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## Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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Anglo Scottish Family History Society



**Welcome:** to the first edition of the newsletter for 2022. The Branch meeting this month was our annual festive get-together, albeit, once again, with the help of Zoom. Perhaps next year!!!! I expressed that hope this time last year but then..... Our main feature is a mention of our Christmas/New Year get-together and again I am able to attach the quizzes prepared for the gathering so that you can have a go yourself. There is quite a large item about the Society Journal that we would like to draw to your attention together with other offerings and announcements. Please continue to take care. Editor.

### Anglo Scots Branch Social and Quiz.

Although the nature of the "celebration" was dictated once again by the limitations of Zoom, this did not effect the camaraderie experienced and the fun engaged in. The gathering was small but lively. Given the restrictions it was left to each person to provide their own nibbles and drinks and it was noticeable, compared to a similar scenario last year, that there was no indication of anyone imbibing with other than tea/coffee. At least, from what we could see!!!



The main feature of the gathering was of course the annual quiz set by our intrepid quiz aficionados, Ina and Yvonne, who never cease to amaze us with the deviousness of their questions. Yvonne started the proceedings with questions about Scotland and Scottish history. Given the "supposed" structure of the Branch and the interests indicated, you would think this would be a walk in the park. Not so. Each year it seems to emphasise only our level of ignorance. Anyway, out of modesty I won't tell you who won with 19 correct out of the 20 questions, if only by one point!!

Ina followed with questions on general knowledge. Despite Ina's assertion that some of the questions were repeated from last year (and who was supposed to remember that!!!) the general outcome was pretty dim. The winner was Yvonne with 7 correct answers out of the 12 questions, no mean feat when you consider how the rest of us struggled with them.



Anyway, the point of the exercise was successful since it was great fun and got us all involved and the gathering went on with chat and socialising. As usual I attach both quizzes at the end of this newsletter so have a go and see how you fare. The answers are also there so you will have to determine yourself how honest you are going to be!!

**The National Archives UK:** in their latest newsletter - which some of you may not receive and so we pass the



news on to you - the National Archives draws attention to their **You Tube** content ([click here](#)) It is an exceptional and extensive series of items, in particular their videos, which is the link I have put here. If you are interested in history at all it is a gold mine, but there is a source listed as "Researching your family history 1837-1911" which, once logged into opens up a whole library of videos on various topics relevant to family history research. I recommend it.



## How do you like to read your quarterly journal?

**“We give you the choice”**



As members of the MLFHS we all receive the Society Journal, “*The Manchester Genealogist*” as part of our membership. This is a well produced and popular quarterly Journal that has been around since 1964. It remains a great read with research and news articles from the Society and all the Branches, beautiful to browse through or to read from cover to cover.

Over the past almost 60 years since the Journal first appeared, times of course have changed markedly including how we receive and read information. Reading publications via the internet as an alternative to “hard-copy” has now become almost second-nature for many of us and we want to take this opportunity to raise awareness as to how, as a Society, we also have this covered. As a member of the MLFHS you can read “*The Manchester Genealogist*” online on the device of your choice. All the archive editions are online too and the complete archive can be searched by name, title and keyword.

If you would prefer to receive a link to the latest edition on the website as soon as it is published, instead of receiving a hard copy in the post, you can do so by following this route:

- Open the Society web page <https://mlfhs.uk>
- LOG IN as a Member to [Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society - Member Area \(mlfhs.uk\)](https://mlfhs.uk)
- This will take you to your own personal “Welcome” page.
- Scroll to the section headed “Your Personal Details” and the sub-section “Update your membership details”
- Select “Preferences”. This is an important section of the web site because on this page you can select any or all of the Society Branches that you may be interested in. On this page though you can select to have your copy of the Journal as an electronic copy rather than a printed (hard) copy. Click “Submit” and it is done.

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If you have made the choice to receive an electronic copy of the Journal then an email with a link to the Journal will be sent to you so that you know it is available as happens with the newsletters. However we do understand that many members may wish to continue receiving a printed (hard) copy of the Journal so there is no pressure to change. The choice is yours.

**Exchange Journals:** whilst on the subject of Journals and the Society web site, please don't forget the large collection of



Journals ( 51 at the last count) that we exchange with other Family History Societies in the UK and abroad. A great way to broaden your family history knowledge, but more particularly, great if you have ancestors from any of those areas. The local societies are always willing to advise and assist in your research. Access to this library of Journals is one of the perks of Society membership.

We have just been informed that Lothian Family History Society have sent in their latest missive.

**“FamilySearch” Newspaper Archive:** as if to reinforce the message that it pays to keep an eye on what other family history societies are doing I am grateful to the Glasgow and West of Scotland family history society for drawing attention to this resource on the *Family Search* site. As well as their Journal, the GWSFHS have started producing an e-Newsletter that you can access [here](#) and one of the articles draws attention to the “*British Newspaper Archive, Family Notices*” collated by *Family Search* in a collaborative effort with *Find My Past*. Some of you may know about this already but I had never come across it largely because, as with so many things, I didn’t know it was there to look for. Anyway, you can find the site [here](#).

**MLFH Society offerings:** so what is on offer from the various Branches of the Society?



**Bolton:** on Wednesday, February 2nd from 19.30 via Zoom “Dating by Design”. Not as it turns out a way of finding companionship as I first thought, but a means of dating old photographs by, amongst other things, people’s clothes.

**Oldham:** on Saturday, 12th February from 1400 via Zoom “A Grandmother’s Legacy: the Early Days” a presentation by Jenny Mallin reflecting on her family story with links to the British Army and India.

**Manchester:** four events are on offer. The first two, if I can get this newsletter out quickly, are on Wednesday 19th January. At 10.00 there is a presentation on the Moravians Settlement in Fairfield and at 19.30 an exploration of “Irish Unmarried Mothers in Britain”. The other two presentations are the planned talks exploring the 1921 Census. The first is on Saturday, 29th January at 14.00 and because this was oversubscribed a second presentation on the 1921 Census is arranged for Wednesday, 2nd February at 19.30. We trust that you managed to get signed up for one of these presentations.

All of these presentations are delivered via Zoom and booked through **Eventbrite**. Please look at the Branch web sites for more information and details.

**National Library of Scotland:** the latest issue of the NLS Newsletter has been received and it holds lots of interesting information and resource developments. If you would like to subscribe to the NLS newsletter you can do so ([here](#)) It is a good way to keep up with all the changing guidelines covering attendance at the NLS and how to go about visiting if you are lucky enough to be doing that just now. There is also information about the free talks that are on offer, including one on Mary Queen of Scots and her relationship with France. My own favourite is a presentation being given on making use of geo-referenced maps and this is to be given on Monday 24th January at 1700 hours. I plan to tune in to this because, although I frequently sing the praises of the NLS maps, the site has become so much more technical, dare I say, sophisticated, that a dunderhead like me struggles sometimes. Anyway, have a look at the site ([here](#)). It is full of good things.



**Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting**  
**Saturday, 5th February 2022 1400 hours via Zoom**  
**The Kirk Session Records with Emma Maxwell**



This is the second of our trilogy looking at the Kirk Session Records. In November we considered Kirk Session Palaeography with Robin Urquhart and we hope to continue this later this year.

We had hoped that this would be our first “in person” meeting at Central Library for some months but given the current scenario with regard to Covid, we decided to continue with Zoom for the time being. Hopefully the situation will change sufficiently later this year.

Our gathering on this topic in November was very popular and we anticipate a similar response this time. Our speaker, Emma Maxwell, is well known in family history circles and is very familiar with the Kirk Session Records.

As usual please reserve your place via Eventbrite and you can do so by [clicking here](#)

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 4th February. If you do not receive your invitation at that time please contact us by sending an email to [anglos Scots@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:anglos Scots@mlfhs.org.uk)

## Anglo Scottish Branch Christmas Quizzes

### Things Scottish - multiple choice to help

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who lived at Hill House?<br/>Charles Rennie MacIntosh; Robert Burns; Alan Ramsay.</li> <li>2. Which colours are on the Scottish flag?<br/>White &amp; Green; Red &amp; Blue; Blue &amp; White</li> <li>3. What is the Scottish flag called?<br/>The Saltire; The Royal Standard; The Royal Banner.</li> <li>4. In which year was Glasgow the European City of Culture?<br/>1980; 1985; 1990.</li> <li>5. Where did the Jacobite cause come to a tragic end in 1746?<br/>Battle of Kinghorn; Battle of Culloden; Battle of Ancrum.</li> <li>6. Compared with Belgium, is Scotland<br/>Bigger; Smaller; Same size?</li> <li>7. How many islands are there in Scotland?<br/>480; 670; 790+.</li> <li>8. What is the nickname of the Loch Ness Monster?<br/>Bessie; Nessie; Flossie.</li> <li>9. "Caledonia", the old name for Scotland means?<br/>Land of the Brave; Steadfast; Possessing hard feet.</li> <li>10. Which Scottish city shares its name with a major Australian city?<br/>Dundee; Perth; Stirling.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Who was Mary Queen of Scots' first husband?<br/>Francis II of France; Lord Darnley; Earl of Bothwell.</li> <li>12. On which Scottish island did George Orwell write "1984"?<br/>Mull; Arran; Jura.</li> <li>13. When did Christmas Day become a Public Holiday in Scotland?<br/>1948; 1958; 1968.</li> <li>14. What is the name of the famous sewing factory on Clydebank?<br/>Singer; Glasgow; Machine.</li> <li>15. In 1967 who won the Hamilton by-election for the SNP?<br/>Nicola Sturgeon; Margo MacDonald; Winnie Ewing.</li> <li>16. Scotland was a melting pot of different groups. This mixture is reflect in placenames. What is the etymology of "Stornoway"?<br/>Norse; Gaelic; Pictish</li> <li>17. What was the name of the famous steelworks in Motherwell?<br/>Shotts; Carnoustie; Ravenscraig</li> <li>18. In 1297 Edward 1st' army was defeated at Stirling Bridge. Which well-known figure earned fame at this battle?<br/>Rob Roy MacGregor; William Wallace; Robert the Bruce.</li> <li>19. Who became Queen at the age of 6 days old following the death of her father in 1542?<br/>Mary of Guise; Flora MacDonald; Mary Stuart.</li> <li>20. Which fictional train goes over the Glenfinnan Viaduct?<br/>Orient Express; Hogwarts Express; Shanghai Express</li> </ol> |
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### ANSWERS

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### Now for General Knowledge.

### Answers

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From what ancient game does badminton derive</li> <li>2. What is the decalogue usually called.</li> <li>3. What is the official name of the daily proceedings of the English Parliament?</li> <li>4. Which Bronte sister wrote "The tenant of Wildfell Hall"?</li> <li>5. Which 19th century woman campaigned for prison reform?</li> <li>6. Where did President Eisenhower have a residence in Scotland?</li> <li>7. What does the Scottish word "Hirple" mean?</li> <li>8. What does the Scottish word "Coozie" mean?</li> <li>9. Which Archbishop signs the word "Ebor" after his Christian name?</li> <li>10. Which Scottish title was given to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge?</li> <li>11. What are curling stones made of?</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Battledore</li> <li>2. The Ten Commandments</li> <li>3. Hansard</li> <li>4. Anne</li> <li>5. Elizabeth Fry</li> <li>6. Culzean Castle</li> <li>7. To walk with a limp.</li> <li>8. To cuddle up to someone/something</li> <li>9. Archbishop of York</li> <li>10. Earl and Countess of Strathearn</li> <li>11. Granite</li> <li>12. Capricorn</li> </ol> |
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Good Luck