



e-Scotia

Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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Anglo Scottish Family History Society

Welcome: To another year and to the January edition of e-Scotia. Our Branch year as usual began with our own festive celebration with various goodies brought by members and shared amongst us. As well as the usual potpourri of suggested sites to help your research, I include the quizzes that we all enjoyed at our party and that you may wish to have a go at yourselves. In this edition there are also some announcements of various events coming this year that, hopefully, will be of interest and attract your attendance if you are able.

Enjoy. Editor.

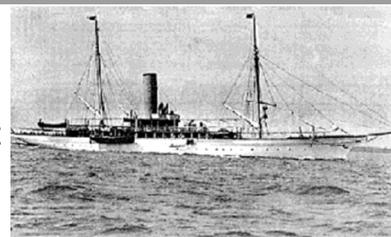
Branch Meeting, Saturday, 19th January - A Festive Gathering.

For various reasons, illness, flu bug, weather, our turnout this year was down, even at the committee meeting that always precedes our gatherings. Still, we did not allow that to deter us and the generosity of members, together with the efforts of our intrepid quiz masters, Yvonne and Ina, allowed us to enjoy good company, good food and wine and fun. I have attached the quizzes prepared by Yvonne and Ina at the back of this newsletter just in case you feel you would like a go at trying to answer them. In particular the Scottish questions. It has to be admitted that most of us failed miserably to get a decent score, and the winner of the prize, Ian Hamilton, outshone us all by a wide margin. Well done Ian!! The rest of us must brush up for next year.



Lost Cousins Newsletter: I have drawn your attention to this online publication previously and recommended it to you. It was founded and continues to be run by Peter Calver, a well known family historian with loads of knowledge and experience that he shares freely. It is well worth signing up for and is free, although if you want to get all the benefits there is a small cost for membership. ([click here for the web site and to register](#)) The reason I draw attention to it again is that in this recent version there is very good advice on how to get the most out of FindMyPast. Lots of great hints and tips that makes searching the site more fruitful. Normally I would give you a link to that particular site, but Peter asks that this not be done and I want to respect this. However, simply by signing up for the newsletter will give you access to it and to all past newsletters.

Iolaire Disaster and Remembrance: This has been on the news recently and has been drawn to our attention by a number of members/readers. It refers to the sinking of the HMS Iolaire on December 31st 1918, a few yard from shore, as it transported soldiers returning from the 1st World War to their homes on Skye. It sank when it struck rocks close to the shore of Skye. There are many articles and programmes detailing this tragedy but the one I found most moving was the BBC offering. It is still available to view but not for long so if you want to catch it you had better have a go now. It can be viewed on BBC I Player web page at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bx7dy1/in-sight-of-home-the-iolaire>



Major Announcement!!!! Last month I teased you with the hint that we had arranged a major event for May 2019. Well now that we have “almost” finalised arrangements I can inform you that we have managed to persuade representatives of **Scotlands People** and the **National Records of Scotland** to come to Manchester and give us a presentation. **The date fixed is Thursday 16th May.** A week-end visit is out of the question for them. Their presentation will be in the afternoon from 1.00 pm, but we are still in the process of determining if we shall have a morning input of some kind. This will be a great opportunity for us as a Branch to promote Anglo Scottish interest. As a visit from these organisations is such a unique event (they tell me that they have never presented outside of Scotland before) we intend to advertise the event to the various Family History Societies throughout the North West and Yorkshire. I attach a copy of the advertising poster that we are using and hope that you may notice it in your local library, but meantime, pass the word on to anyone you think might be interested. As we expect this to be a popular event we have secured the whole of the public space which can offer 150 places. Whilst we encourage you to mark this date in your diary, you will not yet be able to reserve your space via Eventbrite. We will give you plenty of notice when this will be available..



Borders Family History Society: we regularly draw your attention to the various Family History Society magazines that we receive as digital copies and put on the member area of the Society web site. They can be found under the heading of “Exchange”. A recent version of the Borders FH magazine drew our attention to a couple of pieces of information that you might find useful. The first is reference to [The Scottish Military Research Group](#) site, a charity that has been going since 2011 with the aim of informing and educating us as to how to research our ancestors who were in the Scottish military.

The other bit of information is that the **Peeblesshire Advertiser and Tweedside Journal** covering the years 1879 to 1885 and the **Peeblesshire Advertiser** covering the years 1887 to 1892 have now been added to the British Newspaper Archives. This of course is a pay to view site but might be free in your local library. If you have any connections with the Borders area, then this might be a useful resource for you.



Was your ancestor a surgeon?

If so, you are in luck. The December edition of “*Who Do You Think You Are?*” Magazine informs us about a free database of Scottish surgeons that can be found on the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh website at archiveandlibrary.rcsed.ac.uk. that lists the names of the 20,227 fellows and members dating from 1505—1918. Sadly, my own one and only claim to association with a surgeon was when I had my appendix removed many years ago. Still, some of you might find this site would help. Anyway I always like the references to such web sites that I would never otherwise know about let alone consult. So I had a look at the RCSE website, and very interesting it is too. What was a nice touch was my attempt to enter one area of the site only to receive the message, “sorry we could not complete that operation”!!!! Very clever.

Staying on the Topic - a couple of funnies:

A man is given a pig’s ear during a transplant operation. A month later he goes back to the hospital for a check-up. “Any problems?” asks the doctor. “No, it’s fine,” replies the man, “though I do get a bit of crackling.”

A man goes to the doctor and says, “Doctor, I can’t pronounce my F’s, T’s or H’s. “Well,” says the doctor, “you can’ say fairer than that.”



Maps every so often we refer you to various map sites that we think will assist you in your research, in particular, the National Library of Scotland map site, **Cairt**, the Newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum. This is to let you know that their latest newsletter is available and can be accessed here. [\(click\)](#) Just to whet your appetite, the newsletter proclaims;



In this issue:

- New website resources and user survey
- Lovat Estate Map Project
- George Taylor's Plans of Aberdour Estate, Aberdeenshire 1774
- Admiralty Charts in the Sutherland Papers

Our regular contributor from Fort William, Martin Briscoe tells us;

"Of particular interest is the post-war 6" map series OS 1:10,560 *National Grid maps of Scotland, 1950s-1960s*. They are especially useful for more remote rural areas, where this is the most detailed scale of OS mapping. This online addition includes all our out-of-copyright maps at this scale, published over 50 years ago. We hope to extend our online coverage of this series to England and Wales in early 2019. So far they have reached the Lake District but seem to be working North to South so hopefully there will be some coverage of Lancashire soon."



On the subject of Maps: the **National Library of Scotland** have announced a "**Discover Maps Workshop**" to be held at the library on **Saturday, 23rd February, 2.30—4.00**. It is billed as an opportunity to learn about the range of maps they hold and the information that can be gleaned from them. So, just in case any of you plan to be in Edinburgh at the time, why not go along. It is sure to be worthwhile.

Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting - February 17th 2019

Irish Records - they all went up in smoke.

Or did they?

Whilst we are primarily an Anglo Scottish Branch, we thought it would be useful, given that many members also have Irish connections, to spread the wings of our knowledge. It is hoped that we might tempt our speaker to make reference to the many Scots/Irish links.



Our speaker for this event is Jill Williams. Jill is a member of the Irish Genealogical Society and is well versed in all things pertaining to Irish Family History research. Jill is travelling down from Edinburgh to join us and we are very pleased to have her. She will show us the best routes to Irish research, what records are available and how to access them. The talk commences at 2.00 pm. As usual book early through **Eventbrite** on the Society web page.



Help desk assistance with research

You will all be aware that we have helpdesk assistance each morning of the Branch meeting day from 10.30 until 12.30. Well, Jill has offered to attend our help desk session. The usual computer terminals will be available to us and for all those interested, Jill will take you through some practical lessons in researching Irish Family History. A great offer, not to be missed.





Coming to

Manchester



Central Library

Thursday, 16th May 2019



ScotlandsPeople

and the

National Records of Scotland

Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society

Check Web site for details at: www.mlfhs.org.uk



Quiz 2019

(Answers in the upside-down section)



Highlands and Islands

1. What is Neptune's Staircase?
2. What is the name given to the Viking fire festivals held throughout the Shetland Isles in the New Year?
3. Which game bird turns white in Winter?
4. Which group of islands is home to the largest colony of gannets in Britain?
5. Where is the Old Man of Hoy?

The Lowlands

1. Why could it be dangerous to get out of a car at Blair Drummond?
2. Which town has railway stations called 'High' and 'Grahamston'?
3. In which city is the Mitchell Library?
4. Is 'Rumbledethumps' for eating, playing, or wearing?
5. Near Moffat is a remarkable hollow in the ground, some 500' deep. How did it become known as the 'Devil's Beeftub'?

History

1. From which castle did Mary Queen of Scots escape by boat in 1568?
2. What Latin derived nickname was used to describe the natives of Scotland during the Roman occupation?
3. Name the earthwork rampart which the Romans constructed between the rivers Forth and Clyde?
4. Which idealistic millowner created the model village of New Lanark during the Industrial Revolution?
5. Who founded the first religious settlement on the island of Iona in the 6th Century?

Miscellaneous

1. 'Finn Paul', who arrived in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on 26th October 2018, has a prominent politician as his mother. Who is she?
2. What is the name of the well-known Scottish confection made with condensed milk?
3. Which unusual visitors turned up in the River Clyde in April 2018?
4. What opened in Dundee on 15th September 2018?
5. Which Scottish poet won the poetry category of the Costa Prize in January 2019?

Highlands and Islands

1. A series of 8 locks on the Caledonian Canal at Banavie.

2. Up-Helly-Aa (which involves the burning of a Viking longship)

3. The Ptarmigan

4. St Kilda.

5. The Orkney Isles

The Lowlands

1. This is the location of Scotland's first Safari Park.

2. Falkirk

3. Glasgow.

4. Eating. (It is a dish made with potatoes, cabbage and onion.)

5. It was formerly used as a pound for stolen cattle.

History

1. Loch Leven Castle

2. The Picts. (in Latin Pictii)

3. The Antonine Wall.

4. Robert Owen.

5. St Columba (in AD 563)

Miscellaneous

1. Ruth Davidson.

2. Tablet.

3. Orca whales

4. Scotland's first Design Museum and the first V & A Museum outside London.

5. J. O. Morgan, originally from Edinburgh, with his work, entitled, "Assurances" about the nuclear tensions of the Cold War period.

General Knowledge

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| 1. | Who wrote the book 'A Christmas Carol'? | Charles Dickens | 1. |
| 2. | According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the 7th day of Christmas? | Seven Swans a swimming | 2. |
| 3. | Which colourful and much sung-about Christmas character was invented by American ad. writer Robert L. May in 1939? | Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer | 3. |
| 4. | What is the date of St Stephen's Day? | 26th December | 4. |
| 5. | Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from? | England | 5. |
| 6. | Which popular Christmas song was composed by James Pierpont in 1857? | Jingle Bells | 6. |
| 7. | What are the names of the Three Wise Men? | Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. | 7. |
| 8. | What is the name of the Dr Seuss character who steals Christmas? | The Grinch | 8. |
| 9. | According to legend, London sweet shop owner Tom smith was poking a fire when he got the inspiration to invent which traditional Christmas item? | The Christmas Cracker | 9. |
| 10. | What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in the film "It's a Wonderful Life"? | Clarence | 10. |
| 11. | In which European country was St Nicholas born? | Turkey | 11. |
| 12. | Who composed the songs for the film "White Christmas"? | Irving Berlin | 12. |
| 13. | Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D". Name them? | Dancer, Dasher and Donner | 13. |
| 14. | What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant? | White | 14. |
| 15. | Which US singer sang "All I want for Christmas is you" in 1994? | Mariah Carey. | 15. |
| 16. | Which English leader banned the singing of Christmas songs? | Oliver Cromwell | 16. |
| 17. | Which Christmas word means "turning of the sun"? | Yuletide | 17. |
| 18. | What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant? | Join in any reindeer games | 18. |
| 19. | What is the date of "Twelfth Night"? | The evening of the 5th January | 19. |
| 20. | What is the opening line to the song "Let it snow"? | Oh the weather outside is frightful | 20. |
| 21. | Which Christmas carol was originally written in Latin as "Adeste Fideles"? | O come All Ye Faithful | 21. |
| 22. | What type of pudding do the carollers sing about in "We wish you a Merry Christmas"? | Figgy pudding | 22. |
| 23. | Which carol includes the lyrics, "Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis"? | Ding Dong Merrily on High | 23. |
| 24. | How many types of birds are mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas song? | Six: Partridge, Turtle Doves, French Hens, Calling Birds, Geese and Swans. | 24. |
| 25. | In the words of the famous carol, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", glory is proclaimed to whom? | New-born King | 25. |
| 26. | Which Christmas carol is commonly known by the title "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire."? | The Christmas Song. | 26. |