

Scottish Catholic Historical Association

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Scottish Catholic Historical Association.

It is being planned to supplement the Innes Review and other activities of the Association. The past few months have seen increased activity for the Association, with a new series of evening seminars, based at the Scottish Catholic Archives, Columba House, Edinburgh. Reports on the first two, and details of future seminars are found in this newsletter.

The Association has also launched a website with the assistance of the Scottish Catholic Archives and it can be found by going to the SCA website at www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk and clicking on the 'Historical Association' link.

S Karly Kehoe, Newsletter and Seminar Co-ordinator

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Membership and subscription to Innes Review

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Let us know what you think of this newsletter and if you would like to see anything else included in the future – and feel free to pen short notes and queries if you wish!

2. Upcoming Seminars

27 January 2009

Andrew Smith (University of Glasgow) and Eleanor Todd (University of Stirling),
Postgraduate Progress Session

24 February 2009

Dr. Annie Tindley (Glasgow Caledonian University), "The Crofter's War, 1880-1895: Land reform and the Clearances."

24 March 2009

Dr. Matthew Hammond (University of Edinburgh) "Who would deny that the Scots are barbarians?': English views of the Scots in the twelfth century."

28 April 2009

Dr. Andrew Newby (University of Aberdeen), "'The Approaching Consolidation of the Aurora Borealis': Scotland and the Roman Catholic Polar Mission, 1855-1870."

Location and time:

Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh.

Tel: 0131 556 3661

5.30-7.30pm, Tuesdays

4. *The Innes Review*

Eila Williamson, editor of the Innes Review brings us an update on our journal, with useful information about the publication schedule and how to submit articles.

Volume 59.1 (Spring 2008) of the *Innes Review* was published in July 2008. It included a substantial article on 'Royal succession and kingship among the Picts' by Nicholas Evans, as well as two modern history articles: "'My Dear Nephew": letters to a student priest' by Lisa Curry and 'Catholic realities and pastoral strategies: another look at the historiography of Scottish Catholicism, 1878-1920' by Bernard Aspinwall. Volume 59.2 (Autumn 2008) is in press and is scheduled to appear in February 2009. It will contain articles on 'Some conspicuous women in the *Original Chronicle*, *Scotichronicon* and *Scotorum Historia*' (Nicola Royan) and 'In quest of Pictish manuscripts' (Richard Sharpe), as well as a review article and numerous book reviews.

Submissions of articles are always welcome, especially those that relate to the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Not only is the *Innes Review* a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal, but it has the added advantage of not having a fixed word limit for articles. For further information about submissions, please contact the editor at Eila.Williamson@ed.ac.uk or c/o Scottish History, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, 17 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9LN.

Since 2007 the journal has been published online as well as in print format. Subscriptions are available for either format or for both. A welcome introduction by Edinburgh University Press is the student or unwaged subscription rate, currently £20 for print or online and £25 for print and online. To subscribe to the *Innes Review*, please see <http://www.eupjournals.com/journal/inr> for details.

5. *Seminar Series*

This past autumn marked the start of the inaugural seminar series of the Scottish Catholic Archives and the Scottish Catholic Historical Association.

The seminars feature scholars and postgraduate students from respected universities and colleges and it is hoped that this will provide a comfortable learning and discussion forum for people interested in field of Catholic and religious history in Scotland. These monthly meetings take place on Tuesdays in the Reading Room of Columba House, 16 Drummond Place, Edinburgh, and everyone is welcome. Please give the Archive a ring for more information (0131 556 3661).

6. *Seminar Reports*

On the 14th of October the series was opened with a talk by **Dr. S. Karly Kehoe (University of Guelph)**, entitled "Associational Culture, Gender and Catholicism in nineteenth-century Scotland." Kehoe's paper was a consideration of the transformation of Catholic culture in Scotland and focused on the rise of devotional activity and organisational culture between 1870 and 1900. She challenged the notion of a Catholic 'ghetto' and argued that the energy invested in modernising Catholic culture had liberated Catholics, to a greater extent, from the periphery of Scottish society. She suggested that devotional initiatives and associations, the roots of which had been sown by the work of the religious communities through education and social welfare, were developed as a way of connecting the local parish more closely with the wider Church and combating those elements deemed subversive such as radical Irish nationalism and working-class activism.

The second seminar of the series was held on the 25th of November and **Prof. John Stewart (Glasgow Caledonian University)** gave a paper on *The Catholic Church and Child Guidance in Central Scotland*,

1930-1950. He spoke about how the Church approached issues relating to the social development of children and families and drew attention to the role played by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, as educationalists, in the development of policy initiatives at both a local and a state level. As an historian of Health History, Stewart's interest in this topic has been on-going for a number of years and has been informed by a wealth of primary research. It was particularly interesting to hear about how he approaches a subject like this, the kinds of material he had been able to identify in the various libraries and archives and what he feels the next stages of this kind of research will be. The research that Prof. Stewart is doing is particularly important because it draws attention to the role of the child in society and opens up Catholic and social welfare history in the twentieth century.

7. Forthcoming Conferences and Events

5-7 February 2009: "Educating a Catholic Elite: Religious institutes, faith, and gender in Catholic secondary education in Europe in the nineteenth and twentieth century" Study Centre Soeterbeek, Ravenstein, The Netherlands. For information, contact Patricia Quaghebeur (patricia.quaghebeur@kadoc.kuleuven.ac.be) and see <http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/reins/be/callforpapers.htm>

24-25 April 2009: "Religion, Rebellions and Migration"

A joint conference of the Women's History Association of Ireland and Women's History Scotland at Trinity College, Dublin. Keynote Speakers: Jane Ohlmeyer (Trinity College Dublin) and Jane Rendall (University of York). If you're interested in attending, please contact Dr. Maryann Valiulis at maryann.Valiulis@tcd.ie

25-25 June 2009: "Women and Religion in Britain, c. 1660-1760"

St. Hilda's College, Oxford. Deadline for abstracts is 1 February 2009. Plenary speakers and contributors include Elizabeth Clarke, Mark Goldie, Erica Longfellow, Phyllis Mack, David Norbrook, Stephen Taylor, Claire Walker. Please contact Sarah Apetrei, sarah.apetrei@keble.ox.ac.uk

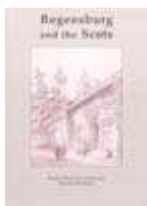
8. Publications

Members of the Association may be interested to learn of some recent articles that Alastair Cherry, a former member of the SCHA Council, has written for the *Bookplate Journal*: 'An early Scottish ex-libris: Alexander Mylne and the Cambuskenneth missal' (new series, vol. 3 no. 2, 2005); 'Bookplate of the Scots College, Paris' (new series, vol. 5 no. 2, 2007); 'Ex-libris of William Stewart Bishop of Aberdeen (1532-1545)' (new series, vol. 6 no. 2, 2008). Alastair has kindly added copies of these articles to the library at the Scottish Catholic Archives where they can be viewed.

9. Bookshop

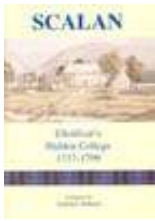
We are pleased to be able to offer a number of items for sale at the Scottish Catholic Archives. Some are published by *The Aquhorties Press*, our in-house publishing unit; and others by the Blairs Museum - our sister institution situated in the former St Mary's College, Blairs. Order forms can be downloaded from the Scottish Catholic Archives website - <http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk> Postage is charged at £2 per order.

Remember that back-issues of the Innes Review are still available to purchase from the Association.



Regensburg and the Scots by Alasdair Roberts £2.00

Regensburg in Bavaria has had links with Scotland and Ireland since the 12th century at least. This booklet traces the history of the Scots Benedictine Abbey in Regensburg, illustrating individuals and the shared history of the two communities through to the nineteenth century and beyond.



Scalan: Glenlivet's Hidden College, 1717-1799 by Alasdair Roberts £2.00

The seminary at Scalan was instrumental in the development of the post-reformation Church in Scotland. Alasdair Roberts ably edits the work of Mgr Alexander MacWilliam and brings forward the history of this small building found deep in the hills of Glenlivet in Moray.



The Scottish Sword of State by Charles Burns OBE £5.00

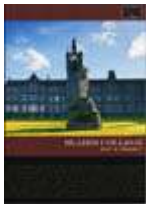
This history of the Scottish Sword of State was produced in 2007 to mark the 500th anniversary of the presentation of the Scottish Sword of State by Pope Julius II to King James IV. The anniversary was marked with a reception hosted by the First Minister of Scotland and allows us to recall the historic links that Scotland had with the Papacy and continental Europe. It is well illustrated with colour plates of the Honours of Scotland.

Scotland and the Holy See £2.00



This booklet gives a number of short chapters covering areas such as Christianity in Scotland from Roman Times to St Margaret; Scotland and the Papacy in the Middle Ages and Renaissance; Reformation and Catholic Survival; Emancipation and Catholic Revival, 1793-1878 and the Catholic Church in Modern Scotland. Produced for the exhibition of the same name in 1982, it still provides valuable commentary on Scotland's relationship with the Holy See.

Blairs College: Past and Present £5.00

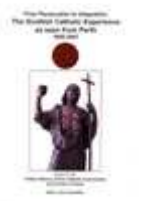


This DVD takes you on a memorable journey through the history of Blairs up to the exciting recent day events. This includes final footage of the old buildings as well as new interviews with former Blairs pupils, among them Archbishop Mario Conti, and former rector Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, now Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh. This unique presentation includes previously unseen cine film recordings of Blairs during its prime and looks at the recent decision to rescue and regenerate the Blairs Estate. This DVD is available in PAL format, and is not suitable for most North-American DVD players, but should play on all home pcs. NSTC format can be supplied, please contact the Archive if required.



From Persecution to Integration £5.00

The Scottish Catholic Experience as seen from Perth, 1685-2007. Volume One: Catalogue of the Exhibition in St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic Church



From Persecution to Integration £3.50

The Scottish Catholic Experience as seen from Perth, 1685-2007. Volume Two: A New History of the Catholic Community and Parish of Perth.