

of Chinese poetry as it renegotiates its relationship with Western modernist and postmodernist poetry, and re-engages with its Classical heritage.

**Monday March 18**

**A History of Scottish**

**Women's Writing 1700-1900**

Dorothy McMillan is Senior Lecturer in English Literature and former Head of School of English and Scottish Language and Literature at Glasgow University. She currently works mainly in the field of Scottish women's writing. With Douglas Gifford she edited the substantial and innovative *A History of Scottish Women's Writing* (EUP, 1997). Her anthology *The Scotswoman at Home and Abroad: Non-fiction writing 1700-1900* was published by ASLS in 1999. Her talk will consider how things have changed nearly two decades on from their publication.

**Monday April 20**

**Sir Walter Scott**

Douglas Gifford's talk will focus on Sir Walter Scott and his legacy to Scottish fiction, which has been wrongly perceived as old fashioned romance, when in fact his major novels like *Waverley*, *Old Mortality* and *Rob Roy* are, beneath their surface romance and exotic settings, decidedly unromantic and even tragic in their view of Scottish history. If Scott has been misunderstood, then his followers in Scottish historical fiction, like Stevenson, Neil Munro. SR Crockett, John Buchan, and Naomi Mitchison, have also been misread.

**Monday May 18**

**Annual General Meeting and**

**Stirling Literary Society in New Zealand**

After a brief AGM, chairperson Kathy O'Donnell will speak on the Stirling Literary Society of late 19th century New Zealand and the purpose of Scottish cultural organisations there at that time.

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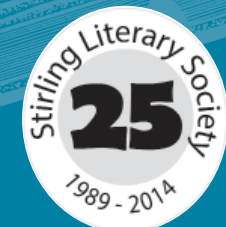


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Sept 2014 - May 2015

**"The pleasure of reading is doubled  
when one lives with another  
who shares the same books."**

Katherine Mansfield



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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

## 2014

**Monday September 8**  
**25th anniversary celebration**

Looking Back

Alan Taylor, journalist and editor of the *Scottish Review of Books*, will share some thoughts on the world of books over the past twenty-five years; his personal experiences and encounters with the great and the not so great, everyone from Jackie Collins to Gore Vidal. Writer and broadcaster Kath Hardie, one of the founder members of the Society, will look back and share thoughts and highlights.



**Saturday September 13**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre coach outing**  
Whisky Kisses

Following in the footsteps of *Whisky Galore*, this funny, romantic and exuberant Scottish musical will be the highlight of the season. Ticket price £29 for matinée performance includes return coach travel. All welcome!

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

**Monday October 20**

**T.S. Eliot**

Professor Robert Crawford, one of Scotland's leading poets, will speak on T.S. Eliot. Robert Crawford studied and taught at Glasgow and Oxford, moving to the University of St Andrews in 1989 as Professor of the School of English. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the British Academy, he has given readings and lectures at Berkeley, Oxford and Yale and has been a judge of the National Poetry Competition and the T. S. Eliot Prize.

**Monday November 17**

The Centenary: Poetry of the Two World Wars

Roderick Watson is Professor Emeritus at the University of Stirling. He has lectured and published widely on Scottish literature, the poetry of Hugh MacDiarmid, modern Scottish culture, language and identity. He has published studies of Hugh MacDiarmid and Norman MacCaig, and many other Scottish writers, along with a two volume literary history *The Literature of Scotland*, and a sister anthology *The Poetry of Scotland*. This year, with David Goldie, he co-edited *From the Line*, an anthology of Scottish poetry from both world wars. His own poetry has appeared in numerous anthologies and two main collections *True History on the Walls* and *Into the Blue Wavelengths*. He currently co-edits the Journal of Stevenson Studies. His talk on war poetry will discuss the nature and status of creative writing in such a field and will draw on poems published in *From the Line*.

**Monday December 15**

**An Introduction to Scots Language**

Dr. Fred Freeman is currently Hon. Fellow in English at the University of Edinburgh. He'll present a light, entertaining introduction to Scots language, with a brief glimpse of its history and the rich mix of languages that constitute the Scots tradition. He'll present a tantalising look at the linguistic tradition that Burns inherited. Dr. Freeman is the author of a book on the 18th-century Edinburgh poet Robert Fergusson and upwards of one hundred articles on Scottish literature and folk music.

## 2015

**Monday January 19**

**Fair Helen and Found at Sea**

Poet and award-winning fiction and non-fiction author Andrew Greig will read from *Fair Helen*, his latest novel, and will offer some poems from the buoyant *Found At Sea* about a dinghy sailing trip from Stromness to overnight on the abandoned island of Cava, and a song or two.

**Monday February 16**

**Jade Ladder:**

**Contemporary Chinese Poetry**

Former Dundee Makar Bill Herbert is Professor of Poetry and Creative Writing at Newcastle University. He has published seven volumes of poetry and his last five collections, with Bloodaxe Books, have won numerous accolades. He has been shortlisted twice for the T.S. Eliot prize and twice for the Saltire. He'll speak on *Jade Ladder: Contemporary Chinese Poetry* which he co-edited. *Jade Ladder* is a book which shows authoritatively for the first time in English the diversity

**“Is fhearr na ‘n t-òr sgeul innse air chòir.  
Better than gold is a tale rightly told.”**

**“A guid tale’s no the waur o bein  
twice tauld.”**