

Annual Report for the year 1 June 2013–31 May 2014

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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Office Administrator (sabbatical cover)

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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 eighteen governing Laws, which are published in its annual journal, *The Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*. The governing body of the Society is Council, whose members are Trustees, and consists of five office-bearers and twelve Fellows elected by the Society and *ex officio* members appointed by Council. The five elected office-bearers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer, who is elected annually. The *ex officio* members are currently the Chair of the Aberdeen and North-East Section, the Conveners

of the Publication, Programme 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.

The Laws provide the framework for the election and terms of office for Council Trustees, and the election process for Fellows of the Society.

Council Trustees, chaired by the President, normally meet five times a year, and there are five sub-committees with responsibilities for Publications, Programme, External Affairs, Research and Fellowship. The Publications Committee meets to discuss all aspects of the Society's publications, while the Research Committee meets to make recommendations to Council on allocation of designated research funds. The Fellowship Committee assesses the applications for Fellowship and ensures 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 and organises Fellows' Evenings to encourage greater participation of Fellows in the development of the Society's future. The External Affairs Committee meets to discuss advocacy and support the Director in this area. 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 as required, bringing recommendations and information to Council Trustees as appropriate. The Management Group exercises delegated responsibility for risk management within the Society. Personnel matters are discussed by Management Group and led by the Vice-President with responsibility for Staff Matters, consulting other Council Trustees and/or staff as and when necessary.

The offices of the Society are housed within the NMS as per the arrangements agreed in the Conveyance of 1851 with the Board of Manufactures on behalf of Parliament, 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 Archives 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; during museum redevelopment the library is open to Fellows by appointment.

FELLOWS

The numbers of paying Fellows declined slightly from 2,719 at 31 May 2013 to 2,660 at 31 May 2014. The Society relies on Fellowship subscriptions to enable it to deliver its charitable objectives and activities as set out below, and Council Trustees will continue to prioritise maintaining and increasing Fellowship alongside diversification of income.

The Society is always keen to welcome new Fellows and existing Fellows are the best champions of its work. Council Trustees encourage Fellows to sponsor colleagues, friends or family they think may be interested in joining the Society and supporting its objectives. To help recruitment, below are some of the benefits of joining the Society.

- The opportunity to be part of a prestigious organisation that promotes excellence.
- FSA Scot – entitlement to use the letters after your name.
- Borrowing privileges at the National Museums Scotland research library.
- Biannual newsletters and annual Proceedings.
- Discounts on publications and events.
- Access to the Fellows’ area of our website.
- Supporting advocacy on behalf of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland.
- Networking opportunities with people who share a love of the past.

Fellowship application forms are available from the Society website and require two signatures from current Fellows. Please contact the office or email info@socantscot.org and Council Trustees will be happy to help find a second signatory.

The deadline for Fellowship applications is the 1st September each year.

OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is set out in its Royal Charter: ‘... *to investigate both antiquities and natural and civil history in general, with the intention that the talents of mankind should be cultivated and that the study of natural and useful sciences should be promoted ...*’

Law 1 further defines this as: ‘... *the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research*’.

Council Trustees have 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.

This is accompanied by a 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, projects 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.

STAFF

The Director manages the staff and day-to-day activities of the Society and is delegated by Council Trustees to promote the objectives and prepare the strategic priorities of the Society for discussion and agreement by Council Trustees. 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 Trustees. 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 Trustees by email.

To aid it in its future development Council Trustees agreed to invest funds in appointing Vina Oberlander for three years initially, to promote Fellowship and Development in the Society. This explicitly recognises the need to facilitate and build Fellowship and diversify and increase income.

During the reporting period, Dr Vasiliki Koutrafouris started a nine-month unpaid sabbatical, and was replaced by Adéla Rauchová for four days a week. In addition, Dr Harriet Cornell, who had been employed on a short-term contract following a successful internship, left the Society to take up a post at the University of Edinburgh. Also, Dr Louisa Campbell was employed for a short fixed-term period to facilitate the development of a major Neolithic project entitled *Boyne to Brodgar: Making Monuments, Creating Communities*.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Grant Awards to the Society

The Society was successful in receiving a major grant award from Historic Scotland, for two years from 1 April 2014, to support the delivery of Dig It! 2015, a year-long celebration of archaeology in Scotland, discussed in more detail later. Historic Scotland also provided a grant of £2,000 to enable the scanning and free online presentation of eighteen of the Society's out-of-print books, a project about to come to fruition. It also provided £3,000 towards the facilitation of the development of the major Neolithic project. This was further supported by £3,000 from AOC Archaeology Group, for which Trustees are very grateful.

The Society initiated a Heritage Lottery Fund grant-aided project entitled *Scotland's Global Heritage: a Sustainable Future for the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*. The grant of £10,000 is to help develop increased Fellowship income from subscriptions, donations and legacies and includes funds towards the redevelopment of the Society website. The project must be completed by the end of October 2014.

The Consulate General of Ireland provided a grant to the Society to support the travel and accommodation of the 2014 Rhind lecturer because, in Pat Bourne, Irish Consul's words, '*I was anxious to grasp and seize that [opportunity to support the Rhind lectures] and support that initiative*'. The Society has since introduced the Consul to archaeologists in both Ireland and Scotland, helping foster closer relations at a political level between the two countries.

Donations and Legacies

The Society received a £10,000 bequest in the year under consideration from the late Raymond Holland. There was also £1,983 gifted in donations from various sources, for which Council Trustees are very grateful.

Council Trustees encourage all Fellows to consider the Society an appropriate charity for their donations, since doing so aids the Society in delivering its charitable objectives to promote the

research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all, actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It can help promote the results of research to the widest possible audience.

Council Trustees 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. If you wish more information on how to give to the Society please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sponsorship

The Society investment managers, Investec, provided sponsorship towards the redevelopment of the website, which is currently underway.

The Society also secured sponsorship from Rubicon Heritage Ltd towards the April 2014 Rhind Lectures by Emeritus Professor John Waddell. Colm Moloney FSA Scot, Managing Director of Rubicon Heritage, said ‘... *we saw this as an opportunity to raise our profile and make a little bit of a statement that we’re here to stay [in Scotland] and want to become involved in archaeology at all levels... we’re very very proud to be involved ...*’. This also allowed access to a matching New Arts Sponsorship Grant from Arts and Business Scotland allowing the professional recording of the lectures.

Council Trustees are aware of the increasing need to encourage ethical sponsorship as a means of ensuring the Society continues to deliver and develop its high-quality services and is extremely grateful to those who have done so this financial year. If you or your organisation would like more information on sponsorship opportunities with the Society please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) Project

The Society will continue to manage and update the ScARF, available at www.scottishheritagehub.com, providing 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.

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. For example, a recent development initiated within the current reporting year, is the provision of an Archaeological Science directory within ScARF that will allow the comprehensive mapping of relevant scientific equipment, skills and services for the archaeological sector, matching need to ability and initiating new collaborations. In addition, members of the Neolithic panel of ScARF have been working to develop a major Neolithic project entitled *Boyne to Brodgar: Making Monuments, Creating Communities*. While a completely voluntary venture, this has been supported by funding from AOC Archaeology Group and Historic Scotland to pay for administration provided by Dr Louisa Campbell on a short-term part-time contract with the Society.

The graphic-rich booklet entitled *Telling Scotland’s Story*, aimed at marketing the vibrancy and innovation of Scottish archaeology as well as making ScARF accessible, was distributed free of charge and has enabled the Society to reach out and involve new audiences, especially schools, while continuing to develop and encourage existing ones. It has since been translated into Gaelic and reprinted once already.

Dig It! 2015

Building on the success of ScARF, Dig It! 2015 will be a year-long celebration of the role of archaeology in today's society and an exploration of what that role might be in the future. With a particular emphasis on the theme of identities: who we are, where we come from, what it means to live in Scotland or be Scottish and why we identify with specific places at different moments in time, Dig It! will explore our understanding of previous generations and what stories of the past tell us, not just about our own identity, but of what we and Scotland might look like in the future. Most importantly, Dig It! will look to celebrate Scotland's past and the identities that created it in a fun and engaging way.

Dig It! 2015 is co-ordinated in partnership with Archaeology Scotland, with regular reporting to the respective Trustees of both organisations. A voluntary Advisory Panel, drawn from the Society and project partners (Historic Scotland, Glasgow Museums, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS), Archaeology Scotland, Museums and Galleries Scotland, NMS, University Museums, Association of Local Government Archaeology Officers (ALGAO): Scotland, University of Glasgow, National Trust for Scotland) helps steer the project. Two Dig It! 2015 staff are employed by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland full-time, and another is seconded from Archaeology Scotland part-time. Management of the project is aided by a small Joint Working Group comprising the directors of both the Society and Archaeology Scotland and Trustees from both organisations.

De-mystifying archaeology and getting more people involved in their past form the two most important aspirations for Dig It! 2015. The impact of this leads to greater appreciation and care of the historic environment, feeds into community well-being and empowerment, and helps fuel regeneration and place-making. Dig It! 2015 will focus on core audiences of Lifelong Learners and the 16–24 age group (as identified in the 2009 Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS) Report and recommendations on strategies for engaging young adults in the historic environment). We are concentrating on grassroots involvement so that people take ownership of their year.

During the reporting period, key objectives have comprised of the development of the programme of events for 2015 to be billed under the Dig It! 2015 banner, liaison with existing project partners, publicising the process in order to get more people involved and encourage new project partners, and further developing and implementing marketing, social media, education and communication strategies. One of the key outcomes of the reporting period has been the development and launch of the Dig It! 2015 website.

SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The Society received 19 individual applications totalling £29,416 which is a decrease of about £22,300 on last year and a decrease from 34 in numbers of applications (55%). However, to keep expenditure in line with income, the Research Committee only had £12,182 to disburse in grants this year, which was only £37 more than 2012–13. The applications were exhaustively whittled down to eight successful projects in February 2014.

Council Trustees are justly proud of the Society 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 recording of antiquarian newsprint articles relating to archaeological graves in Scotland to research

into the Diaspora and Scottish missionaries in Vanuatu. In providing these funds, the Society aims to encourage best practice in the research of Scotland's past.

In March 2014 the Council ratified the following awards:

<i>Applicant name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount granted</i>
Dr Chris Bowles	South-east Scotland Roundhouse Characterisation	£1,500
Dr C Stephen Briggs	Antiquarian Scotland and single graves from newsprint project	£1,431
Mr Murray Cook	Hillforts of Stirling	£250
Mr George Currie	Discovering Scottish Rock Art	£1,000
Dr John Davies	Cawdor archive research 16th–20th Centuries	£930
Dr Iain Fraser	The Tomb of Robert the Bruce	£2,000
Ms Eve Haddow	Missionary diasporas: the material legacy of Scottish missionaries in Vanuatu	£2,000
Mr Peter Yeoman	Oldest image of St Columba	£420
		<i>Total</i> £9,531

Council Trustees welcome donations to the Society of any size, and these can be designated for use in providing funds for the grants scheme, thereby helping to increase the amounts the Research Committee can disburse.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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

Monday, 14 October 2013 Edinburgh
Wednesday, 16 October 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR CHRISTOPHER BURGESS, Archaeological Manager Flodden 1513 Project
Strategic Decisions at Flodden ... or James was Robbed

Monday, 11 November 2013 Edinburgh
Tuesday, 12 November 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

MR PETER YEOMAN, BA CertArch FSA FSA Scot MIfA, Historic Scotland
New Understandings of Iona

Saturday, 30 November 2013 Edinburgh

Anniversary Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

Concluding with a short talk by Kathleen Jamie, writer
The Woman in the Field – Writing and Archaeology

Monday, 9 December 2013 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 10 December 2013 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

MRS BEVERLEY BALLIN SMITH, BEd MA FSA FSA Scot MIFA

Research in the machair: 5,000 years of settlement at the Udal, North Uist

Monday, 13 January 2014 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 14 January 2014 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

MISS CLAIRE GILMOUR, MA(Hons) MLitt, University of Glasgow, Chair of Egyptology Scotland

A Scottish Antiquary in Egypt: the Life and Legacy of Alexander Henry Rhind (1833–1863)

Monday, 27 January 2014 Edinburgh

ROGER BLAND, Keeper of Portable Antiquities and Treasure, British Museum

Portable Antiquaries Scheme: Experience from South of the Border

Joint with National Museums Scotland

Monday, 3 February 2014 Aberdeen

Tuesday, 4 February 2014 Edinburgh

Lecture Meeting

PROFESSOR BORIS RANKOV, Department of Classics, Royal Holloway, University of London

The Greek trireme: an Ancient Warship and its Reconstruction

Monday, 10 March 2014 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 11 March 2014 Aberdeen

Wednesday, 12 March 2014 Stornoway

Lecture Meeting

DR DONAL WILLIAM STEWART, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, University of the Highlands and Islands

Martin Martin: early modern Hebridean traveller and author

Joint with the Stornoway Historical Society

Monday, 14 April 2014 Edinburgh

Tuesday, 15 April 2014 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR RACHEL POPE, FSA FSA Scot, School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology, University of Liverpool

Prehistoric roundhouses of northern Britain: Origins and development

Joint with the Prehistoric Society

The Rhind Lectures

Friday, 25 April to Sunday, 27 April 2014 Edinburgh

EMERITUS PROFESSOR JOHN WADDELL, National University Ireland – Galway

Archaeology and Celtic Myth – an exploration

National Conference

Saturday, 31 May 2014 Dundee

Archaeological Research in Progress

In collaboration with Archaeology Scotland

Evening lectures at Ordinary Meetings are free to all and open to the public, and were 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 2013–14 saw seven ordinary lecture meetings, the annual joint lecture with the NMS, featuring an issue the Society has had close associations with, presenting an interesting contrast to how the Law of Treasure Trove is managed in Scotland. The Anniversary Meeting saw the award of the first Murray Prize for History and the triennial Dorothy Marshall Medal (see below) and featured a well-received talk by the writer Kathleen Jamie.

Council Trustees are pleased to report that almost all the lectures were recorded and placed free to view online, building a fantastic free online resource from the Society. As part of the widening of lecture locations outwith Edinburgh, Dr Stewart’s lecture was held in Stornoway jointly with the Stornoway Historical Society. We continued our biennial collaboration with the Prehistoric Society with a lecture by Dr Pope, which examined prehistoric roundhouses in northern Britain.

The Rhind Lectures by Emeritus Professor John Waddell were recorded professionally thanks to a New Arts Sponsorship Grant from Arts and Business Scotland that matched sponsorship from Rubicon Heritage Ltd. These lectures carefully and coherently explored the archaeological, linguistic, ethnological and historical sectors and incorporated evidence from Ireland, Scotland and continental Europe to present a cogent modern-day assessment of the concept of a ‘window on the Iron Age’. 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; these particular lectures provided the impetus for a new book by Professor Waddell, which was printed just in time for the lectures themselves.

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

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

Council Trustees are very grateful to lecturers for their time and energy. The Aberdeen and North-East 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 142 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in November 2013, 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 2014:

SAIR 54 *Excavation of Post-Built Roundhouses and a Circular Ditched Enclosure at Kiltaraglen, Portree, Isle of Skye, 2006–07*
by IAN SUDDABY, FSA Scot

SAIR 55 *Marlin's Wynd: new archaeological and documentary research on Post-medieval settlement below the Tron Kirk, Edinburgh*
by MARTIN COOK, FSA Scot, MORAG CROSS, FSA Scot and JOHN A LAWSON, FSA Scot

SAIR 56 *Excavations in the Canongate Backlands, Edinburgh*
by JOHN GOODER, FSA Scot

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 linked to Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) to ensure the accessibility of SAIR in the future. 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'.

The Society has published three books in the year ending 31 May 2014 and work continues on several further volumes.

Making for America

edited by VANESSA HABIB, FSA Scot, JIM GRAY, FSA Scot and SHEILA FORBES, FSA Scot
ISBN 978 1 908332 03 5

Painting the Town

by E PATRICIA DENNISON, FSA Scot, STUART EYDMANN, FSA Scot, ANNIE LYELL, FSA Scot, MICHAEL LYNCH, FSA Scot and SIMON STRONACH
ISBN 978 1 908332 04 2

An Inherited Place: Broxmouth hillfort and the south-east Scottish Iron Age

by IAN ARMIT, FSA Scot and JO MCKENZIE, FSA Scot
ISBN 978 1 908332 05 9

All *Proceedings* volumes are now available online through the ADS for Fellows with a three-year rolling wall for other users. The Publications Committee also agreed to initiate a project to scan and

present free to view on-line the Society out-of-print books. Council Trustees are grateful to Historic Scotland for funding this project.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

As the premier 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 the Society 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 which 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. During the reporting year BEFS asked the Director to convene a Historic Environment Scotland Bill Taskforce to examine the proposed legislation to merge the RCAHMS and Historic Scotland.

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 responded to consultations on *Designation of Historic Wrecks under the Marine (Scotland) 2010 Act* from Historic Scotland, *Scotland's Historic Environment Data (SHED) Strategy* from the Sites and Monuments Records (SMR) Forum and RCAHMS, the *Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) 2014–2020 Stage 1, Scottish Planning Policy* and the *Joint consultation on the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland and the merger of Historic Scotland and RCAHMS*, all from Scottish Government, and the *Review Of: 'Treasure Trove In Scotland, A Code Of Practice'* by The Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer. The Society also responded to a call for evidence in England with regard to *The future of Local Government Archaeology Services* by The Archaeology Forum as part of a review by Ed Vaizey MP, and was subsequently invited to present oral evidence in London to John Howell MP and Lord Redesdale on the same topic, but was unable to send a representative.

The Society contributed to meetings on the development of the *Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland* and the proposed merger of the RCAHMS and Historic Scotland. The Society presented written evidence to the Education and Culture Committee in the Scottish Parliament with regard to the latter and the Director, as a representative of BEFS, presented oral evidence to the same Committee on the same topic.

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 the Heritage Audit advisory group. 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 RBK Stevenson Award

No award was made this year.

The Dorothy Marshall Medal

The medal commemorates Miss Dorothy Marshall who in her own long lifetime contributed so much to Scottish archaeology, especially in the area of her beloved Island of Bute, and marks the Society's gratitude for her bequest to the Society following her death in 1992. Awarded triennially it is given to an individual who, in a voluntary capacity, has made an outstanding contribution to Scottish archaeological or related work.

At the Anniversary Meeting, the President, on behalf of the Council Trustees and the Fellows, presented Mrs Jean Comrie with the Dorothy Marshall Medal for her contributions over many years to the archaeology of Scotland. She has given her time, energy, enthusiasm and devotion to many projects, working with Dorothy Marshall herself at Crosskirk Broch.

She became an exemplary excavator, and many young students will have learned their basic digging skills working alongside her. But her role in charge of finds and samples on major field projects was pivotal; she was not only a meticulous recorder, but she was always fully aware of the importance of contextual evidence.

Jean was brought up on a family farm in Fowlis Wester, Perthshire, where she stayed until the late 1960s, when she was free of her family responsibilities. She began her active involvement in archaeology under the aegis of Dr Margaret Stewart, whom she assisted in numerous small excavations and surveys. From about 1970 she spent much of her time and most summers excavating in Scotland (and abroad). Having gained considerable experience in excavation, she began to concentrate on the on-site processing of finds, notably at the 18-month-long Broxmouth hillfort project, Essenbach in Germany, and then Peter Hill's excavations at Whithorn. She was also an ardent conference-goer, regularly attending meetings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (of which she has been a Fellow since 1970, nominated by Margaret Stewart), the Society of Northern Studies, and the Archaeology Scotland Summer School.

Murray Prize for History

Council Trustees were delighted to announce at the Anniversary Meeting the first winner of the new biennial Murray Prize for History, funded through a generous donation from Society Fellow Dr Peter Murray in memory of his late wife, Anne. This provides a £200 cash prize and a specially commissioned 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 AD 1700), set within a British and/or European context. History is defined as encompassing all branches, including art history, but excludes archaeology for which there is already Society provision. The prize is also aimed at securing more history submissions for the *Proceedings* and has succeeded in procuring several papers – in addition to the winner – that may be printed in following volumes.

Laura Paterson, from Strathclyde University, was presented with the first award by the President on behalf of Council Trustees and Fellows of the Society for her paper on '*The Witches' Sabbath in Scotland*' which was published in volume 142 of the *Proceedings*.

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's income derives from membership subscriptions.

Investments policy

During the 2013–14 financial year, the Society's investment objective was to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. Council Trustees continued the current strategy to increase income while maintaining capital growth and a proportion of investments in Government bonds compared with shares. Council Trustees consider they have sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of investments.

The Society successfully applied 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 Designated Fund can now be dispersed as required and agreed by Council Trustees.

Those investments considered restricted in purpose, notably to the funding of research, have been split into a Designated Fund separate from the unrestricted General Fund. This allows for the development of different strategies for each in future, and a more transparent indication of the funds available. Council Trustees also encourage Fellows and others to help us increase these designated funds further by donations of any size: please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Risk management

The Society has drawn up a risk register to consider the major risks to which the Society is exposed. This is reviewed by individual Committees and by Council Trustees at least annually in advance of the Trustees Report, 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 2014 sit at approximately 18 months running costs and Council Trustees believe this is sufficient to meet the current activities of the Society.

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR FELLOWS
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO 31 MAY 2014

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Total 2014 £</i>	<i>Total 2013 £</i>
Income					
Subscriptions	156,027	–	–	156,027	159,158
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Scheme	17,429	–	–	17,429	27,066
Donations	12,983	–	–	12,983	9,986
Income from Listed Investments	30,444	518	–	30,962	29,906
Bank Interest Received	3	1	–	4	454
Book Grant Income	57,191	–	–	57,191	17,290
Book Sales	21,934	–	–	21,934	19,612
PSAS Grant Income	6,501	–	–	6,501	13,375
PSAS Income	1,273	–	–	1,273	2,554
Income from SAIR	5,975	–	–	5,975	4,305
Income from Newsletter	–	–	–	–	350
Income from Lectures and Conferences	5,367	–	–	5,367	24,426
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant	–	10,000	–	10,000	0
Fellowship Post Funding	13,447	–	–	13,447	0
Income from ScARF	–	2,980	–	2,980	69,695
Dig It 2015	–	66,053	–	66,053	5,946
Neolithic Project	–	7,460	–	7,460	1,540
Total Income	328,574	87,012	–	415,586	385,663
Expenditure					
Grants, awards and donations	8,381	733	–	9,114	13,195
Newsletter	6,298	–	–	6,298	7,992
Lecture Programme	13,567	2,371	–	15,938	21,735
Conferences	301	–	–	301	15,354
Proceedings	39,996	–	–	39,996	32,482
Monograph	66,750	–	–	66,750	40,085
SAIR	3,266	–	–	3,266	5,549
ScARF	–	507	–	507	26,381
Dig It 2015	–	33,862	–	33,862	571
Neolithic	–	426	–	426	–
Heritage Lottery Fund Expenditure	–	1,200	–	1,200	–
Salaries and Fees	137,088	42,610	–	179,698	167,330
Pensions Payments	13,253	3,939	–	17,192	14,334
Printing, Stationery, Post and Telephone	8,824	–	–	8,824	8,374
Office Equipment, Maintenance and Insurance	10,872	–	–	10,872	8,843
Miscellaneous	5,322	–	–	5,322	5,313
Investment Management Costs	2,909	51	–	2,960	2,837
Bank Charges	1,617	–	–	1,617	1,517
Depreciation	3,410	–	–	3,410	4,782
Bad Debt Written Off	8,283	–	–	8,283	5,632
Independent Examination Fee	4,498	–	–	4,498	3,900
Council and Committee Expenses	1,700	–	–	1,700	1,366
Total Expenditure	336,335	85,699	–	422,034	387,572
Surplus for year	(7,761)	1,313	–	(6,448)	(1,909)
Transfer from unrestricted to restricted	345,591	(8,032)	(337,559)	–	–
Realised losses on investments	(6,783)	–	–	(6,783)	233
Unrealised gains on investments	15,603	–	–	15,603	113,349
Net Movement	346,650	(6,719)	(337,559)	2,372	111,673
Balances brought forward	568,978	27,209	337,559	933,746	822,073
	915,628	20,490	–	936,118	933,746

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2014

	2014 £	2014 £	2013 £
Fixed Assets		9,018	11,093
Investments		869,846	864,216
		878,864	875,309
Debtors	72,749		53,191
Cash at Bank	68,832		84,127
	141,581		137,318
<i>Less</i>			
Current Liabilities due within one year	(84,327)		(78,881)
		57,254	58,437
		936,118	933,746
Endowment Fund			337,559
Restricted Funds		20,490	27,209
Unrestricted Funds			
– General		546,841	557,334
– Designated		368,787	11,644
		936,118	933,746

The figures above have been extracted from the audited accounts for the year to 31 May 2014, which carried an unqualified Independent Examination, and which were approved by Council on 6 October 2014.

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 6 October 2014.

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 2014.

HENDERSON LOGGIE
Edinburgh
6 October 2014

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, Council Trustees began a process of reviewing the governance arrangements of the Society and recognised that further work was required to ensure they are fit-for-purpose in the modern charitable world. This work will be progressed over the coming year and reported to Fellows through the website, *Newsletter* and Anniversary Meeting.

FELLOWS

Council Trustees recognise that Fellows are the lifeblood of the Society and expect that having a Fellowship and Development Officer will not only help develop the current Fellowship and increase their support for and interaction with the Society objectives, but will also increase Fellowship numbers to ensure the Society has a sustainable independent resource and skills base.

OBJECTIVES

As part of the governance review, it has been agreed that Council Trustees will set in motion a consultation exercise next year to update the Society strategy. This exercise will include Fellows in the development of a new strategy to ensure the Society moves from strength to strength.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council Trustees will explore the means to continue to support and develop the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) and welcome its recognition in major policy developments such as the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland and the developing Archaeology Strategy for Scotland, as well as its use in many other circumstances across the sector. 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.

Dig It! 2015 will launch and successfully deliver its full programme in 2015, ensuring as many people get involved as possible, with appropriate promotion and publicity, PR and marketing. It will also actively develop its legacy strategy and a framework for impact assessment.

SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

Research grants are recognised as a crucial service provided by the Society and Council Trustees will continue to consider grant applications recognising the increased freedom for their distribution allowed by OSCR. In this regard, the Council Trustees have agreed to review the process and remit of the Research Committee in the forthcoming year. In the meantime, the deadline for applications remains the Anniversary Meeting (30 November) and the current application forms should continue to be used.

Council Trustees encourage Fellows and non-Fellows alike to consider donating to the Designated Fund to help increase the level of grants that the Society can offer.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The lecture programme for 2014–15 was decided by the end of June 2014. The Rhind Lectures for 2015 will engage with the Dig It! 2015 project and will be of a slightly different format to previous lectures, based on a book by Alexander Rhind on *British Archaeology: its progress and demands*

published in 1858. The 2016 Rhind Lectures will be presented by Professor Roey Sweet, OBE BA PhD FRSE FSA FSA Scot on a topic to be decided relevant to that Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design; and Professor Roberta Gilchrist, FSA FBA has agreed to present the 2017 Rhind Lectures as part of the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. It is the turn of the Society to organise and host the *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference on Saturday, 31 May 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

The annual publication of the *Proceedings* is central to the Society, and work is already nearing completion on volume 143 to be published in November 2014. Intending contributors please note that there is a deadline of 1 November for papers to be submitted for the following *Proceedings*. Council Trustees encourage Fellows to help reduce costs to the Society by opting for the digital version, made freely available to Fellows through the Archaeology Data Service. Usernames and passwords to access this resource will be delivered by email and can be found in the *Newsletter*. 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.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

The forthcoming year will see the completion of the passage of the Bill to create Historic Environment Scotland as a non-departmental public body through the merger of Historic Scotland and RCAHMS. Council Trustees will ensure that the Society is closely involved in monitoring the progress of the Bill, and the development of the new organisation, to ensure that it delivers the best outcomes possible for the historic environment in Scotland. During the coming year there will be a need to recruit a new Board and Chief Executive for the new organisation and Council Trustees urge Fellows with the relevant skills and experience to consider applying for what will be a very important role.

In addition to the merger, the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland will develop its governance framework including a Strategic Historic Environment Forum chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, and an Operational Group to help ensure delivery of the goals in the Strategy. In addition, there are already several workstreams to take forward key issues identified by stakeholders. The Society will ensure that it takes a close interest in these developments, consistently expecting transparency and collaboration across the sector.

FINANCE

A very full and stimulating programme of activities is already in place for next year. Council Trustees are mindful, however, of the continued difficult circumstances in which all charitable organisations are working, and will need to re-examine the subscription rates to ensure they remain in line with inflationary expenditure since this is the Society's main source of income. Council Trustees continue to be very grateful for the continued support of the Fellows, and urge them to encourage others to stand for election to Fellowship.

In addition, support for the Society to continue to encourage new and stimulating research and promote the results of that research to anyone interested in Scotland's past by donating or considering leaving a legacy to the Society would be most welcome. Please contact the office for more details.

ALAN SAVILLE, BA(Hons) FSA MifA

President

6 October 2014

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 Saturday, 30 November 2013, in the Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street, Edinburgh, 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 Treasurer and Director and were approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers. The awards of the Murray Prize for History and the Dorothy Marshall Medal were 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 2014) highlighted with an asterisk.

KYLE GLENN ARMSTRONG, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
 MICHAEL BALTER, Paris, France
 JAMIE BARNES, MA(Hons), Biggar, UK
 ALAN BLACKSTONE, FRSA ACMI, Warrington, UK
 JEREMY B BLEVINS, Madison, Alabama, USA
 ADAM ROBERT BRUCE, WS FRSA, Edinburgh, UK
 LINDSAY BÜSTER, PhD MA BSc PifA, Halifax, UK
 ALEXANDER JAMES CALLANDER, Edinburgh UK
 ANNA MARY CAMPBELL, BEd DL, Castle Douglas, UK
 NANCY E CAMPBELL, Wayne, PA, USA
 CLAUS CARTELLIERI, DPhil, Dobbertin, Germany
 DAVID SMYTH CLULOW, Edinburgh, UK
 KAREN ANN CLULOW, BA MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
 GLEN ALLEN CUMMINGS, Rowlett, Texas, USA
 JULIA E M CUSSANS, PhD, Eye, Suffolk, UK
 JILLIAN LUCY DE FRESNES, PhD, Edinburgh, UK*
 THOMAS MARTIN DEVINE, OBE FRSE HonMRIA FBA, Hamilton, UK
 PATRICIA ELIZABETH DISHON, BA(Hons) DipSTGA, Edinburgh, UK
 RANALD McDONALD DODS, BSc MSc MURP MRTPI, Innerleithen, UK
 CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS, MA PifA, Edinburgh, UK
 GAIL MARY DRINKALL, BA(Hons), Bishop Auckland, UK
 JOSS ALEXANDER DURNAN, BSc, Kilwinning, UK
 EDWARD DUVALL, FRCPath FHEA, Edinburgh, UK
 LINDA FIBIGER, DPhil MSc BA, Edinburgh, UK*
 CHRIS G A FLETCHER, CA, Edinburgh, UK
 JANE URQUHART FLINT, MA(Hons) PGDip, Kirknewton, UK
 JULIA LYNN GOLDSWORTH, BD, Irvine, California, USA
 HELEN GREEN, MA(Hons) MSc, Glasgow, UK

ROGER SINCLAIR LLOYD GRIFFITH, BSc Dip.EDTECH CI BIOL Cert Ed, Stewarton, UK
KARIN E HAHN, Aberdeen, UK*
IAN PAUL HAYNES, FSA, Newcastle, UK
DONNA CHRISTINA HEDDLE, PhD FHEA, Kirkwall, Orkney, UK
JOHN GRIFFIN HELY, KC-SKT-SMOTJ, Glasgow, UK
PETER JOHN HINTON, BA MifA FSA FRSA FIAM, Reading, UK
JAMIE HUMBLE, MA, Edinburgh, UK
ALEXANDER MCARTHUR IRVIN, MLitt FCLEL, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
ANDREW JENNINGS, PhD FRHS, Scalloway, Shetland, UK
ANNE-MARIE KILDAY, PhD FRHists FHEA, Oxford, UK
KELLY AUSTIN KILPATRICK, PhD, Oxford, UK
ERIC GLEZEN KING, Tallahassee, Florida, USA
DEBORAH ELIZABETH STEWART LAMB, MA(Cantab) PhD FCA, Scalloway, Shetland, UK
DANIEL MACLEAN, MA, Glasgow, UK
FENELLA MARY MACLEAN, MA(Hons) FCSI, Edinburgh, UK
IAN SCOTT MARTIN, MA(Hons), Canonbie, UK
PATRICIA JOAN McCLEAN, BS, Beaverton, Oregon, USA
EILISH McDOWELL, BA, Edinburgh, UK*
ORLENE McILFATRICK, PhD MSc, Edinburgh, UK
DAVID MITCHELL, PhD IHBC ICME, Stirling, UK
RAEHEL MONTEITH, MA(Hons), Maryburgh, Ross-shire, UK
ELSPETH MARY MORRISON, MA(Hons) MSc, Edinburgh, UK
ROSALIND JEAN MARY NEWLANDS, OBE BSc, Edinburgh, UK
ZOE OUTRAM, BSc(Hons) PhD, Bradford, UK
IAIN THOMAS MACQUARRIE PARNELL, MA(Hons), Dunfermline, UK
WILLIS PICKARD, Hon LLD Hon D.Ed, Edinburgh, UK
OISÍN KINGSLEY PAUL PLUMB, Edinburgh, UK
KATHERINE BRIDGET PRETTY, MA PhD CBE FSA FRSA, Strathmiglo, Fife, UK
BERNARD REGINALD PUMFREY, MA DIPCS FRSA LCGI, Stratford-Upon-Avon
LEWIS WILLIAM ROBERT RATTRAY, Glenalmond, Perth, UK
SARAH E N RYAN-FROST, MIATM, Edinburgh, UK
SARAH SCOTT, MLSS, Edinburgh, UK
EDWARD SHARRATT, Newstead, Melrose, UK
ROBERT JOHN SHIPP JR, BS MA, Mechanicsville, VA, USA
DUNCAN STEWART SNEDDON, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
JOHN CHRISTOPHER SPURR, Ballygowan, Co Down, Northern Ireland
ROBERT CAMPBELL ST JOHN JR, Valrico, Florida, USA
JOHN ROBERT STRUTHERS, ASFA, South Croydon, Surrey, UK
PAUL TAYLOR, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, UK
SUZIE THOMAS, PhD MifA, Glasgow, UK
WILLIAM MARK THOMPSON, Ballyhalbert, County Down, Northern Ireland
GORDON ROSS URQUHART, BA MSc IHBC, Glasgow, UK
MARK WARD, AEA IEMA, Llangollen, Wrexham, UK
JAMES WATSON, Edinburgh, UK
JULIAN THOMAS WATSON, BSc, Banff, UK
IRENE WATT, PhD, Aberdeen, UK

STEVEN JOHN WATT, MA(Hons), Glasgow, UK
 DAVID WEEKES, MA(Cantab) MTh PGCE, Kilmany, Fife, UK
 BENJAMIN WILKIE, DPhil BA(Hons), Hamilton, Victoria, Australia*
 CHRISTINE BUCHAN YUILL, MA MRPharmS, Edinburgh, UK

THE ROLL

The deaths of Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2013–14. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

RICHARD AMBLER, Edinburgh, UK	1985
NORMA APPLIN, Burnsville, MN, USA	1994
ALAN B ARMSTRONG, Dalkeith, UK	1991
GEOFFREY W S BARROW, Edinburgh, UK	1964
K N BERNARD, Helensburgh, UK	1964
ROBERT R BEST, Glasgow, UK	2003
DAVID A BRITTAIN, Edinburgh, UK	1981
ARTHUR F BRYCE, Scone, Perth, UK	1977
JIM BUCHAN, Aberdeen, UK	1961
ALEXANDER CAMERON, Edinburgh, UK	1982
LOUIS CAMPBELL-SCHULTZ, Bonney Loch, WA, USA	2005
IAIN F W K DAVIDSON, Aberdeen, UK	1994
WILLIAM C DIXON III, Clayton, NY, USA	1975
LOIS E DUNN, Elysian Fields, TX, USA	1997
KEITH FERGUSON, Glenrothes, Fife	1996
JOSEPH D HENDRY, Brampton, Cumbria, UK	1974
GORDON HOLROYD, Maryburgh, UK	1966
GABRIEL JERDAN, Glasgow, UK	1992
IAN R LILBURN, London, UK	1949
IAN MACDONALD, Lochgilphead, Argyll, UK	1989
EWAN MACLEAN, Edinburgh, UK	2005
JAMES G MACLEAN, La Quinta, CA, USA	1994
KENNETH WILLIAM MASON, Lake, Isle of Wight, UK	1977
HOWARD McCORD, California, USA	1999
CHARLES A McKEAN, Edinburgh, UK	1983
STEWART MILLS, Galston, Ayrshire, UK	2011
EDWARD PETERSON, Perth, UK	1993
ROBERT W K REID, Stirling, UK	1967
EWIN FLETT SCOTT, Finstown, Orkney, UK	1990
MICHAEL BARUCH SHARP, Brighton, UK	1988
PETER SHARRATT, Edinburgh, UK	1998
JOHN D G TROUP, Glasgow, UK	1994
K T URQUHART OF URQUHART, Jefferson, LA, USA	1980
JOHN S WACHER, Hayle, Cornwall, UK	1967
DAVID M WALKER, Glasgow, UK	1966
MARGARET NOREEN WESTON, Chirnside, UK	1972
JOYCE A WHITE, Williamsburg, VA, USA	2008

HENRY J WILKIE, Falkirk, UK	1997
DAVID C WINFIELD, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, UK	1991

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

Beverley Ballin Smith BEd MA FSA FSA Scot MifA gained university degrees from Warwick University and the London University's Institute of Archaeology, and moved to Orkney where she worked as an archaeologist for 13 years. This was followed by a seven-year period in Denmark and Norway, with archaeological work there and in Sweden. She has, over the last 14 years, been actively involved in Scottish commercial archaeology (formerly as post-excavation manager with GUARD, University of Glasgow), with research (with St Andrews and Stirling University on the Papa Project, and on her own Viking pottery project), and with community archaeology (the partial reconstruction of a Norse building on the island of Papa Stour, Shetland with Barbara Crawford; the Norwegian Crafts Development and the Papa Stour History Group), and has an advisory role with the Applecross Broch team and with SPEAR in South Ronaldsay, Orkney. She has lectured and published widely on archaeological sites and artefacts. She is a member of the IfA Council and Executive, being the Honorary Chair for Groups and Membership, and sits on the Validation Committee. In addition to this, she continues to teach short courses in History and Archaeology, and Historical Geography at the Scottish Agricultural College. Beverley is currently undertaking a detailed assessment of the extensive Udal archives from sites dug by Iain Crawford on North Uist from 1963–94, which will hopefully lead to eventual publication of the project.

Treasurer

Stephen Carter BSc PhD FSA Scot MifA 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, focusing 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

Bruce Mann MA FSA Scot MifA is the Regional Archaeologist for Aberdeenshire, Moray and Angus Councils, based at Aberdeenshire Council's Headquarters in Aberdeen. Having graduated from Edinburgh University, he worked as a freelance field archaeologist on sites ranging from Hadrian's Wall to the Western Isles, and further afield on various sites, including the World Heritage Site of Samaipata, in Bolivia, and in Panama and Brazil. Since 2002 he has been employed as an archaeologist by Aberdeenshire Council, where his remit is to protect, manage and promote the historic environment of NE Scotland. Beyond the core role of managing archaeology in the development management

process, he has been heavily involved in various policy and strategy developments, including the recent Scotland's Historic Environment Data Strategy and implementation of a Regional Research Framework for NE Scotland. He has also served as Chair of the Sites and Monuments Record Forum, Vice-Chair of the Association of Local Authority Archaeological Officers Scotland, member of the Aberdeen and North-East Section Committee, and member of the Scientific Exploration Society Scientific Advisory Panel.

Luke Wormald BA(Hons) MSc FSA Scot is currently Head of Strategy within the newly formed Historic Environment Policy Unit of the Scottish Government. He leads on the development and implementation of an overarching strategy for Scotland's historic environment, working closely with the broad range of bodies and individuals with a role or interests in this hugely valuable asset for Scotland. Prior to that, he worked at Historic Scotland from 2005, beginning as a steward at Craigmillar Castle. He then worked in the Inspectorate dealing with listed buildings, both designation and consent casework, before moving to provide strategic support to the then Chief Inspector and Chief Executive. Previously he has also worked for a conservation amenity body and architect's firm. He holds a degree in History from the University of York and a Masters in Science in Architectural Conservation from Edinburgh College of Art. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, as well as being a long-standing member of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and a former Honorary Treasurer and member of their Scottish Committee. His interests include photography, travel and reading.

Ewen D Smith MA MLitt FSA Scot became a Fellow of the Society in 1987, while studying for the University of Glasgow's three-year Certificate in Field Archaeology. His interest in archaeology, however, pre-dates that time by many years: as a keen hill-walker, he was already intrigued by the signs of human impact on the landscape, while a spell of living in Mexico had guaranteed a life-long interest in the archaeology of Latin America. He graduated as a mature student with a joint Honours degree in History and Hispanic Studies, before gaining employment in the University of Glasgow, first in Adult Education, then in Staff Development, before finding his way to the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery. There he remained for the rest of his career, retiring early from the post of Director in 2010. During this period of his employment, he was elected to the Board of Museums Galleries Scotland, and was invited to join the Scottish Government's 'Think Tank' recommending actions to secure the future of Scottish Museums. More recently, his engagement with both archaeology and collections has, if anything, increased. In respect of the former, he has been actively involved as a volunteer in both excavation and fieldwork throughout Scotland, and is currently a Trustee (and Honorary Treasurer) of the Association of Certificated Field Archaeologists. In respect of the museum world, he is a member of the MGS Committee, which examines applications for Recognised status as a Collection of National Significance. He brings to the Council the perspectives of an enthusiastic, trained, amateur volunteer, augmenting a background in industry, finance and education.

Jane Ryder OBE MA FSA Scot graduated from St Andrews with an MA in medieval history, and qualified as a solicitor in England and then in Scotland. For 12 years she was a partner in a specialist maritime practice in Edinburgh, while maintaining her academic interests. From 1995 to 2003 she was the Chief Executive of the Scottish Museums Council, now Museum Galleries Scotland, also serving on the Board of the Museum and Galleries Commission and as Trustee of a number of charities, including the Scottish Refugee Council and Stevenson College. In 2003 she was seconded by the Scottish Government to set up the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), developing the

new regulatory regime and serving as the first Chief Executive until late 2011. As a consultant since early 2012, she has undertaken a series of governance and strategic reviews for public bodies and not-for-profit organisations, including Glasgow Life, while her Non Executive Directorships include appointments to the Board of the Marine Management Organisation in England, and as Deputy Chair of the UK-wide Seafish Industry Authority. She is the Chair of Arts & Business Scotland and in 2012 she was awarded the OBE for services to charity and the arts. She has been a Fellow of the Society since 1994.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Alan Saville then delivered his Presidential Address as follows:

Fellows

This counts, I think, as my mid-term Presidential Address, and in keeping with that thought, I hope to perform the mid-term function of reassuring you that all is well with the Society. That is not hard to do, since, as you have already heard from our Director, we go from strength to strength in our operations on most if not absolutely all fronts, of which more later.

I can start by reminding you of the meetings held since we met on St Andrew's Day last year. In our lecture programme, we heard before Christmas from Professor Clare Willsdon on the splendid William Hole murals in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. I was unable to Preside at that meeting in Edinburgh, which was ably chaired by one of our Vice-Presidents, Twin Watkins, but I was fortunate to be able to attend Professor Willsdon's presentation in Aberdeen on the following day and I am grateful to Fellows in our North-East Section for their very hospitable welcome.

The New Year started with two meetings in January. Firstly we heard from our Fellow Dr Tanja Romankiewicz on the ever-popular and intriguing subject of brochs; then our recent Vice-President George Dalgleish gave his presentation on Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford – 'Conundrum Castle'. This was the joint meeting with members of National Museums Scotland, and was timely and very appropriate in a number of ways. It gave us our first opportunity as a Society to see George performing in his new capacity as the Keeper of Scottish History and Archaeology at NMS, and it provided a perfect taster for our excursion to Abbotsford later in the year.

In February we had a most entertaining lecture from our distinguished Fellow Professor Charles McKean on the methods and potential in Scotland of architectural analysis in studying major rural houses and castles – châteaux as Charles would call them. Charles was on excellent form, both at the lecture and over dinner afterwards, and it came as a huge shock later in the year when we learnt of his illness and then his subsequent death in September. Many tributes have been paid to Charles who, in many ways, epitomised a modern-day antiquary. Amongst the legacy of his many important books and papers, as our Fellow Ronnie Cramond pointed out in a letter to *The Scotsman*, was his volume on *The Making of the Museum of Scotland*, a wry and insightful work surely only Charles could have written.

In March it was the turn of our Fellow Nick Card to bring us up to date on what is turning out to be one of *the* great sites of prehistoric Europe, the Ness of Brodgar in the heart of Neolithic Orkney. We are particularly grateful to Nick for giving his lecture, not only in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, but also in Dumfries which was the venue for our joint lecture this year, in association with the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society. Illness prevented my intended attendance in Dumfries, but I have learnt that the event was a great success and

it confirms us in our commitment to organizing a joint event outwith Edinburgh in our annual programme.

Our biennial event in association with the Scottish History Society came in April, when Professor Roger Mason took us back to 17th-century debates on Britain and Scotland, a topic of obvious resonance in current circumstances. In May, our Fellow Mark Hall spoke on his detailed researches into the early history of games and gaming in Scotland, and in June we hosted our Lindsay-Fischer lecture, when Dr Kristin Aavitsland spoke on the medieval heritage in 20th-century Norway – a revealing look at a struggle between national and international viewpoints. This lecture was also presented in Aberdeen and in Kirkwall, for which we thank the Strathmartine Trust for its generous support.

Thus far in this session's programme we have heard in October from Dr Chris Burgess on a more archaeological perspective of the early 16th-century tragedy that was Flodden; and from our Fellow Peter Yeoman in November, summarising the current state of knowledge about Iona, now that Historic Scotland has completed its latest programme of research and redisplay at this iconic location.

But the lecture programme culminated, as it does each year, with the Society's prestigious Rhind Lectures, given this year by our Fellow Professor Richard Fawcett on the architecture of the late medieval church in Scotland. This was a *tour-de-force*, erudite but accessible, by the doyen of the subject, and will be remembered well by the large audience maintained throughout the six talks.

Back in May it was the Society's turn to organise and host the annual and popular 'Archaeological Research in Progress' conference with its usual rich miscellany of talks, covering subjects this year from the Mesolithic to the 20th century.

2013 was also the year in which we staged another in our series of chronological surveys with our international conference on 'Scotland in Early Medieval Europe'. This was a sell-out event, much to the frustration of some Fellows – to whom I apologise for any disappointment in being banished to the overflow room – which evidenced the large degree of public and academic interest in this key period for the emergence of modern Scotland. We now have to decide whether we should continue this series of conferences into the late medieval and early modern periods – we will be taking soundings on this.

The summer excursion this year, to which I have already alluded, was to the newly reopened and refurbished Sir Walter Scott residence at Abbotsford. Despite the indifferent weather of a Scottish summer weekend, our party enjoyed the opportunity to renew acquaintance, under expert guidance, with this extraordinary edifice and its contents, as well as appreciating the displays in the fine new visitor centre.

So much for our collective doings, what of wider matters? In my address last year I previewed the position of Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, which we now know are to be merged very shortly and we await developments in a mixture of fingers-crossed anxiety and eager anticipation. This year has seen the consultation not just on that merger, but on a Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland, on the revision of the Scottish Treasure Trove Code of Practice, on Scottish Planning Policy, on aspects of rural and maritime development, and on numerous other peripheral topics which will nevertheless have some impact on matters within our purview. As the main independent advocate on behalf of Scotland's past, we seek to take advantage of the expert knowledge available within our Fellowship to offer, whenever and wherever possible,

informed, considered, evidence-based, and we believe helpful, advice through the consultation process. As I said last year and am happy to repeat, it is a contribution your Society is uniquely able to make, but ultimately we rely on the wisdom and judgement of those in power to make the best use of our advice.

At the beginning of this address I hinted that perhaps not all in the Society's garden at the moment was rosy. You have already heard from our Director about concerns over research funding, and I want to add my comments to this. At a time when research in our field is ever more complex and expensive, the means to undertake it are becoming more restricted, and our Society is failing to meet all but a fraction of the requests made to it for grant aid. I myself have received research funding from the Society in the past, and am very aware of its merit, not just in terms of the financial value of the grant, but over and above that in providing validation for worthwhile research. Our Society needs to be more proactive and innovative about sponsoring research and I can report that your Trustees have asked the Research Committee to undertake a root-and-branch review of how our research grants are resourced, considered and committed.

A final area of concern to mention is that of the Society's own arrangements for its organisation and management. We are a learned society and we remain committed to our antiquarian objectives in studying the past in all its aspects, but we obviously operate in the modern world with all that means economically, technologically, socially and politically, and we also act in compliance with the changing demands and expectations of our charitable status. Our Director has alerted you to some of the Society's current aspirations, and achieving these may well require some shifts in the Society's *modus operandi* and *modus vivendi*. Your Trustees are well aware of this and have agreed that in the coming year a special meeting of Council will be held to consider governance issues and to identify key priorities.

One of the sad but vital duties of the President is to say goodbye to those members of Council demitting office. I thank our departing Vice-President Neil Curtis, and Council members Dr Ian Simpson, Dr Mary Macleod Rivett, and Alice Blackwell for their contribution over the past three years. I have already welcomed the newly elected Vice-President Beverley Ballin Smith and Council members Bruce Mann, Ewen Smith, Luke Wormald and Jane Ryder and I wish them all well in their period of office – we will be keen to avail ourselves of their energy and expertise.

We are back this year in the RSE, following our expedition for the Anniversary Meeting last year to the Augustine United Church on George IV Bridge. It is good to be back, as we have been for our conferences and most of our lectures during the year. We feel comfortable and welcome here, and thank the RSE for facilitating our presence. This meeting, and all the others during the session, would of course not happen without the input from the Society's own staff, led by our Director, who have all given terrific service above and beyond their contracted duties over the past year and they all deserve our thanks.

I cannot finish this address without making some mention of the forthcoming referendum on Scottish independence. By this time next year we will know the outcome. Whatever that may be, and as a Society our stance is neutral on the main issue, I feel that the debate itself will have been beneficial intellectually in its raising of concerns around Scottish heritage in its widest sense, and more practically in taking some stock of how our heritage is resourced, researched, taught and protected right now, and how it should and could continue to be so into the future.

Thank you

ANNIVERSARY MEETING LECTURE

Alan Saville then introduced Kathleen Jamie, internationally acclaimed poet and essayist and Professor of Creative Writing at Stirling University, to present '*The Woman in the Field*' – *Writing and Archaeology*. A wine reception was then held for Fellows and guests.