

Annual Report for the year 2006–2007

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 National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

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(elected 1 July 2006)

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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 eighteen 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 who act as Trustees, and consists of the five Office-bearers, twelve Fellows elected by the Society and four ex-officio members, consisting of the Chairman of the Aberdeen & North-East Section, the Conveners of the Publication and Research Committees (if not already elected members) and the representative of the National Museums Scotland (NMS), who must be a Fellow of the Society, nominated by the Trustees of the NMS.

Elected Vice-Presidents 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. 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 three sub-committees, Publications, Research and Fellowship. The Publications Committee meets three times a year to discuss all aspects of the Society's publications, and the Research Committee meets only once a year to make recommendations on allocation of research funds. The Fellowship Committee rarely meet and communicate via email to assess the applications for Fellowship, ensure they meet the standards required, and present the names to the Fellowship for election at the Anniversary Meeting. 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 drive 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 NMS 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 NMS. After a number of moves, the Society now has offices within the NMS, and does not pay rent, but pays a fee to cover utilities and cleaning services. The Society uses the lecture theatre in the NMS 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 NMS receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings* of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, as well as publications donated by Fellows through the Society. 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 is set out in Law 1: '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 and the Buchan lectures

Organizing the annual lecture series, the annual Rhind lectures, the annual Archaeological Research in Progress Conference (with the Council for Scottish Archaeology), the Lindsay-Fischer lecture series 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 2006 to June 2007 has seen further staff changes, with the departure of Andrea Smith (Director) after three years with the Society at the end of September 2006, and the appointment of her replacement, Dr Simon Gilmour, in March 2007. The Society is grateful to the President for stepping in to maintain the effective running of the Society in the absence of a Director, and particularly to Erin Osborne-Martin and Jacqui Clabby, who took on extra responsibilities during this time. Charles Millar (Assistant Treasurer) retired in April 2007 and the Society records its thanks to him here, especially for the introduction of the computerized accounting system, the same month saw the appointment of his replacement, Jan Paterson.

The Society will continue to provide the same high-quality services to its Fellows and the wider heritage community, and aims to build on these strengths in the future. To this end a new web-site is being designed, to be launched in October 2007, the IT developments implemented by previous staff will be developed and organizational structures implemented and documented from the office up to the Council. These are necessary to comply with changing Charities Law and the role of a learned charitable Society in the 21st Century. We aim to have a Direct Debit facility in place for Fellows to pay their subscriptions prior to the 1 July 2008, which promises greater savings in staff time and a better quality service for the Fellows. These are some of the goals we have set for ourselves for 2007–8 that will enable the Society to fulfil its objectives and carry out its activities more effectively.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Torben Bjarke Ballin	Scottish Archaeological Pitchstone Project: Phase 2	£1000*
Amanda G Beam	Balliol Dynasty	£500*
M Graeme Cavers	Airyolland Homestead Phase 3 Excavations	£500
Murray Cook	Hillforts of Strathdon	£500
Trevor G Cowie	Ceremonial or Deadly Serious? – Investigating Scottish Early Bronze Age Halberds	£1500
Stephen T Driscoll	Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot Project	£1000
Vanessa Habib	Scotch Carpets in Scotland	£1000*
Derek W Hall	Form and Function of Scottish Cultivation Terraces	£500
Andrew Jones	Rock Art Dating in Kilmartin Glen, Argyll	£1000
Steven J Mithen	Geophysical Survey and Evaluation of Fiskary Bay and Arileod Mesolithic Sites, Isle of Coll	£1500
Oliver O'Grady	Scone Palace Geophysical Survey	£750
K Jan W Oosthoek	The Fisheries on the River Forth at Stirling, 1700–1930	£984
E Daniel Sahlen	Ceramic Technology: Clay Sampling in Moray and East Lothian	£600
Biddy Simpson	Prestongrange Community Archaeology Project	£500
Antonia S Thomas	The Braes of Ha'Breck: Archaeological Evaluation 2007	£575
Sharon H Webb	Dal Riata Dun Community Archaeology Project	£1000
Frances J Wilkins	Dr William Maxwell of Kirkconnell and the story of Robert Burns' Pistols	£500
Sarah E Thomas	Travel Bursary for International Medieval Congress, Leeds, presenting a paper on Bishop Cormac of 1331	£200

Total £14,109

* Includes a contribution from the Gunning Jubilee Gift

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EVENING LECTURE SERIES

9 & 10 October 2006

The Silent Shores Speak: maritime landscapes in North Argyll

Dr Paula Martin, BA Dip Class Arch PhD MIFA FSA Scot, Morvern Maritime Centre

13 & 14 November 2006

The Traprain Law Treasure

Dr Kenneth S Painter

Thursday 30 November 2006

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Cherchez la femme: l'abbé Henri Breuil and Miss Mary Elizabeth Boyle

Alan Saville, BA FSA MIFA FSA Scot

11 & 12 December 2006

Would William Morris Recognise It?: arts and crafts architecture, the Scottish response

Simon Green, MA FSA Scot, RCAHMS

8 & 9 January 2007

LECTURE TO MARK THE PUBLICATION OF THE 14TH EDITION OF JOHN COLLINGWOOD BRUCE'S 'HANDBOOK TO THE ROMAN WALL'

Reconstructing Hadrian's Wall

Professor David Breeze, BA PhD FSA FRSE Hon FSA Scot FRSA Hon MIFA, Historic Scotland

15 January 2007

JOINT LECTURE WITH FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF SCOTLAND

Canongate: its Kirk and Parish

Reverend Charles Robertson, former Minister of Canongate Kirk

12 & 13 February 2007

Landscapes of Contrast: Viking age impacts in the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland

Professor Kevin J Edwards, MA PhD FRGS CGeog FSA FSA Scot FRSE, Department of Geography, University of Aberdeen

12 & 13 March 2007

Ritualizing the Domestic: the excavation of an Iron Age shrine at High Pasture Cave, Skye

Steven Birch, MA PIFA FSA Scot, West Coast Archaeological Services

23 & 24 April 2007

OPEN EVENT – SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The Archaeology of Our Social Brains: an evolutionary story

Professor Clive Gamble, FBS FSA, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London

1 May 2007

*Stanwick, North Yorkshire: the rise and fall of a Late Iron Age royal site*Professor Colin Haselgrove, BSc MA PhD FSA Scot, University of Leicester
Aberdeen and North East Section only

14 & 15 May 2007

OPEN EVENT – JOINT LECTURE WITH THE SOCIETY FOR MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY, TO MARK THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Magic for the Dead: the archaeology of magic in later medieval burials

Professor Roberta Gilchrist, DPhil MIFA FSA, Department of Archaeology, University of Reading,
President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology

CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

Saturday 18 November 2006

Fresh Pict: problems revisited in Aberdeen

King's College, University of Aberdeen

Tuesday 16 January 2007

JOINT EVENT WITH THE ROYAL SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AND THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH
HELD AT PERTH CONCERT HALL, PERTH

The Power of the Pen and the Microscope: using history and science to understand Scotland's changing biodiversity, 1600–2000

Dr Fiona Watson, AHRC Research Centre for Environmental History, University of Stirling
Ticketed charged event

Friday 27, Saturday 28, Sunday 29 April 2007

OPEN EVENT – THE RHIND LECTURES

Living in an Age of Stone: Neolithic peoples and their worlds

Professor Gabriel Cooney, MA PhD FSA MRIA, University College Dublin, School of Archaeology, Dublin

Saturday 27 May 2007

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH CSA

Archaeological Research in Progress

Organized in Edinburgh by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

The evening lectures are free to Fellows and their guests, and are held in the Lecture Theatre of the National Museums Scotland. 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. We encourage Fellows to attend the evening lectures and conferences as often as possible. The Rhind lectures are an esteemed event that allows the speaker to investigate a particular topic in more depth than would normally be possible, this year the Society is very grateful to Professor Gabriel Cooney for his thorough and thought provoking analysis of the Neolithic, and especially the use and concepts of stone during that period.

The Archaeological Research in Progress conference was held in the NMS lecture theatre this year and showcased projects from Caithness to the Borders, and from Tiree to the east coast of Scotland. Organized jointly by the Society and the Council for Scottish Archaeology (CSA), the Society usually holds the conference in Edinburgh, presenting a wide range of projects from across Scotland, and the CSA take the conference to other parts of Scotland and concentrate the presentations on the local area.

The Society has a thriving Aberdeen and North East 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 North East Section also organizes its own additional programme of lectures and

field trips. This year the North East Section hosted the Fresh Pict conference in Aberdeen, which brought some of the papers delivered earlier in the summer of 2006 at the Leeds International Medieval Conference, and added extra papers relevant to those interested in the early art and history of north-east Scotland. It was concerned with recent research on the society and art of the Picts.

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 135 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in 2006, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and artefactual studies. This volume also contained colour images for the first time, which necessitated a restructuring of the order of papers in the volume. Following numerous comments from Fellows, it has been agreed that the *Proceedings* will retain the chronological layout of papers whenever possible. The volume also included a more synthetic piece on the archaeology of wetlands in Scotland, and it is hoped that further similar interpretative and synthetic work will be submitted to future volumes. Work on Volume 136 was ongoing during the year, and this is due to be published and distributed in September 2007.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR) has seen the publication of one report in the year ending 30 June 2007:

SAIR 22 *Archaeological excavations in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, 1981–93* by Mark Collard, John A Lawson and Nicholas Holmes with contributions by D Henderson, R P McCullagh, D Hall, G Haggarty, J Franklin, T Addyman, R Murdoch and P Graves (ISBN 0 903903 91 1)

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports is freely available to all online at www.sair.org and is being permanently archived by the National Libraries of Scotland (NLS), because 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.

The Society has published three books in the year ending June 2007 and work was ongoing on a further five volumes to be published in 2007–08. *Excavations at Hoddom, Dumfriesshire*, by Dr Chris Lowe describes the archaeology and context of this important Early Historic site. *Archaeology from the Wetlands: Recent Perspectives*, edited by the Scottish Wetland Archaeology Project and compiled by Catherine Green, forms the proceedings from the eleventh Wetland Archaeological Research Project (WARP) conference held in Edinburgh in 2005 and becomes WARP occasional paper 18. It contains thirty-eight papers, some given at the conference, some specially written and some expanded versions of posters presented at the conference. *Anatomy of an Iron Age Roundhouse* by Professor Ian Armit documents the excavations at Cnip Wheelhouse on Lewis in the Western Isles and brings together the recent discussions and theories on these buildings and their occupants. 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 the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS), 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. The Society is 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 most recent being the *Heritage Protection for the 21st Century White Paper* in England and Wales. The Director also 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 is also a member (with the Council for Scottish Archaeology) on Scottish Environment Link, and Scottish Archaeological Link.

The Society supports the Council for Scottish Archaeology's Young Archaeologists' Clubs by awarding an annual grant. 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. We are also invited on to the Archaeology Data Services advisory board, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography advisory committee, the Antonine Wall Management Plan Working Group, the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland and the Heritage Audit advisory group, and Fellows represent the Society on the National Museums Scotland Board of Trustees, Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust and the Traprain Law advisory group. Through all these organizations we are able to keep abreast of current news in the heritage sector and discuss and support the archaeology and history of Scotland.

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 2006 award (of £50 per author) went to the article on *A richly decorated cross-slab from Kilduncan House, Fife: description and analysis*, by Ross Trench-Jellicoe of the Department of History, Lancaster University. Ross Trench-Jellicoe accepted the award in person at the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2006.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's Income and Expenditure Account together with explanatory notes are attached. The presentation style maintains the new accounting standards for charities. As can be seen we continue to have sufficient funds in reserve to provide a sensible cushion for the Society's financial affairs.

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. Taken together Council considers it has sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of equity investments.

In relation to specific endowment funds we have continued our policy of using general funds to augment income where this becomes necessary.

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 2007 the lecture programme for the next season 2007–08 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 2010. It is the turn of the CSA to organize and host the Archaeological Research in Progress conference for 2008, and a conference with the RCAHMS in Edinburgh on 20 October 2007 entitled *Industrial*

Archaeology in Scotland: Future Perspectives has been organized. Work is currently under way 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. The Society is organizing a major international conference in collaboration with the NMS and Winterthur Museum on *Scottish Transatlantic Material Culture*, for October 2009 at the Winterthur Museum, Delaware, in the USA. We are also in discussions with the NMS on a joint seminar and day conference on the Traprain Treasure and Hacksilber in Europe, which will form at least one major publication.

PUBLICATIONS

The Society is committed to annual publication of the *Proceedings*, and work is well advanced on volume 137 to be published in September 2008. The Society currently has accepted proposals for eleven monographs to be published over the next two to three 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.

DR SIMON M D GILMOUR
21 August 2007

REPORT FROM THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Held on Thursday, 30 November 2007, 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 RBK Stevenson was awarded to Fraser Hunter. We apologize for not listing this prize with his article in volume 136 of the *Proceedings*.

The results of the ballots were as follows:

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.’*

DONALD M ABBOTT, Invergowrie, by Dundee, UK
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ALLAN, West Saltoun, East Lothian, UK
NORWOOD BAYBRIDGE, Big Stone City, South Dakota, USA
WILLIAM PARET BOSWELL, SSA, HSS, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, USA
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STEVEN ELLIS BRUCE, Gainesville, Georgia, USA
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DAVID J BYRNE, Prospect, Connecticut, USA
BERNARD BYROM, FCCA, FCMA, Clifton, Bedfordshire, UK
ALAN CAMERON, FRHistS, West Linton, UK
SUSAN IONA CASEY, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
GORDON THOMAS COOK, PhD, East Kilbride, UK
JAMES GEORGE CROW, FSA, Edinburgh, UK
PAULA DE FOUGEROLLES, PhD, Brookline, Massachusetts, USA

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SELWYN PHILIP HODSON-PRESSINGER, BA(Hons), FRSA, FRGS, London, UK
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MELVILLE GREIG KERR, Edinburgh, UK
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ROGER JOHN KNOWLES, Cannock, Staffs, UK
JOHN EASTON LAW, MA(Hons), DPhil, Swansea, UK
JOHN AMOS LOGAN, HHS, New Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
MALCOLM JOHNSON MACALISTER, MA, DipEd, Fort William, UK
STEPHEN CYRUS MACEACHERN, North Port, Florida, USA
CATHERINE ANNE MACIVER, Inverness, UK
ANNA CAMPBELL MACLEAN, MA, LLB, Edinburgh, UK
JULIAN MCCORQUODALE, London, UK
FIONA MOYRA MCGIBBON, Dunbar, East Lothian, UK
BILLY DONALD MCKENZIE, Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA
DAVID LOGAN MCLEAN, SBStJ, Blackburn, West Lothian, UK
KAREN B MILEK, DPhil, Aberdeen, UK
ADRIENNE L MILLER, BA, MSc, Wilmington, Delaware, USA
RALPH DOMINIC MOFFAT, MA(Hons), MSc, Edinburgh, UK
CATRIONA ANNE MURRAY, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
CHRISTOPHER JOHN NELSON, MA, MPhil, Carlisle, South Lanarkshire, UK
ANDREW NEWBY, PhD, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
ALISON JANE PARFITT, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, UK
JANET MARY PARKIN, Banchory, UK
ANDREW KEITH RATTRAY, Walsingham, Ontario, Canada
MATTHEW RITCHIE, Cardiff, UK
ALEXANDER JAMES ROBB, Edinburgh, UK
WILLIAM ROBERT WILSON ROBERTSON, MA(Hons), MPhil, DipThMin, Edinburgh, UK
WILLIAM JAMES ROULSTON, Belfast, Northern Ireland
GRAHAM FLOCKHART RUSSELL, Edinburgh, UK
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GARY L SCOTT, MA, St Louis, Missouri, USA
CLAIRE SHAW, MSc, BSc(Hons), AIFA, Paisley, UK
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JIM STEEL, BA, Irvine, North Ayrshire, UK
JAMES ANDREW STRACHAN, Temecula, California, USA
SHEILA D SZATKOWSKI, Edinburgh, UK
GARETH JOHN TALBOT, BSc(Hons), AIFA, Glasgow, UK
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ALAN WILLIAM WELSH, BEng, BA(Hons), FRSA, Edinburgh, UK
THOMAS WILSON, Strathaven, UK
RUARAI DH WISHART, MA(Hons), Stonehaven, UK
ALAN GIBSON YOUNG, Linlithgow, UK

THE ROLL

The deaths of the Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2004–05. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

JOHN COPE ABBOTT, Bedford, Massachusetts, USA	1991
DON ALDRIDGE, Perth, UK	1991
HELEN BANEY, Argyll, UK	1981
Alexander Scott Bell, Edinburgh, UK	2003
NEIL M CAMERON, Edinburgh, UK	1983
SIR HOWARD COLVIN, Oxford, UK	Hon Fellow 1986
LINDSAY GORDON COOK, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, UK	2006
ALBERT DE RUIJTER, Denny, Stirlingshire, UK	1994
JAMES FRANKLIN ERSKINE, Del City, Oklahoma, USA	1995
IAN ANDREW FORSHAW, Inverness, UK	1994
MELVIN B GAY, Georgia, USA	1999
WILLIAM WALLACE GRANT, Edinburgh, UK	1996
JOHN HIGGITT, Edinburgh, UK	1974
JOHN R B HORDEN, Bridge of Allan, UK	1980
JACK HOWDLE, Dumfries, UK	1966
ARTHUR JAMIESON OF BARNACH, Beith, Ayrshire, UK	1953
JACK D JONES, Newport, Isle of Wight, UK	1951
ARTHUR R H KELLAS, Edinburgh, UK	1990
GORDON E KENNEDY, Washington, USA	1994
CRIGHTON W LANG, Blairgowrie, UK	1984
D LIDDELL-GRAINER, Eyemouth, UK	1967
JAMES CRAWFORD LITTLE OF MORTON RIG, Dunfries, UK	1992
ANGUS CHARLES MACALISTER OF GLENBARR, Tarbert, UK	1999
ISOBEL MACALISTER, Fort William, UK	2000
REV DONALD MACKAY, Dunfries, UK	1990
MAGNUS MAGNUSSON, Glasgow, UK	1974
GEORGE M A McCHLERY, Glasgow, UK	1976
MAJOR O J MIRYLEES, Bognor Regis, UK	1998
FRANK MORAN, Dunkeld, UK	1983
META ELIZABETH CECILIA JANE MUIR, Edinburgh, UK	1982
DESMOND JOSEPH O'BRIEN, Lasswade, UK	1991
KENNETH RODNEY PRINGLE, Farnham, Surrey, UK	2004
DAVID ROY, Dundee, UK	2002
THOMAS WILLIAM SCRAGG, Cheshire, UK	1970
ROBERT SHELDON SLEMMONS, Topeka, Kansas, USA	1997
GEORGE SORRIE, St Andrews, UK	1974
CECILIA AGNES SYM, Edinburgh, UK	1978
DEREK R THORNTON, Galashiels, UK	1993
PROFESSOR BRUCE G TRIGGER, Montreal, Canada	Hon Fellow 1993
ALFRED TRUCKELL, Dumfries, UK	1948
BARRY VICKERS, Edinburgh, UK	1988
DEREK WEBBER, Ardgay, Sutherland, UK	1984
GEORGE WILLIAMSON, Gweru, Zimbabwe	1982
CHARLES WILSON, South Hills, South Africa	1989

The Society would like to record here its apologies to Mr William Steel, Beith, Ayrshire, who was wrongly included in The Roll published in volume 134 of the *Proceedings*.

The Presidential address was delivered by Roger Mercer as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

This last year has been a most active one for the Society, its staff and its officers. The Society's Fellowship stands, today, at 3481, in a year that has seen the efficient and, so far, seamless introduction of a new Fellowship sponsorship and application system. The system is designed to elicit more information about our prospective Fellows, to enable us to 'profile' the Society's Fellowship more precisely, and to tailor our services and publications more precisely to meet their interests and requirements. I hope in my next annual Address to put before you a brief profile of our accruing Fellowship as it develops over this last and the coming year. Meanwhile it is open to each and every Fellow to contact the office to let the Director know his or her own views and this is now all the easier through our new Web site, to which I shall return in a little while. But, please, not all at once! Meanwhile all those names before you for ballot this evening have been recommended to you by your Fellowships Committee.

Once again, an excellent programme of lectures has culminated in the wonderfully evocative series of Rhind Lectures, particularly in Scotland, offered by Professor Gabriel Cooney of University College, Dublin – exhibiting that juxtaposition of rock and sea, man and his need for communication, and its associated symbolism. Gabriel Cooney has agreed to publish his lectures in the Society's Monograph series. The 129th series of Rhind Lectures for 2008 finds us even more positively maritime in flavour as we welcome Prof Øle Crumlin Pedersen to address us on the subject *Archaeology and the Sea in Scandinavia and Britain*.

The year has also seen a full conference programme. The customary annual conference, shared with the Council for Scottish Archaeology took place in Edinburgh on 26 May 2007. *Archaeological Research in Progress*, partly chaired this year by the Chairman of our Research Committee, Ian Shepherd, surveyed a varied menu, including the Carpow Bronze Age dugout canoe, a fascinating review of imaginative thought about the design and construction of prehistoric chambered tombs and, in a more recent frame, excavations in the Auld Kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen and the techniques involved in the reworking of the (now perhaps too) famously intricate tracery of Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian.

In October the Society was pleased to host, with the sponsorship of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, an early component of its centennial celebration, a conference covering an aspect of the Scottish past that is as important as it is relatively under-exposed. *Industrial Archaeology in Scotland: Future Perspectives* was a truly revelatory, indeed, inspiring occasion, and I can still feel the *frisson* now. The day furnished a wonderful *tour d'horizon* of bridges, tunnels, cranes, waterworks and many other things culminating in the extraordinary sensation of a virtual recreation of the 1938 Glasgow Exhibition – a really uncanny sensation accomplished by Ian Johnston and his team from the Glasgow School of Art.

As usual, if I can say this in a year that has been anything but 'usual', our *Proceedings* Vol 136 has appeared absolutely on time and exhibits its customary variety of content from Kenneth Brophy's 'Rethinking Scotland's Neolithic', through Thomas Todd's splendidly innovative approach to prehistoric carved stone balls and Fraser Hunter's detective work on Iron Age massive armlets which should cause any other examples lurking in southern museum collections to blush in their silence. John Bateson and Nick Holmes contributed the periodic update to Roman and Mediaeval coins found in Scotland and a series of enlightening papers on early carved stones, structural or inscribed, follow. Finally after two papers looking at the layout of burghal plots and the distribution of trades in Edinburgh, the volume ends with Melanie Johnson et al and their account of the eccentric early eighteenth century, rather cold and damp, Hell Fire club at Gilmerton Cove.

Four monographs have appeared this year: The Scottish Wetland Archaeology Project produced the edited proceedings of their conference, *Archaeology from the Wetlands: Recent Perspectives* compiled by Catherine Green, Ian Armit's fascinating account of the excavations of the wheelhouse at Cnip entitled *Anatomy of Iron Age Roundhouse*; followed by *The Locksmith's Craft in Early Modern Edinburgh* by Aaron Allen, a quite remarkably intimate view of people and trade in the urban setting during the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries; and finally the long awaited account of the field archaeology of the valley of the River Don, *In the Shadow of Bennachie* by the RCAHMS National Archaeology Survey.

In addition, three SAIR online publications have appeared of the *Archaeological excavations in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, 1981–93* by Mark Collard, John Lawson and Nicholas Holmes; *Excavations at Maybury*

Park by Colm Moloney and John Lawson and the report of *Cist Burials and an Iron Age Settlement at Dryburn Bridge, E Lothian* by Andrew Dunwell.

The year has once again been a hectic one for your officers and Council. My last Address ended with the announcement of the loss of our former Director. Over the winter months of 2006–07 we were able to conclude the arrangements for the appointment of Dr Simon Gilmour as our new Director. By March, Charles Millar, our Assistant Treasurer, had also indicated that, due to ill health, he felt he had to retire from managing our financial affairs. It was a great stroke of good fortune that we were able, very quickly, to appoint Jan Paterson as his replacement. Jan has dynastic links within the Society as her mother, Rosemary Meldrum, was our Assistant Treasurer for many years and was my indispensable support when I was Treasurer of the Society in the 70s and 80s of the last century. It was at this point that our editor, Debra Barrie, decided to change careers and enter the teaching profession. A third recruitment exercise in as many months brought a super-sufficiency of candidates, but on this occasion we decided to go for the internal candidate and Erin Osborne-Martin, formerly our publications sales manager (part-time) has now become our sales manager and editor (full-time). The outcome of all this is a more compact team, with two full-time staff, rendering year-round coverage in the office an approachable target, and also some saving to the Society's funds. In saying farewell to Charles and Debra, I must offer them the Society's full thanks for their effort and achievements on its behalf. Volume 137 seems to be shaping up well and I should say that, thank goodness, Alison Rae continues to edit our Monograph series.

At this point it was decided by Council to extend pension rights to all staff, full-time and part-time, as required in recently enacted legislation. This work has now been completed, which is, however, a substantial cost to the Society in the future. The opportunity has also been taken to ask the new staff to produce a Business Plan for the future (more of this at our next Annual Meeting) and a Staff Handbook/Series of Desk Instructions in order to render such handovers a little easier in the future.

This year, 2007, is, of course, the tri-centenary of our sister Society, the Society of Antiquaries of London. They formally began their celebrations in London with the opening of their quite brilliant exhibition *Making History – Antiquaries in Britain 1707–2007*. This is a really good reason for a visit to London and I was privileged, with the Director, to be present at its formal opening by the Duke of Gloucester, on 11 September.

As part of its celebrations, the Society of Antiquaries of London will be our guests in Edinburgh on 28 January 2008, in order to sponsor a Guest lecture by the eminent prehistorian Professor Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn on the subject *The Dawn of Civilisation*, a subject well suited, I suspect, as an introduction to our Rhind Lectures in 2009. A reception is to be held after that event, in the wonderful surroundings of the Talbot Rice Gallery of the University, to which you as Fellows are invited for the subsidized sum of £5. Tickets are, apparently, fast disappearing, so get on line or by post to the Society of Antiquaries of London.

By April 2008 the Society will have to seek other premises for its lectures while the National Museums Scotland rearrange their premises under the new Royal Museum Project (RMP). We still investigate this matter actively. It is only reasonable, now, at this point, to state that this will not be an easy issue; that engaging premises of a similar size will be expensive and that we may have to limit lecture theatre sizes to 100–20 in size and/or change the day of the lecture from the usual Monday evening in order to remain in central Edinburgh. In that event ticketing may become a necessity with all its disciplines and we ask Fellows to bear with this during the four years that it is estimated that this process will take.

By like token, as notified in our *Newsletter*, and by a report at the last meeting, the library facilities will be restricted from April 2008. National Museums Scotland are doing their very best to make sure that a service remains available to Fellows and, after negotiation, it has been agreed that an access system will remain with an abbreviated reading space available to Fellows and an appointment based enquiry, copying and postal loan service from Summer 2008. Fellows will be able to use the library's online catalogue, now linked to our new website, to make appointments and request and renew loans. However, browsing the shelves will no longer be possible during the Royal Museum Project and it is unlikely that periodicals will be available. A new Research Library with a browsing collection will open at the end of the Royal Museum Project, currently estimated as late 2010 or mid-2011.

We will find our way through this mini-crisis of local services but any helpful ideas from Fellows will be welcome. Meanwhile we press on with the expanding new ideas that our Fellowship requires. George Haggarty (now, thankfully, recovering from a recent illness) and George Dalgliesh are negotiating as I speak with Winterthur Museum in Delaware to concluded arrangements for a joint conference with this Society to be held 7–10 October

in 2009 to consider Scottish Transatlantic Material Culture. Professor Tom Devine has already signalled his willingness to present a keynote lecture.

The Society has recently led a discussion, in the form of a day seminar, upon the vexed issue of the publication of archaeological information in Scotland (supported by Historic Scotland). While the day proved to be a very useful meeting of minds, many of whom are directly involved in the publication of archaeological information in Scotland and, indeed, in England, the results were not conclusive, but nor were they inconclusive – a ‘horses for courses’ outcome was accepted and it was agreed that adequate online facilities existed for these to be freely available. The question of what should be published in text print was ultimately felt to be the subject of options as they occur at any particular time and context. What was not in doubt was the need for similar meetings on a more regular basis.

Reaching further into the future the Society has been in discussion with Historic Scotland, and others, in exploring the idea, with their sponsorship, of an intensive study of Research and the Way Forward in Scottish Archaeology. This idea is receiving warm encouragement and I look forward to reporting more to you in the future. As with the discussions noted above on modes of publication this initiative places your Society at the hub of developments in Scottish archaeology and antiquarian thought ... its natural *milieu*.

Meanwhile the Society’s business of the usual responses to Government Consultations – this year the Scottish Culture Bill – its ‘heritage’ passages massacred in the political outcome, and the Historic Scotland series of consultations where, apparently, our comments show more signal of compensatory response.

But at the back of all this activity has been a massive drive to trim costs at every turn. And they have been trimmed – but not cut because that simply isn’t possible. Next year you will receive your September *Newsletter* with your AGM papers in the same mailing, saving over £1000 in mailing charges (but, of course, reducing our flexibility in information-giving a little – hopefully compensated by our newly invigorated website). Yet I am still concerned about those who do not receive/have access to our website.

Much economy has been exercised in the hospitality at Society meetings. Fellows are being asked to walk distances and climb stairs (movements which I am sure their doctors would encourage!) to reach the rich foods and drinks (which they would not!) that await them. But the savings are several thousand pounds and we owe a great deal to Society staff who have made this possible.

Nevertheless the issue, as examined by Council, and by its officers is the same. About now we have to raise the subscription. Our current subscription is already below its inflated value, and even the increase suggested here will only last, at current inflation, sometime between 2009 and 2010. But somehow, as we all know, prices rise faster than Government indicators. Furthermore we all hate the idea of a succession of minor price hikes that only cost money to implement and to raise.

So, we intend at this meeting to raise the subscription from £40 to £60 per year and we intend to raise the entrance fee to £40 with certain conditions. This is difficult enough and we aim to make it a little more palatable by offering a concession for two years to those who pay by Direct Debit (a means of payment that saves the Society a substantial amount) because after some years of struggle this facility will be available by post and online from early next year. The Society needs to replace the current system of Standing Orders with payment by Direct Debit. Fellows must ensure that they cancel their Standing Orders after they have signed up to Direct Debit since the Society cannot do this for you.

They always say – end with the good news and I have somehow managed to end with the bad.

But finally, I have to say farewell to people who have really helped to shape the Society’s way forward. John Cruse, our Vice-President, latterly for External Affairs has served long and very hard, if the rail journey between and Leeds and Edinburgh can be called hard, which occasionally it can.

Council Members Derek Alexander; Catherine Smith; Alison Morrison Lowe; and Robert Mowat

I welcome most warmly the following people to our deliberations:

Vice-President Professor Ian Ralston

Council Members Dr Iain Banks; Dr Shannon Fraser; Alan Braby; and Ronan Toolis

I know that they will find this a most stimulating time to be actively engaged in the Society’s affairs.