

Monday April 17
Hugh MacDonald
This Sporting Life

Journalist and author Hugh MacDonald is the award-winning Chief Sports Writer for *The Herald*. With a senior journalistic career spanning over thirty years, Hugh is regarded as one of the best sports writers in Britain today. He has also enjoyed posts as *The Herald's* Chief Sub-Editor and as its Literary Editor. Enjoy an evening of pithy anecdotes from one of Scotland's most talented and versatile journalists.

Monday May 15
Annual General Meeting

Gillin Anderson
Dancing with Words

After a brief AGM, former international performer and teacher Gillin Anderson will present an entertaining, informative exploration of some of the literature and languages associated with Highland Dance culture. Stirling-born, Gillin has composed and choreographed for national and international events. She is an Arts graduate of the University of Glasgow and holds a postgraduate degree in Education from the University of Stirling.

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**"Forget your literature?
– forget your soul."**

Edwin Morgan



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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 £5.00, non-members £7.00

2016

Monday September 19

Donald Smith

A Pilgrim's Guide to Scotland

Donald Smith introduces his ground-breaking book about Scotland's Pilgrim journeys - old and new. He has covered every area of Scotland, gathering traditions and stories of sacred places. Donald has written widely on Scottish arts and culture and has produced a series of historical novels. He was Artistic Director of Edinburgh's Netherbow, founding Director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre and is currently Director of TRACS (Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland).

Monday October 17

Drew Scott

Secrets of the Stage

Using set models, props and costume, Drew draws on his years of experience at Pitlochry Festival Theatre, to provide a personal insight into life backstage. Hailing from Broughty Ferry, Drew trained at Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh. His work has included seasons at the Byre Theatre, St. Andrews and several years at the Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh. Drew is currently Community Education Director at Pitlochry Festival Theatre.

Monday November 21

Professor Rory Watson

Who's Afraid of James Joyce?

James Joyce was the pre-eminent modernist of the twentieth century. His books are widely respected, but are they widely read? This talk will explore what it is that makes his writing so special, so challenging and so rewarding. Rory Watson was educated at Aberdeen University and Peterhouse, Cambridge. He is Professor Emeritus at the University of Stirling and has published and lectured widely on many aspects of modern Scottish literature, culture, language and identity.

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

Monday December 19

Christopher Brookmyre

Tartan Noir

Christopher returns to the Society just as the paperback edition of his latest novel *Black Widow* is released. A graduate of the University of Glasgow, Christopher is a highly successful novelist whose books mix comedy, politics, social comment and action with a strong narrative. He is the author of nineteen published novels to date and has been short listed three times - most recently in 2012 - for the Theakston's "Old Peculier" Crime Novel of the Year Award.

2017

Monday February 20

Professor Alec Spencer

Penguin Books: How They Were Hatched
While Penguin became a household name synonymous with paperbacks, much less is known about Allen Lane, its founder, who owned and ran the company from 1935. Alec Spencer is an Honorary Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Stirling. For approximately twenty years, he collected Penguin books and recently established a reference website. He is currently undertaking a postgraduate degree in Publishing Studies, with Penguin book collecting as his research focus.

Monday March 20

Dr. Scott Hames

Literary Devolution? Recent Scottish Writing and Politics

Dr Scott Hames is a lecturer in English at the University of Stirling. Originally from Canada, he chairs the Stirling Centre for Scottish Studies and co-founded the Stirling Master's programme in Modern Scottish Writing. He has written widely on contemporary Scottish writing and literary nationalism, including work on Alasdair Gray, Irvine Welsh, Don Paterson and 'vernacular' cultural politics. He edited *The Edinburgh Companion to James Kelman*, *Unstated: Writers on Scottish Independence*, and the *International Journal of Scottish Literature* (with Eleanor Bell and Ian Duncan). Reviews and commentary have appeared in *OpenDemocracy*, *Soundings* and the *London Review of Books*.

"A guid buik hauds a hoose o gowd"

A good book holds a house of gold

"Is e litreachas lannair na firinn"

Literature is the reflection of truth