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# MEMBERS' CENTRE AND FRIENDS' GROUP EVENTS

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

Joining a centre or group is a great way to get more out of your membership and learn more about the work of the Trust. All groups also raise vital funds for Trust places and projects across the country.

**Please note that most groups charge a small annual membership subscription, separate to your Trust membership.**

The groups host a range of lectures, outings, social events and tours for their members throughout the year. For more information please contact each group directly.

## **ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC000109)**

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Booking is essential for events marked \*

There is a charge for guests attending talks.

**Thursday 13th February, 2.00pm:** Talk by Dr Fiona-Jane Brown, 'Forgotten Fittie', at the Aberdeen Maritime Museum, Shiprow.

**Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm:** Annual general meeting followed by a talk by Gordon Murdoch, 'Join the National Trust..... and see the world', at the Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road.

\* **Day excursion in early May TBC**

\* **Annual holiday in early June TBC**

## **ANGUS MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024891)**

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All Afternoon Talks are held in Guide Hall, Myre Car Park, Forfar at 2.30pm. Talks are open to everyone, not just members of the National Trust for Scotland. The admission charge of £4 includes light refreshments after the meeting.

**Thursday 13th February, 2.30pm:**

Afternoon talk by Chris Wardle, 'Gardening for the National Trust for Scotland', at the Guide Hall, Myre Car Park, Forfar.

**Sunday 23rd February, 2.00pm to 4.00pm:**

Snowdrop tea afternoon at the House of Dun.

**Saturday 7th March, 10.00am to 12 noon:**

Coffee morning, at the Old and St Andrew's Church Hall, Montrose.

**Thursday 12th March, 2.30pm:** Afternoon talk by Dr Alix Powers-Jones, 'What happens when we are closed to visitors', at the Guide Hall, Myre Car Park, Forfar.

**Sunday 17th May, 1.30pm to 3.30pm:**

Spring Plant Sale at the House of Dun. Come along and replace any plants you may have lost over the winter at bargain prices. There will be a wide selection of perennials, grasses, shrubs, and rockery plants, grown by the Members' Centre gardeners and other volunteers, but come early for the best selection. If you unable to come along for the plant sale, keep an eye on the plant stall in the courtyard of the House of Dun, as the Members' Centre volunteers stock this on a weekly basis as plants become available.

**Friday 21st August, 7.30pm:** Summer Concert at St. John's Church, Forfar.

**September, date TBC 10.00am to 12 noon:**

Coffee morning at the Guide Hall, Myre Car Park, Forfar.

**Sunday 20th September, 1.30pm to**

**3.30pm:** Autumn Plant Sale at the House of Dun. Just like the Spring Plant Sale, come along and make a day of it. There will be a variety of plants grown by the Members' Centre gardeners and other volunteers.

## **ARDUAINÉ FRIENDS**

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**Saturday 14th March, 11.30am:** Talks by Fiona Mackenzie, Archive Curator, Professor Hugh Cheape, Historian, and Ray Pearman, journalist and author, 'The Lorn Campbells and the island of Canna', at Duror and Kentallen Hall. Bookings through Ian Moir.

**Saturday 25th April, 11.30am:** Annual general meeting, followed by a talk by Dr Denise Risch, researcher, 'Marine protection, whales and dolphins', at the SAMS, Dunstaffnage. Bookings through James Fenton.

**Monday 8th to Thursday 11th June:** Summer holiday to Inverewe Garden and Skye. Details to be confirmed.

#### **AYRSHIRE MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC000387)**

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Our talks will be held in the Education Pavilion at Burns Cottage in Alloway. Arrive at 7.00pm for tea and coffee, followed by the talk at 7.30pm (lasting an hour or so). All visitors are welcome. Any queries contact John on 01292 264344.

**Thursday 20th February:** 'Renovating the Caledonian Canal', by George Ballinger. George, head of Engineering at British Waterways, lead the planning, design and restoration of the Caledonian Canal. He will be telling us about this amazing project.

**Thursday 19th March:** 'Nuggets of Thought from the Scottish Enlightenment' by Denis Rattenbury. The Scots' Invention of the Modern World, a time where the greatest minds of Scotland competed and discoursed with those of Europe. Everything was questioned: economics, politics, science, medicine, engineering and art. As well as ideas from 18th century Scotland we'll sample relevant 'before' and 'after' nuggets from around the world.

**Thursday 16th April:** 'Instruments of Pop – The key instruments that began the pop band era'. A group of enthusiastic musicians will be playing a range of songs and discussing the history and function of their instruments (lead, rhythm, bass guitar and drums).

**Thursday 21st May:** Annual general meeting with talk and refreshments afterwards, 'A World of Pee – the uses of urine' by John Rattenbury, followed by cheese and wine. Urine has been a key ingredient in an extraordinary range of processes throughout human existence.

#### **BANFF & MORAY MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024693)**

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**Thursday 16th April:** Spring Lunch and annual general meeting, followed by a speaker (TBC) at the Mansefield Hotel, Elgin.

**Friday 22nd to Monday 25th May:** 3-day Spring Tour to South West Scotland.

**Saturday 27th June:** Coffee Morning at Forres Town Hall.

**Wednesday 29th July:** Pitlochry theatre trip to see 'Private Lives', matinée.

#### **CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS OF THE NTS**

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All talks are held at Newnham College, where there is usually ample parking nearby. The ticket price is £7 if pre-booked or £8 on the door. Arrive at 7.30pm for wine and conversation, followed by the talk at 8.00pm.

**Wednesday 26th February:** Talk by Andrew Painting, Ecologist, 'Mar Lodge Estate: 25 years of cutting edge environmental conservation'.

Mar Lodge Estate NNR is a giant landscape of subarctic mountain plateau, roaring rivers, rolling moors and bogs, and the great Caledonian pinewood. This talk looks at the cutting edge environmental conservation at the UK's largest National Nature Reserve, how the Trust is saving the Caledonian pinewood, at the technology helping us fight the persecution of birds of prey, and what our mountain landscapes may look like in the future. Andrew has been the assistant ecologist at Mar Lodge Estate for four years. He has previously been involved in environmental conservation projects across the UK, from the Somerset Levels to the Flow Country.

**Wednesday 18th March:** Talk by Jim Forrest, 'Italian Gardens in Scotland'.

Inspired by the formal gardens of Versailles and the Scottish renaissance, the parterre designs of NTS Pitmedden and the privately owned Dunrobin castle gardens are a testament to the vision and skills of Scottish gardeners of the 19th and 20th centuries. This illustrated talk will show you the beauty and elegance of this formal style of planting.

Jim grew up on the family farm in Banffshire and is a science graduate of Aberdeen University. He worked in the pharmaceutical industry in Cambridge for over 35 years. He is a keen gardener and a committee member of the Cambridge Friends of the National Trust for Scotland.

**Wednesday 22nd April:** Talk by Jonathan Calloway, 'Scottish Paper Money'.

The first Scottish banknote was issued in 1696, by the newly established Bank of Scotland. The Royal Bank arrived on the scene some 32 years later, with the British Linen Company following in the fateful year: 1746. This triopoly dominated Scottish banking for many years while a number of other banks came. Most issued their own notes and were circulated in Scotland and in some cases beyond. There were still about ten issuing notes in 1900 and they were gradually whittled down to the three remaining today.

Jonathan Calloway is a retired banker, co-author of two histories and catalogues on paper money and is a collector of paper money. He will tell us the history of Scottish banknotes, and consider what the future might hold for these distinctive (but now anomalous) bank notes.

**Wednesday 13th May:** Talk by Colin Clarkson, 'Scottish London'.

Come on a virtual tour of London locations with Scottish associations from kings to commoners: a veritable Scotch broth of authors, architects and artists, spiced perhaps with the odd criminal and charlatan, no Travelcard required.

Colin Clarkson is Head of Modern Research Collections & Curator of the Historical Printing Room, Cambridge University Library.

#### **EAST FIFE MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024846)**

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**Friday 13th March, 12 noon for 12.30pm:**

Annual general meeting followed by a lunch and talk by Keith Otto, 'A Look at Postal History from mid-18th century to the 1930s'. The talk will focus not just on stamps and postmarks of the period, but also some of the interesting stories and people researched behind the covers, shedding light on little known areas of history. The lunch will be 2 courses and coffee, £24 for members or £25 for non-members.

**Wednesday 22nd April:** Annual Coffee Morning, St Andrews. Speaker TBC.

**Monday 11th May, 10.30am:** Monthly informal coffee morning at Kellie Castle (no need to book in advance).

**Tuesday 2nd June:** Trip to the Hill House, Helensburgh.

**Monday 8th June:** Monthly coffee morning at Kellie Castle.

#### **EAST LOTHIAN MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC026085)**

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The East Lothian Members' Centre exists to give local Trust members the opportunity to support the Trust by participating in local events and activities. The East Lothian Members' Centre has a programme of outings, talks and other events throughout the year. Our summer visits to various properties are listed below. We hope you enjoy them.

**Tuesday 3rd March, 7.30pm:** Talk by Roger Leakey, 'Overland to India in the Swinging Sixties', at the Town House.

**Tuesday 28th April:** Trip to Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland. Bought by the First Lord Armstrong in 1894, it is still owned by the Armstrong family. Housed within are over 3,000 artifacts ranging from porcelain plates and figurines, to arms and armour, with a beautiful collection of clocks, furniture and paintings. Come along to enjoy the village and its other attractions.

**Monday 18th May:** Trip to see the Great Polish Map of Scotland in Eddleston. The largest outdoor relief map in the world, this three-dimensional physical relief map of Scotland, sculpted in concrete, measures some 40m by 50m. It was built over six summers between 1974 and 1979, designed by Polish war veteran Jan Tomasik and built by a small group of Poles from the Jagiellonian University of Krakow. Restored by Mapa Scotland between 2010 and 2017, its old gravity-driven water supply is now reconnected and fills the surrounding seas and some lochs.

**Tuesday 2nd June:** Trip to Lennoxlove House in East Lothian, family home of the Dukes of Hamilton. The guided tour goes through a range of public rooms on the ground and 1st floors. Among the treasures it contains are the death mask of Mary, Queen of Scots, the casket which may have contained the 'Casket Letters', and porcelain, paintings and furniture from the Hamilton Palace collection. Enjoy a glass of wine on the conclusion of our visit.

**Wednesday 24th June:** Trip to Falkland Palace Garden in Fife. The garden was designed in 1946, in an Arts and Crafts manner, by Percy Cane. It has mixed borders, yew hedges, a lily pond and an outdoor chess board.

The palace was the country residence of the royal Stuarts, and was loved by Mary, Queen of Scots. The extensive formal gardens are home to the world's oldest real tennis court and a beautiful orchard. Enjoy a guided tour by the head Gardner over this extensive garden.

**Thursday 23rd July:** Trip to Carnegie Birthplace Museum in Dunfermline. The visit will start in the cottage itself, no doubt wondering how an entire family could live and work in such a small space.

The main exhibition area offers everything from an insight into Carnegie's industrial achievements to a set of puppets from Sesame Street. Take a five-minute walk and visit the Heritage Quarter and explore the museum, exhibition galleries, Dunfermline Abbey Church and Palace.

**Friday 21st August:** Trip to Mellerstain House in Gordon, Scottish Borders. There are countless reasons to visit Mellerstain House and Gardens. Mellerstain is truly one of the great houses of Scotland. There is a superb collection of paintings including works by Van Dyck, Gainsborough, Aikman and Ramsay with many lovely pieces of period furniture, china and embroidery collections.

As well as a colourful terraced garden, it stands in 200 acres of parkland with a large pond, extensive woodland and is home to the Borders Sculpture Park.

**Monday 7th September:** Visit to the Hill House in Helensburgh. Be inspired by the unique building, interiors and collection designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret Macdonald Mackintosh in the 'Glasgow style'. For those with a head for heights, venture onto the walkway over the roof to see the house in a way that even Mackintosh himself could not experience!

Mackintosh designed nearly everything inside the Hill House too, from the decorative schemes and the furniture to the fittings and contents. His wife, Margaret Macdonald, designed and made many of the textiles as well as a beautiful fireplace panel.

#### **EASTWOOD & DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024601)**

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Illustrated Talks, free to Centre members, are held in Clarkston Hall and begin at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome! There is a small fee for visitors, refundable on joining the Centre.

**Thursday 13th February:** Illustrated talk by Ayrshire author, Dane Love, 'Scotland's Lost Villages'.

**Thursday 12th March:** Illustrated talk on research into paintings and people by Frances Dryburgh, 'Donors to Glasgow Museums'.

**Thursday 9th April:** Talk by Dan Watson, NTS Ecologist, on the rope work and other challenges involved, 'Survey Work: Glencoe and Ben Lawers'.

**Tuesday 21st April:** Visit to the Hill House with tea at Ross Priory.

**Friday 29th May:** Visit to Glenapp Castle and Gardens.

**Wednesday 17th June:** Visit to McLean Museum, Greenock.

#### **EDINBURGH MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC025732)**

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Winter and spring meetings are held in Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL, on Thursdays at 2:30 pm or 7:30pm unless otherwise notified. These usually involve an illustrated talk on a wide range of topics. A hearing induction loop is available. Non-members are welcome to the meetings for a donation of £3 per person at the door (Refundable if you join the Centre). Booking is not required.

Between April and October the Centre organises for our members half- and full-day, evening and overnight visits to a diverse range of both NTS and non-NTS properties and places of interest. In 2020 visits are planned to Strathpeffer & the Scottish Highlands; Ford & Etal, Cragstone House, Northumberland; Scottish Lime Centre & Culross; Thirlestane Castle; Innerpefferay Library & Drummond Castle Gardens; Dundee Museum of Transport & Verdant Works. Although booking on visits is open only to Centre members, we welcome non-members who accompany a member.

A programme of Urban walks is offered to Centre Members between April and October in Peebles, Glasgow, Linlithgow, & Edinburgh. Membership of the Centre is £9 per year or £17 for two persons at the same address. Admission to meetings is free to Centre members.

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**Thursday 27 February, 2.30pm:** Talk by Jim Jermy, NTS Property Manager, "Branklyn Garden: A legacy to Mr & Mrs Renton".

**Thursday 12 March, 2.30pm:** Talk by Derek Alexander, NTS Head of Archaeological Services, "Jacobite Archaeology at Glencoe and Glensheil".

**Thursday 26 March, 7.30 pm:** Talk by Ruth Boreham, Historian, "No Vote, No Census – the 1911 Census and Scottish Suffrage Movement."

**Thursday 17 September, 7.30pm:** Talk by Alasdair Eckersall, NTS Property Manager & Senior Ranger, Ben Lomond, "Around the Ben – natural and cultural heritage of Ben Lomond".

#### **FRIENDS OF ALLOA TOWER (SC017733)**

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The Friends of Alloa Tower support the property and arrange a number of events, please contact Isobel for more information.

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The Friends of Brodick Castle & Country Park organise a number of events and support the property through fundraising and volunteering. For more details contact Marion Melvin.

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Hon. Treasurer & Membership Secretary: to be appointed at the AGM on Thursday 12th March 2020

All events are held at Broughton House, 12 High Street, Kirkcudbright. Booking is essential for all events. Please book your tickets with Broughton House on 01557 330437 or email [broughtonhouse@nts.org.uk](mailto:broughtonhouse@nts.org.uk). Tickets are £5 for members, and £6 for non-members.

**Thursday 12th March, 2.30pm:** Annual general meeting at Broughton House, Kirkcudbright.

**Thursday 9th April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm:**

Talk by Jim Logan, Marine Biologist, 'Queens, razors, and pelicans feet: Seashells of the Solway Coast'.

**Thursday 7th May, 7.00pm for 7.30pm:**

Talk by Evandro Belleza Mano, Design Consultant, 'Fashion for modern times, and the influence of Japan'.

**Thursday 4th June, 7.00pm for 7.30pm:**

Talk by Helen Creasy of the Scottish Conservation Studio Hopetoun House, 'Out damned spot! Challenges faced by a paper conservator'.

**Thursday 3rd September, 7.00pm for**

**7.30pm:** An illustrated talk by Michael Lawrie, NTS Head Gardener for Dumfries & Galloway, 'The school of heritage gardening and its 60th anniversary'.

As Broughton House will be closed for refurbishment over the winter, the Friends of Broughton House and Garden's Afternoon of Carols and Evening with Burns are both canceled. We look forward to bringing them back for you in 2021/22.

#### **FRIENDS OF CRARAE (SC033244)**

Victoria Winters, Secretary

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Please visit the What's New section of our website to find out more details about our upcoming events.

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The Friends of Culzean act to support the property and arrange events for volunteers. We have no subscribing members and no events, but as a team of volunteers, we operate the excellent second-hand bookshop at Culzean raising funds that gets spent on improving Culzean. Donations of books are key to the success of the shop, as are enthusiastic new volunteers and, of course, visitors buying books! If you would like more information, please email [info@friendsofculzean.com](mailto:info@friendsofculzean.com)

#### **FRIENDS OF GREENBANK GARDEN (SC024113)**

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The Friends support a number of events at Greenbank. The full list is available by visiting [nts.org.uk/events](http://nts.org.uk/events). For more details, please contact the garden on 0141 616 2266. Your involvement at any of our events would be most welcome.

All talks are at 2.00pm and are held in the Coach House at Greenbank. Tickets cost £5, which includes refreshments, and are available in advance from the shop, or at the door on the day

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## FRIENDS OF ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM (SC043931)

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**Burns Bachelors Club:** The Bachelors Club at Tarbolton where Robert Burns learned to Dance, founded a Debating Club and became a Freemason, has been brought back to life on the first Tuesday of each month with evenings of music, songs and tales. The evening events start at 7.00pm and further information can be obtained from Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, by calling 01292 443700.

**Tarbolton Bachelors Club:** Coming soon at Tarbolton Bachelors Club - turning the clock back to the year 1780 when Robert Burns launched the debating club that gave the building its name, we shall be launching a debating club with one subtle difference, it will be open for all to enjoy. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Friends of Robert Burns Birthplace Museum using the email above.

## GALLOWAY MEMBERS' GROUP (SC026207)

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All the events below will be held at Threave Visitor Centre or Threave House, Castle Douglas, DG7 1RX. For more information, please visit [www.ntscentres.org.uk/galloway](http://www.ntscentres.org.uk/galloway).

**Monday 10th February, 2.00pm:** Talk by Dr Janet Brennan, 'Hysteric Scotland: The work of Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in Dumfries and Galloway' at Threave Visitor Centre in Castle Douglas.

**Monday 2nd March, 2.00pm:** Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Kevin Hughes of Cally Gardens. 'Cally Gardens, the Latest Chapter in the Fairy Tale', at Threave Visitor Centre, Castle Douglas.

**Wednesday 27th May, 11.00am to 3.00pm:** Trip to Galloway House, Galloway House Gardens, and the Walled Garden in Garlieston, with private guided tour. Own transport and shared cars. Bring your own picnic.

**Friday 3rd July, 7.30pm:** Summer Extravaganza - 'Bollywood'-themed evening at Anwoth House and Anwoth Church, in Gatehouse of Fleet.

**Thursday 10th September, 11.00am to 3.00pm:** Visit to Crawick Multiverse and Durisdeer Church. Lunch provided in Sanquhar. Own transport and shared cars.

## GLASGOW MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024399)

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Please note that all the 2019/2020 meetings will now be held in larger premises at Renfield St Stephen's, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JP. Talks are free to members. Visitors are welcome for a contribution of £2 per meeting. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available after the meetings for a contribution of £1. New Members are always welcome.

**Wednesday 12th February, 2.00pm:** Annual general meeting followed by a talk by Casci Ritchie, who is a freelance dress historian, on the impact cinema had on fashion.

**Wednesday 11 March 2.00pm:** Talk by Crissie White, former head of textiles at the Glasgow School of Art, on the development of vernacular Scottish furniture and decoration.

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**Friday 28th February:** Winter walk – Visit to the St Bart's Hospital Museum & Archive.

**Sunday 1st March, 11.00am:** Morning visit to the Arsenal Football Club, Emirates Stadium. Experience the stadium and playing life with Charlie George, on a tour and talk, and see how the stadium is wearing after 14 years. Please meet at 10.45am outside the shop to get lanyards. Tickets £40 for concession members, £50 for non-concession members, and £55 for non-members. There are limited spaces available so please book tickets in advance.

**Wednesday 25th March, 11.00am for 11.30am:** Visit to Tate Britain for a lecture and exhibition on Aubrey Beardsley. Aubrey Beardsley's artistic career was brief, only 7 years, cut short by his tragically early death in 1898, at the age of 25. Yet, in that period he was considered, the most famous young artist in England and the 1890s were Beardsley's iconic black and white drawings were in great demand, famously used to illustrate Thomas Mallory's "Le Morte d'Arthur" and Oscar Wilde's "Salome". Tate Britain's exhibitions bring together 200 of Beardsley drawings, the largest number for over 50 years, as well as works by Edward Burne-Jones and Gustave Moreau from whom he drew inspiration. Lecture only tickets are £17 for members, and £20 for non-members. Lecture and exhibition tickets are £32 for members, and £35 for non-members.

**Wednesday 1st April, 10.45am or 1.45pm:** Morning and afternoon visit and tour of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Founded in 1834 by the Royal Charter granted by King William IV, for advancement of Civil Architecture, principally in the UK, and for the promotion of education of architectural arts and sciences. RIBA's current headquarters, 66 Portland Place, was opened in 1934 and was designed by George Grey Warnum, the winner of a competition which drew nearly 300 entries.

The building, which is Grade II\* listed, houses the British Architectural Library, a collection of archives, drawings, models and photographs which trace the history of RIBA since its inception. Our guided tour will cover not only the history of RIBA but also the architecture of the building and the highlights of the collection. Tickets are £22 for members, and £27 for non-members.

**Wednesday 6th May, 1.30pm:** Afternoon walk in the Old Highgate Village. Join us for a fascinating journey into timeless England and learn more about historic Highgate with the very knowledgeable Blue Badge Guide Tom Hooper. Just a few stops up the Northern Line and you are in a country village nestling round what was once an old pond. Here are lanes and cottages and Georgian houses and spectacular views across London.

**Wednesday 13th May, 12 noon:** Annual general meeting followed by lunch and a talk on National Trust for Scotland properties in Angus.

**Wednesday 10th - Monday 15th June:** Spring tour to Angus. Details TBC.

**NORTH EAST ABERDEENSHIRE MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024227)**

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Events are open to members and non-members. Booking is essential for events marked \* and there is priority booking for members as numbers may be limited. Other events are free to members and £3 for non-members.

**Wednesday 19th February, 2.30pm:** An illustrated talk by Dr Robin Grant, 'Walks and Climbs in the Scottish Hills' at Fyvie Castle. There will be light refreshments after the talk.

**March 2020, details TBC:** An Audience with Neil Oliver.

**Wednesday 22nd April, 7.30pm:** Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk by Dr Alix Power-Jones, Property Manager of Hugh Miller's Birthplace Museum. There will be light refreshments after the talk.

**PERTH & KINROSS MEMBERS' GROUP (SC011062)**

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All talks are held in the Lecture Theatre, A K Bell Library, Perth. Admission is £5 for group members; £6 for visitors. To book outings, please contact Mary Willington.

**Thursday 19th March:** Talk by Dr Eric Graham, Author, 'The 'Black Minstrelsy' in Scotland'.

**Thursday 23rd April, 7.30 pm:** Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Bryan Dickson, NTS Head of Building Conservation (Policy), 'The Hill House'.

**Tuesday 5th May:** Visit to Winton House and Newhailes.

**Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th June:** Two-night stay in Inverurie, visiting Haddo House, Duff House and Leith Hall.

**Tuesday 14th July:** Day trip to Holmwood House and Greenbank Garden.

**Tuesday 15 September:** Day trip to Bowhill House.

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