



IHBC SCOTLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS

We are back after the summer break. Events are being planned – not least the joint event with North East England, and a bus outing in and around Edinburgh.

In the mean time you may wish to hold the following dates for neighbouring branch occasions on:

Friday 23 October 2015 if wishing to attend IHBC North Branch's planned day Conference & AGM (venue at Hexham and detailed information to follow soon on www.ihbc.org.uk);

Friday 30 October for the IHBC Yorkshire Regional Conference, "Regeneration in a City of Culture", at the WISE Institute, 27 High Street, Hull HU1 1NE. [Further details....](#)

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Also including the following, where our branch has been invited, a little further afield:

Thursday 12 November 2015 COTAC conference, "Connecting Conservation", at The Gallery, 75 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ. [Further details....](#)

The Early Bird fee is available until 30 September 2015. Please pass the information to any of your other colleagues or contacts who you feel may benefit from attending. For your information, the 3-part Report on COTAC's 2014 'Fire and Flood in the Built Environment' Conference is available at www.cotac.org.uk. To view please follow the side-bar link to the 2014 Conference to view the Summary, Part 1 Fire, and Part 2 Flood pdf Report. Conference reports for previous year's and much other useful information are also available on the COTAC website.

Closer to home, we have been asked to note a "Call for Papers: Death and Identity in Scotland from the Medieval to the Modern: beliefs, attitudes and practices". [Further details....](#)

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Consultations

IHBC was consulted at the end of July on the proposed new Historic Environment Circular 1. It essentially covers the new organisations role in the planning system, and procedures for consulting HES. [Further details....](#) (There is a public conference on the Historic Environment Strategy in Dundee on 5 November. [Further details....](#)).

Current consultations with Charles Strang include guidance notes on Designed Landscapes and Battlefields, also from HS.

Branch member participation at "Council+"

IHBC is the principal body in the UK representing professionals and specialists involved in the conservation and preservation of the historic environment. The way the organisation is structured means that in addition to the central positions of Chair and Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, plus Chairs of Policy, Communications and Outreach, Education and Membership and Ethics; Branch Council members also vote on the main deciding committee (known as Council). Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all have Branch Council Members, as do 9 regional groups in England. You can check out who is who on the main IHBC website (www.ihbc.org.uk) or by consulting your handbook. Jane Jackson is Convenor of Scotland Branch Committee and also Branch Council Member for Scotland, taking over from Stuart Eydmann earlier this year. Large committees tend to get bogged down in the bureaucracy of decision making and for that reason IHBC nationally has been experimenting with getting more members involved and in making sure discussion covers members' key interests and concerns and knowledge and ideas are shared.

So on 21st June immediately after the IHBC 2015 Annual School in Norwich the first meeting of Council+ took place. Each branch has an additional (non-voting) member at the table. In our case this is Emily Tracey of BGS. Context earlier in the year carried an article about evolving ideas on Council+ and called for additional volunteers to apply to attend the two meetings planned in June and December 2015. We are therefore lucky to have three branch Council+ members (Tom Hunter from Orkney Council was selected; and not forgetting Charles Strang who is Chair of Publications and Outreach and sits on the Scotland Branch Committee). First meeting issues included: the geographic area covered by Branches and what different areas are doing to bridge the gap and the big impact that cuts in public sector spending are having on staffing levels; historic building repairs; and the need to move heritage up the agenda. [Further details....](#)

The next meeting of 'Council+' is 2 December 2015 and members are encouraged to read the IHBC newsblog, e-letters and branch communications to find out more and get involved. In addressing the problems of distance and the costs of travelling IHBC nationally is holding more teleconference and web based meetings – is this the way ahead for Scotland Branch or do we want to have more local groupings? Any thoughts please email our branch Convenor Scotland@ihbc.org.uk.

OTHER EVENTS

Selecting the Correct Stone CPD

Tuesday 8 September 2015 (1pm to 2pm)

Glasgow (The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Ln, Glasgow G1 3NU)

Lunchtime seminar. [Further details....](#)

Historic Scotland Insight Event: Tantallon Castle

Friday 11 September 2015 (11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm)

North Berwick (Tantallon Castle, North Berwick, EH39 5PN)

Mid-day seminar. [Further details....](#)

The Engine Shed, Doors Open Day

Saturday 12 September 2015 (10am to 4.30pm)

Stirling (Forthside Square, Stirling, FK8 1QZ)

Daily tours. [Further details....](#)

SPAB Cumbria Regional Group Event (Theme - Solway Clay Dabbins)

Sunday 13 September 2015

Carlisle & Canonbie

Afternoon outings. [Further details....](#)

BRICK Workshop 14

Tuesday 15 September 2015 (10am to 4.30pm)

Linlithgow (Burgh Halls, Kirkgate, Linlithgow, EH49 7AL)

Day workshop. [Further details....](#)

Sir Patrick Geddes Commemorative Lecture 2015 The Freiburg Approach to Sustainable Urbanism

Tuesday 22 September 2015

Edinburgh (The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE)

Evening Lecture. [Further details....](#)

Open Day in the Borders

Saturday 3 October 2015 (10.30 am to 12.30pm)

Galashiels (Borders College, Nether Road, Galashiels, TD1 3HE) Open public discussion morning, lunch and optional afternoon outings. [Further details....](#)

NB: please book before Friday 11 September (News article: [Further details....](#))

Reiach and Hall celebrate 50 years

Monday 5 October 2015 (from 6.30pm)

Edinburgh (St Andrew's & St George's West, 13-17 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2PA)

Evening Lecture. [Further details....](#)

The Picturesque and the Sublime

Monday 2 November 2015 (from 6.30pm)

Edinburgh (St Andrew's & St George's West, 13-17 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2PA)

Evening Lecture. [Further details....](#)