Saltire Society
2016 - 2017
Events
Welcome to a celebration of 80 years of the Saltire Society and its work. Those who started the Saltire Society in 1936 feared that Scotland’s cultural gas was at a peep, that the achievements of the past were unrecognised, great traditions were being lost and contemporary arts lacked vitality. They did something about it. They formed a movement that for 80 years has promoted, presented, published, agitated and debated and in doing so helped create the conditions for today’s thriving and confident creative Scotland.

The Saltire Society is unique in the breadth of our cultural interests and in the range of expertise, given voluntarily, that underpins our work.

We are a body that simply exists to support and celebrate all that is best in Scottish cultural life, from literature to the built environment, arts to heritage. This programme reflects that breadth of interest with debates, discussion, social events, awards ceremonies and performances taking place across the country, and online (in the shape of Scotland’s largest virtual literary festival).

The programme has benefited from the efforts of our members, our Council, advisors, performers and from the extensive range of partnerships that underpin much our work. It is that spirit of cooperation and generosity that allow such a small organisation to achieve so much, and we are grateful to everyone that has contributed to this programme and the eighty years of achievement that precedes it.

We hope you are able to join us in celebrating eighty years of inspiration.

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As A Supporter

We help creative people in Scotland sustain their work. Through small grants and initiatives such as the International Travel Bursaries for young people. The Society helps artists, craft-makers, film makers, budding architects (to name but a few disciplines) reach their goals and expand their understanding of their discipline.

‘As an emerging artist, support from the prestigious Saltire Society is inspirational and invaluable. It fills me with immense pride that I have become a member connecting with the very best that has been and has yet to come in Scottish culture.’

Ruth Nichol, visual artist

‘The Saltire Society’s support for and engagement with my film Dummy Jim is genuinely empowering, and with its timely help, we’re hopeful the film will reach a greater audience, throughout the UK and overseas. James Duthie would have approved of a connection to the Saltire Society. He was an outward-looking, open-hearted proud Scot who determinedly pedalled his own maverick path.’

Matt Hulse, film maker
Since its inception the Society has run awards that cover the diverse disciplines of Scotland’s creativity, from engineering to literature, history to art.

2014 saw the launch of awards for Housing Design, Civil Engineering, Literature, Poetry, History, Research, Lifetime Achievement, Arts and Crafts, Music and Publishing as well as our International Travel Bursaries.

‘I was thrilled to win the Saltire International Travel Award last year. To be able to travel to Catalonia and learn more about the local music, language and culture is the opportunity of a lifetime.’

International Travel Bursary Winner for Music
Innes White

‘Andrew Fletcher is one of the many Scots in history for whom my admiration is great and any award bearing his name is one I will be proud to be given.’

Fletcher of Saltoun Award
Winner William McIlvanney

‘More than any other literary prizes, the Saltire awards feel Scottish to the core and they can and should be an integral part of celebrating the distinctive literary voices of contemporary Scotland.’

Saltire Book of the Year Winner
James Robertson
As Campaigner

We bring fresh voices to the challenges facing today’s Scotland, in the places where people go about their lives and businesses. The themes are universal, international, and fundamental to our lives. They are too big to be kept to the few.

Through the Saltire Series, the Society is creating the opportunity for discussion and debate.

So far 2016 has seen the Society publish three pamphlets: Kirsty Gunn's provocative Notes Towards a National Literature, Malcolm Fraser's uncompromising Shoddy Schools and Fancy Finance: The mis-selling of PFI and Neil Gillespie’s thoughtful and lyrical Re Building Scotland.

The others in the Series are:

- **A Plea for a Secular Scotland** by Richard Holloway
- **The Artist and Nationality** by Meaghan Delahunt
- **Freedom of Speech in the New Scotland** by Alan Bissett and Jean Rafferty
- **Myth and Reality: the Nature of Scottish Identity** by Magnus Linklater
- **Democracy in the Dark: The Decline of the Scottish Press and How to Keep the Lights On** by Iain Macwhirter
- **Nevertheless** by Alan Massie
- **Dreaming Scotland** by William McIlvanney
- **Making Better Out of Good—Scotland’s Food and Drink** by Catherine Brown
- **Second Wind** by Douglas Dunn, Vicki Feaver and Diana Hendry

All pamphlets are available by calling Saltire HQ or on line at [http://www.saltiresociety.org.uk/events/](http://www.saltiresociety.org.uk/events/)
Past Presidents

The Rt Hon. The Earl of Selkirk (1948-51)
John Noble (1951-54) (1965-66)
Professor A. Dewar Gibb (1954-57)
Sir John McEwen of Marchmont, Bart. (1957-61)
Robert Hurd (1961-65)
The Hon. Lord Fraser (1966-68)
Eric Linklater (1969-72)
Professor Sir Robert Matthew (1972-75)
Professor Sir Kenneth Alexander (1975-82)
Professor David Daiches (1982-86)
Professor Geoffrey Barrow (1986-90)
Professor Sir Robert Grieve (1990-92)
Sir Iain Noble, Bart. (1992-96)
Paul Henderson Scott (1996-02)
The Hon Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, KT (2002-05)
The Rt Hon Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, KT (2006-11)
Honorary Presidents

Professor Ian Campbell
Dame Winifred Ewing
Douglas Gifford
Paul Henderson Scott
The Rt Hon Lord Cullen of Whitekirk

 Normally, but not exclusively awarded to a member of the Society for exceptional service to the Society. In exceptional circumstances, may be awarded to a non-member for outstanding achievement or service to Scotland.

Elected at an AGM on the recommendation of Council.

Honorary Members

Ian Begg
Dr. Elizabeth Blackadder
Ewan K. Cameron
Dr. Hugh Cheape
Douglas Eadie
Alison Elliot
Malcolm Fraser
Dr. Evelyn Glennie
Dr. Joy Hendry
Dr. Ann Matheson
Kathleen Munro
Stuart Nichol
John Purser
James Robertson
Dr. Donald Smith
Margaret Street
Isobel Wilkie
Jim Wilson

Awarded to members or non-members for notable achievement in the service of the Society or Scotland. Elected by Council.
The Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun Award

Presented in recognition of a significant contribution made to Scottish Culture.

Recipients

Dr. Sue Black
David Daiches
Dr. George Elder Davie
The Rt Hon. Donald Dewar
Dr. Kenneth Elliott
Professor Emeritus Alexander Fenton CBE
Tom Fleming OBE
Tessa Holyoake
Sir Chris Hoy
Robin Jenkins OBE
Andrew Kerr
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John MacQueen
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George MacKay Brown
Dolina MacLennan
Duncan Macmillan
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William McIlvanney
James Morrison
William Neill
George Philp
The Rt Hon. Alex Salmond
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Ronald Stevenson
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Council Members 2015-2016

President: Magnus Linklater [ex officio]
Convener: Prof Ian Brown
Vice-Convener: To be Elected
Treasurer: Bryan Rankin

Elected Members: Prof Ted Cowan
Hazel Gardiner
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John Scott Moncreiff

Branch Representatives:
Aberdeen & North East Professor Ian Russell
Dumfries and District Prof. Ted Cowan
Edinburgh John Yellowlees
Glasgow Prof Alexander Broadie
Highland Jim Miller
Kirriemuir TBC
Arran Hazel Gardiner

Council members are elected to the Council for a period of not more than three years by the Annual General Meeting. Members will be eligible for re-election for a further period of not more than three years. A member elected from each Branch for a period of no longer than three years, to be determined by the Branch. A member elected by a Branch may be re-elected for a further term not exceeding three years.
Executive Board
Convenier of the Society
Vice Convener of the Society
Barbara Mclean
Dolina MacLennan
Pauline Miller-Judd
Bryan Rankin

Financial Strategy and Audit Committee
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Bryan Rankin (Treasurer)
Prof. Ian Brown
John Scott Moncreiff

The Staff
Executive Director: Jim Tough (2012)
Programme Manager: Sarah Mason (2006)
Events Assistant: Cameron Foster (2015)

Financial Services: Helen Lowe & Co
Auditors: Geoghegans
Bankers: Adam and Company
Investment Managers: Brewin Dolphin
Solicitors: CMS

Please note that members of the Society’s Council, Board, Committees and outside Contractors may be subject to change.
Programme
2016-2017
Saltire Society Events

All members of the Society are encouraged to support the Society’s events. Members should inform HQ if they plan to attend an event.

**Friday 23 September 2016 6pm**
**Inspiring Scotland: 80 years of the Saltire Society**
*Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP*
Royal Society of Edinburgh
Free but ticketed

**Thursday 6 October 2016 5pm**
**Saltire Society Science Lecture: Chris van der Kuyl**
at McManus Galleries, Dundee
£10 (£5 members)

**Tuesday 25 October 2016 5pm**
**Saltire Society Civil Engineering Awards 2016 Ceremony**
National Museum of Scotland, Chamber Street, Edinburgh
Free but ticketed

**Thursday 3rd November 2016 6pm**
**Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun Lecture: Prof. Gerard Caruthers**
The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh
Free but ticketed

Further information about any of our events can be obtained from Saltire headquarters and online at [www.saltiresociety.org.uk](http://www.saltiresociety.org.uk)
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**Thursday 24 November 2016 6.00pm**  
*Saltire Society Literary Awards 2016 Ceremony*  
Central Halls, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh  
Free but ticketed

**Wednesday 30 November 2016 7.00pm**  
*Saltire Celebrates*  
Óran Mór, Byres Rd, Glasgow  
Free but ticketed

**Wednesday 7th December 1.30pm**  
*Fletcher of Saltoun Awards Presentation*  
The Civic Room, Town House, Aberdeen  
Free but ticketed

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2016
Saturday 26 November 12 for 12.30 pm
St Andrew’s Day Luncheon*
Speaker: Jim McColl, Gardener and Broadcaster
Presenter of The Beechgrove Garden for four decades
Contributions too from Derrick McClure and Janice Reavell

Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Mannofield, Aberdeen

Please direct any questions relating to Branch activities to Branch Officials and not to Headquarters.
Aberdeen and North East Branch

2017

Saturday 4 February 7pm
Burns Supper
Organised by the Aberdeen Burns Club, tickets £25
Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Mannofield

Wednesday 15 March 2 - 4 pm
Museum Visit
Neil Curtis, Head of Museums in the University of Aberdeen
““History of North East Scotland in 25 objects”
The King’s Museum, Old Aberdeen Town House, High Street, Old Aberdeen

Tuesday  16 May 7.30 pm
Spring Meeting and AGM
Dr Patricia Ballantyne, the Elphinstone Institute, the University of Aberdeen
“From 'Dancing Masters' to 'Dance Teachers': A Short History of Dance Instruction in Aberdeenshire from Francis Peacock to Cosmo Mitchell”
Rubislaw Church Centre, Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen

June/July*
Visit to Local Garden
To be advised

* Meetings marked with an asterix must be booked with the Treasurer, D.J. Robertson

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2016

Wednesday 31st August 7:30pm
An Arran Clamjamfry: Memories and Music
John Sillars + Various Moons
at Altachorvie

Wednesday 12th October 7:30pm
Mary Fleming and Dummy Jim screening
at Altachorvie

Wednesday/Saturday 16/19th November 7:30pm
Alan Riach (TBC)
at Altachorvie

Wednesday 7th December or Friday 9th 7:30pm
Meal and Sang
Tim Pomeroy
at The Douglas

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2017

Wednesday 11th January 7.30pm

Food

Cathy Brown (TBC)
at Altachorvie

Wednesday 15th February 7.30pm

James Robertson

at Altachorvie

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm

Billy Kay

at Altachorvie

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Dumfries and District Branch

2016

Saturday 3rd September 3.00pm
80th Birthday Celebrations
Studio 1 at Gracefield Arts Centre
22 Edinburgh Rd, Dumfries

Other events to be confirmed.

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ALL EVENTS AT
THE ROYAL OVERSEAS LEAGUE, 100
PRINCES STREET EDINBURGH EH2 3AB

Wednesday 5 October, 6.30 pm
“Dummy Jim” film screening
80th Anniversary event

Lunches – all at 12.15pm for 12.30 pm

2016

Saturday 1 October
Forensic Medicine in Edinburgh and its influence on the evolution and development of this Discipline.
Professor Anthony Busuttil

Saturday 5 November
Representations of St Andrew
Charles Burnett

Saturday 3 December
Lord Hailes and the Scottish Enlightenment
Mark McLean

2017

Saturday 7 January The
Water of Leith Trust
Charlotte Neary

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2017

Saturday 4 February
Lost Edinburgh
Hamish Coghill

Saturday 4 March
Wilhelmina Barns-Graham
Helen Scott

Saturday 1 April
The Jewel, the Life of Jean Armour
Catherine Czerkawska

Friday 5 May 6.30pm for 7 pm
Annual Dinner
Guest of Honour Dr Robyn Marsack

Friday 19 May 7pm
AGM
and Edinburgh Philosophical Institution Lecture:
Richard Hannay 100 Years On
Lester Hillman

Saturday 3 June
Summer Outing - Penicuik: with Roger Kelly
TBC

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Please Note: All branch meetings will be held at Babbity Bowster, 16-18 Blackfriars Street, Glasgow G1 1PE. The meetings start at 6.30pm and finish by 9.30pm.

Tuesday 11 October
Readings and Discussion
Anne Donovan

Tuesday 8 November
Scottish Urban Land Reform
Prof David Adams

Tuesday 13 December
The Restoration of the Mackintosh Building
Liz Davidson

2017
Tuesday 10 January
The Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network
Prof. Alison Phipps

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Highland Branch

2016
Saturday 8 October 11.30am
James Macpherson and the Impact of Ossian
Dr Kristin Lindfield-Ott

at Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre
in collaboration with the National Trust for Scotland

Saturday 26 November
Saint Andrew’s Day Lunch
'The Cross across the Firthlands and the making of a Kingdom: Finding Fortriu in the Cross Slabs of Northern Pictland'
Dr Cait McCullagh

Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness

2017
Saturday 28 January
Burns Lunch
Raigmore Recreation Hall, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

Saturday 18 February
The Tornagrain Development
Andrew Howard

Venue tbc

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Kirriemuir Branch

NOTE :- With the exception of THRUMS UP and, the BURNS LUNCH, both of which will be held in the LARGE HALL, all other meetings will be held in the SMALL HALL of Kirriemuir Old Parish Church, Bank Street.

2016

Wednesday 28 September
Stained Glass – Design and Production
Maureen Crosbie

Wednesday 12 October
Hamish Henderson – Film and Performance
of his Collection of Music & Songs
by Local Artistes

Wednesday 9 November
The Great War -1914/1919
Ronnie Proctor, Major (Rtd.) Black Watch

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9th,10th & 11th December,
THRUMS UP! Art & Crafts Exhibition.
Local Artists.

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2017

Wednesday 18 January 12.30 for 1.00pm
Burns Lunch

Wednesday 22nd February
Scottish Butchery – Talk & Demonstration of Skills & Techniques.
Cliff Bertram, Master Butcher

Wednesday 15th March
Highland Games, History and Evolution.
James Brown, OBE

Wednesday 12th April
The Dundee V & A – Lecture
Speaker – TBC

Outing in May
Visit to the V & A in Dundee
Date and Timings TBC

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Legacies

The Society has received legacies from the following estates:

Miss Isobel Abbey 1998
Miss Helen Lowe 1998
Mrs Jean Gunn 1999
Miss Norma Winthrope 2002
Miss Peggy Roddan 2002
Mr. Colin Wilson 2005
Miss Louisa Margaret McClure 2005
Mrs Elizabeth Margaret Katherine Curr 2006
Mr. James Fleming Curr 2006
Mr. Andrew Cooper 2008
Mr Hugh Robin 2009
Miss Christina Weir Russell Paton 2009
Ms Janet Bone 2010
Ms. Alison Cowey 2012
Mr. William Henry Cooper 2013
Ms. Sheena Elizabeth Stephen 2013
Miss Mary E Mackenzie 2013

The Society is extremely grateful to all those mentioned above for their forethought. The Council of the Society encourage all members to consider leaving a legacy to The Saltire Society thereby supporting and securing the future work of the Society.
Eighty for Eighty

Throughout our 80 years we have benefited from the support of our members. This has come in the shape of engagement, membership fees, legacies and donations. It has allowed us to be ambitious and independent. In this special year we hope we can call on that generosity once again. We have two requests that I would be grateful if you might consider.

A one off donation from eighty of our members of £80.00 could generate £8000 in support of this year’s programme. With Gift Aid currently standing at 25% your £80.00 donation translates into £100.00 raised.

The second request is inspired by the generosity of one of our members who has offered to make a donation of £800.00 if this can be matched by another 9 of our members and supporters. Again taking the Gift Aid into account this translates into a total of £10,000. In turn this would be matched by a further £10,000 from the Saltire Society Trust in support of a programme of bursaries for young artists that would be offered during our 80th anniversary year.

Your generosity would be helping the next generation of talent to flourish. In recognition of your support, in addition to the pamphlet and priority invitation to Saltire Celebrates in November, you would be invited to a very special event - a drinks reception in the Saltire award winning venue, The Kelpies. We have exclusive access to the viewing platform where you will have a chance to meet and hear from the sculpture Andy Scott. A unique experience. We appreciate any consideration you may give to this request. You will be playing an important role in ensuring Scotland has a thriving and vibrant cultural life now and into the future.