

## Note on previous year's activities 2018

### June

- 19 – 'Wood, Fire & Water – Midsummer Magic at Kinneil Estate', event organised by Inner Forth Landscape Initiative
- 24 – Kinneil House Open Day (244 visitors)

### July

- 12 – New office-bearers elected
- 21 – District archaeologist (Falkirk Community Trust) & volunteers begin 2-week archaeological dig at Kinneil
- 22 – Falkirk Local History Society visit to Kinneil
- 30 – Meeting with HES at Blackness Castle
- 30 – In-depth article about Kinneil by Iain Kirkman submitted for publication in Hill Climb programme
- 31 – Three short chapters by Ian Shearer, including a feature on James Watt Cottage, submitted for publication in major 2019 book *The Power to Change the World: James Watt (1736-1819) – A Life in 50 Objects* (pub. History West Midlands)

### August

- 6 – Meeting with HES at Blackness
- 7 – Publication of history of Kinneil Estate by district archaeologist on Friends web site
- 8 – Meeting of James Watt 2019 Steering Group, Glasgow
- 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> letter & invitation sent to HES Chief Executive
- 26 – Kinneil House Open Day (222 visitors, including visit by Stirling Ramblers Club), Bakkavor staff day & cookery demonstration in Kinneil orchard
- 27 – Meeting with district archaeologist, Falkirk Community Trust, Callendar House
- 29 – Scotland's Gardens & Landscape Heritage workshop about Falkirk area conservation strategy & guidance, Callendar House

### September

- 1/2 – Kinneil Hill Climb Revival event
- 4 – Meeting of Kinneil Advisory Group, Bo'ness Library
- 15 – Kinneil Big Roman Day & House Open Day (362 visitors)
- 18 – Meeting with Community Learning & Development Worker, Bo'ness Academy
- 20 – Friends of Kinneil hosting of Big Roman Week talk by district archaeologist at Bo'ness Library on *The Buildings in the Antonine Wall Forts*
- 22 – Forth Environment Link Bio-char Equinox (& pizza) event, Kinneil Walled Garden
- 24 – Meeting with Falkirk Community Trust, Falkirk Stadium
- 24 – Meeting with Falkirk Council officials, Abbotsford House
- 25 – Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI) Scottish Parliament reception, Edinburgh
- 29 – Presentation to Antonine Wall Community Conference, Banknock on *Kinneil: Over 2,000 Years of Scottish History*

## October

- 2 – Autumn newsletter posted out
- 2 – IFLI 'Beacon' installations completed in Kinneil Estate & Foreshore
- 3 – Visit to Kinneil by 35-40 staff from HES Conservation Directorate + tours
- 4 – Visit to Kinneil by 20 from Friends of the National Galleries of Scotland + tour
- 4 – Announcement of nearly £1m of Lottery funding to Antonine Wall
- 8 – Meeting with HES at Blackness
- 10 – Talk for Friends of Kinneil by district archaeologist about his archaeological discoveries at Kinneil
- 23 – Visit to Kinneil by HES Chief Executive & others including Chief Executive of Falkirk Community Trust
- 28 – Kinneil House Hallowe'en Open Day (almost overwhelmed by >450 visitors) + orchard care event
- 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> follow-up letter sent to HES Chief Executive
- 31 – Meeting with Falkirk 'Great Places' Project Manager, Callendar House
- 31 – Scotland's Gardens & Landscape Heritage workshop about Falkirk area conservation strategy & guidance, Callendar House

## November

- 5 – TCV begin two weeks work to repair driveway leading up to Kinneil House
- 7 – Meeting of James Watt 2019 Steering Group, Glasgow
- 7 – Comments submitted to Falkirk Council about nearby wind turbine planning application
- 10 – Attendance at Forth Naturalist & Historian annual conference, Stirling
- 17 – Committee meeting/walk with parks manager, Falkirk Community Trust, in the estate to discuss Hidden Heritage project
- 20 – Falkirk area tourism event, Bo'ness Hippodrome
- 22 – CVS Falkirk AGM, Falkirk
- 27 – Launch of Bo'ness & Blackness Community Action Plan, Bo'ness Town Hall
- 29 – Central Scotland Green Network Trust consultation event about Falkirk Council area woodlands management, Bo'ness Recreation Centre

## December

- 5 – Scotland's Gardens & Landscape Heritage workshop about Falkirk area conservation strategy & guidance, Callendar House
- 7 – Meeting with parks manager, Falkirk Community Trust about LEADER funding application for Hidden Heritage project
- 8 – Friends of Kinneil broom clearance day, Bo'ness Foreshore – not long after new Inner Forth cast iron 'Waymarker' installed there
- 16 – Christmas newsletter & invitations to James Watt supper sent out
- 17 – Application submitted to Tesco Bags for Life fund to support Hidden Heritage project
- 18 – Meeting with HES, Edinburgh, about proposed James Watt event at Kinneil in October 2019
- 19 – Meeting with parks manager, Falkirk Community Trust, & prospective play trail designer at estate

## 2019

### January

- 5 – 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of James Watt's patent with significant media coverage
- 8 – Meeting of Kinneil Advisory Group, Bo'ness Library
- 10 – Meeting/walk with TCV project manager & Falkirk Council officer at estate about tree management
- 18 – Friends of Kinneil 9<sup>th</sup> Annual James Watt Supper, St Mary's RC Church, Bo'ness
- 21 – Kinneil House & James Watt Cottage featured on BBC 'Antiques Road Trip'
- 23 – Meeting of James Watt 2019 Steering Group, Glasgow
- 30 – Meeting with Development Manager for Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway
- 31 – Talk to Falkirk U3A group about story of James Watt & John Roebuck at Kinneil

### February

- 5 – Visit to Kinneil by VisitScotland staff + tour
- 12 – Meeting with HES at Blackness
- 13 – Meeting with Falkirk 'Great Places' Project Manager, Falkirk
- 15 – Publication of feature in Bo'ness Journal by Iain Kirkman about 'Castle Lyon' and Geoff Bailey's recent archaeological investigations & discoveries
- 18 – Publicity about new Inner Forth artistic bird hide installation at Foreshore
- 19 – Talk to Larbert & Stenhousemuir Probus Club about *Kinneil: Over 2,000 Years of Scotland's History*
- 20 – Talk to Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Local History Society about *Kinneil: Over 2,000 Years of Scotland's History*
- 21 – Tour at Kinneil for American visitors claiming descent from Regent Arran
- 24 – Submission of 8-page discussion paper to HES to elaborate on proposals for an alternative model of support by the Friends to HES
- 25 – Committee members' meeting with Stirling University researcher in support of ongoing HES-supported research project *Wrestling with Social Value: An Examination of Methods & Approaches for Assessing Social Value in Heritage Management & Conservation*
- 28 – Tour for private individual with an interest in John Roebuck and the Kinneil story

### March

- 5 – Falkirk Funders' Fayre, Grangemouth
- 18 – Meeting of James Watt 2019 Steering Group, Glasgow
- 19 – News of success by Falkirk Community Trust, supported by Friends of Kinneil, in securing £11k LEADER grant for >£20k Hidden Heritage project
- 22 – News of further success in application to Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme (minimum £1k grant – voting in Bo'ness & Linlithgow stores, May/June)
- 23 – Kinneil House Open Day (121 visitors) in support of Hippodrome Silent Film Festival
- 28 – Telephone appointment with HES to give update/decisions on HES operating model this year
- 29 – News of closure of Falkirk Council nursery operation in Kinneil Walled Garden reported in Bo'ness Journal

### April

- 17 – Feature on James Watt published widely across JPI Media Scottish titles
- 21 – Traditional outdoor Easter Sunday service, Kinneil Kirk

- 25 – Participation in Scottish Transport & Industrial Collections (STICK) James Watt conference, speaking about John Roebuck, at HES Engine Shed, Stirling, where an HES exhibition about Watt also opened
- 27 – Kinneil House Open Day (171 visitors) with added James Watt guided walk, in support of John Muir Week
- 29 – Meeting with Falkirk Community Trust Digital Storyteller in Residence, at Bo'ness Library about Digital Storytelling project

## May

- 1 – Weekly Wednesday research sessions at Callendar House begin (until mid-June) for Hidden Heritage project, attendees including Iain Kirkman & Eileen Jackson
- 2 – Meeting with HES at Blackness, in continued discussion of new operating model
- 7 – Meeting of Kinneil Advisory Group, Bo'ness Library
- 16 – Meeting with CVS Falkirk about Friends' constitution/corporate status
- 19 – Kinneil House Open Day, trialling new booking system
- 21 – Talk at Larbert Library for Local History Week on *The Story of Dr John Roebuck (Carron Co) & James Watt at Kinneil House, Bo'ness*
- 29 – Inner Forth Futures 'Wanderings & Windings' Heritage Trails workshop, Bo'ness Town Hall
- 31 – Meeting of James Watt 2019 Steering Group, Glasgow, followed by '*Watt – A Celebration!*' at Trades Hall with James Watt book launch (see 31 July 2018)
- 31 – Summer newsletter & AGM invitation sent out

## June

- 5 – Falkirk Council workshop to discuss future of Kinneil Walled Garden, Bo'ness Library
- 5 – Evening guided walk at Kinneil Estate for Bo'ness Beavers group
- 6 – James Watt Bicentenary Dinner, University of Glasgow
- 9 – Kinneil House opening (425 visitors) for Scottish Performance Car Show ticket-holders
- 12 – Annual '4 on the Foreshore' community fun run organised by Friends of Kinneil, Bo'ness Chiropractic & Sports Massage, Falkirk Council & others
- 19 – AGM, St Mary's RC Church, Bo'ness.

## Year-round

Monthly committee meetings, sub-group meetings, meetings with other local contacts, extensive correspondence, finance, administration, communications & social media (including free social media support to national James Watt 2019 year).