum](#)



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■ Another date for your diaries is Saturday, 25 October 2025 when SLHF will be hosting a conference on **Popular Protest in a Scottish Local History Context** at The Wynd Centre, School Wynd, Paisley PA1 2DB. Speakers already confirmed are:

- Dr David Smale - The Radical War of 1820: Police Spies, Government Spies and Willing Informer
- Tom Dowds - The Trials of the Paisley Radicals in 1825
- Prof Christopher Whatley - Harvie's Dyke: The People's Struggle for the Liberty of the Banks of the Clyde
- Dr Phil Back - "There's going to be an outrage and we're going to start it!" Protesting the M77 at Pollok in the 1990s.

Further details and how to book your place will appear in the next issue of Clish-Clash in June.

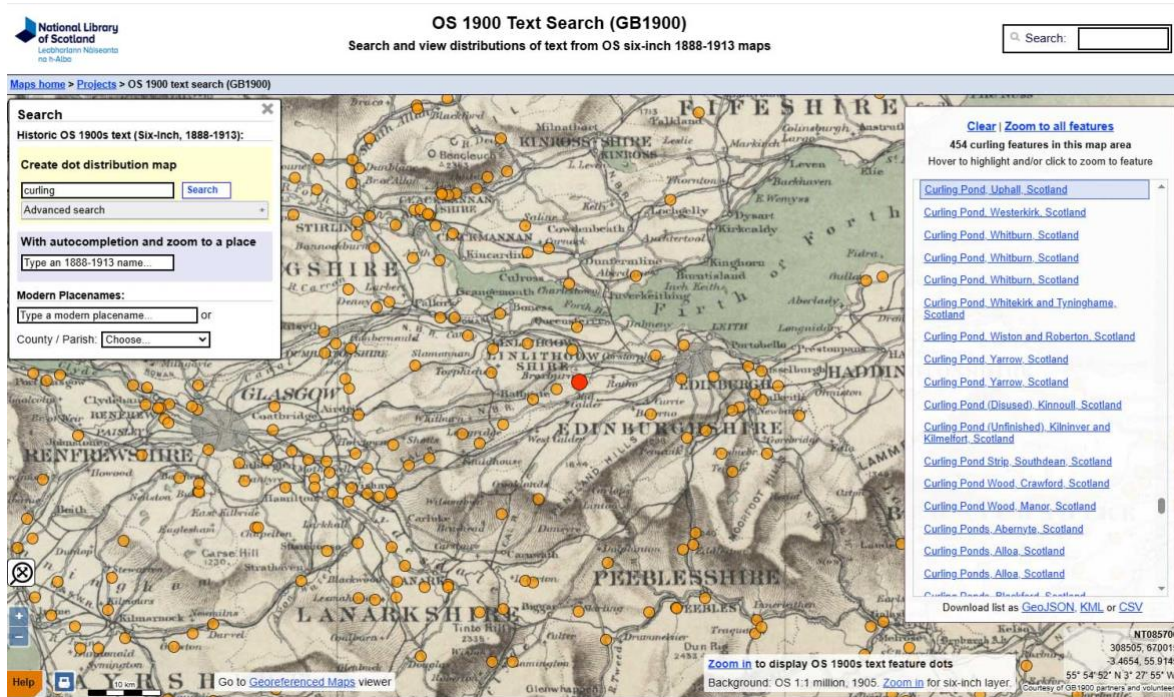
■ Congratulations to SLHF Advisory Committee member **Dr Murray Cook** who recently received the 'Outstanding Contribution to Stirling' award at the city's 2025 Business Awards. Stirling Council Leader, Cllr Gerry McGarvey, said: "We're delighted that Murray's boundless enthusiasm and his love of Stirling, its history and heritage, has been recognised. Murray is a huge asset to Stirling and our communities and he willingly shares his joy and passion for archaeology with so many others".

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

■ **National Library of Scotland** has put together this useful guide to its Gaelic manuscript collections: [Gaelic manuscripts | National Library of Scotland](#)

■ **Moving Image Archive** A collection of over 100 videotapes produced by communities in the Outer Hebrides in the late 1970s through the Cinema Sgìre project has been digitised. Highlights were made accessible to the community as part of a programme of film screenings with free online access to the digitised archive provided by the **National Library of Scotland**. [Biography of 'Cinema Sgìre Community Video Archive' - Moving Image Archive catalogue](#)

■ **NLS map news - OS 1900 Text Search - view distributions of text from OS Six-Inch 1888-1913 maps**  
Are you interested in searching for places or features on Ordnance Survey Six-Inch maps of England, Scotland, and Wales from just over a century ago? The new [OS 1900 Text search](#) application queries 2.5 million transcriptions from the GB1900 dataset. The GB1900 project ran from September 2016 to January 2018, and through a successful volunteer collaboration, collected all the text from the OS Six-Inch maps for 1888-1913. The new interface is much improved, being faster, with better wildcard search options, and results. It returns the parish and nation the places are within, as well as geographic distributions of the particular names or text on the map you have searched for. You can easily save or export images of the resulting distributions or download the results as CSV, KML or GeoJSON files for onward use.



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### [OS 1900 Text search](#)

Read more - [Help on the OS 1900 Text search](#) application

■ **Scottish Council on Archives** has an excellent resource for local history groups available on its website: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/community-archives/scottish-community-archives-toolkit/>



### ■ **Call for Participation: Uncovering the History of Social Care in Scotland**

**Scottish Council on Archives** is seeking archivists, volunteers, and organisations with an interest in exploring and improving access to historical records that shed light on Scotland's social care history. If you hold relevant records, have insights to share, or are interested in collaborating on this research, we would love to hear from you. Find out more and how to contact via

<https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/latest/news/call-for-participation-uncovering-the-history-of-social-care-in-scotland/>

■ **The National Archives (TNA)** is offering discounts on a number of publications on the subject of palaeography for family and local historians. Included in the offer is *Understanding Documents for Genealogy & Local History* by Scottish author Bruce Durie. [Palaeography Books - The National Archives Shop](#)



## PUBLICATIONS

- **Scottish Education and Society since 1945 - Democracy and Intellect** by Lindsay Paterson. Edinburgh University Press, February 2025 in paperback, 280 pp, 35 black and white illustrations, 41 black and white tables, ISBN 9781474498425, £24.99. [Scottish Education and Society since 1945](#)
- **Mission, Race and Colonialism in Malawi - Alexander Hetherwick of Blantyre** by Kenneth R. Ross. Edinburgh University Press, February 2025 in paperback, 216 pp, 2 black and white illustrations, ISBN 9781399517423, £25.95. [Mission, Race and Colonialism in Malawi](#)
- **Beyond the Enlightenment - Scottish Intellectual Life, 1790-1914** edited by Aileen Fyfe, Colin C. Kidd. Edinburgh University Press, February 2025 in paperback, 288 pp, ISBN 9781474493048, £24.99. [Beyond the Enlightenment](#)
- **The Triumph of Textiles - Industrial Dundee, c. 1700–1918** by Christopher A Whatley, Jim Tomlinson. Edinburgh University Press, 288 pp, 20 black and white illustrations, 10 black and white tables, March 2025 in paperback, ISBN 9781399537827, £19.99. [The Triumph of Textiles](#)
- **The Local Historian** [The Local Historian Volume 55 Number 1 February 2025 | | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)
- **Local History News** [Local History News Number 154 February 2025 | | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)

## WHAT'S ON

Links to the Scottish Local History Forum's events page will contain further details provided by the organisers. For events where information has not been provided by the organisers a link has been found by the editor when possible.

- **Jessie Stephen: Maryhill's Suffragette** A free exhibition at Maryhill Museum, Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust, 10-24 Gairbraid Avenue, Glasgow G20 8YE, 10.00am -5.00pm, Monday-Friday until 13 June 2025. [Maryhill Burgh Halls: Jessie Stephen](#)
- **Glass** Ticketed exhibition on the history of glass making in Perth & Kinross and beyond, Perth Art Gallery 4 April 2025 - 2 February 2026, Monday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00am - 5.00pm; Thursday, 10:00am - 7:00pm; Sunday, 10:00am - 4.00pm (closed Tuesday & Wednesday, winter hours are subject to change), Tickets: [GLASS | Perthshire Box Office](#)
- **New Results from Stirling's City Wall** Talk by Dr Murray Cook to Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society, Room LG34 Paterson's Land, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AQ, 7.00pm, Wednesday, 9 April 2025. [EAFS Lectures | EAFS](#)
- **Scotland beneath the surface** Talk by Bruce Keith to Dalkeith History Society, Monday, 14 April 2025 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm, Dalkeith Baptist Church Hall, 8 North Wynd, Dalkeith, EH22 1JE. [Scotland beneath the surface | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Romancing the Stone: Marriage Lintels and Date Stones Close to You** Talk by Dr Jim Mackay organised by Cromarty History Society & Friends of Cromarty Courthouse, Tuesday, 15 April 2025, 7:30pm, Victoria Hall, Cromarty. The AGM will also be held at this meeting. [Cromarty History Society | TALKS PROGRAMME](#)
- **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cupar Curling Club** Exhibition at Cupar Museum and Heritage Centre, Cupar Railway Station, Station Road, Cupar, KY15 5HX, 2.00pm - 4:30pm, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 16 April 2025 - 31 October 2025. [Exhibition: 250th Anniversary of Cupar Curling Club | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **John Roy Stuart - Latha Chuilodair - Culloden Day** April 16th 1746: the Battle of Culloden, the last battle fought on British soil. April 16 2025: the ghost of John Roy Stuart, poet, partisan and Colonel of the Jacobite Edinburgh Regiment, returns to Scotland to recall his life, times and final battle, Dublin Street Fox, 26B Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6NN, Wednesday, 16 April 2025 - 12:15pm to 1:00pm. [John Roy Stuart - Latha Chuilodair - Culloden Day | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Pictures from the Past - Polish Graffiti in Nairn Museum**, Talk by Annie MacDonald organised by [Cawdor Heritage Group](#) Cawdor Community Centre. Wednesday, 16 April 2025, 7:30pm.
- **Archive Afternoons at Lochaber Archive Centre** Pop in for a visit, chat or to explore some of the collection held at the Centre in Fort William. Free, no bookings necessary. Wednesday 16 April 2025, 1.00-4.00pm. [Archive Afternoons - Lochaber Archive Centre](#)
- **Rev Henry Duncan – anti-slavery campaigner, geologist, educationalist and newspaper founder** Talk by Professor Charles Munn to the Dunfermline Historical Society, Thursday, 17 April 2025 – 7.30pm to 9.15pm, Abbey Church Hall, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline KY12 7PD. [Talks – Dunfermline Historical Society](#)

- **Members Night** AGM and short talks by members of **Drymen and District Local History Society** on aspects of their research or interest, Thursday, 24 April 2025 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Drymen Village Hall, 3 Main Street, Drymen, Glasgow, G63 0BP. [Members Night & AGM | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **Macbeth – An Exhibition** Perth Museum Friday, 25 April- Sunday, 31 August 2025, £7.70; Disabled/Unwaged/Students/Seniors £5.50 (inc.10% booking fee); Under 16s and Culture Perth & Kinross Supporters go Free. [Macbeth: An Exhibition | Perthshire Box Office](#)
- **Rock Art Workshop – Kirkcudbright** Funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh and supported by the ScARF project at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Saturday, 26 April 2025, 9:30am-4:30pm. Free. Kirkcudbright Parish Church Hall, 8 Saint Mary Street Kirkcudbright DG6 4AQ. [Rock Art Workshop - Kirkcudbright Tickets, Sat, Apr 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Educational Records & Apprenticeship Indentures** Online talk via Zoom by Lorna Kinnaird, Thursday, 8 May 2025, 6:00pm. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- **The Real Anne Boleyn** AGM followed by talk by Roy Johnstone to Dalkeith History Society, Monday, 12 May 2025 - 7:30pm to 8:45pm, Dalkeith Baptist Church Hall, 8 North Wynd, Dalkeith, EH22 1JE. [AGM followed by The Real Anne Boleyn | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Origins of Dundee's War Memorial** AGM followed by talk by Matthew Jarron to Abertay Historical Society, Wednesday, 14 May 2025 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Dalhousie Building, Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN. [The Origins of Dundee's War Memorial | Scottish Local History Forum](#)
- **The Manx Beauty Project – 88 Years of Stories** Talk by Richard Wemyss to the Dunfermline Historical Society, Thursday, 15 May 2025 – 7.30pm to 9.15pm, Abbey Church Hall, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline KY12 7PD. [Talks – Dunfermline Historical Society](#)
- **Rock Art Workshop – Culloden** Funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh and supported by the ScARF project at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre, Saturday 17 May 2025, 9:30am-4:30pm. Free. [Rock Art Workshop - Culloden Tickets, Sat, May 17, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Shifting Perspectives: Scotland's Urban Architecture Through the Lens**



Studies in photography

This conference organised by the Scottish Society for the History of Photography and Supported by Historic Environment Scotland, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and Scottish Council on Archives will explore how photography has shaped and recorded the urban architectural heritage of Scotland, Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 9.30am to 4.30pm at The Engine Shed, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ. [Shifting Perspectives: Scotland's Urban Architecture Through the Lens Tickets, Tue, May 20, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

- **Digging Up East Renfrewshire's Past: Thirty-Five Years of Local Archaeology** East Renfrewshire Heritage Service hosts Susan Hunter, who shares her experiences and discusses some of the most interesting features that she and her team have discovered over the last few decades, Eastwood House, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, G46 6UG, Tuesday, 20 May 2025 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm. [Digging Up East Renfrewshire's Past: Thirty Five Years of Local Archaeology | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Linlithgow Walk and Talk** Scottish Local History Forum event, Thursday, 22 May 2025, 10:30am to 3:30pm, meet at The Regent Centre, Blackness Road, Linlithgow EH49 7HU. Pre-booking essential!

[Linlithgow Walk and Talk | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

■ **Exhibition Launch of Hooked: 500 Years of Addiction** Talks by Prof Phil Withington and Prof Gerda Reith at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ, Thursday, 29 May 2025 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

[Exhibition Launch of Hooked: 500 Years of Addiction | Scottish Local History Forum](#)

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## HISTORY NEWS

■ A partnership between **Ancestry** and **West Dunbartonshire Council** has opened up online access to family history records which may also be of interest to local historians: [From school records to shipyard registers, over 11 million West Dunbartonshire family history records have been published online | Who Do You Think You Are Magazine](#)

■ **A hoard of 15th century medieval coins** has been discovered by metal detectorists. It is thought the coins were deposited at the site in the Scottish Borders in the early to mid-1460s. [Hoard of medieval coins from 15th century discovered by metal detectorists | STV News](#)

■ Research by a **University of the Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute** PhD student suggests the wooden box said to have contained the remains of St Magnus is contemporary with the martyrdom of the 12th century earl. [Archaeology Institute PhD student's research dates St Magnus reliquary - Archaeology Orkney](#)

■ **Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks** are funding a number of community projects, including those associated with local heritage: [Regional community projects we're funding - SSEN Transmission](#)

## WATCH & LISTEN

■ For those readers and viewers who didn't get enough from the Channel 4 documentary about the Loch Ness Monster there is even more available. **Loch Ness: They Created a Monster** is available on the BBC iPlayer. First shown in 2023 it's a feature length documentary. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001sznx>

■ **WW1: Not So Quiet On The Western Front** is a podcast from military historians Dan Hill and Dr. Spencer Jones reveals the untold stories and surprising truths of the First World War. <https://battleguide.co.uk/>

■ BBC4 had a recent **Lewis Grassic Gibbon Night** which featured two archive BBC profiles and another opportunity to see *Sunset Song*. *Cloud Howe* and *Grey Granite* are also available to view. <https://tinyurl.com/bnw8yc4s>

■ **House of Lords Podcast** is an absolutely fascinating insight into the work of the House of Lords. It includes interviews with leading members of the Lords as well as background information as to its inner workings. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/lords/house-of-lords-podcast/>

■ **Archive on 4: No Blacks, No Irish** examines the history of the infamous racist slogan of the 1950s used in boarding houses and rented accommodation. Peter Curran and Tony Phillips set out to find the truth behind the sign, assemble archive materials from across the centuries linking Caribbean and Irish communities and confront each other's beliefs and assumptions about ethnic and cultural history. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0028kwb>

■ Oral history series **Our Story** had a wonderful episode the **Fife Flyers** which was established in 1938 and is the UK's oldest professional ice hockey club. The focus here is in great part on the fans, including Marion Waterson, who has been following the Flyers for 42 seasons. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0028kt6>

■ **Empire** is a longstanding podcast series which goes far and wide - India, Ireland and many other places. [https://www.bestpodcasts.co.uk/podcast/empire/#google\\_vignette](https://www.bestpodcasts.co.uk/podcast/empire/#google_vignette)

■ **On the Record** at the National Archives offers a fascinating range of listening opportunities. A recent example is **Working Women in History** <https://tinyurl.com/4d84x659>

■ BBC Radio4 has had a series of programmes reminding us of life just 5 years ago associated with the Covid Pandemic. If you can't catch it all listen to the episode where teachers from the north-east of Scotland discuss what they witnessed during the lockdown of 2020. It's called **Lockdown Legacy: The Teachers** [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live/bbc\\_radio\\_fourfm](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live/bbc_radio_fourfm)

- **Orchestras of Auschwitz** Composer and conductor Leo Geyer shares his findings from studying and decoding the orchestral music of Auschwitz, as he and his company prepare to perform an 80-minute opera ballet of salvaged fragments from the camp in tribute to the murdered musicians of the Holocaust. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002900z>
- **The Life Scientific** continues to offer real gems including a fascinating interview with osteoarchaeologist Jacqueline McKinley who explained how Britain's burial sites can teach us about life in ancient societies. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0028zyv>
- A repeat of the wonderful programme **The Town That Floored the World** which describes the history and impact of linoleum manufacture in Kirkcaldy. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b4f05d>
- If you missed the talk by Dr Victoria Thompson Whitworth and Master Craftsman Thomas Keyes on 'Uncovering the Origin of the Book of Kells', it is now available to listen to, tickets £3 from [Tarbat Discovery Centre website](#). A fascinating case made for the Book of Kells to have been made in Easter Ross.
- The pair behind the popular **Once Upon A Time in the Muirton** podcast have joined forces with locals on a new documentary film looking at the story of this Perth scheme through the memories of the people who lived there prior to its demolition in the early 2000s. [New Muirton film celebrates Perth council estate's lost way of life](#)

## BLOGS, WEBSITES ETC

- **Historic Environment Scotland** has recently launched a digital archive bringing together records from across HES, Canmore, Scran, and Property in Care collections, allowing map-based or keyword searching. It is a new service and HES is looking for feedback on its operation. [Welcome to trove.scot | The key to Scotland's past](#)
- **What Can We Doo? – The History & Reuse of Doocots** From essential agricultural buildings to architectural symbols of status and innovation, this is the history of doocots in Scotland. [The History & Reuse of Doocots - Historic Environment Scotland Blog](#)
- **James VI & I and Edinburgh Castle**. Samantha Fullerton from the castle's guide team explores the legacy that this complicated king left on the castle. [Edinburgh Castle - The Iconic Scottish Tourist Attraction](#)
- **Scotland's 'forgotten golfer': From PoW to sporting icon Bobby Cruickshank: The 'forgotten golfer' who was a sporting icon - BBC News**
- Three new articles of particular Scottish interest are available on the **British Association for Local History** website:
  - [Finding Historic Perth | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)
  - [Camp 21 'Cultybraggan' | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)
  - [The Scottish Rates Revaluation of 1985: The Spark that Lit the Poll Tax Fire! | Local History News | British Association For Local History](#)

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Wanted: Stories of the Herring Girls** Highland Archives is part of a joint project with Suffolk Archives, Norfolk Record Office and Tasglann nan Eilean (the Hebridean Archives) to capture stories of the Herring Girls. If you had a family member who worked as a herring girl, or you have any stories to share about this vital part of the UK's maritime history, please get in touch by [email](#) or phone 01349 781130.

Visit the Scottish Local History Directory and let us know if you would like to add details of your organisation <https://slhf.org/scottish-local-history-directory>

## QUOTE OF THE MOMENT

'The greatest reward for doing, is the opportunity to do more',

**Jonas Salk Virologist and Medical Researcher.**



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