

# ANGUS OR FORFARSHIRE

Friday 1st to Monday 4th May 2020



*Brechin*, by Gershom Cumming, Dundee, 1848

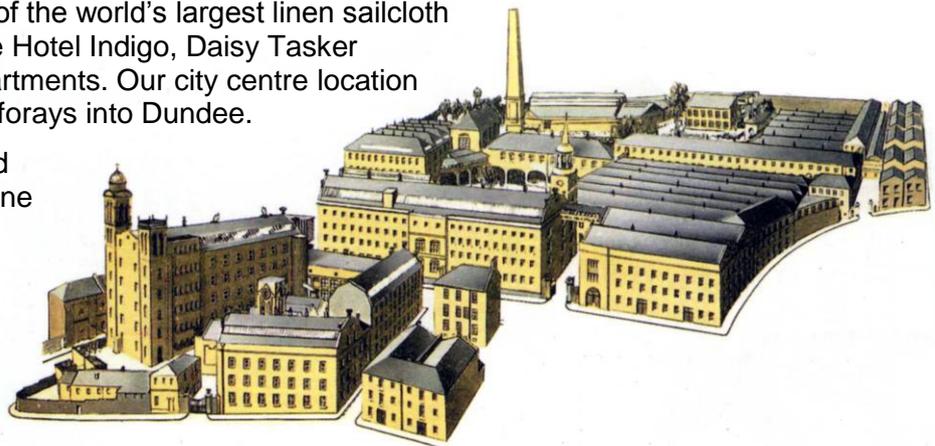
*Everything dear to the tourist, antiquary, and artist is held in ample measure within the compactly comprehensive bounds of Forfarshire. Historic, Romantic, Picturesque, it need fear no rival; and Health attends on Pleasure in its glens, on its mountains, and by its shores. Our survey of a wide field is necessarily brief, but it will introduce the visitor to all that bears the hall-mark of authenticity and importance.* Alan Reid, *Picturesque Forfarshire*, Valentine & Sons, c.1907

*BOUNDED by almost thirty miles of seaboard; guarded by the mighty Grampians, and dignified by the lesser Sidlaws; graced by the fertile valley of Strathmore; studded with busy towns, and a great city; rich in relics of a noble past, and bright with the promise for the future; such, in brief is Angus, the Pictavia of old, and the Forfarshire of recent times....*

The AHSS 2020 Spring Study Tour will be to Angus in north east Scotland, exploring the built heritage of the wider area. We will be based in the adjacent City of Dundee, starting with a coach pick-up at its new railway terminus, adjacent to the award winning new V&A Museum of Design. We will be accommodated in a recently converted Building at Risk, the category A-listed Bell Mill of 1866, designed by Baxter Bros company engineer Peter Carmichael, its bell tower modelled on that of the church of Santa Maria della Salute in Venice, now along with adjacent North Mill (1935), Dens Street Mill (1865) and St Roques Mill (c.1830s) forming the Lower Dens part of the world's largest linen sailcloth and canvas manufacturers. It is now the Hotel Indigo, Daisy Tasker restaurant and adjacent Staybridge Apartments. Our city centre location (NE side) will allow us to make walking forays into Dundee.

The tour will be led by Simon Green and Adam Swan and administered by Caroline McFarlane.

Much has changed since we last visited Angus in 2000 and our itinerary will differ accordingly; however Alan Reid's apt description of c.1907 (above) is as relevant. There are



castles, tower houses, parish churches, religious houses, laird's houses (very many), Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian mansions, farm steadings; and important towns and villages, all steeped in history and character. There are also new buildings of merit. We will head to the glens, mountains and shores.

*Baxter Bros Upper and Lower Dens Works c.1951*, by David M Walker

**Bookings, accessibility, dietary and cancellations**

Notes of interest in the tour are currently invited by return of the form provided below (or supply equivalent information by email) by 30 November 2019. All delegates must be AHSS members.

Places will be allocated by 7 December 2019 and deposits of £100 per place will be due at that date. Deposits can be by post-dated cheques (sent with the form) or direct bank payment.

The society operates a cancellation policy, which will be sent out with deposit acknowledgements. If the tour is over-subscribed, places will be allocated and a waiting list will be created.

The tour will include access to private properties not normally accessible to the public and it will likely involve a degree of walking, including town talks, and access by entrance steps, staircases to upper levels, uneven surfaces and gradients. An appropriate degree of fitness is necessary.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

**Cost**

The cost of the tour is £525 per person, based on two members sharing a standard double room (one bed) and will include visits, accommodation, transportation, meals and refreshments as provided. A limited number of superior twin occupancy rooms (effectively two standard double rooms joined) and single occupancy rooms will be available, both upgrades are subject to a total supplement of £75 per room.

Access to any Historic Scotland / National Trust for Scotland properties with charges that may be included assumes members will have membership or will be willing to pay any entry fees incurred as a supplement. Incidental drinks and refreshments are not included.

To note your interest, please return a completed form, along with a deposit of £100 per person payable to AHSS by 30 November 2019. If you are applying for a single place but prefer to share a room please indicate this (and if possible with whom\*) on the form below.

If booking a double/twin room to share please ensure both names of both parties are given. Please provide the first names that you would like to be included on name badges.

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Name (1): .....

Telephone: ..... (mobile)..... Email: .....

Name (2): .....

Telephone: ..... (mobile)..... Email: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code:.....

Type of room required .....

Any HS/NTS/NT Memberships:

Any dietary requirements:

Information about Dundee parking ..... information about extra hotel nights.....

Cheques should be made payable to: **The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland**

Please return the completed booking form no later than Saturday 30th November 2019 along with your deposit to: AHSS, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE