

**MEMBERS' CENTRES AND FRIENDS' GROUPS EVENTS
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2010**

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

For more information please contact each group direct.

NORTH

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

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18 April 12.30pm: Spring Lunch at Eight Acres Hotel, Elgin

21 to 24 May Spring tour to Glasgow area

12 June 10.00am: Coffee Morning at Public institute, Fochabers

July Coach outing (Date and destinations to be decided)

August Theatre outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre. (Date and production to be decided)

September Coach outing (Date and destinations to be decided)

HIGHLAND MEMBERS' CENTRE

(Charity Number SC 006203)

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8 February 3.00pm: Talk by Seamus MacNally, "Scenery and Wildlife in the NW Highlands". Inshes Church, Inverness

8 March 3.00pm: Talk by Gillian McKnight, "Bio-diversity, forestry and conservation". Golfview Hotel, Nairn

8 April 7.30pm: Annual General Meeting, Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre

22-25 May Four-day coach excursion to Ayrshire, to include visits to Culzean Castle and Dumfries House

19 June Trip to Fyvie Castle and Huntly Castle

21 July Trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see "An Ideal Husband"

September (date t.b.a.) Visit to Fowlis Castle combined with lunch and conducted walk around Dingwall or Strathpeffer

FRIENDS OF HUGH MILLER MUSEUM & BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE

(Charity Number SC 037351)

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Saturday 10 April 2.00-4.00pm: Annual Meeting; Fortrose Community Theatre, Deans Road, Fortrose IV10 8TJ. Guest Speaker: James Robertson, author, publisher.

An agenda will be distributed as soon as it is finalised. Many important issues arise from the changes to the Museum's management, including its longer term future.

The Friends' postal address is changing with effect from 12 January 2010 to:
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SOUTH

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FRIENDS OF BROUGHTON HOUSE AND GARDEN

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All events will be held at Broughton House with a 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start time

15 April 'The Gardens at Kew' – Alan Paterson

13 May 'The Treasures of Broughton House' – Sally Eastgate

2 July 7.30pm: Gentle Jazz at Threave Garden Visitor Centre

23 September 'Recent Art Additions at Broughton House' – Alastair Smith & Mike Duguid

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

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April Day visit to Eyemouth taking in 3 museums with lunch at the golf club

May Castle Menzies and the Crannog Centre with lunch in Kenmore

June Visit to Alnwick allowing members to choose from the castle, garden, bus tour round the town, the famous Barter Books 2nd hand bookshop, and the Bailiffgate museum

July Stanley Mills and Branklyn Garden

August Falkirk Wheel and Gondola

September Dumfries House with lunch in the vicinity

Please contact Rod Russell for confirmation of dates and times.

EDINBURGH MEMBERS' CENTRE

(Charity Number SC 025732)

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

21 January 7.30 pm: Annual General Meeting, Ms. Kate Mavor, Chief Executive, NTS 'Reflections on my first year with the NTS

4 February 2.30 pm: Prof. Robert Morris 'Imagining Edinburgh'

18 February 7.30 pm: Mr. John Yellowlees 'Adopting a Station'

4 March 2.30 pm: Dr. Patricia Andrew 'Pompeo Girolamo Batoni', 1708-1787: 'Portraits of Scots on the Grand Tour'

25 March 7.30 pm: Dr. Andrew Crummy 'The Prestonpans Mural Trail'

15 April Visit to Stirling Castle, Tapestry Studio and Argyle Lodgings

22 April 2.30 pm: Prof. Geoffrey Palmer 'Scotland and Slavery and the Scottish Diaspora'

11 May Visit to Pollok House and the Burrell Collection

11 June Visit to Isle of Mey (weather permitting)

7 July Visit to Floors Castle

10 August Visit to Pittenweem Art Festival

2-5 September Three nights in the Highlands: We hope to include visits to Stanley Mill, Culloden, Hugh Miller's Birthplace and Brodie Castle

9 September 7.30 pm: Ms. Gen Harrison and volunteer Mr. David Rudram – Robert Smalls Printing Works

7 October 7.30 pm: Mr. Marc McLean (NTS) – Newhailes and Enlightenment

21 October 2.30 pm: Mr. Iain Valentine – The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland

4 November 7.30 pm: Prof. Jane Dawson 'The Politics of Religion in the age of Mary, Queen of Scots'

18 November 2.30 pm: Mr. Robert Lovie (NTS) 'Aberdeenshire to Ayrshire, Castles to Robert Burns'

9 December 7.30 pm: Mrs. Diane Rose – From the Med to the Baltic, by inland waters, in a small boat

GALLOWAY MEMBERS' GROUP

(Charity Number SC 026207)

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14 April Day out in Cumbria

17-21 May Spring Tour to the Isle of Man

16 June Cruise on the Clyde & Forth Canal

13 September Day trip to Hutton-in-the-Forest

FRIENDS OF MALLENY

(Charity Number SC 027169)

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FRIENDS OF SUNTRAP

(Charity Number SC 025490)

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6 February 2.30pm: Suntrap "Skeletons & Desert Survivors", a talk on Namibian plant life by Isobel & John Lodge

6 March 2.30pm: Suntrap "A Horticultural Journey", a talk by George Anderson

17 April 2.30pm: "Friends of Suntrap" Annual General Meeting at Suntrap

12 May 2pm: A visit to The Murrel, Aberdour, a garden full of interesting plantings and many fine features

23 May Sunday Open Day at Suntrap (date provisional – still to be confirmed).

EAST**ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE**

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20 April 7.30pm: (Joint meeting with Saltire Society), Jennifer Melville, 'The Italian influence on Scottish paintings', Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen

*1 **16-19 May** Holiday to Glasgow

*2 **29 May** Excursion Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore, and Strathspey Steam Railway

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EAST FIFE MEMBERS' CENTRE

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14 April Evening visit, 5.30 High Tea at the Rockies Restaurant, Anstruther Golf Club,

7.00p.m. Visit to the Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther

14 May 7.00 p.m. Music in May, A programme of light music featuring Ann Baird, Gillian Craig, Béla Simandi and friends, Venue: Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse

27-29 May Residential Trip, Northumberland, including Craggside, Alnwick Castle and Gardens and Lindisfarne

June Day Visit Traquair House and Melrose.

July Day Visit Hill House

August Day Visit Callander, The Trossachs, Loch Katrine.

16 September 7.00p.m. Talk, Guest Speaker; Dr Larry Rolland PPRIBA, FRSE, 'Conservation of Rossend Castle'

WEST FIFE MEMBERS' GROUP

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10 April Annual Coffee Morning 10.00 to 11.45am: St Fillan's Church Hall, High Street, Aberdour with stalls for cards, garden produce, cake and candy, NTS goods, books and raffle. Tickets from Committee or on the door. All Welcome

20 April 7.30pm: Annual General Meeting in the Abbey Church Hall, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline followed by guest speaker David Hopes, NTS, on "The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum".

21 June Arniston House and Rosslyn Chapel

13 July Scone Palace and McManus Galleries Dundee

11 August Abbotsford House

6 to 9 September 4-night holiday to the Western Isles

28 September The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway

WEST

ARGYLL MEMBERS' GROUP

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24 April Annual General Meeting Argyll Hotel, Inveraray
15 May Visit to Arduaine Gardens
12 June Trip to Pitlochry Theatre
11-14 July 'Away Trip' to Thurso
11 September Visit to Glensanda Quarry

AYRSHIRE MEMBERS' CENTRE

(Charity Number SC 000387)

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All our talks are held in the Citadel Leisure Centre (Swimming Baths) in the South Harbour of Ayr, unless otherwise stated. We meet in the Conference Room on the first floor (there is a lift) from 7:00pm for free tea and coffee followed by the talk at 7:30pm.

All visitors are welcome at no cost.

Thursday 18 February "History of Dundonald Castle" by Gordon Stewart
The origins of Dundonald Castle date back to 2000BC as a Stone Age fortification. Converted into a timber Motte and Bailey castle in the 12 century, the existing building began life with the first stone castle in the 13th century. Gordon will be talking about the rich and colourful history of this remarkable castle.

Thursday 18 March "Flight Over Everest" by Dougall McIntyre Douglas Douglas-Hamilton, 14th Duke of Hamilton was chief pilot on the first flight over Mount Everest in 1933, using an open cockpit bi-plane. Flying higher than any before, the extremity endured by the crews of these aeroplanes was instrumental to the introduction of pressurised cabins in modern aircraft as well as providing the first detailed survey of the Himalaya region.

Thursday 15 April "History of Ayrshire Coal Mining" by John Rattenbury
The coal resources of Ayrshire have for centuries fuelled the industries of Ayrshire, Scotland and beyond. John will be explaining how coal mining developed over the centuries, the triumphs and tragedies of the industry and its workers, up to the closures in the 1980s.

Thursday 21 May AGM

Held at Culzean Castle starting at 7pm

June 2010 Summer Outing

BEARSDEN & MILNGAVIE MEMBERS' CENTRE

(Charity Number SC 025422)

Catherine Scott, Membership Secretary

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14 April Walk: Chatelherault

21 April Inveraray Castle and Beyond

22 April AGM, guest speaker Kate Mavor,
7.30pm Town Hall

13 May Walk: The Greenock Cut
3 June Walk: Loch Achray Circuit
22 June Bannockburn and Callendar House
13 July Monteviot Gardens
22 July Walk: Around Callander
5 August Holmwood House and Greenbank Garden
10 August Walk: Kilmahog
14 September Walk: West Highland Way, Drymen to Milngavie

FRIENDS OF BRODICK CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK

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4 April Easter at Brodick Castle
Please contact George Davis to
confirm dates.

FRIENDS OF CRARAE

(Charity Number SC 033244)
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Garden Days are held on the first Wednesday of the month, weather permitting, excluding December and January. Volunteers and their friends meet from 10 till 4 to help in the garden and to socialise. All ages and abilities welcome. Tea and coffee provided; bring your own picnic lunch.

22 May "Strawberries & Cream at Crarae". This annual event has been brought forward by two weeks to avoid the midges (and the garden looks its best).
Garden Days are held on the first Wednesday of the month, weather permitting. Volunteers and their friends meet from 10am till 4pm to help in the garden and to socialise. All ages and abilities welcome, full or part time. Tea and coffee provided; bring your own lunch on: **7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 August, 1 September, 6 October**

FRIENDS OF CULZEAN

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EASTWOOD & DISTRICT MEMBERS' CENTRE

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Illustrated talks 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.

31 March Visit to Bonne Bouche Restaurant and Falkirk Wheel

15 April Talk by Iain McGillivray: "The man who saved Scotland – Duncan Forbes of Culloden

11 May Visit to Dumfries House

24 June Summer Outing to Blair Castle (including House of Bruar)

GLASGOW MEMBERS' CENTRE

(Charity Number SC 024399)

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Lectures will be held in Adelaide's, 209 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4HZ at 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.

14 April 2pm: Mr Graeme Smith 'Theatre Royal'

28 April 7.30pm: Ms Fiona Sinclair 'Railway Stations of the Past'

15 May Visit to Monzie Castle and Murthly Castle, Perthshire

10 June Visit to Brantwood, Cumbria

1 July Visit to Mining Museum, Newtongrange, Midlothian and Arniston House

12 August Visit to Dunfermline Abbey and Aberdour Castle and Church
7 October Visit to Dawyck Gardens and the Joan Buchan Centre, Broughton
10-14 September Touring Holiday based at Strathpeffer: Including visits to Inverewe Gardens, Culloden Visitor Centre, Dunrobin Castle and Brodie Castle
For further information regarding dates, times and availability please contact Moira Young.

FRIENDS OF GREENBANK GARDEN

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LANARKSHIRE MEMBERS' GROUP

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17 April Day trip to Finlaystone Gardens, Lyle View and Newark Castle
7 May 7.30pm: 'Paddle Steamer Preservation Society' St Andrews Church, Hamilton
May (TBC) Holiday to Dorset
4 June AGM, Lesser Balgreen Hall, Strathaven

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CENTRAL

FRIENDS OF ALLOA TOWER

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STIRLING MEMBERS' CENTRE

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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.

14 April Glasgow cathedral/Museum of religion

May Sail on Loch Katrine

June Bolfracks Gardens (Aberfeldy)

July Kirkcudbright and Threave

11 August Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh

September Pitlochry theatre

Please contact William Sutherland to confirm dates and times.

ENGLAND

CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

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LONDON MEMBERS' CENTRE

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14 April Visit to Charterhouse School

15 April Visit to Tallow Chandlers' Hall

27 April Lecture / AGM

11 May Visit to Chiswick House

23-27 May Northants & Lincs Houses & Gardens Tour

8 June Visit to ING-Barings Art Collection

9 June Dover House Reception

22 June Visit to National Portrait Gallery

June Visit to Hyde Park Barracks
and Stables
6 July Visit to Eastbury Manor House
19 July Evensong: Westminster Abbey
11 August Visit to R M A Sandhurst
19 August Visit to Keats House
3 September Visit to Armourers
& Braziers
September Regents Canal Tour
September Visit to Saatchi Galleries
Please contact Rusty Love
(Tel: 020 8393 1810) to confirm dates and times.

**Members' Centres and Friends' Groups
are working to support the National Trust for Scotland.**

This information is correct at the time of going to print but all events are subject to change. Visitors are welcome although some events are for group members only and prior booking may be necessary. Please check before attending an event.

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Edinburgh Members' Centre Events, Talks & Visits

February 2010 – January 2011

Thursday February 18th at 7.30 p.m.: Mr. John Yellowlees – Adopting a Station.

Thursday March 4th at 2.30pm.: Dr. Patricia Andrew – Pompeo Girolamo Batoni, 1708-1787: Portraits of Scots on the Grand Tour.

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Tuesday May 11th – Visit to Pollok House & the Burrell Collection.

Friday June 11th – Visit to Isle of May (Alternative venue if bad weather).

Wednesday July 7th – Visit to Floors Castle.

Tuesday August 10th – Visit to Pittenweem Arts Festival.

Thursday September 2nd to Sunday 5th - Three night visit to Brodie Castle, Culloden and other attractions in the area.

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Thursday January 20th 2011 at 7.30 pm. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.