

# The Scottish Pottery Society

## Glasgow Branch Newsletter

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### 1. Last meeting, Monday, 10 February 2014, Douglas Bowie and Robin Jones: Scottish Teapots

The largest turnout of members this season so far produced a very large display of teapots. In fact there were sixty-five teapots to talk about. There was one Britannia teapot with the transfer pattern name of RURAL. This is a new pattern for our pattern list but unfortunately no one took a photograph of the back stamp. Could the owner of the Rural teapot please contact me so that we can discuss how we can photograph the mark?

There was one surprising absence: no one brought in one of the Caledonian Pottery teapots that were nicknamed 'Ruglen broons' and made in large quantities.

Another surprise was five Nautilus teapots with the backstamp of 'Nautilus Porcelain Co'.



Rural





Douglas Bowie

Robin Jones

Photograph Courtesy of Kate Downie



Nautilus teapot



Attributed to early Cumnock (Barry Hayton)

## 2. Next meeting, Monday, 10 March. Robert Jardine: A New Look at Bo'ness Pottery

ROBERT returns with an update to his previous scholarly and interesting talk on the Bo'ness Pottery.

Please bring along any pieces you may have. Backstamp marks are: J.J., J.J.& Co, J.Jamieson & Co, J.M. & Co, J.Marshall & Co, B.P.Co, C.W.McNay & Sons (printed), C.W.McNay & Sons (printed), Industrial pottery, Bo'ness (printed), Bo'ness Industrial Pottery & Manufacturing Society (printed), West Lothian Pottery Coy. Ltd (printed).

## 3. BBC Flog It

BBC Flog It is coming to Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, on Thursday 20 March, 2014, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm.

Admission is free and there is a maximum of three items for valuation per person. The resident host is as usual Paul Martin and the experts are Adam Partridge, James Lewis and Catherine Southon.

## 4. Questionnaire

YOUR Council has decided that the SPS needs to update its image by creating a modern website and modernising its aims. There has been great activity in formulating ideas and a questionnaire has been drawn up to assess the strength of our membership. The storage of archives is one of the problem items.

I attach this formidable questionnaire to this newsletter for you to fill in now.

Please return your answers by email, or post, to Jean MacKenzie (jean.mackenzie2@btinternet.com) & 35 Glencairn Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow, G41 4QW, or hand it in at our next meeting.

## 5. Thirty years anniversary plate

SOME of you older members will remember this 30 years anniversary plate we commissioned from Thistle Pottery, Crieff.

Well, I unearthed three of these plates recently, still in their original wrappings. They are for sale at £2.00 each. The size is odd – 8” (200 mm) dia, which is in between a dinner plate and tea plate. It is first come first served. You will be able to pick them up at our next meeting or I can post them out. Cost of post and packing to be determined later.

We have since celebrated our 40th anniversary without commissioning anything to mark the occasion.



## 6. Some Forthcoming Fairs March /April 2014)

Sunday	9 March/6 April	Meadowbank Stadium, London Road, Edinburgh
Saturday	8 March/5 April	Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling
Sunday	23 March/20 April	Bellahouston Leisure Centre, Glasgow
Saturday	29 March/26 April	The Citadel Leisure Centre, Ayr Baths, South Beach Road, Ayr
Sunday	15 March/12 April	Loch Leven Community Campus, the Muirs, Kinross KY13 8FQ
Sunday	30 March/27 April	The Carnegie Conference Centre, Halbeath Rd, behind Holiday Inn, Dunfermline
Sat/Sun	14/15/16 March	Scone Palace, Perth
Sat/Sun	1/2 March	Ingliston, Edinburgh

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