



## IHBC SCOTLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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### IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS

#### **Branch AGM and seminar**

Another date for your calendars as settled by our committee – following on from those on Issue 4 - is for our Branch AGM as below. Secretary, Gemma Wild, will forward the AGM Papers in due course. The date that must be kept free in your diaries is for Thursday evening on 26 November 2015 in 8 weeks time, which is to be held at a central venue.

There will be an opportunity to hear and meet IHBC Chair (Mike Brown) & Vice Chair (Kathy Davies) and to attend a participative afternoon seminar on the topic of 'Protected Places'.

There will be a flyer soon, after a 'call for speakers' has been issued and a programme established. The branch committee will be there to welcome you and provide its reports as normal for 2014/15.

#### **Other events**

An early December social event is being discussed. More soon!

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#### **IHBC Annual School 2015, "Cultural Connections - Conserving the Diversity of Place", Norwich June 2015 (see photos appendix)**

A strong Scottish delegation enjoyed the very different architecture and streetscape of Norfolk. As usual for delegates, it was walking, bus and boat tours to numerous buildings and structures guided by local and national experts. Norwich has rare surviving medieval churches, monastic and civic buildings. The range of materials and how they were used was visually stunning - early medieval coursed flint walls; timber frame buildings with pargetting (plaster) to resemble stone ashlar; etc - a very different vernacular. The AGM heard strong concern voiced from the IHBC Senior Officers and from the floor about the loss of conservation posts in the public sector and the changes taking place in policy and guidance. The new format of Council+ meetings twice a year allows that kind of debate to be aired in a large

forum and for experience around the country to be shared directly. That concern is not just from public sector employees, but also from the consultants who are negotiating with inexperienced planning officers or overworked conservation staff.

### **Consultations**

Charles Strang responded for the branch last Monday on both: 1) Managing Change in the Historic Environment - Historic Battlefields; & 2) Managing Change in the Historic Environment - for Gardens and Designed Landscapes. A workshop and responses were sought during the consultation period. There will be another such consultation launched soon, in October, regarding Historic Environment strategy and World Heritage Sites.

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) – the new body that merges RCAHMS and HS comes into effect today. See external events regarding its first public conference shortly in November as mentioned on our Issue 4, which is still current by way of other events. Please email us above if you would like an event advertised or a consultation considered of interest.

### **Branch member participation/representation at Council+**

As mentioned before, our representatives for this year are Charles Strang, Tom Hunter, and Emily Tracy to whom we are very grateful to for being extremely active in helping programme the 2014 Edinburgh Annual School. Read on for Tom and Emily's reviews on Council+ so far.

Tom reports that "The inaugural Council+ meeting was interesting and valuable - and provided a good opportunity to talk to fellow members from around the UK about the issues we face as a branch. Top of the agenda was the difficulty of bringing together our branch over such a large geographic area as Scotland for meetings (felt particularly acutely by islanders such as me!). This was echoed by members from the North-West and South of England, who expressed similar concerns about integrating the Isle of Man and Channel Islands respectively. In response there was a firm commitment by senior figures in the Institute to look seriously at options such as Skype for IHBC meetings, I for one was pleased to hear! The programme of events also included introductions from office-holders to explain what they do, and how the structure of the organisation fits together - very handy for a relatively new member like me. As a format it worked really well, and gave us all an opportunity to discuss the main issues we face day-to-day with the main figures in the IHBC. If you have anything you'd like me to discuss at the next meeting please get in touch with me at [tomeghunter@hotmail.com](mailto:tomeghunter@hotmail.com)."

Emily said as "...a relatively new IHBC affiliate member with a background in Art History, Architecture and Fine Art, I first came to Edinburgh from Connecticut back in 2006 to study Architectural Conservation (MSc) at the University of Edinburgh; I had never stepped foot in Scotland before! Following a research fellowship and lecturing on indigenous building materials in Scotland, I am particularly keen on policy with regard to the sourcing of local materials for best practice conservation. I am hoping to contribute more of this within IHBC, as I do also with places on the Scottish Traditional Buildings Forum; and the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Construction (CPGC). Council+ was established with the intention to empower members and expand opportunities for participation across the organisation. In this

role, I hope that I will be able to gain experience and wider opportunities, but I am also interested in helping others achieve the same. If anyone has any topics they would like to raise at our Committee meetings, ideas for events and CPDs, or perhaps new members have questions about the IHBC, I would be happy to help out where I can. I look forward to meeting everyone, and hopefully I will see you at our next AGM (even if you are linked in from far afield!).” Emily can be contacted at [emiace@bgs.ac.uk](mailto:emiace@bgs.ac.uk) and via LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, etc.

Please note a call for papers for the Docomomo conference (Lisbon) in September 2016, which will explore “the Adaptive Re-use of Modernism: The Modern Movement Towards The Future”. The conference, organised every second year, is a major event to explore, in an international context, the conservation and documentation of buildings, sites and neighbourhood of the Modern Movement. The 2016 conference will have 29 thematic sessions, grouped into eight themes: landscapes, cities, public spaces, complexes, buildings, construction and technology, interior design and furniture, and theory. Abstracts for papers can be submitted until 18 October (12pm GMT). [Further details....](#)

The Forth Bridge is the fourth individual bridge to join the World Heritage list, our Mark Watson tells us. Mark will compile a short notes about the Forth Bridge’s recent inclusion in the World Heritage List. [Further details....](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Colour Strategies in Architecture**

**Monday 12 October 2015** (from 5:30pm)

**Edinburgh** (Architecture Dept, 20 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JZ)

Exhibition and book launch. [Further details....](#)

### **Historic Environment Strategy Conference: Our Place In Time**

**Thursday 5 November 2015** (9.30 am to 5pm)

**Dundee** (Malmaison Hotel, 44 Whitehall Crescent, Dundee, DD1 4AY)

Day Conference. [Further details....](#)

### **18th Harold Plenderleith Memorial Lecture: The Scheuer Skeletal Collection**

**Thursday 26 November 2015** (7pm to 10pm)

**Dundee** (Discovery Point, Discovery Quay, Dundee DD1 4XA)

Evening Lecture & can include a regional day tour & the ICON AGM. [Further details....](#)

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**For IHBC and other events of interest outside of Scotland please refer to the IHBC Events Calendar.** [Further details....](#)

Note “the Stone and Wall Paintings Group Conference FIRED EARTH –The Conservation of Architectural Terracotta” will feature the India Tyre Factory Building, Inchinnan, Scotland by Clive Raymond, Conservator. [Further details....](#)





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