



February '25 report

February meeting

We had an extremely successful meeting with David Henry describing the history of the Kirkcudbright lifeboat from its first boat being hauled by horse and cart from Castle Douglas station to today's vessel with all its modern technology. The presentation was concluded with his wife Faith, daughter of the well known Coxwain George Davidson, reading a very moving poem written by her Father. The presentation as usual can be found on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1UCY0FpQgg>

March meeting

AGM

The AGM will precede the talk. If you have any nominations for the committee please have them in the secretary's hands by the 5th March along with a proposer, seconder and the agreement of the nominee. You will receive the meetings paperwork in the next week. Please have ideas for next year's programme also with you.

Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances this talk has been changed to

"Kirkcudbright Shops through Time" – presented by Helen Bowick

This will be a PowerPoint presentation of some local shops from her collection of old photographs. The usual Zoom arrangements will take place with details at the end of this newsletter. Please note it is important that if you want to view the meeting on Zoom that you are logged on by 7.25. For obvious reasons I shall be unable to allow you entry after this.

Equipment



The time has come for the Society to have a second laptop for the Web Secretary's use for storage purposes, Zoom and social media. The committee authorised one to be bought and Carol, Ron and Helen have been busy transferring data etc amongst the devices. The photo asks "*how many devices does it take.....*".

Societies

We have had reciprocal arrangements with DGNHAS now for a year. It has been very popular with 30 of our members signed for the session.

Social Media

Facebook

Our page continues to promote interest and discussion.

Those of you who are on Facebook might like to look at the Solway Tours page, they frequently have posts about local places of interest.

Our website

The hits recently reached some record highs especially on 23rd January when they hit 441 views.

The Key to Scotland's Past

A huge database has been put at the public's fingertips for them to explore and uncover the secrets of their country's recent and ancient past. This database combines many online resources and can be found at <https://www.trove.scot/>. It combines databases known as Canmore and Scran with the archives of objects and records held by Historic Environment Scotland.

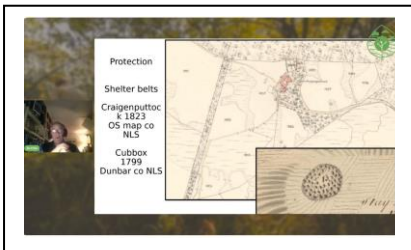
New Runic Translation of Galloway Hoard

For anyone who missed this, here is the link

<https://media.nms.ac.uk/news/new-runic-translation-reveals-community-ownership-of-the-galloway-hoard>

Webinars

Dumfries and Galloway Woodlands



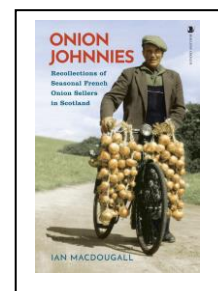
Archie McConnel, Dumfries Archival Mapping Project (DAMP), talked about what old, pre-ordnance survey maps could tell us about the changing woodland cover in Dumfries & Galloway and further afield. How this has changed over time and what contemporary sources evidence this change with a particular focus on forestry practices in the 17th and 18th centuries, running right

through to today. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IofO-263WJQ>

Their website with further information is www.dgwoodlands.org.uk

Books

As the result of the interest created by the continued publicising of MacDougall's research on French Onion Johnnies, publisher Birlinn Ltd. reprinted the book in June 2023, published this time as: ONION JOHNNIES Recollections of Seasonal French Onion Sellers in Scotland.



Ian

Museum Annan Museum. "Annan and the World". Display and Talk



15 March, Drop in 10am – 4pm (short talks at 11.30am and 1.30pm)

Explore the global history of Dumfries and Galloway with our young researcher, Charles. Discover the stories of the people who left Annan and the places they named around the world.

As I am sure you will appreciate this has been a very busy spell for me, so this is a shorter Newsletter I am afraid.

**Zoom Arrangements if you haven't already signed in/
Arrangements for joining the streamed meeting 2024**

For those wishing to join with Zoom, the arrangements are

Please register your interest with me by emailing to
secretary@kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk by Friday the 7th March
This email will be confirmed.

On Saturday 8th I will send out an email confirming that I have the correct email address on the register.

If by the **Sunday 9th**, you haven't received confirmation, **please get back in touch** to have this rectified.

The Zoom Link will be sent out on the afternoon of Monday 10th March Please check your "in and spam boxes".

Please note the invitation will state the time is from 7.00 - 9.30.

From 7-7.25 we will be setting up and testing the equipment, so you will be admitted to the waiting room.

You will be admitted to the meeting at 7.25. It is important that you note that there will be no admittance later than this.

The meeting is recorded and will be on YouTube at a later date.

We hope you enjoy the meeting

Helen

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