

MEMBERS' CENTRES & FRIENDS' GROUPS

Events Listing 2023

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Thursday 9 February, 2.30pm: Talk by Wendy Purvis, Project Director, "Falkland Palace", at the Guide Hall, Myre car park, Forfar.

Sunday 26 February, 1.30pm - 3.30pm:

Snowdrop afternoon at the House of Dun.

Thursday 9 March, 2.30pm: Talk by Neil Wernick, "Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre" at the Guide Hall, Myre car park, Forfar.

Sunday 14 May, 1.30pm to 3.30pm: Spring Plant Sale at the House of Dun.



Friday 25 August: Summer Concert – further details to be confirmed.

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Friday 10 March, 2pm: Annual Lunch and AGM, Old Manor Hotel, Lundin Links

EAST LOTHIAN MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC026085)

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Thursday 11 May: Visit to the Great Tapestry of Scotland in the Scottish Borders.

The Great Tapestry of Scotland Gallery is at the heart of the Scottish Borders. The building was designed to house the Great Tapestry of Scotland; a unique visual history of the nation crafted by the hands of a thousand stitchers.

For those not familiar, there are 160 panels, hand stitched by over 1000 people and 300 miles of wool covering aspects of Scottish life from prehistoric times to the reopening of the Scottish Parliament. Some panels were worked on by local stitchers from East Lothian. Alexander McColl Smith was the driving force, soon joined by Andrew Crummy, who was behind the Prestonpans tapestry, and who has recently received an MBE. The well-known Borderer Alistair Moffat was also involved, being keen to include panels reflecting ordinary lives.

Wednesday 28 June: Visit to the Alnwick Garden in Northumberland.

The Grand Cascade is the central feature and the backbone of the garden. With 129 jets that make up the half-hourly water displays continue to amaze visitors. The Ornamental Garden with over 16,000 European plants, the garden's spell-binding water sculptures and the intrigue of the Poison Garden that features many plants grown unwittingly in back gardens and the countryside.

The 12 acres of meandering and magnificent Gardens are home to the world's largest Tai-Haku Cherry Orchard outside of Japan, a Grand Cascade

comprising 120 water jets and the world's largest Treehouse Restaurant.

Tuesday 25 July: Visit to Bowhill House in the Scottish Borders.

Bowhill House has been the principal home of the Scott's of Buccleuch for over two centuries. The House's history gives it many great tales. It also houses one of the world's greatest private art collections including masterpieces by Canaletto, Raeburn, Reynolds and Gainsborough. You'll find stunning French furniture, Mortlake Tapestries, antique porcelain, and portrait miniatures.

One of the highlights for many is the exhibition of 50 jewel-like portrait miniatures. Discover the fascinating family history of the Scott's of Buccleuch and admire their world-renowned Art Collection.

Wednesday 23 August: Visit to Newhailes House and Gardens in East Lothian.

With its origins in the 17th century, Newhailes was owned from 1709 by the influential Dalrymple family. Ownership was passed down over several generations of the family, with substantial additions in the first half of the 18th century.

With its rococo interiors, Italian marble fireplaces, Chinese sitting room and impressive fine art collection, Newhailes House has always been a place of innovation and creativity. Fascinated by art and want to know more about their historic collections and uncover rarely seen art works and objects. Take this opportunity to visit rooms that you don't usually get to see and enjoy the unparalleled 18th century decorative scheme of Newhailes.

Thursday 21 September: Visit to Dunfermline, Fife.

Dunfermline's most famous son is Andrew Carnegie, who was born in 1835 in what is now the only surviving weaver's cottage in Dunfermline. A steel tycoon, stockbroker, writer, lecturer, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Among the gifts he gave to his

hometown are a free library and public swimming baths. Most important of all was the donation of the Pittencrieff Estate which he had purchased in 1903 to be converted into Pittencrieff Park.

A short walk away is the centre of the city and an opportunity to have some lunch. After lunch, explore the modern Carnegie Library and Galleries with their museum displaying the rich past of the locality through six themes: Industry, Leisure & Recreation, Transport, Conflict, Homes and Royal Dunfermline.

EDINBURGH MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC025732)

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Meetings are held in Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge in Edinburgh, EH1 1EL, on Thursdays at 2.30pm or 7.30pm, unless otherwise notified. A hearing induction loop is available.

Non-members are welcome 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 excursions for its members to a range of Trust and non-Trust properties and places. In 2023 visits are planned to Manchester; Greenbank Garden & Burrell Collection; Traquair House; Kellie Castle & Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther; Paxton House; House of Dun; Holmwood & David Livingstone Centre.

Although booking on visits is open only to Centre members, we welcome non-members who accompany a member.

A programme of Guided Urban walks is offered to Centre Members between April and October in East Lothian, Perth, Glasgow & Edinburgh.

To join any of the events or excursions listed, please contact Peter Westbrook

Thursday 23 February, 2.30pm: Talk by Aileen Orr, Author, "Wojtek the Bear – A Polish War Hero".

Thursday 9 March, 2.30 pm: Talk by Antonella Sorace, Professor of Developmental Linguistics, Edinburgh University, "Language Learning and Multilingualism; a Lifetime in Perspective".

Thursday 30 March, 7.30 pm: Talk by Kath Hay, Author and Publisher, "Scotland's Hidden Treasures".

Thursday 7 September, 7.30pm: Talk by Caroline Hirst, Visitor Services Supervisor, NTS Kellie Castle, "Kellie Castle – its History and Conservation Work".

Thursday 21 September, 7.30pm: Talk by Katherine Wright, Senior Specialist, Fine Furniture and Decorative Arts, Lyon And Turnbull. "Hidden Treasures in Scottish Homes – Some recent Lyon and Turnbull Auction Highlights".

Thursday 5 October, 7.30pm: Talk by Colin Douglas, retired Church of Scotland Minister "Iona – God's Energy".




Thursday 19 October, 7.30pm: Talk by Richard Rodger, Professor Emeritus, Economic and Social History, Edinburgh University, "The Origins, Development and Significance of the Edinburgh (and Leith) Colonies".

Thursday 9 November, 2.30pm: Talk by Leo du Feu, Scottish Artist - landscape, wildlife, conservation, "Sketching Scotland's Landscapes and Wildlife".

Thursday 23 November, 2.30pm: Talk by Betsy Dorfman, Edinburgh-born World Traveller, "African Wildlife Adventures".




Thursday 1 February 2024, 7.30pm: 49th Annual General Meeting.




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Thursday 6 April, 7pm for 7.30pm: Illustrated talk by Laura Boswell of Baytree Gallery, "Laura Boswell and the influence of Japan on her landscape prints".

Tickets are £7 for Friends and £8 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink. For more information about Laura Boswell, please visit www.lauraboswell.co.uk

Thursday 4 May, 7pm for 7.30pm: Talk by Andrew Martin, "Bonnie Scotland – Scotland on the big screen". Andrew will be giving an illustrated look at how Scotland and the Scots has been depicted by Hollywood and others, taking in historical figures, adaptations of novels, and Scottish actors. Andrew was formerly of the National Library of Scotland.

Tickets are £7 for Friends and £8 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Thursday 1 June, 7pm for 7.30pm: Talk by Professor David Purdie, "Tusitala. The life and legacy of Robert Louis Stevenson".

Tickets are £10 for Friends and £12 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Sunday 16 July, 5.30pm for 6pm: A Garden Party to celebrate the anniversary of A.E. Hornels birthday. There will be drinks and music in the garden, so bring a picnic and chairs or rugs, and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink and a piece of birthday cake (the latter are included with tickets).

Tickets are £10 for Friends and £12 for visitors.

Thursday 7 September, 7pm for 7.30pm: Illustrated talk by Dr Jennifer Melville, Head of Curatorial and Conservation Services at the Trust, "From realism to symbolism: E.A. Hornel and Europe".

Tickets are £7 for Friends and £8 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Thursday 5 October, 7pm for 7.30pm: A Musical Evening: The return of the Galloway Players (Flautist Rebecca Carson and guitarist Iain Coleman).

Tickets are £15 for Friends and £17 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink. For more information about the Galloway Players, please visit www.gallowayplayers.com.

Thursday 2 November, 7pm for 7.30pm: "Gardeners Question Time" with Michael Lawrie, Head of the Gardening School at Threave and his team from Threave Garden & Estate. Bring your questions and gardening problems to this expert panel.


Tickets are £7 for Friends and £8 for visitors. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Thursday 7 December, 2pm for

2.30pm: An Afternoon of Carols & Readings, with mulled wine and a mince pie.

Tickets are £8 for Friends or £10 for visitors.

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Book Club: The Burns Birthday Book Club takes place the **last Tuesday of every month at 2pm** in the Education Pavilion at Burns Cottage. The books are supplied on loan by the local library. New members are always welcomed. Tea, coffee, and cake provided.

Craft Activities: During the Summer holidays volunteers run traditional craft activities involving families and children in the workshops. These include ink making, bannock making, fabric dyeing, weaving, and run making.

This year, the Friends are running wool spinning and weaving workshops **every Thursday from 11am to 1pm** in the Temporary Gallery of the Museum. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch or practise wool fibre being spun and the variety of crafts that can be made with it. There are small looms ready for children and adults who want to give it a go.

Debate Nights: It was at the Bachelors Club at Tarbolton where Robert Burns learned to dance, launched the debating club and became a Freemason.

Turning the clock back to the year 1780 when Robert Burns launched the debating club, on the **3rd Monday of each month at 7.00pm**, we will have a

Debate Night with one subtle difference: it will be open for all to enjoy.

All events are free to attend though any donations are welcome. These are used solely for the upkeep and development of The Bachelors Club.

Saturday 3 September, 2pm – 5pm:

Summer Picnic with the Musical Friends Band at the New Gardens field at Burns Cottage.


Join the Friends for a relaxed, fun, and sociable get together at what William Burns called 'New Gardens'.

Entertainment will be provided by John Rattenbury's band Musical Friends playing from the stage of the outdoor classroom.

Entry is free but please bring your own picnic, rug, or chairs. Friends and family are welcome but please remember they may have to pay to get in at the kiosk.


Email Alison Wilson to confirm your attendance.

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The Centre has a Winter series of talks between November and March. Talks are free to members. New Members are always welcome.

Meetings are held in Renfrew St. Stevens in Bath Street on Wednesday afternoons starting at 2.00pm.

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Wednesday 8 March, 2pm: Speaker and subject to be confirmed.

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Saturday 18 February 2023: Visit to Pollok House and the Burrell, Glasgow.

Saturday 18 March 2023: Visit to the Black Watch Museum, Perth.



Saturday 15 April 2023: Visit to Paisley Abbey, Paisley, and the Rouken Glen, Glasgow.

Saturday 20 May 2023: Visit to Gladstone's Land, Edinburgh

Friday 9 June 2023: Annual General Meeting

Saturday 17 June 2023: Visit to the Hill House, Helensburgh

LONDON MEMBERS' CENTRE (SC027207)

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Tuesday 28 February, 1.30pm:

Florence Nightingale Guided Walk with Debbie Pearson, London Tour Guide, to celebrate the 200th anniversary in 2020 of Florence Nightingale's birth.

Tickets are £18 for members or £20 for non-members.

Wednesday 15 March, 2pm: Afternoon visit to Benjamin Franklin House to learn about the founding father of the United States and a signatory to the Declaration of Independence. Tickets are £30 for members or £33 for non-members.

Wednesday 26 April, 11.30am: All day visit to the Royal Gunpowder Mills, a designated Scheduled Monument and set in 170 acres of natural woodlands. Its numerous structures tell the extraordinary story of explosives and propellants over 300 years from Charles 11 to rocketry during the Cold War era.

The visit will last 4 hours and is split into two parts. Part one takes in the exhibitions, armoury, film, and rocket vault. Part two is a guided tractor tour off the beaten track to visit some listed buildings and to see an abundance of wildlife.

Tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as a light finger buffet lunch will be provided.



Tickets are £29 for members or £32 for non-members.

Thursday 4 May, 12pm-3.30pm: AGM, buffet lunch and by a talk from Oliver Yates, Head of the International Marine Programme for the RSPB, "The Albatross Task Force".

Admission to the AGM is free and no ticket is required. Tickets for the buffet

lunch and talk are £21 for members, or £25 for non-members.

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Wednesday 8 March, 7.30pm: Talk by Jill Kirkwood, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" an analysis of witch trials including reference to a local trial." At the Aberdour Golf Club.

Saturday 11 March, 10am - 11.45am: Coffee morning in St Fillan's Church Hall, High Street Aberdour. Variety of stalls and raffle (drawn at 11.15am). All are welcome and tickets are available from the Committee or at the door.

Tuesday 18 April, 7.30pm: Annual General Meeting in the Abbey Church Hall, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline

followed by a talk. Speaker and subject TBC.

Wednesday 10 May: Visit to The Hill House and Holmwood

Wednesday 14 June: Visit to The Burrell Collection and the Resources Centre

Wednesday 26 July: Visit to Manderston near Duns

Wednesday 30 August: Visit to Traquair House, Melrose Abbey and Priorwood Gardens

Monday 25 September to Friday 29: Members' Annual holiday to Strathpeffer and the Highlands

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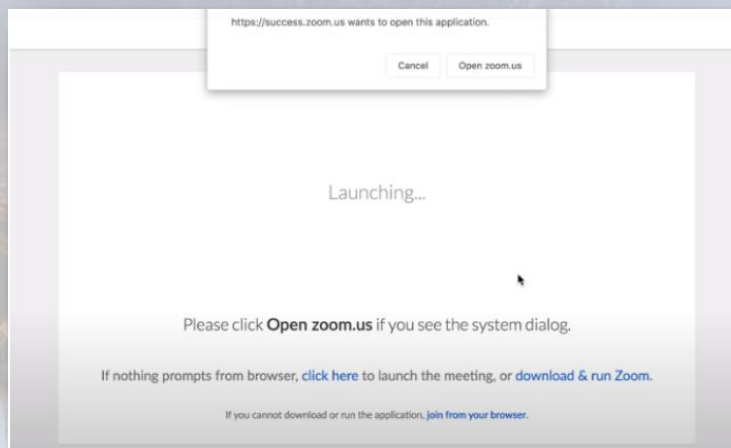
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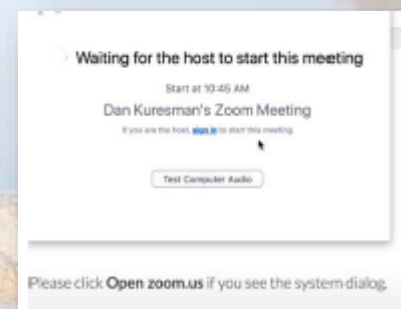
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