

Annual Report for the year 2004–2005

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a learned Society founded in 1780 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783 (Scottish Charity No SC010440). The Society offices are at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780, and granted a Royal Charter in 1783. It has 19 Laws governing the Society, which are published in the annual journal, the *Proceedings*. The Society has five elected Office-bearers: the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The principal governing body of the Society is Council, which consists of the five Office-bearers, twelve Fellows elected by the Society and as ex-officio members, the Chairman of the Aberdeen & North East Section, and the Conveners of the Publication and Research Committees (if not already elected members). The National Museums of Scotland have a representative on Council, who must be a Fellow of the Society, nominated by the Trustees of the NMS.

All elected officers and councillors (apart from the Treasurer) hold office for three years, and are not eligible for re-election until at least one year has elapsed. The Treasurer is elected for one year, and may stand for re-election annually. The elections are by ballot at the Annual General Meetings, from a list issued by Council for that purpose to Fellows at least fourteen days before the meeting.

Changes to the organizational structure of the Society were made during the course of the 2004–5 accounting year. Before the changes were made, there were five standing sub-committees which dealt with the Society's activities under the headings of Publication, Research, Programme, Heritage and Finance. Council undertook a review of the governance and structures of the Society and decided that the sub-committee structure led in some areas to an unnecessary duplication of work and a distancing of decision-making from Council. Consequently, the decision was made at the December 2004 meeting of Council to dispense with the Programme, Heritage and Finance sub-committees, and to draw back the decision-making in these areas into Council. The Publication and Research Committees were retained, as it was felt that these two sub-committees were best-placed to implement strategy as determined by Council. A smaller Finance Group, consisting of the President, Treasurer, one Vice President, Director and Assistant Treasurer has been constituted in place of the much larger Finance Committee to oversee day-to-day financial matters, meeting on a six-weekly basis (or more frequently as required) and bringing recommendations and information to Council as appropriate. The Finance Group has the initial responsibility for risk management within the Society. Human resource issues are dealt with by a group consisting of the President, Treasurer and one Vice President, meeting as and when necessary.

The Director is delegated by Council to implement the objectives and organize the activities of the Society with varying degrees of autonomy; for example, for the lecture programme, Council draws up a list of names of possible speakers, and the Director then follows up to contact these individuals and make all necessary arrangements for their visits to Edinburgh, substituting from a reserve list should some speakers be unavailable. The Director has rather more autonomy in the area of historic environment advocacy, as responses to consultations and reviews often have to be written to short deadlines which cannot wait for the next meeting of Council. However, a general steer is usually sought from Council on issues known to be coming up for consultation, such as the review of heritage protection legislation and the modernization of the planning system, to enable the Director to draft a response along lines already suggested by Council when the request for views is made. When time permits, comments on draft responses are sought from Council members by email.

The offices of the Society are housed within the National Museums of Scotland as per the arrangements agreed in the Conveyance of 1851. At that time the Society and its collection was to be provided with fit and proper accommodation, then in the National Gallery on The Mound, as a condition of signing over its collection of 'antiquities, coins, medals, manuscripts and books' to the nation for the benefit of the public. This collection formed the core of the national archaeological collections now housed in the Museum of Scotland. After a number of moves, the Society now finds itself in offices within the National Museums of Scotland, and does not pay rent, but pays a fee to cover utilities and cleaning services. The Society uses the lecture theatre in the Royal Museum at a specially discounted rate for the evening lecture series and the Rhinds, but pays the usual charitable rate for other events, such as day conferences. The Library of the National Museums of Scotland receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings* of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Fellows of the Society have the right to use the Library and to borrow books.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objective of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, as set out in Law 1, is 'the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research'. This principal objective can be further refined into the following objectives:

To encourage first-class research through grants to individuals, institutions and partnerships.

To disseminate the results of research and endeavour in the field of archaeology and history in Scotland through lectures, conferences and publications.

To further the cause of archaeology and history in Scotland by providing independent expert advice in discussions and consultations relating to the historic environment.

To recognize and encourage excellence throughout the whole community of interest in archaeology and history, through the awarding of bursaries, medals and prizes to students, non-professionals and professionals alike.

The following activities are undertaken in order to achieve the above objectives:

Grant-aiding research.

Organizing the annual lecture series, the annual Rhind lectures, the annual Archaeological Research in Progress Conference (with the Council for Scottish Archaeology) and other conferences and seminars as appropriate.

Publishing the annual *Proceedings*, and books and reports both in print and online. The online publications are available free of charge to all.

Playing an active role in public discussions and consultations on the historic environment.

The period from July 2004 to June 2005 has seen new incumbents in three senior staff posts: the Director (newly appointed on 1 June 2004), the Assistant Treasurer (February 2005) and the Managing Editor (April 2005). One of the principal objectives for this year, given the degree of staff change, as well as changes to the governance and structures of the Society, was to maintain the customary high standard of service to our Fellows, as well as to deliver the usual Society activities: the evening lecture series, the Rhind Lectures, publication of the *Proceedings*, production of the two annual Newsletters, publication of one-off books and online publication of archaeological reports in SAIR (Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports).

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Aaron M Allen	Occupational mapping of Edinburgh: 1635	£1100.00
Steven Birch	High Pasture Cave, Skye	£1000.00
Richard Bradley	Henge Monuments of N & NE Scotland	£2000.00
Murray Cook	Kintore Landscape Project	£500.00
Tim Crafter	Metallurgy of late 12th-century British coinage	£250.00
Nyree Finlay	Colonsay Midden Project	£500.00
Patrick Foster	Shiant Island Archaeological Project	£500.00
Meggen Gondek	Rhynie Environs Archaeological Project	£1350.00
David Jones	Harken Burn Castlehill Project	£400.00
Paula Martin	Fish trap survey in North Argyll	£500.00
Tim Mighall	Mining for lead and silver in mid to late Bronze Age Scotland	£1500.00
Richard Oram	Roxburgh research & management plan	£1000.00
Ronan Toolis	Galloway Promontory Forts	£1053.00
Bruce Walker	Constructional details of the Scottish 'platform-frame': a guide for archaeologists	£1000.00†
Sharon Webb	Dal Riata Dun community archaeology project	£1500.00
		Total £14,153.00

† includes £220 of Angus Graham bequest and £330 from Gunning Jubilee Gift.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EVENING LECTURE SERIES

11 October 2004

PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE – OPEN EVENT

Hidden Depths: thirty years of archaeology in Scottish towns

Lisbeth M Thoms, BSc, DipArch, FSAScot, President, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

8 November 2004

Kaupang – a Norwegian Viking town of the 9th century

Professor Dagfinn Skre, PhD, University of Oslo

30 November 2004

ANNIVERSARY MEETING (AGM)

In addition to the customary business, there were two short presentations by Fraser Hunter of the National Museums of Scotland on excavations at Traprain Law, and by Bob Wills of GUARD on recent developer-funded work at Loch Lomondside.

13 December 2004

Making History: Scottish historical painting 1819–1848

Dr John Morrison, University of Aberdeen

10 January 2005

Does Scotland's Parliament have a worthwhile history? The rediscovery of a lost constitution

Professor Keith Brown, University of St Andrews

14 February 2005

A survey of the place-names of Fife: towards a national place-name survey

Dr Simon Taylor, University of St Andrews

14 March 2005

A thirteenth labour: the restoration of the Hercules Garden at Blair Castle

Christopher Dingwall, BSc, MA

11 April 2005

SCIENCE FESTIVAL – OPEN EVENT

Tells, Tiles and Telegraphy: Travels with Major General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith in Turkey and Iran

Jennifer M Scarce, BA, FSAScot

9 May 2005

Life on the fringe: soldier and civilian on Roman Egypt's desert frontier

Professor Val Maxfield, BA, PhD, FSA, FSAScot, University of Exeter

OTHER SOCIETY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Saturday, 13 November 2004

JOINT CONFERENCE WITH HISTORIC SCOTLAND

Melrose Abbey: the history, architecture and archaeology of a Borders abbey

Tuesday, 18 January 2005

JOINT LECTURE WITH FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF SCOTLAND

Scottish snuffboxes: a unique part of Scotland's heritage

Dr David Lamb, Chairman of Friends of the National Museum

Saturday, 19 March 2005

JOINT CONFERENCE WITH SCOTTISH CHURCH HERITAGE RESEARCH

Scotland's churches: here, there and everywhere

Wednesday, 13 April 2005 in the University of Dundee

BUCHAN LECTURE – OPEN EVENT

Agricola: he Came, he Saw, but did he Conquer?

Dr David Woolliscroft, Director, Roman Gask Project

Friday to Sunday, 22–24 April 2005

THE RHIND LECTURES – OPEN EVENT

Men who turned towards the light: cult and creativity in the Romans' world

Professor Greg Woolf, University of St Andrews

Saturday, 28 May 2005

CONFERENCE WITH CSA

Archaeological Research In Progress

11 June 2005

RECENT ACQUISITIONS MEETING/EXCURSION

Museum of Flight and Concorde, East Fortune

The evening lectures are free to Fellows and their guests, and are held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum on Chambers Street, Edinburgh. All of those events marked 'Open Event' are free to all and open to the public, including the prestigious Rhind Lectures. The Buchan Lecture is the means by which the Society can help local groups to bring speakers to their own area by grant-aiding the costs of the event, and it is always held outside Edinburgh. The day conferences are ticketed, but the cost is kept as low as possible, with concessions for students, to encourage attendance by younger people. However, rising costs, in respect of accommodation and refreshments at conferences, make it difficult to keep the ticket price as low as the Society might wish. We are grateful to Historic Scotland for their generous financial support for the Melrose conference. Attendance at the evening lectures varied between 80 and 120, and the Rhind Lectures were extremely well-attended with over 100 people present for each of the six lectures. This event is a marathon effort for the speaker, and the Society is particularly grateful to Professor Greg Woolf who took us on a journey to the far reaches of the Roman Empire and into some very strange areas of the Roman mind. The May conference on Archaeological Research in Progress was also very well-attended and the Society is grateful to the speakers who travelled from all over the UK to come and present the results of their researches to us in Edinburgh.

The Society has a thriving Aberdeen and NE Section. It is the tradition that each speaker from the Monday night lectures in Edinburgh also travels to Aberdeen to give the same lecture again the next day, and it is to the credit of all the speakers that they were willing to give so freely of their time to travel both to Edinburgh and Aberdeen. The Aberdeen and NE Section also organizes its own additional programme of lectures and field trips.

PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS

The *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* is the national journal of record for Scottish archaeology, and has been published since 1790. Volume 133 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in September 2004, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and artefactual studies. Articles included detailed artefactual analyses, a 19th-century antiquarian's journal on the Antonine Wall, and a study of John Law's Theory of Money. Work on Volume 134 was ongoing during the year, and this is due to be published in August 2005.

SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTERNET REPORTS (SAIR)

There have been six SAIR reports published in the year ending 30 June 2005:

- SAIR 11 *The worked quartz vein at Cnoc Dubh, Uig parish, Isle of Lewis, Western Isles* by Torben BJORKE Ballin (ISBN 0 903903 80 6) Publication date: July 2004
- SAIR 12 *Camas Daraich: a Mesolithic site at the Point of Sleat, Skye* by Caroline Wickham-Jones and Karen Hardy (ISBN 0 903903 82 2) Publication date: December 2004
- SAIR 7 *Catpund: a prehistoric house in Shetland* by Beverley Ballin Smith (ISBN 0 903903 76 8) Publication date: February 2005 (This was published out of sequence because of a series of delays at the final editing stage.)
- SAIR 13 *Excavation of a Bronze Age kerbed cairn at Olcote, Breascleite, near Calanais, Isle of Lewis* by Tim Neighbour (ISBN 0 903903 81 4) Publication date: March 2005
- SAIR 14 *People and their monuments in the Upper Clyde Valley: a programme of survey, field-walking and trial excavation in the environs of the Blackhouse Burn Neolithic enclosure, 1998–99* by Olivia Lelong, Chris Barrowman, Mike Donnelly, Torben BJORKE Ballin and the late Jerry Hamer (ISBN 0 903903 83 0) Publication date: March 2005
- SAIR 15 *Early land-use and landscape development in Arisaig* by Steven Carter, Magnar Dalland & Deborah Long (ISBN 0 903903 84 9) Publication date: June 2005

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports is freely available to all online at www.sair.org and this year won the accolade of being permanently archived by the National Libraries of Scotland as it is, in their words, ‘an important part of our documentary heritage’. This will ensure the accessibility of SAIR in the future as part of the permanent collections of the NLS.

MONOGRAPHS

The Society has published three books in the year ending June 2005 – *Scotland in Ancient Europe* edited by Ian A G Shepherd and Gordon Barclay; *The Moon and the Bonfire* by Richard Bradley; *Kilellan Farm, Ardnave, Islay* edited by Anna Ritchie. These three books are perfect examples of the different kinds of books published by the Society – *Scotland in Ancient Europe* is the collection of papers from a highly successful conference held in Edinburgh in 2003; *The Moon and the Bonfire* presents the results of new fieldwork at, and reinterpretation of, three recumbent stone circles in Aberdeenshire; and *Kilellan Farm* is the long-awaited report on work done by Colin Burgess and others between 1954 and 1976 at sites eroding out of the sand at Ardnave on Islay. The latter two books were generously grant-aided by Historic Scotland. During this period, work was also ongoing on *Royal Dunfermline* (published in July 2005) and *Loch Glashan* (published in September 2005).

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

As the senior antiquarian body in Scotland, the Society is consulted by a wide range of organizations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts & Humanities Research Council. The Society has made written responses to numerous consultations, some jointly with the Council for Scottish Archaeology and the Scottish Group of the Institute of Field Archaeology. The Society has worked closely with the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland, giving evidence to their working groups on heritage protection legislation and properties in care. The Society has also been actively involved in the Built Environment Forum Scotland, an umbrella body for NGOs in the built and historic environment sectors, and has sent delegates to most of their meetings and seminars.

The Society supports the Council for Scottish Archaeology’s Young Archaeologists’ Clubs by awarding an annual grant of £2000. The YAC network plays a vital role in reaching out and bringing young people into archaeology and the Society is committed to supporting it for the foreseeable future.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

THE DOROTHY MARSHALL MEDAL

This award is made every three years and commemorates Miss Dorothy Marshall, who made her own unique contribution to Scottish archaeology, especially in the area of her home island of Bute. The silver medal, featuring a design based on a Neolithic carved stone ball, is awarded to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contribution, in a voluntary capacity, to Scottish archaeological or related work. In November 2004, the Dorothy Marshall Medal was awarded to Patrick Cave-Browne, a nationally-renowned and self-taught expert on ancient technology, particularly fire-making. He has run countless workshops over the years and entertained and informed groups of schoolchildren and adults alike, bringing the past to life for them in an unforgettable way.

THE RBK STEVENSON AWARD

R B K Stevenson was for many years the Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and 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. The 2004 award (of £50 per author) went to the report on 'An Early Bronze Age "dagger grave" from Rameldry Farm, near Kingskettle, Fife' by Louise Baker, Alison Sheridan and Trevor Cowie. Trevor Cowie accepted the award on behalf of his co-authors at the Anniversary meeting in November 2004.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's Income and Expenditure Account showed a surplus of £30,094 for the year under review. Considerable savings were made in the net costs of publications, which more than offset reductions in grants and other publication income. Administration costs rose to £111,775, an increase of £16,251, due partly to the appointment of a full-time Director, as opposed to what was previously a part-time post, and other staff changes and overlaps. At 30 June 2005, the value of the Unrestricted Funds had risen to £530,675, of which £170,827 represented unrealized gains on investments, and the accumulated surpluses amounted to £359,848. The accumulated surpluses represent approximately 2.05 times the budgeted annual expenditure of £176,103 for the year 2004–2005. The deficit in working capital has decreased from £37,703 to £6,085 surplus; 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 Council twice yearly 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 3.85% in the forthcoming year.

POLICY ON RESERVES AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The purpose of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, as set out in Law 1, is 'the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research'. The Society's reserves provide a substantial proportion of its income, so its activities, particularly grant-making, depend on this income provided by what should be a consistent and preserved capital base as far as is possible. The Society is prepared from time to time to use some of this capital in one-off special circumstances, but this is balanced with the recognition of the real danger of reducing income in the longer term. In a recent assessment of risk made by the Finance Group, the current Fellows' database was identified as a major potential risk to business continuity. Consequently, the

decision was made by Council at the July 2005 meeting to release capital in the 2005–6 financial year in order to make a substantial investment in a new, fully-supported commercial membership system.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

RESEARCH

The Society does not commit to research funding over more than one year, so none of the research funds are pre-allocated when the Research Committee meets each year to determine the awards. The deadline for grant applications is the Anniversary Meeting (30 November).

PROGRAMME

The nature of the events programme means that planning must be done well in advance, and by June 2005 the lecture programme for the following season was already decided. The Rhind Lectures are such a major undertaking that the speakers require at least two year's notice, and currently we have Rhind lecturers in place up to and including 2008. Conferences are currently being planned for late April/early May 2006 and for early summer in 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

The Society is committed to annual publication of the *Proceedings*, and work is well advanced on volume 135, to be published in summer 2006. The Society currently has accepted proposals for seven monographs to be published over the next two years, with an additional three proposals under consideration.

From this it can be seen that the Society has a full programme of activities already in place for the next two years, particularly in the area of events and publications. However, we still aim to be flexible and to endeavour to respond to requests for meetings, conferences and publications at short notice.

ANDREA N SMITH, BA, MIFA, FSA, FSAScot
10 October 2005

REPORT FROM THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 30 November 2005, in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland, Ms Lisbeth Thoms, President, in the chair.

The minutes of the last lecture meeting were read and approved. Reports were received from the Director, the Treasurer and the Proceedings Editor and were approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers. The R B K Stevenson Prize was awarded to Nick Holmes.

The results of the ballots were as follows:

BALLOT FOR HONORARY FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

The following candidates were elected as Honorary Fellows of the Society in accordance with Law 5: 'Honorary Fellows shall consist of persons eminent in any branch of antiquarian study, who must be recommended by the Council and elected in the same way as Fellows'.

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY W S BARROW, BA, PhD, FSAScot, Edinburgh, UK
PROFESSOR DAVID J BREEZE, BA, PhD, FSAScot, Edinburgh, UK

BALLOT FOR ORDINARY FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

The following were elected as ordinary Fellows of the Society in accordance with Law 4: 'Council shall cause the names of the Candidates and their Sponsors to be circulated to all Fellows at least ten days before

the date of the meeting at which a ballot is to be held. Fellows may vote against any candidate by striking out the name from the list and returning the list to the Society before the meeting or placing the list in the Ballot Box before the meeting commences. Candidates receiving ten or more adverse votes will be balloted for individually at the meeting, and any candidate then receiving less than two-thirds of the votes shall not be admitted'.

DAVID ADDISON ESQ, BA, MSIAD, Elgin, Morayshire, UK
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 CATHERINE ROSEMARY SOPHIA ANDERSON, MA, Edinburgh, UK
 SUSAN MARY ANDERSON, Musselburgh, Edinburgh, UK
 STEVEN PAUL ASHBY ESQ, BSc, MSc, Coventry, UK
 CHARLES EDWARD AUSTIN ESQ, Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA
 SUSAN F BAKER, BA, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, USA
 CYNTHIA ANNE BALFOUR-TRAILL, BFA, Woodsboro, Maryland, USA
 ARTHUR BARROW ESQ, Netherton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, UK
 ALAN DUNCAN BECK ESQ, BA, PGCE, LRSM, LTCL, Greenock, UK
 NAOMI SÍAN BELSHAW, BSc, Mlit, MPhil, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK
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 THOMAS MORRISON CRAIG ESQ, Blanefield, UK
 BRIAN REID DAVIDSON ESQ, Peterculter, Aberdeen, UK
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 ALISON CLAIRE DENNARD, BSc, MBA, MSc, Edinburgh, UK
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John J Alderson, Maryborough, Australia	1976
James M Allan, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, UK	1956
Malcolm John Anderson, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, UK	1980
Robert Stuart Wyllie Beaty, Dalbeattie, Dumfriesshire, UK	1984
W D Bottomley, Troon, Ayrshire, UK	1980
Edward F Brodie, Houston, Texas, USA	1990
John Davie Burgess, Invergordon, Ross-shire, UK	1984
Walter Reid Chalmers, Edinburgh, UK	1989
Alastair Trevor Clark, Edinburgh, UK	1988
Arthur Duryee Cree, Hendersonville, North Carolina, USA	1989
Mrs P C E Cross, Edinburgh, UK	1982
Peter Campbell Denholm, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire, UK	1974
Christopher Michael Dixon, Canterbury, Kent, UK	1980
Leslie William Lawson Edwards, London, UK	1990
R W Feachem, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, UK	1948
Hector A Fraser, Edinburgh, UK	1959
William Hugh Cufford Friend, Little Wilbraham, Cambridge, UK	1977
John Gordon, Armadale, Bathgate, UK	2000
Russell Sinclair Grove Jr, Atlanta, Georgia, USA	2003
Brian Rodgeron Hartley, York, UK	1970
T P Hight, Dore, Sheffield, UK	1955
John Leslie Ogilvie Holden, Burnley, Lancashire, UK	1967
Michael Kellaway, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, UK	1976
Tom Bell Maxwell Lamb, Kilchattan Bay, Isle of Bute, UK	1982

Alistair James Lilburn, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, UK	1985
Daphne Home Lorimer, Orphir, Orkney, UK	1973
John H MacDonald, North York, Ontario, Canada	1976
Mabel Alice Macdonald, Hoylake, Wirral, UK	1979
Ian McDonald, Edinburgh, UK	1967
Anne Euphemia Mctavish, Berwick on Tweed, UK	2004
David C Marshall, Biggar, UK	1941
Wiliam Liddell Milligan, Southsea, UK	2000
Ian Morrison, Edinburgh, UK	1962
Philip Paterson, Cupar, Fife, UK	1951
Alexander Gordon Paul, Paisley, Renfrewshire, UK	1975
Paul Ian Craven Payne, Minehead, Somerset, UK	1991
Elizabeth Jean Elphinstone Pirie, Edinburgh, UK	1955
James Neil Graham Ritchie, Edinburgh, UK	1965
Hans Schönberger, Bad Homburg, Germany	Hon Fellow 1969
Derek A Simpson, Belfast, UK	1959
Gordon Newton Drummond Smart, Edinburgh, UK	1984
James Ronald Teggins, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, UK	1938
Wayne Hardie Thompson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA	1990
Sheina D Thomson, Edinburgh, UK	1974
George William Thurston-Smith (formerly Smith), Edinburgh, UK	1986
David William Thomson Campbell Vessey, Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, UK	1965
Thomas Martin Waugh, Glasgow, UK	1987

The Presidential address was delivered by Lisbeth Thoms as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Giving this address as the outgoing President, I wonder how the last three years could have passed so quickly. According to the old saying it is probably because I have been busy or enjoying myself, or perhaps both! Certainly being President has been most enjoyable, eventful, satisfying, exhausting – and only occasionally frustrating. The emphasis is on enjoyable, because it isn't difficult to recall the many splendid events and activities that I have attended. Nine conferences either organized or co-hosted by the Society, three Rhind Lecture series, the evening lecture meetings, the seminars, visits to the Aberdeen and North East Section, the summer excursions; they have all in their own way given much inspiration and pleasure, the more so because of the opportunities they have provided to meet and talk with people, especially Fellows.

The time spent behind the scenes has also been most rewarding. As with any organization it is the people who make or break one's involvement with it and I have had the unusual privilege and pleasure of working with more members of staff than any previous President. Two Directors: Fionna Ashmore from whom I learned so much and Andrea Smith to whom I hope I have managed to pass much on. Two Assistant Treasurers: Maureen McLeod who kept the books beautifully in long hand and Charles Millar who is now introducing and grappling with the new technology. Two Publications Assistants: Ruth Morris who enthusiastically laid the foundations of the position and Erin Osborne-Martin who has taken publication sales to new heights. Three Editors: Gordon Barclay who masterminded the *Proceedings* going online, Anna Ritchie who stepped in during the inter-regnum while we recruited our new Managing Editor, and Debra Barrie who is responsible for the *Proceedings*, monographs and SAIR. And the only two people who have survived my three years: the Publications Production Manager, Alison Rae, who ensures all our books etc look so good, and the Administrative Assistant, Morvern Hardie, our 'rock'. They have all been wonderful to work with and I, and the Fellowship, owe them all special thanks because, despite the many staff changes, the work of the Society has gone on ostensibly as normal and without interruption. New staff have coped admirably with the very steep learning curves they have been on and there is more learning to come for all staff as new software is introduced to help maintain records and information more

efficiently. Ultimately this will result in a better service being provided for the Fellowship so we must bear with staff when and if there are teething troubles or technical hitches in the future.

Of course it is not only the Society's staff who deserve my thanks but also the Treasurer, the five Vice-Presidents, the four Conveners of committees and all the Council members who have assisted me and given so much of their time to the Society during my term of office. I am not going to name them all, but one person I will name is David Clarke who today is retiring after something like 20 years as the National Museums of Scotland representative on Council (and previously he was involved with the Society in various other capacities); we present him with a metaphorical long service medal. In expressing my thanks to so many people, the one significant point of sadness to record was the untimely death earlier this year of my predecessor, Graham Ritchie, to whom I personally and the Society owe so much. I am glad that Graham's contribution and legacy to both the Society and Scottish archaeology will be recognized with a day-conference in his memory on 29 April next year.

I am conscious, however, that belonging to the Society gives us all continuity with the past as well as a share in the current aspirations for the country's cultural heritage. In these early years of the 21st century, we might well ask ourselves what defines Scotland and its cultural heritage and the role the Society should have in it. Since devolution, an official shade of blue for the saltire has been established, our Parliament has backed plans for us to have a national bird and there have been moves to give Scotland a national anthem and to make St Andrews Day more of a feature in the calendar with dinners, events, First Ministerial speeches focusing on culture, and this year a free ceilidh here in Edinburgh. But our Scottish Executive seems to be more comfortable when it is proclaiming and celebrating the cultural diversity of Scotland's people rather than developing an effective strategy to actually deliver culture. The Cultural Commission, established just for a year, has now produced its report which is appallingly unfocused and far too lengthy at c 500 pages, with hardly any mention of archaeology and the built heritage. We shall have to wait another few weeks before we get MSPs' full response to it, and then what? And all the while we witness research and scholarship, and provision of funding for them, going out of fashion; we have history being squeezed out of the school curriculum or slotted into other subject areas and what can only be described as a continual process of dumbing-down as popular forms are promoted over the more traditional or classical forms of arts and culture.

As for the Society, having gone through a period of internal change, it now perhaps has a chance to have a more external focus and our actions may well speak louder than words. Through our lecture programme, conferences, research grants and publications we can uphold and champion the standards and values which we hold dear and, importantly, when appropriate opportunities arise, communicate these to wider and different audiences. Our first joint event with the Royal Society of Edinburgh next February is one such opportunity. St Andrews Day has always been significant for us, holding as we do the Anniversary Meeting each year. Possibly, in future, we might also find a way of making the work of the Society more publicly significant as part of the national day celebrations. In addition, we ought to consider the public profile the Society desires and aspires to; researching last year for my presidential lecture I came across a reference to the Society in a 1970s edition of the *Elgin Evening Express*. We had objected to the plans for the Elgin relief road and were referred to as 'a minority group' and 'the no-doubt esteemed but almost unheard of Society of Antiquaries of Scotland'. If this is the way many still perceive us then maybe we should work towards turning them into a minority group!

The Society is, I consider, in good heart and will go forward and remain strong. That strength should enable us to maintain our traditions and values but at the same time be responsive to the needs and opportunities provided by the changing economic and social environment in which we now operate. We are on a journey which started in 1780, and 225 years later we should remain positive and optimistic about the future. It has been my privilege, as the Society's 33rd President, to lead it for just a tiny part of that extraordinary journey, and for that I most sincerely and warmly thank the Fellowship.

Lisbeth Thoms then stepped down as President and handed over to Roger Mercer, the newly elected President, who spoke briefly to thank his predecessor for her contribution to the Society, and then to introduce the speaker for the Anniversary Meeting. The following communication was read by Lorna Waite: *To remain worthy of the land: the Earl of Buchan, the Kirkhill Pillar Project and the re-animation of Scottish cultural history*. At the close of formal proceedings, a wine reception was held in the Bird Hall.