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In this paper the Rev. Mr Paul recounted the legend that the Drysdales of Dollar were descendants of Thomas, William and James Douglas, sons of Thomas Douglas of Brushwood Haugh in the parish of Drysdale, or Dryfesdale, and shire of Dumfries, who, through slaying, in a feud, their neighbour, Johnstone of Greenstonehill, fled to Clackmannan on the 20th day of May, 1503, and assumed the name of Drysdale. He endeavoured to fix the site of their property as near Old Walls, and traced briefly the history of the family. The paper will be found in full in *The Dollar Magazine*, March, 1909 (Vol.viii., No 29)

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- Halldykes and the Herries Family* by Herries, D.C.- III 5, 115
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- The Etymology of Lane* by Reid, R.C.- and Mrs G.W.Shirley III 5, 127
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Bird Life Between Tide Marks [Summary Only] by Johnston, H.- III 18, 34

The Lecturer described the various kinds of birds found on our shores and gave some interesting sidelights on their habits. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides from photographs mainly taken by the lecturer himself and by Mr Horace Bonar.

- Permian Volcanoes: Progress in Geology* by Wallace, R.- III 18, 34
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- On Two Forts Near Springkell* by Macnae, W.- III 18, 243
Some Notes on the Western Himalayas [Summary Only] by Duncan, W. B.- III 18, 243

Mr Duncan gave an account of several months' travel in Western Thibet, with an account of the flora and fauna of the region. His lecture was illustrated by a sketch map of the district he had traversed and also by lantern slides of various flowers and shrubs found there, a description being given of their habitat and manner of growth.

- Some Dumfriesshire Dialects* by Horne, J.G.- III 18, 245
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Mr Duncan gave a number of extremely interesting sketches of bird life in the neighbourhood of Closeburn and elsewhere. These may be printed on another occasion. [Not printed in Transactions]

- Some Sidelights on Gretna Green* by Carter, F.Lee - III 18, 271
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- The Nova Scotia Gentlemen Adventurers* by Robison, J.- III 19, 11
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Modern Methods of Sea Fishing [Summary only] by Beattie, L.- III 19, 30

A very interesting paper was contributed on this subject, dealing mainly with Mr Beattie's own experiences when accompanying the herring fishers of the Firth of Clyde and also with the boats fishing for hake, etc., from Fleetwood. For the first time in the history of the Society the lecture was illustrated by cinematographic pictures taken and shown on a small screen by the lecturer.

- Sidelights on Lochmaben History* by Fraser, R.- III 19, 31
The First Census of Annan 1801 by Cuthbertson, W.- III 19, 50
The Humble Bee [Summary only] by Duncan, A.- III 19, 53

Mr A. Duncan, Gilchristland, who has made an extensive study of this subject, gave a very interesting lecture on "The Humble Bee", illustrating his remarks by various specimens which he brought with him. As the lecture was in general terms with no local application it is not printed here.

- The Mansfield Manuscript: An old Edinburgh Collection of Songs and Ballads.* by Miller, F.- III 19, 54
Notes on the Metamorphosed Rocks near New Galloway by Laidlaw, M.- III 19, 87
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Mr Ferguson gave illustrations of many mistakes made in Municipal and other Housing Schemes, and also of instances where new buildings had been suited to the surrounding landscape, and urged that trained architects should always be consulted in these matters. He also recounted how very many objects of natural beauty and others of antiquarian interest had been preserved for the people of this country, as well as the amenities of towns and villages, through the action of his Society [The Society for the Preservation of Rural Scotland]. Lantern illustrations of many of these were shown.

- Notes on the Family of Maxwell of Stroquhan* by Gourlay, J.- III 19, 212
The Levellers of Galloway by Morton, A.S.- III 19, 231
Habits and Haunts of the Lobster and Crab in the Solway by Maguire, C.- III 19, 263
The Migration of Birds by Johnston, H.- III 19, 276

Mr Johnston said the usual migrations were from N.E to S.W., but there were E. to W. migrations also though on a smaller scale. Migrations were always from a large land mass to a smaller, or from a large oceanic space to a smaller. Instances were given of each of these. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides of typical migrating birds and also by maps as well as incidents from Mr Johnston's own personal observations and experiences.

- The Scots have a Word for it* by Horne, J.G.- III 19, 276
The Story of Lochmaben Kirk by Fraser, R.- III 19, 296
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Some Old Dumfries Buildings [Summary only] by Halliday, T.A.- III 19, 311

Mr Halliday's notes were very brief, and as some have been already printed they are not repeated here.

- The Animal Call Words of Dumfriesshire and the Secrets they Reveal* by Thomas, D.- III 19, 319
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November 24th, 1933.- By Mr Jas. Shields, Lockebie, per the Secretary - Photograph of the tombstone of Dr Mounsey in Lochmaben Churchyard, and a copy of the inscription thereon.

January 26th 1934.- By Mr Fraser, Lochmaben - Copy of the Rent Rolls of the Estate of Cluden from about 1712 to 1731, which was in the care of the Town Council of Lochmaben. It had been bound between the pages of a Town Council Minute Book of that period, and probably contains a good deal of valuable information as to place names, etc., in that district.

February 23rd, 1934.- By Mr M.H.McKerrow - A number of early Scottish Bank Notes which had at one time been presented to the Observatory Museum.

By Mr Shirley - Two Dumfries Bank Notes, now in the possession of this Society.

October 26th, 1934.- By Mr T.A.Halliday - Silver medal struck in honour of the opening of the Observatory Museum in 1835.

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Obituary: Hunter. Dr Joseph - by Council, The - III 20, 10
The Burgh Records of Dumfries by Reid, R.C.- III 20, 10
Gretna Hall: Its History and Romance by Smith, M.C.- III 20, 28
Genetics: The Science of Heredity [Summary only] by Taylor, J.- III 20, 35

The lecturer described the discoveries of Mendel and some of his experiments in detail, and then explained briefly the principles of cell structure and the transmission of certain characteristics, e.g., sex. The lecture was fully illustrated by diagrams prepared by Mr Taylor.

- The Firth of Clyde and its Edible Fishes [Summary only]* by McCrindle, J.- III 20, 35

After describing the physiography of the sea bottom between Arran and the mainland, the tides and the currents, he gave an account of the spawning grounds of the herring and sketched their life history. He then showed how they were fished, and went on to speak of other fishes of commercial value, e.g., cod, whiting, flounder, etc.

- Place Names in Dumfriesshire and Other Notes* by Johnson-Ferguson, E. A.- III 20, 36
The Ballad and its Origins, with an Enquiry into the Equivalents of the Border Ballads in Scandinavia [Summary only] by Horne, J.G.- III 20, 36
Adventures Among Dumfriesshire Insects by Pullen, O.J.- III 20, 46
Fragmentary Notices of the Early History of the Burgh School of Dumfries [Mention only] by Shirley, G.W.- III 20, 65

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- The Ideal Burgh Museum* by Platt, M.I.- III 20, 65
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Some Local Bird Problems by Duncan, A.B.- III 21, 27

27th November, 1936. Mr Duncan spoke interestingly and informatively on the problems of bird watching, ringing, etc., and on many features of migration and bird-song, also on secondary sexual characteristics and protective colouring. Mr Duncan submitted for publication in the Society's Transactions 'A Survey of the Heronries of Dumfriesshire and the Stewartry' compiled by himself and his brother and this is published in IIIrd Series, Volume 21, p. 28

List of Heronries in Dumfriesshire and Kirkcudbrightshire in 1928 (And some account of the extinct Heronries there) by Duncan, A.B.- and Duncan, W.- III 21, 28*The Maxwells of Hazelfield* by M'Connel, E.W.J.- III 21, 48*A Few Border Castles and Towers* by Beattie, I.- III 21, 59*Thomas Watling: Dumfries Painter and Convict [Mention only]* by Gladstone, H.S.- III 21, 63

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February 19th, 1937,- Holed smoothing stone, found by Mr J.G.Robertson, Glenhowan, Victoria Road, Dumfries, on golf course near Maxwelltown Station. April 2nd, 1937,- Fossil of sea urchin in flint. Stone Quern found in garden at Garrel Schoolhouse. By Dr. T.R.Burnett, B.Sc.

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Mr Elmhurst gave a most interesting address on the various creatures that may be met with on an ordinary stretch of Scottish west coast seaboard, showing the difference in marine life on sandy, rocky, and other types of shore, and added a short account of the life history, food, habits, etc., of typical creatures found there, e.g., limpet, mussel, cockle, etc. Admirable lantern slides illustrated his descriptions.

The Mundells in Tinwald [Reference only] by Smith, A. Cameron - III 21, 324

This lecture was published under the title 'Mundeville of Tinwald and Mundell in Tinwald' - see Series III, Volume 22, p. 95

Tree Sparrows Nesting in Dumfriesshire by Pullen, O.J.- III 21, 324

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Excavations at Birrens in 1937 by Birley, E.- III 21, 335

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Mons Meg: A 15th Century Bombard by Appleby-Miller, R.N.- III 21, 360

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The Birds of Australia [Summary only] by Chisholm, A.H.- III 22, 9

This was a special meeting held by kind permission of the directors of the Lyceum Theatre. Mr Chisholm, a Fellow of the Royal Zoological Society of Melbourne, was on a visit to Britain, and had been staying with the Society's ex-President, Mr H.S.Gladstone, and had expressed a wish to give a film lecture to the Society in token of his appreciation for the research displayed by Mr Gladstone in his paper printed in volume 21 of the Transactions on 'Thomas Watling, limner of Dumfries,' a contribution of great importance to the Botany and Bird Life of New South Wales. The meeting was an open one, attended by all the schools in Dumfries, and the lecturer received a fine reception from a packed house. Several films, including some 'talkies,' were shown.

The Family of Glendonyng by Reid, R.C.- III 22, 10

Scotland's Share in Magna Carta by Ailsa, Marquess of - III 22, 18

Roman Forts: Their Tactical Arrangements and Defences [Summary only] by Richmond, I.A.- III 22, 25

This lantern lecture was delivered to a very full meeting. It had special reference to Birrens, at both the excavations of which Mr Richmond had taken an active part in conjunction with Mr Birley. He covered a wide field, and held out high hopes for the forthcoming excavation of the supposed Roman site at Carzield.

The Salmon Fisheries of Scotland [Summary only] by Menzies, J.M.- III 22, 25

This lecture by H.M. Inspector of Fisheries for Scotland traced the evolution of this industry from earliest times and also gave an idea of how salmon were preserved for transport before the days of canning and freezing. The various kinds of traps for the fish were described, and also the different nets used.

Wild Fowl and Wild Fowling [Summary only] by Bratley, M.- III 22, 25

This meeting was held in the hall of the High School. It was illustrated by Mr Bratley's own colour films showing the different variation of the birds, with particular reference to their plumage and physical characteristics. The lecturer ended with a film of the international race of sailing dingies between Canadian and British yachtsmen on Lake Ontario, in which he had participated

Morton Castle, Dumfriesshire by Simpson, W.D.- III 22, 26

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Notes on Solway Shipping in the Past by Henderson, R.- III 22, 51

The Antiquities of Innismurry Island [Summary only] by McWilliam, J.M.- III 22, 51

This lantern lecture on the well-known ecclesiastical site at Innismurry was delivered by one who had spent many happy days on the mainland facing the island. After a brief outline of its place in the history of the early Irish Celtic Church, Mr McWilliam described the antiquities of the site in detail. Many of the now extinct monastic sites of the Celtic Church in Scotland must have taken this and kindred Irish sites as their model.

Dumfries in the Days of Burns [Summary only] by Reid, J.- III 22, 60

Summary simply notes that 'it is to be regretted that this interesting paper on old Dumfries has had to be held over' It was NOT in fact subsequently published.

Sanquhar Church during the Eighteenth Century (1) by M'Millan, W.- III 22, 60

Some Early Dumfriesshire Charters by Reid, R.C.- III 22, 79

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Some Letters of Captain James Gordon, last of Craichlaw (1709-12) [Intimation only] by Reid, R.C.- III 23, 9

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A Letter of Dr Chapman to Dr James Dinwiddie [Summary only] by Smith, A. Cameron - III 23, 10

This paper, delivered from 'a handful of notes', has not been found amongst the MSS of the late author deposited in the Ewart Library

A Reconsideration of Galloway Place-names [Summary only] by M'Dowell, T.K.- III 23, 10

This vigorous, if contentious address, provoked considerable discussion. The arresting theory is to be embodied in book form.

Some Old family Papers [Summary only] by Herries, D.C.- III 23, 10

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A Case of Piracy, 1565 by Borthwick, W.S.- III 23, 11

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Some recent Excavations [Summary only] by Davidson, J.M.- III 23, 20

This lantern lecture dealt with the results of several excavations in various districts in Scotland, all of which, with one exception, had been undertaken by the lecturer

Note on the Carpet Weaving Industry at Kirkconnel [Summary only] by Wilson, T.- III 23, 30

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On the Track of the Romans in Scotland [Summary only] by Robertson, A.S.- III 23, 117

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This paper presents the results of the first intensive survey of juniper in Dumfries and Galloway. A review of the historical literature showed that colonies had become extinct in the 19th century as well as in more recent times. A field survey carried out from 1998 to 2000 indicates that juniper occurs in over 100 1km squares within 27 10km squares, much more than was indicated in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan for juniper: However, this is not a real increase in the number of plants nor an extension of its distribution but instead reflects a lack of monitoring prior

to this survey. The apparently improved results mask the serious plight of juniper: in more than 40% of the 10km squares where it was recorded there are less than 10 bushes, in five cases only one bush. At present, the total number of bushes is nearly 2500, almost half of which are on the west coast of the Rhins of Wigtownshire, where juniper appears to be at a natural level and where there is sufficient regeneration to maintain numbers and distribution. It also occurs in smaller numbers on the coasts of the Machars and Stewartry. Inland juniper is mainly concentrated in the Galloway hills and in mid and upper Nithsdale, but there are only seven inland sites containing more than 35 bushes. Several inland colonies have become extinct, others are reduced in size, the seed viability of old populations is known to be low and there are few places where natural regeneration is taking place. More inland colonies seem set to disappear unless new management practices can be introduced.

Excavation at Hayknowes Farm, Annan by Gregory, R.A.- III 75, 29

Aerial photography by the late Professor G.B.D.Jone and the RCAHMS has identified a series of crop-marks on the Pleistocene gravels to the west of the mouth of the River Annan at Hayknowes. The extensive nature of the Hayknowes crop-marks prompted an investigation of their chronology and function as part of an examination of the prehistoric landscapes of Dumfries and Galloway. This paper reports on some aspects of the Hayknowes excavations which relate to the oval double-ditched enclosure, the rectilinear enclosure, and portions of the boundary system to later prehistoric and early Roman land-use in the area. It lends support to a growing body of evidence which suggests that the north Solway plain was an important centre of pastoral farming in the Late Iron Age. The subsections of the article are:- The Double-Ditched Enclosure - with hut circle. The Rectilinear Enclosure - detailing the entrance, interior and the relationship of the enclosure to the Linear Boundary. The Linear Boundary System. There is full discussion of the evidence which is supported by plans and illustrations

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This paper reviews the results of aerial photographic recording of archaeological sites revealed by cropmarking in south-west Scotland. A consideration of patterns of visibility and recovery provides a preamble to a review of the general trends this material reveals. These results have dramatically changed our understanding of prehistoric occupation in the region, in particular of early prehistoric ceremonial and funerary monuments and later prehistoric settlement. Early prehistoric cursus monuments have been recorded in large numbers for the first time, and the pit-defined circles at Dunragit add another dimension to the known ceremonial monuments. The discovery of large numbers of prehistoric settlement enclosures across the lowlands has been equally significant. Of particular note are the numerous rectilinear settlements and the often spectacularly detailed records of timber round-houses and palisades. Case studies on individual sites include: Early prehistoric ceremonial monuments at Curristanes (cursus), Dunragit (pit-defined circles), West Logan and Trailflat (barrows); Later prehistoric settlements at Kirkland, Garphar, Thornhill, Cairn Connel Hill and East Galdenoch.

The Novantae and Romanization in Galloway by Wilson, A.- III 75, 73

Archaeological evidence indicates that at the time of the Roman conquest the Novantae were politically decentralized with a mixed farming economy augmented by crafts and light industry. Their economy would have adapted to Roman requirements and Roman influence may be detected suggesting probable pre-Roman alignment. Roman material, however, is found on few native sites in the first century AD, probably reflecting Rome's unwillingness to proliferate essential points of contact; these were widened in the second century but political and economic readjustment was likely following Roman withdrawal. Third and fourth century Roman material is found at Botel Bailey and in later archaeological contexts at Whithorn. Late Roman frontier strategy may have encouraged centralization and accelerated the process of morphological change from tribal confederacy to Early Historic kingdom. A significant late aspect of Romanization is the emergence of a Latin church with a focus at Whithorn possibly originating in a local Romano-British community.

William Galloway's Excavations at Whithorn, 1886-1897: Selections from Unpublished Correspondence in the Bute Muniments by Muir Watt, J.- III 75, 133

The important excavations at Whithorn, carried out during the 1880s and 1890s under the patronage of the Third Marquess of Bute, were unpublished at the time of the death, in 1897, of the architect in charge, William Galloway. The only published record of the excavation, written by MacGibbon and Ross and based on Galloway's plan and notes, appears in the 10th volume of the Ayrshire and Galloway Archaeological Collections. Galloway's own article and only published reference to Whithorn, 'St Ninian and the Early Christianisation of Scotland' (Transactions of the Stirling Natural History and Archaeological Society, 1889-90), is unrevealing, as far as the archaeology of Whithorn is concerned. The discovery at Mount Stuart, Rothesay, during recent reorganisation of the archive, of uncatalogued and unpublished correspondence between Galloway and Lord Bute therefore has a particular significance, in the absence of any other first-hand account of the excavations which brought to light the majority of the important collection of Christian stones in the Whithorn Museum. The correspondence is incomplete, with large gaps between 1890 and 1895 and the letters which scholars might have been waiting for with the greatest anticipation - those detailing the discovery and find-spot of the Latinus stone in particular - are, sadly, absent from the series. The article contains numerous extracts from the correspondence and is illustrated by drawings and plans.

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland, Pt 2: Ptolemy's Abravannus, Locatrebe, Cumnock, Irvine and Water of Milk by Breeze, A.- III 75, 151

The Celtic place-names of south-west Scotland are a subject repaying investigation. This paper discusses five such names: Ptolemy's Abravannus, meaning 'very feeble one' and referring to Pilanton Burn, near Stranraer. A possible link between the Ravena Cosmography's Locatrebe and Threave Island, and Cumnock, Irvine and Water of Milk, which seem respectively to mean 'cutting (stream), hewing (stream)', '(river of) wild turnips', and 'honey river, river where honey is found'.

Dundrennan Abbey: Archaeological investigation within the south range of a Cistercian house in Kirkcudbrightshire by Ewart, G.- III 75, 159

The remains of the south-west corner of the 12th-century Cistercian abbey cloister at Dundrennan (NX74924750) were cleared of rubble and 19th-century landscaping infill over four seasons of fieldwork. Elements of the Warming House, Novice's Day Room, Great Drain and Reredorter Undercroft were revealed, and coupled with a short programme of geophysical survey and test-trenching, new evidence of the sequence of building for this House was revealed. The excavations were funded by Historic Scotland. This report represents a summary account of the results of the excavations. The full report can be found on the Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports website, at www.sair.org.uk.

Some 17th century Custom and Excise Records for Dumfries and Kirkcudbright by Truckell, A.E.- III 75, 173

Summary article describing the contents of a series of microfilmed records relating to Dumfries and Kirkcudbright recently transcribed by A.E.Truckell - the records relate principally to the shipping, textile and droving trades. The transcripts have been placed within the Dumfries Archive centre and have been indexed (MS Access).

Note on the indexing of the Customs and Excise Transcript by Williams, J.- III 75, 176

Brief explanation of the indexing protocols applied to A.E.Truckell's transcript of microfilm records relating to 17th century Dumfries and Kirkcudbright Custom and Excise Records - see article III/75/173. Examples of the extracts available are cited.

The Dumfries Sillar Gun by Dobie, K.H.- III 75, 177

A revised assessment of the status of the Dumfries Sillar Gun which was gifted to the Dumfries Incorporated Trades in 1617 by James VI. The Trades held a royal injunction to assemble in military array and shoot for the trophy once a year and to encourage better marksmanship for the better defence of the burgh. The gun was damaged on 4th June 1808 and was possibly repaired by the as yet unidentified silversmith named F.Crosbie. Some time between 1813 and 1817 the gun was converted into a miniature flintlock by David Gray the Dumfries silversmith. The article also records the presentation of commemorative medals and provides descriptions of two examples from 1828 and 1831 by David Gray. The article includes cross references to the Kirkcudbright Sillar Gun of 1587 and is supported by photographic representations of both guns and the Gray medallion of 1831.

The Stewartrie of Kirkcudbright Court Minutes 1670 and 1684 by Truckell, A.E.- III 75, 181

Full transcripts are provided of two Stewartry of Kirkcudbright Stewart Court Minutes. The earliest is dated March 1670 and took place at Dalbeattie and relates to an area from the western side of Kirkbean Parish (Torrerie), Preston, Mersehead in Southwick, Edingham, Dalbeattie and Firthhead in the Parish of Urr - and provides many placenames. The charges are of cutting wood on various estates without permission and there are references to the 'killing or slaying' of Salmon (red fish). The other documents relate to meetings in Lochfoot (Lochrutton) in May-June 1684: there is an assault and battery case and an admission by a James Callan that he has taken away doors, lintels, etc. Agnes Maxwell in Hills has clipped a sheep which Robert Grier in Armannoch had earlier bought from her and which had strayed off his ground. Various witnesses are called and another sheep clipping is mentioned.

Drengs and Thegns Again. A Review by Barrow, G.W.S.- III 75, 185

A review of Drengs and Thegns with particular reference to articles by M.Syrett (Drengs and Thegns Again, Saga Book of the Viking Society, 2000), W.F.Cormack (Drengs and Drings, these Transactions, III/74, 61-67) and J.G.Scott (The Partition of a Kingdom: Strathclyde 1092-1153, these Transactions, III/72, 11-40).

Autism in History: the Case of Hugh Blair of Borgue, Rab Houston and Una Frith, Blackwell, Oxford, 2000. *A Review* by Campbell, R.H.- III 75, 187

Review of 'Autism in History: the case of Hugh Blair of Borgue' - quotes voluminous evidence of a cross-section of People from Borgue who were cited to help a jury decide whether Blair was mentally incapable of giving informed assent to his marriage to the daughter of a Kirkcudbright surgeon in 1746. The evidence is utilised to provide both an historical insight into what was deemed to be mental illness in Galloway at that time and a modern clinical assessment of Blair's condition. The impression that comes across the centuries is that the inhabitants of 18th century Kirkcudbrightshire were tolerant and civilised in their approach to the mentally ill.

The Bell Family in Dumfriesshire by James Steuart, Vol 2 of *The Records of the Western Marches series*, Scotpress, Morgantown, WV26505, USA. *A Review* by Williams, J.- III 75, 187

Review of a reprint of James Steuart's 'The Bell Family in Dumfriesshire' which was originally published in 1932 as Vol. 2 of the 'Records of the Western Marches' series of this Society. Provides full accounts of all the major branches of the Bell Family in Dumfriesshire

Galloway - A Land Apart by Andrew McCulloch, Birlinn, Edinburgh, 2000. A Review by Cormack, W.F.- III 75, 188

A review of Andrew McCulloch's 'Galloway - A Land Apart'. This new work assesses the history of Galloway as it affected all social strata, through the fresh and unrestrained eyes of a historian at the end of the 20th century. McCulloch successfully incorporates and uses archaeological data to supplement or explain sometimes meagre historical record. The book's large theme, from the prehistoric and Roman periods to the 19th and 20th centuries, is developed over 33 titled chapters and is supported by an extensive bibliography.

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Indexing the Transactions by Williams, J.- III 76, 1

Describes the indexing of the Transactions for the period 1862-2000. Explaining the history of the process, previous work and the Access database method used - with discussion on future work.

Cannon-Nets; Their Use to capture birds during Migration Studies on the Solway Firth, Scotland by Bruce, K.- and J.Young III 76, 9

A history of the development of cannon-netting as a procedure to capture and ring birds as a part of migration studies on the Solway Firth. The equipment developed is described in detail and the paper is supplemented by statistics of birds captured, ringed and recovered.

Low Tide Counts of Wildfowl and Waders on the North Solway, 1998/9 - 2000/2001 by Hartley, C.- III 76, 29

WeBS is a partnership between the British Trust for Ornithology, The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. This paper summarises, on a species by species basis, the results of two years of wildfowl and wader counts carried out over low tide on the northern side of the Solway Firth between Mossband at the English Border and Mersehead, together with the results of a pilot survey which was carried out by the author over the eastern part of this area in 1998/99. The tables within the paper have been prepared to a common format and give monthly maxima and winter mean for each of the three years of the survey. The paper compares these results with those of a special survey, involving low tide counts, carried out on the Solway in 1991/93.

Prehistoric Landscapes in Dumfries and Galloway. Pt. 2. Bronze Age Landscapes by Gregory, R.A.- III 76, 45

This is the second part of a series which considers the evidence for prehistoric activity across an area of landscape found in Dumfries and Galloway, defined by the river systems of the Cree and Esk. It is the purpose here to assess the evidence for Bronze Age activity (c.2600-750 cal. BC) and in turn produce a historical narrative through an analysis of the surviving environmental and archaeological remains. A particular emphasis of this narrative resides, however, with the context of many of the sites and artifacts, and their particular relationships to the natural and cultural landscapes in which they are found. This appears to suggest that the Bronze Age in substantial parts of Dumfries and Galloway was characterised by a radical break with earlier - Neolithic - ways of life, and that this was in some way connected to an increased domestication of both the physical and cultural landscape.

The Roman Sculpture from Birrens Revisited by Hunter, F.- and I.G.Scott with S.Miller and N.Ruckley III 76, 79

Birrens is the richest site in Scotland for Roman sculpture and inscriptions. The sculpture has been well published but much of it is fragmentary, making interpretation difficult. In displaying the displays for the new Museum of Scotland it was necessary to consider how best to present this important but intractable assemblage. This has led to a number of new insights into and alternative interpretations of some of the key pieces. Crucial to this has been detailed geological work by Suzanne Miller and Nigel Ruckley which has allowed fragments to be grouped on petrological grounds - not just into different sources but to individual blocks. Two major pieces of reconstructed sculpture - the Victory friezes - are discussed in detail.

Settlement, Territory and landscape: the later prehistoric landscape in the light of the Survey of Eastern Dumfriesshire by Halliday, S.P.- III 76, 91

This paper reviews the archaeological evidence for the organisation of the later prehistoric landscape that has emerged from work in the Border Counties over the last twenty years. It challenges any assumption that prehistoric farms and territories were defined by artificial boundaries, and concludes that such boundaries were unnecessary in

most of the hill country. In the light of a case-study drawn from the landscape around the fort known as Castle O'er, near Eskdalemuir, it identifies a topographically defined territorial unit whose elements include a fortified caput, a surrounding system of enclosures defined by linear earthworks, an associated ritual enclosure, and a series of lesser settlements. This unit also defines a mediaeval estate, and the paper speculates that the organisation of some elements of the mediaeval estate structure may originate in later prehistory. This paper concludes by suggesting that there are several indications of the existence of a similar pattern of later prehistoric territorial units in south-eastern Scotland.

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland, Pt. 3: Vindogara, Elvan Water; Monedamdereg; Troquhain and Tarelgin by Breeze, A.- III 76, 107

This paper, in a series of toponyms in south-west Scotland, discusses Ptolemy's Vindogara, Elvan Water near Wanlockhead, Tarelgin near Ayr and Troquhain near New Galloway, which have Brittonic names explicable as 'white ridge', 'salt stream', 'willow homestead', and 'homestead of a feat'. It also discusses the lost name of 'Monedamdereg' near Ayr, apparently Gaelic for 'red stag hill'.

Holywood, an Early Mediaeval Monastery: Problems and possibilities by Crowe, C.- III 76, 113

Discusses the placename and archaeological evidence for precursors of the mediaeval premonstratensian foundation - particularly in the early mediaeval period.

A Multi-period site at 67-71 Irish Street, Dumfries, the former British Legion Club-house by Cox, A.- with C.R.Wickham-Jones and J.R.Mackenzie III 76, 119

The Scottish Urban Archaeological Trust Ltd (SUAT) carried out an excavation in advance of development at the site of the former British legion Club House at 67-71 Irish Street, Dumfries (NGR NX 9717 7595). The excavation was jointly funded by Callander Land Developments Ltd and Historic Scotland, and produced evidence of prehistoric activity dating from both the mesolithic period, in the form of a lithic scatter and cut feature, and the Neolithic period, in the form of three small patches of burning. The prehistoric remains were sealed below evidence for the earliest development of this part of the mediaeval burgh, which was in turn sealed below remains of subsequent activities spanning the last four centuries.

The Burgh Ditch at Annan: an excavation at Butts Street, Annan by Cavanagh, C.- and R.Toolis with N.Crowley, C.Ellis and A Duffy III 76, 141

In 1998 AOC Archaeology Group conducted an archaeological evaluation on behalf of Safeway Stores plc in advance of the supermarket redevelopment of the livestock market on Butts Street in Annan. Of 18 trenches opened, 12 trenches revealed features cut into the natural sand and clay. The most significant of these was a substantial ditch orientated approximately north/south, from which artifacts of the late 12th to 15th centuries were recovered. This ditch and a sandstone wall associated with it may correspond to the former town boundary mapped in the 18th century. Only two other features contemporary to the ditch were found. The remaining features were either modern or had been formed by natural processes.

Chartulary of the Burgh of Lochmaben by Wilson, J.B.- III 76, 159

Describes a volume within the Tolbooth at Lochmaben, covering the period 1826 to 1880, which contains records of the charters granted to those who had purchased portions of the Commonty of Lochmaben after the Sequestration of the Burgh in 1824. It provides a glimpse into a vanished age before the enclosure of the countryside.

Portpatrick Customs (1671-99) by Truckell, A.E.- III 76, 160

Summarises the transcription of the customs, excise and bullion books for Portpatrick in the period 1671 to 1699.

William Fullarton's Expenses (1689-92) about the War in Ireland by Truckell, A.E.- III 76, 162

Transcript of William Fullarton's 'special expenses' on behalf of the Privy Council regarding his gathering of intelligence, for the period 1689-92, with the war in Ireland - as extracted from the Portpatrick customs' records

Alisonbank Custom Records by Truckell, A.E.- III 76, 166

Extracts from a transcript of the customs records for Alisonbank at Gretna for the period 1665 to 1699

Review - The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben: its history, its castles and churches by John B Wilson by Stewart, M.M.- III 76, 167

Review of the second edition of John B Wilson's 'The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben' which includes additional material.

Review - The Excavation of a Scottish Lowland Crannog: Excavations at Buiston, Ayrshire 1989-90 by Anne Crone and others by Williams, J.- III 76, 168

Review of the publication by Anne Cone and others of 'The Excavation of a Scottish Lowland Crannog: Excavations at Buiston, Ayrshire 1989-90'. Covers all aspects of the archaeology - including a review of Robert Munro's 19th century excavations. Includes a summary of the history of research into crannogs, and their excavation, within the Society's own area. A photograph of the excavations at Lochrutton, Kirkcudbrightshire, in the summer of 1901, is reproduced for the first time

Excavation at Lochrutton Crannog, Summer 1901 (photograph) by Williams, J.- III 76, 171

Photograph of the excavations at Lochrutton Crannog taken in the summer of 1901 - reproduced for the first time and used to support a review of 'The Excavation of a Scottish Lowland Crannog: Excavations at Buiston, Ayrshire 1989-90 by Anne Crone and others'.

Review - The Early Development of Dumfries from William I (1165-1214) till James III (1460-1488) by Inez Debaus by Williams, J.- III 76, 171

Review of a thesis for the degree of Licentiate in Archaeology at the Catholic University of leuven which was the result of practical work in the area under the guidance of A E Truckell. Copy available at the Dumfries Archive Centre

Review - John Faed RSA The Gatehouse Years by David I A Steel by Wilkins, M.A.- III 76, 172

Review of aspects of life of the Faeds in Gatehouse of Fleet - it has the specific aim of adding to what is known about the family by drawing largely on the legal papers of R S Glover, the solicitor acting for John Faed (1819-1902) and his sister Susan Bell (1827-1909) in the years after John returned to Gatehouse in 1880.

Obituary: Daphne Brooke (1921-2001) by Oram, R.D.- III 76, 173

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Measurements of Geese by R A H Combes: *relationships between mass and body size of pink-footed and greylag geese* by Boyd, H.- and J.Young III 77, 1

Linear measurements and masses of over 700 geese, most shot around the Solway Firth in 1938-1960, provide scarce information on total length and wing span and identify some differences in mass and in linear measurements from those reported elsewhere. The samples of Greylag *Anser anser* (262) and pink-footed *A. brachyrhynchus* (227) geese show different relationships between mass and total length and wing length. Associations between mass and size of Pink-footed Geese were strongest for adult females and weak for adult males and first-winter females. The Greylag Geese showed no significant associations between the mass of adult males and females and their total or wing lengths, though there were significant correlations with adult culmen lengths and with all three linear measures of juveniles of both sexes. At the same body size, the mean mass of first-winter male Pink-footed Geese, although 15% less than that of adult males in autumn, had become equal by February.

A Flint Core-tool from Wig Sands, Kirkcolm, near Stranraer, and a consideration of the absence of Core-tools in the Scottish Mesolithic by Saville, A.- III 77, 13

The collections of Stranraer Museum include a flint core tool from the shore at Wig Sands, south-east of the village of Kirkcolm, Wigtownshire. Wig Sands is an area of flat sand and cobbles forming the beach of Wig Bay on the west side of Loch Ryan, some 5 miles north of Stranraer. The appearance and internal colour of the flint are very similar to the Antrim flint of the east coast of Northern Ireland. The implement type is discussed in detail and compared with a core tool from Fair Isle and another from Morton Farm, Fife.

Monuments and Landscape: Encounters at Cairnholy by Cummings, V.- III 77, 23

Set against the broader background of the Neolithic in south-west Scotland, this paper considers the two well-known Neolithic monuments of cairnholy I and II in Dumfries and Galloway, with a particular focus on the types of experiences that these monuments may have created in the Neolithic. The emphasis is on the architecture of these sites and their broader setting within the landscape. It is suggested that the use and experience of these sites changed over time and that the two sites may have been used in rather different but complimentary ways.

A Survey of Promontory Forts of the North Solway Coast by Toolis, R.- III 77, 37

This paper presents the results of a survey of promontory forts on the Solway Coast of Dumfries and Galloway. This work was carried out by the author primarily to determine the extent and nature of erosion affecting these sites. The surveying programme also attempted to determine morphological and topographical traits that might clarify aspects of the nature of occupation of the Galloway promontory forts. Sixteen sites were surveyed between 1996 and 1997. A further survey took place in 1999 and 2000 as part of the pilot 'Shorewatch' Scheme. The resulting site plans provide a baseline of data from which future assessments may measure the condition of these sites and develop appropriate research and conservation priorities.

A Condition Survey of Selected Crannogs in south-west Scotland by Cavers, M.G.- J.C.Henderson and B.A.Crone
III 77, 79

The first phase of the South-West Scotland Crannog Survey, the primary fieldwork for which was carried out in 1989, examined the assumption that submerged crannogs in the south-west were relatively stable while their counterparts on drained land were rapidly decaying. The work, presented in two publications - confirmed the latter assumption but, perhaps more significantly, challenged the former. While clear indications of the accelerated organic decay of sites on drained land were obtained, it was also suggested that submerged sites were suffering from the infestation of underwater plant and animal life due to high levels of biological activity present in certain lochs. The results of the 1989 survey demonstrated that crannogs in south-west Scotland, both on dry land and underwater, are undergoing organic decay on a scale that is significantly diminishing their potential archaeological value. However, it was not possible to fully establish the condition of the surviving crannogs by superficial examination alone and no attempt was made to assess their stability. The aim of the second phase, which began in 2002, is to establish an effective system of monitoring the rate of organic decay on crannog sites in different environments (submerged and on land) in an effort to provide accurate data on the sustainability of the crannog resource throughout south-west Scotland. It is hoped that this monitoring will identify the mechanisms and causes of organic decay in the area. Using the information gathered in phase 2, steps can be taken to preserve the resource through the establishment of appropriate management strategies. The crannogs surveyed are.- Blackloch, Sanquhar; Bearn Loch; Milton Loch (four sites); Loch Urr; Lochrutton Loch; Loch Arthur; Barhapple Loch; Dernagler Loch; White Loch of Ravenstone; White Loch of Myrton; Whitefield Loch; Barlockhart Loch; Cults Loch (three sites) and Black Loch, Castle Kennedy;

Roman and Native in Dumfriesshire by Wilson, A.- III 77, 103

Dumfriesshire in the Roman Iron Age was possibly the least decentralised area of south-west Scotland with much of its territory probably occupied by north-western Brigantes embracing septs such as the Anavionenses of Anandale. Few Roman finds and none of outstanding quality on native sites imply at least indifference and at most hostility to Rome. Rome probably first conquered Dumfriesshire in 72-73 AD when Cerialis subdued the northern Brigantian rebel Venutius and his allies. During the reign of Trajan, Anavionenses may have been conscripted into the Roman army serving possibly in Germany. Early in the 2nd century AD Dumfriesshire lay outside a new Tyne-Solway frontier subsequently delineated by Hadrian's Wall. The particular strengthening of the western defences of the Wall anticipated a northern threat from Dumfriesshire and beyond. The intense early Antonine Roman military grip of Dumfriesshire following reincorporation into the Empire, and the probable destruction of Birrens by Anavionenses, indicate significant unrest in the area. Following Roman withdrawal, native squatters occupied at least two Dumfriesshire Roman sites and may have been involved in Roman arrangements for frontier security, though 3rd/4th century AD Roman material has so far been found on only two native sites of uncertain date. There are no Latin inscribed stones indicating links with Romano-British Christianity though there may have been early British churches at Eccles and Ecclefechan and early Christian cemeteries at Burnswark and Trohoughton. The use of Roman masonry in early church buildings at Hoddom appears purely functional though Roman deposits in early levels at Brydekirk and Hoddom may commemorate Romano-British Christian origins. There is little evidence in Dumfriesshire, however, of affinity for Roman civilization itself.

Brittonic Place-names from south-west Scotland, Part 4: Glentemont, Rattrra, Tarras and Tinny Hill by Breeze, A.- III 77, 161

Glentemont, Rattrra, Tarras and Tinny Hill are all in Dumfries and Galloway, with Cumbric names that respectively seem to mean 'fire-river mountain', 'great homestead', 'strong river' and 'hill of (a man called) Tanet'. They are this evidence for the ancient Brittonic language of the region, suggest meanings for the names of Rattray and Carstairs elsewhere in Scotland, and help locate the southern limit of Rutherglen's early legal privileges.

Mouswald Kirk Session: 1640-1659 by Truckell, A.E.- III 77, 167

This paper includes extensive extracts from the Kirk Session Minutes of the parish of Mouswald for the period 1640-1659. The original volume is in Edinburgh University Library and the transcript has been prepared from a microfilm which has been lodged, along with the full transcript, in the Dumfries Archive Room. The minutes shed detailed light on the ecclesiastical and civil affairs of a mid-17th century Dumfriesshire country parish.

The Role of Wigtownshire in Eighteenth Century Smuggling by Wilkins, F.- III 77, 181

According to the Board of Customs in Edinburgh, 'very considerable' quantities of contraband goods were landed in Wigtownshire during the eighteenth century. Only 1.3% of Scotland's population lived here at the time so that the region could not provide customers for all the contraband that was apparently smuggled along its coasts. Wigtownshire was extremely important, however, as the first stage on the smuggling routes that supplied mainland Scotland

and the borders with a high proportion of their contraband brandy, rum, tea and tobacco. At first Wigtownshire's role in the smuggling trade was significant because of its close proximity to the Isle of Man. Goods imported into the Island could be transported there with comparative ease. After 1765, these well established networks were still used to disperse the contraband, now brought directly from Europe in large, heavily armed vessels. The story is reconstructed from contemporary evidence in the Scottish customs records at the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh, at the Ayrshire Archives and in the eighteenth century customs ingates and outgates, court records, merchant letters and wills at the Manx National Heritage library in Douglas. Ballantrae is included in this survey because it was one of the creeks belonging to the port of Stranraer.

John Faed RSA and the Kirkcudbright School by Steel, D.- III 77, 203

The year 2002 saw the centenary of the death of John Faed the artist. This article, illustrated by extensive genealogical and contemporary detail, shows the Faed family's influence on the development of the Kirkcudbright area as an artists' colony and, ultimately, the 'Kirkcudbright School'.

Curries and Duncans in Dumfriesshire by Booth, C.- III 77, 211

This article reproduces the text of Sir Christopher Booth's lecture to CUSSAG at the Crichton University, Dumfries, during 2002. The text traces the families of Currie and Duncan from their origins in Kirkcudbrightshire and Dumfriesshire in the early 18th century. The descendants of these two families are particularly followed in their mercantile and medical careers in Liverpool. Principally detailed are (1) Henry Duncan who became minister at Ruthwell, founder of the Savings Bank Scheme and restorer of the Ruthwell Cross; (2) Dr James Currie - who is best known in our area as the biographer of Robert Burns and (3) Dr William Henry Currie who became the first Medical Officer of Health for the borough of Liverpool and who is widely regarded as one of the founders of the medical speciality of Public Health.

Notes on Coastal Erosion and Mid 19th Century Antiquaries at Newbie Shore, Annan by Williams, J.- III 77, 228

In the 1860s this Society made a number of field excursions to the eroding coastline at Newbie near Annan. These excursions are described from notes in the early printed Transactions and the earliest MS Minute book of the Society. The article is illustrated by the reproduction of two contemporary pencil drawings by our first President Sir William Jardine of Applegirth. The finds reported relate to the discovery of a number of Bronze Age burial cists.

The Galloway Pony or Nag by Grierson, J.C.- III 77, 233

Reviews the historical status of the Galloway Pony or Nag. Although now extinct it bears a relationship to the still extant Cumbrian Fell Pony. Shakespearean references are included as also an entry from the Dumfries Weekly Journal of 1801 advertising races with Galloway ponies.

Roman Carlisle & the Lands of the Solway by Mike McCarthy [Review] by Truckell, A.E.- III 77, 234

McCarthy's book on 'Roman Carlisle and the Lands of the Solway' does more than its title and provides a full review of the archaeology of both the English and Scottish sides of the eastern end of the Solway from the early quaternary to the early mediaeval period. The volume concentrates on Carlisle itself but shows how it was influenced by its hinterland. The chapter headings are - The Landscape - Prehistoric Beginings - The Romans and the Land of the Carvettii - Lugavallium, the civitas capital - Settlement in the Hinterland - Roman Society and the Economy - The Post-Roman period and the kingdom of Rheged. The volume is supported by an excellent list of 'Further Reading'. The reviewer (A.E.Truckell) recalls his interaction with many of the principal sites and players of late 20th century research and archaeology in the area.

William Fleming Cormack (1920-2002) - An Appreciation by Williams, J.- III 77, 236

Obituary of William Fleming Cormack of Lockerbie (1920-2002). Although a practicing lawyer in the family firm in Lockerbie he was associated with local and national archaeology societies for over fifty years. He excavated extensively throughout Dumfries and Galloway and was particularly associated with early work on the mesolithic of the area. In the 1980s and 1990s he excavated the early chapel site at Barhobble in Wigtownshire. He was Business Editor of the Dumfriesshire & Galloway Nat. Hist. & Antiquarian Society from 1964 until his death - and dealt extensively with the editorial matters for the Society's Ann Hill Bequest for Kirkpatrick Fleming. As a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries he served as a Council member and a Vice-President - and as a Trustee on the Board of the National Museums of Antiquities from 1972 until the establishment of the National Museum of Scotland in 1985. He was awarded an MBE for services to archaeology in 1995 and in 1998 received the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland's 'Dorothy Marshall Medal. The obituary is accompanied by a full bibliography.

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The Rookeries of Dumfriesshire 2003. Including comparisons with the Surveys of 1908, 1921, 1963, 1975, 1993 and 2004 by Griffen, L.R. - D. Skilling, R.T. Smith and J.G.Young III 78, 1

The 2003 Dumfriesshire Rookery census has revealed that since 1993, the number of nests has fallen from 25,489 to 17,853, a decline of 30%. Earlier surveys in 1908, 1921 and 1963 had indicated a relatively stable population. Subsequent censuses in 1973, 1975, and 1993 showed a gradual increase, which had amounted to 50% by 1993. The 2003 result shows that the population is once again close to that of 1963. In the light of such a significant reduction in numbers a partial census (29 out of 43 parishes) was carried out during 2004. The results, provided in an appendix, indicate that numbers continue to decline and disperse.

Bog Bodies from Dumfries and Galloway by Pickin, J.- III 78, 31

A recent review of the evidence for bog bodies in Scotland has added 14 previously unrecognised examples to the existing gazetteer. Seven of these 'new discoveries' - actually old finds hidden in local newspaper accounts and antiquarian reports - are from Galloway

The Excavations of Multi-period Remains adjacent to the Banked Enclosure of Warden's Dykes, Greta: Neolithic, Bronze Age and Early Historic Evidence from the M74 by Banks, I.- III 78, 37

Excavations were carried out by GUARD (Department of Archaeology, Glasgow University) around the site of Warden's Dykes on behalf of Trusthouse Forte and BP Oil UK Ltd in advance of the construction of an access road for the new Greta motorway service station on the M74/M6 extension. The excavations demonstrated the presence of considerable activity outwith the putatively Iron Age enclosure, ranging in date from the Neolithic to the mediaeval period.

Early Historic and Mediaeval Activity at Chapelton, Haugh of Urr, Dumfries and Galloway by Alexander, D.- E.Pirie, F.Hunter, P.Simpson and G.Thomas III 78, 61

This paper announces the discovery of a potentially important early historic and mediaeval site, with likely ecclesiastical associations at Chapelton, Haugh of Urr. The previously unrecorded remains were exposed during topsoil stripping associated with the construction of Irish Gas' Southwest Scotland Pipeline. The excavation has revealed only part of what could be an extensive and complex archaeological site, and only preliminary conclusions can be advanced as to its character and history at this stage. The report presents only summary findings: a full project archive has been deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh. The finds have been allocated to the Stewartry Museum, Kirkcudbright

Naked and Unarmoured: A Reassessment of the Role of the Galwegians at the Battle of the Standard by Toolis, R.- III 78, 79

A re-assessment of the role of the Galwegians at the Battle of the Standard. Based upon an analysis of the various contemporary and later texts relating to the event - with comparative data from other sources.

53 George Street, Whithorn: The Late Mediaeval Priory Gatehouse, together with a note on a Series of possible Ritual Marian Marks by Lowe, C.E.- III 78, 93

A programme of building recording survey was undertaken in connection with alterations to 53 George Street, Whithorn, a Listed Building. The building lies at the junction of Bruce Street and George Street and forms the north side of the pond that leads up to the mediaeval priory. The results of the survey suggest that an originally late mediaeval structure was substantially rebuilt or altered in the post-mediaeval period. The original building, interpreted as a gate-house with a building attached on the north side, was entered from within the pond. The structural development of the building is re-assessed and considered within the context of the Premonstratensian priory and its relationship to the mediaeval burgh of Whithorn. Attention is also drawn to a series of so-called 'protection' or 'Marian marks' that were discovered on a lintel above an early hearth in an upper room.

Mary Queen of Scots' Last Night in Scotland by MacRobert, A. E.- III 78, 111

It is frequently stated as fact that Mary Queen of Scots stayed at Dundrennan Abbey on her last night in Scotland. There is no valid evidence that she did so. Mary escaped from Loch Leven Castle on 2 May 1568 to Niddry Castle and thence to Hamilton, where about 6000 of her supporters soon assembled. On the morning of 13 May she witnessed the sudden, unexpected and irretrievable rout of her army at Langside. About 10 am she fled with a small escort in great danger of her life and almost certainly in a southerly direction towards the wilds of Galloway. From that time nothing is known of her whereabouts until she boarded a fishing boat at Abbey Burnfoot about 3 pm at high tide on 16 May to cross the Solway. It is not known when she had arrived at the Abbey. It is highly improbable that in the first two days of her flight she even had Dundrennan Abbey in her mind for any purpose. Any categorical statement about the route she followed or any map showing a definite route cannot be substantiated.

The Dumfries Incorporation of Fleshers, 1658-1829 by Truckell, A.E.- III 78, 115

This paper was prepared by Mr Truckell following his transcription of a microfilm copy of the Minutes of the Incorporation of Fleshers at Dumfries. It provides detailed extracts of the business of the incorporation with much information on the families and individuals concerned

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland Part 5: Minnygap and Minnigaff by Breeze, A.- III 78, 121

The names of Minnygap near Moffat and Minnigaff by Newton Stewart have puzzled scholars. Yet they can be taken as Cumbric forms meaning 'bush by a hollow' and 'smith's bush'. They parallel obsolete 'Munmaban' near Peebles and 'Monynut' near Haddington, the first meaning 'Maban's bush', the second 'nit-infested bush' or 'wretched settlement called "Bush"'.

Two 'Bird Hall' names in Kirkpatrick Fleming by Hough, C.- III 78, 125

A type of place-name formation in which the word hall is preceded by a bird-name has long been recognised in northern England but has only recently been identified in Scotland. The Scottish corpus is still so small that any new additions have a significant impact upon our knowledge of its range and geographical distribution. The purpose of this article is to draw attention to two previously overlooked occurrences in Kirkpatrick Fleming parish.

A Local Treasure Trove: John Mactaggart's 'Scottish Gallovidian Encyclopedia' by McClure, J.D.- III 78, 131

The distinguished tradition of Scots linguistic scholarship began long before the twentieth century and the advent of modern dialectology and lexicography. By far the greatest reference work on the Scots tongue to appear before this period, namely John Jamieson's 'Etymological Dictionary of the Scottish Language', was first published in 1808; and well before this magnificent work, substantial glossaries and word-lists had appeared, principally as appendices to collections of poems. Robert Burns, as is well known, compiled fascinating glossaries to both the Kilmarnock and the Edinburgh editions of his poems; and Allan Ramsay had set the precedent by supplementing his collections with not only glossaries but extensive lists of words selected to demonstrate phonological correspondences between Scots and English. Self-contained glossaries and word-lists, or works including not only these but nuggets of information concerning local customs, folk-beliefs, characters, flora and fauna, topography and the like exist in respectable quantities from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries: many of these can be described appropriately as labours of love, made up as a spare-time hobby by men intent on commemorating the dialect or the entire local culture of their native areas. The best of them retain to this day the status of landmarks in Scots language studies: perhaps the most distinguished and most credible as scholarship, coming at the very end of the period when language study could be the exclusive province of enthusiastic amateurs, are the set of three books of Sir James Wilson. One of the most individual and most entertaining works in this tradition is John Mactaggart's 'Scottish Gallovidian Encyclopedia'. Mactaggart was born in 1797 and his opus was published in 1824.

A Final Report on the Lochmaben Court and Council Book 1612-1721 by Wilson, J.B.- III 78, 139

A transcript of this volume was published in 2001 by the Scottish Record Society. It covers 221 pages and records 404 meetings. The minutes were written by the clerk of the time, or his deputy, sometimes in a fair, sometimes in an almost indecipherable hand and often in an ungrammatical form. The article provides an overview of the contents regarding the work of the local town council

Sixteenth-Century Town Defences at Annan? A case not yet proven by Wallace, C.- III 78, 141

In an earlier volume of these Transactions, a case has been made for the burgh ditch of Annan not having been dug until the (later) 16th century (Toolis and Cavanagh, 2002, 151-55). The discussion appears in the report on some archaeological evaluation work in Butts Street, Annan in 1998. More recently, I have reviewed the evidence for late mediaeval / early post-mediaeval urban walls in southern Scotland (Wallace 2003) and as a result have come to doubt the strength of the Annan arguments. There was no space in that contribution to comment on the Annan report, so that it seems worthwhile to bring the matter to the attention of readers of this journal.

Searching for Mossknow Tower by Resistivity Survey by Shiel, D.- and Williams, J.- III 78, 142

In the absence of either any upstanding remains or absolute documentary evidence for the presence of the former Mossknow Towerhouse the Ann Hill Committee commissioned a geophysical survey of two potential locations by GSB Prospection of Bradford. Survey work was carried out in December 2002 and the report published in early 2003: this note summarizes those results.

From Auchencairn to the Glenkens and Portpatrick: The Journal of David Gibson, 1814-43 (Innes Macleod) A Review by Williams, J.- III 78, 148

Extracts and commentary from the Journal of David Gibson a baptist lay missionary who worked all over the south-west of Scotland - centred at Auchencairn. The author has used the volume to provide details of the background to the life and times of Gibson.

Kirkcudbright: An Alphabetic Guide to its History (David R Collin) A Review by Williams, J.- III 78, 148

This volume is literally an alphabetic index of almost every aspect of the life, times and especially the people of Kirkcudbright. Although mainly covering the town of Kirkcudbright it also ranges over the countryside between Ross Island and Tongland.

Roman Artillery (Alan Wilkins) A Review by Gair, J.H.D.- III 78, 149

Review of a booklet on the multiple aspects of Roman artillery showing its Greek origins. In local terms a number of references are made to a number of aspects of the archaeology of Burnswark and Shan Castle in Glencairn parish.

The People of Kirkcudbright in 1786 and 1788 (Innes Macleod) A Review by Williams, J.- III 78, 149

Review of a volume detailing two late eighteenth century visitation rolls of the town of Kirkcudbright. Background to the town is provided against collated lists of the inhabitants and their genealogy.

Minute by Minute, 300 years of Lochmaben History (John B Wilson) A Review by Gair, J.H.D.- III 78, 150

Review of a publication by Dr J B Wilson. This latest volume is based upon a re-examination of the Minutes of Lochmaben Town Council which run from 1612 to 1974. It refers to a recent publication by the Scottish Record Society of a transcription of the earliest volume of minutes for 1612 to 1708 - as also the discovery of a box of Lochmaben documents discovered in a 1996 auction sale.

Patrick Crichton M.A., F.S.A.Scot by Gair, J.H.D.- III 78, 152

Obituary of Patrick Crichton - President 1998-2001

An Update of Plant Recording in Dumfriesshire [Lecture to the Society, 17th October, 2003] by Miles, C.- III 78, 153

Summary of a lecture given to the Society on 17th October 2003. An overview of past botanical recording within the county was given with details of recent work

Moffat for Health? A Spa Town in Victorian Times [Lecture to the Society, 7th November, 2003] by Durie, A.- III 78, 153

Summary of a lecture delivered 7th November 2003. A review of the Moffat Spa town over the centuries was provided but the lecture concentrated on the Victorian period - with particular reference to the history of the Hydro Hotel and its subsequent destruction by fire in 1921.

The Archaeological Survey of Dundrennan Range, Kirkcudbright [Lecture to the Society, 3rd October, 2003] by Cowley, D. - III 78, 153

Summary of lecture given on 3rd October 2003. The Dundrennan range was established in 1942. The RCAHMS, in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, has recently undertaken a baseline archaeological survey. The survey, including all relict military features as well as the more traditional archaeological monuments, has resulted in 193 sites being added to the National Monuments Record.

Early Celtic Art in South-West Scotland: Its Origin and Purpose [The First Cormack lecture, 5th December, 2003] by Hunter, F.- III 78, 154

Summary of the First Cormack lecture - delivered to the Society on 5th December 2003. The subject was 'Early Celtic Art in South-West Scotland: Its Origin and Purpose'. Fraser Hunter explained that he hoped that the lecture provided some insights, however speculative, into the people behind those masterpieces of Celtic art, allowing the objects to be seen as powerful and active things within contemporary society. In offering this as the first Cormack memorial lecture, it was hoped that it fitted with the ethos which Bill Cormack brought to his own work. He was a man with a nose for a good story, and an amazing ability to ferret out new information and weave it into a wider picture. The lecture was offered as part-payment of the speaker's tremendous personal debt to Bill Cormack, and a tribute to a fine scholar and a fine man.

Robert Douglas, 'Collector' of Customs and Master Smuggler [Lecture to the Society, 21st November, 2003] by Wilkins, F.- III 78, 154

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 21st November 2003 regarding life and times of Robert Douglas 'Collector' of Customs and Master Smuggler. Douglas married Margaret Corbet, daughter of a Glasgow merchant. He obtained credit on the Isle of Man and contraband purchased there was smuggled into Scotland. As customs surveyor in Glasgow Douglas provided paperwork to legalise any goods seized. He lost his post. A court case on the Island for debt was interrupted when Douglas joined the Jacobite cause, carrying letters from the Earl of Mar to England and leading a troop of horse under the Earl of Derwentwater. Captured at the battle of Preston, he escaped and continued his involvement in the smuggling trade from Virginia.

Forestry and Ecology [Lecture to the Society, 6th February, 2004] by Tanner, S.- III 78, 155

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 6th February 2004 by Stan Tanner, Planning and Environment Forester, Forest Enterprise. Forest Enterprise manage the Forestry Commission estate to create attractive productive woodland and manage them for people and financial return. Modern forest design is thinking ahead with multiple objectives, consulting, analysing options and gaining approval. The ecological interest of their estate is prioritised by Local Biodiversity Action Plans and Dumfries and Galloway's Species Action Plans. Particular animals, plants and insects were detailed.

Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society [Lecture to the Society, 16th January, 2004] by Hextall, D.- III 78, 155

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 16th January 2004 by Derek Hextall of the Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society. The society was set up in 1997. The society has developed several projects to mark the vast heritage of the parish. Cairn School, Kirkconnel Junior School, covenanter sites at Friarminnan and Blackgannoch have all been commemorated with memorial walls. The Miners' Cairn at the ancient kirkyard was rebuilt, St Conal's Well was developed and St Conal's Cross protected from cattle. An area at the rear of the Society's premises has been renovated into an area filled with implements that depict the village's past industries of mining and farming.

Recent Developments at Threave [Lecture to the Society, 20th February, 2004] by Gow, I.- III 78, 155

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 20th February 2004 by Ian Gow, Senior Curator of the National Trust for Scotland. Mr Gow outlined the history of the Gordon family of Liverpool merchants who moved to the area in the 1870s. After renting accommodation they built Threave House. The Gordons were much influenced by the Scottish Baronial style and commissioned the Edinburgh architects Peddie & Kinnear to produce the design which they based on an original plan by William Burn. Although a modest house, not a major estate centre, Threave contains a remarkable triple arcade staircase. When taken over by the National Trust the house contained a mixture of eighteenth century antiques collected by Kitty Gordon in the late nineteenth century and furniture made by a local Castle Douglas firm. The best of the antiques were dispersed to other Trust properties in the 1950s when the gardening school was established but these are now being returned to Threave.

Art Therapy at the Crichton Royal Infirmary [Lecture to the Society, 5th March, 2004] by Williams, M.- III 78, 156

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society by Morag Williams at members' Night, 5th March 2004. The term 'Art Therapy' did not come into use as a term in connection with the treatment of mentally ill patients till the 1940s but was effectively introduced to the Crichton in 1839 by Dr William Brown, the first Superintendent. A considerable archive of original patients' work still survives.

Postcard Collecting [Lecture to the Society, 5th November, 2004] by Taylor, M.- III 78, 156

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on Members' Night, 5th March 2004, by Michael Taylor. Postcards soon acquire historical value and this was well exemplified by the range of old and modern postcards used to illustrate this point - many were of Dumfries and district.

The River Annan District Salmon Fishery Board River Management [Lecture to the Society, 19th March, 2004] by Chisholm, N.- III 78, 156

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 19th March 2004 by Nick Chisholm, Environmental Manager to the River Annan District Salmon Fishery Board. The River Annan is unaffected by hydro-electric power schemes, unlike so many Highland rivers, and is still a natural river with natural waterflows. The most dramatic losses for salmon occur in the sea where salmon spend over half their lives, currently only 5-10% return from the sea compared to about 40% in the 1960s/1970s. Commonly used management techniques were described.

The Tongland Engineering Works [Lecture to the Society, 27th March, 2004] by Dodds, A.- III 78, 156

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 27th March 2004 by Alastair Dodds of the National Museums of Scotland. The factory was built to a ferro-concrete design similar to that at Heathhall, Dumfries, itself based on Ford factory designs which allowed the creation of large, well-lit open spaces. Manufacturing started in 1917 - the extensive use of female engineers was described. A new company was formed in 1920 to produce a light, cheap car - the Galloway. Facilities for the workers, including a swimming pool, were explained. The factory was taken over by Scottish Artificial Silks in 1927 to produce rayon - and many women workers were still involved. Further research is still required for the later history of the site - but it was used to make parachutes during the Second World War, was then purchased for egg production and is currently owned by Galloway Boats and Mouldings.

Volume 79 2005*The Rook in Dumfriesshire: A 2004 profile* by Young, J.G.- III 79, 1

Rooks have nested in Dumfriesshire since time immemorial and their numbers have been surveyed since at least 1908. During the decade (1993-2003) they decreased dramatically by 30% and by a further 5% between 2003 and 2004. The climate and topography are congenial and, in spite of a huge increase in commercial forestry concentrating on conifer production, the County remains well stocked with a variety of tree species. There is thus no scarcity of suitable woodland in which Rooks could nest. Natural predation is insignificant, but large scale traditional shooting of recently-fledged birds and the trapping of adults continues and is widespread within the County. This is postulated as a major cause of the population decline, a reduction in rookery size and the redistribution of birds to more favoured sites, in spite of evidence that the present day diet of the Rook has a totally negligible effect on

both game bird management and current agricultural practices. Indeed Rooks may largely benefit the latter. Since 1931 the area of rough grass has declined by 40%. Other dramatic changes in agriculture have seen a significant decrease in root crops, in the case of turnips, for example, by 94%. Overall grain production has also declined by 40% and of that 58% is now autumn-sown. Almost all grain crops are treated with herbicides, a large proportion with fungicides and a variable area, depending on perceived crop risk, with insecticides. These changes have favoured grass productivity, now forming 44.4% of the total agricultural land in Dumfriesshire. If rough grazing were included a staggering 90% of the County's farmland is currently grass. Such management has also demanded increased drainage, mowing for silage and, more importantly, intensive applications of inorganic fertilisers, which is detrimental to Rooks and many other bird species largely dependent on invertebrate prey. A general scarcity of uncontaminated invertebrate prey, increasingly unavailable in high grass and during drought and frost conditions, is postulated as the third most significant factor controlling both the recruitment and mortality of adult and juveniles leading to fragmentation of this declining population. The scarcity of invertebrates has also resulted in a decline of a wide range of other farmland bird species that are similarly dependent on insects or other invertebrates. With an increasingly unstable role of tradition within the Rook nesting zones, significant beneficial changes in agricultural practices should result in increased recruitment, while redistribution and stability would be encouraged. The most important and achievable improvement would be an immediate cessation of annual culling.

Preliminary Survey of the Macrophyte Flora of Loch Skeen, Dumfriesshire by Dalton, A.- III 79, 21

Loch Skeen (or Skene, NT 171 165) is a moraine dammed loch lying in a NNW/SSE direction in an upland corrie basin. It lies within Grey Mares Tail SSSI, owned by the National Trust for Scotland. A description of the site is given by Mackinlay (2003). The loch is approximately 1160 metres long by 325 metres wide at its widest, with an average breadth of about 250 metres. It is reputed to reach a depth of 25 metres. The loch is approximately 27.75 hectares in area and has a catchment of about 152.5 hectares. The loch is at an altitude of just below 520 metres. The maps in Preston and Croft (1997) show the aquatic species of macrophytes to be found in square 3161, which includes Loch Skeen, Gameshope Loch and the south-east corner of Fruid Reservoir. The species include *Callitriche* spp., *Carex rostrata*, *Equisetum fluviatile*, *Isoetes lacustris*, *Potamogeton polygonifolius*, *Ranunculus flammula* and *Subularia aquatica*, amongst others. The hinterland of Loch Skeen is grazed by Scottish blackface sheep and feral goats. The loch is used for recreation, mainly by walkers but also by shore fishermen, though in the past a boat was available.

In a Quiet Watered Land. The Cree Valley: Neolithic Chambered Cairns and Early Farmers by Coles, D.- III 79, 25

This paper examines the peopling of the Cree valley in the early-mid Neolithic as expressed in the monuments that they constructed. It endeavours to explore the chambered tombs, their location within and relationship to the landscape and geography of the region. The contention argued herein is that within the south-western peninsula of Scotland, the earlier nomadic Mesolithic hunting and gathering economy was replaced by a sedentary Neolithic culture based on a mixed economy of cereal farming and animal husbandry and not, as has been suggested, by a wholly nomadic and pastoral culture. Two variants of the chambered cairn are recognised in the Galloway region; the Clyde cairns, which occur elsewhere in southern Scotland and the Bargrennan type which, are a totally local variant. Examples of both are found in the Cree valley, including the type-site for the Bargrennan tombs. A close examination of both the architectural details of these monuments and of their location within the landscape will be used to advance the argument for a sedentary Neolithic population within the south-west peninsula, practising mixed farming.

Bronze Age Settlement at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright by Higgins, J.- and D. Ronan with P. Makey, C. McGill, A. Hall and J. Cowgill III 79, 47

In January 2002, during the archaeological monitoring of topsoil stripping for the construction corridor of a 1.2km gas pipeline at Ross Bay, near Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, previously unknown archaeological remains were recorded at three locations along the pipeline route. These sites are referred to as Areas A, B and C. Area A was located in a hollow near the top of Muter Hill at approximately 60m OD. The archaeological features encountered comprised two sub-rectangular pits and four postholes. One pit contained a large amount of charcoal and charred grain, and some small fragments of burnt bone and slag. The grain has been carbon dated to the late Bronze Age at between 1020 and 880 cal. BC. Similar finds were recovered from one of the postholes and from the other pit. The remains were suggestive of either occupation or small-scale rural industry. However the distribution of features did not clearly suggest the form any structure(s) may have taken. Areas B and C were located on raised beach deposits on the northern side of Ross Bay at around 13m OD and had been subject to later agricultural truncation. Archaeological features at Area B consisted of two irregular spreads of flagstone paving, the largest covering an area of approximately 2m by 4m, four heavily truncated postholes located immediately to the west of the flagstones and two shallow pits to the east. The features implied a structure or structures were present but no definite pattern could be identified. The proximity of this site to Area C could suggest an association but no direct stratigraphic link could be made and no dateable stratified finds were recovered. The principal feature identified in Area C was a structural ring gully, which represented the remains of a 10m-diameter roundhouse. Each excavated segment contained a substantial arrangement of packing stones suggestive of timber plank walling. In addition, a total of ten postholes were located inside the ring gully. Eight of these postholes formed an inner ring, presumably for supporting a roof. The two remaining postholes appeared to have been related to the south-east facing entrance, where two short parallel linear slots, perpendicular to the gully, formed a porch. No additional internal features were recorded. Four postholes were recorded immediately south-east of the entrance to the roundhouse. These postholes appeared

to respect the entrance but were too few in number to indicate a definite pattern. Coarse hand-made pottery was recovered from the fill of one of the porch slots and a number of charcoal samples were taken from both the fill of the gully and from some of the postholes. Two of these were carbon dated and both gave Middle Bronze Age dates of between 1530 and 1250 cal. BC.

Flint Report for Bronze Age Settlement Excavations at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright by Makey, P.- III 79, 58

Report on the flints found recovered during the Excavations of a Bronze Age Settlement Site at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright

Pottery Report for Bronze Age Settlement Excavations at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright by McGill, C - III 79, 60

Report on the pottery found recovered during the Excavations of a Bronze Age Settlement Site at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright

Environmental Remains Report for Bronze Age Settlement Excavations at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright by Hall, A.- III 79, 61

Report on the environmental remains recovered during the Excavations of a Bronze Age Settlement Site at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright

Slag Report for Bronze Age Settlement Excavations at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright by Cowgill, J.- III 79, 65

Report on the slag remains recovered during the Excavations of a Bronze Age Settlement Site at Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright

Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by Carrott, J.- with J Parry, T Cowie, J McKinley, P Makey and S Wilkinson III 79, 71

Between April and July 2002 an archaeological watching brief was carried out during groundworks for the construction corridor of the Scotland to Ireland Second Gas Interconnector Project land pipeline between Beattock and Cluden in Dumfries and Galloway. During topsoil stripping across a floodplain to the east of the River Nith, the partial remains of a barrow were identified. The barrow comprised a ring ditch with an external diameter of some 8m and an internal diameter of nearly 4m almost complete. The ditch showing two phases of activity surrounded two central cremation pits, one containing the remains of a scattered cremation and the other an almost complete bucket urn with its contents intact. Both sets of cremations consisted of two individuals (in both cases probably an adult female and an infant or juvenile) and have been radiocarbon dated to the mid to late Bronze Age, between 1430 and 850 cal. BC. The barrow is probably associated with a wider group of linear features observed as cropmarks to the east of the pipeline corridor.

Flint Report for Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by Makey, P.- III 79, 77

Specialist report on flint assemblage from Kerricks Farm, Duncow, excavations of a Bronze Age barrow

Pottery Report for Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by Cowie, T.- III 79, 78

Specialist report on pottery assemblage from Kerricks Farm, Duncow, excavations of a Bronze Age barrow

Stone Report for Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by Wilkinson, S.- III 79, 81

Specialist report on stone assemblage from Kerricks Farm, Duncow, excavations of a Bronze Age barrow

Cremated Remains Report for Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by McKinley, J.- III 79, 82

Specialist report on cremated remains from Kerricks Farm, Duncow, excavations of a Bronze Age barrow

Biological Remains Report for Excavation of a Bronze Age Barrow at Kerricks Farm near Duncow by Carrott, J.- III 79, 85

Specialist report on biological remains from Kerricks Farm, Duncow, excavations of a Bronze Age barrow

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland Part 6: Cummertrees, Beltrees, Trevercarcou by Breeze, A.- III 79, 91

Cummertrees near Annan and Beltrees near Paisley have names of debated origin. Yet both seem linked to swift streams called Tres, with namesakes in Cornwall, Hampshire, and elsewhere in Scotland. The obscure name of Trevercarcou (Earlstoun, near New Galloway) seems likewise to mean homestead of the torrents.

A Mail Garment from the Mediaeval Church at Barhobble by Caldwell, D.H.- W.F.Cormack and Thea Gabra-Sanders III 79, 95

Description and analysis of fragments of a mail garment found during the excavations at the mediaeval church of Barhobble, Wigtownshire

Dervorgilla of Galloway by Drexler, M.- III 79, 101

The youngest daughter of Alan, last of the lords of Galloway, may be best known for something she probably did not build: the bridge across the River Nith in Dumfries which bears her name, Dervorguilla. It is hardly surprising that the people of Dumfries credited her with giving them their bridge, given all she really did accomplish: she had founded nearby Sweetheart Abbey, supported several churches and at least two friaries; borne at least eight children, one of whom became King of Scots; secured the financial future of a college in Oxford, and won the respect of her contemporaries. Nevertheless, of those who still recognise her name, many still think only of that bridge.

The William McDowall Selby Collection by Murray, Jane - III 79, 147

In 1946 a Miss Helen Selby brought into the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland a collection of artefacts gathered largely from local sources by her father, William McDowall Selby, and grandfather, Robert Bird Selby, who served successively as medical practitioners in the village of Port William in Wigtownshire from 1878 to 1932. Dr R B K Stevenson, Keeper of the Museum, examined the artefacts before returning them to Miss Selby, and he annotated the Catalogue which her father had compiled, adding comments and emendations. A copy of this document remained in the Museum, and has occasionally been referred to by researchers (eg Coles 1965, 91; 1969, 86). A mention by Fraser Hunter (1994,66) of a polished flint celt from Dowalton Loch caught the interest of the present writer. In 1999, with help from Trevor Cowie, Assistant Keeper of Archaeology at the Museum of Scotland, the whereabouts of the collection was traced to Helen Selby's nephew, John Selby, living in Dorset. John Selby most generously agreed to donate the collection to Stranraer Museum, and transported it back to Scotland.

Research on the Lives of Helen Walker and her sister Isobell Walker by Morton, S.J.- III 79, 173

Description of recent research on the lives of Helen and Isobell Walker from the parish of Kirkpatrick Irongray: Helen Walker was Sir Walter Scott's prototype for Jeannie Deans in his novel 'The Heart of Midlothian.' The research makes extensive use of original documentary sources.

Fifteenth-Century Town Defences at Annan? A Rebuttal by Toolis, R.- III 79, 183

The results of an archaeological evaluation of Annan burgh ditch presented in Volume 76 of the Transactions tentatively suggested that the late 16th century appeared the most likely date for the origin of the burgh ditch revealed at Butts Street, Annan. The case for this date has recently provoked criticism in this journal and an argument for a fifteenth century date has been developed. This criticism does not bear up to examination and the case remains that until new archaeological, documentary or cartographic evidence is presented, a late 16th century date remains the most credible date for the origin of the burgh ditch of Annan.

The Rapid and Continued Decline of the Rook in Dumfriesshire - Results of the 2005 Census by Griffen, L.R.- D Skilling, R.T.Smith and J.G.Young III 79, 186

A survey of the entire county of Dumfriesshire in 1993 recorded a total of 25,489 rook nests. A repeat of the census in 2003 found only 17,853 nests, a decrease of 30%. This decline prompted a survey of a large part of the county in 2004, which confirmed the 2003 findings and showed that within one year the number of nests had fallen by a further 6%. This decline has again been seen in another partial census of the county in 2005, when a further 5% reduction in nest numbers has been revealed.

Antiquarian Collectors in Wigtownshire - Scientific Pioneers or Acquisitive Hoarders? [Lecture to Society, 15th October, 2004] by Murray, Jane - III 79, 191

Summary of a lecture presented to the Society on 15th October 2004. Displays of prehistoric artefacts in the museums of Scotland include much material from Wigtownshire, mostly collected during the latter decades of the 19th century. George Wilson, Free Church minister in Glenluce, discovered the potential for artefact recovery in the sand dunes at the head of Luce Bay, and led the way in a local enthusiasm for collection. The activity was seen as being scientifically valuable, assisting in enquiry into primitive societies, and as being educationally useful. The most important stimulus, however, may have been romantic, deriving from the excitement generated by direct contact with the distant past. The lecture dealt with the Selbys, Father and son, doctors of Port William who collected extensively in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Sumaria to Scotland, The Roots of Scottish Gardens [Presidential address, 1st October, 2004] by Toolis, E.- III 79, 191

Summary of the Presidential address of Mrs E Toolis presented to the Society on 1st October 2004. Gardening began in the Fertile Crescent with Sumeria, the first civilisation. Their gardens had sophisticated watering systems with new, imported plants and animals. Contemporaneous Egypt planted small gardens, walled against the annual Flood and rectangular for ease of irrigation. The Persians later developed the Fourfold garden, brought to a peak by the Arabs in Granadas Alhambra. Roman Peristyle gardens were colonnaded within a villa, but their country houses were set amid landscape gardens. Medieval gardens were enclosed within monasteries and castles, but the Renaissance turned outwards to face the landscape, stressing shape and proportion. Scottish gardening history has close links to France, our first gardens being laid down in medieval monasteries by French monks. Their expertise, and that of French Royal gardeners, was preserved and developed by lay gardeners to copy Continental gardens, 18th century gardeners were well regarded by prominent English Houses.

The Natural History of Culzean Castle and Country Park [Lecture to the Society on 19th November, 2004] by Riddle, G.- III 79, 191

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 19th November 2004. Originally a bare tract of crofts and a few trees, dominated by a Tower House, the environment at Culzean changed with the building of the mansion house by Robert Adam and the development of the gardens by the 12th Earl of Ailsa. As these improvements took their effect the wildlife population changed and the flora flourished in the warm air of the Gulf Stream. Predators still abound and wild life flourishes in spite of the number of visitors who enjoy the amenities. Large colonies of different species of bat are also to be seen.

The New Barns Project: from the Neolithic to the Mediaeval [Lecture to the Society on 5th November 2004] by Penman, A.- III 79, 191

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 5th November 2004. The archaeology of the estate at Newbarns, Colvend, is a unique and mysterious monumental record dating back to the Neolithic era, with multi-settlement evidence of occupation through the Bronze and Iron Ages, the Roman era and into the medieval period in Galloway. Here are sited the remains of two chambered cairns set in what was once a large freshwater loch. Today, all that is still visible are the flattened platforms of the two granite cairns. The South site, the first to be investigated three years ago, bearing the remains of two Neolithic chambered tombs, a Bronze Age one and Iron Age crannog evidence while the North site, after two years of excavation, has yielded evidence of a further Neolithic burial and another Bronze Age one. The latter is in process of excavation and has been dated by the finding of a barbed and tanged arrowhead of c2200-1800 BC. Excavation is on-going on both sites into 2005.

Warrior, State Builder and ... Failure? The Career of Fergus of Galloway [Cormack Lecture, 3rd December, 2004] by Oram, R.D.- III 79, 191

A summary of the Cormack Lecture for 2004 - delivered to the Society on 3rd December 2004 by Dr Richard Oram of Stirling University. A great deal of myth has built up around Fergus of Galloway as there is little in the way of definite information about him. However, by looking backwards and forwards in time various sources give information by inference. From this information, possible conclusions are that Fergus had certainly been a warrior, if not a very good one, so perhaps that is where his failure lay. He had founded a dynasty but it was extinct in the male line within three generations. What he did create was a lasting entity.

Excavations at Old Caerlaverock Castle [Lecture to the Society, 4th March, 2005] by Brann, M.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on the occasion of Members' Night 4th March 2005. A concise summary of the excavations at the Old Caerlaverock Castle was given. The talk coincided with the Societys publication of the monograph Excavations at Old Caerlaverock Castle 1998-99 .

Following the Artists' Footsteps Project [Lecture to the Society, 18th February, 2005] by Steel, D.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 18th February 2005. The project involves the generation of a computer database of Dumfries and Galloway artists throughout time to increase the awareness of art and artists in south-west Scotland and thereby help with the cultural, tourist and artistic regeneration of the area. Images from the 18th century travellers and antiquaries to 19th, 20th and 21st century artists are included in the database and cover a wide range of themes, subjects and places.

John Hutton MD and the Dumfries Presbytery Library [Lecture to the Society, 4th February, 2005] by Howard, J.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 4th February 2005. A study of the Library bequeathed to the Presbytery of Dumfries in 1712 by John Hutton MD MP, to which later gifts and purchases were added. Hutton, a native of Caerlaverock, studied in Edinburgh and Padua and became court physician to King William III and Queen Mary. 1500 of the original 2,300 volumes survive in the Library of New College, University of Edinburgh, comprising titles on medicine, history, classics, literature and theology. Its use as a lending library from 1732 to 1826 was also studied. Some biographical notes were added on the ministers and other subscribers who used the Library, and a brief account of Dr Huttons later career as MP and agent at the Court of Sophia, Electress of Hanover.

The Devil's Porridge Exhibition [Lecture to the Society, 18th March, 2005] by Fairbairn, D.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 18th March 2005. The factory constructed in Gretna to produce cordite (the Devils porridge) needed for the manufacture of munitions for World War I was part of a much larger site extending from Longtown to Dornock. Explosive experts were recruited from throughout the British Empire while other workers were recruited from both sides of the border and Ireland, including a large workforce of young women employed to produce the cordite. To accommodate the many thousands of workers temporary accommodation and the new townships of Gretna and Eastriggs were built in the style of English Arts & Crafts movement houses.

The Old Coach Road from Dumfries to Edinburgh [Lecture to the Society, 4th March 2005] by Cochrane-Dyett, I.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on the occasion Members' Night 4th March 2005. The Dumfriesshire part of the route of the old coach road through Tinwald, Lochmaben, Beattock and Moffat to the county boundary was described in considerable detail.

The Planned Villages of Dumfries and Galloway, 1730 to 1850: location, form and function [Lecture to the Society, 26th March, 2005] by Philip, L.J.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society at its meeting of 26th March 2005 at Kirkcudbright. A planned village was defined as a settlement that was founded or substantially rebuilt in the 18th and early to mid 19th centuries with the support or approval of the landowner. 81 such villages had now been identified in the region - 41 in Dumfriesshire, 25 in the Stewartry and 15 in Wigtownshire. The villages were related to a variety of functions, for example, manufacturing industries, quarrying, mining, harbours and ports, centres of trade and commerce, land improvement and fishing.

The Red Kite Release Project [Lecture to Society on 21st January, 2005] by Duffy, K.- III 79, 192

Summary of a lecture delivered to the Society on 21st January 2005. Red Kites were extinct in Scotland by the late 19th century. The first young birds, from Germany and the Chilterns, were released from cages on a private estate forestry site in Galloway in 2001. Further releases were made in 2002 of birds from nests in the Black Isle and the Chilterns and in 2003 the first breeding occurred. The present size of the Galloway red kite population is now of national importance. A red kite trail with information boards and viewing points and a feeding station has been established.

Volume 80 2006*The Former Use of Flight-Nets to Capture Wildfowl on the Inner Solway* by Young, J.- III 80, 1

Throughout the latter part of the 19th century, while shooting was widespread, flightnetting emerged as an alternative method of obtaining wildfowl and waders for the table, barter or the market. Netting was practised intensively only on the north shore of the Solway Firth and in Morecambe Bay, Lancashire, though market netting was also recorded on the south shore of the Solway, southern Ayrshire and the firths of Forth and Clyde. The principles of flight netting are elementary: Nets are held vertical by being attached to poles, with the aim of intercepting flying birds. In estuaries, gulls and shore birds fly regularly between roosting and feeding areas, in response to tidal cycles and at dusk or dawn. On occasion movements occur due to disturbance by falcons or other predators, or the activities of fishermen and wildfowlers. At times netters resorted to deliberate driving to move the flocks. This article particularly describes the history of flight-netting around Glencaple on the Nith estuary.

Excavations of a Bronze Age Roundhouse and associated Palisade Enclosures at Aird Quarry, Castle Kennedy, Dumfries and Galloway by Cook, M.- with A. Duffy and M. Melikian III 80, 9

Remains of a prehistoric roundhouse within a palisade enclosure were identified during an archaeological evaluation in advance of a quarry extension in 1999. In accordance with planning conditions an archaeological excavation by AOC Archaeology Group was subsequently undertaken in 2002, on behalf of Andrew McMillan Ltd. The excavation identified two phases of roundhouse construction dating to the Late Bronze Age, which were associated with two human cremations. While radiocarbon dates showed further evidence of activity dating to the Neolithic and Middle Iron Age, no additional significant structures were identified.

Charcoal and Radiocarbon dates from the Excavations at Aird Quarry, Castle Kennedy by Duffy, A.- III 80, 15

Specialist reports on the charcoal and radiocarbon dates from the excavations of a Bronze Age roundhouse and associated palisade enclosure at Aird Quarry, Castle Kennedy, Dumfries and Galloway

Human Bone from the Excavations at Aird Quarry, Castle Kennedy by Melikian, M.- III 80, 16

Specialist reports on the human bone finds from the excavations of a Bronze Age roundhouse and associated palisade enclosure at Aird Quarry, Castle Kennedy, Dumfries and Galloway

The South West Crannog Survey: Recent Work on the lake dwellings of Dumfries and Galloway by Cavers, M.G.- J.C.Henderson and B.A.Crone III 80, 29

The second season of the SWCS Phase 2 was carried out in September 2003 and January 2004 and comprised detailed digital survey of submerged and dry areas of selected crannog sites in Dumfries and Galloway. Small scale underwater excavations at one site, Loch Arthur, were also carried out in order to stabilise and record exposed eroding timbers. The results presented here detail the findings from the monitoring project, which is on-going, but also outline the archaeological significance of this work on the crannogs of South West Scotland. The project was grant aided by Historic Scotland, the Scottish Trust for Archaeological Research (STAR), the University of Nottingham and AOC Archaeology Group, and was conducted by the Underwater Archaeology Research Centre (UARC) as part of the Scottish Wetland Archaeology Programme (SWAP). The 2002 fieldwork season identified 6 crannogs in 6 lochs as suitable candidates for monitoring on grounds of perceived threat and ease of access: Milton Loch; Loch Arthur; Whitefield Loch; Barhapple Loch; Cults Loch and Barlockhart. Their selection addresses the full range of threats encountered in the two study areas: drainage, fluctuating water tables, potential nitrate run-off and the effects of micro-organisms caused by active biological environments. This paper continues and extends the monitoring process.

Historia Brittonum and Arthur's Battle of Tribuit by Breeze, A.- III 80, 53

An Etymological and philological discussion of *Historia Brittonum* and Arthur's Battle of Tribuit.

The Dumfriesshire Mounts Reconsidered by Wegner, T.- III 80, 59

In 1906 the so-called Dumfriesshire fragments were presented to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in Edinburgh by a certain Norman B. Kinnear. They were registered under the number FC 179 and are still partly exhibited in the current archaeological exhibition in the new National Museum in Edinburgh. Staying in Edinburgh in 2001 for practical work at the National Museum the author was given permission to investigate the fragments for his M.A. dissertation in Marburg, Germany under the tutorship of Prof. Dr. H. W. Bhme and assisted by Dr. M. Spearman and Dr. F. Hunter. The main points of the research were to reconstruct the original shapes of the bronze fillets and the ornaments that could be found on the small fragments, as well as to analyse how the bronze fillets were manufactured. Based on these results it was attempted to find parallels that could be compared in the way of craftsmanship, shape and ornament. From this the original appearance, function and age of the object(s) that once were decorated with the bronze metal sheets could be worked out. A further important point was to investigate when and where the fragments originally were found, as the report from N B Kinnear only states that the fillets came from Dumfriesshire and were discovered a long time ago. This paper represents a short summary of the results and identifies the find site as Corrie Loch, Dumfriesshire. The fragments appear to represent the remains of the metal covers for a wooden cross and a book cover of perhaps the eighth or ninth centuries A.D.

The Mechanics of Overseas Trade by Hill, C.- III 80, 81

The difficulty of inland communication had long encouraged the proliferation of ports along the Scottish coastline, with little to choose between them before the expansion and reorientation of trade in the decades following the Restoration. In common with many of these ancient trading ports, merchants at Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Wigtown and Stranraer were keen to engage in, and acquire the prestige associated with foreign trade and enjoyed a modicum of success exporting raw materials such as wool, skins and hides and importing commodities and luxury items. However, the long period of growth that following the Restoration created a new disparity between ports. This was linked to the growing specialisation of regional economies and saw mineral ports such as Alloa, Kirkcaldy, Ayr and Irvine grow rapidly from mid-eighteenth century, and the bulk of the nations foreign trade increasingly channelled through a handful of major entrepts including, Port Glasgow and Greenock on the Clyde and Leith and Boness on the Forth. Against this background, this paper examines the organisation and changing character of Dumfries and Galloways foreign trade between 1600 and 1850. It explores the mechanisms for its conduct and the increasing difficulties encountered by merchants seeking to engage in sustained, profitable overseas commerce. For the most part it is based on data extracted from a wide range of primary sources including; Collectors Quarterly Accounts; The Port of Dumfries Tonnage and Impost Accounts; the Accounts, Waste Books and Minutes of two locally-based trading companies, the first inaugurated in 1764 and the second in 1811 and the Day Book of George and Samuel Douglas and Co, 1782-1783.

Planned Villages in Dumfriesshire and Galloway: Location, Form and Function by Philip, L.J.- III 80, 105

The eighteenth century was a period of considerable agricultural, social and economic change across Scotland, the era of Enlightenment. Many changes that took place then, agricultural enclosure, the development of new mansion houses with landscaped pleasure gardens and the planting of new woodlands, have shaped the rural landscape we know today. The creation of planned villages was an important feature of this period, creating the nucleated settlement structure that characterises many parts of contemporary rural Scotland. This paper focuses upon the development of planned villages in the modern-day region of Dumfries and Galloway. It reports the number of planned villages which were developed in the region, where they were located, the form that they took and the economic functions with which they were associated. The paper is supported by tabular information and extracts from early maps illustrating the form of some of the villages.

Presbyterian Divisions and Edifice Rivalry in Galloway, 1743-1900 by Smith, R.- III 80, 123

Undeniably, old (parish and other) churches of any given area, particularly a rural region like Galloway, figure prominently in the historic and aesthetic landscape. Yet as active components in their communities, for decades they have been facing an ongoing and previously unprecedented crisis: one of waning relevance, as the enthusiasm of recent generations has cooled for at least traditional religious observance. An obvious consequence of falling church attendance has been regular place-of-worship closure, seen for example in recent years at the contrasting locations of sleepy Anwoth and traffic-clogged central Stranraer (Old Parish Church). This despite the union and/or linking of charges, with one minister now usually serving two, in places three, and (at the time of writing) in three Galloway instances four, parish churches. And while the excess of churches inherited by the unified denominations in 1900 and 1929 were by the mid-century typically serving as hall accommodation, conversion to residential, commercial, or community use, all exemplified throughout Galloway, has only been common-place in more recent times. Such options are naturally preferable to demolition, fortunately a measure rarely employed in the south-west, but with relatively recent instances occurring in Stranraer, Kirkcudbright, and Castle Douglas (see appendix tables). By contrast, a half-century of urban redevelopment, vandalism, and general neglect in Glasgow has seen over 200 Georgian and Victorian churches disappear. As any contemporary study of denominational church extension in large towns and cities would, almost inevitably, prove more complex than a rural one, the survey omits Dumfries town, somewhere besides excluded by the regional designation. Due to post c.1800 encroachment of urban Dumfries, the Kirkcudbrightshire parish of Troqueer (its church and population centre virtually absorbed into the adjacent burgh) has been omitted. Also excluded are those parishes of rural Dumfriesshire traditionally counted within Galloway; this being purely an expedient measure but not inappropriate in an area in which later (i.e. post-Covenanting era) dissent was comparatively weak. However, not least for the sake of brevity, Galloway is used repeatedly in reference to the general scope of the study, something more precisely defined as Wigtownshire and Kirkcudbrightshire (minus Troqueer). The year 1743 carries double significance marking both the construction of the first Secessionist meeting house in Galloway (at Haugh of Urr) and the formation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church [RPC], who established a congregation in a similarly humble building at Newton Stewart. Although previously both bodies (or in the case of the RPC, its constituent elements) had conducted peripatetic activities in the region for some years. The context of the national Church watershed 1900 is referred to. The text is supported by three appendices: Tabular lists of (1) Established Churches, (2) Secessionist Churches and (3) Free Churches.

A Field-Study Meeting in Galloway, August 1939: The Institute of Sociology, Le Play House by Williams, A.R.- and P.G.Williams III 80, 143

Between 1st and 15th August 1939 the Institute of Sociology, Le Play House, 35 Gordon Square, London held a field study meeting in Galloway. Centred on Newton Stewart the group set out to investigate the natural history, history and social science of the area. Numerous excursions were made throughout the district: A number of local individuals assisted in these arrangements, including Adam Birrell, Andrew McCormick and Alexander Morton the latter provided an apparently previously unknown contemporary account of Newton Stewart and its environs.

Newton Stewart: A 1939 Account of the Town and District by Morton, A.S.- III 80, 157

During the course of a Field Study Meeting in Galloway, centred on Newton Stewart, the Institute of Sociology heard a lecture on 9th August, 1939. The talk had been prepared by Alexander S Morton but to his incapacity because of illness the talk was read from typescript notes. The original notes survived and are here reproduced in print for the first time. The history of the town of Newton Stewart is described with notes on the contemporary way of life - and contrasts drawn to earlier times.

A Microfilm Miscellany [Torthorwald Kirk Session, 1696-1882; Baronie of Cluden papers, 1712-31 and Dumfries Burgh Treasurer's Accounts, 1708-10. by Truckell, A.E.- III 80, 165

A selection of notes on Torthorwald Kirk Session, 1696-1882; the Baronie of Cluden papers, 1712-31 and Dumfries Burgh Treasurer's Accounts for 1708-10. The notes and observations were made during the course of the transcription of these records held on microfilm in the Dumfries Archive Centre.

The 'Classified Summary' of the Minutes of the Road Trustees of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright by Anderson, A.D.- III 80, 168

The purpose of this addendum is to make it known that copies of the above summary have been deposited for reference in the Ewart Library and the Archive Centre, Dumfries and the Stewartry Museum. It may be used to locate references to roads, bridges and other items in these Minutes which are recorded in 14 volumes in the Ewart Library. The summary was compiled by the writer between 1962 and 1965 when employed as an assistant civil engineer in the Roads and Engineering Department of the County Council of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. The information obtained from this summary, together with other documentary evidence and field work, formed the basis of two papers published in the Transactions. These provided, among other things, a brief account of the work of the Road Trustees who were instituted by the Stewartry Turnpike Act of 1796 and continued by subsequent acts until the formation of the County Council in 1890. Three examples are provided - illustrating each class of road and the type of information recorded.

Dorothy L Sayers in Galloway by Christopher Dean. *A Review* by Macleod, I.- III 80, 171

An extensive review of the Stewartry Museum publication 'Dorothy L Sayers in Galloway' by Christopher Dean. The reviewer provides additional notes on Sayers, her local connections and explanations of local practices and background.

Kirkcudbright Pont-Aven: Artists in Search of Inspiration by David Devereux, John Hudson and Catherine Paget. A Review by Shukman, A.- III 80, 172

A review of the Stewartry Museum booklet 'Kirkcudbright Pont-Aven: Artists in Search of Inspiration' by David Devereux, John Hudson and Catherine Paget. For those who enjoyed the Kirkcudbright-Pont Aven exhibition at the Tolbooth in 2004 this beautifully designed and illustrated little book will be a happy reminder and a valuable source for the history of the artists movements represented there. For those who missed the exhibition it will be an eye-opener. The book is made up of three essays: John Hudsons Artists in Search of Inspiration: The Artists Town in Europe (pp. 5-19) surveys the European scene and explores the deeper reasons why so many artists felt the need to get back to a simpler way of life. David Devereux writes on the Kirkcudbright Artists Colony (pp.21-34) and Catherine Puget and John Hudson on the Pont-Aven Artists Colony (pp. 37-47). Both essays are mines of information on the artists who gathered to work at these places, and who through their images have enabled successive generations to see the Brittany landscape and our familiar Galloway one with new eyes. Thanks to these studies we can now appreciate the local Scottish artists in a wider context, and with deeper understanding of what they were trying to do.

We Will Remember Them - Kirkcudbright's Sons 1914-18 by Ian Devlin. A Review by Gair, A.- III 80, 173

Review of Ian Devlin's booklet 'We Will Remember Them - Kirkcudbright's Sons 1914-18' produced by the Stewartry Museum. One of the most spectacular War memorials in Galloway is the memorial in Kirkcudbright. It stands in front of MacLellans Castle and represents the manhood of Britain armed in defence of the weak and innocent. As Ian Devlin relates, the sub-committee included the artists E A Hornel, Jessie M King, E A Taylor, W S MacGeorge and Charles Oppenheimer. There are four panels with ninety-six names on them. Ian Devlin has asked the question, Who are they? This, Ian has attempted to answer with a short biography of each of these Kirkcudbright Sons. His research has taken him through archives, old newspapers and even interviews with living relatives. The result is an impressive list, as they appear on each panel, of each of these young men. Each biography has the personal details followed by the individuals military career and, in some cases, an overview of the battle or incident where they met their end. All ninety-six have their biographies, some with photographs, interspersed with poems of the period except, sadly, one - a Private J Campbell of whom details have not been forthcoming.

The Brus Family in England and Scotland 1100-1295 by Ruth M Blakely. A Review by Stewart, M.M.- III 80, 174

Ruth Blakelys magisterial study of the rise of the Brus family, from its Norman roots, through its acquisition of land in both Scotland and England throughout the 12th and 13th centuries, defines the power base from which its most famous descendant, Robert the Bruce, began his push to the Scottish throne seven centuries ago this year. As well as tracing the careers of successive heads of the Skelton and Annandale lordships, the book analyses their resources, looking at their followers, their kin and the social network within which they operated. Their land management and income are studied in detail, their tenants, companions and the members of their households. Their status in society is investigated and also the patronage their influence afforded them. This book is a dense, informative and thought provoking read. It is also very well supported by appendix material, bibliography, genealogical tables, admirably clear maps and an excellent index. The appendix comprises superb tables detailing the acquisition of the various parcels of land in both the Yorkshire Brus barony and within the Annandale Bruses Honors of Chester and Huntingdon and also a handlist of the known acts of the Brus lords of Skelton and Annandale from 1100 to 1295.

Dr John Bruce Irving by Gair, J.H.D.- III 80, 176

Obituary of John Bruce Irving - former Treasurer of the Society.

James Harper [Obituary] by Williams, M.- III 80, 176

Obituary of James Harper (1915-2005) - past President of the Society

Black Grouse in Dumfries and Galloway [Lecture to the Society, 21st October, 2005] by Boles, Y.- III 80, 178

Summary of a lecture given to the Society on 21st October, 2005. An overview of the ecology of black grouse was initially described from identification, breeding behaviour, where they live and what the birds ate at different times of the year. The status of the species was explained and the factors discussed as to why they are declining at such an alarming rate. The last section of the talk detailed the background to the black grouse recovery project in Dumfries and Galloway and what it has been doing for black grouse since 1998 (when it began) in terms of monitoring, habitat management and raising awareness.

Border Hints and Scientific Contagion: The Rise and Spread of Victorian Natural History Societies in Victorian Scotland [Lecture to the Society, 4th November 2005] by Finnegan, D.- III 80, 178

Summary of a lecture given to the Society on 4th November 2005. The talk unearthed fragments of the rich tradition of publication participation in natural science by re-visiting the enthusiastic and idiosyncratic world of popular natural history in Victorian Scotland. Natural History Societies in nineteenth-century provincial Scotland were lively affairs with members contributing with enthusiasm and commitment to local civic cultures by engaging in a bewildering variety of scientific pursuits. Outdoor fieldwork and indoor display were conducted in ways which advanced scientific understanding and bolstered local civic pride. Fungus feasts and forays, scientific conversaciones and fund-raising bazaars were but some of the imaginative events organised by Victorian naturalists to further the cause of natural science and enrich public life. Fieldwork not only rewarded the outdoor naturalist with scientific results but was celebrated for its renovating effects and social character. Perhaps, in spite of the failures of the Victorian natural history society to open its doors to all, we can learn from the creative and democratic impulse that informed and energised the pursuit of natural history in earlier times.

Glenkens Schools [Lecture to the Society, 18th November, 2005] by Campbell, A.- III 80, 178

Summary of a lecture given to the Society, on 18th November, 2005. The illustrated talk on the Glenkens Schools covered all the recorded schools that were opened in this remote area of the Northern Stewartry starting back in around 1660. The Glenkens covers the four parishes of Carsphairn, Dalry, Balmaclellan and Kells (New Galloway). In the 350 years since then there have been up to 20 schools, three are still open. The villages had long established schools but such was the Victorian thirst and desire for education that tiny schools were also established in the hills to which children walked, often for several miles and often in appalling conditions. The School Log Books written by the teachers have mostly survived and these records provide a fascinating insight into the educational priorities of the time as well as the problems and challenges of the provision of education in a very rural area.

James Clerk Maxwell [Lecture to the Society, 7th October, 2005] by Callander, S.- III 80, 178

Summary of a lecture given to the Society on 7th October, 2005. Scotlands renowned Physicist and greatest Countryman, whose home was in Parton Parish, was born in Edinburgh. James Clerk Maxwell is well known to the scientific world but, shamefully, is not more venerated in his native Scotland. His astonishing scientific creativity covered many fields of physics, from astronomy, colour vision, statistical mechanics and electromagnetism. He was a man of the countryside, visiting his tenant families on horseback, and could talk about peeries, bools and boobies. He was a religious man, tried many kinds but reckoned the auld yin was the best, and was an elder of the newly constructed kirk at Corsock, returning there at every communion. In 1871 Clerk Maxwell was appointed first Professor of Theoretical Physics at Cambridge and supervised the construction and arrangement of the Cavendish Laboratory. Previously, in 1856, he became Professor of Natural Philosophy at Aberdeen University and in 1860 was appointed to Kings College, London. In 1879 he died at Cambridge and was buried beside his parents within the ruins of the old kirk at Parton. In the Immortals of Science series Charles Paul May writes In fact it is doubtful that anyone will ever make a discovery which can put Maxwells work in electromagnetism on the pile of discarded theories. By his birth James Clerk Maxwell belongs to Edinburgh and Scotland; by his personality to Cambridge; by his works he belongs to the whole world.

A Wild Goose Chase, Caerlaverock and the Arctic [Lecture to the Society, 17th February, 2006] by Morrell, B.- III 80, 179

Lecture to the Society, 17th February, 2006. The recovery of the Svalbard Barnacle Goose population from around 300 in the late 1940s to 27,000 in the winter of 2005-6 has been a huge success for conservation but with a changing global climate what will the future hold for these amazing birds? Local zoologist Brian Morrell has worked WWT at Caerlaverock since 1992 and has been lucky enough to follow these special birds to the Arctic. The whole population breed on Spitsbergen and they all winter only on the Solway. Their biology and migration routes were described in detail and with the aid of slide photography, especially the autumn staging on Bear Island where Brian was a member of the expeditions to that arctic island in 2002 and 2003 as part of the Barnacle Goose research study, one of the longest running migratory bird studies worldwide. The data gathered over the years on the arctic breeding species will be vital as we try to understand the changes taking place caused by increasing global temperatures. In addition Brian has been a member of expeditions to Iceland to study Whooper Swans at their breeding grounds and described the work carried out there to catch and ring the swans. All the other Caerlaverock fauna was mentioned from Barn Owls to Natterjack Toads, and the increasing commitment of WWT in providing state of the art viewing and visitor facilities at Caerlaverock and environmental education for all.

Flint and Stone in Prehistoric Scotland - The Cormack Lecture, 2005 ([2nd December 2005]) by Saville, A.- III 80, 179

Lecture to the Society, 2nd December, 2005 (The Cormack lecture). This presentation looked at the way in which people in early prehistoric Scotland had exploited the local lithic resources of flint and stone to manufacture various types of artefacts. The speaker examined the remarkable variety of raw materials available in Scotland and the ways in which these had been acquired and distributed. The functions of different implements were explained, and the changing diagnostic types of lithic artefact from the Late Upper Palaeolithic period to the Bronze Age were described. Finally the role of the enigmatic carved stone balls of North East Scotland was considered.

The History of the Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway [Lecture to the Society, 20th January, 2006] by Hannay, J.- III 80, 179

Lecture to the Society, 20th January, 2006. This talk related that Dumfries and Galloway has some of the finest gardens in the country which reflect the climate, topography and history of the area. There is a range of gardens that are right on the sea going up to 500 feet, small gardens as well as policies of large estates. The Gulf Stream has a profound effect on these gardens so that a variety of plants can be grown, many of which have been brought in during the last three hundred years by travellers and plant hunters as well as native plants which thrive under these milder conditions. The first gardens would have been attached to monastic buildings such as Sweetheart Abbey or the Tower Houses such as Myrton Castle on Monreith Estate. Gardens would have provided a vital source of herbs and vegetables from early times but it was not until the 18th century that there was an interest in ornamental plantings. With the rise of large estates and enclosures of land in the 19th century gardens were developing. Wealthy families had estates which included the house, garden, forestry and farms as well as a park land setting with their own distinctive buildings. During the 20th century gardens went into a decline with two world wars but gradually there has been a resurgence in fine gardens including many small cottage gardens and public gardens.

The Slaying of the Red Comyn, Dumfries 10th February, 1306 [Lecture to the Society, 3rd February, 2006] by Cowan, E.J.- III 80, 179

Lecture to the Society, 3rd February, 2006. Mention only.

Carghidown: The Excavation of a Galloway Promontory Fort [Lecture to the Society, 17th March 2006] by Toolis, R.- III 80, 180

(Lecture to the Society, 17th March 2006. Over two seasons in 2003 and 2004 AOC Archaeology Group, aided by a number of volunteers, conducted an archaeological excavation of Carghidown in response to coastal erosion. The excavation revealed a multi-phased ring-groove roundhouse, the base of another roundhouse and an open yard area within the interior of a promontory fort enclosed by a linear stone capped earth rampart and ditch. Charcoal recovered from the ring-groove roundhouse dates the occupation of this settlement to between 260 BC and 60 AD. A limited assemblage of finds was recovered, which included a range of coarse stone tools, a saddle quern and three lead beads. The pattern of abandonment revealed by the excavations suggests that deliberate and abrupt demolition marked the end of the occupation of the site rather than gradual disintegration and abandonment.

Crannogs in South-West Scotland [Lecture to the Society, 25th March, 2006] by Cavers, M.G.- III 80, 180

Lecture to the Society, 25th March, 2006. Recent work on the lake dwellings of Dumfries and Galloway through the South-West Crannog Survey a condition monitoring project funded by Historic Scotland has provided a series of site surveys and radiocarbon dates which shed new light on the form, function and chronology of crannogs in the South West. The origins of crannog construction in this part of the country can now be placed as early as the mid first millennium BC, broadly concurrent with the commencement of monumental roundhouse architecture in Scotland. The changing role and significance of South Western crannogs through the Iron Age, including the Roman interlude when some sites may begin to show signs of elevated status, into the historic period when crannogs like Buiston can be seen as residences of middle to high ranking potentates was also considered.

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The Dragonflies and Damselflies breeding in Dumfries and Galloway 1975-2006 by Mearns, B.- III 81, 1

The Atlas of the dragonflies of Britain and Ireland (Merritt et al 1996) showed the distribution of thirteen breeding species in Dumfries and Galloway (D&G) for the period 1975-1990. Barbara Mearns began recording in 1993 and during the summers of 1993-2002 visited well over 70 lochs, ponds and bogs across the region (some of them repeatedly) without seeing any additional species. There were no additional species reported by other observers during this period except Vagrant Emperor Hemianax ephippiger but this, as its name indicates, was a vagrant, found at Caerlaverock WWT Reserve on 3 November 1996. This was the first (and still the only) record for the region and the first for mainland Scotland. The specimen is in the Tullie House Museum, Carlisle. However, since 2003, five species of odonata have been added to the list for D&G: Banded Demoiselle, Southern Hawker, Migrant Hawker, Emperor Dragonfly and Broadbodied Chaser. The first is an established breeder and the two hawkers are probably breeding at one or two sites. With such rapid change underway, the current status and distribution of the regions odonata deserves careful monitoring. The following review is based on the Atlas, Mearns' own field observations and other records.

The Breeding Birds of the Solway Islands by Mearns, B.- and R. Mearns III 81, 7

The Solway islands are little known beyond Dumfries and Galloway, indeed several books about the islands of Scotland omit them altogether (e.g. H.Haswell-Smith. 2004. 'The Scottish Islands a comprehensive guide to every Scottish island'). Progressing from east to west, there are three single islands: Rough Island, Hestan and Little Ross, with a group of islands further to the west that are collectively known as the Isles of Fleet: Barlocco Isle, Ardwall Isle, and the two Murrays Isles. All these islands have relatively easy access, either by small boat or on foot at low tide, and have often been visited by naturalists. This also means that they are accessible to ground predators and grazing animals. In addition there are the Scares in Luce Bay, a group of rocks that are the most ornithologically significant

of all the Solway islands. They are relatively difficult to reach and seem to have been visited rather infrequently by naturalists until the 1940s. The purpose of this paper is to summarise the historical notes, observations and surveys of breeding birds on the Solway islands, and to present their current ornithological status based on visits during 2002-2005.

Paleoenvironmental Investigations of Rispaire Mire, Whithorn by Housley, R.A.- S. Ramsay and J.J. Miller III 81, 35

On behalf of the Whithorn Trust, and with support from Historic Scotland, a palaeoenvironmental study was carried out on a wet fen/mire located 400 m south of Rispaire Camp, an Iron Age site in Galloway. The investigation revealed a good lateglacial and early-mid Holocene vegetational record but a rather compressed late Holocene sequence. The early post-glacial landscape around Rispaire was dominated by *Empetrum* heath and herb-rich grassland. As the climate improved, first *Betula*, then *Corylus* dominated woodland colonised the area, followed by *Quercus* and *Ulmus* as additions to the canopy forming woodland flora. *Alnus* appears to have struggled to gain a significant local presence, only becoming important once human impact became an influential feature in the landscape. Unlike other parts of lowland Scotland, *Pinus* is well represented at Rispaire which is in keeping with some other parts of Galloway. It is debatable whether Mesolithic woodland disturbance is discernible at Rispaire however forest clearance is well documented in later periods although in this study the temporal resolution is low in the late Holocene. By the Iron Age the majority of the native woodland had been felled and the landscape was dominated by open pasture and arable cultivation.

The Annanfoot Roman Camp, Newbie by Gordon, D.- and T. Rees III 81, 57

The purpose of this note is to record the findings of an archaeological evaluation at Muirkirk Road, Newbie on 0.74 ha of agricultural ground to be developed for housing (NGR: NY 1808 6528). The evaluation, in November 2004, comprised six trenches covering approximately 5% of the development area.

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland Part 7: Pennygant by Breeze, A.- III 81, 61

Pennygant is a fell in Roxburghshire/Borders, by the border of Dumfries and Galloway. Its name has been of obscure meaning, but seems to mean hill of the English, summit of the foreigners in Cumbric. It would apparently date from the occupation of the Dumfries area by Strathclyders in the ninth century, when it lay on the new frontier between Strathclyde and Northumbria.

Building Stone Sources for Whithorn Priory, Dundrennan Abbey and other historic Buildings in Galloway by Chadburn, R.- III 81, 63

In 2003, during a survey of the collection of decorative carved stones from the ecclesiastical buildings on the site of Whithorn Cathedral Priory, the writer was asked to add a geological annotation to the stonework typologies. Upon analysis, the stonework appeared to reflect the various phases of construction and alteration to the building fabric from the 12th century to the dissolution and disassembly of the Priory in the late 16th century. Although there were ecclesiastical structures on the Whithorn site prior to the 12th century, in the present collection the only stonework types of pre-12th century date are the Celtic memorial stones, including the crosses classified as products of the Whithorn School, most of which utilise flat slabs of the local greywacke bedrock that outcrop in and around the Whithorn area. The stones comprising the Whithorn collection fall into six distinguishable groups. After analysis, it became apparent that there was a direct collation with some of these groups to the rock types that outcrop on the Solway Coast, and in particular to the exposures around Abbey Burnfoot. These groups also matched the stones used in the building of Dundrennan Abbey. With the completion of the analysis of the Whithorn collection, the potential value of a more extensive study of building stone used in various medieval and later buildings in the Galloway area was indicated and is a current ongoing project.

Bridgend Bridge, Dundrennan - A Monastic Structure? by Anderson, A.D.- and J. Williams III 81, 71

Bridgend Bridge at Dundrennan is situated on the branch road to Rerrick Kirk and Orroland and has the appearance of a mediaeval ribbed arch. In order to gain some idea of its age and origin, the writers have examined both the documentary evidence and the physical appearance of the bridge.

Notices in Scottish Newspapers Relating to Dumfriesshire and Galloway 1699-1722 by Macleod, I.- III 81, 77

The notices and advertisements in this article were taken from *The Edinburgh Gazette* (1699-1708), *The Edinburgh Courant* (1705-06) and 1708-10), *The Scots Courant* (1710-20), *The Edinburgh Evening Courant* (1718-22), *The Caledonian Mercury* (1720), and *The West-Country Intelligence* (1715-16). The extracts made describe all types of social occasion and event - shipping, smuggling, Trade, Lodgings and Properties for Sale, Crime and Punishment. There are extensive extracts relating to dogs and horses - particularly the 'Galloway Horse'.

The Ordeal of Patrick McMaster: A Galloway Merchant in the American Revolution by Nicolson, C.- III 81, 99

Patrick McMaster was born on March 19, 1741, at Currochtrie in Kirkmaiden parish. This article describes the various vicissitudes that befell him while in business in Colonial Boston at the time of the American War of Independence. The article aims to consider local perspectives on events of international significance. The ordeal - threatened with potential tarring and feathering - raises numerous questions about the social and economic connections between Galloway and the American Colonies.

The Development of Kirkcudbright in the Early 19th Century by the Emergence of Voluntarism by Marsden, D.E.- III 81, 109

In the 1790s Kirkcudbright was developed by an initiative inaugurated and overseen by the Burgh Council and inspired by a touch of personal design imparted by the interaction of the Burgh Council and the local lairds, the Dunbar family.⁽¹⁾ Thus there emerged the grid formation created by the new street, Castle Street, inserted into and linked by Union Street to the old single L-shaped High Street which until then had comprised the town. The 1790 plan laid out two other new roads extending the town on both the North/South and East/West axes by what are known as St. Mary Street and St. Cuthbert Street. It is the development of these two new thoroughfares which is the subject of this paper.

E A Hornel and Kirkcudbright by Devereux, D.- III 81, 115

This paper is based on the script of a lecture entitled E A Hornel Citizen of Kirkcudbright presented by the author as a contribution to a study day arranged by the National Trust for Scotland, which took place in Kirkcudbright, on May 13 2006.

Additional Information on the Churches at Lochend and Beeswing by Holland, W.- III 81, 124

This short Addenda contribution provides additional information on church provision at Beeswing and Lochend in the light of Richard Smith's article 'Presbyterian Divisions and Edifice Rivalry in Galloway, 1743-1900' which appeared in volume 80 of these Transactions.

Prehistoric Settlement in the Wigtownshire Moors by Jane Murray (A Review) by Brann, J.- III 81, 125

Review article

The 1745 Rebellion and the Southern Scottish Lowlands by A E MacRobert (A Review) by Stewart, M.M.- III 81, 125

Review article

From Durisdeer and Castleton to Strachur. Robert Anderson: A Farm Diary 1847-1852 by Innes Macleod and Margaret Maxwell (A Review) by Williams, J.- III 81, 126

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Andrew Archibald [Obituary] by Anderson, A.D.- III 81, 128

Obituary of Andrew Archibald - the Society's treasurer 1970-75.

John Neilson 1913-2006 [Obituary] by Dobie, K.H.- III 81, 128

Obituary of John Neilson - the Society's treasurer 1989-98.

Alfred Truckell MBE, MA, FMA, FSA, FSA Scot (1919-2007) by Williams, J.- III 81, 129

Obituary of Alfred Edgar Truckell - who was a significant contributor to the success and progress of the Society from the time of his election in 1947. He was President 1974-77; Editor 1951-75 and throughout the period 1947-82 acted as Curator of the Society's collections. The obituary is accompanied by a full bibliography.

A E Truckell, J G Scott and W F Cormack: A retrospective view by Coles, J.M.- III 81, 135

A retrospective appreciation of the work and characters of A E Truckell, J G Scott and W F Cormack as recounted by Prof. J M Coles.

History of Wildlife Art [Lecture to the Society, 20th October, 2006] by Threlfell, J.- III 81, 137

Wildlife Art as such is a fairly recent development coinciding with a desire to celebrate the natural world and to conserve it. Animals and birds have featured in art of one form or another however down the centuries, from cave paintings onwards, but subsequent progress has been closely linked to the invention of printing and reproduction processes, of optical equipment, photography, the media, the desire to identify and latterly conservation. The presentation concentrated on those individuals who have advanced the representation of wildlife in art showing many fine examples of their work.

Recent Work at Whithorn: Research and Training Excavation in the Manse Field [Lecture to the Society, 6th October, 2006] by Dingwall, K. - III 81, 137

A lecture reporting on excavations in the Manse Field, Whithorn. The excavations revealed features dating from the prehistoric period onwards. Comparisons with other features identified in the Manse Field can be seen at Hoddum where excavations revealed extensive evidence of the industrial activities taking place around the Early Christian monastic settlement. The types of activities taking place, the layout of features, and in some cases the structures are very similar to those at Whithorn. The location of the features in the Manse Field also support the supposed layout of the settlement suggested as a result of previous excavations at Whithorn.

The Work of the Council for Scottish Archaeology [Lecture to the Society, 3rd November, 2006] by Carter, S.- III 81, 137

Scotland has an archaeology heritage of great value. The many well-preserved and accessible sites help us to appreciate how people lived in the distant past, particularly in prehistoric periods when the knowledge, values and beliefs of communities were very different from our own. However, recognising the value of archaeology sites does not mean that they are secure for the future. A wide range of natural and man-made threats are constantly destroying or degrading valuable sites. This situation, with its positive and negative issues is the challenge faced by the Council for Scottish Archaeology (CSA). The CSA is Scotland's national archaeology charity that works both to promote and safeguard our archaeological heritage. It is a membership-based organisation and depends on the support of individuals and organisations like the DGNHAS, both for funds and its voice.

Hannahfield and the War Department Connection [Lecture to the Society, 19th January, 2007] by Service, M.- III 81, 138

An illustrated talk on the Dumfries Hannahfield estate c.1829-1928 was given by a local military enthusiast who, having discovered by chance two War Department Boundary Stones near the Kingholm completed some months of on site investigations and research which culminated in the production of a narrative/record of the War Department's use of public land during the Boer and the First World War. The Talk described the links between Castledykes Castle, The Upper and Lower Kingholm and the transfers between Council bodies, the Crown, the War Department and the Crichton Royal Hospital and detailed the War Department's 16 Boundary Stones and their locations.

Shipping in Kirkcudbright 1300 to 2005 [Lecture to the Society, 17th November, 2006] by Collin, D.- III 81, 138

The speaker gave a comprehensive review of all aspects of shipping in Kirkcudbright throughout the period 1300 to 2005. Particular attention has been devoted to identifying the individual vessels and further information will be found in the author's publication of the same title.

The Firth of Clyde in the Mediaeval Period - a clash of cultures? [Lecture to the Society, 1st December, 2006] by Caldwell, D.- III 81, 138

The speaker noted that it is reasonably obvious to many that the two sides of the Firth of Clyde, the coast of Ayrshire on the one hand and Kintyre on the other, are two different worlds. This was not always the case. What is more, the flow of ideas and on occasion people, was sometimes from the west rather than the east. The spread of cill names suggests how Ayrshire and Galloway were exposed to missionary activity from the 6th to the 8th century by Irish monks, just as Argyll. The distribution of duns in the southwest may demonstrate a migration of people from Argyll in this period, if not earlier, while a group of pennylands in South Ayrshire may be accepted as evidence for a colony of Gall-Gaedhel (people of mixed Gaelic-Scandinavian ancestry) from Argyll in the late 9th or early 10th century. People of similar origin gave their name to Galloway. British kingdoms in Ayrshire and Galloway were overrun by Northumbria in the 8th century, apparently with little lasting effect, and although a strong British kingdom of Strathclyde re-emerged in the 10th century it is not clear that it controlled the coastal areas. By the early 12th century the lands from the Solway Firth northwards to Renfrewshire were part of a Gaelic speaking lordship or kingdom of Galloway. Kings of Scotland intruded Anglo-French lords of this area in the 12th and 13th centuries and there was a general opening up of the country to new European ways, but perhaps the contrast between the new lords and their native predecessors and contemporaries has been overemphasised. The spread of new fashions, architecture and products was not dependent on Anglo-French settlers, and as time went on, these incomers would have become more and more Scottish and indistinguishable from native families, whether in Galloway, Ayrshire or Argyll. A real gulf opened up in the Firth of Clyde in the late 14th and 15th centuries. This was the division between Lowland and Highland society commented on by the historian Fordun. It was desired and created by the Lords of the Isles, the holders of Kintyre and the Hebrides. It appears that they deliberately created a lordship, culture and society that was different from Lowland Scotland. The effects of this policy were to be long lasting.

The Railways of South West Scotland [Lecture to the Society, 2nd February, 2007] by Savage, G.M.A.- III 81, 138

Railways in Scotland began with the Kilmarnock and Troon Railway, built by the Duke of Portland and opened in 1812. The first main line in the south west was the Glasgow and South Western Railway. This company came to dominate the south west, although always threatened by the large and powerful Caledonian Railway with its main line over Beattock. The Caledonian ran rival lines from Glasgow and Carstairs into G & SW territory, reached Dumfries from Lockerbie and forced the G & SW into joint operation of the Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Railway (the Paddy line). This line was largely financed by English railway companies seeking a foothold at Portpatrick for the Irish traffic, later transferred to Stranraer. The G & SW built a main line south from Ayr via Girvan to Stranraer, and several branches were constructed in the south west by the South West and the Caley. The demise in railway traffic after World War 2 saw many lines close, including the Paddy line and most of the branches.

Action at Sea [Lecture to the Society, Members' Night, 2nd March, 2007] by Copland, J.- III 81, 139

Detailed lecture into sailing and navigation within the Solway.

Changes to Scotland's Birdlife - a new Avifauna [Lecture to the Society, 16th February, 2007] by Forrester, R.- III 81, 139

The speaker explained that the birdlife of Scotland continues to evolve and our knowledge and understanding of these changes is much greater than in the past. Over one hundred and fifty Scottish birdwatchers and ornithologists had contributed to a new book 'The Birds of Scotland' which brings together much of the vast information that now exists about birds in Scotland. This illustrated presentation discussed many of the changes that have taken place to the birdlife of Scotland and provided details about the new book.

Early Christian and Pictish Stones [Lecture to the Society, 31st March, 2007] by Maxwell, I.- III 81, 139

J. Romilly Allen and co-author Joseph Anderson published *The Early Christian Monuments of Scotland (ECMS)* in 1903. One hundred years on that work still provides us with the most definitive overview of the subject. Over the same period weathering and decay continues to threaten those stones still exposed to the elements. On the occasion of the ECMS centenary the opportunity was taken to compare the current physical state of some of the stones with the recorded evidence presented by Allen and Anderson. The presentation looked at the emerging findings from that process.

Excavations at Lockerbie Academy [Lecture to the Society, 16th March, 2007] by Kirkby, M.- III 81, 139

An archaeological excavation carried out by CFA Archaeology at the site of the new Lockerbie Academy identified four concentrations of archaeological features. These consisted of a Neolithic timber hall, a segmented ditched enclosure, an Anglian timber hall and a small Bronze age cremation and inhumation cemetery with a later medieval or post-medieval corn kiln cut into it. The Neolithic timber hall is understood to be only the fourth of its type excavated in Scotland. It measured c.27m by 8m, making it comparable in size to those excavated at Balbridie, Crathes and Claish Farm. Pottery recovered from this structure suggests that it dates from between 3900 and 3600 BC, placing it in the early part of the Neolithic period. Items recovered from the Bronze Age cemetery include a collared urn, a stone wrist guard and a copper alloy dagger of the Butterwick type. These items suggest a date between 2200BC and 1600 BC. The Anglian Hall was constructed using large trenches. It measured 19m by 8m overall and consisted of a main hall with a small annexe at the northern end. No items were recovered, but the ground plan of this structure closely parallels those found at Yeavinger, suggesting a 7th century AD date. The Anglian hall overlay an earlier post-built structure. Parallels with Doon Hill near Dunbar suggest a 5th century date for the post-built structure. The segmented ditched enclosure remains undated, but post-excavation analysis was noted as ongoing.

Kirkmahoe and the Hannahs [Lecture to the Society, Members' Night, 2nd March, 2007] by Campbell, C.- J.L. Williams and M. Williams III 81, 139

A genealogical and general history introduction to the Hannah family of Kirkmahoe - and their diverse connections.

Volume 82 2008*The Continuing Decline of the Rook in Dumfriesshire: Results of the 2008 Centenary Census by Griffen, L.R. - D. Skilling, R.T. Smith and J.G. Young III 82, 1*

During the complete county census of 2008 the total of 13,459 rook nests was recorded. Thus, in the five years since 2003, there has been a 25% decline in nest numbers. This continues to confirm the 5% per annum rate of decline extrapolated from the partial surveys of 2004 when a random sample of 29 of Dumfriesshire's 43 parishes were surveyed and in 2005 when 33 parishes were surveyed. During these surveys a decrease of 6% on the previous years total and 5% were recorded respectively. The 2008 survey suggests this rapid rate of decline has continued at a constant rate from at least 2003 onwards, and continues the long-term decline in numbers since the maximum recorded in 1993. Thus in 2008 the underlying trend of decreasing rookery size since 1963 has continued with only 36 nests per rookery on average and of greater concern the number of rookeries - 373 - has started to decrease compared to 2003 when there were 405 although remaining higher than in 1993 when 356 were noted. The 2008 census showed that 16 rookeries that had been recorded in 1908 were still active. This represents a decline from 2003 when 21 were still active and 1993 when 25 were active. Although the reason for the decline is no clearer in 2008 than it was in 2003, it is suggested that the population has entered a different and more critical phase of decline and that in response all shooting, trapping and disturbance at nest sites and the direct cull that results should stop.

Extracts from the Notebook of the late James H Wilson: A Glencaple Wildfowler 1872-1947 by Young, J.- III 82, 31

Extracts from the ornithological and wild-fowling notebook of James H Wilson a Glencaple Wildfowler 1872-1947. Full species records are provided as also records of communications with noted ornithologists of the period such as Sir Hugh Gladstone, Sir Peter Scott, Robert Service and others.

An Enclosure and other features at Evan Road, Beattock, Dumfries & Galloway by Dunbar, L. J. - III 82, 41

A trapezoidal enclosure, previously known only from aerial photographs, was the focus of archaeological investigations at Evan Road, Beattock. No dating evidence for the enclosure was retrieved, although it is likely to be later prehistoric on the basis of its form. Slight evidence for Mesolithic and Neolithic activity, as well as post-medieval and later activity was also uncovered.

Brittonic Place-names from South-West Scotland Part 8: Sark by Breeze, A.- III 82, 49

The name of the river Sark has been obscure, but evidence from Welsh and Breton suggests it is a Cumbric form meaning 'lover'.

A Possible Discoid Gravemarker at Kirkconnel Lea by Thomson, G.- III 82, 51

The old ruined church and graveyard at Kirkconnel Lea on the Springkell Estate near Eaglesfield (NGR: NY 250753) is best known for its association with Fair Helen Irving or Bell and her betrothed Adam Fleming de Kirkpatrick. This connection dominates the documentary material about the site and, as a consequence, relatively little is recorded about the history of the church or the medieval village in which it was situated. Even the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments Dumfries inventory, when mentioning the church, suggests that there are no special features of interest. What is known about the church's past is detailed by Slade (1997). The building is thought to have been constructed in the late 17th century, possibly about 1683, but it could have been as late as 1724. There is no conclusive evidence of the earlier medieval building. Scott et al. suggests that a church at Kirkconnel was first recorded in 1191. Clough and Laing report a platform to the east of the existing ruin that could indicate the presence of an earlier building. Gifford claims that some of the walling is reused medieval material but recent fieldwork by Dr Andrew Burke of Historic Scotland, (pers. comm.) suggests that this is unlikely. This article describes a possible discoid grave marked now built into the fabric of the church on top of west gable. Comparison with other similar discoids is provided in detail.

Another Look at Bagimond by Findlater, A. M.- III 82, 59

In preparation for the last crusade, the Pope ordered that all church-men should pay a tithe towards its cost. This tithe was to be calculated, not on the ancient valuation of their holdings, but on their current value. In about 1275 Master Baiamundus de Vitia, canon of Astia, was sent to Scotland to assess the land. The Scots lodged an objection to the basis of valuation, which Bagimond passed back to the Curia, but this was rejected and so he proceeded to value the benefices and to extract his tithe. The result is what we now call Bagimonds Roll; this title represents two rolls in the Vatican archives. From these together we can derive a certain amount of information relating to the parishes, showing how things stood in the period ca 1275. The parishes themselves often reflected land-holding patterns when the parish networks were first established probably in the mid-1100s. It is some years since the transcriptions of Bagimonds Roll, from the two partial copies in the Vatican archives, were published in the Scottish History Society Miscellany Vols V (1933), edited by Annie Cameron, and Vol VI (1939), edited by the same, now Annie Dunlop (throughout this paper referred to as Dunlop). Earlier, in 1864, extracts had been published in *Vetusta Monumenta* by H Theiner, which explains why a reference to this source would seem to be the same as to Bagimond. The report looks at these documents again. Although no great argument flows from this evidence, a number of interesting points are thrown up.

Hoddom: A Mediaeval Estate in Annandale by Findlater, A. M.- III 82, 77

A general account of the de Hoddom family from the 12th to the 16th centuries - detailing estate holdings.

The Statistical Accounts by MacRobert, A. E.- III 82, 83

This article explores the distinctive features of the Accounts for the shires of Dumfries, Kirkcudbright and Wigtown and the changes revealed in the lives of the people and their environments between the First and Second and between the Second and Third Accounts.

The Development of Cally Designed Landscape by Coombey, N.- III 82, 95

This report has arisen from the production of a management plan for Cally designed landscape for the Gatehouse Development Initiative in 2007. That plan is a practical tool to inform management and maintenance of the landscape and interpretation and enjoyment of the asset. A copy is held in the Local Studies section of the Ewart Library, Dumfries. Cally has been designated as a nationally important designed landscape and also falls within the area designated as the Fleet Valley National Scenic Area (NSA) due to the high quality landscape. Funding for the plan came from a number of sources, including the NSA management project run by Dumfries and Galloway Council. One aim of this project is to make information about NSAs widely available. This paper describes the development of the designed landscape within its historical and landscape context.

Sir Herbert Maxwell: Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland 1908-1934 by Murray, Jane - III 82, 115

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland was established by Royal Warrant in February 1908, entrusted with the task of making an inventory of the ancient and historical monuments and constructions connected with or illustrative of the life of people in Scotland from the earliest times to the year 1707, and of specifying those most worthy of preservation. Commissioners immediately met in an office at 29 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh, on which a lease had been taken for three years. A later Secretary of the Commission, John Dunbar [1992], has suggested that this period may have been regarded as sufficient to allow the work to be completed. Three years later, however, the lease was renewed, and in 2008 the RCAHMS celebrates its centenary from its base in John Sinclair House, named after the Secretary of State for Scotland who authorised its original establishment. The Commission is still engaged in surveying, mapping, and recording the archaeological sites and buildings of Scotland, now including every type of cultural feature in the landscape, and indeed also in the marine environment, without chronological limit, and in interpreting this material to the public. Survey techniques now include aerial photography and satellite based Geographical Positioning Systems. In 1966 the National Buildings Survey was incorporated into the RCAHMS to create the National Monument Record for Scotland (NMRS), now one of the major National Collections of Scotland. The database, constantly being updated, runs to thousands of entries, all accessible on line from anywhere in the world through the RCAHMS website www.canmore.gov.uk. This article describes the historical and biographical details of Sir Herbert Maxwell the commission's first chairman over the period 1908-34.

An Observation of Kirkcudbright's Town Wall by Devereux, D.- III 82, 136

Brief report of the exposure of traces of Kirkcudbright's town-wall in the garden ground at number 62 High Street. The evidence from the excavation supports other similar exposures within the burgh.

A Concealed Sock from Kirkmaiden, Wigtownshire by Pickin, J.- III 82, 138

A short article describing the finding of a sock in a recess close to the chimney flue at Mull Cottage, Kirkmaiden. The sock was found to be stuffed with thistles and it is suggested that it may be of 18th century date and concealed to trap spittits: it is a unique example of Galloway folk magic.

A Bog Body from Leswalt, Wigtownshire by Pickin, J.- III 82, 140

A short article describing, from newspaper reports, the finding of an unclothed bog-body at Glenhead, parish of Leswalt, in 1852.

A Grooved Stone Tool from Wanlockhead - Loom Weight or Prehistoric Mining Hammer? by Pickin, J.- III 82, 141

A short article describing a grooved stone tool from the Wanlockhead area presented to the Society's Museum in 1929. It is considered to represent a form of tool utilised in prehistoric mining activities - parallels are provided from other sites.

St Ninian and the earliest Christianity in Scotland [Review of a Lecture Day held in Whithorn by the Friends of the Whithorn Trust with sponsorship from Historic Scotland September 2007] by Murray, Jane - III 82, 144

A review article

From Cairn to Cemetery: An archaeological investigation of the chambered cairns and early Bronze Age mortuary deposits at Cairnderry and Bargrennan White Cairn, south-west Scotland by Vicki Cummings and Chris Fowler [a Review] by Murray, Jane - III 82, 145

A review article

Place and Memory: Excavations at the Pict's Knowe, Holywood and Holm Farm, Dumfries and Galloway, 1994-8, ed. By Julian Thomas, 2007 [a Review] by Murray, Jane - III 82, 145

A review article

Kirkcudbright Shipping 1300-2005 by David R Collin [a Review] by Copland, J.- III 82, 150

A review article

We Will Remember Them: Kirkcudbright's Sons (1939-1945) by Ian Devlin [a Review] by Gair, A.- III 82, 150

A review article

Duncan Adamson, MA 1936-2007 by Gair, J.H.D.- III 82, 152

Obituary of Duncan Adamson a former President of the Society - he contributed a significant number of articles to the Transactions on various aspects of the history of the Dumfries and Galloway area. He acted as historian to the Anne Hill Committee.

Francis John Stewart, LLB, WS by Holland, W.- III 82, 153

Obituary of Frank Stewart a Life Member of the Society - he contributed a number of articles to the Transactions on the history of the New Abbey area.

Favourites from the Stewartry Museum [Presidential Address - a Lecture to the Society, 5th October 2007] by Devereux, D.- III 82, 156

In an illustrated lecture, the retiring President, David Devereux, Museums Curator for the Stewartry in Dumfries and Galloway Museums Service, presented a wide variety of archaeological and local historical artefacts, fine and decorative art, photographs, archives and ephemera from the Stewartry Museum collection in Kirkcudbright. Some items were acquired during the earliest years of the museums existence in the 1880s, and some more recent acquisitions. All the items shown were of particular significance for regional or national history, and were thus identified as favourites from the Stewartry collection. The Kirkcudbright Siller Gun - the earliest surviving sporting trophy is one of the most significant items in the collection, and it was reported that it would shortly be lent to the Silver ; Made in Scotland exhibition in the National Museum of Scotland, together with the Dumfries Siller Gun.

Scottish and Bulgarian Butterflies [Lecture to the Society, 19th October 2007] by Kirkland, P.- III 82, 156

Mr Kirkland made a comment at the start of his talk that it might seem to be an odd title for his talk to link the butterflies of Scotland with those of Bulgaria. There were two main reasons for the choice. Firstly the contrast between the two countries was very pronounced. The total number of butterflies to be found in Scotland is about 34 (in Britain about 60), while Bulgaria can boast of 216 types. Secondly Scottish specialists are working in Bulgaria to provide data. Mabie, locally, and the Mull of Kintyre are important places for the hopeful butterfly spotter to visit. South-West Scotland can provide sightings of uncommon British species, such as The Northern Brown Argus, the Scotch Argus and even the rare Pearl-bordered Fritillary. The current succession of milder winters is causing species, hitherto unknown in Scotland, to move northwards. An Essex Skipper colony was recorded near Dalton. During the talk the audience was treated to a contrastingly colourful display of the huge range of exquisite specimens that are to be seen in Bulgaria. Butterfly Conservation Scotland, a wildlife charity, is based in Stirling and has a staff of four. There are 600 members of the organisation in Scotland. Copies of Butterflies of South West Scotland, costing 12.99, are available in bookshops or direct from Argyll Publishing, Glendaruel, Argyll PA22 3AE (www.argyllpublishing.com).

Union of the Parliaments 1707-2007 [Lecture to the Society, 2nd November 2007] by Patrick, D.- III 82, 156

Since the 1960s the historiography of the Union has been dominated by those historians who believe it was achieved by means of corruption, English threats and the venality of Scots MPs, and on the other hand, those who have concentrated on Scotlands deteriorating economy and the apparent benefits of free trade with England and her colonies. Incorporating union has been seen as either marking the end of Scotlands independence and inconsistent with the honour, fundamental Laws and Constitution of [the] Kingdom, or a calculated measure borne out of economic necessity. Taking a more inclusive, long-term approach to the subject, this lecture suggested that the Revolution of 1688-89 had a far greater impact on the politics of union than previously anticipated, with the religious and political freedoms it guaranteed, shaping the beliefs of a large number of Scots MPs who sat in Parliament 1706-07. By establishing their ideological roots it is possible to show that in addition to any economic motivation that led Scots MPs to endorse an incorporating union, or baser incentives that may have swayed individual politicians, a genuine commitment to the Revolution settlement and a large measure of principled support helped shape support for union in Scotland.

New Insights into the Neolithic of West and South West Scotland [The Cormack Lecture to the Society, 7th December 2007] by Sheridan, A.- III 82, 157

This talk covered the new information that has emerged about the early farming communities (4000-2500 BC) in this part of Scotland over the past 25 years. It emphasised the importance of Bill Cormacks work in laying the foundations for what we know today: among his many achievements was the discovery of the earliest evidence for textile in Britain, preserved as an imprint on a piece of pottery over 5000 years old (from Flint Knowe, New Luce). The new information has come from various sources. Chance finds include axeheads imported from Cumbria and Northern Ireland. There has been much developer-funded archaeology, especially that associated with roads and pipelines in the 1990s; one of these excavations, at Beckton, was very close to a site that Bill Cormack had excavated in 1962. The most spectacular find has been a large timber hall, around 6000 years old, found at Lockerbie Academy. Remarkably this was only a few hundred metres away from another huge hall, this time dating from the mid-first millennium AD. There have also been research-based excavations: Professor Julian Thomas excavated various cursus monuments near Dumfries and a large timber enclosure, dating to around 2900- 2600 BC, at Dunragit; and Vicki Cummings and Chris Fowler excavated two chambered tombs at Bargrennan and Cairnderry. Other research work has included aerial photography (which has revealed that there is a remarkable concentration of cursus monuments around Dumfries), radiocarbon dating, and the stable isotope analysis of human bone, revealing details of peoples diet. There is also currently an international project on jadeite axeheads, which has demonstrated that the burnt

fragment of one such axehead found at Cairnholy chambered tomb in Kirkcudbrightshire had come around 1500 km from its source in the Italian Alps. Overall, this part of Scotland is rich in the remains of our earliest farming ancestors. They seem to have been immigrants, from two parts of France: one set came from southern Brittany sometime between 4300 and 4000 BC, sailing up the Atlantic side of Britain, and the others came from northern France, around or shortly after 4000 BC. They would have sailed in skin boats resembling currachs, bringing their domestic cattle, sheep and pigs and their cereals with them. Once established, they thrived in the good agricultural areas and enjoyed contacts with Cumbria, Ireland, and other parts of Scotland and even southern England.

Plants of Australia and New Zealand [Lecture to the Society, 16th November 2007] by Unwin, B.- III 82, 157

Mr Unwin took advantage of an organised group visit to the Antipodes to go plant-hunting in the South Island of New Zealand and Tasmania in 1996, since when he has made return visits to the latter. It was mid-summer with temperatures of 30 degrees C when he arrived in Christchurch. The next destination was the southern Alps, which rise to 12 thousand feet above sea level. In the course of botanising, unusual forms of plants like hebes, grasses, olearias, phormiums, celmisias and epiphyllums, which are carefully nurtured in gardens or as houseplants in the U.K., were growing like weeds. The tree ferns of New Zealand, being more tender than those of Australia, are less likely to be grown in the U.K. Plants there generally have white flowers, the reason for which is not understood, and are pollinated by moths. The real gems were the intriguing vegetable sheep. Looking like a flock of sheep spread over the hillsides, Raoulia plants can be 100 years old. Maoris ingeniously use new Zealand flax, of which there are only 3 species but about 50 types within the species, for making clothes, shoes and items for tourists. Hobart proved to be a small friendly city. Trips to Mount Wellington, standing at four thousand feet high and to Cradle Mountain, a World Heritage site, afforded opportunities to view varieties of eucalyptus; tree ferns in abundance, which despite conservation policies were seen cut up to make steps; the remarkable trigger plant, a success story in propagation; and eucryphias. The son of a Gatehouse man secured approval to gather seed in the National Park to take home. That of a tiny olearia grew to 10 feet high in the favourable conditions at Logan. Mr Unwin was complimented for the breadth of his knowledge and his skill as a photographer.

Clues to the Past: The Eddleston Parish Project [Lecture to the Society, 15th February 2008] by Cowie, T.- III 82, 158

This presentation described the content and interim results of a field project being undertaken by the Peeblesshire Archaeological Society, of which the speaker is currently Chairman. Since its formation in 1994, the society has undertaken an active programme of archaeological fieldwork, initially under the leadership of Tam Ward of the Biggar Museum Trust. The society's first project involved a survey of the Manor Valley, to the west of Peebles, which culminated in the publication of a popular booklet describing the archaeology. The Society's field research group then turned its attention to Eddleston parish, which straddles the A703 to the north of Peebles. To the east and west respectively, the survey area is bounded by the Moorfoots and the Cloich Hills. The economic base is still principally sheep and cattle farming, and, in terms of current land-use, most of the area is given over to pasture ranging in quality depending on altitude and land management. Considerable areas have been afforested while extensive sand and gravel quarrying has also been carried out in the past and continues on a much reduced scale. All these have had a significant bearing on the survival of archaeological remains and their potential for detection.

Sundials and their History [Lecture to the Society, 1st February 2008] by Gulland, D.- III 82, 158

From earliest times mankind has used the movement of shadows produced by the apparent movement of the sun to reckon time and to determine the importance of daily and seasonal activities. Any device, which uses the direction of the shadow by the sun, or the length of the shadow to divide the day into periods of time, is known as a sundial. Historically sundials became sophisticated scientific instruments in The Middle East and developed by the Egyptian and early Greek civilisations. Until the invention of accurate mechanical clocks, they were essential to calculate local solar time but with the advent of speedy modern transport in the railways of the 19th century and the need to have national standard or mean time, the sundials were suddenly redundant and became objects of curiosity. In modern times there has been a revival of interest in sundials led in the UK by the formation of the British Sundial Society in 1990. Its objectives are to record the existence and preservation of all significant historic dials and to encourage the making of new ones, which have the classic features of Accuracy, Beauty and Longevity.

Vikings in Dumfries and Galloway [Lecture to the Society, 18th January 2008] by Nicholson, A.- III 82, 158

The Vikings have a bad name in history as harbingers of wanton destruction piling off longships to raid villages and sack monasteries. Recent movies such as Pathfinder and Beowulf reinforce the stereotype of early mediaeval warriors engaging in drinking bouts between lurid acts of premeditated violence. The archaeological evidence bears different testimony to the Scandinavians who lived in the region around the end of the first millennium. Against the four kinds of weapons within the region stand a plethora of iron tools, comb-making debris, metalworking deposits, gaming pieces and buildings which testify to a thriving commercial community living at Whithorn - the first Viking town excavated in mainland Scotland. Evidence of townplanning, streets and drainage schemes show a community settling down for the long-term. Place-name analysis indicates Norse farms on good arable land, not at the margins of society, and church dedications and standing crosses indicate a significant Norse influence in the emergent parochial structure of the tenth century. Historical and archaeological evidence firmly places Galloway in the Norse community which encompassed Ireland, Mann and the Hebrides, with trade links to the Northern Isles and beyond to the North European mainland. Intermarrying with the locals, their influence continued through to the twelfth century and the house of Fergus.

Update on Dumfries and Galloway Council Archaeology Service [Members' Night Lecture to the Society, 29th February 2008] by Brann, J.- III 82, 159

Since last speaking to the Society, major technical advances in the Sites and Monuments Record database and the use of a Geographic Information System have been made, facilitating electronic communication with the area planning offices and others. Key area of work continue to be dealing with the archaeological effects of development, with many wind farm applications in recent years having to take account of their impact on the setting of archaeological sites. Direct impacts can usually be avoided. A large scale excavation at the Lockerbie Academy site produced multi period remains, with many smaller excavations taking place on sites such as the Roman camp at Newbie and 18th/19th century farmsteads in Wigtownshire. Overall, the amount of new ground forestry planting has reduced in the last 10 years, but there have been a few large scale schemes recently. Sites of interest have been considered early in the landscape design to good effect, as at Barclye and Westwater. Liaison with metal detecting groups is encouraging responsible detecting and reporting of finds to the museum service. The Sulwath Connections Heritage Lottery Project that is now running includes conservation and interpretation schemes at Annan motte, a number of ruined medieval churches, and Kirroughtree lade system.

Church of Scotland Silver [Members' Night Lecture to the Society, 29th February 2008] by Dobie, K.H.- III 82, 160

The illustrated talk was a journey from about 1600 to the late 20th century, showing how communion vessels developed in the Church of Scotland. The earlier cups date from 1617 when the Scottish Parliament passed an act that communion should be dispensed in vessels made of precious metals (silver). The form of cups depended on the individual church, the heritors, and gifts from wealthy members. The cups varied from wide shallow bowls of a standing mazer type, to smaller cups having v-shaped bowls. They were plain at first with little or no decoration. As time passed, styles were dictated by contemporary fashion or (as in the beaker cups of the north east of Scotland) by connection through trade with the continent of Europe. With the emergence of the Free Church in 1843 the use of individual glasses passed along the pews on trays was introduced. Alternative methods were known, as for example the spoons used by some congregations.

The Birtwhistles of Galloway and North Yorkshire: Drovers, Industrialists, Poets and Spies [Lecture to the Society, 29th March 2008] by Stephens, T.D.- III 82, 160

Lecture in Kirkcudbright Town Hall The speaker showed how records from some dozen English and Scottish archives had enabled a picture to be built of the lives of three generations of the Birtwhistle family, possibly the greatest drovers and graziers of the 18th century, who controlled some 20% of animals coming into England from Scotland. Initially John Birtwhistle of Skipton had purchased black cattle from the Hebrides, which he sold on Malhams Great Close, but his sons moved to Galloway in the 1780s to take advantage of an influx of Irish cattle, and of the opportunity to build a textile mill at Gatehouse. The finding that John Birtwhistles son-in-law, Dr John Vardill, was one of the British Governments most senior intelligence agents, with the ear of the king, begs the question of why he should be living in Galloway with the Birtwhistles. Since his superior was the Secretary of State for Ireland, at a time when there were fears in London that the Irish might sue for independence, we cannot discount the possibility of a political dimension behind the settlement of the Birtwhistles and Vardills in Galloway.

The History of Cally Designed Landscape [Lecture to the Society, 14th March 2008] by Coombey, N.- III 82, 160

A presentation which revealed how the Murray family developed their parks and pleasure grounds at Cally, Gatehouse of Fleet. Although the designed landscape is now largely hidden by forestry planting many historical features are still recognisable and help tell the story of the development of the house and policy during the 18th and 19th centuries.