

An Invitation to the Lit

The 109th season of Colinton Parish Church Literary Society begins at 8pm on Wednesday 9 October 2019. Our meetings take place in Dreghorn Loan Hall, and to locate the Hall, just use our postcode - EH13 0DE. 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. Coffee, tea and wine served from 7.30pm.

2019

- 09 Oct** **John** Martin will talk about the History of Beer Brewing in Edinburgh.
- 16 Oct** **Professor Ian Campbell** explains that while no-one would deny *Sunset Song* (1932) its huge following, Grassick Gibbon devised it as part of a trilogy *Cloud Howe* (1933) and *Grey Granite* (1934). He will take a critical look at the trilogy as a whole.
- 23 Oct** **Adèle Paxton** (vocalist) and **Dennis McCorkle** (guitarist) have teamed up as Mackie and Me, to present their own unique sound and original contemporary folk, classical and jazz compositions. Adèle was brought up in Bonaly, lives in Connecticut, and has sung in Europe, USA and Brazil. Dennis is a composer, arranger and producer.
- 30 Oct** **Murray Campbell**, accompanied by his wife **Patsy**, tells us about 'The Scientific History of Musical Instruments', with musical illustrations.
- 06 Nov** **Neil Price** reveals extraordinary facts about his great great grandfather. A 19th century Bristolian, Samuel Newman, sees his life's work in Sebastopol totally destroyed by British forces.

- 13 Nov** **Simon Green** returns to tell us about the late 19th and early 20th century Arts and Crafts Church in Scotland and how the churches in Colinton fit elegantly into this story.
- 20 Nov** **Carolyn Anderson**, co-author of 'Scotland: Defending the Nation', explores the extraordinary legacy of Scottish military mapping. Scotland has had a uniquely important military history over the last five centuries. Conflict with England in the 16th century, Jacobite rebellions in the 18th century, 20th century defences and two world wars, as well as the Cold War, all resulted in significant cartographic activity.
- 27 Nov** **David Dow and the Dovecote Singers** take us on a Christmas musical journey from the 12th to the 20th century.
- 04 Dec** **Christmas Party** with buffet supper and entertainment - **7.30pm start.**

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- 08 Jan** **Neil Price** intrigues us about Charles Day, a Regency entrepreneur, who mass produced boot polish in London. A "ripping good yarn" with connections to Charles Dickens is promised.
- 15 Jan** **Kathy Crawford Hay** tells us about Hugh Miller from Cromarty, a man of genius, stonemason, preacher and poet, admired by Darwin, Dickens, Carlyle and Ruskin.

- 22 Jan** **Jamie Crawford**, the Shetland-born writer and presenter of a major new BBC series, has spent the last decade meticulously researching Scotland's National Collection of Aerial Photography – an archive containing millions of images. He explores how his homeland has changed over the course of decades, centuries and millennia.
- 29 Jan** **Ian Gardiner**, who fought in three wars and helped to orchestrate a fourth, offers some observations on what it is like to go to war and lead men into battle.
- 05 Feb** **Dr David Caldwell** has published a historic guide to Mull and shares with us its fascinating and colourful past.
- 12 Feb** **Odile Hughson** returns to talk about the fascinating history of French Royal Family members who settled in Scotland to marry Scottish Royalty or to escape from danger in France.
- 19 Feb** **Robert Irvine** is working on a new edition of 'Annals of the Parish', an 1821 novel of Scottish country life by John Galt.
- 26 Feb** **Shirley McKay** discusses the pleasures and pitfalls of writing historical crime fiction.
- 04 Mar** **Stuart McKenzie** recalls how a resident of an Edinburgh Care Home asked, "Can these things record music?" which resulted in a best selling album of "lost" St Kildean music. Hear the incredible story of how these haunting tunes were rescued.
- 11 Mar** **AGM** followed by **Bob Lees'** richly illustrated talk 'A Fantasy Tour of Arran', seen through the eyes of Van Gogh and others!

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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