

Meetings of the Society 1998–9

Held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland

Monday 14 December 1998, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair.

The Summary Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting were read and approved. The President then welcomed Fellows and Guests to the Meeting. He congratulated all those concerned with the Museum of Scotland, thanked the Museum staff for their part in arranging the Fellows' preview and reassured Fellows that there would be other privileged opportunities for them to view the collections. He reiterated his thanks, expressed at the Anniversary Meeting, to the Director and Staff of the Society.

The President then drew Fellows' attention to the recent attempts by some sections of the press both to claim credit for 'discovering' the Wallace letter in Lübeck and to castigate the National Museums of Scotland for being unaware of its existence. Credit in fact was due to our Fellow, Dr Athol Murray, who had established its whereabouts in the mid 1980s; a copy had been on display in the Record Office in 1993 and a copy was on display in the Museum of Scotland.

The following communication was read:

'The Ogham inscriptions of Scotland' by Dr Katherine Forsyth, MA, PhD, FSA Scot.

Monday 11 January 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'Scotland's historic towns: a future for their past' by Pat Dennison, MA, PhD, DipEd, FSA Scot.

Monday 8 February 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'North Africa and the Twentieth Legion: new light on the history of the Antonine Wall' by Vivien G Swan, BA, FSA.

Monday 8 March 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'The Ancient Capital of Ulster: Excavations in the Navan Complex' by Professor Jim Mallory, AB, PhD, MRIA.

Monday 12 April 1999, Ms Lisbeth Thoms BSc, Dip Arch, Vice President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'Churchyards, Corpses, Crypts and Commerce' by Ruth Richardson, DPhil, FRHistS.

Monday 10 May 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair.

This being a joint meeting with the Historical Association, the President welcomed all present to the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'Britishness — Decline and Fall'? by Professor Keith Robbins, MA, DPhil, DLitt, FRHistS, FRSE.

Monday 14 June 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair.

This being the Annual Public Meeting, the President welcomed Fellows, their guests and members of the public to the lecture.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'The Defences of Scapa Flow: Protecting the Royal Navy's Fleet Anchorage, 1914–45' by Geoffrey Stell, BA, FSA, FSA Scot, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

Monday 11 October 1999, Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President, in the Chair. This being the opening meeting of the 1999–2000 Session, the President welcomed those present to the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was read:

'Tarbat, the Story so far: an early historic site at Portmahomack, Easter Ross and its Context' by Professor Martin Carver, BSc, FSA, FSA Scot, FRAS, University of York.

Monday 8 November 1999, Ms Lisbeth Thoms BSc, Dip Arch, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

This being the Annual Public Lecture, the Vice-President welcomed Fellows, their guests and members of the public to the meeting.

The following communication was read:

'The Re-creation of Scotland? James VI and his Realm' by Professor Michael Lynch, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRSE, President.