

Welcome to the

LENNOX HERITAGE SOCIETY

While the epicentre of the society is Dumbarton, we take great interest in history, social issues and the environment across a wide spectrum.

We hope that you will join us.

Lectures are held on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month during the winter from September until April. We meet up at 7:00pm at which time you can have some tea or coffee. The lectures start at 7:30pm.

We meet at the Concord Centre in Dumbarton in St Mary's Way, next to the Denny Theatre. There may also be an outing or two as spring approaches again.

Membership is still only £10 per annum or £2 per lecture.

Tea or coffee with biscuits is available before the lecture for a donation of 40p.

This programme and other information about the LHS can also be found on our website

<https://lennoxheritagesociet.wixsite.com/lennox-heritage-> and FaceBook pages
<https://www.facebook.com/lennoxheritagesociety/>.

COVER PICTURE:

The Smollett Mausoleum in the St Andrews Church graveyard in Alexandria is one of our most unusual and important buildings. But it has had trees growing out of its masonry for many years and they are forcing the building apart. The demise of the main church building through fire and then demolition has left this smaller one in an even more severe predicament.



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<http://www.spanglefish.com/explorewestdunbartonshire/index.asp>



The Maid of the Loch turns 70 in 2023.

THE LENNOX HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Concord Centre, St Mary's Way,
Dumbarton

Monthly on Wednesday evenings.

7:00 for 7:30pm.

All Welcome

Wednesday 13th September

MYSTERIES OF DUMBARTON. THE VALE OF LEVEN AND ITS ENVIRONS

Jeremy Watson

Jeremy takes a look at some of the strange things around us, beliefs and legends, many unresolved. Mysterious markings, features and events... and even faeries. Local legends leave us just a few tantalising clues.



Wednesday 11th October

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET?

Bruce Keith

We enjoyed Bruce's Bridgescapes so now he returns with a related subject. It's not just about distance markers, for he also explores the early measurement systems in Scotland, early maps and great journeys throughout the country over the centuries. He even celebrates the achievements of the top 50 Scots as the "fastest" and "farthest" in terms of speed and endurance – those who've gone the extra mile.

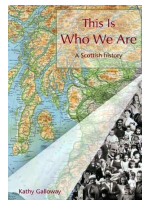


Wednesday 8th November

THIS IS WHO WE ARE : A SCOTTISH HISTORY

Kathy Galloway

Activist and writer Kathy takes us on a very personal look at Scottish history, how it has shaped the lives of her family and how it has influenced her own approach to life. But it is also the history of every single one of us in Scotland. Family history is always in the context of place and time and greater events. And much of it will be familiar to you : amongst others, Dumbarton and the Vale, Cardross and Kilcreggan bring it closer to home



Wednesday 13th December

WILDLIFE OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Paul Murdoch

Songwriter, screenwriter, storyteller and writer, Paul melds some of these together with enthusiasm to talk about his observations of local nature, history and the joy of walking.



2024

Wednesday 10th January

THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY AND THE CHURCH TO DUMBARTON

Ian Johnson

As a very familiar figure in Dumbarton for many years and better known as Rev Ian Johnson, who better to explain the establishment of Christianity in the town. After studying history at university Ian found his calling within the Church of Scotland.



Wednesday 14th February

TO CATCH A QUEEN

Elsbeth Crocket

Elsbeth has previously told us about how Mary was sent from here to France from here. This time she will talk about a specific period, the first five years of Mary's life when the opposing attempts to secure her as queen consort of both France and England were stark.



Wednesday 13th March

THE BATTLE OF MUGDOCK IN 750

Alasdair Jamison

If you visit Mugdock today you can see the remains of a WWII gun emplacement and even the ruins of a 13th century castle. But did you know that a battle occurred here in 750 between the Britons and the Picts. ... *the Britons slew Talorcan, king of the Picts* so the ancient manuscripts tells us. While the Clyde Britons ruled over a vast area from their stronghold of Alt Clut, the Picts became the dominant power to the north and it was inevitable that the two powers would clash where their territories met.



Wednesday 10th April

THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL ART COLLECTION

Trish Robins

Art expresses an individual, but also defines a society, its history, social events, perceptions and ideals. WDC has works that record local development in time and community and also procures significant works from further afield from which we can learn and enjoy. The fascinating collection of fine art by local and nationally important artists spans 300 years. This talk brings the collection to life through little known stories of the paintings and the artists who created them.. [Preceded by the AGM].



"Skipping" by Joan Eardley c.1950