

Members' Night

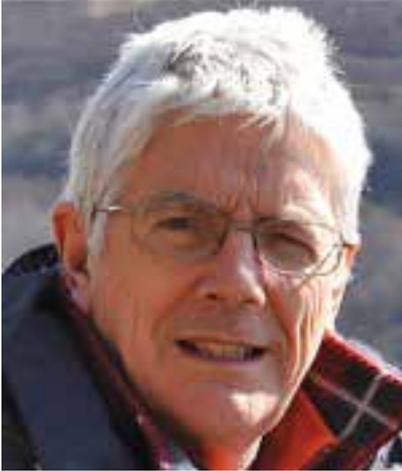
7.30 p.m 16th March, 2016

Main Lecture Theatre, (3.25)

John Anderson Building, University of Strathclyde



John Barker - Through the Webbit Hole: a guide to royalphil.org



John is convenor of the Society's website group. He will give a whistle-stop tour of the site and its contents and demonstrate, for those who haven't already looked, how to find out what subjects were being discussed at the Society back in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Mary Fraser - Controversies over the Great War Separation Allowance: the views of the Police



At the outset of the Great War a war separation allowance was given to wives of soldiers and sailors as the right of the husband. The moral panics of the day were built into the system where women received State money with no control by their husbands on how it was spent, while the men were away fighting. These moral panics allowed the separation allowance to be withdrawn if a woman was convicted of drunkenness, immorality or severe neglect of her children. In 1914, at the behest of the military, the Home Office issued a memorandum to Chief Constables to help in withholding the allowance, which was widely interpreted as police surveillance of wives and caused a national uproar.

Maria Fyfe - Mary Barbour: why is her name coming to light only now?



Mary Barbour was a Scottish political activist, local councillor and magistrate. She was closely associated with the Red Clydeside movement in the early 20th century and especially for her role in bringing together "Mrs Barbour's Army", whose successful rent strikes gained a change in the law. As a councillor she pioneered many social improvements.

In 2013 a campaign was started by the Remember Mary Barbour Association (RMBA) to commemorate her achievements with a statue to be placed at Govan Cross. The proposal has all-party support from the Scottish Parliament and Glasgow and Renfrewshire District Councils.