



Cambridge Friends of the National Trust for Scotland

Supporting the National Trust for Scotland

Spring 2020 Programme



Dear Friends,

We have now sent £2,500 to help in the preservation of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's masterpiece, the Hill House at Helensburgh (above). This is money you've raised, all going to help to save this very important Scottish building.

We were delighted to be invited to attend the opening of the 'cage', which protects the house – Ron Lewis Smith, a former committee member who now lives in Scotland, attended on our behalf.

Our Spring 2020 programme is set out below. We hope you will find some – or all – of the talks interesting.

Please come and bring your friends! Our talks continue to be at Newnham College, Cambridge – at 7:30 pm for an 8:00 pm start.

Yours aye,

Jim Stewart
Chairman

Wednesday, 26th February 2020 / Newnham College / 7:30 pm

Andrew Painting – Mar Lodge estate: 25 years of cutting edge environmental conservation



Mar Lodge Estate, the UK's largest National Nature Reserve, is a giant landscape of subarctic mountain plateaux, roaring rivers, rolling moors and bogs and the great Caledonian pinewood.

It's at the cutting edge of environmental conservation – Andrew will describe how technology is helping to fight the persecution of birds of prey, how the National Trust for Scotland is saving the Caledonian pinewood and what our mountain landscapes may look like in the future.



Andrew has been the assistant ecologist at Mar Lodge Estate for four years. He has previously been involved in environmental conservation projects across the UK, from the Somerset Levels to the Flow Country.

Wednesday, 18th March / Newnham College / 7:30 pm

Jim Forrest – Italian gardens in Scotland



Inspired by the formal gardens of Versailles and the Scottish renaissance, the parterre designs of NTS Pitmedden and the privately owned Dunrobin castle gardens are a testament to the vision and skills of Scottish gardeners of the 19th and 20th centuries. This illustrated talk will show you the beauty and elegance of this formal style of planting.

Jim grew up on the family farm in Banffshire and is a science graduate of Aberdeen University. He worked in the pharmaceutical industry in Cambridge for over 35 years, is a keen gardener and a committee member of the Cambridge Friends of the National Trust for Scotland.



Wednesday, 22nd April / Newnham College / 7:30 pm
Jonathan Calloway – Scottish paper money

The first Scottish banknote was issued in 1696 by the newly established Bank of Scotland. The Royal Bank arrived on the scene in 1728, with the British Linen Company following in 1746 – that fateful year of Culloden.

This triopoly dominated Scottish banking for many years, although a number of other banks came. Most issued their own notes, which were circulated in Scotland and, in some cases, beyond. There were still about ten banks issuing notes in 1900, but they were gradually whittled down to the three remaining today.

Jonathan Calloway is a retired banker, co-author of two histories and catalogues on paper money and is a collector of paper money. He will tell us the history of Scottish banknotes, and consider what the future might hold for these distinctive (but now anomalous) banknotes.



Wednesday, 13th May / Newnham College / 7:30 pm
Colin Clarkson – Scottish London

Come on a virtual tour of London locations with Scottish associates from kings to commoners: a veritable Scotch broth of authors, architects and artists, spiced perhaps with the odd criminal and charlatan – no Travelcard required.

Colin Clarkson is Head of Modern Research Collections and Curator of the Historical Printing Room, Cambridge University Library.



TICKET APPLICATION

To apply for tickets, either:

1. Send a cheque to CFNTS, 15 Long Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PP for £___ made payable to Cambridge Friends of the NTS (plus SAE if return by mail). Or request tickets by email.

OR:
2. Pay £___ electronically to Cambridge Friends of the NTS: sort code 30-91-56, a/c number 03771503. **Reference: my name!**
And receive an emailed ticket.

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- 1. *Mar Lodge estate* by Andrew Painting
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 26th Feb
- 2. *Italian Gardens in Scotland* by Jim Forrest
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 18th Mar
- 3. *Scottish paper money* by Jonathan Calloway
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 22nd Apr
- 4. *Scottish London* by Colin Clarkson
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 13th May

Any queries about talks or tickets please contact Donald Douglas on 01223 245 357 / 07889 657 590 / cambridge@ntscentres.org.uk. ALL EVENTS ARE AT NEWNHAM COLLEGE – there is usually ample parking nearby – at 7:30 pm for an 8:00 pm start.

NB We will not pass your details on to any other organisation.



Committee members

- Jim Stewart, Chairman and Treasurer
- Judy Potter, Secretary
- Patsy Glazebrook
- Donald Douglas, Membership Secretary
- Dr Alan Freeman
- Julian Landy
- Jim Forrest



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