

**Monday March 21**

Angela Smith

**Katherine Mansfield & the Great War**

At the beginning of the Great War Katherine Mansfield was part of a lively group of artists and writers. She wrote an apparently flippant story based on her own experience of an affair with Francis Carco who was serving in the French army. When her only brother was killed in France in 1915 her writing changed, inviting active participation from the reader. Angela Smith is an emeritus professor in English Studies at the University of Stirling. She is the author of *Katherine Mansfield: A Literary Life*.

**Monday April 20**

Jean Barlow

**The Brilliant Brontës**

*"Books more unfeminine would be hard to find in the annals of female authorship"* Such were the comments which greeted the publication of the novels of Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte. 2016, being the bicentenary of the birth of Charlotte, former Society Chair Jean Barlow will look at the life and work of the sisters and their brother Branwell, the flawed genius of the family which "hypnotised the world".

**Monday May 18**

**Annual General Meeting and**

**Lynne Green**

**The Story Behind the Picture**

After a brief AGM, Lynne Green, founder of Greendrake Press, will speak about abstract artists Ben Nicholson and his wife, painter and sculptor Barbara Hepworth.

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Sept 2015 - May 2016

**"Literature is the art of discovering  
something extraordinary about  
ordinary people, and saying  
with ordinary words something  
extraordinary"**

Boris Pasternak

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

**Annual membership** £15.00

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

## 2015

### Monday September 21

Anne Donovan

Gone are the Leaves

Anne Donovan will read from her latest novel, *Gone Are The Leaves*, set in medieval Scotland. She is the author of *Hieroglyphics and other Stories* and the novels *Buddha Da* and *Being Emily*. *Buddha Da* was shortlisted for several prizes, including the Orange Prize and the Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year. *Gone Are The Leaves* was shortlisted for the Saltire Scottish Literary Book of the Year Award.

### Monday October 19

Owen Dudley Edwards

William Butler Yeats and Revolution

Dr Owen Dudley Edwards, a noted scholar, will discuss Yeats' poetry and plays in the context of Irish history in his life time. Dr Dudley Edwards is an Irish historian and former Reader in Commonwealth and American History at the University of Edinburgh. He is a regular contributor and reviewer for radio, television and the press.

### Monday November 16

Dr Maureen Farrell

Scottish Children's Literature

Dr Farrell is Senior Lecturer (Creativity Culture and Faith) at Glasgow University. Scottish Literature has produced an illustrious and influential children's literature of world renown. She will speak on Scottish writers such as Sir Walter Scott, George MacDonald and J.M Barrie and how the works they produced have since become Children's Literature classics and how they themselves had significant influence on diverse children's authors, including writers such as Lewis Carroll and C.S. Lewis.

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

### Monday December 21

Kath Hardie and musical guests

Chapter 4

The songs of Thomas Moore and Sir Walter Scott

The two friends Thomas Moore and Sir Walter Scott could not have had more diverse beginnings. Kath Hardie, founder member of the Society, will briefly trace the careers of the two men. Her talk will be supported by popular folk musicians Chapter 4, who will perform many of the best loved songs of Scott and

Moore. This will be a return visit by Kath and Chapter 4 and is sure to be a delightful, festive event.

## 2016

### Monday January 18

Billy Kay

The linguistic legacy of Robert Burns

Billy Kay will discuss Burns' use of and effect on Scots language. Billy has been described as "*a cultural caretaker and keeper of the Scots tongue*". He is a highly respected and prolific writer, broadcaster and Scots language activist and is the recipient of the Oliver Award, the Heritage Society Award and the Sloan Prize. He was made an honorary Fellow of the Association for Scottish Literary Studies last year.

### Monday February 15

Julia Linden Bicket

Images of Devotion in the Poetry of

George Mackay Brown

Dr Linden Bicket is a Teaching Fellow at the School of Divinity in New College (University of Edinburgh). Her research interests focus on patterns of faith and scepticism in literature - particularly Scottish Catholic fiction. Her talk will focus on the distinctly Orcadian saints, Virgin Mary, and Christ child that George Mackay Brown's work proposes.

**"I have seen his pen gang as fast ower the paper, as ever it did ower the water when it was in the grey goose's wing" Sir Walter Scott**

**Buainidh aon fhacal ceud  
One word sets off one hundred**