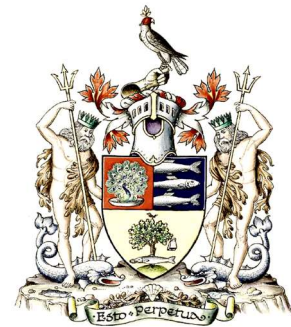




The Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland 350th Anniversary Lectures



Marking the 350th anniversary of the creation in 1672 of the Lyon Register, the Lyon Office has organized the following events to which all are invited, booking on Eventbrite. The talks will take place all over the country, from Shetland to Dumfries.

- Lecture One: GLASGOW, Thursday 3rd March 2022.
Lecture Two: INVERNESS, Tuesday 8th March 2022
Lecture Three: ABERDEEN, Wednesday 16th March 2022
Lecture Four: EDINBURGH, Thursday 28th April 2022
Lecture Five: DUMFRIES, Thursday 12th May 2022
Lecture Six: PERTH, Tuesday 14th June 2022

Details of the above events can be found on the following pages

The events are all LIVE but will be recorded for future transmission.

The events in the second half of the year will be announced at a later date.

Lecture One: GLASGOW

Date: Thursday, 3 March 2022
Venue: Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Civic Reception and Networking



People Make Heraldry: Stories from the Lyon Register

Speaker: Rothesay Herald, Liam Devlin

From its creation by the Scottish Parliament 350 years ago in the reign of Charles II, the Lyon Register has contained all the coats of arms in legal use in Scotland. We might think of it as a national memorial cairn, each individual *stone* telling the history of a person or a place. The opening talk of our year-long series will tell some of these personal stories from the Register, some moving, some shocking, some almost farcical as people have tried over the centuries to mark their humble place in the national memory.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/people-make-heraldry-stories-from-the-lyon-register-tickets-254457056907>



Lecture Two: INVERNESS

Date: Tuesday, 8 March 2022
Venue: The Highland Council, Inverness Town House, High Street, Inverness, IV1 1JJ
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Civic Reception and Networking



Heraldry – How and Why the Flowering?

Speaker: Gordon Casely, Heraldist and Journalist

When it comes to heraldry, Gordon Casely is an unashamed modernist who pushes forward with the present and the future. His lecture examines both the present, and some of the context that's created this present. He reflects on both the rise in grants of arms across 21st-century Scotland, as well as the growing interest in heraldry.

He asks how and why this has occurred, and how arms have been put to use – and raises the dual questions of how we ensure that more people take up heraldry and gain arms. Or gain arms and then take up heraldry.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heraldry-how-and-why-the-flowering-tickets-254466946487>

Lecture Three: ABERDEEN

Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2022
Venue: Council Chamber, Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1LP
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Reception and Networking.



The Pride of Lyons

Speaker: Mark Dennis, Advocate and Armorer

For at least seven hundred years Scotland has always had two kings: our Sovereigns, of course, but also their 'familiar daylie servitour', their Lord Lyon, King of Arms. Still one of the great officers of state, our Lyons have managed royal and national ceremony, acted as ambassadors and headed the heraldic executive through the rise and fall of dynasties, interregna, and both foreign and civil wars. Their stories are as varied and volatile as the times in which they served. My talk may be seen as a genial 'photo safari' of our Lyons across the broad savannah of Scots history from the, relative, safety of the 21st century.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-pride-of-lyons-tickets-254470898307>



Lecture four: EDINBURGH

Date: Thursday, 28 April 2022
Venue: City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Reception and Networking



Scottish Heraldry: An Egalitarian Tradition

Speaker: Linlithgow Pursuivant Extraordinary, Professor Gillian Black

This lecture will draw on a wealth of evidence from Humble Kirkyard to Robert Burns, to make the case that Scottish Heraldry has always been an egalitarian tradition. Not solely the preserve of peers and dignitaries, heraldry in Scotland has been open to - and embraced by - all "vertuous and well-deserving Persones" for over 350 years.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-heraldry-an-egalitarian-tradition-tickets-254479092817>

Lecture five: DUMFRIES

Date: Thursday, 12 May 2022
Venue: Moat Brae and Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust,
National Centre for Children's Literature and Storytelling,
101 George Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EA
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Reception and Networking



Stories in Scotland's Skies

Speaker: March Pursuivant Extraordinary, Philip Tibbetts

Flags have a particularly emotive connection to the people of a community. They may be easy to see as primarily graphical images but, whilst this gives them their potency to communicate, the power of the message being conveyed comes from its symbolism. That potent symbolism in flags may be intentionally incorporated into the design or become associated with it subsequently over time. The stories captured in this symbolism will be explored from the well-known legend of the Saltire, recorded at the start of the Lyon Court's register 350 years ago, right through to development of modern community flags.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stories-in-scotlands-skies-tickets-254480938337>



Lecture six: PERTH

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Venue: Civic Office, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH
Time: 6:30 pm Registration, 7 pm Start,
8 pm to 9 pm Reception and Networking

A Messenger's Mission

Speaker: Unicorn Pursuivant, Roderick Macpherson



Messengers-at-arms are admitted to office by the Lord Lyon, and sign the same roll as all the other officers of arms. As Honorary President of their professional association, Dr. Morrow personally maintains Lyon Court's very close connection with the oldest category of officers always to have been appointed by Lyon. The Society of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers, which is the professional association, was founded on 12th June 1922, and its first President was the eminent messenger in Perth. This is why the Society's current Honorary Secretary, Unicorn Pursuivant, chose to speak in Perth, on this centenary celebration of the founding of the Society of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-messengers-mission-tickets-254486013517>

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