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# MEMBERS' CENTRE AND FRIENDS' GROUP EVENTS

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

Following national advice concerning social distancing, mass events and gatherings, some events and activities may have changed. We recommend contacting your local group for more information.

Groups have however moved a lot of activity to online, so there are still plenty of opportunities to engage and connect with Scotland's heritage. Please see the events schedule below for online events and in person events organised for the future.

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

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No events submitted this season due to current circumstances. For more information, please contact Judith Falconer.

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

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**Thursday 11 March, 7pm:** Evening talk by Jason Robertson, the new Angus Visitor Services Manager, on the future plans for the Trust's properties in the Angus region.

## **ARDUAINE FRIENDS**

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## **ARGYLL MEMBERS' GROUP (SC024786)**

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

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## **CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS OF THE NTS**

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Donald Douglas, Membership Secretary

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**Wednesday 10 March, 7.30pm:**

Evening talk by Frances Fowle, 'A taste for Impressionism: French Art at the National Galleries of Scotland'.

The Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art at the National Galleries of Scotland includes masterpieces such as Monet's *Haystacks*, Degas's *Portrait of Diego Martelli*, Gauguin's *Vision of the Sermon* and Van Gogh's *Olive Trees*.

This talk will focus on the developing taste for modern French art in Scotland and the role of key collectors and benefactors such as Alexander and Rosalind Maitland.

Professor Frances Fowle is Senior Curator of French Art at the National Galleries of Scotland and Chair of Nineteenth Century Art at the University of Edinburgh. Her books include *Impressionism and Scotland* and *Van Gogh's Twin: the Scottish Art Dealer Alexander Reid 1854-1928*.

**Wednesday 14 April, 7.30pm:** Talk by Colin Clarkson, 'Scots in London'.

Come on a virtual tour of London locations with Scottish associations from kings to commoners – no Travelcard required.

It's a veritable Scotch broth of authors, architects, and artists, spiced, perhaps, with the odd criminal and charlatan.

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

**Wednesday 19 May, 7.30pm:** Talk by Brian Wilton MBE. FSA Scot., 'Tartan'.

Older than the Ancient Greeks... or a Victorian Invention? Brian is the author of the acclaimed National Trust for Scotland book *Tartans* – he returned to Scotland in the 1980s and became Director of the Scottish Tartans Authority.

While building up that world authority, he discovered a talent for tartan

designing and is now widely regarded as the leading exponent of the art and its true place in history.

His knowledge, enthusiasm, and design prowess has taken him to New York, Moscow, Tokyo, and places in between, where he has dispelled the myths and dispensed the truth about tartan, its beginnings and its global symbolism.

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

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**Wednesday 3 March, 2.30pm:**

Illustrated talk by Andrew Johnson of the East Fife Members' Centre, 'Stone Masons' Marks'.

As a child attending Sunday School at St Athernase Church in Leuchars, Andrew first became aware of stone masons' marks. His talk will help us to spot themselves ourselves and includes example from local buildings such as Falkland Palace and Balmerino Abbey.

**Wednesday 7 April, 2.30pm:** Talk by Lesley Scott, Regional Conservator in our area, 'Covid, Conservation and Collections'.

Lesley will speak to us about preventative conservation and her plans for collections held by NTS in our area.

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

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**EDINBURGH MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC025732)**

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**FRIENDS OF ALLOA TOWER (SC017733)**

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**Thursday 8 April, 7.30pm:** Talk by Michael Lawrie, Head Gardener at Threave, 'The School of Heritage Gardening and its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary'.

**Thursday 6 May, 7.30pm:** Talk by Jim Logan, Marine Biologist, 'Queens, Razors and Pelican's Feet: Seashells of the Solway Coast'.

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

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#### **FRIENDS OF ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM (SC043931)**

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#### **GALLOWAY MEMBERS' GROUP (SC026207)**

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#### **GLASGOW MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC024399)**

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#### **HIGHLAND MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC006203)**

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**Wednesday 12 May, 2.30pm:** Talk by Peter Cairns, Executive Director of Scotland, Big Picture, 'Rewilding the Highlands'.

**Wednesday 30 June, 2.30pm:** Talk by Susan Kruse, 'Wartime Remains in the Cromarty Firth'.

Susan of Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH) will give a talk about projects investigating evidence of wartime activity in the Cromarty Firth in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. The talk will explore how to find out about this activity and the local impact.

**Wednesday 14 July, 2.30pm:** Talk by Mary Miers, 'Highland Retreats'.

Mary will be giving a talk on Highland Retreats, the architecture and interior decoration of the romantic north, the subject of her recent book.

#### **LANARKSHIRE MEMBERS' GROUP (SC024465)**

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#### **LONDON MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC027207)**

Charles Hope, Chairperson

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**Wednesday 10 March, 7pm:** Talk by Bob Johnson ARPS, 'The Kingdom of the Ice Bear'.

Bob is a wildlife photographer who travels the globe to photograph some of the planets most iconic species.

Focussing on the world's predators, he spends several weeks each year with the big cats in the Serengeti.

However, for his talk to the NTFS he is taking us to the frozen north in search of polar bears when in 2018 he spent four weeks on an old seal hunting boat searching the ice around Svalbard. Living like a seal hunter Bob tells us about the ship, the region, his time on the polar ice cap and of course the many polar bears that he photographed.

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

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**Thursday 18 March, 7.30pm:** Talk by Alan Cameron, 'Ellon Castle Gardnes'.

While the old Ellon Castle dates back to the 15th century, the Gardens reached their current size in the early 18th century and in their time were some of the finest in Scotland. They contain a unique collection of ancient English yews thought to be at least 500 years old. However, in more recent times, the structures and horticultural elements within have been allowed to fall into disrepair and neglect. The Castle was in private ownership until 2014 when the 9-acre site was transferred to the community of Ellon. Since then, teams of volunteers have been working to restore the Gardens. This talk will be given by Alan Cameron, formerly Chairman of the Board of Directors for Ellon Castle Gardens and now in charge of interactions with the local community. We hope to be able to arrange a MC visit to the Gardens when COVID restrictions permit.

**ST KILDA CLUB (SC034266)**

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**WEST FIFE MEMBERS' GROUP  
(SC025426)**

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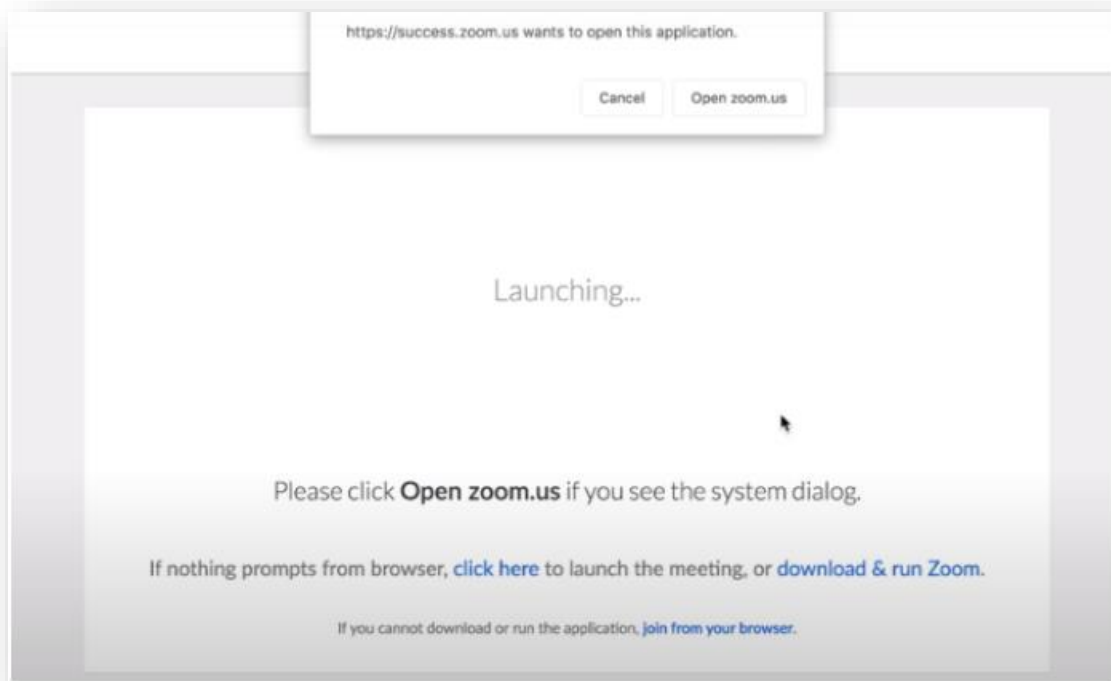
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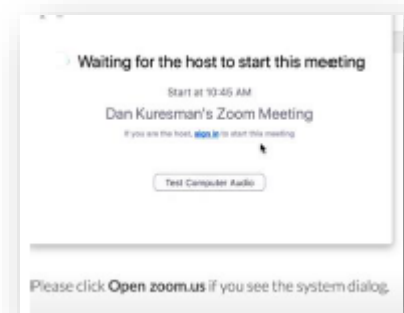
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2. If required, enter the meeting ID and password.
3. You will be prompted to download zoom if you haven't used it before, or launch zoom if you have.
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6. Once you are in, you will see the toolbar along the bottom. The left-hand side has your mute button and your video button. Click on the icons to turn these on and off.
7. You have 2 available views – if you are using a computer, you will see speaker view or gallery view at the top of the screen in the right-hand corner – gallery view will show you everyone on the call. Speaker view will show you full screen of the person who is currently speaking.



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