

EVENTS PRE-2023

- Monday 21 November 2022 - Guided visit of the Necropolis by a volunteer from Friends of the Necropolis
- Monday 17 October - we had a great Zoom presentation from Anabel Marsh on Jessie Stephens, Glasgow working-class suffragette
- Tuesday 20 September at 11.00 – Guided visit of the National Library of Scotland Moving Image archive at Kelvin Hall.

We did not meet in July or August 2022.

- On 27 June we enjoyed a tour of the world that exists under Glasgow Central station
- On May 9th, we had a talk on 'The Empire Exhibition of 1938' from artist, James Winnett.
- On 21 April we visited the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons for a presentation on 'The Spirit of Mearnskirk'.
- On 21 March, some of us enjoyed a walking tour of the planned village of Lochwinnoch led by Duncan MacIntosh of Paisley & District u3a Architecture Group.
- On 7 March, we had a Zoom presentation from a Glasgow Heritage Trust project on 'Ghost Signs of Glasgow', looking at the stories behind old signs and shopfronts in the city.
- On 28 February, we had a Zoom presentation from one of our members, Anna Forrest, on the infamous 'Glasgow Lock Hospital for Unfortunate Females', a piece of work she's been doing for Glasgow Heritage's Gallus Glasgow project.
- On 14 February, we had another presentation from historian and u3a member, Valerie Reilly, this time on the topic of Valentine's Day traditions. The meeting took place in the theatre at the Mask and Puppet Centre in Kelvindale.

- on 6 December 2021 we had a presentation in Cottiers Attic space from Valerie Reilly, a historian and retired museum curator, on the topic, of 'Christmas Customs'. Among other things, she explained why we bring a tree indoors and festoon it with lights, why we pull crackers, and why we eat turkey and plum pudding at Christmas dinner.

- On 25 October we enjoyed a guided tour of House for an Art Lover.

- On 4 October we had a Zoom presentation by member, Dr Dermot Kennedy, on the topic 'Glasgow in isolation: responses to new disease epidemics, 14th to 20th century'

- On 27 September 2021 we had a walking tour guided by member, Doreen Edgar, of the Woodside area of Glasgow.

As a result of pandemic restrictions, in 2020 the group launched a programme of presentations via Zoom. Our thanks to Dr Valerie Wright for supporting us in this and linking us with so many of her academic colleagues.

We had the following talks:

-Dr Valerie Wright of University of Stirling: 'Childhood and Play in Post-War Glasgow'

-Kristin Hay of University of Strathclyde: 'Relationships and Reproductive Health in Post-war Scotland'

-Professor Eleanor Gordon, University of Glasgow: 'Madeline Smith' #Watch a recording: #
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDpxwB5J4IU>

-Peter Mortimer, Glasgow historian and writer: 'Glasgow – a potted history'

-Fiona Skillen. Glasgow School for Business and Society: 'Women in Sport'

-Peter Mortimer, Glasgow historian and writer: 'Glasgow street names'

-Rory Stride, University of Strathclyde: 'Women's textile work in Scotland since 1970, specifically Templetons, Glasgow, Stoddarts, Elderslie, Coats & Clarks, Paisley'

- Professor Lynn Abrams, University of Glasgow: 'Living High in Glasgow: women, washing and verandahs'

-Peter Mortimer, Glasgow historian and writer: 'Entertainment in Glasgow'

-Peter Mortimer, Glasgow historian and writer: 'History of Partick'

-Dr Valerie Wright, University of Stirling: 'Women, the Rent Strike, and Red Clydeside'

-Professor Eleanor Gordon, University of Glasgow: 'The Myth of the Traditional Family'

-Staff from Glasgow Museums: 'Please wash your hands : Health and Hygiene in Post-war Glasgow' .

Some of our members also carried out a bit of research during the pandemic, though were restricted due to reference library closures.

If you are interested in reading what we managed to do, click on the 'Research projects' link on this page.

Prior to the pandemic our programme included visits to:

- New Lanark,

- Glasgow Special Collections,

- Maryhill Burgh Hall,

- the Museums Resource Centre (twice so far as it's such an Aladdin's Cave),
- Kelvin Hall
- the Mitchell Library Glasgow collection,
- Garnethill Synagogue,
- the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow,
- Glasgow Cathedral,
- Paisley Abbey
- Glasgow City Chambers, and
- The People's Palace