

Meetings of the Society 2003–2004

LECTURE MEETINGS

Held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland

Monday 15th December 2003

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. This being the biennial joint meeting with the Prehistoric Society, the President welcomed Fellows and members of the Prehistoric Society to the meeting. The Abbreviated Anniversary Meeting minutes were read and approved. The following communication was read:

‘Ritual and Relics in Early Bronze Age Britain’
by Dr Ann Woodward, MA, PhD, FSA, MIFA.

A vote of thanks was delivered by John Cruse, Vice-President of the Prehistoric Society.

Monday 12th January 2004

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. The President welcomed all present to the first meeting of 2004. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

‘The recumbent stone circles of north-east Scotland: recent fieldwork by RCAHMS’
by Adam Welfare, BA, FSAScot, RCAHMS.

Monday 9th February 2004

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. This being the annual joint lecture with the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland, the President welcomed all present to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

‘“The collection was indeed a curious one”: Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford and the National Museums of Scotland’
by Trevor Cowie, MA, FSAScot and Hugh Cheape, MA, FSAScot.

The Chairman of the Friends of the NMS, Dr David Lamb chaired a question session and proposed the vote of thanks to the speakers.

Monday 8th March 2004

Mrs Doreen Grove, Vice-President in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

‘Roman frontier and security policy on the northwestern frontier of the empire during the 3rd and 4th centuries’
by Professor Dr Michael Erdrich, University of Nijmegen.

Monday 12th April 2004

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. This being the Society's Lecture during the Science Festival, the President welcomed all present to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

'From Aberdeen to the Alps: the story of the Amesbury Archer'
by Dr Andrew Fitzpatrick, BA, FSA, FSAScot, MIFA.

Monday 10th May 2004

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

'Decoding structure – an architectural approach to standing archaeology'
by Professor Charles McKean, BA, FRSE, FRSA, Hon FRIAS, Hon FRIBA, Hon FRSGS, FSAScot.

This being the last lecture meeting for the outgoing Director, Mrs Fionna Ashmore, it was followed by a drinks reception in the Bute Room.

Monday 14th June 2004

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. The new Director, Miss Andrea Smith, was introduced to the Fellows present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

'Faience in Bronze Age Britain and Ireland: scotching a myth'
by Dr Alison Sheridan, MA, FSA, FSAScot.

Monday 11th October 2004

Mrs Doreen Grove, Vice-President in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

'Hidden Depths: thirty years of archaeology in Scottish towns'
by Miss Lisbeth Thoms, BSc, DipArch, FSAScot.

Tuesday 30th November 2004 Anniversary Meeting

Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers, Andrew Martin and Fraser Hunter. The new Director, Andrea Smith, introduced herself to Fellows (the Director's Annual Report follows these Minutes). The following reports were read by the Treasurer and the *Proceedings* Editor and were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Society's Income and Expenditure Account showed a surplus of £14,252 for the year under review. Considerable savings were made in the net costs of publications, which more than offset additional costs incurred in connection with the change of Director during the year, and the introduction of accommodation charges by the National Museum.

At 30 June 2004 the value of the Unrestricted Funds had risen to £411,966, of which £111,083 represented unrealized gains on investments, and the accumulated surpluses amounted to £300,883. The accumulated surpluses represent approximately 1.8 times the budgeted annual expenditure of £165,800 for the year 2004–2005. The deficit in working capital has decreased from £48,232 to £37,703, however it should be noted that the value of Investments are shown separately and not included in the working capital assets. Whilst the figure for Current Liabilities remains high, this includes a provision for the cost of printing and distributing the annual *Proceedings*, although the actual publication date was in September as is customary.

INVESTMENTS

The Investments are managed by Bank of Scotland Portfolio Management Services who send a half-yearly review together with quarterly valuations. In addition the Investment Adviser attends half-yearly meetings of the Finance Committee to provide a verbal report and additional portfolio valuations, and also to answer questions. The objective is to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. There are no specific investment restrictions or limitations applied to the portfolio. Gross income is expected to be about 4.16% in the forthcoming year.

PUBLICATIONS

In September 2004 volume 133 of the *Proceedings* was published. This relates to the Society's activities in the year ended 30 November 2003. Full provision for these publication costs, based on estimates by the Printer, has been made in the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2004. Portable Document Format (PDF) files for *Proceedings* published more than five years ago have been created and are available online. Two new monographs were produced during the year, and again the Society was fortunate to receive significant grants towards these publications. The net cost of marketing and publication was £4,566 compared with a net cost of £8,631 for four new publications in the previous year. Publication of a further monograph is imminent. When monograph sales exceed costs, 75% of the surplus has been returned to the major grant-making body after making a deduction to cover a proportion of the sales administration costs.

RESEARCH

Research grants were very slightly lower, in total 13 grants were awarded this year as opposed to 15 in the previous year. The Research Committee meets annually in March to consider all applications, with final approval being passed by Council. Full provision for all approved awards is made in the accounts.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Society's computer systems continue to be upgraded. The Website is updated regularly to keep Fellows and others fully up to date with the Society's activities and the latest Publications. The acquisition of the Society's own e-mail and internet server have increased running costs and depreciation costs, but the benefit to the Society in terms of improved availability has been considerable.

CHANGE OF DIRECTOR

The Society regretfully bade farewell to Fionna Ashmore at the end of May, and hosted a Reception in her honour, held in the Bute room by kind permission of the National Museums of Scotland. The vacancy was advertised in the UK press and the Society was fortunate to obtain a worthy successor in Andrea Smith who commenced her duties on 1 June.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Society, have been identified and reviewed by Council. Council are satisfied that systems have been established to mitigate exposure to these risks.

APPRECIATION

I should like to express my thanks to the Convener of the Finance Committee, Mr Humphrey Holmes, the Treasurer of the Aberdeen and North East Section, Mr Paul Pillath, Mr Graham Miller of Bank of Scotland Portfolio Management Services and Mrs Maureen McLeod, Assistant Treasurer, for their assistance and guidance throughout the year. The Society's thanks must also be recorded to Historic Scotland and others for their generosity in the provision of grants towards publications and conferences.

COPIES OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Copies of the full Audited Accounts of the Society are available to any Fellow or other interested party on application to the Society's office at a cost of £2.00 per copy in the UK and £4.00 per copy elsewhere. The firm of Alexander Sloan Chartered Accountants incorporates the previous auditors D M Vaughan & Co.

PROCEEDINGS EDITOR'S REPORT

This is my fourth editor's report and, I regret, my last, as I retire today. It could be restricted to the bald statement that this year volume 133 appeared on time and under budget, and volume 134 is now in press, apart from three papers and the business report from this meeting; and that the CD version of the scanned *Proceedings* should appear in the Spring, after a heroic effort by Anna Ritchie in checking the files for errors. I could merely report that the recently published volume 133 shows that the Society is at the forefront of the publication of archaeology, architectural history and Scottish history. However, I would like to say a few words as I retire.

I have very much enjoyed my time with the Society and feel that I can look back on the Society's achievements in relation to the *Proceedings* with some satisfaction – the *Proceedings* is on a short but sustainable production cycle; we have moved painlessly to a two-column format for the volume; with Alison Rae, changes have been put in place in the production process that should ensure major cost savings, with no loss of quality, in years to come; all the Society's back-run of publications is available free on the internet (an achievement of which our Society can be very proud); and, with Ruth Lancaster and Erin Osborne Martin, the problem of stock control of the *Proceedings* has been completely sorted out.

None of these achievements of the last few years would have been possible without the support of my colleagues: the two directors for whom I worked, Fionna Ashmore and Andrea Smith; Ruth, Erin and Alison I have already mentioned; Colin Wallace; Maureen McLeod; and of course, the person who holds the office together, Morvern Hardie. It has been a great pleasure working with two Presidents: Lisbeth Thoms and Graham Ritchie, both of whom have been very supportive and positive about keeping the *Proceedings* at the forefront of academic publication. I would also like particularly to thank Alan Saville, recently retired convener of the Publications Committee, whose support and advice have been invaluable, and Naomi Tarrant. My thanks also to the various referees whose contribution to keeping the standards of the *Proceedings* high should not be forgotten. One of the delights of editing is that it can be undertaken anywhere; not only at home and in the office, but on trains, aeroplanes, buses, in doctor's waiting rooms and boring meetings; indeed I have edited the *Proceedings* in all these places. But I have particularly to thank Tom and his team at Starbucks round the corner in Forrest Road for providing the most regular and comfortable editing venue.

Finally I would like to thank Anna Ritchie for agreeing to see volume 134 through proofing and production. Anna was seeing volume 130 through the press in the same way when I arrived, giving me the chance to concentrate on volume 131, and really allowing me to get the momentum up that has seen us achieve the short production cycle for volumes 131, 132 and 133, with volume 134 well on track.

There have been many memorable times – Ruth and I shifting almost 2 metric tonnes of *Proceedings* in an afternoon at the Granton store, and building all the Ikea furniture in the office will always remain with me, in a very real sense, as I nurse the scars of both! Although I have been a fellow for 31 years, I have come to know so much more about the Society in my time working here, and to appreciate how much it does on limited resources and with a small but dedicated staff. Many thanks for the opportunity.

AWARD OF THE DOROTHY MARSHALL MEDAL

This award is made every three years and commemorates Miss Dorothy Marshall who in her own long lifetime contributed so much to Scottish archaeology especially in the area of her beloved Island of Bute. It also marks the Society's gratitude for the bequest to the Society following Miss Marshall's death in 1992. The medal is awarded to an individual in recognition of his or her outstanding contribution, in a voluntary capacity, to Scottish archaeological or related work. The President was delighted to announce that the recipient this year is Major Patrick Cave-Browne.

'Patrick is a nationally known expert on ancient technology. He has run countless workshops over the years and given innumerable demonstrations of such things as fire making, and making nettle string and rush lights. In so doing he has entertained and informed many groups of schoolchildren and adults as well as individuals. Whenever local societies in this area organize events, workshops and activity days focusing on ancient technology you can be sure that Patrick will be there and I think he is now a firm fixture in the planning for the annual CSA Scottish Archaeology Month events. As I have indicated he is particularly well-known for his presentations on primitive fire-making techniques and indeed has written an immensely useful book on the subject. I was intrigued to know how a man with a military background and career got involved in this. I gather, if you will forgive the pun, that Patrick's interest was kindled while serving in Malawi where he became aware that boys were taught fire-making as part of the skills required in their rite of passage into adulthood and had them demonstrate this technique to him. Now, in turn, generations of people are indebted to him for sharing his interest and knowledge, and for this I am delighted to present him, as a most worthy recipient, with the Dorothy Marshall medal.'

THE R B K STEVENSON AWARD

Robert Stevenson was for many years the Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and he was President of the Society between 1975 and 1978. This award is made annually in recognition of the paper in the *Proceedings* that best reflects Robert Stevenson's own scholarship and high standards. It is always a difficult decision to make because of the high quality of papers we publish in the *Proceedings*. For 2004, the award goes to the authors of the report on, An Early Bronze Age 'dagger grave' from Rameldry Farm, near Kingskettle, Fife. The main authors are Louise Baker, Alison Sheridan and Trevor Cowie. The report is far more than just a splendid account of the excavation of a dagger grave because so much more information came out as a result of the post-excavation work, and there is also an excellent summary of the present position and state of knowledge as regards dagger studies; this paper will be of interest to more than just prehistoric dagger specialists. Trevor Cowie accepted the award on behalf of his co-authors.

THE BALLOT FOR OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council for 2004–2005 is as follows:

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| <i>President</i> | Lisbeth M Thoms, BSc, DipArch (2002) |
| <i>Vice-Presidents</i> | Jean Munro, BA, PhD (2002) Alan Saville, BA, FSA, MIFA (2003) John Cruse, BSc, DipArch (2004) |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Naomi Tarrant, BA, AMA, FSA (2000) |
| <i>Councillors</i> | Andrew J Dunwell, BA, MIFA (2002) Lesley Ferguson, MA (2002) Fraser Hunter, BSc, PhD, FSA (2002) Coralie Mills, BSc, MA, PhD, MIFA (2002) Neil Curtis, MA, MLitt, AMA (2003) |

Frances Hood, RGN, SCM (2003)
 Andrew Martin, MA, Dip Lib (2003)
 Patricia Weeks, MA, PgDipMusStud, AMA (2003)
 Derek Alexander, MA, Mphil, AIFA (2004)
 Alison D Morrison-Low, BA, MSc, DPhil, FSA (2004)
 Robert J C Mowat, RD, MA, DipSciArch (2004)
 Catherine Smith, BSc (2004)

Ex Officio Members of Council

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| Chairman of the North East Section | Peter J Murray, MA, PhD |
| Convener of the Finance Committee | Humphrey Holmes, CA |
| Convener of the Heritage Committee | Andrea N Smith, BA, MIFA, FSA |
| Convener of the Publications Committee | David P Bowler, BA, MPhil, MIFA |
| Convener of the Research Committee | Ian A G Shepherd, MA, FSA, MIFA |
| Representative of the National Museums of Scotland | David V Clarke, BA, PhD, FSA |

ELECTION OF NEW FELLOWS

The President welcomed 160 new ordinary Fellows and one new Honorary Fellow, Professor George Eogan.

‘With Professor Eogan’s election we now have 22 Honorary Fellows of whom our Laws state . . . (they) shall consist of persons eminent in any branch of antiquarian study and they shall not exceed 25 in number. Professor Eogan is perhaps best known for his excavations at the passage-grave complex of Knowth near Newgrange in the Boyne Valley north of Dublin. Despite what has really been a lifetime’s work at Knowth, excavating the site and publishing reports on it he has also managed to carry out major research and writing on Bronze Age metalwork, a subject he first researched for his doctoral thesis. He also had major teaching commitments as Professor at University College Dublin until he retired in 1995. He is still engaged in significant research work relating to Knowth and will be producing and overseeing the publication of future volumes on it. He is a renowned scholar of prehistory who has over the years fostered and maintained links with Scotland. I know that he appreciated greatly being put forward as an Honorary Fellow of the Society and he is indeed most worthy of the honour.’

Professor George Eogan, Rathgar, Dublin, Ireland was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society.

The following were elected as ordinary Fellows:

JOSEPH RICHARD ADAMS, BME, BSEE, MS/SM, Blairsville, Georgia, USA
 RICHARD MACRAE ALLAN, Glasgow
 SCOTT CHARLES ALLAN, BA, JD, Mount Kisco, New York, USA
 CDR ANDREW W ANDERSON, USCG (Ret), BS, LLM, JD, Parkland, Florida, USA
 FIONA KATHRYN ARMSTRONG, BA, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire
 JENNIFER MARGARET ARMSTRONG, Cotsgrove, Nottinghamshire
 ROBERT WAYNE ARTHUR, AAS, Columbus, Ohio, USA
 HOWARD ARNOLD ASQUITH, BA, Temple Hirst, Nr Selby, North Yorkshire
 SAMANTHA JANE BADGER, MA, Broxburn, West Lothian
 WILLIAM HENRY BAKER, BS-IE, MBA, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, USA
 ANDREW BARCLAY, Sunnyvale, California, USA
 BARBRA ANN STEPHENS ROSS BARTZ, Venice, Florida, USA
 SANDRA J BINGHAM, PhD, Edinburgh
 PHILIP EDWARD LEO BONN, BA, MA, Bridge of Balgie, Glenlyon, Perthshire
 DIANNE BOYD, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA
 RICHARD E BOYD, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA
 HELEN LOUISE BRADLEY, BSc, Hunters Bar, Sheffield

JOHN HAMILTON BRAY, Bingley, West Yorkshire
 AMANDA BREND, MA, MPhil, Glasgow
 PETER BROMLEY, BSc, MSc, MILAM, ALI, Longhoughton, Alnwick
 PROFESSOR WILLIAM BRUENING, MA, San Francisco, California, USA
 AARON BUCHANAN, BA, Alameda, California, USA
 GLENN WILLIAM CAIRNS, JD, Oxnard, California, USA
 DUNCAN ALASTAIR GRAHAM CAMERON, MBA, MA, BA, Wirksworth, Derbyshire
 DANA MARIE CAMERON, Frederick, Maryland, USA
 DOUGLAS RONALD CAMERON, BSc, Edinburgh
 GEORGE JOHN JOSEPH CAMERON, Jersey City, New Jersey, USA
 JEREMIAH PAUL CAMERON, Frederick, Maryland, USA
 SCOTT JAMES CAMERON, Frederick, Maryland, USA
 STEPHEN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Carnock, Fife
 DAVID FIONN CLARKE, BA, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 THOMAS DAVID CLEGG, BA, Edderton, Nr Tain
 HANNAH LOUISE COBB, MA, MPhil, Sale, Cheshire
 REV'D JOHN ARTHUR COHEN, PhD, Ashmont, New South Wales, Australia
 CHARLES IRVINE CONNER, BSc, Edinburgh
 MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER CONWAY, MA, Edinburgh
 LESTER MELVIN COOPER, Jr, Fort Mill, South Carolina, USA
 ANTHONY TERENCE COOTE, BSc, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees
 JACOB SHELBY CRAIG, AS, BA, MA, PhD, Blairsville, Georgia, USA
 ROBERT A CROMARTIE, BA, Baron of Urquhart, Orange Lake, Florida, USA
 JANICE E CROOK, Rohnert Park, California, USA
 GRAHAM CRUICKSHANK, BDS, PhD, Lumphanan, Banchory
 VICKI CUMMINGS, BA, MA, PhD, Preston
 ROBERT CURRIE, BS, MA, Summit, New Jersey, USA
 TOM DAWSON, St Andrews
 RONALD DEMPSEY, Udora, Ontario, Canada
 PAUL RICHARD JAMES DUFFY, MA, MSc, Glasgow
 FIONA EDMONDS, BA, MSt, Oxford
 YVONNE FALLOWS, Linlithgow, West Lothian
 CANON ALAN WILLIAM FELL, MA, DipTheol, Sedbergh, Cumbria
 DOUGLAS ALEXANDER FINDLAY, Aberdeen
 ROBERT LEON FITTS, BA, MA, PhD, FSA, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, USA
 MARY-CATHERINE ELIZABETH GARDEN, MA, MPhil, PhD, Glasgow
 GEORGE FREDERICK GEDDES, BSc, Lentrán, Inverness
 CHRISTOPHER LEE GILLMORE, Suwanee, Georgia, USA
 MATTHEW ROBERT GLOZIER, PhD, MPhil, BA, Spence, ACT, Australia
 ANGELA CATHERINE GOODHAND, MA, Edinburgh
 C DAVID GRANT, BS, MA, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
 ALEXIA GROSJEAN, MA, PhD, Aberdeen
 CAPT DAVID H HALL, USNR (ret) PhD, Gold Hill, Oregon, USA
 DERRICK HAROLD HANKEY, Cotsgrove, Nottinghamshire
 MARK JOHN HARDEN, YR OF COWDENKNOWES, Loganville, Georgia, USA
 ALICE MARY HALL HATTENBRUN, Kensington, New Hampshire, USA
 RICHARD HEAWOOD, BA, MA, Garvald, By Haddington
 LORRAINE HESKETH-CAMPBELL, BA, MGDip, Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire
 GORDON HOFFMANN, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire
 CHARLES ALLEN HOLLOWAY, Ringwood, Hants
 GEORGE DOUGLAS HOLMES, FIPCM, Donaghadee, N Ireland
 ROBERT HOLMES-HENDERSON, BSc, PhD, DTS, MTSI, FIQA, Dalsersf, by Larkhall, Lanarkshire

KENNETH JAMES HORRICKS, Canoga Park, California, USA
 DAVID ROBERT INNES, BSc, DipEd, MEd, DipGuid, Edinburgh
 JUNE INNES, Edinburgh
 ANN JACKSON, Archdale, North Carolina, USA
 JUNNY OLIVER JACKSON, Archdale, North Carolina, USA
 STEPHEN SAUNDERS SCOTT JOHNSTONE SR, BA San Diego, California, USA
 ANDREW TREVOR JONES, Kirkcaldy, Fife
 RAIMUND KARL, MPhil, PhD, Bangor, Gwynedd
 DARRELL S KEITH, Dawsonville, Georgia, USA
 THOMAS KEITH, BFA MFA, New York, New York, USA
 HELENA KELLY, BSc, Kendal
 MARGARET KING, MA, PhD, West Linton
 RICHARD GREGORY KIRBY, BSIT, Muskego, Wisconsin, USA
 IAN DENBEIGH KIRKPATRICK, MA, LLB, WS, Cornhill on Tweed
 THOMAS KNOWLES, BA, MA, Edinburgh
 ALAN JAMES KOMAN, BA, JD, LLB, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
 IAIN NEIL STUART LAIRD, MA, Winchester
 PETER JOSEPH LEEMING, MTheol, Manchester
 ROBIN RANDOLPH LIND, BA, Manakin-Sabot, Virginia, USA
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 FCS, FACEM, FFAEM, MRACMA, DMCC, FIFEM, FRAeS, Johannesburg, South Africa
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 RICHARD A MACLEOD, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, USA
 IAN ALISTAIR MACPHERSON, MBE ,CStJ, JP, East Kilbride
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 HUGH DAVIDSON POLLOCK MCARTHUR, Glasgow
 JOHN PAUL MCAULEY, BTEC HND, Edinburgh
 LEANNE MCCAFFERTY, MA, North Berwick, East Lothian
 WILLIAM CARR MCCASKILL, CStJ, Montreat, North Carolina, USA
 PROFESSOR ELAINE MCFARLAND, MA, PhD, Ardrossan, Ayrshire
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 WILLIAM SELDON MURRAY III, BSc, Germantown, Tennessee, USA
 CHARLES NAPIER, Edinburgh
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 MATTHEW A C NEWSOME, Silva, North Carolina, USA
 WEEDEN ROCKWELL NICHOLS, BA, BS, MAPA, Hays, Kansas, USA
 J ALEXANDRA NICKELL, MA, MPhil, London
 MORAG MACKINNON NORRIS, MA, Caputh, Perthshire
 OLIVER JAMIE THOMAS O'GRADY, MA, MPhil, Glasgow

HUGH O'NEILL, BSc, FICE, Bridge of Allan, Stirling
 MARK IAN OXBROW, Glasgow
 EVA PANAGIOTAKOPULU, PhD, Edinburgh
 RACHEL LOUISE PARKS, MA, MSc, York
 LANNY TERRELL PAYNE, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA
 KRISTIAN L R PEDERSEN, Beadnell, Nr Chathill, Northumberland
 JON MICHAEL BRUCE PORTER, AB, MPhil, PhD, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
 JOHN PRINGLE, Dunbar, East Lothian
 KENNETH RODNEY PRINGLE, FRICS, FRGS, Farnham, Surrey
 PHILIP RICHARDSON, BA, Bolton
 LORRAINE LESLEY ROBERTS, HSC, Eccles, Manchester
 IAN ROBERTSON, SBStJ, Edinburgh
 TANJA ROMANKIEWICZ, Dipl-Ing (FH), Edinburgh
 BRIAN ROSS, BSc, PhD, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
 ALEXANDER WILLIAM RUSSELL, MA, MA, North Berwick
 ALICIA SALAZAR-DAWES, BA, MA, DipPh, PhD, Edinburgh
 EBERHARD SAUER, MSt, DPhil, FSA, Edinburgh
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 LYNNE SCOTT-DRENNAN, BA, MA, Folsom, California, USA
 HEATHER ROSE SEBIRE, PhD, FSA, St Saviours, Guernsey
 ANDREW SHIELS, FLCM, LTCL, Bantry, Co Cork, Ireland
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 ANNE SINCLAIR, Fair Isle, Shetland
 RONALD STEPHEN SINCLAIR, JP, Prescott, Merseyside
 WALTER SNEDDON, LLB, SSC, MCI Arb, Whitburn, West Lothian
 EDWARD JACK DERRICK STEWART, Clackmannan
 GEORGE STEWART, Kilmarnock
 STEPHEN PAUL STEWART, MA, Dumbarton
 MARGARET MARY FRANCES SINCLAIR STOKES, Heathmont, Victoria, Australia
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 REBECCA J SWEETMAN, PhD, St Andrews
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 DAVID BAIKIE THOMSON, Elgin
 THE MOST REVEREND ARTHUR THREIPLAND BRAZO, JCD, Napa, California, USA
 ANDREW NEIL TIBBS, BA, Edinburgh
 ALAN ALEXANDER BURNS WILLIAMSON, BEng, MBA, CDipAF, FIMechE, CEng, Baron of Robertland,
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 VERONICA F WOLF, BA, MA, MSc, Edinburgh
 JENNY WORMALD, MA, PhD, Edinburgh

THE ROLL

The deaths of the Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2003–2004. The dates indicate the year of election as a Fellow.

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| David Gordon Adams, Brechin, Angus | 1983 |
| Wallace Baird Alig, Edinburgh | 1989 |
| Bertil Almgren, Sweden | 1980 |
| Susan Ambler, Edinburgh | 1996 |

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| Stephen G Avery, New Hampshire, USA | 1992 |
| James George Barclay, St Andrews | 1992 |
| Brian George William Blackwood, Stevenage, Herts | 1972 |
| Frank Brandon, North Little Rock, Arkansas | 1999 |
| Lawrence Ruxton Burness, Arbroath, Angus | 1970 |
| Douglas Oran Keir Campbell, Edinburgh | 1998 |
| John Norman Cartwright, Haddington, East Lothian | 1966 |
| Geoffrey Cole, Camberley, Surrey | 1999 |
| Thomas Craig, Loanhead, Midlothian | 1978 |
| Rt Rev Gerard Mark Dilworth, Edinburgh | 1969 |
| Ronald Douglas, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia | 1989 |
| Mary Barbara Dunklee, Fresno, California, USA | 1991 |
| George Stanley Gimson, Edinburgh | 1965 |
| John Vincent Glen, Bathgate | 1970 |
| Robin Armstrong Hill, Edinburgh | 1973 |
| Arne Hoff, Hellerup, Denmark | 1977 |
| John Leslie Ogilvie Holden, Burnley, Lancashire | 1967 |
| Janice Penrice How, Petworth, Sussex | 1982 |
| David Pittman Johnson, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA | 1983 |
| Walter Rutherford Johnston, Banchory, Kincardineshire | 1971 |
| William Francis Skinner Kennedy, Lancaster, Ohio, USA | 1988 |
| Frank James Lawrie, Edinburgh | 1990 |
| James Edward Moir MacArthur of that Ilk, Edinburgh | 1995 |
| Robert Allan John Macdonald, St Andrews, Fife | 1981 |
| Margaret Rosemary Isabella Mackenzie, Tain, Ross-shire | 1988 |
| Donald MacRae, Edgartown, Massachusetts, USA | 2001 |
| A McAdam, Glasgow | 1955 |
| Ronald William McDonald, Westhill, Aberdeenshire | 1975 |
| Islay Burns Muirhead, Hove, West Sussex | 1985 |
| Robert William Munro, Edinburgh | 1965 |
| J David Murdock, Phoenix, Arizona, USA | 1997 |
| R J Naismith, Edinburgh | 1955 |
| Peter Nicholas Nelson, Glasgow | 1990 |
| Gordon Ramsay Nicoll, Edinburgh | 1970 |
| Robert W Patton, Rock Hill, South Carolina, USA | 1990 |
| T G Pickering, Burton-in-Kendal, by Carnforth | 1963 |
| Robert W Ross, San Pablo, California | 2003 |
| Colin Ernest Kerr Scouller, Ullapool, Ross-shire | 1989 |
| John S Smith, Aberdeen | 1970 |
| William Steel, Beith, Ayrshire | 1989 |
| Trevor Stevens, Forgandenny, Perthshire | 1993 |
| William E Taylor, Hull, Quebec, Canada | 1980 |
| D E R Watt, St Andrews, Fife | 1964 |
| Roy Graham Wentworth, Gairloch, Ross-shire | 1984 |
| Philip John Whale, Orpington, Kent | 1966 |
| Christine Patricia Whiteley, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire | 1982 |
| George Williamson, Aberdeen | 1981 |
| George Ormiston Wood, Hawick, Roxburghshire | 1989 |
| Harry Wordon, Edinburgh | 1982 |
| C P Wormald, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire | 1978 |

The following address was delivered by Miss Lisbeth Thoms, President.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Having had ‘change’ as the theme which ran through my address last year, I naively thought that 12 months later I would be able to move on to something else but I was wrong. As you are already aware there have been or soon will be significant changes in personnel for the Society. Our Director has been in post just six months and we are in the process (to which I will return later) of saying farewell to the *Proceedings* Editor and the Assistant Treasurer. You will appreciate that I am desperately hoping that no more staff vacancies will arise before I demit office myself in a year’s time! Although it is with sadness that we see people leave us one has to accept changes in personnel as providing opportunities to reassess how things are done, to see things through fresh eyes and, as we have seen already, do things a bit differently or with different emphases.

Council continues to grapple with the issues arising from our desire to do the things we have always done but in a manner befitting the 21st century and the changing environment in which the Society finds itself. We are currently re-examining, clarifying and updating our methods and procedures. It is our firm intention to hold on to our traditional values and core functions, but we ought certainly to consider the role the Society should have in the ‘modern Scotland’ to which our Scottish parliamentarians frequently refer. Should we engage more fully and prominently in the intellectual and cultural life of Scotland? Should we try to be more influential in the issues that affect the historic environment sector? Perhaps we should, not least because if the Society is hanging on firmly to its traditional values I fear the same cannot always be said for the ‘modern Scotland’. I sense that research, scholarship, and intellectual ability are unfashionable in the new Scotland. They are perceived as elitist and frowned upon in an age where we seem to be consumed by albeit worthy issues such as rights of accessibility. As a nation we are in danger of losing our long held and traditional love of education, science and culture with the academic and the intellectual being squeezed out. So often however when we celebrate something new elements of tradition are at the heart of it. For example, the opening ceremony of the new Scottish parliament building was distinctly a blend of both the traditional and the modern; the Lord Lyon and Heralds took part and the Scottish crown was on display but there were also innovative, popular touches in words and music. Perhaps the ‘modern Scotland’ our politicians talk about will only be achieved when we restore the best in our past and that includes encouraging high standards of research and scholarship and promoting them to a wide audience.

The Society’s standards in these things will I hope never be compromised or greatly changed and this past year has seen the standards as high as ever. In terms of publications we have produced another excellent volume of the *Proceedings* and two superb monographs, *Mesolithic Scotland and its Neighbours* and *Scotland in Ancient Europe* both of which emanated from earlier, successful weekend conferences. I would particularly thank and acknowledge the unstinting work of Alan Saville, who has recently stepped down as Publications Convener and who edited the Mesolithic volume and Ian Shepherd, our Research Convener, who with Gordon Barclay edited the Ancient Europe volume. The production responsibilities of these and at least another half dozen monographs, at various stages in the pipeline, remain in the capable hands of the Publications Manager, Alison Rae. Producing the monographs is one thing, marketing them and getting them to buyers is something else and we should acknowledge the efforts and enthusiasm of staff member Erin Osborne-Martin. I hope you are all impressed with the high standard of appearance and presentation of the new Publications marketing leaflet. We have continued to make small, but significant grants towards research and have promoted the sharing of knowledge and exchange of ideas through our lecture programme, as well as conferences and seminars. The Rhind Lectures this year, given by past president Professor Michael Lynch were an academic *tour de force*, keeping a large audience enthralled over three days. For our recent illuminating and enjoyable day conference, co-sponsored with Historic Scotland, we turned our attention from Royal Dunfermline, where we were last year, to Melrose Abbey. We have also had a successful seminar on the sociological aspects of Graveyards and a specialist seminar on Aeolian Archaeology organized in association with Oxford University and Historic Scotland.

I have already mentioned and thanked some of the people who have done so much for the Society in the past year, but it is appropriate now to note thanks to all the Office-bearers, Conveners, members of Council and of committees who serve the Society so generously. Our small staff team certainly punches way above its weight in terms of what it achieves and my sincere thanks go to Andrea Smith who has made such a good start as Director, and to Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie.

And now thanks to two people who are leaving us. Firstly, to Maureen MacLeod, attending her last Anniversary meeting as Assistant Treasurer, a post she has held since 1991. For 13 years she has kept the Society's accounts in wonderful order. In every one of those years I think the Finance Convener has been able to point out that when the accounts come back from the auditor there is not a single, tiny correction – a great tribute to Maureen's efficient accounting. Being Assistant Treasurer involves more than book-keeping and Maureen has fought and won quite a few 'battles' on behalf of the Society, most recently concerning VAT on our postage. The correspondence file is also illuminating in respect of the many and recurring subscription problems she has dealt with. I thank Maureen most warmly for all her work in the past 13 years and I wish her well in retirement. I expect this will still involve counting but I hope that with more time on the golf course the numbers she counts there will get smaller! Secondly, our thanks go to Gordon Barclay who has been Editor since June 2001 and has been responsible for three volumes of the *Proceedings*, with a fourth well on the way. During what may seem to have been a brief time as Editor, and working only two days per week in this capacity, Gordon has played his part in ensuring that the *Proceedings* content retains its high standards of scholarship as well as producing the volumes on time and within budget. He has also contributed to some changes to the *Proceedings*; the change to a double column page is an obvious one but he, along with the Publications Manager, has initiated changes in methods and procedures in the production process taking account of developments with new technology. His greatest legacy to the Society will however be the inspiration and work with the scanning project, which culminated in the on-line *Proceedings*, a first for the archaeological world and something of which we can all be extremely proud. The Society's loss is Historic Scotland's gain as Gordon returns to working full-time there. I offer him sincere thanks for his contribution to the publication work of the Society in the past three years and also our best wishes for the future.

Finally, and most importantly, I thank you the Fellowship for supporting the Society and its work throughout the year.

The following communications were read:

'Out of the ashes ... recent work at Traprain Law'
by Fraser Hunter, NMS

'Recent work at Loch Lomondside'
by Bob Will, GUARD

At the close of formal proceedings a wine reception was held in the Gallery of European Art.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2003–2004

An annual report inevitably can only be a brief résumé of the Society's activities but we hope that every Fellow involved with the Society will appreciate the scholarly work carried on in their names, on their behalf and often with their deep involvement.

MEMBERSHIP

The Fellowship of the Society now stands at 3,360. In the past year 188 Fellows have taken up election, or been reinstated; 241 names have been removed from the Roll due to death, lapse of subscription or resignation. There are, at present, 21 Honorary Fellows.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The Society today is concerned with every aspect of the human past in Scotland and the proof of this is reflected across the spectrum of our activities from the Research awards through publications, but it is most publicly demonstrated in our conferences, seminars and meetings. The Society is gaining increased recognition for its role in conference and seminar organization and we have hosted and borne the brunt of the organization of various

conferences jointly with other bodies including the Prehistoric Society, the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland, the Council for Scottish Archaeology, and Historic Scotland.

The Society has held a full programme of activities this session. Nine lecture meetings were held between December 2003 and November 2004. As well these ‘ordinary’ lecture meetings for Fellows only, the session included open events such as the Science Festival lecture on the Amesbury Archer.

Conferences

The annual *Archaeological Research in Progress Conference* was this year organized by the Council for Scottish Archaeology and was held in Aberdeen. The day covered a broad spectrum of work in the region and illustrated the wide range of people contributing to archaeological discovery today: there were contributions from the Aberdeenshire Archaeological Volunteers; from university based archaeologists, from commercial archaeological companies, from local government and museum archaeologists, and from non-governmental organizations. A conference on *Communities and Graveyards, Past and Present* was held jointly with Historic Scotland’s Technical, Conservation, Research and Education wing, and examined what historic graveyards can tell us about past communities, as well as considering the work of local groups in exploring the importance of historic graveyards to communities today. A *specialist seminar on Aeolian Archaeology* was organized with Oxford University and Historic Scotland; this brought together a wide range of specialists with an interest in the archaeology of sand landscapes in Scotland with a view to setting archaeological and environmental priorities and targets.

Rhind Lectures

The 2004 Rhind lectures were delivered by Professor Michael Lynch, and attended by more than 900 people over the three days. The lectures were both inspirational and magisterial, and the theme of ‘Court, Capital and Country: the emergence of Renaissance Scotland’ gripped the large audiences over the entire weekend. This brief report cannot even begin to approach the superb vote of thanks by Dr Jenny Wormald, which perfectly expressed the significance and impact of Professor Lynch’s lectures.

Excursion

The excursion this year was linked to one of the evening lecture series and was designed to complement the lecture by Professor Charles McKean on ‘Decoding Structure – an architectural approach to standing archaeology’. The excursion was sold out well in advance and visited first Linlithgow Palace, and then the House of the Binns, where we were most hospitably greeted by Sir Tam and Lady Dalrymple. Unable to reach Castle Campbell with the coach the itinerary had to be changed to include an unexpected visit to Clackmannan Tower followed by the planned visit to Brucefield by courtesy and in the company of Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh.

EDUCATION

The Society fully recognizes the importance of the role of education in archaeology and to that end we continue to grant-aid the work of the CSA’s Young Archaeologists’ clubs.

THE ABERDEEN AND NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

As in previous years the lecture programme followed that in Edinburgh, with the addition of summer excursions to St Andrews and Foudland slate quarries. The Section has drawn up revised rules, including a change of name to The Aberdeen and North-East of Scotland Section. The rules were approved by Council in June 2004. With the exception of the Chairman (elected for three years), the rest of the committee was re-elected for a further year. Nominations were received for Ann Miles and Chris Croly for the three vacant positions created by the new

Rules. Assuming approval from Council, both candidates were declared elected, while the Section Committee would be able to co-opt a further member during the year.

The Committee in 2003–2004 was as follows: Peter Murray (Chairman), Kevin Edwards (Vice-Chairman), Neil Curtis (Secretary), Paul Pillath (Treasurer), Frank Donnelly, Jane Geddes, Robert Gray, Bill Nicolaisen, Ian Shepherd, Judith Stones and Anne Taylor

SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2004

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 NMS Library, 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)* published annually by the CSA. The Society also invites recipients of grants, when appropriate, to publicize the results of their work at the Archaeological Research in Progress Conference.

A Young Fellow's bursary was awarded to Amanda Forster, of the University of Bradford, to enable her to deliver a paper based on her doctoral research 'Shetland, Steatite and Trade in the Norse North Atlantic: 800–1400' at the SILA/NABO conference in Copenhagen in May 2004.

The following awards were made for 2004; these include awards split between the George MacDonald Bequest, the Gunning Jubilee Gift, and the Angus Graham Bequest and the general research funds which includes monies from the Dorothy Marshall Bequest.

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| Beam, A G | The political ambitions and influences of the Balliol Dynasty |
| Birch, S A | High Pasture Cave, Strath, Isle of Skye |
| Dean, V | Cramond Roman Fort Evaluation (EAFS) |
| Haselgrove, C C | Traprain Law Environs Project Phase 2 – Excavation at Knowes |
| James, H F | Medieval & Later Landscape & Settlement in Mid-Argyll & Knapdale |
| Jones, H M D | Harken Burn Castlehill |
| Knox, B | Eddleston Parish Survey (Peeblesshire Arch Society) |
| Newland, K C | The Use of Scandinavian & Baltic Timber in 17th-century Scotland |
| Poller, T | The Iron Age Landscapes of Wigtownshire |
| Schulting, R J | Integrated AMS dating and palaeo-dietary analysis of Scottish Neolithic human remains |
| Scottish Historic Buildings Trust | 339–43 High Street, Kirkcaldy |
| Sheridan, J A | NMS Dating Cremated Bones Project |
| Toolis, R | Galloway Promontory Forts |

Information and a downloadable application form relevant to Research and other Grants is available on our website. Detailed conditions appear on the application forms. All valid applications are considered fully by the Research Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings

Volume 133, the third volume under the editorship of Dr Gordon Barclay, was published in September; we congratulate him and the individual authors on the high quality of the volume. The Society reiterates the statement that we hope one of the commonest and most frustrating misperceptions about the *Proceedings* – that it is dedicated primarily, if not exclusively, to the publication of the minutiae of archaeological excavation reports

– will be dispelled by volume 133, which includes detailed artefactual studies, a 19th-century antiquarian's journal, and a study of John Law's Theory of Money. As ever we urge historians to offer us material.

Monographs

Details of all current publications in print are contained in the 2004 Publications Catalogue, which is twice the size of the preceding catalogue, indicating the number and quality of books which have been published over the last two years. This session has seen the publication of *The Declaration of Arbroath, Mesolithic Scotland*, and *Scotland in Ancient Europe*. As with many Society publications, these books grew from the proceedings of conferences and reflect the range of the Society's activities and interests. The *Declaration of Arbroath* deals with one of the most important documents in Scotland's history, yet *Mesolithic Scotland* takes us back to the very beginnings of the history of people in Scotland. The handsome volumes are also testimony to the hard work and flair of our Production Manager Alison Rae. We are grateful to Kevin Hicks of CFA Archaeology Ltd for his superb eye-catching jacket designs for *Mesolithic Scotland* and *Scotland in Ancient Europe*. *Mesolithic Scotland* was shortlisted for the British Archaeological Awards Scholarly Book prize in 2004.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR)

Work has continued on SAIR, with the publication online of four further reports, on topics as diverse as prehistoric quartz quarrying on Skye and building recording of Edinburgh's Flodden Wall; these reports can all be viewed on <http://www.sair.org.uk> or via the Society website.

The Newsletter

Two issues of this were produced and circulated in February and September 2004. The Society is happy to include in the Newsletter events and publications likely to be of interest to Fellows, and any items such as this should be sent to the Director by the end of December and the end of July respectively.

The Proceedings Scanning Project

The Society is the first archaeological or antiquarian society to make its entire back-run of journals (from 1782 in our case) available, at no cost to scholars, in electronic format. This is something of which the Society is justifiably proud and we are indebted to Dr Gordon Barclay for his vision, enthusiasm, focus and expertise in seeing this project through in such a short period. Work on checking for errors and omissions is now nearing completion, and once these have been corrected, we hope to proceed to make CD versions available. We are grateful to Dr Anna Ritchie for volunteering to check through the scanned material. The online *Proceedings* were shortlisted for the British Archaeological Awards Scholarly Book prize in 2004.

OTHER WORK OF THE SOCIETY

The 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 five committees: Finance; Programme; Publications, Research and Heritage.

The *Publications Committee* and Editorial Board, under the Convenership of Alan Saville, has dealt with and considered matters relating to publications (other than the Newsletter) and with both Editors consider all submissions for publication with the Society in the *Proceedings* and monograph series. The workload of the Committee has been considerable this year and the Society is grateful to the Convener for his hard work and attention to detail. Alan Saville will be standing down as Convener at the end of this session, and he can look back with some satisfaction over the many very impressive and important books which have been produced under his aegis.

The *Research Committee* under the Convenership of Ian Shepherd, found itself in the difficult position of having to consider an ever increasing number of good grant applications while the Society's Research Grant funds were decreasing. This year the grants reflect the wide range of endeavour which the Society encourages, from work on prehistoric artefacts and human remains, through medieval documentary research to excavation of deserted settlements.

The *Heritage Committee*, convened by the Director, advised the Council on, and members represented the Society at, a large number of events as well as being involved with the activities of other bodies or link groups. Through this Committee the Society responds to relevant Government and other initiatives and the Director's post now being a full-time one reflects, amongst other things, the need to spend time on meetings and consultations of this nature. The Director was asked to present evidence to the HEACS working group on the review of heritage protection, and the Director and the President both attended the first annual conference and public meeting of HEACS in Glasgow.

The Society continues to work closely with the Council for Scottish Archaeology and often makes joint responses with CSA to consultation documents. This year joint responses have included those on the marine historic environment, planning rights of appeal, the Historic Scotland draft corporate plan. The Society has also commented on the environmental assessment of development plans. A response is being prepared on the Historic Scotland Historic Environment Grants and a submission will be made to the Culture Commission.

THE WEBSITE WWW.SOCANTSCOT.ORG

The website continues to provide an important additional means of communicating with Fellows and the wider public, and this year we have concentrated on the publications areas of the website. This has been split into two: *Proceedings and SAIR*, which provides information and links to the online resources; and *Publications* (was Monographs), which contains details of all the Society publications and has been updated to follow the same style and layout as the new Publications Catalogue. Downloadable order forms are available, as it is not possible for us at present to put in place secure online financial transactions.

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs Maureen McLeod continues as Assistant Treasurer, and Mrs Morvern Hardie as the Administrative Assistant, but we welcome Erin Osborne-Martin who has joined us as Publications Assistant. Alison Rae is now well-established as our Publications Manager, Gordon Barclay will retire as *Proceedings* Editor at the Anniversary meeting. Colin Wallace has been managing editor of SAIR for most of the year. A major change has been the departure of Fionna Ashmore as Director, who, after having put her stamp so strongly on the Society, has been succeeded by Andrea Smith. Although the Director is now full-time, we would still urge Fellows to ring ahead before visiting, as she is often out of the office at meetings, and the remainder of the staff are still part-time.

Mailings: we are always grateful for the voluntary help provided by our dedicated group of envelope fillers, not all of whom are Fellows: Alastair and Dinah Adamson; Alan Calder, Maurice Carmichael; Patrick and Mary Cave-Browne; Elizabeth Ferro; Joan Fleming; Audrey Henshall; Margaret Hilton; Davy Jones; Alan MacLean; Bob Marks; Gordon Maxwell; Rosemary Meldrum; John Merilees; Eva Mitchell; Dr Jean Munro; Jane Murray; Graham and Anna Ritchie; Tom Sharp; John Sheriff; Gordon Shiach; Mary Smallwood; and Twin Watkins.

THE SOCIETY AND THE MUSEUM

After an initial period of uncertainty in the relationship between the Society and the Museum under its new management, a new working arrangement has been arrived at. We would encourage Fellows to visit and make use of the NMS Library facilities. The online *Proceedings* have brought in a number of enquiries from Fellows and members of the public wishing to follow up on items of interest found online.

That being said, thanks are due, as ever, to the National Museums of Scotland and their staff 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. We could not operate without the Mailroom staff, the Information Desk

staff, the Housemen and Messengers who are unstinting in their help with the many deliveries to and from the Society, and the Visitor Service and Security staff who 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 Dawson whose services as projectionists at our meetings, seminars and conferences, contribute so enormously to the smooth running of events.

I would also like to extend the annual very sincere thanks to the members of staff of the Archaeology Department of the National Museums who, as ever, have all supported and assisted the Society this year.

DIRECTOR'S THANKS

A personal thanks must go to the dedicated Society staff – the Assistant Treasurer, Maureen McLeod; the Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie; the Society's *Proceedings* Editor, Gordon Barclay, Colin Wallace, the SAIR Managing Editor, Publications Production Manager Alison Rae and Erin Osborne-Martin, the Publications Assistant. I am particularly grateful to Maureen and Morvern who have guided me and kept me on the right track during my first few months as Director – there would have been many more hitches and howlers without their discreet help and guidance. I also extend heartfelt thanks to the President, Lisbeth Thoms, who has given unstintingly of her time to help me settle in and find my way. This is my first annual report as Director, and I have not completed a full year yet – I am aware that there is still a mountain to climb to complete the year's round of lectures, meetings, events and the myriad of other tasks which go on behind the scenes, but I am in excellent company, and look forward to what is still to come.

