



Helensburgh Heritage Trust

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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone!

Firstly, some dates for your diaries.

Doors Open Days.

Friday 22nd September – launch at 1000 in the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre (originally Clyde Street School) followed by a talk on the History of Helensburgh by Stewart Noble. Although this is a free event it would be preferred if you could book on the following website - <https://abcdoorsopenday.eventbrite.co.uk>. However booking is not essential.

Saturday 23rd September

1000 – town centre walk with Richard Trail – meet outside the Victoria Halls.

1000 – walk from the Hill House to the town centre with John Urquhart – meet outside the gates of the Hill House.

1000 and 1100 – guided tours of the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre with Stewart Noble – please book on <https://abcdoorsopenday.eventbrite.co.uk>

1400 – town centre walk with Richard Trail – meet outside the Victoria Halls.

1400 – walk from the Hill House to the town centre with Stewart Noble – meet outside the gates of the Hill House.

Sunday 24th September

1000 and 1100 – guided tours of the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre with Bethany Scott – please book on <https://abcdoorsopenday.eventbrite.co.uk>

1400 – town centre walk with John Urquhart – meet outside the Victoria Halls.

1400 – walk from the Hill House to the town centre with Trudi Tompson – meet outside the gates of the Hill House

To find full details about what is happening locally during Doors Open Days, please see <http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/find-a-building/?area=7498#>. Alternatively this should be available as a booklet from either the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre or Helensburgh Library.

Winter programme.

All events will be held in the marriage room at the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, and they will all start at 1930.

Wednesday 27th September 2017 – AGM, followed by Prof John Hume: The History of Local Churches. **Please note that this is the correct date and not Thursday 28 September as shown in the**

Community Advertiser.

Wednesday 25th October 2017 – Cleland Sneddon: Childhood Holidays in Rosneath.

Wednesday 29th November 2017 – David Bruce: Greatrex – Forger and Photographer.

Wednesday, 31 January 2018 – Mike Thornley: The Glenarn Garden.

Wednesday 28th February 2018 – Bruce and Nicola Jamieson: Developing the Mackintosh Club.

Wednesday 28th March – Richard Reeve: A Brief History of the Rosneath Peninsula.

Annual report and accounts. These have already been submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, and you will find them attached. If you wish further clarification, you are free to raise any points at the AGM.

Death of Jenny Sanders. A member of a long established Helensburgh family, Jenny was also a serving board member of the Heritage Trust. Many will recall the interesting account which she gave of her family's experiences during the Second World War in the DVD which the Heritage Trust produced a few years ago. Jenny was a very active personality and always had a positive outlook. She died while swimming on holiday in France at the start of July and our sympathies go to her family.

Death of Bill Anderson OBE. Although he lived in Bridge of Allan and was not a Helensburgh native, Bill was a life member of Helensburgh Heritage Trust. In addition he was chairman of the Anderson (Local Collection) Trust and in that capacity he gave the Heritage Trust last winter a most interesting talk about the art works which the Anderson Trust holds. He died in July after a short illness.

HMS Mull of Galloway. I have been asked whether this vessel might have been at Faslane around 1950 – does anyone remember it? It was a maintenance ship and you can see a photo of it at http://www.maritimequest.com/warship_directory/great_britain/pages/aux_vessels/mull_of_galloway_page_1.htm

Mackintosh Club (formerly Conservative Club). Nicola Jamieson is looking for photographs of the interior of this building at 40 Sinclair Street when it was being used as the Conservative Club, and also memories of anyone who visited the building or attended meetings there. If you can help Nicola, please contact her either by email to nicola@mackintosh.club or by phone to 07540 419532.

Cairn for the battle of Glen Fruin. In the last few weeks Community Payback have cut back most the shrubs and trees there, and so it is now very much easier to see the cairn from the road. In due course some form of opening ceremony will take place, and you will be informed of the date.

Congratulations to Helensburgh Tree Conservation Trust. The street trees of the town have now been included in the National Tree Collections of Scotland. This is a major achievement as all the other trees in the Collections are either in botanic gardens or in the grounds of large houses.

..... and further congratulations to the Tree Conservation Trust. The staff of the local Waitrose supermarket nominated the Trust for a Waitrose (UK wide) Conservation Award, with the result that the Tree Conservation Trust was awarded £19,383. This money was raised by the 5p charge on plastic bags.

A letter signed by John Logie Baird has been purchased by Helensburgh Heritage Trust at a cost of over £600. A copy of it can be seen on display in the Baird Room upstairs in Helensburgh Library. Some of the money donated to us by the Civic Society went towards this purchase.

RAF Helensburgh. The monument commemorating the work of the brave people at the Marine Aviation Experimental Establishment was duly unveiled on 1st July – and we even had a fly past from a seaplane! The Heritage Trust is now actively considering the placing of an explanatory board nearby so that people can understand what important work was actually carried out there.

Lastly, we now have a Twitter account! All I need to do now is learn how to use it!