

An Invitation to the Lit

The 108th season of Colinton Parish Church Literary Society begins at 8pm on Wednesday 10 October 2018, in the Loan Hall, Dreghorn Loan. Membership costs only £10 for the full programme of 19 meetings, or £3 per meeting for visitors. New members of all ages are assured of a warm welcome.

2018

- 10 Oct** The Dovecot Singers inaugurate our season with an hour's musical entertainment to illustrate "The Literature of Madrigals".
- 17 Oct** **Dr Alison Rosie** from National Register of Archives for Scotland will relate the scandal of the 18th century when Lady Jane Douglas, aged 50, gave birth to twins in Paris in 1748 in a bid to gain the Douglas Inheritance.
- 24 Oct** **Margaret Lindsell and Joanna Milne**, both members of the Chapel Guild, will talk about our St Margaret, Queen of Scotland, and her Chapel, an exquisite example of Norman Architecture, perched on the Castle rock.
- 31 Oct** **Fiona** Robertson, recently retired physiotherapist, describes her experience working with disabled children in a school in southern India.

- 07 Nov** **Kathy Fraser** will present her successful book about the 19th century struggle of five Fraser brothers to save their father's impoverished estate in the post-Culloden Scottish Highlands.
- 14 Nov** **Kathy Crawford Hay** will regale us with the life of Katherina von Bora and Martin Luther. The radical marriage and revolutionary lifestyle of a runaway nun and a renegade monk impacted on the Western World for over 500 years.
- 21 Nov** **Iain MacDonald** won the inaugural £500 Isobel Lodge Award for New Scottish Writing with his short story "The Gannet". We are sharing this event with the Pentland Book Festival.
- 28 Nov** **Joanne Lamb** talks about her book "Ministers, Merchants and Murder" about events which took place in Dalrymple Crescent in Victorian Times.
- 05 Dec** **Christmas Party** with Buffet Supper and Musical Entertainment.
- 2019**
- 09 Jan** **Andrew MacGregor Marshall**, author and journalist, talks about Anna Leonowens and Margaret Landon and their role in creating the famous musical "The King and I" about the monarchy of Siam.
- 16 Jan** **Sir Paul Grice**, Clerk and Chief Executive to the Scottish Parliament, talks about what we might expect in Scotland and the UK after Brexit in 10 weeks time.

- 23 Jan** **Susanna Kerr** talks about the Giants of the Enlightenment: Adam Smith, David Hume and Allan Ramsay and illustrates with striking works of art of the period.
- 30 Jan** **Ian Gardiner**, describes the life of Thomas Cochrane, from Culross, the real Royal Navy Captain of the Napoleonic Wars. He assisted Peru and Chile gain Independence from Spain.
- 06 Feb** **Maureen Kelly** reveals much about the unusual Amish and Shakers in the USA in a fascinating and amusing way.
- 13 Feb** **Fred and Rita Daniels** continue Golden America with their journey from Yellowstone to Wyoming and Colorado.
- 20 Feb** **Andrew Vaughan** talks on the benefits of forestry, the policy for woodland creation in Scotland and the pressures and dilemma for land use change.
- 27 Feb** **Margaret Williams** will reveal the fruits of her research on Pontius Pilate in this lavishly illustrated talk..
- 06 Mar** **Odile Hughson** will tell us the story of the Paisley pattern and the Cashmere shawl in this talk with a little French twist!
- 13 Mar** **AGM** followed by **Helen Edwards** telling us about Mrs Reid the last owner of Lauriston Castle.

What is the Lit?

Our programme covers both literary topics and those of general interest which should be attractive across the entire community from whom our membership is drawn. Proposals for future talks may be handed in to the Programme Coordinator at any time.

Visitors are always welcome. Tea, coffee and wine are served from 7.30pm. Talks start at **8pm** in the Loan Hall.

Keep up to date with the latest news about the Lit on the Church website www.colinton-parish.com

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