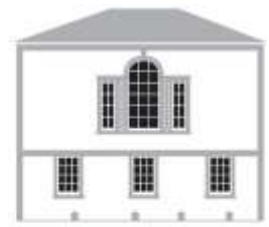


# Footnotes

April 2021 News from the Library of Innerpeffray



The Library of Innerpeffray

## Opening Lines

This year's re-opening will be later than usual on the 2nd June, but what an opening we have in store! **Read to Death** is our tribute to Sir Walter Scott, father of Scottish historical fiction and most borrowed author at Innerpeffray in the 19th century; born 250 years ago this year. Our exhibition looks at the many faces of this iconic writer: his collecting of Border ballads and his poetry; his interest in all things antiquarian, his novels and his influence on the portrayal of Scottish history and the development of Scotland as a tourist destination. And to start us off we have the **Read to Death launch event**, sponsored by FOIL, on Thursday 3rd June at 6pm where we bring together music, verse and discussion with a private view of the exhibition (details and tickets below).



The following week we are delighted to host an **exhibition of paintings, prints and drawings** by Petronella Haldane in the Schoolroom—details overleaf.

Before all this we've a **new film** celebrating winter wildlife and cards to match. You can also join us online for a look at how the **Borrowers' Register at Innerpeffray, and other library records across the country**, can inform family history research - and challenge me to find a book borrowed! **Library Lives** is on Sat 22nd May, details overleaf or on the website.

We're also thrilled to be **planning our first ever Festival of Reading** in September: starting with **Postcards to Reading**—what does reading mean to you? I hope you will take part.

All events can be booked by telephone as well as online, so do feel free to call me.

Best wishes *Lara*

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## Walter Scott 250 at Innerpe-

This year we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott with a special exhibition and launch event, sponsored by the Friends of Innerpeffray Library (FOIL).

The exhibition opens on 2nd June and runs all year showcasing treasures from our collection.



See first editions from the Scottish Collection, Scott's influence on tourism and Scottish history and his popularity with Innerpeffray borrowers. Join us as we delve into the world of historical fact and fiction.

On the evening of Thursday 3rd June we bring together music, poetry and a talk with a private view of the exhibition. To keep the event COVID safe we have limited tickets, and participants will move between the schoolroom, outdoors and the Library in small, spaced groups:

**Scott and Innerpeffray**—talk with Lara Haggerty

**Scott's Border Ballads**—sung by Michelle Grant

**Stories & Poems from Scott**—read by Alan Caig Wilson & friends

All guests receive a special handmade souvenir.

Some of the event will take place outdoors, so do dress appropriately (we have a wet weather option). Tickets for this very special event are available now, priced £10 or £5

# Forthcoming Events—Reading the Past

The history and joy of reading is our theme for the year and we are pleased to say that we will be hosting the return of favourite performers this year as well as showcasing the work of Walter Scott and delving into the story of Borrowers. We're delighted to announce our inaugural Festival of Reading: *Reading the Past* taking place in September.

**Postcards to Reading**—what does reading mean to you? Answers on a postcard! Pass on a postcard to friends, schools and libraries the world over—we'll gather them together and display them in September in our Festival of Reading.

## Saturday 22nd May at 2pm —Library Lives: Books, Borrowers, and Beyond

This free online event will highlight Innerpeffray's unique Borrowers' Register and the stories it can tell about the library's books and borrowers. Hear from a variety of experts about Innerpeffray's place in the amazing history of library use in Scotland, and find out how you can uncover the world behind borrower names and book titles. Organised in conjunction with the project *Books and Borrowing 1750-1830*, based at the Universities of Stirling and Glasgow ([borrowing.stir.ac.uk](http://borrowing.stir.ac.uk)). Free, online—please book to receive joining details for Zoom.

## Thursday 3rd June at 6pm—Walter Scott 250 at Innerpeffray: Opening Event Sponsored by FOIL

Details overleaf. Tickets £10, Patrons and FOIL Members £5

## Petronella Haldane: A Retrospective Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings in the Schoolroom

(See below) Thursday 10th June—Sunday 13th June 10am—5pm (Thu-Sat) 2pm—5pm (Sun)

## Friday 9th July at 7pm—The Merry Wives of Windsor

*The Three Inch Fools* take to the road with five actors, all manner of musical instruments and an inventive take on Shakespeare's raucous comedy. The Fools are dusting off their instruments and stepping back into the great outdoors, with a riotous new production of *The Merry Wives Of Windsor*. Prepare for an evening of mischief and hilarity, as The Fools present this rip-roaring Shakespearean comedy at Innerpeffray.

Bring your own picnic for this outdoor theatre summer treat. A pop-up bar will offer wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee for sale at the event. Tickets priced £16 for adults and £10 for under 18s are available now.

## Thu 29th July 10am—3pm Putting the Past on the Page - Finding your Muse at Innerpeffray.

Where do writers go to get inspiration? History is a story: his - or her - story. So, where better to look for literary inspiration than Innerpeffray, a place steeped in history and historical source material? This workshop from Steph Haxton, historian and author, will explore ideas sparked by *Time*. Write poetry or prose, to share or just for your own pleasure, this workshop aims to blow the cobwebs off your quills and stir your stylus! You might even write a book! No experience necessary for this word-play workshop. Included: all materials, tea/coffee, free tour of library. Please bring your own lunch. Tickets: £30

## Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Stall at Drummond Gardens Charity Open Day

FOIL will host a Cake & Candy stall at the Open Day and will also have Library merchandise for sale. Support in the form of home-baking is most appreciated, as well as attendance on the day. The FOIL committee can be contacted by email: [friends@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](mailto:friends@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August: FOIL Outdoor Picnic at Innerpeffray

A wandering speaker will entertain and inform! There will also be a mystery trip to a local venue in September. Full details of these events will follow, do check the website for updates.

## 9th—11th September - Reading the Past SAVE the DATES for our Festival of Reading

*More about the Festival on page 3.*

Details and booking for all events on our website [www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/whats-on/) or call 01764 652819

*An update on FOIL's monthly talks and plans for events is on the back page.*

# Petronella Haldane—A retrospective of Paintings and Drawings

The Library is delighted to host this exhibition in the Schoolroom from 10th–13 June.

## Artist Statement

Petronella had a somewhat nomadic childhood, with an early formative period in Italy sparking a life-long interest in the arts.

She studied at City and Guilds of London Art School before marrying and moving to Scotland where she has studied at Leith School of Art.

Petronella has found a permanent source of inspiration at the family home, Gleneagles, giving to her paintings a strong sense of place. **It's the little intimacies of the great outdoors that she best illustrates in her paintings.**

She is constantly experimenting.

Whether it's painting, expanding the wild garden which she started about 25 years ago from a grazing field at her back door or crafting a life-sized nativity scene from waste materials, **Petronella's irrepressible creativity doesn't rely on the resources that artists often require - on the contrary it thrives in their scarcity.**

She paints in oil and mixed media, but seminal drawing always plays a part in her creative process.

This retrospective celebrates her artistic career and love for Innerpeffray.



Visit the exhibition Thu 10th–Sat 12th June, 10am–5pm and Sun 13th June 2pm–5pm

*30% of sales will be donated to the Library.*

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## Reading the Past: A Festival of Reading

**Reading: what does it mean to you? Is it a solitary escapism, your nose between real or 'e-book' pages? Do you enjoy listening to a good book spoken aloud, audio-books that are traditional storytelling for the twenty-first century?**

The Library of Innerpeffray has been championing reading since 1680 and in September will be celebrating words in the library's inaugural **Festival of Reading**.

**Continuing the 2021 theme of Sir Walter Scott, known as the 'father of historical fiction', this year's event** explores the past on the page, with an exhibition and workshops, talks, family activities and library tours.

For two days the historic site by the river will be alive with words in every format, from comic-strip to literary classics, poetry, prose and a pop-up café!

**The library's founder, Lord Madertie, wanted his books to be 'for the benefit of all' so if you revel in tall tales, relish a good yarn, or just wonder where a writer's words come from, then on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the Innerpeffray Festival of Reading will be the place to be.**

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## Thank you to our Patrons

Hugh Arbuthnott, Patricia Barnes, Steven Bevan, Charles O Boyer, Martin Boyle, Arabella Connell, Lisa Dickson, Jill Dye, Isobel Falconer, Gillean Ford, Angus Gordon, Kenneth Graham, Anne Gray, Bill Gray, Martin Haldane, Steph Haxton, Richard Holmes, Janet Law, Edwina Lugg, Ursula Martin, Ann McIntosh, Peter Parke, Liz Pamplin, Donald Piper, Lucy Poett, Suzetta Rankin, Tony Ross, Jean Ann Scott Miller, Alistair Scouller, Liam Sims, Robert Skilleter, Joan Taylor, Norman Taylor, Kirsty Thomson, Chris Torlach, Anne Wade, John D Watson, John Wilson, and those who wish to remain anonymous. To become a Patron or join FOIL, please contact us.

Dear Friends

## An Update from FOIL

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 should have seen the start of this year's FOIL programme of events and talks. Whilst it is good that restrictions are easing, the format of FOIL talks in the Schoolroom is not in line with current guidance. Although we are very disappointed not to be able to present our programme of talks this year, working alongside Lara and the Governors we will offer alternative outdoor events.

**The Library's opening event - Walter Scott at Innerpeffray - Read to Death** on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.00pm is sponsored by FOIL and we hope you will support it. Tickets cost £10.00 but FOIL members pay the usual £5.00. FOIL will also provide practical support at the performance of **The Merry Wives of Windsor** given by **Three Inch Fools** on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. Tickets for both these events are available through the Library - see the website 'What's on' for full details.

FOIL has again been invited to provide the Cake & Candy stall at Drummond Gardens Charity Open Day on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. This will be our first fund-raising event and we would of course be grateful for support in the form of home-baking. The FOIL committee can be contacted by email:

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Further plans include an outdoor picnic at Innerpeffray on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. A wandering speaker will entertain and inform! There will also be a mystery trip to a local venue in September. Full details of these events will follow.

The support given to the Library in 2020 by FOIL members was remarkable and already many of you have renewed membership for 2021. This means that along with our restricted fund raising events we hope to be able to once again make a financial contribution to the Governors for the enhancement and work of the Library. Thank you all for your continuing support. The FOIL committee will ensure that your financial contributions will be used to best purpose at Innerpeffray.

## Winter at Innerpeffray



Red Squirrel at Innerpeffray:

Photo by Danny Strong

Over the winter months we were delighted to work with award-winning filmmakers Mousehole Films, based in St Fillans, to produce two short pieces. One of these is part of a series that looks at careers in heritage and the countryside, and will be available shortly. The other shows the wonderland that is a visit to Innerpeffray in winter and you can watch it now on our website.

The Walk to Innerpeffray, a poem by CM Strong is the narration for this atmospheric piece. As we wave goodbye to the colder months we hope you enjoy watching.

One of the great strengths of Mousehole Films' work is the wildlife photography and we are delighted to offer new greeting cards using photographs taken at Innerpeffray, look out for the red squirrel (pictured) and other friends, available to order now from our website and by telephone/ mail order.

