

## SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Special Interest Group held on Sunday 21 August 2011 in Unit 4, 48 May Street, Bayswater.

- Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all. We were pleased to welcome two new members Sabrina Armstrong and Jeanette Robertson
- Present:** As per attendance sheet
- Apologies:** John and Penhale Martin, Lyn Watt, Janet Revill, Val Williams, Evadne Spickett and Milly Banks
- Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Mary Sanderson-Miller and seconded by Robyn Graham.
- Business Arising:** Thanks were extended to those who helped with National Family History Week – John Wright, Ian Scott, Gwen Shoobridge, Thelma Callow, Anna Kirkpatrick, Diane Dinsdale, and Mary Sanderson-Miller. Our visitors were appreciative of the help they were given.
- Financial Report:** The amount in our account is \$2362.77  
Margaret Watson reminded us our subs for the Forum were due.
- Correspondence:** Thistle Times  
Email – Liana Fitzpatrick, Thanks from WAGS for NFHW  
Some suggestions for purchases
- Newsletter:** Ian appreciates all contributions for the Forum
- Members News:** Ian Scott talked about his recent trip to Scotland and showed us several of his research successes he found while away. Bev Rowbottom told us she had joined the Aberdeen and North East Scotland F H S and on the cover of their Journal was a photo of her great-grandfather. Robyn suggested we check some of our old records because we may find new information on them. Reading local histories was also very helpful.
- General Business:** Afternoon Tea                      November – All bring a small plate  
Topic - Railways
- Suggested Topics for 2012              Crime & Punishment/Policemen  
Emigration/Clearances  
Miners and Mining
- Next year is our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we had a few suggestions for a celebration. Ian Scott offered to help co-ordinate the event. We decided to have the celebrations in May and suggested we change our AGM from May to February for this year only. One suggestion was a picnic and we will invite some of the early members of the Scottish Special Interest Group. Also we could maybe have a display in the Library
- Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on 20 November 2011 in Unit 4 and the topic will be 'Railways'

Following afternoon tea we had a time of "Problem Solving". We talked about poor law records; on line directories and a reminder about the Statistical accounts. Hopefully we helped several people on the road to solving their brick walls.

Thanks to Shirley Guy for helping with afternoon tea.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Robyn Hukin – *Convenor*

Margaret Pike – *Co-Convenor*

