

Summer events website listing 2024

FORTH & BORDERS

For further information or to book tickets please contact Caroline McFarlane at caroline.mcfarlane@gmail.com or call 0131 332 2715. **All events to be booked in advance; details of starting point to be provided upon booking.**

Tour of Helensburgh and the Hill House Box

Saturday 4th May, 11am

This walking tour of Helensburgh, led by Simon Green, includes a visit to Charles Rennie Mackintosh's architectural masterpiece, The Hill House, where we will be given lunch and an NTS lecture on the famous 'Box'. Afterwards, there is the opportunity to explore the box and the house (entrance for non-NTS-members £14/£11 conc.) before continuing the tour on the way back to the station. Please make your own way to the starting point; the tour will cover approx. 3 miles, some of which is uphill. £25 including lunch

The Changing Face of Princes Street

Tuesday 14th May, 6.30pm

Mathew Reilly from HES leads this walking tour of Edinburgh's most famous street. Part of the First New Town, Princes Street has seen generations of change, from grand Georgian townhouses to Victorian hotels, insurance company headquarters, department stores and post-war Panel buildings. Starting at Binn's and ending at the Balmoral, we will stop to consider some of the street's most altered buildings, including Art Deco designs, façade retentions and Modernist blocks. £8

Forth & Borders 42nd AGM

Tuesday 28th May, 6.30pm

This year's AGM is being held at The Scottish Gallery, which has a proud history dating back to 1842. The firm was established in South St David Street as gilders and frame-makers Aitken Dott, which went on to exhibit and sell work by leading Scottish artists. The company opened a dedicated gallery space, called *The Scottish Gallery*, in 1897, moving it to its current B-listed premises on Dundas Street in 1992. The AGM will be followed by a talk on the gallery, after which there will be an opportunity to view the latest exhibition.

Walking Tour of Dalkeith Palace and Park

Saturday 8th June, 10am

This visit explores in detail the interiors of Dalkeith Palace, the grandest early classical house in Lothian, designed by leading Scottish architect James Smith from 1699. Led by Ian Gow and Charlotte Rostek (Dalkeith Palace Development Lead), the tour includes a lecture showing the interiors as furnished prior to 1914, a visit to St Mary's Episcopal Church (the Palace chapel until

1958), the ice house and other fine estate buildings. Please make your own way to the starting point and bring a packed lunch; cost includes entry and coffee. £28

Forth & Borders Summer Party

Thursday 27th June, 7–9pm

This year's summer party is being held at a private residence in Murrayfield, courtesy of our generous hosts, James and Anna Buxton. Built in 1911 and designed by the architect Ernest Auldjo Jamieson, the venue is an elegant Arts & Crafts house set in a large attractive garden with a newly restored greenhouse and older outbuildings. When booking, please indicate whether you would be willing to help in the provision of food, as this would be much appreciated (expenses to be reimbursed). £15

Industrial Buildings Heritage Walk

Tuesday 9th July, 6pm

Edinburgh's long industrial heritage is often forgotten in favour of its intellectual legacy, but several of the city's purpose-built industrial premises remain hidden in plain sight. Focusing on the area around Easter Road, Hetty Lancaster explores several surviving industrial buildings including a printworks, a cigarette factory, and an iron foundry, placing each within the wider context of Edinburgh's industrial 'East End', which developed after the arrival of the railways in the mid-nineteenth century. The walk takes place entirely outside and will look at building exteriors only. Distance covered will be approximately 2km, terrain mostly flat with occasional steps. £8

Tour of the SSC and Signet Libraries, Parliament Square

Thursday 18th July, 6pm

Neil Mackenzie KC, Keeper of the Advocates Library, begins the tour by welcoming us to the SSC Library, designed by James B Dunn in 1888. James Hamilton, Research Principal of the WS Society, then takes us on a tour of the Signet Library, designed in 1810 by Robert Reid with outstanding Neo-classical interiors – among the finest in the country – by William Stark, and later work by William Henry Playfair and William Burn. Note, there are lots of stairs and no lift. £10

Tour of Edinburgh Futures Institute

Monday 9th September, 6pm

Architect Rab Bennetts of Bennetts Associates and conservation architect Dawson Stelfox from Consarc lead a tour of the recently completed Futures Institute in Lauriston Place, formerly part of the Old Royal Infirmary building by David Bryce (1872–79). By kind permission of the University of Edinburgh. £8

Mavisbank Revisited

Saturday 13 July

Led by James Simpson & Sarah Barron, details to be confirmed

