

# **A List of Contents for Cromar History Group's *Newsletters and Echoes From Cromar's Past***

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The Changing Scenes Of Life	Joyce Marchant researches the lives of two of her great-grandparents in 19 <sup>th</sup> C Aberdeen	Joyce Marchant	6	<b>12262</b>
Cattanach Of Bellastraid	One of John Grant Michie's <i>Deeside Tales</i> (1872) about a murder at Milton of Logie	John Grant Michie	10	<b>12263</b>
Life in The Crofts of Drummy	Taken from conversations with Peter Lamont	Jan Healey	12	<b>12265</b>
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Sustainable Living – in Glengairn in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	Extracts from <i>The Dee From The Far Cairngorms</i> by Ian Murray	Ian Murray	16	<b>12266</b>
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Those Were The Days	A Tarland company's staff photo and the story behind it	Editor	21	<b>12267</b>
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George Gordon, the Tarland Blacksmith	The poignant story behind a family photo	Graham Bruce	30	<b>12270</b>
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Galton Hairst in the 1890s	A photo submitted by Gordon Anderson of Edinburgh	Gordon Anderson	36	<b>12271</b>
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Archaeological Notes for Migvie Castle	Some information about the Castle mentioned in the above article as it is today	Canmore (RCAHMS)	40	<b>12272</b>
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Doddie Milne's Day O' The Green	A humorous poem by Jimmy Bremner about his mother-in-law's washing habits	Jimmy Bremner	44	<b>12274</b>

Tarland School Choir in 1950 ..... and 2000	Are you in either of the photos?	Archive	46	<b>Not scanned</b>
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An Orphan Boy	Joyce Marchant researches the childhood of one of her grandfathers	Joyce Marchant	7	<b>12277</b>
Dorothy Reid (1928 – 2012)	A tribute to a greatly missed and valued member of our local community	Editor	10	<b>12278</b>
The 'Cleansing' Of Cromar And Its Aftermath	A horrifying but largely forgotten episode in our local history	Jim Forbes	12	<b>12279</b>
Willie	The detailed tragic story in Doric of one local WW1 volunteer	Sheena Blackhall	16	<b>12280</b>
William Robert Broomfield (1826 - 1828)	Some new details about the life of this local hymn tune composer	Joyce Marchant	21	<b>12281</b>
The MacRobert Story	Marion Miller's digest of her soon-to-be-completed book about an extraordinary family	Marion Miller	22	<b>12282</b>
A Postman's Record	Extract from the Deeside Field - no little red van for this postie	Deeside Field	27	<b>12282</b>
Scottish Mink Initiative	Rita Barnes hangs up her waders and describes the background to this project	Rita Barnes	28	<b>Not scanned</b>
A Loon Fae The Toon	John Anderson recalls his childhood holidays at Loch-head with remarkable clarity	John Anderson	29	<b>12283</b>
A classic old photo of the Square	Showing coal being brought to the village by steam wagon	Archive	33	<b>12283</b>
CHG Outing to Crawton, Summer 2012	An account of a very enjoyable outing to this special place.	Deirdre Rattray	34	<b>12284</b>
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A Talented Tarland Loon	Did you know of this Tarland connection? Alan Lamont sets the record straight	Alan Lamont	37	<b>12285</b>
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The Crofts of Drummy	Jan Healey teases out the complicated history of this all-but-vanished local community	Jan Healey	41	<b>12287</b>
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The Auld Road To Drummie	Jan Healey uncovers another Nellie Mellis poem	Nellie Mellis	51	<b>12288</b>

Trees - The Unsung Heroes of the Battle of Trafalgar	Sheila Ross follows up an intriguing reference on a wayside information plaque	Sheila Ross	52	<b>12289</b>
Cromar History Group Outing to Auchtavan	A report on another successful outing	Anne Robson	55	<b>12290</b>
A Happy Carrier	Two light-hearted tales about a worthie from the Mearns who liked his dram	James Inglis	56	<b>12291</b>
Guile and the Gauger	Whisky making in the Logie Coldstone area from <i>Tales &amp; Memories of Cromar and Canada</i>	Donald Robert Farquharson	57	<b>12292</b>
Making Whisky Was Very Hard Work!	How to make whisky in the traditional way - from <i>Catholic Glengairn in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century</i>	Rev. Mark Dilworth	58	<b>12293</b>
A New Look At Some Old Stones	Peter Craig looks at some stones worked by folk who lived here a long time ago	Peter Craig	60	<b>12294</b>
Farm Bothies – If Only Those Walls Could Talk!	Sandra McRoberts indulges her fascination with old local bothies and their history	Sandra McRoberts	63	<b>12295</b>
Crans Of Tarland	Greg Cran from Canada is looking for more information for his family tree	Greg Cran	67	<b>12296</b>
Three Saints Associated With Logie Coldstone and Tarland	The first of two articles about saints with local connections	Hugh Cochran	69	<b>12297</b>
Some Local Landscape Puzzles	Peter Craig indulges <u>his</u> fascination for making up stories about rocks and landscapes	Peter Craig	71	<b>12298</b>
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A Tarland Childhood	Jean Still recalls growing up in Tarland in the late 30s and 40s.	Jean Still	4	<b>12300</b>
The Cromar Chronicle, 1959–1967	Jim Forbes uncovers some gems from his father's weekly column in the Inverurie Advertiser.	Jim Forbes	9	<b>12301</b>
The Cromar Chronicle, 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 1959	A complete column by Jim's father from May 1959.	James Forbes	12	<b>12302</b>
Re-creating A Piece Of Tarland's Cultural History	Jan Healey reveals the story behind the recent production of <i>The Doctor's Honeymoon</i> .	Jan Healey	13	<b>12203</b>

Robert Burns, Exciseman And Poet	Sheila Ross does some research and learns more about the man behind the myths.	Sheila Ross	16	12204
The Stone Circle At Blackhills/Hillhead	Nigel Healey tells us about this September's surprising excavation.	Nigel Healey	21	12205
The Rural Round	A postbus trip in 1976 in the company of Charlie Ross and Pearl Murray of the <i>Press &amp; Journal</i> .	Pearl Murray	24	12306
This Is My Country - O, so tidy in Tarland	Another 1970s <i>Press and Journal</i> feature about Tarland; this time by Cuthbert Graham.	Cuthbert Graham	28	12307
A Classic Family Photo	Of the Gibbon Family of Barglass	Archive	29	12307
A Trip To Scalan, Our Lady Chapel And Drumin Castle	Les Ellis describes a very interesting CHG outing to Glenlivet and explores its Catholic past.	Les Ellis	30	12308
A Grandmother's Legacy	Some oral tradition from Sheena Blackhall with songs her granny sang out in the parks.	Sheena Blackhall	34	12309
Tarland Born And Bred?	Nigel Healey reflects on what it is to be an 'incomer' - and how common they were in the past.	Nigel Healey	35	12310
Captured In The Blink Of A Shutter	It may be just a postcard, but Peter Craig explores the amazing detail captured in it.	Peter Craig	36	12311
He Would Not Stay Away From Tarland	One of the many court cases that gave Tarland the reputation of being a rough place.	Archive	38	12311
A Fairmer's Loon Fae The Toon	John Anderson continues his recollections of his boyhood summer holidays, this time at Davan.	John Anderson	38	12312
Memories Of Tarland	Very different holiday memories; Charles Sim remembers visiting Cuttieshillock in the 1930s.	Charles Sim	44	12313
Somethin' Frae Sunty	Mildred Coutts wrote this Doric piece thirty years ago, but it's final thought still resonates today.	Mildred Coutts	46	12314
More Local Pictish Stones And Saints With Local Associations	Hugh Cochran concludes his review of local Early Christian sites.	Hugh Cochran	47	12315
The "Curiosity Shops" Of Aboyne	A most surprising description from 1888 of three local antique collections and their owners.	Peter Grant	50	12316
A Tarland Family And A Kirk Elder Remembered	Ian Farquarson explores his Tarland family connections and puzzles over one unexpected finding.	Ian Farquarson	53	12317

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Hairy Hears Fae Hame	One of Charles Murray's poems written in Doric during the fervour of World War One.	Charles Murray	5	<b>12319</b>
Fool's Gold	One of Sheena Middleton's poems written during a recent visit to WW1 battlefields in Belgium.	Sheena Blackhall	8	<b>12320</b>
The Cromar War Memorial Book	Every page of Alexander Morren's 1919 Cromar War Memorial Book reproduced in full.	Alexander Morren	10	<b>12321</b>
The Cromar War Memorial Book 1	A reprint of Joyce Marchant's 1999 article exploring some of the background to Morren's book.	Joyce Marchant	40	<b>12322</b>
The Red Cross Organisation	Joyce's researches the role of the local Red Cross branch in looking after wounded soldiers.	Joyce Marchant	41	<b>12323</b>
The Cromar War Memorial Book 2	Joyce's 2nd article inspired by Morren's book, this time examining the work of local VAD nurses.	Joyce Marchant	44	<b>12324</b>
The Lighter Side Of War - 1	The first of four photos/cartoons; the others are on pages 50, 85 and 102.	Online sources	47	<b>12324, 12325, 12338, 12344</b>
Your Country Needs You!	Nigel Healey describes the workings of the local WW1 Military Exemption Tribunals.	Nigel Healey	48	<b>12325</b>
Alexander C Sim	Charles Sim tells the story of his father's World War One service.	Charles Sim	51	<b>12326</b>
Wilson Bruce	Charles turns his attention to the war service of his Uncle Wilson, a Gordon Highlander piper.	Charles Sim	53	<b>12327</b>
Born in 1914	Jan Healey relates some of her family history that relates to the Great War.	Jan Healey	54	<b>12328</b>
Alexander McRobert of Douneside in the Great War	Marion Miller shares some of her researches into the life of Sir Alexander McRobert.	Marion Miller	57	<b>12329</b>
The Horse In World War One	Sheila Ross pursues her personal interest in this topic and discovers an interesting book.	Sheila Ross	60	<b>12330</b>
Captain The Warhorse	Sheila investigates the story behind one local horse that returned from the Great War.	Sheila Ross	65	<b>12331</b>

Written Memories Of The Last Months Of The 1914 1918 World War	Rita Barnes discovers some of her mother's mementos of the time of the Great War.	Rita Barnes	66	<b>12332</b>
Willie	Sheena Blackhall's powerful story in Doric about one of her father's cousins who died at Arras.	Sheena Blackhall	67	<b>12333</b>
The Survivor	Sheena's poem about Willie's brother who survived, but was scarred for life by the conflict.	Sheena Blackhall	72	<b>12334</b>
A Vanished Local Industry	A reprint of Peter Craig's review of online information about the diatomite workings at Ordie.	Peter Craig	73	<b>12335</b>
The Diatomite Workings At Ordie	A reprint of Bill Gillanders' report on further documentation about local diatomite deposits.	Bill Gillanders	78	<b>12336</b>
Somethin' Frae Sunty - 2	A photo from Mildred Coutts of Babbie who featured in her article in <i>Echoes</i> 19.	Mildred Coutts	78	<b>12336</b>
The Wearisome Ends O' The Earth	A reprint of Joyce Marchant's quest to learn more about her father's war service.	Joyce Marchant	79	<b>12337</b>
A Daughter's Tale	Joyce turns her attention to her mother's career as a VAD nurse and reflects on her life.	Joyce Marchant	83	<b>12338</b>
Their Memory Lingers On	A reprint of Dorothy Reid's researches into 200 years of military service by local soldiers.	Dorothy Reid	86	<b>12339</b>
1926 Postcard of Tarland War Memorial	A striking photograph of our war memorial seven years after it was erected.	Archive	89	<b>12339</b>
Robert Morrison - King of the Granite Carvers	A reprint of Douglas Kynoch's <i>Leopard</i> article about the Tarland memorial's granite carver.	Douglas Kynoch	90	<b>12340</b>
Hugh Gunn	A reprint of a description of a museum display dedicated to this former Tarland headteacher.	Hugh Gunn	93	<b>12341</b>
Alec and Annie Sievwright	A reprint of part of Sheila Ross's account of the inspiring lives of these two Tarland folk.	Sheila Ross	94	<b>12342</b>
Some Observations On Previous Articles	A reprint of part of Ken Glennie's account of his family history as it relates to World War One.	Ken Glennie	98	<b>12343</b>
Some Personal Reflections	Your editor reflects on his responses to the many emotions stirred up by this year's commemorations.	Peter Craig	101	<b>12344</b>
At the Graves (1914-1918)	A final poem from Sheena written during a visit to a battlefield cemetery.	Sheena Blackhall	102	<b>12344</b>

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Cromar History Group Update	A summary of this year's History Group activities.	Editor	3	<b>12345</b>
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'In Cot And Castle'	The story of Dr Andrew Robertson, a prominent 19 <sup>th</sup> century local citizen.	Jim Forbes	5	<b>12346</b>
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