

Meetings of the Society 1999–2000

Held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland

MEETINGS

Monday 13 December 1999

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The summary minutes of the Anniversary Meeting were read and approved. The following communications, in commemoration of the bicentenary of The Old Statistical Account, were then read:

‘The way to enlightened legislation: Sir John Sinclair, The Old Statistical Account and “Political Arithmetick”’

by Donald J Withrington MA Med.

and

‘Sir John Sinclair and the architecture of Improvement’

by Neil Cameron, BA FSA Scot.

Monday 10 January 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President welcomed Fellows to the first meeting of the new century and noted that he was only the third President since the Society’s foundation to have had the opportunity to welcome Fellows to the first meeting of a new century. The following communication was then read

‘The archaeology of Scottish thatched buildings’

by Timothy G Holden, BSc MSc PhD FLS MIFA FSA Scot.

Monday 14 February 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. This being the annual joint lecture with the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland, the President welcomed Fellows and Friends to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was then read

‘Medieval metalwork in the Museum of Scotland: making a new catalogue’

by Virginia Glenn, PhD FSA Scot.

A vote of thanks was given by Dr David Lamb, Chairman of the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland.

Monday 13 March 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President, with regret, informed Fellows of the death of Dr Ronald Cant, Honorary Fellow. The following communication was then read

‘Roman Britain as protectorate, political symbol, and military training ground’

by Martin Henig, MA DPhil DLitt FSA.

Monday 10 April 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. This being the lecture during the Edinburgh International Science Festival, the President welcomed members of the public to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was then read

‘Science and the passed: the archaeology of excrement’
by Andrew K G Jones, DPhil FSA.

Monday 8 May 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. This being a joint lecture with the Historical Association, the President welcomed members of the Association to the meeting. The following communication was then read

‘The business of health: hydro-hotels and the tourism industry in 19th-century Scotland’
by Alastair Durie, MA PhD FRHS.

Monday 12 June 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. This being a joint meeting with the Prehistoric Society, the President welcomed all present to the meeting. The following communication was then read

‘Reading the landscape through rock art in the Côa valley: symbolism and organization of a Palaeolithic open-air sanctuary’
by Dr Antonio Martinho Baptista and Dr Alexandra Cerveira Lima.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Anna Ritchie, Vice-President of the Prehistoric Society.

Monday 9 October 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The President welcomed all present to this the first meeting of the new session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was then read.

‘The Billown Neolithic Landscape Project, Isle of Man: changing perceptions of the western seaways in early prehistory’
by Professor Timothy Darvill, FSA MIFA FSA Scot.

Monday 13 November 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, MA PhD MBA FSA, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was then read

‘Irish art and architecture, AD 600–1200’
by Professor Peter Harbison, DPhil MRIA HRHA FSA Hon FCTD.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Thursday 30 November 2000

Dr J N G Ritchie, President, in the Chair. Fellows were welcomed to the meeting by the President. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13 November 2000, were read and approved. Mr Patrick J Ashmore, Major Patrick Cave-Browne, and Ms Andrea Smith having been appointed as scrutineers, the ballots were closed.

The Director, Mrs Fionna Ashmore, then read the following report.

DIRECTOR’S ANNUAL REPORT 1999–2000

MEMBERSHIP

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 3409. In the past year 196 Fellows have taken up election, or been reinstated; 128 names have been removed from the Roll due to death, and through lapse of subscription or resignation. There are, at present, 17 Honorary Fellows.

MEETINGS

The public presentation of scholarly work to Fellows through our usual lecture meetings, to expert practitioners through the recently instituted specialist seminar series, and to the wider community through our open events is, as Fellows will be aware, an increasingly important part of the Society's work.

The Society has held a full and varied programme of activities through the year. Nine lecture meetings were held between December 1999 and November 2000. As well as these 'ordinary' lecture meetings for Fellows only, the session included, in February, a joint lecture with the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland entitled *Medieval metalwork in the Museum of Scotland: making a new catalogue*, by Dr Virginia Glenn. In April 2000, marking the Edinburgh International Science Festival, Dr Andrew Jones spoke on *Science and the passed: the archaeology of excrement*. In May, the second Lecture held jointly with the Historical Association was given by Dr Alastair Durie on *The business of health: hydro-hotels and the tourism industry in 19th-century Scotland*. In June, the biennial joint lecture with the Prehistoric Society was held with grant-aid from the Gulbenkian Association and two lecturers from Portugal, Dr Antonio Martinho Baptista, and Dr Alexandra Cerveira Lima, delivered a lecture on *Reading the landscape through rock art in the Côa valley: symbolism and organization of a Palaeolithic open-air sanctuary*. This was the first presentation in Britain on the wonderful, and sometimes controversial sites, in the Côa valley, Alto Douro, Portugal, and we were privileged to be the first audience to hear of the results of the recent excavations at Farizeu.

SEMINARS

The Society organized two specialist seminars in the session, under the aegis of the Heritage Committee: one on the *Scottish Wetland Archaeology Programme (SWAP)* and the other on *Sustainability and the Scottish Historic Environment*. We thank Alison Sheridan and Robin Turner for their roles in these. An important and popular open seminar was held in December 1999, jointly with Historic Scotland, on *Roman Inveresk: past present and future*. The proceedings of this will be published by Historic Scotland, the Society having grant-aided further research into the topic.

CONFERENCES

The three-day international conference on Mesolithic Scotland and its European context, detailed in last year's Annual Report, took place during this session.

Other conferences included *Archaeological Research in Progress 2000*, the annual joint event with the Council for Scottish Archaeology, and which was organized this year by CSA and held in Inverness. A large and appreciative audience at this event received accounts of current research and other work in progress in the North of Scotland. We thank CSA for organizing such a successful event and are grateful to all the speakers, including our Research Convener, Ian Shepherd, who chaired a session, many of whom travelled considerable distances for the event. It falls to us, of course, to organize the 2001 event.

The successful conference and related excursion *Abbotsford and Sir Walter Scott: the image and the influence* was held on 26 & 27 October 2000 and was dedicated to our Fellow, the late Clive Wainwright. We thank all of those involved for their part in the event — it is hoped to publish the proceedings of this.

RHIND LECTURES

Over the weekend 24–26 March 2000, in a departure from the normal format, five Rhind lecturers — Dr David Breeze, Dr David Clarke, Professor Donald Meek, Dr Graham Ritchie and David Sellar — delivered seven lectures under the umbrella title of *Presenting the Scottish Past* on eight figures whose contribution to Scottish historical and archaeological studies have shaped public understanding and professional practice. These lectures (together with a foreword by Neal Ascherson, an essay on the Rhind lectures by the Director and the 'summing up' by Roger Mercer) will be published by the Society in 2001 and will be made available to Fellows at a considerable discount.

EXCURSION

In the first weekend in June, the Excursion, again a traditional day event, was to coastal Berwickshire under the leadership of John Dent, the Borders Archaeologist. Unintentionally, the theme of the first part of the excursion emerged as the economic importance of smuggling to the area. We were, as ever, given privileged access to sites and were especially grateful for being allowed to explore the rock-cut cellars at Cove — a particular thanks to our Fellow, Ben Tindall — and for the mini-bus shuttle service laid on by Borders Council, and volunteer drivers, at St Abb's Head. The concluding tea at Dunbar was perhaps one of the less memorable we have experienced, except for the tables quaintly marked 'Antiquarian Party'.

EDUCATION

The Society remains fully committed to recognizing the importance of the role of education and to that end we continue to grant-aid, now at an increased level, the work of the Council for Scottish Archaeology's Young Archaeologists Clubs. We are delighted that our new Heritage Assistant — Ruth Lancaster — is to become involved with a Club.

NORTH-EAST SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 1999–2000

As in previous years, lectures continued to be held in Marischal Museum, University of Aberdeen, following the same programme as in Edinburgh. Exceptions were made in November 1999, when Jane Ohlmeyer spoke on *The wars of, for and in the three kingdoms, 1638–52* and in May 2000, when our President spoke on *Presenting the past: open air museums in Scotland and Scandinavia*. A conference on *North-East Archaeology: millennia past and present* was held in October 1999, giving an overview of recent archaeological research in the area.

Following the pattern of recent years, there were two excursions during the summer. In July the Section had a guided tour of the recently opened Blairs Museum and some of the work of the Birse Community Project at Finzean. Following the lecture by Martin Carver in October 1999, a coach trip to Portmahomack took place in August, also visiting the Pictish stones at Shandwick and Nigg.

Membership of the Section stands at 329. The committee elected in May 2000 was: Aidan Mulkerrin (Chairman), Peter Murray (Vice-Chairman), Neil Curtis (Secretary), Paul Pillath (Treasurer) and Frank Donnelly, Robert Gray, Margaret Jubb, Bill Nicolaisen, Ian Shepherd, Graham Steele and Judith Stones, as ordinary members.

SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2000

The grant-aiding of research remains one of the most important areas of the Society's activities in accordance with Law 1: '*The purpose of the Society shall be the Study of the ANTIQUITIES AND HISTORY OF SCOTLAND, more particularly by means of archaeological research*'. Reports on the work carried out are supplied by recipients at the end of the year and are held in the Society's office, or placed in the library of the National Museums of Scotland, as appropriate. It is a condition of grant that there is full compliance with current Scottish Treasure Trove legislation and that reports on fieldwork and related projects are presented for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland (DES)*, the annual fieldwork gazetteer of the Council for Scottish Archaeology. The Society also invites recipients of grants, when appropriate, to publicize the results of their work at the annual Archaeological Research in Progress Conference.

The following grants, for 2000, were approved from the General Research Fund which includes investment income from the Dorothy Marshall Bequest: to Dr I Armit for the Traprain Law Summit Project; to Dr M Bishop for research leading to publication of the Roman Inveresk Seminar papers; to V A Carruthers for the Arts & Crafts Movement in Scotland Project; to I C Cunningham towards the Syllabus of Scottish Cartularies; to S T Farrell for the Ross & Cromarty Graveyard Project; to D E Groom & I Oxley for the Scotland's Ship Graveyard Survey; to A R Heald towards research on Iron Age knobbed spearbutts;

to F Hunter for the Birnie Project; to H F James for the Kilrenny Monastic Precinct Project; to The EAFC, via H M D Jones for the Lothians Resistivity Surveys; to O Lelong for work at Easter Raitts, Badenoch; to Dr C E Lowe for excavation work at St Nicholas Chapel, Papa Stronsay, Orkney; to Dr H K Murray for excavation work at Berryhill, Oyne; to A Saville towards the Buchan Ridge Gravel Project; to L Sharpe for the Carmichael Mill project; to Dr B Teissier for research on Orientalism in 18th-century Edinburgh — the collectors' contribution; to Professor J S Thomas towards the excavations at Dunragit Neolithic monumental complex; to D S Trevarthen for full horizon surveys of south Aberdeenshire recumbent stone circles; and to C Wickham-Jones for the Scotland's First Settlers Project.

The Society is keen to increase its grant-aid to research projects; an information leaflet on its *Research and other Grants* is available from the Society Office. Detailed conditions appear on the Application forms. All valid applications are considered fully by the Research Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings

For the fifth year in succession the Society has published, again with significant grant-aid from Historic Scotland, a double volume of the *Proceedings*. Volume 129 is the fourth to be produced under the Editorship of Mr Jerry O'Sullivan and is intended to be the penultimate double volume.

General Index

The compilation of the General Index covering, Volumes 106–126 of the *Proceedings*, and including a separate index of Fellows' entries during that period, is proving to be a massive undertaking for the Indexer. Fellows will be advised of the publication date in due course.

Monograph Series

Numbers 16 and 17 in the series — *Castle Park, Dunbar: two thousand years on a fortified headland*, by David Perry, and *The Good Stones: new investigations on the Clava Cairns*, by Professor Richard Bradley — were published in the summer. The Series Editor, Mrs Alexandra Shepherd, must be thanked for her dedicated work; due to the increasing number of monographs in production, she is now assisted by Dr Anna Ritchie. As usual we urge Fellows to support the series by taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase these at the special rate — the benefit will be theirs.

We would like to take this opportunity to draw attention again to the considerable grant-aid the Society receives towards its publications from Historic Scotland.

We are delighted to announce that the Society will be undertaking publication, in due course, of a new monograph series jointly with the National Museums of Scotland. In considering this, members of Council were appreciative not only of the recognition of the close links between the two organizations but also of the desirability and benefits of the Society being associated with a scholarly publication series such as this.

We are delighted also to have undertaken to publish monographs, on an occasional basis, jointly with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. The first of these will be *Early Medieval Sculpture in the West Highlands and Islands* by Ian Fisher.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR)

The *Proceedings* Editor, Mr Jerry O'Sullivan, is closely involved in the production and publication of the pilot publication in this new series — *Dundrennan Abbey* by Gordon Ewart — which is being funded and initiated by Historic Scotland. The vision is that, in future, full excavation reports will be published in this medium, with only illustrated summary reports being published in hard copy in the *Proceedings* or other periodicals, as appropriate. A decision on the Society's involvement in this partnership venture will await the results of the pilot, and Fellows' views will be sought in due course.

Newsletter

Two issues of this were produced and circulated in February and September 2000, both 12 pages in length. We always welcome input from Fellows to this and are delighted to print notices of events and publications that might be of interest to Fellows.

OTHER WORK OF THE SOCIETY

The Society remains active in the heritage field and, as Fellows will be aware, we are consulted on archaeological issues by a wide variety of organizations. We continue to be formally represented on a large number of bodies, including the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland; the National Trust for Scotland; the Council for British Archaeology (until the AGM in September), the Traprain Law Management Group, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography, the Scottish Field School, Scottish Environment Link, Scottish Archaeological Link, the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, the National Committee on Carved Stones, the Mouswald Trust, the Dalrymple Trust, the User Panel of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, and the Portable Antiquities Working Group.

Thanks must be recorded to our representatives on these various bodies; especially our representative on the National Trust for Scotland, Dr Jane Murray; our representative on the Ancient Monuments Board, Jill Harden, and Robin Turner, our representative on the Scottish Environment Link, who have a particularly heavy load. A special thanks should also be recorded to Lionel Masters who has retired after 22 years as our representative on the Mouswald Trust.

COMMITTEES

As well as the obvious public activities of the Society — publication of the *Proceedings*, the monographs, the lecture programme and the various day conferences and other events — the Society continues to do considerable work through its committees. The Research Committee, convened by Ian Shepherd, considers applications for Research grants as well as having responsibility for the Society's part in the Archaeological Research in Progress Conference. The Publications Committee and Editorial Board, convened by Alan Saville, consider matters relating to publications (other than the *Newsletter*) and, with the Editors, consider all submissions for publication with the Society in the *Proceedings* and monograph series. The Heritage Committee, convened by the Director, has a broad remit, and members of the committee advise the Society on, or represent the Society at, a large number of events as well as being involved with the activities of other bodies or link groups, as listed above. Through this committee the Society responds to relevant Government and other initiatives. The committee is also active in organizing the specialist seminar series. The Programme Committee, under the convenership of the President, considers suggestions for the annual Programme including proposals for the Rhind lectures, seminars, conferences and the excursion — suggestions and proposals from Fellows are always welcome as those who have made proposals will be aware. The Finance and Administration Committee, under the convenership of Mr Humphrey Holmes, considers and oversees the financial and budgetary aspects of the Society's work.

It is worth perhaps stating formally that the Society owes an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who take on the burden of sitting on Council and the Committees. The voluntary, and dedicated contribution by so many people, whom one would have thought already fully committed elsewhere, is extremely impressive and is perhaps one of the most outstanding features of this Society. As ever, the Director is particularly grateful to the President and the Treasurer; the Vice-Presidents and conveners of the committees as well as of course to the dedicated Society staff: the Assistant Treasurer, Mrs McLeod; the Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie; the Heritage and Publications officer, Ruth Lancaster; and the Society's two Editors, Alexandra Shepherd and Jerry O'Sullivan.

At this meeting Alan Saville retires as Treasurer after a period of eight years in office; although the President will be thanking him in due course I would like to record a very particular and personal thanks to him. The Treasurer has perhaps the lowest public profile of the Society's office bearers, but as a member of

the Executive he is involved in almost all of the Society's business and (as well as of course the President) is called on — often mercilessly — by the Director for advice, opinion and assistance. Over the last eight years Alan has never failed to be of the greatest support; has attended almost every Committee meeting and Society event, as well as having been the Convener of the Research Committee, and in that role convened the Mesolithic Scotland Conference. He will, of course, remain heavily involved in the Society in his capacity as Publications Convener.

THE MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND AND THE APPEAL

The Society has continued to receive full recognition in NMS literature for its role as the founder of the collections in the Museum of Scotland.

The balance of the funds in the Appeal have now been handed over to the National Museums and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sir Robert Smith, has formally thanked the President. In the final paragraph of this letter of thanks he writes:

Although it may have been said many times before, there might not have been a Museum of Scotland today but for the foundations laid more than two centuries ago by the members of the Society. This make it all the more appropriate that the contributions to the Museum by generations of Antiquaries should be permanently recognized both by the Society's window and also on the standing stone for Guardians in the entrance hall.

ADMINISTRATION

There have, as you will be aware, been some changes within the Office: Mrs Fionna Ashmore continues as Director, Mrs Maureen McLeod as Assistant Treasurer and Mrs Morvern Hardie has now completed nearly 18 months as the Administrative Assistant. We were delighted in July to welcome an additional member of staff, Ruth Lancaster, who will be responsible for assisting with Heritage matters and publications administration; she is now responsible for promoting, marketing and distributing our monographs. Dr Rob Sands continues to advise on our computers and databases. Mr Jerry O'Sullivan, the *Proceedings* Editor, carries out his task from the office. Fellows are always welcome to visit us but, as all staff work part-time, it is always best to telephone or write beforehand.

Mailings, an increasingly large task, are eased by the voluntary help provided by our dedicated group of envelope fillers: Alec and Dinah Adamson, Maurice Carmichael, Patrick and Mary Cave-Browne, Joan Fleming, Audrey Henshall, Margaret Hilton, Davy Jones, Gordon Maxwell, Rosemary Meldrum, Billy & Jean Munro, Jane Murray, Mary Smallwood and Twin Watkins, in addition to those who come in for particular mailings.

Thanks are due, as ever, to the National Museums of Scotland for their help. As well as the Curatorial and Directorate Staff we are grateful to those members of the Museum staff who help with arrangements behind the scenes, especially Carolyn Wildy, Kathleen Coultherd, Wilma Henderson and Ella Blyth and her assistants. The Information Desk staff, the Housemen and Messengers are unstinting in their help with the many deliveries to and from the Society and the Visitor Service and Security staff are involved in all our meetings. Special thanks are due to all members of the NMS Library staff for their patience and help both to the Society staff and to Fellows. As ever, very particular thanks are due to Grant MacRae and Chris Stewart whose services as projectionists at our meetings, seminars and conferences, contribute so enormously to the smooth running of events.

Finally I would like to thank the members of staff of the Archaeology Department of the National Museums who, as ever, have all supported and assisted the Society this year.

The Treasurer, Mr Alan Saville, then read the following report.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1999–2000 (YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2000)

The Society has again had a satisfactory year in terms of its finances, finishing with a surplus of £21,648 transferred to the General Fund. Overall income exceeded expectation largely because of a legacy of over

£30,000 from the estate of the late Miss Josephine Bennett, for which the Society is most grateful. There was also a welcome upturn in income from monograph sales, reflecting the beneficial administrative changes I mentioned in my previous report.

Membership of the Society continues to increase and it is hoped that an increased amount will be recovered in future years from subscriptions and gifts under the Government's new Gift Aid arrangements. Fellows, subject to UK taxation in any form, are urged to complete and return to the Assistant Treasurer the Gift Aid declaration enclosed with the September *Newsletter*.

Investment income is down, in part due to reduction in allowance for taxation credits recoverable from the Inland Revenue. The realized losses of £16,102 on investment disposals shown in the accounts represent the difference between the market value at 1 July 1999 and the proceeds of investments sold during the year. In fact there has been an overall gain of £7185 between the original cost of these investments and the proceeds of disposal.

To take advantage of capital growth, a sum of £100,000 was transferred during the year from bank deposit to investments. As at 30 June 2000 over half that amount is represented in the quoted investments and further investment purchases have been made since that date. The balance sheet records an overall rise in net assets of over £58,000, from £896,006 to £954,731.

Overall expenditure was actually slightly down on the previous year, chiefly because of a reduction in the net cost of publications. In addition to the *Proceedings*, two further monographs were produced during the year. Once again the Society is indebted to various bodies, especially Historic Scotland, for the grants toward publication costs.

The Society was able to increase the amount dispersed in grants to aid research from £15,342 to £21,097, of which £5801 was met from the General Fund after using the income directly attributable to the Permanent Endowment Research Funds. A further £5134 in grant aid was awarded to other appropriate projects.

Several conferences, meetings and excursions were organized and hosted by the Society during the year, in addition to the normal lecture programme and the Rhind lectures, and there were also specialist seminars under the auspices of the Heritage Committee. These important aspects of the Society's work will continue to require increased expenditure.

The Contingency Fund, created by Council on behalf of members of staff in employment before December 1988, when the current pension scheme was introduced, was closed upon the departure of Mrs June Rowan, who had been with the Society since 1983. The Museum Appeal Fund, still shown as containing £12,879 in these accounts, was closed in July 2000 on payment of £12,921 to the National Museums of Scotland. Fellows will recall this Fund has been used to provide the Society's stained glass window in the Bute Room of the Museum of Scotland and to make a subvention towards the cost of one of the Paolozzi figures in the Early People Gallery.

The healthy state of the Society's finances has given Council the confidence to create, as from July 2000, a new part-time staff post to assist with Heritage matters and the marketing of the monograph series. I believe this confidence to be fully justified and anticipate that resources will be sufficient for the Society to continue to progress and expand its activities in this regard, even if the income and expenditure account initially shows a deficit rather than a surplus.

As ever I express my particular thanks to the Convener of the Finance & Administration Committee, Mr Humphrey Holmes; to Mr John Cruse, Treasurer of the North-East Section and his successor Mr Paul Pillath; to Mr Graham Miller of the Bank of Scotland Investment Services; and to Mrs Maureen McLeod, the Assistant Treasurer.

Copies of the full audited accounts of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland 1999–2000 are available to any Fellow or other interested party on application to the Society's office at a small cost (£2 in the UK and Europe; £4 elsewhere) to cover production and postage.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS

The Director's and the Treasurer's Annual Reports were then formally approved by the Fellowship.

EDITOR'S REPORT ON THE *PROCEEDINGS*

The Editor, Mr Jerry O'Sullivan, then reported that Volume 129 of the Society's *Proceedings* had been published and would be despatched to Fellows shortly. This Volume was the fifth and penultimate in the series of double volumes representing the Society's successful collaboration with Historic Scotland in discharging a backlog of unpublished excavation reports. Thus the Society will resume publication of single volumes with Volume 131. To mark the return to single volumes a series of review essays by leading scholars has already been commissioned, promising the prospect of much exciting new writing on a wide range of subjects.

The range of essays and excavation reports in Volume 129 is very broad and addresses many aspects of Scottish archaeology, architecture and art history, spanning the period from earliest prehistory almost to the twilight of the millennium. All of the authors in this volume should be thanked for their care and efforts in bringing the fruits of their researches before us.

R B K STEVENSON AWARD

The R B K Stevenson Award for 2000 was made to Mrs Vivian Swan for her paper on 'The Twentieth Legion and the history of the Antonine Wall', in Volume 129 of the *Proceedings*. The President reminded Fellows that the award is made in recognition of the paper in each year's *Proceedings* that best reflects R B K Stevenson's own scholarship and high standards.

RESULT OF THE BALLOTS

The President thanked the retiring members of Council: the retiring Vice-President, Mr Hugh Cheape; the retiring Treasurer, Mr Alan Saville; the retiring members of Council, Ms Jane Brann, Dr Alan Leslie and Mr Tam Ward.

ELECTED TO COUNCIL

The President then welcomed the following as newly elected members of Council: Dr Colleen Batey, who was elected as Vice President; Miss Naomi Tarrant, as Treasurer, and Dr Jane Geddes, Miss Charlotte Lyth, Dr Richard Oram and Ms Susan Seright as Councillors.

Council for 2000–2001 is as follows:

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Vice Presidents

Treasurer

Councillors

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Ian Campbell, BA, MA, DPhil

Bill Finlayson, MA, PhD, MIFA

Katherine S Forsyth, MA, PhD

Lorna Main, MA

Christopher Lowe, BA, MA, PhD, MIFA

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Jane Geddes, BA, MA, PhD

Charlotte M Lythe, MA

Richard Oram, MA, PhD

Susan E Seright, DipMGS

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Convener of the Heritage Committee	Fionna M Ashmore, BA, FSA
Convener of the Publications Committee	Alan Saville, BA, FSA, MIFA
Convener of the Research Committee	Ian A G Shepherd, MA, FSA, MIFA
Representative to the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland	Jill Harden, BSc, AMA, MIFA
Representative of the National Museums of Scotland	David V Clarke, BA, PhD, FSA

HONORARY FELLOWS

The following were elected as Honorary Fellows:

Aubrey Burl, MA, DLitt, PhD, FSA, FSA Scot
 Professor Rosemary Cramp, CBE, MA, FSA, FSA Scot
 Professor John Coles, MA, PhD, ScD, FBA, FSA, FSA Scot
 John Greenwell Dunbar, OBE, MA, Hon FRIAS, FSA, FSA Scot
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 Professor Klavs Randsborg
 Professor Colin Renfrew (Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn), ScD, FBA, FSA, FSA Scot
 Professor Charles Thomas, CBE, DL, DLitt, Hon DLitt, FBA, HonMRIA, FSA

ORDINARY FELLOWS

The following were elected as Ordinary Fellows:

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RETIRAL OF THE TREASURER, MR ALAN SAVILLE

The retiring Treasurer, Mr Alan Saville, was presented with a pair of engraved cufflinks and a book-token as a gift from those who had served with him on Council during his term of office. The President noted that during Mr Saville's eight years in office he had been a member of the Society executive and had served under four Presidents. He had overseen a satisfactory growth in the Society's assets and had been careful to ensure that the Society's charitable status — which is crucial to the Society's ability to publish, give grants and maintain current standards of service — was kept in balance. He had been assiduous in his attendance over the last eight years at Society meetings and events and had served as Convener of the Research Committee from 1994 to 1999 and then, in 1999, as Convener of the Publications Committee, which position he continues to hold.

Mr Saville thanked the President, Council and Society staff, past and present, for the gifts. He had been honoured to serve as Treasurer and wished his successor in the office well.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The President, Dr J N Graham Ritchie then delivered the following Presidential Address.

Fellows, I do not intend to use this occasion annually for what the French would call *Nécrologie*. But note should be made of the loss of two Fellows of the Society who made significant contributions to Scottish Archaeology and History in different ways: a Past President, Dr Ronald Cant, and a former Secretary for Foreign Correspondence and an Honorary Fellow, Miss Marion Campbell of Kilberry. Formal obituaries will be published in the *Proceedings* in due course [this volume].

At the recent Lindsay-Fischer lecture I mentioned a little about the background to this series inaugurated in 1980, for more recent Fellows may have wondered about the people commemorated by this unusual title and may not have appreciated the vision of Ronald Cant, in whose term of office as President the lectureship was created, and who died last December. Ronald Cant was President between 1978 and 1981, a period that memorably spanned the bicentenary in 1980–81. He was an influential teacher of medieval history at the University of St Andrews, latterly Reader in Scottish History at that university between 1954 and 1974, successfully infiltrating the relevance of Scottish history and research into the teaching syllabus at a time when this was not fashionable. He had great knowledge of Scottish architecture and architects. He was active in what would now be considered the 'conservation movement' and helped found the St Andrews Preservation Trust in 1937, the Fife Folk Museum at Ceres, and the Scottish Fisheries Museum at Anstruther. That his Presidency of this Society should see important initiatives in widening the scope of its activities is thus no surprise but, through his own discretion, his personal generosity in making things come to fruition is less widely remembered.

The minutes of the Anniversary meeting of 30 November 1981 record that 'A very large and generous gift to the Society by the President has enabled us to establish a Regional Fund. In accordance with the wishes of the donor it will be devoted to promoting the aims of the Society by sponsoring lectures, meetings and conferences in co-operation with local societies in parts of Scotland where the Society does not hold

meetings.’ These are now known as the Buchan Lectures in honour of the 11th Earl of Buchan, founder of the Society. In this way the Society can play a part in the wider archaeological and historical world in Scotland.

Ronald Cant’s architectural interest brought him into contact with the principal conservation architect of the day in Scotland, Ian Lindsay, himself a Fellow of this Society from 1927. Together they produced volumes in the later 1940s, including *Old Glasgow* and *Old Elgin*, which drew attention to the early architecture of our cities. Ronald Cant has chronicled the development of the friendship of Ian Lindsay and the distinguished Norwegian conservation architect Gerhard Fischer. Both men were involved with rather similar conservation projects — Lindsay with the conventual buildings of Iona Abbey and Fischer with the rather similar buildings of Utstein Kloster. Visits by Lindsay to Norway perhaps initiated a shared perspective, which was heightened by the visit of Gerhard and Tulla Fischer to Scotland in 1958.

Ronald Cant’s own interest in the history of Orkney and Shetland and Scotto-Norwegian themes deepened, and in his travels in Norway met the Fischers and admired their contribution to architectural conservation. He later recalled that it had occurred to him at a time that he was a Vice-President of this Society that it might be appropriate to commemorate the work of Ian Lindsay for Scottish-Norwegian relations in the field of architectural history by a lectureship involving, in alternate years, a visit by a Norwegian scholar to Scotland under the auspices of the Society and by a Scottish scholar to Norway under the auspices of Fortidsminneforeningen — a national society of which he had become a member in 1952. Gerhard Fischer died in 1977. Ronald Cant thus decided to establish the lectureship that bears the name of both Lindsay and Fischer in Scotland and Fischer and Lindsay in Norway. The Anniversary meeting of 30 November 1979 records that Council has accepted a large gift to the Society to endow an annual lectureship to commemorate the Scottish architectural historian Ian Lindsay and his friend Gerhard Fischer. What it does not record in the minutes is that the gift was from Ronald Cant himself, his modesty and discretion implying that the gift was anonymous. The minutes are unusual for an Anniversary meeting in that the President, Ronald Cant, was not in the chair as he had been detained in Norway by bad weather while on the Society’s business. Ronald Cant had been in Oslo to represent the Society at the unveiling in St Halvard’s Churchyard of the portrait relief of Gerhardt and Tulla Fischer, which commemorates their work in elucidating the archaeological remains of the old town. In the course of this visit the Municipality of Oslo made a contribution towards the endowment of the lecture series. Ronald Cant identified the importance of discovering the perspective of common interests between Norway and Scotland, but I think that he also knew that this was a personal thing, and as a teacher he felt, perhaps, that this might be communicated to a broader audience through lectures.

Miss Marion Campbell of Kilberry, on the death of her father, inherited the estate and farms of Kilberry in the rather unyielding part of Argyll known as Knapdale in 1928, when she was only eight years old. They had to be sold in 1931, but the relative who purchased them left them again to Marion in 1938. She was to manage them single-handedly until, in the 1950s, most of the land had to be sold, and Kilberry Castle remained her only domain. She had become a Fellow of the Society in 1947 when in her late twenties. In 1954 she was joined at Kilberry by her school-friend Mary Sandeman and her mother, and under the guidance of our Fellow the late Eric Cregeen, one of the foundation pieces of archaeological and historical fieldwork was to be initiated. The paper in the *Proceedings* for 1961–62 on ‘Mid Argyll: a survey of the historic and prehistoric monuments’ broke new ground as it listed as many as 639 sites and some 90 artefacts. The work undertaken between 1954 and 1963 (the volume for 1961–2 was published in 1964) was an example both of physical and organizational endeavour. What she was uniquely able to do was to garner information from local folk, with a degree of patrician authority certainly, that might otherwise have been lost. Clearly the work was an important foundation for the Royal Commission’s *Inventory* for this part of Argyll.

Marion tried to recover archaeological material from clearance work that was underway at St Columba’s Cave Ellary, and I am glad to say that publication of this is underway in our monograph series in a broader cave survey by our Fellow Christopher Tolan-Smith. Similarly, in the days before the planned rescue interventions of contract archaeology and local authority archaeologists, Marion tried to recover all that could be gleaned from a cist cemetery at Clachbreck, Ormsary, in 1962–3.

She was much involved in the foundation of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid-Argyll, along with Eric Cregeen. The Society was founded in 1955, and Marion was President from 1955 to 1989. The Society has had an important impact on archaeological awareness in Argyll generally and its example spurred on other areas to create or recreate archaeological societies. The publication of *The Kist*, the journal of that Society, strikes an important chord, as it incorporates historical material from quite a small area and makes all its readers feel involved. Marion herself contributed 43 articles with titles as wide ranging as ‘*Moth report: Choerocampa elpenor*’, ‘Domestic animals and the law in early times’, and ‘A fresh look at Auchindrain’.

Marion was much involved in the setting up of the Museum of Folk Life at Auchindrain and also in local politics. Michael Davis makes the interesting point that as much of her early education was by correspondence with the Parent’s National Educational Union she had a particular affinity with prose. She was an accomplished wordsmith. A number of pieces of children’s fiction were also produced. *Argyll: The Enduring Heartland* is perhaps the best known. Her volume on Alexander III is an impressive piece of historical writing with a fine eye for the stage setting.

One scholar is remembered through the foundation of lectures, the other through a variety of publications; both are forms of communication and the dissemination of information that lie at the very heart of the Society, with our flourishing lecture and conference programmes, substantial *Proceedings* and detailed monographs. The Director, Mrs Ashmore, and all office bearers of the Society are to be congratulated on a most successful session.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING LECTURE

The following Lecture was then delivered

‘The unusual suspects: an artist, a doctor, a minister, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and the Dumbuck Crannog controversy’
by Dr Rob Sands, MA, PhD, FSA Scot.

A Wine Reception for Fellows then took place in the Bird Hall, Royal Museum of Scotland.