

## Perthshire Society of Natural Science

**Archaeological and Historical Section**

(Registered Charity Number SC012718)

**Agenda** for the sixty-seventh **Annual General Meeting**, to be held at **Perth Museum & Art Gallery, Perth**, on **Wednesday, 18th March, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.**

1. Domestics

2. Apologies for absence

3. Minutes of previous A.G.M. (attached)

4. Matters arising from those Minutes

5. Secretary’s Report (attached) [Constitution paragraph 41 a]

6. Treasurer’s Report and Annual Accounts for 2014/15 [Constitution 41 b]

*The committee proposes that the Suggested Voluntary Donation for visitors to meetings should rise to £5.*

7. Annual Subscriptions [Constitution 41 c]

*The committee proposes that the Annual Subscriptions remain the same i.e.*

*£20 individual, £38 Joint, £1 Student, inclusive of Parent Body subscription.*

8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members [Constitution 41 e]

*President – John Joyce*

*Vice- President – David Bowler*

*Secretary – Eva Bennett*

*Treasurer – Graham Watson*

*Ordinary Members – David Perry, Year 3*

*Bill Grigg, Year 3+1*

*Colin McLeod, Year 2*

*Richard Higginbottom, Year 2, co-opted last year*

*Vacant*

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Archaeological Adviser - Mark Hall has agreed to continue in the role

9. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts [Constitution 41 f]

*The committee proposes that Robin Walker be appointed Examiner of Accounts.*

10. Summer Outings 2015

11. Any other competent business

After the AGM Sophie Nicol of the Tay Landscape Partnership will give us an informal talk about her “Field walking: Looking for Lithics” project and show us some of the finds that the volunteers have turned up in the area.



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**Draft Minutes** of the sixty-sixth **Annual General Meeting**, held at the **Perth Museum & Art Gallery**, on **Wednesday, 19th March, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.**

1. Domestics

The President, John Joyce, welcomed the twenty two Members present, and read the Health & Safety Notice concerning the evacuation of the building in the event of the fire alarm sounding.

2. Apologies for absence were received from :

John Bennett, David Bowler, Mark Hall, Lois Lewington, Donald MacPherson, and Joyce Stevenson.

3. The Minutes of previous A.G.M. were approved on the motion of David Perry, seconded by Bill Grigg.

4. There were no Matters arising from those Minutes.

5. The Secretary’s Report , circulated with the AGM Papers, was accepted.

6. The Treasurer’s Report and Annual Accounts for 2013/14 were approved, and signed by the President.

The Treasurer pointed out that the Section’s membership had decreased by two over the year, with six new Members but eight Members lost.

She pointed out that the balance in the No. 1 Account was up on last year, partly due to the donations of visitors and partly from donations for Georgie Watson’s excellent home bakes and refreshments. The major expense was the cost of speakers, who received a fee of £ 30 plus 40p per mile travel expenses.

As agreed at last year’s AGM, the other two bank accounts had been merged.

7. Annual Subscriptions

It was agreed that these remain unchanged for 2014-15, viz. £ 20 per Member, £ 38 for Joint Membership and £ 1 for Student Membership.

8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

President : John Joyce, begins the second of his three year term

Vice President : David Bowler, begins his 27th year on the Committee, proposed by Patricia Matte, seconded by John Lewington

Secretary : no nominations

Treasurer : no nominations

Committee :

Bill Grigg, begins the third year of his three year term

Donald MacPherson, begins the second of his three year term

David Perry, begins the second of his three year term

Richard Higginbottom, having completed his three year term and having to stand down, was co-opted back onto the Committee

Colin McLeod, begins the first of a new three year term, proposed by David Perry, seconded by John Lewington.

That leaves one vacancy on the Committee.

Archaeological Adviser : Mark Hall had agreed to continue in the role

9. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

Mr. Hamish Breckenridge, Treasurer of Scone Historical Society, was appointed on the nomination of the Treasurer.

10. Summer Outings 2014

Jennifer Mackay announced that the Outings this year would be :-

on Sat May 3, to Gleneagles House

on Sunday July 6, to the SERF project

on Saturday July 19, to Bandirran and Collace Church

Members would meet at 1.30 pm at Broxden for the first two, but the Scone Park & Ride for the third Outing.

11. Any other competent business

1. The Committee proposals to amend the Constitution, as outlined on the Agenda for the AGM, was passed overwhelmingly.

2. The Secretary gave information about the Summer Outings of the Stirling Field & Archaeology Society, the Parent Body Outing to Edinburgh, and the Perth Civic Trust Outing to Blairadam & Dunfermline on Wednesday June 4.

3. Eva Bennett asked Members if they would like to be involved in work this summer at Arngask Old Parish Church churchyard, to let her know.

12. Closure

The Meeting was closed by the President at 8.00 pm with his thanks to his Committee for their support over the session, he extended especial thanks to Georgie Watson for the wonderful food which would follow the AGM and Quiz, and members of the Committee who were standing down, viz, John Lewington, Patricia Matte and Jennifer McKay.

He also expressed his thanks to the Museum staff who had provided the accommodation and technical facilities.



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**Secretary’s Report 2014-15**

Committee Meetings

The committee has met formally twice since the last AGM. Two new members were co-opted and formally ratified onto the Committee in January, Eva Bennett as Secretary and Graham Watson as Treasurer.

Summer Outings 2014

There were three outings arranged during the summer.

Sat 3 May Gleneagles House

Sun 6 July SERF

Sat 19 July Bandirran, one of the sites in the Section’s Adopt-a-Monument Stone

Circle Trail, and Collace Kirkyard.

These were attended by 8 to 10 members each.

Winter Programme 2014-15

Oct 15 Bannockburn – the exception which proved the rule

Dr. Fiona Watson

Oct 24Openmeeting with main Society

The Victorian Sportsman-Naturalist on Loch Leven

Prof. David Munro MBE

Nov 19Third Dr Margaret Stewart Lecture

Old circles, New thoughts

Lisbeth M Thoms & Stratford P Halliday

Dec 3 Mousa, Old Scatness & Jarlshof – the crucible of Iron Age Shetland

Dr. Val Turner

Jan 14 2015Cancelled

Feb 18 Malta, from the Ice Age to the Order, and beyond

David Bowler

Mar 18 AGM followed by an informal talk by Sophie Nicol, TayLP.

Unfortunately the January meeting had to be cancelled due to bad weather but we hope to rearrange Kaitlin McCormick’s talk for next session.

The February meeting also saw an unscheduled change as the original speaker had to call off with flu and our Vice-President kindly stepped in at very short notice. We hope that Dr Rebecca Jones will be able to give us her talk next winter.

Newsletters

No newsletters were circulated this year but I hope to get back to producing something similar again next session.

Website

The website can be accessed at www.psns.org.uk. The situation remains the same regarding updating i.e. out of our hands.

Communications with the Council of the Society

We are nominating two of our committee members to the Council at the Main Body AGM on the 20th March – Colin McLeod and Eva Bennett. If any ordinary members would like to join us please contact John Lewington before the end of February.

Summer outings 2015

Saturday 16th May Monzie Castle

Sunday 5th July SERF Open Day

Saturday 19th September TayLP excavation at Moncrieffe Hill

All departing from Broxden Park and Ride at 1.30pm apart from the September outing departing Broxden at 12.45pm.

Committee Membership

Sadly we lost Donald MacPherson, which was a great loss to the Committee, as well as a personal one, and he will be hard to replace. John Lewington sent condolences to his family on the Section’s behalf.

As an emergency measure the existing ordinary committee members whose terms were up this year and last and should have been retiring off the committee have agreed to continue for another year. This situation cannot continue and we must have new faces to take their places. Please consider if you can spare a few hours over the course of the year. It is not an onerous task and your opinions and ideas would be much appreciated.

A nomination paper is included with the AGM papers – these must be lodged with the Secretary not less than seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, i.e. before March 11th 2015.

Nominees must be fully paid-up Members of the Society of at least 12 months standing, have shown an active interest in the affairs of the Section, and be proposed and seconded by fully paid-up Members.

I would like to thank John Lewington and my fellow Committee Members for all their help and support, and I am sure I speak for everyone in the Section in thanking Georgie Watson for her time and effort providing the excellent refreshments after our meetings.

***Eva M. Bennett***

Section Secretary

February 2015

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## The Archaeological and Historical Section of Perthshire Society of Natural Science

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The Section is in reasonable health financially, and in ordinary membership numbers, but is desperately in need of Committee members. It would be a shame to have to fold (as some other local societies have) just because we cannot get a reasonable turnover of Committee members. I am sure that the membership will come to the rescue and help prevent this eventuality.

The normal term for a Committee member is three years. Please consider if you or someone you know in the Section can spare three or four evenings a year. It is not an onerous task and your opinions and ideas would be much appreciated. I can vouch for that as I have had several terms on the Committee over the years and have found them enjoyable and interesting.

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If you would rather have a chat about what is involved first just contact me or one of the other committee members.

Eva Bennett

Secretary

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM**

We, the undersigned, propose and second the nomination of

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As (Committee / Secretary etc). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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# SUMMER OUTINGS 2015

Saturday 16 May **Monzie Castle** Depart 1.30 pm tbc

**DEPARTURE FROM BROXDEN PARK & RIDE**

Sunday 5 July **SERF Project Open Day** Depart 1.30 pm tbc

**DEPARTURE FROM BROXDEN PARK & RIDE**

Saturday 19 Sept **TayLP excavation at Moncrieffe Hill** Depart 12.45 pm

**DEPARTURE FROM BROXDEN PARK & RIDE**

Transport by sharing cars.

Any queries to: Eva Bennett 01738 850489 mobile 07778 619665

Please note that all Members, their relatives and friends of the PSNS attend excursions at their own risk, and that every reasonable precaution will be taken by the Section to ensure your health & safety.

Non-members are required to pay £1 to cover the cost of insurance.

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Details of the **Parent Body’s Summer Outing**:

Saturday 9 May to **Forth Bridges Contact and Education Centre (home to the Forth Replacement Crossing Project Exhibition)**

will be circulated as they become available

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**Please indicate which outings you plan to attend:-**

Please tick

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| **Date** | **Location** | **Number Attending** | **Number disabled** |
| Saturday 16 May | Monzie Castle |  |  |
| Sunday 5 July | SERF |  |  |
| Saturday 19 Sept | Moncrieffe Hill excavation |  |  |

Your name and telephone number and/or email address

Name. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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