

## Meetings of the Society, 1991–2

*Monday 9 December 1991*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'The Northumbrian church at Whithorn', by Peter Hill, BA, FSA Scot, MIFA.

*Monday 13 January 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'Wrecks in Scotland's coastal waters: their potential, protection, and management', by Colin J Martin, PhD, FSA Scot, MIFA.

*Monday 10 February 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'Monuments on Record; the work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland at the end of the 20th century', by Roger J Mercer, MA, FSA, FSA Scot, MIFA.

*Monday 9 March 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

As this was the last Meeting of the Secretary, Ms Caroline Wickham-Jones, the President expressed grateful thanks for her hard work on the Society's behalf over the last three years.

This being a joint meeting with the Friends of the National Museums of Scotland, Sir Mark Russell, President of the Friends, introduced the Speaker.

The following Communication was read:

'Canadian ethnology and the Wilson brothers', by Dale Idiens.

*Monday 13 April 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The Lecture was part of the official programme of the Edinburgh Science Festival, and the President offered a warm welcome to members of the public.

The following Communication was read:

'Fleas, flies and farmers: entomology of archaeology', by Paul Buckland, BSc, PhD, FRES, FGS.

*Monday 8 May 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The President welcomed Mrs Fionna Ashmore, the new Secretary; strictly speaking, the Acting Secretary. The President stated that she and Council were aware of the anomaly that the post of Secretary, now a professional position, should be subject to annual election. Accordingly, a proposal would shortly be placed before the Fellowship to change the Society's Laws in an appropriate manner.

The following Communication was read:

'High society on the Antonine frontier', by David Breeze, BA, PhD, FSA, MIFA, and Susan E C Walker, BA, PhD, FSA.

*Monday 8 June 1992*, at 6.00 pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

This being the annual Public Lecture, the President welcomed all guests to the meeting. She drew the attention of the Fellows and visitors to the disquiet felt by the Society over the lack of a built-in archaeological element in the new Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage. The President also asked individuals to join the Society in expressing concern over the delay by the National Trust for Scotland in appointing an archaeologist to its staff; the decision to appoint one having been made more than a year previously.

The following communication was then read:

'A history of the Arts and Crafts movement in Edinburgh 1885–1939', by Elizabeth S Cumming, MA, PhD.

*Monday 12 October 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The President asked the Fellowship to vote on the proposed changes to the Laws of the Society, previously circulated to all Fellows. She advised the Fellowship of a minor additional change to Law 7; this was to add the words 'or she' to the phrase 'he shall pay'. The Fellowship voted in favour of all the changes. The President informed the Fellowship that, as all reference to the Secretary had now been removed from the Laws and it was now a salaried post with enhanced duties and no longer subject to annual election, Mrs Ashmore, the Acting Secretary, would henceforth be known as the Director.

The President then warmly welcomed the members of the Curle family present in the audience.

The following communication was then read:

'James Curle of Melrose and the 19th-century tradition of antiquarian collectors', by Dafydd Kidd Esq.

*Monday 9 November 1992*, at 6.00pm, Dr Anna Ritchie, BA, PhD, FSA, President, in the Chair.

The following Communication was read:

'The Lewis Blackhouse and its importance in archaeological interpretation', by Dr Bruce Walker.