



## Cambridge Friends of the National Trust for Scotland

Supporting the National Trust for Scotland

### Spring 2019 Programme



Dear Friends,

Last year we sent £1,000 to the NTS to help their efforts to protect the Hill House (above right), Charles Rennie Mackintosh's masterpiece at Helensburgh.

We have now sent a further £500 from the money you helped us to raise last Autumn. We hope you agree that it is even more important to help preserve Mackintosh's work. This is money which you have helped us raise from tickets and raffles. Thank you for your continued support.

We have four great events this spring – three talks and a film! All our talks (and the film) will be at Newnham College at 7:30 pm for an 8:00 pm start.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Stewart  
Chairman

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### Wednesday, 20th February 2019 at Newnham College at 7:30 pm Professor Anthony Cross on 'Scots in the time of Catherine the Great's Russia'



Scots played an important role in the court of Catherine the Great during her reign in the later part of the 18th century. Their influence was particularly evident in medicine (e.g. Dr John Rogerson, right), the navy, architecture and landscape gardening. There were many Scottish merchants and manufacturers and three acceded to the role of Consul general while another Scot was the British Ambassador. Others sought fame and fortune in Russian government service. In return, Russians attended Scottish universities and sought the tourist delights of Scotland.

Professor Cross is the Emeritus Professor of Slavonic Studies at Cambridge University. A fellow of Fitzwilliam College, he has written extensively about 18th century Russia and visited the country many times. He is a member of the British Academy and has an honorary doctorate from the Russian Academy of Sciences.



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### Wednesday, 13th March 2019 at Newnham College at 7:30 pm Donald Douglas on '60 years on Scottish Hills'



After 60 years, Donald (left) still hasn't 'completed' the Munros. Nevertheless, he will give an illustrated talk with more than 100 slides of Scottish hills and will recount some of his more interesting expeditions.

Donald is a graduate of Edinburgh University, a chartered accountant and former banker.



**Wednesday, 22nd May 2019 at Newnham College at 7:30 pm**

**Jim Forrest on the 'Turra Coo'**



When a farmer refused to pay for the new national insurance stamps in 1913, he precipitated the seizure and attempted sale of a small white cow: the legend of the Turra Coo was born.

A hundred years later, a statue was erected in Turriff town centre. Jim (left with the statue) will tell us about the events and more about the area which he knows well, having grown up on a nearby farm.



**Wednesday, 12th June 2019 at Newnham College at 7:30 pm**

**Ann Lindsay and John Martin on 'Strathbraan'**



The Braan flows from Loch Freuchie east to the Tay at Dunkeld Cathedral. A short broad and beautiful valley, it is full of Scottish history and events from Bonnie Prince Charlie to Beatrix Potter.

Ann Lindsay and John Martin will show us a glorious film about the Strath and answer questions – A trailer can be seen here: <https://goo.gl/uyTqNz>



**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 e-mail.

**— OR —**

2. Pay electronically to Cambridge Friends of the NTS: Sort code 30-91-56, a/c number 03771503.

**Reference: your name!** And receive an e-mailed ticket.

Name .....  
Address .....  
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Phone .....  
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Any queries about talks or tickets please contact Donald Douglas on 01223 245 357 / 07889 657 590 / [cambridge@ntscentres.org.uk](mailto: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.

1. Scots in Catherine the Great's time by Anthony Cross  
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
2. 60 years on Scottish Hills by Donald Douglas  
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 13<sup>th</sup> Mar
3. The Turra Coo by Jim Forrest  
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 22<sup>nd</sup> May
4. Strathbraan – shown by Ann Lindsay and John Martin  
 tickets at £7 each (or £8 on the door) / 12<sup>th</sup> Jun



**Committee members**

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

