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Anglo Scottish Family History Society

Welcome: to the new year and to our January edition of the newsletter. The seasonal celebrations are ended and we can settle back into our research. Some find January and February rather depressing months but the cold and dark evenings are ideal for snuggling up with our research and a glass - of milk of course! Whilst those of us in the northern hemisphere do have cold and dark, our colleagues in the south are in a different situation. For those of our readers in Australia know that we are very aware of your difficulties with the fires raging and our thoughts are with you.

Branch Christmas Celebration: traditionally our Branch January meeting is given over to our spending time together in celebration with a quiz and a shared table. This year's get-together was no exception in its camaraderie, good fun and happy socialising to say nothing about the contents of the shared table. The chocolate orange cakes were a particular delight.

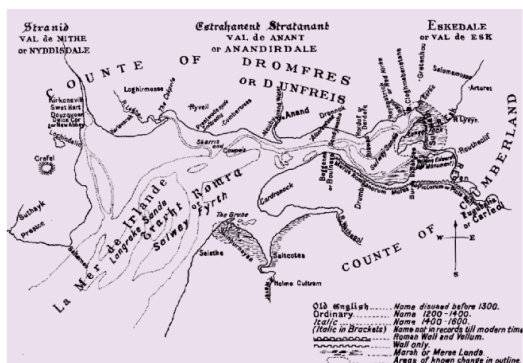


As per usual, our intrepid quiz setters, Yvonne and Ina, produced quizzes that stretched our knowledge, both Scottish and General. Being an Anglo Scottish group there was an air of desperation when faced with the Scottish questions given that there is an assumption that we should all be familiar with things Scottish. However we were helped by the answers being multiple choice this year. (Thanks Yvonne.) We all gave it our best shot and there were winners and losers, both ends of the spectrum getting a prize. Good fun though and I attach the questions and answers at the end of this newsletter for those of you who would like to have a go. If you want to try and beat the winner of the Scottish quiz, the highest score was John with 18 out of 24. What a show-off!!!!

Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting Saturday February 15th 2020

Manchester Central Library 2.00 p.m.. - 3.30. p.m.

"Crossing the Solway - tracing the Rickerbys of Dumfriesshire and Cumbria"

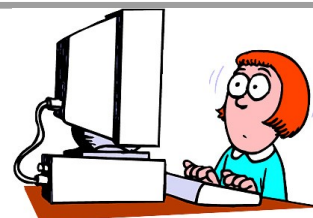


A talk by Alan Crosby, a popular and well-known local and regional historian who has graced many of the Family History Society meetings. He has a special interest in the history and development of the north west and conveys historical development by way of reference to local families and places. This talk focuses upon the movement of peoples around the border area of Scotland and England.

Booking is essential through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) on the MLFHS web page.

Members of the Society are free but for others, £3.

Web Site Revamp: We can now let you know that, after many months of discussion and debate, the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society web site is going to have a major overhaul during the coming year. This will include new ways of entering the Branch web page.



In the meantime however our gallant committee member, Hilary Hartigan, has done some work on the Anglo Scottish web page making the contents more obvious and accessible. Do have a look at it but also be ready for a major overhaul of the whole Society system.

Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS): We received the following announcement from SAFHS regarding the forthcoming annual conference. So if you plan to be around Musselburgh in April why not think about attending. Remember that the Anglo Scottish Branch were co-founders of SAFHS. More details can be found on the SAFHS website www.safhs.org.uk For those who are wondering, a "Sair Fecht" is a "Sore Fight" or a "Hard Struggle".

31st Annual SAFHS Conference 2020

Delegate Booking Form

It's a Sair Fecht!

(Hosts: ASGRA; Borders FHS; Lothians FHS; SGS)

Saturday 18 April 2020

The Brunton, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA

9 am – 4.30 pm

To be opened by Michael Williams, Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian



Conference: £ 35 per Delegate: 4 Speakers (must be pre-booked); Morning Coffee; Lunch; Afternoon Tea; Free entry to Family History Fair.

Family History Fair: £2 entry at door: Around 50 stands, with all your favourite local and family history societies and charities; Ask the Experts.

Booking Forms: Available on the SAFHS Website: www.safhs.org.uk

Enquiries: to SAFHS 2020 Co-ordinator: Janet Bishop www.safhsconf2020.simplesite.com

Anglo Scottish Branch Survey: over the last couple of months we have made mention of the Branch membership survey sent out by our chairman, Michael Couper, seeking your views about the future structure and content of the Branch ready for a discussion at our Annual General Meeting in March. Well I can tell you that Michael is pretty dejected just now!! Out of the 135 questionnaires he sent out only 10 responded. We are aware that the Christmas period is not the best time to be confronted with a questionnaire. Too much else going on. But now, please, can you have a look at the questionnaire and have a go at filling it in. It is not too late and it really will help to inform the future of the Branch.



National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive: ([Click here](#)) I have brought this site to your attention previously but I was made aware of it again by this information from the NLS:

Our Moving Image Archive has been collecting and preserving films since 1976. All of Scots life can be seen: adverts, documentaries, home movies, promotional films, amateur comedies and more.....You can watch over 2,300 clips and full-length films from the collection on the Moving Image Archive catalogue.



This information was linked with a series of workshops that the NLS are running in Edinburgh in January, February and March to help people get the most out of the Moving Image Archive, but even if you cannot attend these sessions you can always make use of the Archive. In case you haven't ventured to have a look can I thoroughly recommend that you do. You are bound to find something pertaining to your area of interest. Searching under the "place" heading, for example there is a list of every county in Scotland with many films associated with that place. I looked in Dundee and found many films about the jute industry in which most of my ancestors worked. Whilst these sources might not portray our actual ancestors they do show us the world that they inhabited and that helps to fill out the picture for us.

Dumfries and Galloway Historical Indexes: It has been pointed out on many occasions that there is a wealth of data available on the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Website. Someone once calculated that there are 2,500,000 records on the site. That is some resource by any measure. Well one of our readers, whilst trawling through some of these records, came across the following site <https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/HistoricalIndexes/>

As she wrote about the source; *"The good thing is that they (the indexes) do actually give information. I looked at the Jail Books and came across an index for Jamie Abercrombie who, on the 25th Sept 1787, was incarcerated in the Tolbooth probably in connection with some John Campbell. The nature of the crime is not recorded, but James Abercrombie must have upset someone greatly as he was*



'banished for life'." I have no connections with the Borders area, but I know that many of you do. Have a look at this. It has been collected and collated by local family history volunteers and has a searchable database.



News from the National Library of Scotland: I have mentioned before that I have a great love of maps, particularly old maps, and so I was pleased to get this information from the latest newsletter from the NLS:

"We have also recently added over 2,000 detailed maps to our website.

These all date from 1969 and have just come out of copyright."

There is also reference to the latest version of the NLS map newsletter, [Cairt](#). ([Click here](#))

There is a wealth of information in these newsletters. Whilst reading this current version I meandered to a NLS site that has 1st World War trench maps overlaid onto modern maps and was able to find the area where my grandfather fought and was killed. ([Click here](#))

Have a look. You may find something for your own research.

Exchange Journals: Please remember that one of the regular resources that you have to aid your Scottish research are the exchange journals that we receive from many Family History Societies throughout Scotland. These are available to you on the member area of the MLFHS web site. Many of them contain articles about local research that has been carried out that would not otherwise be available on some of the bigger web sites. There are also articles just giving advice. I came across this article in the latest edition of the Aberdeen & NE Scotland Journal which is a talk about breaking down brick walls in Scottish research. ([Click here](#)) Now I have heard many generic talks about breaking down those brick walls in research but I found a couple of tips in this article that I had not thought of previously. Anyway, sometime when you have a spare hour why not have a look at these local journals, particularly in areas where your ancestors may have come from. You never know what you might learn.



"A man goes to his doctor and says "Doc, I have one leg shorter than the other, what should I do?"

The doctor said, "Limp".

With grateful thanks to the late, great, Tommy Cooper.

OK, here are the quizzes. Good luck!



Scottish Quiz

1. What is the highest village in Scotland?
Tomintoul; Wanlockhead; Braemar
2. Which loch gives its name to the brand of whisky drunk by Captain Haddock in the Tintin series~
Loch Lomond; Loch Leven; Loch Fyne.
3. Where would you find the elaborately carved Prentis Pillar?
Rosslyn Chapel; Elgin Cathedral; Island of Hoy.
4. Which is Scotland's second oldest university?
St. Andrews; Aberdeen; Glasgow.
5. Which King of England was defeated by Robert Bruce at the Battle of Bannockburn?
Edward I; Edward II; Edward III.
6. Where would you go to see the Bear Gates, slammed shut after a visit by Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745 and never to be opened again until a Stuart sits on the throne again?
Linlithgow Castle; Floors Castle; Traquair House.
7. Who was the last monarch to be born in Scotland?
Charles I; James III; Queen Victoria.
8. How did James II of Scotland die?
An exploding cannon; Consumption; Assassinated.
9. Where would you find the Church of the Holy Rood where the infant James VI if Scotland was crowned in 1567?
Stirling; Dingwall; Culross.
10. Which of these is NOT a city?
Dundee; Perth; Dumbarton.
11. Where did North Sea Oil first come ashore in 1975?
Cruden Bay; Leith; Lossiemouth.
12. Which picturesque castle played an M16 base in the James Bond film "The World is not Enough"?
Duart; Eilean Donan; Kilchurn.
13. Where was John Logie Baird, inventor of television, born in 1888?
Helensburgh; Alexandria; Wick
14. Which Scotsman founded the Special Air Service?
Earl Haig; Sir Fitzroy Maclean; Colonel David Stirling.
15. What world first did James Young build in Bathgate, West Lothian, in 1851?
A steel plant; An oil refinery; A steam engine.
16. What were the Glasgow Boys?
Football hooligans; A boy band; Artists.
17. Which museum can be found in Pollok Country Park?
Hunterian Museum; Royal Yacht Britannia; The Burrell Collection.
18. Which of Scotland's great cultural figures was a passenger on the world's first steamboat voyage?
Hugh MacDiarmid; Robert Burns; Sir Walter Scott.
19. Where would you find St. Magnus, Britain's most northerly cathedral?
Kirkwall, Orkney; Scalloway, Shetland; Wick, Caithness.
20. Which Scottish Town was the world's biggest cotton thread producer in the 19th century?
Paisley; Coatbridge; Cumbernauld.
21. What runs from Bo'ness to Old Kilpatrick and marks the northernmost limit of the Roman Empire?
Hadrian's Wall; The Antonine Wall; The Caledonian Canal.
22. Which Scottish airport uses the beach as a runway?
Papa Westray; Oban; Barra.
23. Which Scottish county is the smallest?
Kinross; Clackmannanshire; Kirkcudbrightshire.
24. How high does a Munro have to be?
Over 3,000 feet; 4,000 feet; 1,00 feet.

The answers

12. Eilean Donan	24. Over 3,00 feet.
11. Cruden Bay	23. Clackmannanshire
10. Dumbarton	22. Barra
9. Stirling	21. Antonine Wall
8. Exploding canon	20. Paisley
7. Charles I	19. Kirkwall, Orkney
6. Traquair House	18. Robert Burns
5. Edward II	17. Burrell Collection
4. Glasgow	16. Artists
3. Rosslyn Chapel	15. Oil Refinery
2. Loch Lomond	14. David Stirling
1. Wanlockhead	13. Helensburgh

The winner was John with 18 correct answers. It was his first visit to us so it was a great introduction. We hope he will return to join us - if only to win back some credibility!

General Knowledge - (The prize-winner got all of them right. What a swot!!!!)



1. What was the first name of the Spanish artist Dali?
2. Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in which European mountain range?
3. How many days are there in February in a leap year/
4. Which mode of transport has parts called an envelope, a burner and a basket?
5. If something is done in a clandestine way, how is it done/
6. Give the four initials of the organisation responsible for maintain a database of drivers in Great Britain?
7. In WWII what was the German equivalent of the RAF?
8. Which dance move, in which the dancer moves backwards, was made popular by Michael Jackson?
9. Which large animal's name comes from the ancient Greek words for "river horse"?
10. What's the name of the historical embroidered cloth which depicts events leading up to the Battle of Hastings?
11. What colour is the circle on the Japanese flag?
12. If a letter of the alphabet is not a vowel, what must it be instead?
13. What was originally considered to be the ninth planet from the Sun but after 1992 had its status as a large planet changed?
14. How many teeth does an adult person have?
15. Which 13th century Scottish warrior was played by Mel Gibson in the film Braveheart?
16. Not including jokers, how many cards are there in a complete pack of playing cards?
17. Which sport is played on a lawn and involves hitting plastic or wooden balls with a mallet through hoops?
18. By which three letter abbreviation do we better know the name given to the genetic instructions of all known living organisms?
19. Name the only American president to resign from office?
20. Which gas is balloon gas, used to fill party balloons that float in the air?

And the Answers

1.	Salvador	11.	Red
2.	The Alps	12.	A consonant
3.	29	13.	Pluto
4.	A hot air balloon	14.	32
5.	Secretely	15.	William Wallace
6.	DVLA	16.	52
7.	Luftwaffe	17.	Croquet
8.	Moonwalk	18.	DNA
9.	Hippopotamus	19.	President Nixon
10.	Bayeux Tapestry	20.	Helium