

# 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.