

# Annual Report for the year 2005–2006

## 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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30 November 2005)

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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 18 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 14 days before the meeting. New office-bearers and Council members are provided with a document outlining their role and responsibilities, and are invited to an induction meeting with the President and Society staff before their first Council meeting.

Council, chaired by the President, normally meets five times a year, and there are two sub-committees, Publications and Research. The Publications Committee meets three times a year, and the Research Committee meets only once a year, to make recommendations on allocation of research funds. A smaller Finance Group, consisting of the President, Treasurer, one Vice-President, Director and Assistant Treasurer oversees 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. The Director has some 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, 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 has 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 2005 to June 2006 has seen further staff changes, with the departure of Morvern Hardie (Administrator) after six years with the Society, and the appointment of Jacqueline Clabby. The Society is particularly grateful to Kristjan Ahronson, a Fellow of the Society, who stepped into the breach most ably, and kept the office running while a successor to Morvern Hardie was appointed. The most significant change in the last year is one that has been the least visible – the Society has made a substantial investment in a new software system which combines a membership database with an integrated SAGE accounts package. The system went live in April 2006, and enabled the Society to move to fully computerized accounting from the previous manual, paper-based system. This enables subscription payments to be entered only once (as opposed to three times in three separate systems under the previous regime), which removes much of the potential for error and cuts down on staff time considerably. The new database allows the Society to collect more information on Fellows and in time we hope to be able to tailor mailings more specifically to Fellows' interests. The new system is also designed to develop in due course to allow direct debit and online payments from Fellows. Staff are still learning the new system, and we hope that Fellows will notice an improvement in the level of service as we come to exploit its full potential.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Torben Bjarke Ballin	Arran Archaeological Pitchstone Project: survey	£1400
Steven Birch	High Pasture Cave, Skye	£2000
Richard Bradley	Broomend of Crichtie	£2000
M G Cavers	Airyolland Homestead	£1000
Murray Cook	Kintore Landscape Project	£500
Patrick Foster	Shiant Island Archaeological Project	£500
John Harrison	Upper Bannock Burn Historic Landuse Investigation	£2000
Cynthia Neville	Lordships & Justice in C13th Scotland	£750*
P Y Pailler	Stone axe study: continental links & the production of prestige axes	£500
A E Pirie	Lithics from Coll & Tiree	£500
C R Wickham-Jones	Long Howe, Orkney	£1000
		Total £12,150

\* Includes £147 from the Gunning Jubilee Gift

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## EVENING LECTURE SERIES

10 October 2005

*Loch Glashan, Argyll; re-evaluation of a 1st millennium AD crannog*

Dr Anne Crone, BA, MIFA, FSAScot, AOC Archaeology Group

14 November 2005

## OPEN EVENT – JOINT LECTURE WITH THE PREHISTORIC SOCIETY

*Mine Howe: social and material transformations in the Iron Age*

Nick Card, MA, FSAScot, Orkney Archaeological Trust

Jane Downes, BA, AIFA, FSAScot, Head of Archaeology, Orkney College, University of the Highlands and Islands

30 November 2005

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING

*To remain worthy of the land: the Earl of Buchan, the Kirkhill Pillar Project and the Re-animation of Scottish Cultural History*

Lorna Waite, MA, MSc, FSAScot

12 December 2005

*Nelson and Trafalgar: myth and meaning over two hundred years*

Andrew Lambert, Laughton Professor of Naval History, King's College London

9 January 2006

## JOINT LECTURE WITH FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF SCOTLAND

*Seeking Scottish samplers: a hundred years of research*

Naomi E A Tarrant, BA, FSA, FSAScot, Hon Curator of Costume and Textiles for the National Trust for Scotland

13 February 2006

*The tomb railings of Lady Margaret Beaufort, Westminster Abbey: an historical hunt from iron bars to beer bars*

Jane Geddes, BA, MA, PhD, FSAScot

13 March 2006

*Stanwick, North Yorkshire; the rise and fall of a late Iron Age royal site*

Professor Colin Haselgrove, BSc, MA, FSA, FSAScot, University of Leicester

10 April 2006

## OPEN EVENT – SCIENCE FESTIVAL

*Colonel Mustard, in the library, with the halberd – the who, what, when and why of Irish halberds*

Dr Ronan O'Flaherty, BA, MA

*A pyreside chat: archaeological lessons from an experimental pig cremation*

Dr Alison Sheridan, National Museums of Scotland

8 May 2006

OPEN EVENT – LINDSAY FISCHER LECTURE

*Nidaros Cathedral and the Archbishop's Palace, Trondheim – Resurrected 2006*

Direktor dr. philos Øivind Lunde, Nidaros Domkirkes Restaureringsarbeiter

#### CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

Friday 17, Saturday 18, Sunday 19 March 2006

OPEN EVENT – THE RHIND LECTURES

*Art on the Rocks*

Paul Bahn, MA, PhD, FSA

Saturday, 29 April 2006

TICKETED EVENT: CONFERENCE IN MEMORY OF GRAHAM RITCHIE

*Understanding monuments in their landscape*

Saturday, 27 May 2006

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH CSA ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Organized in Perth by the Council for Scottish Archaeology

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 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. Attendance at the evening lectures was very variable this year, ranging between 60 and 150, and the Rhind lectures were extremely well-attended with over 200 present for the Friday lecture and 120–160 present for the Saturday and Sunday lectures. This event is a marathon effort for the speaker, and the Society is particularly grateful to Paul Bahn, who overcame a cold and cough to take his audience on a tour round the rock art of the world, including Europe, South Africa, Australia and the Americas, also touching on at times controversial issues of ownership, conservation and presentation.

The Society is also grateful to Dr Jane Geddes, who stepped in to give the February lecture in place of Ian Shepherd, who sadly was unable to give his lecture as he was seriously ill. The Society is delighted to report that Ian has made a remarkable recovery, and is leading the organization of a forthcoming major international conference to be hosted by us in Edinburgh in 2008, on the Later Bronze Age and Early Iron Age in Scotland and Europe.

The excursion, planned for Saturday 3rd June to the Hercules Garden at Blair Castle, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a very low level of ticket sales. Given the results from the Fellows' questionnaire, in which a majority of respondents placed the Excursion at the bottom of their list of priorities for Society activities, Council will be reviewing the matter of whether to continue with an excursion in future years.

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 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

The Society published its first volume of *Transactions* in 1792, and has been publishing a regular journal since then. The *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, published annually, is now the national journal of record for Scottish archaeology. Volume 134 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in September

2005, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and artefactual studies. This volume contained much for those interested in medieval history and archaeology, including the Presidential Lecture (given by Lis Thoms in October 2004) on thirty years of archaeology in Scottish towns; a review article on burgrave plots and an analysis of medieval coins in Scotland (which won the RBK Stevenson Prize, see below). Work on Volume 135 was ongoing during the year, and this is due to be published and distributed in August 2006.

*Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* (SAIR) has seen the publication of six reports in the year ending 30 June 2006 which comprise:

- SAIR 16      *The excavation of a mound and three cist burials at Ferndale, Rendall, Orkney* by Paul R J Duffy with contributions by B Will, C Evans, J Miller, S Ramsay, G MacGregor and T Pollard (ISBN 0 903903 85 7)
- SAIR 17      *Re-examination of the quartz artefacts from Scord of Brouster: a lithic assemblage from Shetland and its Neolithic context* by Torben Bjarke Ballin (ISBN 0 903903 86 5)
- SAIR 18      *The excavation of four caves in the Geodha Smoo near Durness, Sutherland* by Tony Pollard with contributions by D Alldrit, E Photos-Jones, R Ceron-Carrasco, C Smith and R Squair (ISBN 0 903903 87 3)
- SAIR 19      *Excavation of a Bronze Age wicker container, Gearraidh na h'Aibhne, Isle of Lewis* by Paul R J Duffy with contributions from Christopher Burgess, Mark Holmes, Jennifer Miller and Susan Ramsay (ISBN 0 903903 88 1)
- SAIR 20      *Cramond Roman Fort: evidence from excavations at Cramond Kirk Hall, 1998 and 2001* by Paul Masser with contributions by Jeremy Evans, Mhairie Hastie and Fraser Hunter (ISBN 0 903903 89 X)
- SAIR 21      *Thainstone Business Park, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire* by HK Murray and JC Murray, with contributions by Torben Ballin, Andrew Heald and Fraser Hunter (ISBN 0 903903 90 3)

*Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* is freely available to all online at [www.sair.org](http://www.sair.org) and is 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 two books in the year ending June 2006 and work was ongoing on a further three volumes to be published in 2006–2007. *Royal Dunfermline*, edited by Richard Fawcett was inspired by the conference of that name organized by the Society in Dunfermline in 2003, containing expanded versions of papers and guided tours given on the day, with an additional three chapters specially written for the published volume. *A Crannog of the 1st Millennium AD, Excavations by Jack Scott at Loch Glashan, Argyll, 1960* by Anne Crone and Ewan Campbell comprises the publication of the 1960 excavations, with a complete re-examination of the important artefacts and new radiocarbon dates, which allows a modern interpretation of the site as a key craft centre of early medieval Argyll. Both of these books were generously grant-aided by Historic Scotland.

#### 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 Director is a board member of BEFS (Built Environment Forum Scotland), an umbrella body which brings together non-governmental organizations working in the historic and built environment sector. Through BEFS the Society has contributed to a number of consultations and initiatives, including contributing to the development and strategy of the Historic

Scotland Historic Environment Audit, and taking part in consultation workshops on Historic Scotland's emerging series of Historic Environment Policies. The Director is also a member of the Central Scotland Forestry Forum, which advises the Forestry Commission, and through the Forum has been responding to the consultations on the new Scottish Forestry Strategy and Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme. The Society has become a member of *The Archaeology Forum*, a UK-wide grouping of non-governmental organizations, and through this the Director is made aware of, and can contribute to, consultations and initiatives which emanate from outside Scotland, but may have an impact on the Scottish historic environment. The Director also now sits as the Society's representative on the Council of the National Trust for Scotland, which meets three times a year to discuss matters of policy, finance and forward planning.

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 RBK STEVENSON AWARD

RBK 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 2005 award (of £50 per author) went to the article on 'The evidence of finds for the circulation and use of coins in medieval Scotland', by N M McQ Holmes of the National Museums of Scotland. Nick Holmes accepted the award in person at the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2005.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's Income and Expenditure Account showed a surplus of £22,239 for the year, a reduction of £7,855. Fellows should note, however, that if the gain or loss on sale of investments is excluded, the year 2006 shows a surplus of only £6,006 compared with £33,237 last year. The bulk of this is due to publications costs where adjustments in respect of previous year are included. Following the introduction of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charter (SORP2005), the Funds are now split between Endowment Funds, Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds. Unrestricted Funds now show at £537,216, an increase of £64,967 over the previous year. The balance sheet as at 30 June 2006 continues to show that the Society is in a solvent position, with total assets less current liabilities increasing to £829,295. Current assets less liabilities has also increased from £6,685 to £18,699.

The Society's 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 the Council on a regular basis 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.

As reported previously, an assessment had identified the existing Fellow's database as a risk to business continuity. Consequently, following an evaluation of options, the Society has acquired a new system and database which went live on 1 April 2006. This system links automatically with our accounting system and will provide more efficient means of communication with Fellows. Staff are still exploring and adapting to the increased capabilities of the new system and in the months and years ahead intend to develop more efficient and effective administrative procedures.

## 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 2006 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 2009. It is the turn of the Society to organize and host the Archaeological Research in Progress conference for 2007, and (as mentioned above), work is currently underway on the organization of a major international conference on the Later Bronze Age and Early Iron Age in Scotland and Europe, to be held in Edinburgh in 2008.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Society is committed to annual publication of the *Proceedings*, and work is well advanced on volume 136 to be published in summer 2007. The Society currently has accepted proposals for 10 monographs to be published over the next two years.

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  
12 July 2006

## REPORT FROM THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Museum of Scotland, Mr Roger Mercer, 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 Managing Editor and were approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers. The R B K Stevenson Prize was awarded to Ross Trench-Jellicoe.

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 RICHARD BRADLEY, MA, FilDrhc, MIFA, FSA, FBA, Reading, UK

DR ANNA RITCHIE, OBE, BA, PhD, FSA, Edinburgh, UK

DR ISABEL HENDERSON, OBE, MA(Aberdeen), MA(Camb), PhD, FSAScot, Nigg by Tain, 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.'*

THOMAS OLIVER ADDYMAN, MA, Kilcreggan, Argyll, UK

STACY ELLIOT APELT, Norfolk, Virginia, USA

JACKSON WEBSTER ARMSTRONG, BA, MPhil, Edinburgh, UK

JENNIFER ANNA AUSTIN, BSc, MHeritCons(Hons), Edinburgh, UK

BENJAMIN BATHER, London, UK

PATRICK BATY, BA(Hons), FRSA, London, UK

FIONA JANE BRECKENRIDGE, Edinburgh, UK

BARBARA BROWN, Darlington, UK

PAUL BROWN, Darlington, UK  
 ANDREW D P BURKE, MA(Hons), PhD, Edinburgh, UK  
 THOMAS BURNS, BA, MS, PhD, Mableton, Georgia, USA  
 MICHAEL BARRY CAMPBELL, BA, MA, PhD, Carrollton, Georgia, USA  
 RICHARD CLARK, Clackmannan, UK  
 LINDSAY GORDON COOK, Ellon, UK  
 STEPHEN W COPP, BA, MA, BArch, PGDip, Edinburgh, UK  
 RONALD W COUTTS, Raâne, Wisconsin, USA  
 BETH ROSALIE CRISP, BA(Hons), BSW, PhD, BTheol, Victoria, Australia  
 Christopher John Crosby, Sanquhar, UK  
 LIZ CURTIS, BSc, Edinburgh, UK  
 GREGORY JOSEPH DARLING, PhD, New York, New York, USA  
 DAVID JOHN DIMMOCK, MA, BA, MRSC, CertEd, East Linton, UK  
 LESLIE DODD, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK  
 DEREK DOYLE, OBE, DSc, FRCSE, FRCPEd, FRCGP, Edinburgh, UK  
 DAVID JAMES FLETCHER, BA, JD, Calais, Maine, USA  
 SHEENA FRASER, BSc, MSc, Edinburgh, UK  
 COLIN THOMSON FRASER, Edinburgh, UK  
 THOMAS REGINALD FREEMAN JR, Walhalla, Florida, USA  
 PEDER GAMMELTOFT, PhD, Copenhagen, Denmark  
 RALPH MCDUGALL GHORMLEY, BSc, McLean, Virginia, USA  
 ALISDAIR GEORGE GORDON GIBSON, MA, MSc, PhD, St Andrews, Fife, UK  
 JOHN GLYNN, MBA, Brentwood, Tennessee, USA  
 KATHRYN GLYNN, MBA, Brentwood, Tennessee, USA  
 AMANDA JANE GOW, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK  
 DOROTHY J GRAVES, BA, MSc, Edinburgh, UK  
 TODD GROTE, BS, MS, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, USA  
 JAN HANSEN, DTJ, BSEd, Arlington, Virginia, USA  
 RONALD HARDAWAY, BS, Springfield, Tennessee, USA  
 MARJORY-ANN DENDON HARPER, MA, PhD, Inverurie, UK  
 BRIAN HARRISON, London, UK  
 CATRIONA MARGARET HARVEY, MA(Hons), Fort William, UK  
 MICHAEL CASHEN HEAD, BA, MA, Aberdeen, UK  
 JACQUELINE HELEN HERRIOTT, St Andrews, UK  
 ANNA CLARE HOLMES, BSc, Donaghadee, Co Down, Northern Ireland, UK  
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 MICHAEL JOHN KIBBY, DipArch, Royston, Herts, UK  
 DAVID ANDREW KNIGHT, DipTH, Guernsey, Channel Islands  
 NIVES KOKEZA, DipArch, Edinburgh, UK  
 PETER IAN KUNIHOLM, PhD, Ithaca, New York, USA  
 JUDITH A LLOYD, BS, Cary, North Carolina, USA  
 CHRISTOPHER JULIAN LOWE, Northampton, UK  
 PETER GEORGE MAXWELL-STUART, MA, PhD, St Andrews, Fife, UK  
 STEPHEN McDONALD, MB, BS, BTh, MA, MSc, PhD, Dorset, UK  
 CATHERINE GRIZELDA McFARLANE, BA, Edinburgh, UK  
 ALEXANDER McKAY, Lundin Links, Fife, UK  
 FINLAY McKICHAN, MA, MLitt, Aberdeen, UK  
 GERALD McKINNON, BSc, Prince George, Canada  
 KATHLEEN McLAUGHLIN, MA, Springfield, Virginia USA  
 DANIEL JAMES McMEEKEN, Dumfriesshire, UK  
 DAVID JOHN HENDERSON MCNAUGHTON, BD, CA, Perthshire, UK  
 WALTER WILLIAM MOORE II, BA, MSLS, Richmond, Virginia, USA

MARK GRANT RONALD NAPLES, BA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK  
KERUX-DAVID LEE NEAL, Yorba Linda, California, USA  
ROBERT RAYMOND NEWTON, West Lothian, UK  
GORDON NOBLE, MA, PhD, Glasgow, UK  
PAMELA ESTELLE O'NEILL, BA, MA, PhD, Melbourne, Australia  
GEORGE ALEXIS PANTOS, MA(Hons), Manchester, UK  
STEPHEN JAMES FITZHERBERT PLOWMAN, TD, Hants, UK  
REBECCA LYNN PRATHER, Walhalla, South Carolina, USA  
PETER PRITCHARD, Morvern, UK  
R J W PROCTOR, Kirriemuir, Angus, UK  
ROBERT BRIAN RAHN, MA, Troutsdale, nr Scarborough, UK  
STEPHEN WILLIAM RAND, Ramsey, Isle of Man  
NAOMI LOUISE ELIZABETH EMMA RATCLIFFE, Moray, UK  
SANDY RITCHIE, Peterhead, UK  
JANICE STUART ROBERTSON, MA, Alness, UK  
GEORGE LINNINGTON ROBINSON, BS, Shelby, North Carolina, USA  
JOHN DOUGLAS ROSS, BAMED, Toronto, Canada  
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## THE ROLL

The deaths of the Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2004–2005. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR LESLIE ALCOCK, Bristol, UK	Hon Fellow 1973
JOHN J ALDERSON, Ryborough, Australia	1976
REV AMBROSE WILLIAM BARCROFT, Pitlochry, UK	1983
ANTHONY LEONARD CUBBERLEY, Worcester, UK	1975
NICHOLAS DAVIES, Lydd, Kent, UK	1961
ALAN JOSEPH DAVISON, Norwich, Norfolk, UK	1973
JOHN DURKAN, LENZIE, Glasgow, UK	1964
DAVID L GARRISON JR, Houston, Texas, USA	1991
JOHN GORDON, Bathgate, UK	2000
LESLIE JAMES GRAY, Glasgow, UK	1993
J COLVIN GREIG, Aberdeen, UK	1960
IAN HARKNESS, Edinburgh, UK	1995
IAN DENBEIGH KIRKPATRICK, Cornhill on Tweed, UK	2004
PROFESSOR EMERITUS E LARSEN, Beverly Hills, Florida, USA	1976
MISS MABEL ALICE MACDONALD, Hoylake, Wirral, UK	1979
DONALD ANGUS MACDONALD, Glasgow, UK	1983
PROFESSOR CAMPBELL MACFARLANE, Johannesburg, South Africa	2004
ALEXANDER ORAM MACKIE, Kelso, UK	1988
ROBERT DAVID MCARTHUR, Perth, UK	1992
EARL MCGILVRAY JR, Lagrange, Georgia, USA	2000
JOHN MICHAEL MORRIS, Edinburgh, UK	1972
JERREL MURRAY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA	1999
FRANK NEWALL, Dunoon, Argyll, UK	1967
MISS ELIZABETH J E PIRIE, Edinburgh, UK	1955
PETER ROY RITCHIE, Uphall, West Lothian, UK	1948
MRS NANCIE MARGARET ROBB, Edinburgh, UK	1982
MARVIN GLENN RONALDSON, Illinois, USA	1987
MRS MARGO S ROSS, PITLOCHRY, Perthshire, UK	1989
KENNETH SCOTT, Leslie, Aberdeenshire, UK	1970
KENNETH STEER, Cheltenham, UK	1938
MRS JEAN M WALKER, Rutherglen, UK	1996

The Presidential address was delivered by Roger Mercer as follows:

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

It was precisely a year ago that I took over the Presidency of the society from Lis Thoms. If I had visions of a gentle and unobtrusive responsibility that would act as the background accompaniment to a slow (I hoped!) but inevitable descent into dotage then I would have surely been sorely disappointed. It has been a year of continued growth in the Society's Fellowship that now stands at 3,605. A full programme of lectures culminated in a truly memorable series of Rhind Lectures by Dr Paul Bahn. Taking the world as their canvas, these lectures surveyed the extraordinary variety (yet recurrently common themes) that characterize the decoration of rock surfaces – vertical, sloping and horizontal, open to the air and enclosed, by incision, pecking and by application of pigments or modelling, examining the problems that beset their survival – problems with which Scotland cannot claim to be unfamiliar in her own decorated rock surfaces. I do hope that Dr Bahn will be able to publish this fascinating series with the Society as his publisher. The next series of six Rhind Lectures are to be given by Professor Gabriel Cooney of University College, Dublin. Entitled 'Living in an Age of Stone: Neolithic Peoples and their Worlds', they will be the 128th in a series that must mark one of the greatest contributions by the Society to excellence and outreach in up-to-the-minute research in our subject over a period of over 130 years.

This year has also encompassed three conferences organized entirely or jointly by the Society. On 29 April we came together to celebrate the life and achievements of our former President, the late Graham Ritchie, in a notable colloquium entitled ‘Understanding Monuments in their Landscape’, which examined new departures in his focal area of interest. In May, the annual Archaeological Research in Progress conference, held jointly with the Council for Scottish Archaeology, took place in Perth – an occasion that saw much unusual and challenging material exposed.

And then, very recently, masterminded by our Vice-President Jane Geddes, and in partnership with the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies in the University of Aberdeen, a conference most appositely entitled ‘Fresh Pict’, during which a general review of the state of Pictish studies, particularly in the light of the recent Leeds International conference, was undertaken.

Our *Proceedings* appeared exemplarily promptly this year and *par excellence* exemplified the breadth and catholicity of our interests. A commemoration of Graham Ritchie is followed by papers covering the entire span of Man’s known presence in Scotland from Alan Saville’s contribution on the Caves of Creag nan Uamh, Assynt, Highland Region and doubts cast upon the anthropogenic nature of finds located there, to Ronan Toolis’s (with others) important contribution on Bronze Age pastoral practices in the Clyde Valley with its important implications of milk production and animal management in the second millennium BC. Thence to Ross Trench-Jellicoe’s RBK Stevenson Award-winning paper on a decorated cross-slab from East Fife, which draws on an international array of inspirations for the style, through Chris Lowe’s paper on the newly discovered outbuilding at Kelso Abbey and Vanessa Habib’s wonderful revelation concerning Axminster Carpet manufacture in Scotland in the 1750s following the prompting of Eastern discovery and the demand of Western (colonially informed) wealth. And, finally, to Dr Gordon Barclay’s revelations about the ‘Cowie Line’, a desperate attempt to stem, by erecting obstacles and defences, what might have been yet another invasion from Scandinavia after the German occupation of Denmark and Norway in 1940.

Objects as witnesses to our Past. That is Antiquarianism. That is where we stand, and the catholicity of that study is fully illustrated by the breadth of coverage of the Journal. In addition, during this year, Dr Chris Lowe’s account of the important excavations of the hitherto little-understood early monastic site at Hoddom, Dumfries and Galloway, has appeared as a monograph and there have been three additions to the archaeological reports appearing on-line in the SAIR series.

The year has also been a busy one for your Council. Much discussion has led to a proposal to change Law 3, so that in future candidates for Fellowship will require two sponsors from among the Fellowship and need to tell us a little more about themselves.

The reasons for this are simple. The Society must be seen to exercise due diligence and care in the vetting of those it admits to Fellowship and, as importantly, in order to develop its services in parallel with its expanding Fellowship it needs to know the developing profile of Fellows’ needs and aspirations. A questionnaire issued at the end of the previous President’s term has helped in this regard but hopefully from now we will build this information as we grow and be able to note changes as they occur. In future, candidates’ applications will be cleared by a Fellowship Committee and then offered for election at this meeting in the customary way. I want to thank John Cruse, our Vice-President, for his considerable effort in analysing the outcome of the questionnaire to which 18% of the Fellowship responded.

Another issue that has exercised Council is the question of excursions. In the answers to our questionnaire we found, to some surprise, that these commanded little support and this impression was, I am afraid, to some extent confirmed when this year’s excursion had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Put basically, we need to fill a 41-seat bus to make the trip financially viable. I am not anxious to close the door on this issue without offering Fellows an opportunity to make any positive support known and, if possible, to offer views as to how we can make excursions more attractive. I will, meanwhile, ask our new Director to organize one more Edinburgh-based excursion in 2007 in the hope of a better response. The North-East Section continues to run successful excursions and asks me to point out that Fellows from further South would be most welcome to join them ...! Any views should be sent by mail or email to Administration at the Society’s address.

A last issue that Council has found challenging and with which I wish to burden you this evening is the status of our *Proceedings*. This has to do with (it seems to me) quite arbitrary rules to be laid down by the Research Assessment Board of SHEFCE. Our understanding is that we will mesh more closely with this process, vital to our University colleagues who provide much (but by no means all) of our material, if we make certain alterations to

the management of the volume that we have been publishing for 151 years. As part of this exercise we propose to appoint an Editorial Advisory Board on an altogether wider basis than hitherto. There will also be some tightening of procedures with regard to refereeing of papers (and indeed of proposals for research funding), bringing the Society more closely into line with procedures now adopted elsewhere.

Enough of all this business. This time of year always brings us to a point of farewell – and perhaps more so than is normally the case this year. I am afraid I have formally to say farewell on your behalf to Naomi Tarrant who as our Honorary Treasurer has served the Society with immense care and energy for six years. She has overseen, together with our Director Andrea Smith, the installation of our newly computerized system of accounting which has revolutionized, and made great economies, in the way we handle our subscriptions and our finances. I'll come back to this in a moment. But Naomi deserves our hearty thanks for her devotion to duty.

Her successor proposed for election before you tonight is Dr Brendan O'Connor. Brendan, whose period as a senior officer in the Scottish Office will furnish the Society with a deep well of experience that I know will prove invaluable; but Brendan is much more than that. He is one of Britain's foremost experts on Bronze Age metalwork upon which he has published widely, often in association with our Fellow Trevor Cowie here in the Museum. I hope I will be able to welcome him to his task.

My second farewell is to Alan Saville who has now ended his time serving the Society as a Vice-President after three years. If that were all it would be enough, but prior to that Alan served as Convener of our Publications Committee for five years and before that he was in his turn Convener of our Research Committee for six years as well as serving as our Honorary Treasurer from 1992 to 2000 so that his continuous service reaches back some 15 years. Of course this is not farewell to Alan, nor is it to Naomi, but I would ask you to express your gratitude for this long and arduous period of service to the Society. I certainly have much appreciated the support of both of them in the first year of my Presidency.

My third farewell is twofold. We have this year lost two valued members of staff. First Morvern Hardie who worked for us as our Administrative Assistant for five years, and decided to move on shortly after I became President – although she assures me there is no direct connection! We were really sorry to see such a tower of strength in our affairs disappear, although I hope very much that we shall continue to see her at our meetings, but have been able to welcome in her place Mrs Jacqui Clabby who has now been settling in splendidly for six or more months.

Lastly, Andrea Smith, our Director, has been, I am afraid, tempted back to the big wide open spaces – as a senior project manager with Headland Archaeology. Her resignation in September has come as a blow when I thought I was just about beginning to know what I was about and we must thank her for her efforts on behalf of the Society during her short tenure of the Director's post. We are 'as I speak' engaged upon the complex business of her replacement.

Finally, the Treasurer will say more of this in her report, but I feel I ought to say that the Society is exploring the way forward with the Direct Debit system of subscription payment. This should come on-stream in 2007 and I earnestly ask you, if you can, to adopt this method of payment. It ought to save you trouble – but that is as nothing to the trouble that it saves our staff and if we can move the bulk of our subscriptions on to this basis it will save the Society a great deal of effort and therefore money.

And finally, finally, after our lecture tonight our customary reception will be held not in the Bird Hall but in the Department of Archaeology in the University. You will be led there at the end of the evening – turn left out of the Museum, down College Street, across (carefully mind!) South Bridge into Drummond Street and, after 50 yards, left into the Old Infirmary Building (now the Geography Department of the University). It is a short walk of less than 250 metres. There you will find an Aladdin's Cave of hospitality which I hope you will all experience and enjoy. The reason for this change is the saving of slightly more than a thousand pounds – 3 pence for each step that each one of you takes to this new location! I look forward very much to seeing you all there!

Roger Mercer then introduced the speaker for the Anniversary Meeting. The following communication was read by Alan Saville: *Cherchez la femme*: l'abbé Henri Breuil and Miss Mary Elizabeth Boyle. At the close of formal proceedings, a wine reception was held in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh.