

HALKIRK HERITAGE & VINTAGE MOTOR SOCIETY

Newsletter



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<p>The Society's second Summer exhibition during July and August 2007, was very successful. Around 300 people enjoyed a wide variety of exhibits, with John Bremner's two vintage motorbikes being the stars of the show. Other notable exhibits included the very unusual cup donated by Sir Tollemache Sinclair to the Halkirk Rifle Volunteers in 1883 and the display of photos of the Braehour Power Station.</p> <p>Special thanks to JGC Engineering & Technical Services Ltd, in particular Robbie Campbell & Charlie Swanson, who designed and supplied the very modern aluminium stand for the Braehour photos, all for free. The motorbikes and cup generated lots of publicity in the local press and this resulted in many visitors from outwith the Parish.</p>	<p>The most popular opening was Sunday afternoon with 79 attending. Next was Thursday afternoon (61), followed by Tuesday afternoon (59) and lastly Wednesday evening (45).</p> <p>Not many children attended this year and this was mostly due to the fact that the School pupils were too busy during the last week of the School term and the first week of the new term. Unfortunately the exhibition closed prior to the second week of the term.</p> <p>The Committee has agreed to extend next year's exhibition to the end of August, to ensure pupils get a chance to visit.</p> <p>A notable change from last year was the fact that many clubs took the opportunity to have a special afternoon trip to Halkirk to visit the exhibition.</p>	<p>The new Halkirk postcards have proved to be very popular with all the Halkirk shops and hotels reporting brisk sales. The extra large cards are on sale at 75p each and are believed to be the first local cards in over 30 years. The Society's coasters have also been selling well at £2 each.</p> <p>The Caithness Heritage Fair is being held in the Wick Assembly Rooms on Saturday and Sunday the 10th & 11th of November 2007. The Society will have a display at this fair, with the intention of promoting Halkirk's heritage and vintage motors to a wider audience.</p> <p>The Society's Winter talks proved to be very popular and this feature will continue over the coming Winter months. Alan Lannon has kindly agreed to give a talk on researching your family tree.</p>
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<p>This will be held in the Ross Institute on Monday 12th November 2007 at 7.30pm. All members of the Society are welcome to attend. The talk will be followed by a discussion on ideas for the 2008 Summer exhibition and gives members an opportunity to have an input in how our heritage should be presented.</p> <p>Sandy Gunn will hold a talk on Monday 21st January 2008 at 7.30pm. He will talk about Halkirk man Robert MacKay aka “The Caithness Violinist” and author of the famous Caithness dialect poem ‘E Midgie.</p>	<p>Sandy will also talk about the War Memorial, which is apparently very unique.</p> <p>The Committee is intending to have new displays covering;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gala Week • The Wars • Sports Clubs • Engines <p>The Committee is also investigating potential heritage projects and some ideas are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving the bridge’s stone carvings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erecting fencing around St Thomas’ chapel to stop animals wandering into it. • Saving the last two public water pumps that are on Bridge Street. <p>If members have any other ideas, they can be aired at the discussion on 12th November or contact Billy Manson on;</p> <p>01847 831459</p>
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A view of the 2007 Exhibition

