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MEMBERS' CENTRES AND FRIENDS GROUPS EVENTS APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009

As a member of the National Trust for Scotland you can join any of the independent support groups, including London and Cambridge, for a small additional annual subscription.

Lectures, outings, social events, day trips, tours and holidays for their members throughout the year.

For more information please contact each group direct.

ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 000109)

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* book in advance

21 April 7.30pm: (Joint meeting with Saltire Society) Judith Stones, 'The archaeology of Aberdeen – recent developments and future plans', Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen *

10-13 May Holiday: 'Treasures of Dumfries and Galloway' *

27 June Coach excursion to Dunkeld, The Hermitage and Stanley Mill *

5 September Coach excursion to Fife Folk Museum, Ceres and House of Dun *

NORTH EAST ABERDEENSHIRE MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 024227)

Margaret Alexander 01651 872659
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14 April AGM, and 'A Photographic Journey Round Ellon's Heritage Trail' by Alan Cameron at Haddo House

25 April 9.30am-4.30pm: Stall at the Scottish Family History Fair, Kings College Centre

9 May Antiques and Valuables Show with Lyon & Turnbull at Haddo Hall

26-29 June Weekend Trip to Orkney

15 July Trip to Dunninald and House of Dun

August (TBC) Guided tour of Aberdeen Harbour Control Tower and a walking tour of Footdee

9 September 'Men behind the Medals' by Air Commodore Graham Pitchfork (ret'd) Haddo Hall

FRIENDS OF ALLOA TOWER (Charity Number SC 017733)

Betty Roy 01259 213954

All events are held at Alloa Tower unless otherwise stated.

17 April The Galloway Consort

29 April AGM followed by buffet

ANGUS MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 024891)

Joyce Cooper 01674 676783

3 April 7.30pm: Gardeners' Question Time, Forfar Leisure Centre

22 April 2.30pm: Talk by Mark McLean, Interpretation & Education Officer 'Newhailes and the Enlightenment', Finavon Hotel, Forfar

24 April J M Barrie Evening, Cortachy Church

17 May 1.30-4.00pm: Plant Sale, House of Dun

21 May Trip to Pitlochry Theatre to see 'What Every Woman Knows'

7 June Songs of Praise, Old and St Andrew's Church, Montrose

11 June Outing to Dumfries House, Ayrshire

21 June Midsummer Evening at Pitmuies

15 August Family BBQ at Barry Mill

29 August Annual Concert at Mechanics Institute, Brechin

5 September 'Whisky Galore', Pitlochry Theatre

27 September 1:30-4.00pm: Plant Sale, House of Dun, (in conjunction with property 'Apples & Pears' Day)

ARGYLL MEMBERS' GROUP (Charity Number SC 024786)

Jim Kirkpatrick 01631 570878
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25 April AGM at Loch Melfort Hotel

16 May Visit to Island of Gigha

13 June Visit to Benmore Gardens, Dunoon

29 June-2 July Away Trip to Pitlochry

12 September Visit to be confirmed

AYRSHIRE MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 000387)

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All our talks are held in the Citadel Leisure Centre (Swimming Baths) at the South Harbour of Ayr, unless otherwise stated. Free tea and coffee are served from 7:00pm in the Conference Room followed by the talk at 7:30pm. All visitors are welcome at no cost.

16 April 'The Ports of Ayr and Troon' by Colin Hume

21 May AGM at Culzean Castle

June (TBC) – A farm walk at Morrirston Farm

June Summer outing to Sorn Castle

BANFF & MORAY MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 024693)

Duncan K Alexander 01343 543695

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22-25 May Spring tour to Edinburgh and the Lothians

13 June Coffee morning in the Public Institute, Fochabers

15 July Coach outing to Castle Fraser and Drum Castle

August (TBC) Coach outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre

September (TBC) Lunch party (with speaker)

BEARSDEN & MILNGAVIE MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 025422)

*Arthur Priestly, Membership Secretary
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23 April Walk – National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride

23 April 7.30pm: AGM in Milngavie Town Hall, followed by talk and question time

27 April Outing – Dumfries House

18-22 May Holiday in Northern Ireland (fully booked)

26 May Walk – Rosneath Circuit

10 June Outing – New Lanark Heritage Centre

19 June Walk – Loudon Hill

9 July Walk – Kinlochard

7 August Walk – Loch Chon Circuit

12 August Outing – Menstrie Castle and Falkland Palace

10 September Walk – Falls of Clyde

15 September Afternoon outing – Pollokshields Churches and Stained Glass

September Programme of talks resumes in Milngavie Town Hall

BORDERS MEMBERS' GROUP

Dr Vera Carstairs 01835 824774

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9 May 10.00 -11.30 am: Coffee Morning and Sale at the Corn Exchange, Melrose. Stalls, plants and raffle. Items for sale most welcome (books, cakes, bric-a-brac)

23 and 24 May Harmony and Priorwood Gardens Plant Sale (at Priorwood) Saturday 10am- 5pm; Sunday 12 – 5pm

27 May Trip to Branklyn Gardens and Falkland Palace. Group transport from St. Boswells £10
Book with John Lynn (01835 822053)

5-8 June Trip to Inverness, Cromarty and Culloden
Book by 1 June with Alastair Turnbull (01573 420309)

8 July Talk at St. Mary's Church Haddington – (coffee) and visit Lennoxlove House. Group transport £10 Entry £5; buy your own lunch at Maitlandfield House Hotel
Book with John Lynn (01835 822053)

August (TBC) Wine, Cheese and Art

8 September 3.00pm: 'Tradition and Modernity: Arts and Crafts in Scotland' by Dr. Elizabeth Cumming, at The Town House, Melrose. £5 at the door N.B. The Town House is across the road from Burts Hotel in Melrose

29 September Trip to Dawyck Botanic Gardens by own cars. Meet there at 11am. Autumn colours, New Visitor Centre, and refreshments

FRIENDS OF BRODICK CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK (Charity Number SC 033817)

George Davis 01770 600402

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12 April Family Day at Brodick Castle with egg decorating, Easter egg trails, face painting, bonnet competition and parade, games and the great Duck Derby

1-2 August Re-enactment weekend, based on Viking history

FRIENDS OF BROUGHTON HOUSE AND GARDEN (Charity Number SC 012686)

Douglas Bremner 01644 470239

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CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

Julian Landy 01223 366741

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13 May 7.30 for 8pm: 'Gladstones' Land – Lost Lands and New Jamb's' by Pat Wigston, the National Trust for Scotland, at Newnham College, Cambridge

FRIENDS OF CRARAE (Charity Number SC 033244)

Dr Gordon Jackson 01546 886663

On the first Wednesday of the month (weather permitting) 'Friends' are invited to help in the garden between 10am and 4pm. Tea and coffee are provided; bring your own picnic lunch.

1 April Garden Day

6 May Garden Day

3 June Garden Day

June (TBC) 'Strawberries and Cream' at Crarae

1 July Garden Day

FRIENDS OF CULZEAN (Charity Number SC 037983)

John Rattenbury 01292 264344

COMPANIONS OF THE DAVID LIVINGSTONE CENTRE

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DUMFRIESSHIRE MEMBERS' GROUP (Charity Number SC 031094)

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DUNDEE MEMBERS' GROUP (Charity Number SC 024151)

Christine Mollison 01382 523505

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All meetings, unless otherwise notified, will be held in the Glasite Hall, St Andrew's Church, King Street, Dundee. Admission £1

16 April 7.15pm: AGM and talk by Andrew Bachell, Conservation Services and Projects Director, the National Trust for Scotland

22 April Afternoon Lecture Series field trip to Balmerino Abbey

**EAST LOTHIAN MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 026085)**

Maggie Phillips 01620 825244

EASTWOOD & DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 024601)

*Mary MacLennan 0141 639 5411
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Illustrated talks are held in Netherlee School Hall, Linnpark Avenue, Glasgow, G44 3PG at 7.30pm.

The illustrated talks are free to members of the Members' Centre. Non-members pay an admission fee of £2 which is refundable on joining the Centre.

2 April Val Reilly, 'Paisley Pamphlets'

22-25 April Visit to Elgin

19 May Visit to Inveraray Castle

18 June Visit to Logan Botanic Garden

**EDINBURGH MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 025732)**

Jill Powlett-Brown 0131 446 0248 (evening)

All meetings are held at Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated.

16 April Visit to Dumfries House and Burns House Museum, Mauchline

13 May Visit to Verdant Works, Dundee and Arbroath Lighthouse

12 June Visit to Craigside

7 July Visit to Pictavia and Dunninald

30 July Afternoon visit to Arniston House

29 August Trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre (to see What Every Woman Knows)

19-21 September Weekend visit (including two nights on the Isle of Bute) to Holmwood, Mount Stuart and the National Museum of Rural Life, Kitchochside

**EAST FIFE MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 024846)**

*Mhairi Ramsay 01333 313382
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21 April Evening visit – High Tea and tour of Fife Folk Museum, Ceres

17-21 May Residential trip to Inverness-shire including Blair Castle, Hugh Miller Museum and Culloden Visitor Centre

Week beginning 15 June Day visit to Monzie Castle and Drummond Castle Gardens

Week beginning 13 July Day visit to David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre and New Lanark

26 August Day visit to Falkirk Wheel and Callendar House, Falkirk

17 September Day visit – Mystery Tour

**WEST FIFE MEMBERS' GROUP
(Charity Number SC 025426)**

*Neil Ross 01383 821619
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21 April 7.30pm: AGM, Abbey Church Hall, Dunfermline, followed by guest speaker, Ms Lesley Riddoch, Broadcaster and Journalist

9 May 10am-11.45am: Coffee morning to be held in St Fillan's Church Hall, High Street, Aberdour, with various stalls and raffle. Tickets from Committee or on the door. PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FROM 11 APRIL

**GALLOWAY MEMBERS' GROUP
(Charity Number SC 026207)**

Michael P Brown 01671 402685

29 April Day trip to Oxenfoord Castle

25-28 May Spring tour

18 June Day trip to Dumfries House

9 September Day trip to Bowhill House, Selkirk

**GLASGOW MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 024399)**

*Moira Young 0141 883 0239
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Lectures will be held at Adelaide's, 209 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4HZ at the times stated – free to Glasgow Centre members, visitors £2 per lecture. Please contact Moira Young for details of excursions. If not a member of Glasgow Members' Centre please add £2 to the cost of each day excursion.

8 April 2.00pm: Lady Edmonstone, 'Gardens'

22 April 7.30pm: Mr David Hopes, the National Trust for Scotland, Robert Burns Birthplace Museum

May (TBC) Cruachan Power Station, Argyll

18 June Levens Hall, Cumbria

7 July Balcarres, Fife

13 August Thirlestane Castle, Scottish Borders

11-15 September Touring Holiday based at Buckingham - visits to include Waddesdon Manor and Woburn Abbey

**FRIENDS OF GREENBANK GARDEN
(Charity Number SC 024113)**

Eileen Taylor 0141 577 6554

5 April Daffodil Day, Greenbank Garden

Sep (TBC) Bulb Fair, Greenbank Garden

**HIGHLAND MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 006203)**

Miss E I Luke 01463 751364

9 April AGM and presentation by Steve Callaghan, Manager Buildings and Gardens Group North

**FRIENDS OF HUGH MILLER MUSEUM & BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE
(Charity Number SC 037351)**

*Martin Gostwick 01381 600245
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**INVERCLYDE MEMBERS' CENTRE
(Charity Number SC 025313)**

Mrs Jean Marshall 01475 636648

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Watt Hall, Kelly Street, Greenock, at 7.30pm.

April Centre outing – date and place to be arranged

June Summer outing to be arranged

**LANARKSHIRE MEMBERS' GROUP
(Charity Number SC 024465)**

Margaretta Thomson 01355 237116

3 April 7.30pm: 'Merchants House and Trades House', a talk by John Park, St Andrew's Church, Hamilton

23 April Day trip to Hutton-in-the-Forest

1 May 7.30pm: 'The Tenement House' a talk by Catherine Stenhouse, at St Andrew's Church, Hamilton

May (TBC) Holiday to Durham

5 June 7.30pm: AGM followed by a talk by Mr John Mitchell, at Lesser Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven

20 June Day trip to Kellie Castle and St Andrews

19 August Day trip to Ayton Castle

4 September 7.30pm: Opening meeting at Lesser Ballgreen Hall, Strathaven

20 September Annual luncheon at Strathaven Hotel

LONDON MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 027207)

*Erica Lazarus (Membership Secretary) Flat 5, 51 Nevern Square, London SW5 9PF
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5-8 May Visit to the castles of Aberdeenshire

13 May 6.30pm: AGM in St Columba's, Pont Street, London

21 May Spring Lecture by Robert Lovie 'Aberdeenshire to Ayrshire, Castles to Robert Burns'

FRIENDS OF MALLENY (Charity Number SC 027169)

*Moira Field 0131 449 2516
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2 April 7.30pm: Talk by Neil Shaw 'Edinburgh New Town'

May (TBC) Guided tour of Malleny Garden with Philip Deacon

June (TBC) Coach outing

2 August Open Day at Malleny Garden

MOTHERWELL DISTRICT MEMBERS' GROUP

Marion Munro 01698 263640

3 April Visit to Weaver's Cottage, Kilbarchan. Lunch at River Inn, Crosslee

24 April Weekend based at Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

May (TBC) Visit to Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute

PERTH & KINROSS MEMBERS' GROUP (Charity Number SC 011062)

John Howat 01738 626520

Talks are held in the Arthur Bell Library, Perth, at 7.30pm.

Admission for members of the Perth & Kinross Group is £4 and for non-members is £5.

23 April AGM and 'Farming and Rural Life' by a speaker from the National Museum of Rural Life

7 May A social fundraising evening with films from the Scottish Film Archive

STIRLING MEMBERS' CENTRE (Charity Number SC 025499)

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Please note that prior booking is essential.

All events are held in the Bannockburn Heritage Centre at 7.30pm and cost £4, unless stated otherwise.

21 April Visit to Stanley Mills, Perth

15 May Visit to Dumfries House

10 June Visit to Arbroath Abbey and Pitmuies garden

1 July Visit to Weymss Castle Garden and Culross

August (TBC) Trip to Edzell/Brechin/Meikle

23 September Visit to Pitlochry Theatre

FRIENDS OF SUNTRAP (Charity Number SC 025490)

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11 April 2.30pm: AGM.

24 May Suntrap Open Day

ST KILDA CLUB (Charity Number SC 034266)

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WEAVERS COTTAGE SUPPORT GROUP (Charity Number SC 026000)

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