

Monday March 19

Scottish Women in Song and Poetry

"Frailty, thy name is woman."

Obviously Shakespeare had never met any of the Scottish sorority. As we commemorate International Women's Day in March, we'll celebrate Scottish Women in song and poetry. Commentator Jean Barlow and a special musical guest Cathy Costello will feature.

Monday April 16

The Ice and Other Stories

Dunkeld poet, translator and author **Kenneth Steven** writes in a cabin in Aberfeldy. Winner of a Hawthornden Fellowship, he'll discuss his first collection of short stories, *The Ice and Other Stories*, which was the product of six years' hard work. This new collection has been broadcast on BBC Radio and published in literary journals and anthologies at home and abroad.

Monday May 21

Annual General Meeting

After the Society's administrative business, Society member and lecturer **Denis Frize** will talk on how gifted amateurs can enter such worlds as British espionage and guerrilla warfare, become brand leaders in creating mayhem and contribute to the classics of our literature. He'll focus on the tortured genius Col. T.E. Lawrence (*The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*) and on the parallels with Col. F. Spencer Chapman (*The Jungle is Neutral*). Expect, also, cameo roles for Jose Mourinho, Ian Fleming and Wilfred Thesiger. Mr Frize is a college English teacher. He spent many years teaching English in Saudi Arabia and also as a lecturer to Naval Cadets.

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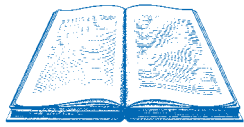
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**"When I get a little money I buy
books; and if any is left over I buy
food and clothes."**

Erasmus



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All lectures at 7:30 pm in the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Stirling, unless otherwise stated.

Annual membership £15.00
Admission (including refreshments),
Members £3.00, non members £5.00

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Saturday September 3

Coach Outing

“What heard ye there at the bush aboon Traquair?”
“I heard the cushies croon thro’ the gowden afternoon
And the Quair burn singing doon the Vale o’ Tweed.”

A visit to atmospheric Traquair House in the romantic Borders, an area saturated in legend, literature and history. There will also be a coffee stop at Cringletie House with time to enjoy the gardens. Route commentary will be provided by Jean Barlow.

Monday September 19

New Writing

Poet and novelist **James Robertson** writes in English and Scots for adults and children. Author of *The Fanatic* and *The Testament of Gideon Mack*, he’ll be discussing his latest novel *And the Land Lay Still*, which won the Saltire Society Scottish Book of the Year Award 2010.

Monday October 17

Norman MacCaig: the Life and the Poems

Born 100 years ago in Edinburgh, Norman MacCaig produced poetry known for its humour, simplicity of language and popularity. While he lived and worked in the city of his birth, he preferred to spend his summers in Assynt in the North West Highlands. **Professor Emeritus Rory Watson**, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, founding Director of the Stirling Centre for Scottish Studies and a friend of Norman MacCaig, will speak about these aspects of his life and the darker and lighter sides to his poetry.

Monday November 21

The Book of Mary: Fact and Fiction in Writing History

Author, storyteller and founding director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, **Dr Donald Smith** has written about Burns and Clarinda, James VI and John Knox. He will draw on previous novels as well as on his current work on Mary Queen of Scots, to explore the relationship between research and imagination in historical writing.

The Society aims to promote, encourage and deepen enjoyment of all branches of literature and media.

Monday December 19

Braw Books for Bairns

‘Should we teach young Scots about the Scots language?’ **Matthew Fitt**, former education officer for the successful Scots language imprint, ItchyCoo, thinks we should. Matthew will share his experiences of teaching Scots in our schools and read from a range of award-winning ItchyCoo books. ItchyCoo is described as offering *Braw Books for Bairns*. Dundee-born author Matthew has visited more than a thousand schools, promoting Scots language within the curriculum.

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Monday January 16

Unlocking the treasure chest – the University of Stirling Library’s Archives and Special Collections

Stirling University’s archivists **Dr Karl Magee** and **Helen Beardsley** will share stories and surprises associated with the rare books and special collections which are part of the university’s archive collections and the surprises they contain.

Monday February 20

New Writing

Angus Peter Campbell (Aonghas Pdraig Caimbeul) was born and brought up on the Island of South Uist and now lives on the Isle of Skye with his wife and six children. An award-winning poet, novelist, journalist, broadcaster and actor, he is a Double Honours Graduate in Politics and History from the University of Edinburgh. He attended Oban High School where his English teacher was Iain Crichton Smith. He has published fifteen books and also won a BAFTA nomination for the lead role in the Gaelic film, ‘Seachd’. Sorley MacLean wrote this about him - “I have no doubts that Angus Peter Campbell is one of the few really significant living poets, writing in any language.”

**“Blath, duilleach, stoc agus freumh, canan mo threubh is mo shluaigh”
“Blossom, leaf, stalk and root, the language of my race and my people.”**

**“Ilka buik a ferlie”
“Every book is a marvel.”**