

# A TOUCH OF GAS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded that the AGM will take place on

**Thursday 18 April 2013**

**at 7:15pm**

*(Note earlier time)*

This is your Society and your AGM gives you the opportunity to raise points that concern you or which you think will be of interest to the Society.

**The meeting will be followed by:**

***Feasting with Latinus: Rethinking early medieval Whithorn***  
**Adrian Maldonado (University of Glasgow)**

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting of the AGM on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012
3. Annual Report from the President, Ms Susan Hothersall
4. Annual Report from the Treasurer, Mrs Ann Bray
5. Report from the Journal Editor, Dr. Ellen McAdam
6. Election of Office Bearers and Council Members
7. AOCB

### **Oswald Street Bookshop**

This Bookshop is at 27 Oswald Street, Glasgow, G1 4PE

Their Stock includes Archaeology, Antiquarian, Maps, etc and is well worth a visit.

<http://www.oswaldstreetbookshop.co.uk>

**Now at the National Museum of Scotland  
until 12 May 2013 – Vikings! The Untold Story**



<http://www.nms.ac.uk/>

### **Electronic Communication**

For the past few years we have been sending out E-mails to the many members who have subscribed to this service, reminding them of the forthcoming lecture and this has proved highly successful. The system also provides the facility to update members on items of interest that emerge between issues of *A Touch of GAS*. Very often the Society receives very short notice of events such as an open day at a dig, Conferences, Lectures, etc.

These cannot be accommodated within the present format of twice-yearly issues of *A Touch of GAS*, but can within a system of *E-Bulletins*, and although publicised at lectures many members otherwise miss out on useful information.

A current example is the Lecture Notes which we used to include within *A Touch of GAS*. For various reasons, totally unrelated to the development of *E-Bulletins* these are not always available in time for an issue, but when they become available will be included within the electronic reminders.

The system also produces considerable postal savings to the Society, helping to keep subscriptions under control.

We would urge members if possible to subscribe which can be done through the website, as Council hopes to develop this further in the future. Council accepts that members may be either unable or unwilling to receive *E-Bulletins* (it is astonishing how quickly one's "Inbox" fills up!) and that is their right. We can assure members that they will not be disadvantaged by not subscribing inasmuch as they will continue to receive twice-yearly Newsletters.

### ***The Dalrymple Lecture Fund***

Jointly with Glasgow University the Society administers The Dalrymple Lecture Fund, a generous bequest by James Dalrymple to finance a series of free public Lectures on European topics of historic and archaeological interest.

The first Lecture Series was delivered in 1907, and recent speakers have included Professor Richard Bradley, Lord Colin Renfrew, Dr. Chris Stringer, Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe, Ian Hodder and Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill.

The Fund also generously supports the publication of the Scottish Archaeological Journal.

### ***The Dalrymple/Donaldson Fund***

In addition to the Dalrymple Lecture Fund, James Dalrymple left money in trust, later greatly augmented by Professor Gordon Donaldson, formerly Historiographer Royal, to provide funds to assist with the renovation and repair of buildings of historic or architectural importance.

Further details may be obtained from the Fund Secretary – see the GAS website for more details.

Applications require to be submitted before October in any year, when the awards are made.

### **1314 A Season of Anniversaries**

Work is well in hand for the 2013/14 Season, with a theme of Anniversaries. It is surprising how many archaeological/historical events have a birthday in “13” or “14”. Some will be obvious such as Paisley Abbey (1163) which opens the Season and Bannockburn (1314!) which closes it, but some may be less well known and Council is working hard to produce an exciting and stimulating Season.

The Dalrymple Lecture Series for 13/14 will be on 18-21 November 2013. The Dalrymple Curators are delighted that these will be delivered by Mike Parker-Pearson, Professor of British Later Prehistory at UCL, on *The Stonehenge Project*.

### ***A couple of pictures, the Annual Past-Presidents' Dinner, and the SCARF Launch –***



### **Summer Excursions 2013**

#### **First Summer Excursion – Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – St. Andrews, Fife**

The coach will leave from outside the Boyd Orr Building, Glasgow University at 8.30 a.m. and will travel eastwards to the historic, university town of **St. Andrews**.

On arrival we will meet our guides, **Edwina Proudfoot**, who was our guest speaker at the November GAS lecture and her husband, Bruce, who has a background in archaeology and geography.

Our party will be divided into two groups and while Edwina is leading half of our members around the old burgh of St. Andrews, Bruce will be taking the remaining members on a visit of 19<sup>th</sup> Century and 20<sup>th</sup> Century St. Andrews, possibly using the coach.

After lunch the groups will change over. Members will also have an opportunity during the day to visit the **Cathedral**, the **Castle** or the shops!

The coach will leave the town in the late afternoon and should be back at the University at approximately 7.30 p.m.

Stout shoes and warm, waterproof clothing would be advisable.

Cost (not including entrance tickets to cathedral or castle) £13.

**Second Summer Excursion – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>. August – Melrose and the Surrounding Area**

The coach will leave from outside the Boyd Orr Building, Glasgow University, at 8.30 a.m. and after a short stop en route will arrive on the outskirts of **Melrose** in the late morning.

**Abbotsford**, home of Sir Walter Scott, will be our first visit of the day. Members will be taken on a guided tour of the refurbished house with its impressive collection of historic relics, weapons and armour. Lunch will be at Abbotsford and, if a fine day, a packed lunch may be enjoyed at tables overlooking the River Tweed. Alternatively, members may dine in the splendid restaurant recently opened in the new Visitor Centre, which also houses a fascinating exhibition of Scott's life and a well-stocked gift shop!

In the afternoon the coach will leave Abbotsford and head to the lovely Borders town of **Melrose**. Members will have the chance of visiting **Melrose Abbey**, founded in 1136 by David 1, the first Cistercian monastery in Scotland. The magnificent ruins of today date from the post 1385 rebuilding and are regarded as one of the most magnificent examples of medieval church architecture in the British Isles.

Our second visit in Melrose will be to the **Trimontium Museum**, which tells the story of a Roman Frontier Post through a wide variety of artefacts and reproductions. A guide will give us an introductory talk and then we shall have the opportunity to view the exhibits and watch an informative video.

In the late afternoon the coach will head home and we hope to be back at the University at approximately 7.30 p.m.

The cost of the excursion includes entrance tickets to Abbotsford House and Gardens, Melrose Abbey and the Trimontium Museum.

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To: [Redacted]

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – St. Andrews, Fife**

Please reserve me .....seat(s) on this excursion at £13.00 each

I enclose a cheque payable to **Glasgow Archaeological Society for £.....**

From Name ..... Phone No. ....  
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**Please return by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013, and enclose a return stamped addressed envelope.**

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To: **Ms. Margaret King, 1 Whittingehame Court, 1350 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0BG (0141 334 5174)**

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>. August – Melrose and the Surrounding Area**

Please reserve me .....seat(s) on this excursion at £22.00 each (Member of Historic Scotland)

Please reserve me .....seat(s) on this excursion at £21.50 each (Member of Historic Scotland - Concession)

Please reserve me .....seat(s) on this excursion at £26.00 each (Non-Member of Historic Scotland)

Please reserve me .....seat(s) on this excursion at £27.50 each (Non-Member of Historic Scotland - Concession).

I enclose a cheque payable to **Glasgow Archaeological Society for £.....**

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**Please return by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013, and enclose a return stamped addressed envelope.**

Two “must sees” at the British Museum  
<http://www.britishmuseum.org>  
advance booking essential for both



***Life and Death in Herculaneum and Pompeii***  
**28 March – 29 September 2013**

Wonderfully complements Andrew Wallace-Hadrill's Dalrymple Lectures this year.



**Ice Age Art**

**The Arrival of the Modern Mind**

**7 February to  
26 May 2013**

The Next **SCOTTISH LOCAL HISTORY FORUM CONFERENCE**

**SALT, SUN & SHIVERING**

**SCOTS AT THE SEASIDE 1750-2000**

**SPRING CONFERENCE & LOCAL HISTORY MINI FAIR**

**FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2013 – BAY HOTEL, KINGHORN, FIFE**

[HTTP://WWW.SLHF.ORG/](http://www.slhf.org/)

***Excursion Booking Forms Overleaf***

# A Major Conference to Celebrate 850 Years of Paisley Abbey



**Paisley Abbey 850 Conference**  
**Saturday 7 September 2013**  
**In Paisley Abbey**



The morning session will concentrate on the period up to the seventeenth century and the afternoon session from the eighteenth century. The morning session will include subjects such as the Stewarts and the use of Saints, the early Abbots in Paisley, the Abbey estates and the use of their resources, and the archaeology and architecture of the Place of Paisley. The afternoon papers will concentrate on the Abbey's place in the wider Scottish context and on its interaction with the growing town of Paisley.

**Chairman: Derek Alexander**

**Speakers**

**Gilbert Márkus**  
**Professor Richard Oram**  
**Alan Steel**  
**Tom Addyman**

**Professor Charles McKean**  
**David Roberts**  
**Rev. Tom Davidson Kelly**

Further details as they become available at : [www.paisleyabbey.org.uk](http://www.paisleyabbey.org.uk) or [www.rlhf.info](http://www.rlhf.info)

**Programme**

09.15 COFFEE & REGISTRATION

**Chairman Derek Alexander (NTS)**

10.00 Welcome & Introduction

10.10 **Gilbert Markus** (University of Glasgow) - *Paisley, the Stewarts, and the Use of Saints*

10.50 **Prof. Richard Oram** (University of Stirling) - *The Abbey, its Estate and the Changing Face of the Land*

11.30 BREAK

11.40 **Alan Steel** (Local Historian) - *Patrons, Troublemakers and Angry Abbots*

12.20 **Tom Addyman** (Simpson & Brown) - *The Archaeology of the Cloister and the Place of Paisley – a new investigation and analysis*

**1.00 - 14.00 LUNCH**

14.00 Introduction

14.05 **Prof Charles McKean** (University of Dundee) - *The Modernising of Paisley 1750 –1820*

14.45 **David Roberts** (Local Historian) - *Fighting the Good Fight: The Life and Times of the Reverend Patrick Brewster-charismatic People's Champion or bigoted self-important windbag?*

15.25 **Revd. Tom Davidson Kelly** - *An Edwardian Scots Medieval Architect – MacGregor Chalmers and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Choir Restoration*

16.05 Summary and conclusion

16.30 CLOSE

### **Data Protection Act**

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