

Annual Report for the year 1 June 2012–31 May 2013

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780, and granted a Royal Charter in 1783. It is a charity registered in Scotland (SC010440) with 18 governing Laws, which are published in the annual journal, *The Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*. The Society has five elected office-bearers: the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The governing body of the Society is Council, whose members act as Trustees, and which consists of the five office-bearers, 12 Fellows elected by the Society and *ex officio* members, currently consisting of the Chair of the Aberdeen and North-East Section, the Conveners of the Publication and Research Committees 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 Meeting (Anniversary Meeting), 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 five sub-committees with responsibilities for Publications, Programme, External Affairs, Research and Fellowship. The Publications Committee meets three times a year to discuss all aspects of the Society's publications, while the Research Committee meets only once a year to make recommendations to Council on allocation of research funds. The Fellowship Committee and External Affairs Committee meet occasionally but communicate mainly via email. The former to assess the applications for Fellowship

and ensure they meet the standards required for admission to the Society; the names are presented to the Fellowship for election at the Anniversary Meeting. This Committee also looks to develop Fellowship generally, from benefits and communication to increasing the numbers to a sustainable level. The External Affairs Committee meets to discuss advocacy and support the Director in this area. The Fellowship Committee also organises Fellows' Evenings to encourage greater participation of Fellows in the development of the Society's future. A smaller Management Group (consisting of President, Treasurer, one Vice-President, Director and Assistant Treasurer) oversees day-to-day financial and management matters. It meets more frequently than Council and as required, bringing recommendations and information to Council as appropriate. The Management Group exercises delegated responsibility for risk management within the Society. Personnel matters are discussed by Management Group and lead by the Vice-President with responsibility for Staff Matters, consulting other Council members and/or staff as and when necessary.

The Director manages the staff and day-to-day activities of the Society and is delegated by Council to promote the objectives and organise the strategic development of the Society. The Director has some autonomy in the area of historic environment advocacy, because responses to consultations and reviews often have to be written to short deadlines which cannot wait for the next meeting of Council. However, the External Affairs Committee supports and advises the Director as required in the area of advocacy. Whenever time permits, comments on draft responses to consultations are also 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, which provided the Society and its collection with fit and proper accommodation; in the National Gallery on The Mound, as a condition of signing over its collection to the nation for the benefit of the public. This collection formed the core of the national archaeological collections now housed in the NMS, and other parts are now in the National Records of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland or the National Galleries of Scotland, as well as the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) and elsewhere. The NMS Library receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings*, as well as publications donated by Fellows through the Society. Fellows are statutorily entitled to free access to the NMS Library through the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985 (Section 3(5)), and enjoy borrowing privileges. The library is free to access on the floor above the *Connect* gallery, adjacent to the *Communicate!* gallery on Level 3 in the west wing of the Royal Museum building.

The numbers of paying Fellows continued to decline from 2,748 at 31 May 2012 to 2,719 at 31 May 2013. While this is a much lower reduction than in the previous year, and numbers of Fellows joining the Society has continued to increase (from 59 in 2008 to 100 in 2012), the Society relies on Fellowship subscriptions to enable it to deliver its charitable objectives and activities as set out below, and it will continue to prioritise maintaining and increasing Fellowship alongside diversification of its income.

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.*'

Council has since approved a 'Vision for the Society in 2020':

The Society will develop as a centre for excellence providing an independent heritage hub of expertise and resources to facilitate, exchange and promote research into Scotland's past.

alongside an accompanying five-year strategy that describes how it will reach the above objective and amplifies Law 1 with the following Mission Statement:

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland will promote the research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all. It will actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It will promote the results of its research and that of others to the widest possible audience.

To achieve these aspirations the Society:

- encourages high-quality research through grants to individuals, institutions and partnerships
- disseminates the results of research and endeavour in the field of archaeology and history in Scotland through lectures, conferences and publications
- furthers the cause of archaeology and history in Scotland by providing independent expert advice in discussions and consultations relating to the historic environment
- recognises and encourages excellence throughout the whole community of interest in archaeology and history, by awarding bursaries, medals and prizes to students, non-professionals and professionals alike.

To aid it in its future development the Society appointed Dr Harriet Cornell from the University of Edinburgh through funding from Third Sector Internships Scotland (TSIS) as a Fellowship Development Officer student internship for 10 weeks, and the Society subsequently employed Dr Cornell for eight months following the internship. One of the key outcomes of this work was a Fellowship questionnaire and subsequent report. In addition, the Society Fellowship is forming a case study for post-doctoral research by Dr Tawny Paul of the Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies in the University of Edinburgh; not only do both these projects contribute to our understanding generally of the Scottish Diaspora, but also provide specific insight into our Fellows and their aspirations for the Society. Both projects are contributing to the Society's consideration of its own future and the need to build Fellowship and diversify income.

The Society website is regularly updated and enables Fellows and non-Fellows to purchase Society books and other products and allows Fellows to pay their subscriptions securely online.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Research Grants Awarded

The Society received thirty-four individual applications totalling £51,724.20 which is an increase of about £19,000 on last year and an increase of 60% in numbers of applications. However, to keep expenditure in line with income, the Society had £12,144.27 to disburse in grants this year, which was approximately £900 less than 2011–12. This total was exhaustively whittled down to twelve successful projects through the Research Committee meeting in February 2013.

The Society is justly proud of its grant awards scheme, which, although presenting only relatively small sums, helps to initiate new projects and aims to contribute where the relatively small sums would make the greatest impact. Grants from the Society, rigorously scrutinised through the Research Committee, can also help projects get further funding from other sponsors.

This year the Society awarded grants to a typically diverse group of projects, ranging from the micromorphological analysis of buildings and middens at the Ness of Brodgar on Orkney to research

into later medieval Royal Pardons in Scotland. In providing these funds, the Society aims to encourage best practice in the research of Scotland's past.

In April 2013 the Council ratified the following awards:

<i>Applicant name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount granted</i>
Dr Erin Bell and Dr Richard Allen	Quakers on the border: Anglo-Scottish relations 1650–1850	£900
Dr Chris Bowles	The Galloway Picts Project	£1,000
Dr Tanja Buelmann	The Material Culture of Scottish Ethnic Associations in the Diaspora, c 1850 to 1950	£1,550
Dr David Caldwell	Mealasta Radiocarbon Dates	£1,080
Dr Sally Foster	Multipling Lives	£285
Ms Joanna Frew	Research trip to Tamil Nadu Archives, Chennai, India	£800
Mr Craig Gallagher	Covenants and Commerce: Scottish networks, the Darien project and the imperial Atlantic World (draft title)	£490
Dr Fraser Hunter	Finds in Context: investigating the long Iron Age at Clarkly Hill, Moray	£1,500
Prof Cynthia Neville	The Quality of Scottish Mercy: The Royal Pardon in Later Medieval Scotland	£500
Dr Gordon Noble	Rhynie Environs Archaeology Project (REAP)	£1,750
Dr Tanja Romankiewicz	Northeast Scotland Roundhouse Research Project (NERRP)	£900
Dr Lisa-Marie Shillito	Daily activities and resource use in Neolithic Orkney – micromorphology of buildings and middens from the Ness of Brodgar	£1,330
	<i>Total</i>	£12,085

The Society welcomes donations, of whatever size, which can be restricted for use in providing funds for the grants scheme, thereby helping us to increase the amounts we can disburse and hopefully begin to match the numbers of deserving applicants.

Donations and Bequests

The Society received no bequests in the year under consideration, but did receive £700 as donations from The Russell Trust and the Norwegian Consulate, for which we are very grateful. We encourage all Fellows to consider the Society an appropriate charity for your donations, doing so aids us in delivering increased support for the research and promotion of Scotland's past. We also encourage all eligible Fellows who have not already done so to sign up to Gift Aid, which provides the Society with a substantial annual income from HM Government.

In addition to Gift Aid, there is also a Payroll Giving scheme that enables donations to be given to any UK charity straight from gross salary (before tax is deducted); donors receive immediate tax relief of up to £4 for every £10 donated. The Society currently has one Fellow who contributed to the Society through Payroll Giving in this financial year. If you wish more information on how to give to the Society check the website under Donations and please do not hesitate to contact the office.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) Project

The Society has received funding from Historic Scotland since 2008 for this project. The web-based publication of ScARF at www.scottishheritagehub.com provides a framework for the development of research in Scottish archaeology by critically reviewing the current state of archaeological knowledge and considering the potential and practicability of future areas of research. In order to achieve this, panels of experts were assembled to look at period and thematic issues. ScARF has now reported the deliberations of these panels, and is looking for your participation to help develop the ideas, facts and prospects for research into Scotland's past; users can leave comments and ideas online at the website, please log-in and take part!

The framework continues to be developed in partnership with all those involved in the archaeology of Scotland, from the academic, professional, commercial and voluntary sectors. Putting the online ScARF together was an enormous amount of work, with the main text containing over 800,000 words and around 500 images. Over 300 archaeologists, natural scientists, historians, architects (and the list of experts in their respective fields could go on) have been involved from the academic, governmental, voluntary and commercial sectors from across Scotland and beyond (and many of whom are Fellows). All of their hard work and enthusiasm was given for free, which makes the successful completion of the project all the more impressive. A large number of institutions have contributed facilities, expertise, resources and images. All told, when calculated using Heritage Lottery Fund figures, the voluntary in-kind contribution from individuals and institutions across the sector stands at £629,500 to date.

ScARF was publicly launched with the production of a graphic-rich booklet entitled *Telling Scotland's Story* aimed at marketing the vibrancy and innovation of Scottish archaeology as well as making ScARF accessible. This has enabled the Society to reach out and involve new audiences while continuing to develop and encourage existing ones.

Plans for future improvements include enabling registered users to more easily contribute photos and videos of research and excavations, an interactive timeline, greater incorporation of social media and tailoring content for mobile devices. ScARF will continue to be developed and updated and the mechanisms for putting it on a sustainable footing resourced from across the sector explored.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Society provided the following events, including lectures at its regular Ordinary Meetings, conferences and special events.

Monday, 8 October 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 9 October 2012 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR ANDREW HEALD, DR GRAEME CAVERS and DR JOHN BARBER, AOC Archaeology Group

The Architecture of Society: recent work on the Iron Age of Caithness

Monday, 12 November 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 13 November 2012 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR JOHN MCNABB, University of Southampton

Perspectives on Piltown. The Stones of Contention

Friday, 30 November 2012 Edinburgh

Anniversary Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

Monday, 10 December 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 11 December 2012 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

PROFESSOR CLARE A P WILLSDON, University of Glasgow

Saints, Stars and Famous Scots: Picturing the Past in the Murals at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Monday, 14 January 2013 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 15 January 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR TANJA ROMANKIEWICZ, FSA Scot, Simpson and Brown Architects with Addyman Archaeology

Building Brochs: an architectural and archaeological re-assessment

Monday, 28 January 2013 Edinburgh

GEORGE DALGLEISH, MA FSA Scot, National Museums Scotland

Conundrum Castle: Walter Scott the Antiquary

Joint with the National Museums Scotland Members

Monday, 11 February 2013 Aberdeen

Tuesday, 12 February 2013 Edinburgh

Lecture Meeting

PROFESSOR CHARLES MCKEAN, FRSE FRSA FSA Scot, University of Dundee

Behind the façade: using architectural analysis to discover the earlier lives of the Scottish country seat

Friday, 22 February to Sunday, 24 February 2013 Edinburgh

International Conference

Scotland in Early Medieval Europe

Thursday, 14 March 2013 Aberdeen

Friday, 15 March 2013 Dumfries

Saturday, 16 March 2013 Edinburgh

Lecture Meeting

NICK CARD, Director of The Ness of Brodgar and Senior Project Manager Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology

Ness of Brodgar – the true Heart of Neolithic Orkney?

Joint with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society

Monday, 8 April 2013 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 9 April 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

PROFESSOR ROGER MASON, MA PhD FRHistS, University of St Andrews

Debating Britain in Seventeenth-Century Scotland

Joint with the Scottish History Society

Thursday, 25 April Glasgow

Fellows' Evening

THE RHIND LECTURES

Friday, 3 May to Sunday, 5 May 2013 Edinburgh

PROFESSOR RICHARD FAWCETT, OBE FRSE FSA FSA Scot, University of St Andrews

'magnificent for the beauty and extent of its buildings and worthy of everlasting fame' – the architecture of the Scottish late medieval Church

Monday, 13 May 2013 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 14 May 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

MARK HALL, BA FSA FSA Scot AMA MifA, Perth Museum and Art Gallery

Board of the Kings: The Material Culture of Playtime in Scotland AD 1–1600

National Conference

Saturday, 25 May 2013 The Royal Society of Edinburgh

Archaeological Research in Progress

In collaboration with Archaeology Scotland

Monday, 10 June 2013 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 11 June 2013 Aberdeen

Wednesday, 12 June 2013 Kirkwall

Lindsay-Fischer Lecture Meeting

DR KRISTIN B AAVITSLAND, University of Oslo

Medieval heritage in twentieth-century Norway: Ideologies, conflicts, practices

Saturday, 17 August 2013

Summer Excursion

Evening lectures at Ordinary Meetings are free to all and open to the public, and held in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and in the New King's 10, adjacent to the King's Museum, University of Aberdeen (unless otherwise stated). The year 2012–13 saw eight ordinary lecture meetings, the annual joint lecture with the NMS Members, and the Anniversary Meeting.

We continued to be able to record almost all the lectures and place them free to view online from our website; this is building into a fantastic free online resource for all those wishing insight into Scotland's past. As part of the widening of lecture locations outwith Edinburgh, Nick Card's lecture was held in Dumfries, jointly with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society. We continued our biennial collaboration with the Scottish History Society, with a lecture by Professor Mason which tackled an issue of relevance to present day Scotland in advance of the referendum in 2014.

This programme also saw the return of the Lindsay-Fischer lecture, and although the original lecturer, Professor Erla Hohler, University of Oslo, was unable to attend through illness, Dr Kristin B Aavitsland, of the same University, presented another very relevant lecture on the impact of Harry Fett, one of Gerard Fischer's forerunners, on Norwegian heritage. The lecture was sponsored by the Norwegian Consulate General, for which the Society is very grateful, and, as is now customary, the Strathmartine Trust paid for the lecturer to travel to Kirkwall to present the lecture there. This lecture was recorded and made freely available online.

The Rhind Lectures by Professor Richard Fawcett were also recorded. These lectures beautifully laid out the European context and inspiration for the development of what Professor Fawcett argued was the first phase of the nation's architectural history. The six Rhind Lectures are an opportunity for a speaker to investigate a particular topic in more depth than would normally be possible, and to present recent research findings in an accessible fashion to a public audience.

The next in the series of chronological themed international conferences, *Scotland in Early Medieval Europe*, was successfully held in the RSE with participants from across Europe. These conferences aim to address Scotland's place in the wider European or global stage with a wide range of themed content from experts in their field. This year also saw the introduction of a 'highlights section' that allowed short presentations on recent and ongoing research projects, as well as a wide range of supporting poster displays. The lectures were recorded and made freely available online and the Society would like to thank the numerous sponsors of this event for their support, without which such events would not be possible.

The annual *Archaeological Research in Progress Day Conference* in Edinburgh was organised this year by the Society, and again it was possible to record the presentations and place them free to view online. As usual, the Society version of the conference drew on recent research from across Scotland and was also strongly supported through sponsorship and grants.

The Summer Excursion is reported here as part of the programme, although strictly speaking it occurred outwith the financial year under review. Fellows visited Abbotsford, the former residence of Sir Walter Scott in Melrose, following its redevelopment and re-opening by Her Majesty the Queen in July. During the coach trip, the excursion also benefitted greatly from a stimulating and informative talk focused on Abbotsford and provided by Fellow Simon Green from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland.

The Society has a thriving Aberdeen and North-East Section. It is the tradition that each speaker from the Ordinary Meetings in Edinburgh travels to Aberdeen to give the same lecture there, and it is to the credit of the speakers that they were willing to give so freely of their time to visit both. The Section also organises some additional 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 141 was published and distributed

to Fellows and libraries in November 2012, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and other areas of material culture.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR ISSN 1473-3803) has seen the publication of three reports in the year ending 31 May 2013:

- SAIR 51 *An Corran, Staffin, Skye: a Rockshelter with Mesolithic and Later Occupation*
by Alan Saville, Karen Hardy, Roger Miket and Torben Bjarke Ballin
- SAIR 52 *Excavations at the Bishop's Manor, Old Rayne, Aberdeenshire in 1990 and 2008*
by H K Murray and J C Murray
- SAIR 53 *An Early Bronze Age unenclosed cremation cemetery and Mesolithic pit at Skilmafilly, near Maud, Aberdeenshire*
by Melanie Johnson and Kirsty Cameron

All *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* are freely available online at the Archaeology Data Service (ADS – <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/sair/index.cfm>) and the series is also 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.

The Society has published two books in the year ending 31 May 2013 and work continues on several further volumes.

The Antiquarian Rediscovery of the Antonine Wall

LAWRENCE KEPPIE, FSA Scot
ISBN 978 1 908332 00 4

Late Roman Silver – the Traprain Treasure in Context

Edited by FRASER HUNTER, FSA Scot and KENNETH PAINTER
ISBN 978 1 908332 02 8

The Society also took the unusual step to reprint *Roman Camps in Scotland* by Dr Rebecca Jones, since it sold out within a year of publication. The Publications Committee has also had discussions regarding the Society role in Open Access publication and the development of our online digital resources, such as recorded lectures and *SAIR*, as well as the ongoing programme of placing the *Proceedings* online. To this end, all *Proceedings* volumes are now available online through the ADS for Fellows, with a three year rolling wall for other users.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

As the senior antiquarian body in Scotland, the Society is consulted by a wide range of organisations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, where it is considered a Subject Association. Our independence from government, university or agency allows us an impartial voice drawing on the wide range of experience from the Fellowship. The Director is Vice-Chair of the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS), an umbrella body that brings together non-governmental organisations working in the historic and built environment sector, and is Convener of the Historic Environment Working Group of that Forum.

The Society is a member of The Archaeology Forum, a UK-wide grouping of non-governmental organisations, and through this the Director is made aware of, and regularly contributes to, consultations and initiatives from outside Scotland, which may have an impact on the Scottish historic environment. The Society also shares membership of Scottish Environment Link with Archaeology Scotland.

This year the Society commented on a consultation on *VAT: addressing borderline anomalies from HMRC*, with specific reference to the addition of VAT to alterations to Listed Buildings. The Society contributed to workshops and meetings on the development of a *Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland*, which arose from the initial consideration of a review of the *Scottish Historic Environment Policy* (SHEP). In addition, an initial Options Appraisal in late 2011 and early 2012 on the future of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) resulted in the Cabinet Secretary commissioning an Outline Business Case for the merger of Historic Scotland and the RCAHMS. The Society played an active part in discussions and completed a questionnaire on the merger undertaken by ODS Consulting in November 2012. The Society was also involved in discussions on the provision of historic environment data through national and local organisations, this has subsequently developed into a Scottish Historic Environment Data (SHED) Strategy.

The Society welcomes Fellows views on not only what has already been reported, but also on the continuing development of our sector.

Society advocacy papers and letters are available on the Society website.

The Society is also represented on the Archaeology Data Services Management Committee, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography Online Advisory Committee, the Research Committee for the Antonine Wall, the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland and previously on the Heritage Audit advisory group, which has not met for a long time. Fellows represent the Society on the National Museums Scotland Board of Trustees, Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust, the Mouswald Trust, the Donald Dalrymple Fund, the British Archaeological Awards and The Laws Advisory Group. Through all these organisations we are able to keep abreast of current news in the heritage sector and discuss and support the historic environment of Scotland.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

The R B K 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 2012 award of £50 went to the article in volume 141 on *The iconography of the Papil Stone: sculptural and literary comparisons with a Pictish motif* by Kelly Kilpatrick, Wadham College, Oxford, but she was unable to receive the prize in person at the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2012.

Honorary Fellows

At the 2012 Anniversary Meeting, Fellows voted to elect Professor Roger Mercer, OBE MA FSA FRSE FSA Scot HonMifA as an Honorary Fellow under Law 5 of the Society which states that *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; they shall not be liable for any fee for admission or annual subscription. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not exceed twenty-five.*

Professor Roger J Mercer was, from 1969 until 1974, an Inspector of Ancient Monuments with the Department of the Environment in London. He moved to Edinburgh University in 1974 to lecture in European prehistory, was promoted Reader in 1982 and served as Head of Department there until 1988. In 1990 he became Chief Executive (Secretary) of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland whence he retired in 2004.

He was elected to Fellowship in February 1969 and in 2005 he became President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (until 2008), having previously been Vice-President between 1989 and 1992 and Treasurer from 1977 to 1987. He has also been Vice-President of the Council for British Archaeology and Treasurer of the Prehistoric Society. He was appointed a Visiting Professor of the University of Durham in 1996 (now an Honorary Professor) and an Honorary Professor in the University of Edinburgh in 1999. He was appointed OBE in 2004 for services to archaeology.

His specialism is the Neolithic and Bronze Age of North and Western Europe. He has conducted a series of excavations on seminal Neolithic sites in Britain: Carn Brea and Helman Tor, Cornwall; Grimes Graves, Norfolk; Balfarg, Fife; and Hambledon Hill, Dorset. Other excavations included Bronze Age and Iron Age sites in Scotland and in Cornwall. He was also active in promoting training field survey in Caithness, Roxburghshire, Dumfriesshire and on Dartmoor.

He was a founder member (now honorary member) of the Institute for Archaeologists and is currently a Director of the Discovery Programme (Ireland). He is one of the panel of Judges for the Queen's Anniversary Awards and for the British Archaeological Awards. In 2008 he became Chairman of the Steering Group overseeing the production of the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework, a project brought to completion in 2012. He is married with two grown-up children and lives in Edinburgh.

Murray Prize For History

The Society was delighted to launch the biennial Murray Prize for History at the 2011 Anniversary Meeting, funded through a generous donation from our Fellow Dr Peter Murray. This will provide a £200 cash prize and a medal for a high quality piece of original research published by the Society, into the history of Scotland in the medieval and/or early modern periods (*c* AD 500 to 1700), set within a British and/or European context. History shall be defined as encompassing all branches, including art history, but shall exclude archaeology for which there is already Society provision. Details of submission deadlines are on the Society website and the first award will be considered for the 2013 Anniversary Meeting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's summary Income and Expenditure Account together with explanatory notes are presented to the Fellows at the Anniversary Meeting and published in the *Proceedings*. The presentation style follows the required accounting standards for charities. The majority of the Society income derives from membership subscriptions and the Society removed the entry fees paid by new Fellows at the 2011 Anniversary Meeting.

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR FELLOWS
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO 31 MAY 2013

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Total 2013 £</i>	<i>Total 2012 £</i>
Income					
Subscriptions	159,158	–	–	159,158	166,937
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Scheme	27,066	–	–	27,066	15,000
Donations	9,286	700	–	9,986	8,239
Legacy	–	–	–	–	–
Income from Listed Investments	29,396	510	–	29,906	31,088
Bank Interest Received	376	78	–	454	79
Other Interest Received	–	–	–	–	983
Book Grant Income	17,290	–	–	17,290	3,970
Book Sales	19,612	–	–	19,612	17,446
PSAS Grant Income	13,375	–	–	13,375	1,000
PSAS Income	2,554	–	–	2,554	2,909
Income from SAIR	4,305	–	–	4,305	–
Income from Newsletter	350	–	–	350	270
Income from Lectures and Conferences	24,426	–	–	24,426	484
Income from ScARF	–	69,695	–	69,695	57,305
Dig It 2015	–	5,946	–	5,946	–
Neolithic Project	–	1,540	–	1,540	57,305
Total Income	307,194	78,469	–	385,663	363,015
Expenditure					
Grants, awards and donations	12,795	400	–	13,195	13,978
Newsletter	7,992	–	–	7,992	6,617
Lecture Programme	16,389	5,346	–	21,735	17,265
Conferences	15,354	–	–	15,354	805
Proceedings	32,482	–	–	32,482	29,364
Monograph	40,085	–	–	40,085	14,239
SAIR	5,549	–	–	5,549	4,923
ScARF	–	26,381	–	26,381	10,136
Dig It 2015	386	185	–	571	–
Salaries and Fees	120,113	47,217	–	167,330	154,825
Pensions Payments	10,937	3,397	–	14,334	14,173
Printing, Stationery, Post and Telephone	8,374	–	–	8,374	13,162
Office Equipment, Maintenance and Insurance	8,843	–	–	8,843	8,523
Miscellaneous	5,313	–	–	5,313	5,074
Investment Management Costs	2,789	48	–	2,837	2,073
Bank Charges	1,517	–	–	1,517	1,497
Depreciation	4,782	–	–	4,782	3,739
Bad Debt Written Off	5,632	–	–	5,632	3,770
Independent Examination Fee	3,900	–	–	3,900	3,600
Council and Committee Expenses	1,366	–	–	1,366	2,622
Total Expenditure	304,598	82,974	–	387,572	310,385
Surplus for year	2,596	(4,505)	0	(1,909)	(5,658)
Transfer from unrestricted to restricted	9,178	(9,178)	–	–	–
Realised gains on investments	82	–	151	233	(11,340)
Unrealised gains on investments	71,231	–	42,118	113,349	(31,629)
Net Movement	83,087	(13,683)	42,269	111,673	(48,627)
Balances brought forward	485,891	40,892	295,290	822,073	870,700
	568,978	27,209	337,559	933,746	822,073

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2013

	2013 £	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed Assets		11,093	4,948
Investments		864,216	779,265
		875,309	784,213
Debtors	53,191		67,782
Cash at Bank	84,127		36,138
	137,318		103,920
<i>Less</i>			
Current Liabilities due within one year	(78,881)		(66,060)
		58,437	37,860
		933,746	822,073
Endowment Fund		337,559	295,290
Restricted Funds		27,209	40,892
Unrestricted Funds			
– General		557,334	485,891
– Designated		11,644	
		933,746	822,073

The figures above have been extracted from the audited accounts for the year to 31 May 2012, which carried an unqualified Independent Examination, and which were approved by Council on 8 October 2012. The full Trustees' Report and Financial Statements may be obtained from the Assistant Treasurer at the Society's Office at the National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF, upon receipt of £5 UK and £10 elsewhere.

ALAN SAVILLE, BA(Hons) FSA MIFA, *President*

Independent Examiner's statement

We have examined the summarised financial information which is prepared for the Society's Fellows.

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial information. We have agreed to report on its consistency with the annual accounts on which we reported on 14 October 2013.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts from which it has been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts for the year ended 31 May 2013.

HENDERSON LOGGIE
Edinburgh
8 October 2013

During the 2012–13 financial year, the Society's investment objective was to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. Council continued the current strategy to increase income while maintaining capital growth and a proportion of investments in Government bonds compared with shares. Council considers it has sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of investments.

Those investments considered restricted in purpose, notably to the funding of research, have now been split from the unrestricted funds. This allows for the development of different strategies for each in future, and a more transparent indication of the funds available. We would also encourage Fellows and others to help us increase these restricted funds further by donations of any size: please do not hesitate to contact the Society.

Risk management

The Society has drawn up a risk register to consider the major risks to which the Society is exposed. This is reviewed at Management Group meetings, and Council meetings where necessary, to ensure that the systems and procedures in place are appropriate to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted reserves of the Society at 31 May 2013 sit at approximately 18 months running costs and Council believes this is sufficient to meet the current activities of the Society.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

RESEARCH

Research grants are important to the Society, and we will continue to consider grant applications. The deadline for applications remains the Anniversary Meeting (30 November). We encourage Fellows and non-Fellows alike to consider donating to the restricted fund to help increase the level of grants that the Society can offer. The Society will apply to the Office of Scottish Charity Regulation (OSCR) to reorganise its restricted funds to allow these to be more efficiently applied to support research in future.

The Society will explore the means to continue to support and develop the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) after its agreed period of funding from Historic Scotland ended on 31 March 2013. ScARF has its own web presence to keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening, and to provide information on how to get involved.

PROGRAMME

The lecture programme for 2013–14 was decided by the end of June 2013. The Society has been asked to lead a project to develop the year 2015 into a national celebration of Scottish archaeology and was successful in applying for and receiving a grant to that end from Historic Scotland for the year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014; the Society will explore the continued resourcing of this major project. The Rhind Lectures for 2015 will therefore likely reflect this project proposal. The 2014 Rhind Lectures will be presented by Professor John Waddell entitled *Archaeology and Celtic Myth*. It is the turn of Archaeology Scotland to organise and host the *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference on Saturday 31 May 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

The annual publication of the *Proceedings* is central to the Society, and work is already nearing completion on volume 142 to be published in November 2013. Intending contributors please note that there is a deadline of 1 November for papers to be submitted for the following *Proceedings*. Volume 142 of the *Proceedings* will initiate the use of full colour throughout as standard, and the Society is aiming to deliver as many copies as possible digitally to Fellows to reduce costs. We have many *SAIR* projects in various stages of completion and a number of books in various stages of production, with the aim to produce at least four in the next financial year.

A very full and stimulating programme of activities is already in place for next year. We are mindful, however, of the continued difficult circumstances in which all charitable organisations are working, and further reduction in numbers of Fellows would be a real concern since this is the Society's main source of income. For this reason, the Society continues to be very grateful for the continued support of its Fellows, and would urge you to encourage others to stand for election. We also commend the Council members, the trustees of our Society, who put a lot of voluntary time and effort into the organisation and running of the Society.

ALAN SAVILLE, BA(Hons) FSA MifA
President

14 October 2013

ANNIVERSARY MEETING REPORT

The Anniversary Meeting is held, as per Law 16, on St Andrew's Day, except where this falls on a Sunday. The meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Society. It was held on Friday, 30 November 2012, in the Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL, starting at 4.30pm, Alan Saville, President, in the chair.

The minutes of the last lecture meeting were read and approved. Reports were received from the Director and Treasurer and were approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers. The award of the RBK Stevenson Prize was announced.

The results of the ballots were as follows:

BALLOT FOR FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

The Ballot for Fellows of the Society lists all those put forward and elected at the meeting itself (in accordance with Laws 3 and 4), but strictly those are not automatically Fellows until they have paid their subscription and entry fee (Law 7). The list printed here details those elected at the Anniversary Meeting, with those who have still to pay their subscription and entry fee by the end of the financial year being reported on (here 31 May 2013) highlighted with an asterix.

PHILIPPA LOUISE ASCOUGH, BSc PhD, Glasgow, UK

JOHN ANDREW ATKINSON, MA(Hons) PhD MifA, Glasgow, UK

WARREN ROBERT BAILIE, BA(Hons), Torrance, East Dunbartonshire, UK

JOSEPH COLIN BAIN, BA MA PhD, North Queensferry, Inverkeithing, Fife, UK

JAMIE BAKER, COLDINGHAM, UK

CHRISTOPHER WARNER BARTLETT, MBA, Lake Forest, IL, USA

CANDICE BOGDANSKI, MA BA(Hons), Toronto, Canada

ALEXANDER LESLIE BOSWELL, Edinburgh, UK

LISA BROWN, MA(Hons) MSc, Edinburgh, UK
LOUISA CAMPBELL, PhD, Glasgow, UK
STUART DAVID CAMPBELL, Edinburgh, UK*
DAVID ROBERTSON COLLIN, Kirkcudbright, UK
HARRIET JANE CORNELL, MA(Hons) MSc PhD, Edinburgh, UK
MALCOLM BRUCE COUTTS, OAM JP FCA FAICD, Balmoral, NSW, Australia
JOHN MURRAY COWAN, FRICS FCIQB FBEng FCP, Smethwick, West Midlands, UK
DAVID CRICHTON CRAIG, BA BDS(Hons) MMedSci MFGDP(UK), Staplecross, East Sussex, UK
PETER SPENCER DAVIES, BSc PhD, Glasgow, UK
ROBERT JAMES DEVINE, MStJ OCC ICM, Fort Worth, TX, USA
WILLIAM DUNCAN, Dunfermline, Fife, UK*
PHILIP M DUNSHEA, MA MPhil, Cambridge, UK
MELISSA J ELLIS, BFA(Hons), Toronto, Canada
NATASHA N FERGUSON, Glasgow, UK
MALCOLM ERNEST FERRIS-LAY, Tring, Hertfordshire, UK
CHRISTOPHER JOHN FOWLER, BA(Hons) PhD, Newcastle, UK
DIANE LOUISE GALLAGHER, Edinburgh, UK
MARK FRANCIS GARDINER, BA PhD FSA MifA, Belfast, UK
ISABEL ESTHER GARRETT, BA(Hons) DCE, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, UK
DOROTHY GERYCH, Troy, MI, USA
RICHARD J GILLASPY, Long Beach, CA, USA
JANICE GRAF, PhD, North Vancouver, Canada
KEVIN JAMES GRANT, MA MLitt, West Kilbride, North Ayrshire, UK
DAVID WILLIAM GREGORY, MSHS, Aberdeen, UK
NIGEL PAUL GRIFFITHS, MPhil FRGS FRAS, Singapore
ANGELA GROAT, Kemnay, Inverurie, UK
WILLIAM DEREK HAMILTON, MA PhD, East Kilbride, UK
PAUL MARK PERRY WAELTI HARDING, MA(Hons) DipArch RIBA RIAS FRSA, Edinburgh, UK
MARK HENDERSON, MSc, Waynesboro, VA, USA
GAIL MICHELE HIGGINBOTTOM, PhD SEAC EAA CAA, Goodwood, South Australia
DAVID RICHARD HUGHSON, MB ChB MRCGP FRSSA, Edinburgh, UK
ODILE HUGHSON, Edinburgh, UK
DAVID ALAN IREDALE, Inverness, UK
PETER KAMILO KLEMEN, BA(Hons) MA, Glasgow, UK*
CATHERINE J N KNOPS, MA, Edinburgh, UK
VASILIKI KOUTRAFOURI, BA(Hons) PhD, Edinburgh, UK
LAURENCE OF MAR, MA ATCL FRSA, Whiteness, Shetland, UK
MARK GRAHAM LAWSON, Danville, IN, USA
VIVIAN THORNTON LINACRE, MA FRSA FCS, Perth, UK
JOHN HARRY MACASKILL, BA PhD, Saffron Walden, Essex, UK
TROY ALEXANDER MACCULLOCH, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada
MARY L MACDONALD, Renton, WA, USA
MALCOLM COLIN MACIVER OF STRATHENDRY, Leslie, Fife, UK
RUARAIKH NORMAN MACIVER OF STRATHENDRY, Leslie, Fife, UK
JOHN ALEXANDER MACKAY, Aberdeen, UK
ROSS MACLEOD, BSc(Hons), Glasgow, UK

ALISON MARGARET MAGUIRE, BA(Hons) PhD, Ettrickbridge, Selkirk, UK
 IAN MALCOLM, Aberlady, UK
 RICHARD ANDREW MARSDEN, BA(Hons) MA PhD FCIEA FHEA, Penarth, UK
 OWAIN DAVID MASON, BA(Hons) MA, Edinburgh, UK
 STUART JAMES MATHEWSON, MStJ, Newarthill, UK
 MARILYNN McALISTER, MA(Hons) MSHS MRHS, Wauconda, IL, USA
 JAMES DONALD McCULLOCH, BD MIOP MIPS, Kilmarnock, UK
 LESLEY JANE McEWAN, MA MLitt PifA, Pathhead, Midlothian, UK
 DEVON McHUGH, BA MPhil PhD, Edinburgh, UK
 ALISTAIR DAVID McINTOSH, Aberdeen, UK
 ELIZABETH McKILLOP, BA(Hons), Gawsworth, Cheshire, UK*
 NEIL DOUGLAS RODERICK McLENNAN, MA(Hons), Mains of Concraig, Aberdeenshire, UK
 MICHAEL STEPHEN McNAIR, MA(Hons) MRHS, Edinburgh, UK
 MARGIE MELLIS, MA(Hons) ALA, Aberdeen, UK
 NORMAN CURTIS MITCHELL JR, SSA HSS, Parkersburg, WV, USA
 PAUL KIM MONK, BSc MA, Cromarty, Ross-shire, UK
 STUART JAMES LESLIE MORRISON, BSc MRes PhD, Bannockburn, Stirling, UK
 ROBERT ANDREW NEILL, Vilas, NC, USA
 CLAIRE NESBITT, BA(Hons) MLitt PhD, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK
 ROSALIND ANN NEWTON, Edinburgh, UK
 JENNIFER NOVOTNY, Glasgow, UK
 ANDREW TOBY MABSON PARKER, FRAS, Hertford, UK
 HEATHER PARKER, PhD, Guelph, Canada
 TAWNY PAUL, PhD, Edinburgh, UK*
 MARY KENNEDY PETERANNA, PifA, Cromarty, Ross-shire, UK
 JOHN SUTHERLAND PIERCE, Cartersville, GA, USA
 ANDREW RODERICK JOHN PRINGLE, Fala, Midlothian, UK
 DOUGLAS ADAM BURNS RAMSAY, MBABAO, Elderslie, UK
 DAVID ANTHONY REAY, BSc(Hons), Stromness, Orkney, UK
 JOHN HENDERSON REID, Galashiels, UK
 ANNE KATHLEEN RUNNALLS, BA(Hons) DipEd, Edinburgh, UK
 SILJA KRISTIN SAELE, Dipl Ing Arch, Duesseldorf, Germany
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 GENEVIEVE SHAW, BA MA MSc, Edinburgh, UK
 STEPHEN JOHN SHERLOCK, BA MA PhD MifA FSA, York, UK
 DAMIAN SHIELS, MA MIAI MifA, Little Island, Co Cork, Ireland
 EVELYN SIMPSON SCURL, North Middleton, UK
 LYNN SMITH, MifA, Moreton, Wirral, UK
 JACOB STREATFEILD-JAMES, MA, Forgandenny, UK
 WILLIAM ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, BSc MLitt CEng MIGasE, Glasgow, UK
 CYNTHIA ROSE THICKPENNY, Glasgow, UK
 ALBERT ADAMS THOMSON, BA, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, UK
 FRANCIS TOOLIS, Dumfries, UK
 ANDREW MARTIN WALSH, BSc MSc AifA, Inverness, UK
 BRIAN RHYS WILKINSON, BA(Hons) PGDip PGCert, Linlithgow, West Lothian, UK
 CLARE ANABELLA PATON WILLSDON, PhD FRHistS FRSA FHEA, Cardiff, UK

THE ROLL

The deaths of Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2012–13. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

WILLIAM E I ARMSTRONG, Willaston, South Wirral, UK	1986
WALTER A BARTLAM, Elgin, Morayshire, UK	1999
ROBERT B BOYD, Paisley, UK	1992
JOHN W J BROTHERSTON, Dumfries, UK	2008
GALE LESLIE CANVIN, Cardiff, Wales	1977
KENNETH CRAMER, Hanover, NH, USA	1967
PHILIP CROME, Alford, UK	2000
DAVID A B EVANS, Cleveland, UK	1973
DAVID M FINLAYSON, St Andrews, Fife, UK	1980
ROLAND D GOLIGHTLY, Kilmarnock, UK	1980
RONALD THOMSON HAGGARTY, Edinburgh, UK	2010
IAN HUSTWICK, Aberdeen, UK	1979
EVERARD W KANT, Edinburgh, UK	1976
IAN A KINNES, Courseulles, France	1969
DONALD G LIVINGSTON, Pompton Plains, NJ, USA	1990
JAMES A S MCPHERSON, Macduff, Banffshire, UK	1975
GORDON W H MECHAN, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, UK	1966
JOHN W MITCHELL, Hove, Sussex, UK	1988
DUNCAN JOHN MOORE, Paralimni, Cyprus	2001
DENIS NAULTY, Dundee, UK	1980
GEORGE NEWBERRY, Macon, GA, USA	2002
WILLIAM R RICHELIEU-BLACKBURN, Manchester, UK	1990
DONALD B ROBERTSON, Edinburgh, UK	1982
REAY ROBERTSON-MACKAY, Cambridge, UK	1945
G ROSS ROY, Columbia, SC, USA	1973
JOHN SCOTT, Edinburgh, UK	1963
CAROLINE S SMILLIE, Dunblane, UK	1963
ROBERT SUTHERLAND, Edinburgh, UK	1969
SARA L THURMOND, Alpharetta, Georgia, USA	1998
DENNIS JOHN TURNER, Reigate, Surrey, UK	1966
CHARLES RAYMOND VINCENT, Castle Douglas, UK	1970
ROSEMARIE A WELLS, Armadale, West Lothian, UK	2009
ANDREW WILSON, Bothwell, Glasgow, UK	1965

BALLOT FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The full Ballot list for Members of the Society Council as put forward in accordance with Laws 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. All those presented were duly elected at the Meeting.

Vice-President

Ann MacSween, MA(Hons) MA MSc PhD FSA MifA MRTPI FSA Scot is an archaeologist and planner. She graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in Archaeology and then completed an MA in Scientific Methods in Archaeology at the University of Bradford. After a year

working for the British Council on an exhibition on the British Neolithic and Bronze Age for the town of Tournai in Belgium, she returned to Bradford to undertake research for a PhD on analysis of the pottery from the site of Pool, Sanday, Orkney. She subsequently worked in the commercial sector with AOC Archaeology, then with the University of Dundee where she co-edited a series of textbooks on modern Scottish History. Since 1999 she has worked for Historic Scotland and is currently Head of Strategic Heritage Management. Recently she studied part-time for an MSc in Urban and Regional Planning at Heriot Watt University, to gain an understanding of the wider planning context of her work. Throughout her career she has maintained and developed her interest in prehistoric pottery from Scotland and has published widely on the subject. She was a member of the Society's Council from 1992 to 1995, Co-ordinating Editor for volume 121 of the *Proceedings*, Publications Committee Convener from 1997 to 1999 and member of the Editorial Board of the Publications Committee from 1992 to 2004.

Treasurer

Stephen Carter, BSc PhD MifA FSA Scot is a Senior Consultant with Headland Archaeology, based in Edinburgh. Doctoral research in Environmental Archaeology at the University of London Institute of Archaeology was followed by a move to Scotland in 1989, where he initially worked on specialist analyses of archaeological sediments. With the creation of Headland Archaeology in 1996, his role shifted to archaeological project management, focussing on Environmental Impact Assessment; his current workload is dominated by consultancy for onshore wind energy developments throughout the UK. Away from his professional employment he has served on the governing bodies of various archaeological organisations. This has included a recent three-year term on the Council of this Society; he has also been a Trustee of the Council for British Archaeology and was President of Archaeology Scotland for two terms.

Council Members

Anna Groundwater, PhD FRHistS FSA Scot is an early modern Scottish and British historian at the University of Edinburgh. She is currently Post-doctoral Research Fellow on the AHRC project 'Ben Jonson's Walk to Scotland, 1618', and lectures on Scottish and British history courses. Her research interests focus on government and society in the reign of James VI and I, with particular interests in the Union of the Crowns, and the history of the Anglo-Scottish Borders. She is the author of *The Scottish Middle March, 1573–1625: power, kinship, allegiance* (Royal History Society, Boydell, 2010), a number of journal articles, and of the forthcoming *Scotland Connected: Scotland in the wider world*, a comparative timeline for Scottish history (Luath Press, 2013). She is also working on an edition of early seventeenth-century political correspondence, to be published by the Scottish History Society. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a council member of the Scottish History Society (to 2013) and a Trustee of The Scottish Medievalists (to 2015), where she is involved in engaging with heritage institutions and other educationalists in promoting and preserving Scotland's history.

Iain Fraser, MA(Hons) PhD FSA Scot studied History at Edinburgh University (MA(Hons) 1984), followed in 1991 by a PhD, on *The later medieval burgh kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen*. Since 1991 he has worked for RCAHMS in a variety of roles, first as a curator in the National Monuments Record of Scotland, and later on secondment as field investigator in a number of survey projects, in particular Eastern Dumfriesshire, Canna and Donside, and OS revision work in Lanarkshire, West Lothian and Strathearn. Returning to the archival side of RCAHMS, in 1997 Iain became Curator of Archaeological Collections and, in 2011, Cataloguing Programme Manager in the Collections Section. As a result of

this experience, he has particular interest in the archival aspects of archaeological investigation and of architectural practices, and is currently studying archiving through CAIS, University of Dundee. Scottish interests cover a range of subjects, including ecclesiastical history and archaeology, bricks and brickworks, agricultural improvements, watermeadows and irrigation and siege warfare. He is currently working upon a corpus of medieval funerary monuments in Scotland.

Chris Dalglish, MA(Hons) PhD FSA Scot is a lecturer in archaeology at the University of Glasgow, the institution where he studied as an undergraduate and where he researched his PhD. Following his PhD, Chris worked in professional archaeology and heritage management, first as a freelance field archaeologist, then for Historic Scotland and latterly for Glasgow University Archaeological Research Division. He has held his current post since 2007. Chris has a background in post-medieval archaeology, with a particular interest in Scottish rural landscapes and issues of theory and practice relating to the Modern past. He was co-chair of the ScARF panel for the Modern period. His current work involves collaborative research relating to landscape and heritage policy, practice and philosophy, and he is developing teaching in this field as convener of a new MSc in *Landscape: Integrated Research & Practice*.

Tom Dawson, BA(Hons) FSA Scot is a Research Fellow at the University of St Andrews. He started his archaeological career with the Museum of London and went on to work on and direct excavations in several different countries (including France, Sri Lanka, Italy and Japan). Since joining the University in 2000, his work has focused on coastal archaeology and the threats posed by coastal processes. He works closely with Historic Scotland to gather information on the scale of the problem; and has analyzed results from coastal surveys in order to prioritise action. He also has a strong interest in community archaeology and is currently directing the Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project. This innovative national project employs mobile technology that allows members of the public to update information about priority sites. Tom has managed numerous survey and excavation projects and his community excavations include Unst and Bressay on Shetland, Baile Sear in the Western Isles and Brora in Sutherland. These projects were jointly awarded the 2012 Current Archaeology Rescue Dig of the Year Award. He has also explored novel ways of working with threatened archaeological sites, including relocating the eroding Bressay site to the local Heritage Centre and using virtual reality environments to recreate the salt pans at Brora. Tom has been the Managing Director of The SCAPE Trust (Scottish Archaeology and the Problem of Erosion) since 2001; was appointed Commissioner with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland in 2010; and was a director of the Bardsey Island Trust from 2003 to 2008.

BALLOT FOR HONORARY FELLOWS

At the 2012 Anniversary Meeting, Fellows voted to elect Professor Roger J Mercer as an Honorary Fellow of the Society as put forward in accordance with Law 5. He was duly elected at the Meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Alan Saville then delivered his Presidential Address as follows:

Fellows

This is my first Presidential address to an Anniversary Meeting and, I suspect like all apprentice-Presidents before me, I am wondering where on earth the past year has gone – can it really be 12 months since you elected me? It has been an interesting year.

In some ways, of course, it has been a conventional year for the Society, with the usual round of instructive and entertaining meetings. The lecture programme kicked off in December with Allan Rutherford's consideration of the controversial topic of renewed life for Scottish castles, followed by Eamonn Kelly's not-for-the-squeamish presentation on Irish Iron Age bog bodies. The first lecture of 2012 was by one of our current Vice-Presidents, Neil Curtis, who succeeded admirably in rising to the dual challenge of addressing the NMS Members as well as our own Fellows on the topic of the 1911 Glasgow exhibition. Neil was followed by Charles Burnett – the *Ross Herald Extraordinary* – who told us about the several moments of crisis in Scottish history when the Heralds were called upon to act beyond their normal ceremonial duties. In March, Marion Uckelmann spoke on shields and warfare in the Bronze Age, leaving us to marvel at the fact that some of these remarkable, large, prehistoric objects survive almost intact, sometimes in surprising locations. In October we were back to the Iron Age with Andrew Heald, looking at the careful dissection of the architectural complexities of various types of circular stone structures in Caithness. And last but not least, to celebrate the centenary of the announcement of fantastical discoveries at Piltdown in Sussex, we had John McNabb spanning millions of years in order to explain what age Piltdown Man was initially thought to be, and what was in fact the true date of this man who never was.

Our away match of the year was in St Andrews, where Rebecca Jones spoke on Roman Camps in Scotland at a joint meeting with the St Andrews University Archaeology Society, very appropriately introduced by that Society's President, our own former President and Roman camp doyen Gordon Maxwell.

This year, the Rhind Lectures witnessed an instructive and entertaining account by former Chairman of the Society's North-East Section, Kevin Edwards, of Viking activity in the north Atlantic world, focusing in particular on the ecological evidence gained from taxing but clearly enjoyable fieldwork by Kevin and his numerous collaborators in the Faeroes, Greenland, and elsewhere. We look forward to next year's Rhinds to be given by Richard Fawcett on the architecture of the Scottish Late Medieval Church.

The 2012 *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference, held at Aberdeen University, was the turn of our friends in Archaeology Scotland to organise, and it was a sell-out success, which also gave participants the chance to visit the splendid new Aberdeen University Library.

The summer excursion this year was, apart from Govan Kirkyard, an entirely indoors affair in Glasgow, with visits to the premises of GUARD Archaeology, Govan Church, and the Glasgow Museums' Collection Centre at Nitshill. Although only a disappointingly small number of Fellows attended, the consensus among them was that this was a day well spent.

In other respects, this has been an unconventional and very busy year, which has seen the beginning of various developments that could, and probably will, result in profound changes to the way in which Scotland's historic environment – in its widest sense – is managed and resourced. Your staff, Officers, and Trustees have been concerned most specifically with the review of one of the jewels in Scotland's cultural crown, a body with which our Society has enjoyed a long and close relationship – the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. But at the same time, a review was launched of the archaeology function within Historic Scotland and a plethora of other relevant areas, including historic environment policy, historic environment records, museums and galleries strategy, and aspects of planning frameworks were also under scrutiny at a time of ever more constrained resourcing, both nationally and locally. This potentially momentous upheaval was the background to a special seminar the Society hosted in March at which a broad spectrum of the historic environment community had the opportunity to raise and debate some of the issues involved. Since then, the Royal Commission review has resulted in

the Government's current proposal to merge the Commission with Historic Scotland and, as of the moment, discussions and consultations are taking place to determine a business case for a possible new organisation to combine most, if not all, of the activities of both bodies. The review at Historic Scotland has resulted in the welcome creation of the new post of Head of Archaeology Strategy, which should help greatly in the change process, though we must remember that much, much more than archaeology is involved here. There is probably nothing further I can usefully say here on the matter at this juncture, but I would like to reassure Fellows that the Society – which is perhaps the major independent stakeholder in what is happening – is fully engaged with all these developments, particularly through the representation by our Director on various relevant working parties. For now we are being optimistic that a new configuration will be able to deliver an improved provision for the historic environment, but we stand ready to oppose very firmly any proposals which would not, in our view, be beneficial.

In amongst all the other ongoing changes, one development during 2012 at National Museums Scotland has gone little noticed. The former Department of Archaeology has been merged with part of the former Department of Scotland and Europe, to create a single new Department of Scottish History and Archaeology. Our former Vice-President George Dalgleish has been appointed to the new and prestigious Keepership of this Department and the Society has wished him well, at the same time as expressing the hope that the Society's long and fruitful relationship with NMS will continue to flourish. This Keepership has an important role to play in the cultural fabric of the whole country, not just the capital, as indeed does another position which has thankfully been resurrected after a period when its future seemed uncertain. This concerns the historic title of Abercromby Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, which has now deservedly been bestowed upon another of our former Vice-Presidents, Ian Ralston.

Nor, in all these changes, has the Society itself been standing still. Your Trustees, at Council, have had a busy year, including a special extended meeting in May to discuss the Society's own forward strategy. To some extent the agreed strategy is aspirational, and implementation will require resourcing above and beyond that currently available. The recent upward trend in new Fellows joining the Society is encouraging, and will hopefully continue, but it will take more than membership fees to realise our ambitions. Therefore we are inevitably going to have to get more serious about fund-raising and this is one of the issues high on Council's agenda.

One project which may well assist us with future fundraising is the proposed designation of 2015 as a 'Year of Archaeology', which the Society, together with Archaeology Scotland, hopes to co-ordinate in order to highlight the importance of the historic environment for the nation – and throughout the nation – in all sorts of ways, including, of course, for Scotland's economy. The *European Association of Archaeologists* conference, at Glasgow University in September 2015, is alone expected to attract over 1,000 archaeological delegates to the city and will be a significant opportunity to promote Scottish archaeology and the work of our Society. Fellows will be kept abreast of plans for 2015 in the run-up to the year's events.

Apart from the *Proceedings*, which has appeared on time – and I hope most of you will have already received your copies and been able to appreciate the wide range of high-quality archaeological and historical research in this edition – on the publications side this has been a relatively quiet year for the Society, largely because of cautionary financial decisions taken the previous year about projected deficits. Thus only one *SAIR* has appeared, my own co-edited report on the tantalising evidence for early prehistoric occupation of the An Corran rock-shelter on Skye, which was rapidly sampled in the early 1990s in advance of partial destruction for roadworks. The An Corran episode is a cautionary tale, reminding us all of the need for vigilance in marrying the

twin requirements of development and archaeology, and no less crucially for the proper resourcing, through to final publication, of development-led archaeological excavation.

This new *SAIR* is number 51, so we have passed *SAIR*'s 50th birthday unheralded, but I hope that as we now speed towards a hundred *SAIR*s, some sort of appropriate celebration will be organised when that landmark is achieved. There is already something to celebrate in that our staff have successfully steered the transition from the on-line hosting of *SAIR* by the Council for British Archaeology to its hosting by the *Archaeology Data Service*, which is where our digital *Proceedings* sit and which will take us forward in a more synergetic and secure fashion.

Two Society monographs have appeared, both on Roman-period topics. Firstly we have had Rebecca Jones's magisterial and very well received *Roman Camps in Scotland* volume, which through a combination of advantageous factors has become our all-time best and fastest-selling book. In fact I anticipate the very last copies will be sold this evening! The second monograph – Lawrence Keppie's fascinating compendium of historical accounts and perceptions of the Antonine Wall since its initial post-Roman recognition – has only very recently appeared and will be launched, very appropriately, at the Hunterian Museum next month, in collaboration with the Glasgow Archaeological Society.

Several more *SAIR*s and monographs are now in the pipeline, so 2013 will see much more publication activity. In fact, the Publications Committee, under its new Convener David Caldwell, has been tasked with going back to basics and reviewing all aspects of both product and process concerning the Society's publications. There has already been one major decision implemented, that from next year, with volume 142, the *Proceedings* will, where the contributions require it, be illustrated in full colour throughout.

I have spoken much about change already, but we are also on the threshold of changes affecting publication. In the newsletter I have stressed the need for the Society to move to the electronic delivery of much of what is now distributed in printed form, and we are already seeing some Fellows requesting their *Proceedings* in digital form rather than in hard copy. But our Publications Committee is wrestling with another issue, which is the Government-backed drive towards the Open Access publication of all publicly-funded research. That this comes from the Westminster Government is relevant because of course much of the research which takes place in our areas of concern is funded through the research councils – AHRC, NERC, etc – which operate UK-wide. So far as I know, the Holyrood Government has not yet pronounced on this issue, but of course there is relatively little, if any, large-scale research funding separately and specifically available to historic-environment sector researchers based in Scotland – something which our Society is very conscious of, given our own diminishing capacity to grant-aid research and it is another issue with which we need to grapple.

There is, however, the funding which currently comes from Historic Scotland – both for research and for the ultimate publication of the research thus supported – funding for which this Society continues to be grateful and indebted. And the implications of Open Access for any of the Society's publications that contain publicly-funded research or are published with grant aid – if this means that such material in both journal and monograph form must be freely and rapidly available electronically to anyone – will be a major challenge for the Publications Committee.

And on the subject of electronic publications, the Society can be proud of a huge achievement this year with the completion of the ground-breaking on-line resource which the *Scottish Archaeological Research Framework* (ScARF) project has created. The full story of this project, which has relied on the voluntary contributions of a whole host of experts throughout Scotland and beyond, deserves and will in due course receive a separate and full account. Suffice it say here

that the Society owes an enormous debt in particular to the work of Roger Mercer and his ScARF Steering Committee, and that of Jeff Sanders as the Project manager, co-ordinator, and ‘fixer-in-chief’ throughout, though latterly ably supported by Emma O’Riordan. The booklet to publicise ScARF will be published at the end of January, and various initiatives are afoot to ensure that ScARF evolves and is used throughout the sector. Just as the Society has been at the forefront of developments such as the digitisation of the *Proceedings* and the launch of *SAIR*, so the appearance of ScARF makes it clear that we remain a leading and innovatory force for research in the world of antiquarian studies.

Looking back over the past year, one inevitably thinks of the Fellows who have sadly passed away, and I would like to note in particular the deaths of two Fellows at whose funerals the Society was represented. The late Ronald Haggerty, although only a recently elected Fellow, had become a strong supporter of some Society activities, especially through his sponsorship of the Winterthur conference and its forthcoming publication. 2012 also saw the death of one of our distinguished Honorary Fellows, the late Alexander (Sandy) Fenton. Many of you will have seen his obituaries in the press, but a full obituary from our perspective, written by our Fellow Hugh Cheape, will appear in Volume 142 of the *Proceedings*.

I have already paid thanks to our outgoing Council members and Officers – Nyree Finlay, Julie Gibson, Stephen Holmes, and Gordon Noble as Councillors; and Lesley Ferguson not only as Vice-President with special responsibility for staff matters, but also as Convener of the Programme Committee. I should also acknowledge the Society’s thanks to David Bowler, who stood down as Publications Convener back in May after a very creditable stint of seven years, during which the Society benefited from his presence in many other respects. Also, due to other commitments, one of our Councillors, Judith McClure, resigned from Council during the year – we were sorry to see her go. I do want to make special mention of our outgoing Treasurer, Brendan O’Connor, for his very significant contribution to the Society’s affairs over the course of his Treasurership. As a past Society Treasurer myself, I am very aware that this role is much more than oversight of the Society’s finances – the Treasurer plays a key management role in all aspects of the Society’s business and attends virtually every Committee. Brendan has been a paragon and we are not letting him get away from us, since he has agreed to become the new Convener of the Programme Committee.

Incoming to take Brendan’s place as the new Treasurer is Stephen Carter; and in welcoming him I am confident he will continue to ensure the Society stays in as robust a financial health as the times allow. Succeeding Lesley as our new Vice-President is Ann MacSween, who will also bring us a wealth of expertise across a wide spectrum and she is very welcome. So too are our new Councillors, Chris DalGLISH, Tom Dawson, Iain Fraser, and Anna Groundwater – I hope they will enjoy the next three years of Society business. Last but not least in this series of welcomes, I welcome to the ranks of our Honorary Fellowship someone with numerous close links to our Society, Roger Mercer OBE, whose distinguished careers in academia and heritage management make him a worthy recipient.

This Anniversary meeting is being held, for the first time, in the premises of the Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge in Edinburgh, and we are grateful to its staff for help in facilitating our meeting at relatively late notice, once it became apparent that on this occasion we would not be able to use the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Otherwise our meetings throughout the year have been held at the RSE, an arrangement which suits us very well, and we thank the RSE for making this possible on what we intend to be an ongoing basis.

Of course, the Society’s meetings would not run as smoothly as they do without the input from the Society’s own staff. Without exception, the staff members have given terrific service above and

beyond their contracted duties over the past year and they all deserve all our thanks. But to end my protracted first Presidential Address, I would like to stress my particular personal thanks to our Director, Simon Gilmour, who has shepherded me through the challenges of my first year and who has managed to remain resolutely cheerful and uncomplaining in the process.

Thank you

ANNIVERSARY MEETING LECTURE

Alan Saville then introduced Ronan Toolis, Dumfries and Galloway Natural History and Archaeology Society and GUARD Archaeology Ltd to present *The Galloway Picts Project and the discovery of a royal stronghold of a lost early medieval kingdom* in collaboration with Dr Chris Bowles, DGNHAS and Scottish Borders Council. A wine reception was then held for Fellows and guests.

