



**Perthshire Society of Natural Science
Archaeological and Historical Section
(Registered Charity Number SC012718)**

Secretary's Report 2018-19

February 2019

The Committee

The committee has met formally seven times since the last AGM.

President - Margaret Borland-Stroyan

Vice-President - David Bowler

Secretary - Eva Bennett

Treasurer - Irene Green

Ordinary Members of Committee - John Andrews, John Jessop, Colin McLeod and David Perry. Philip Bryers was co-opted on to the Committee during the year.

We have 64 members and 5 Honorary members, an increase over last year.

Summer Outings 2018

There were five outings arranged during the summer. These were attended by between 10 and 16 members and guests.

Wed 30th May - Market Knowe, Longforgan with Abertay Historical Society Field Division

Wed 13th June - "Walking in the bloody footsteps of James 1" with David Bowler

Sat 30th June - St Vigeans Stones and Museum, Restenneth Priory, Aberlemno stones

Sun 15th July - Linlithgow Palace and Torphichen Preceptory with Adrian Cox (HES)

Sun 26th August - Croftmoraig and Lundin stone circles, St Mary's Church, Castle Menzies

Doors Open Day 30th September

To celebrate our 70th Anniversary we hosted a small display of Dr Stewart's finds in the Museum Library.

Winter Programme 2018-19

2018

12 Oct Section contribution to the Curious Minds series

"Green Treasures from the Magic Mountains"

17 Oct "Archaeology on a Cromwellian shipwreck off Mull"

14 Nov "Perth and the Reformation 1559-1618"

Dr Alison Sheridan

Dr Colin Martin

Prof Jane Dawson

- 5 Dec Seventh Dr Margaret Stewart Lecture
 “Cairnpapple Hill - 4000 years in the life of a ceremonial and burial complex”
 Adrian Cox
- 2019
- 16 Jan Joint talk with Abertay Historical Society
 “An inventory of Perthshire’s orchards: the carselands and beyond”
 Dr Crispin Hayes
- 13 Feb “Early Medieval settlement in upland Perthshire: Excavations at Lair,
 Glenshee 2012-17”
 David Strachan
- 13 Mar AGM followed by
 “The Tulloch Walker and some other new Treasure Trove acquisitions at Perth
 Museum & Art Gallery
 Mark Hall

All meetings were held in the Soutar Theatre, A K Bell Library, Perth. Attendance was between 37 and 62, rising again from last year’s numbers. The Curious Minds lecture had an attendance of 79.

Newsletters

Three newsletters were circulated, in June and September 2018 and February 2019.

Communications with the Council of the Society

At the start of the session we had four representatives on the Council, ordinary members Margaret Borland-Stroyan and Colin McLeod, Vice-President David Bowler and the Treasurer David Perry. John Jessop was co-opted onto Council during the year as Secretary. The council met five times over the year, including an extraordinary meeting to discuss setting up a steering group for the Curious Minds lectures and participation in Doors Open Days 2018.

Museum Acquisition Fund

A joint initiative with CPK is at present fundraising to secure a Neolithic carved stone ball for Perth Museum.

Summer outings 2019

Several Section outings are being planned and full details will be circulated separately.

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

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