



Friends of Dundee Heritage Trust
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We are trialling issuing our Syllabus by e-mail where possible. This will save much admin time and printing and postage costs but if you need a printed copy please let us know. If you would be happy to move to this method and we don't already have your e-mail details please contact us on dhtfriends@btinternet.com. The Syllabus layout is the same as before so you should be able to print and cut up the page if you wish a smaller version to carry about.

AGM:

Prior to our AGM in May, Dundee Heritage Trust advised us that, after carefully considering our proposals, it was unable to take over the administration of the Friends Organisation for resource reasons. However, an offer of some secretarial support was made for which we are grateful as it will help when an Office-bearer post is unfilled. The circulated Resolutions were therefore not tabled at the AGM but others making minor changes to our Constitution were passed to enable Trust staff to act in a limited way on your Committee's behalf.

The Committee elected were: Alastair Scott (Chair); Iain Sword (Treasurer, Membership Secretary); Ian Brown, Stewart Dodd, Ronnie McNicol and Douglas Watt (ordinary members). Elizabeth Robb has been co-opted as an ordinary member and Phil Turner will continue as Trust representative. While the Secretary's post was not filled we have some new voices in a strong team for arranging member events and looking after the Friends' funds.

Syllabus:

Speakers in our varied syllabus for this session include Susanna Ferrar (grand-daughter of Hartley Ferrar the geologist on Scott's RSS Discovery expedition) with a multi-media talk on Antarctic heritage, Neale Elder - a RailTrack employee and railway enthusiast who has done very interesting research on the life of the second Tay rail bridge, Kenneth Baxter of Dundee University on lost "iconic" Buildings of Dundee and David Mills of Kidderminster Carpet Museum reminding us of the important links between that industry and Dundee's jute trade. The Festive Concert given by High School pupils is now a regular fixture with well-played music to suit all tastes followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Give it a try if you haven't been before. Our outing will be to Summerlee Industrial museum and the David Livingstone Centre at Blantyre. A coach will be organised again this year, for a nominal charge.

We are keen to widen the audiences at our events and members are encouraged to bring along anyone who may be interested. There is no need to advise of guests coming except, of course, for the Burns Night, Dinner and Outing.

After holding our Burns Night and Dinner ticket prices steady for some years, rising costs have forced some increases this time around. These popular events, two of our main fund-raisers, have been considered a bit of a bargain and, to soften the blow, we have reintroduced a lower rate for members. We think that the prices still represent a bargain and hope that our guests will feel that joining our organisation will also be a bargain at the modest subscription of £10.

Verdant Works High Mill Restoration is nearing completion:

A significant 2-year programme of events will take place at Verdant Works to mark this major achievement and milestone for the Trust. A ".pdf"-file of the programme brochure is attached for members who use e-mail and when printed copies are ready they will be widely available.