

Society of Antiquaries
of Scotland

EVENT
PROGRAMME
2016-17



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About us

Founded in 1780 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a long established, independent, not-for-profit organisation actively supporting the study and enjoyment of Scotland's past. Its vision is to develop as a centre of excellence providing an independent heritage hub of expertise and resources to facilitate, exchange and promote research into Scotland's past.

Become a Fellow

Fellows of the Society are a diverse group of people with common interests – discovering more about Scotland's past and what it can teach us. Nearly 3,000 people worldwide are Fellows. Fellows are elected to the Society once a year at our Anniversary Meeting on the **30th November**. The deadline for completed applications is the **1st October**. Applicants need two existing Fellows, or referees, who can confirm your commitment to the study and understanding of Scotland's past. We are open to all who have a passion for the past and a love of learning. To find out more visit www.socantscot.org/join-us

Support Us

Your support can help us continue to:

- promote discussion and sharing of knowledge and expertise
- celebrate and enhance public understanding of the past
- champion the role and value of high quality research
- debate and influence policy making affecting our rich heritage

Please donate online at www.socantscot.org/support-us

Lecture Programme 2016-17

Welcome to the **Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**, a society that has been around for over 235 years actively supporting the study and enjoyment of Scotland's past.

Our lecture programme runs from October through to June and is the Society's key outreach activity. **Lectures** are free and open to Fellows and the public. We also organise and run **conferences** and a **summer excursion** each year.

Unless otherwise stated in the listings below the locations for lectures are:

Edinburgh: Auditorium, National Museums Scotland, EH1 1JF. Please enter by the Lothian Street doors. Please book in advance www.socantscot.org/events or call 0131 247 4133.

Aberdeen: Regent Building Lecture Theatre, Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX. No booking required.

2016

Edinburgh
OCTOBER
10
6pm

Aberdeen
OCTOBER
11
7.30pm



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The creation of archaeology as a science in Scotland in the mid 19th century

Dr Elizabeth Curtis MA PGDE PGDipIndArch PhD FSAScot
School of Education, University of Aberdeen

Edinburgh
NOVEMBER
14
6pm

Aberdeen
NOVEMBER
15
7.30pm



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Öetzi the Iceman: 25 years on

Emeritus Prof Jim Dickson
Professor of Archaeobotany, University of Glasgow (retired)

Edinburgh
NOVEMBER
30
4.30pm



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The Anniversary Meeting

The Annual General Meeting and drinks reception

Including a lecture, '80 years on: Pedro Bosch Gimpera's unpublished Rhind Lectures of 1936', presented by
Dr Brendan O'Connor FSA FSA Scot

Edinburgh
DECEMBER
12
6pm

Aberdeen
DECEMBER
13
7.30pm



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Mapping the City: A New Approach for the Digital Age

Prof Richard Rodger
Professor of Economic and Social History,
University of Edinburgh
A joint event with the Scottish History Society

2017

Edinburgh
JANUARY
16
6pm

Aberdeen
MARCH
21
7.30pm



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Restoring the Mackintosh Building following the 2014 fire

Liz Davidson IHBC, Hon FRIAS, OBE
Senior Project Manager, Mackintosh Project,
Glasgow School of Art

Edinburgh
FEBRUARY
13
6pm

Aberdeen
FEBRUARY
14
7.30pm



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Painting the Past: Using geological techniques to identify artists' pigments in Roman archaeology

Dr Ruth Siddall
University College London

Edinburgh
MARCH
13
6pm



Medieval Friaries in Aberdeen

Alison Cameron
Cameron Archaeology Ltd

Edinburgh
APRIL
10
6pm

Inverness
APRIL
11
7pm



Portmahomack on Tarbat Ness - barometer of European politics

Prof Martin Carver
Department of Archaeology, University of York

Inverness venue: Inverness Town Hall
6pm reception, 7pm lecture: Booking essential -
01463 237 114 or cait.mccullagh@highlifehighland.com

Couldn't make it along?

All our events are recorded and available to view online at www.socantscot.org/resources

Events for Fellows

Private views, events and visits for Fellows will be planned throughout the year. To make sure you keep up to date with all our activity please visit:
www.socantscot.org

The Aberdeen & North-East Section of the Society

The Section holds a lecture programme and activities in Aberdeen. To find out more about the Aberdeen and North-East Section please visit www.socantscot.org/about-us/aberdeen-and-north-east-section or call 0131 247 4133.

Edinburgh
MAY
8
6pm



Rhind and Egypt

What were lives like in ancient Egypt? Examining two tombs excavated by Rhind we explore this fascinating culture. Joint event with the National Museums Scotland.
More details to follow.

Edinburgh
JUNE
12
6pm

Kirkwall
JUNE
14
7.30pm

Aberdeen
JUNE
13
7.30pm



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The Lindsay-Fischer Lecture: Medieval painted wooden vaults in Norwegian parish churches

Prof Margrethe Stang
Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Kirkwall venue: St Magnus Centre

CONFERENCES

Scott the Antiquary Conference

7-8 October 2016 | Day 1: National Museums Scotland, Edinburgh. Day 2: Abbotsford, in the Scottish Borders

A special two day conference in collaboration with Abbotsford Trust to celebrate the bicentenary of the first publication of Sir Walter Scott's novel, *The Antiquary*.
More information and booking details on our website.

Rhind Lectures 2017 Sacred Heritage: the Archaeology of Medieval Beliefs

19-21 May 2017 | National Museums Scotland

Prof Roberta Gilchrist,
Professor of Archaeology, University of Reading
More details to follow.



Archaeological Research in Progress 2017

27 May 2017 | National Museums Scotland

More details to follow.

With thanks

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With many thanks also to our partner organisations:



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