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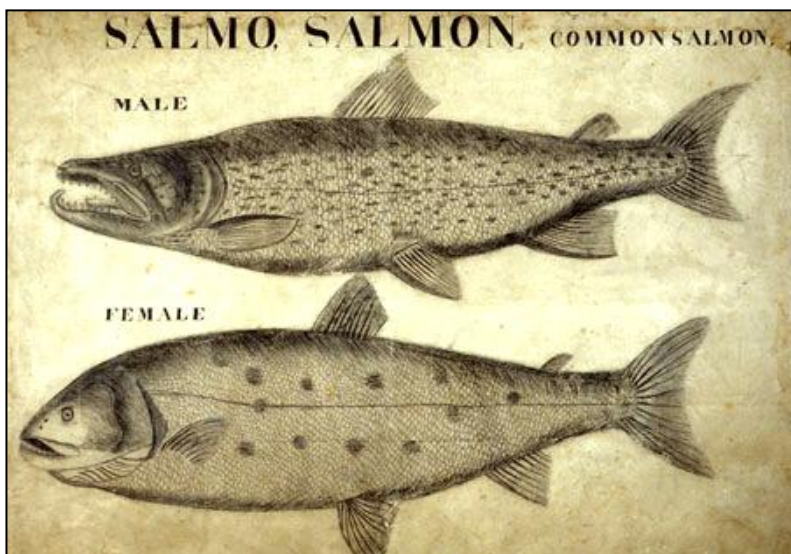
Summer 2013

The Year of Natural Scotland

It's been a cold start to 2013, however we can now turn our thoughts to embracing stunning, natural beauty and allow ourselves to enjoy landscape, wildlife and heritage throughout Scotland.

You can find plenty of material on Scran relating to the themes promoted by Natural Scotland, including local produce, sustainability, built heritage, flora & fauna and the great outdoors. So let's explore!

<http://www.scran.ac.uk/hierarchy/studyingScotland/3/2>



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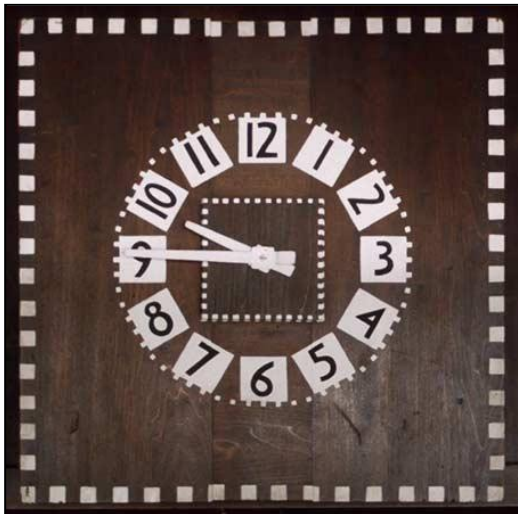
Skills for the Future

Skills for the Future, is an initiative offering training in different heritage settings throughout the UK. As part of SftF'13, four bright young things have just spent a month delving into the depths of Scran finding out more about our online resources.

The skills they have acquired should support their future adventures with The National Trust for Scotland, Historic Scotland and so forth. You can find out more about their work here;

<http://skills.rcahms.gov.uk/2013/04/03/the-world-of->

Glasgow School of Art Clocks



After a year of cleaning and repair, 19 clocks designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh have been reinstated in full working order at GSA. This innovative system is led by a master clock, so all move together for precision and accuracy. For more about Mackintosh's well loved design

<http://www.scran.ac.uk/database/results.php?searchdb=scran&scache=2t8nc2siu6&offset=6>

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Wall Clock © Glasgow School of Art

Scran Out & About

Yes, the Scran officers have been on the road again. We enjoyed our first ever visit to The Association for Science Education Annual Conference in March. It was great to meet our scientific users face to face and talk shop.

We made a long overdue visit to Angus, as well as Aberdeenshire, Dundee, East Lothian, Edinburgh, Falkirk and the Highlands to deliver training programmes to teachers, and learners.

In colleges and universities we have spoken to staff and students for the first time at the University of Stirling and returned to Chester, Glasgow, Strathclyde and the University of the Arts, London. Online we were able to connect with the University of the Highlands & Islands

In the lifelong learning sector, Scran has been busy with sessions across a number of Angus E.Loathian & Falkirk Libraries. We also spoke to Beeslack Camera Club, E.Dunbartonshire Local History Week, Scottish Canals and finally exhibited at the Scottish Local History Forum Fair, in Fife.

Thinking about World War One, we addressed the Association of Scottish Military Museums at a recent meeting too.

If you are interested in organising a Scran CPD session or other event then please get in touch. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

New contributions

We've received new material from the farthest corners of Europe; Poland, & Turkey.

Wieliczka Salt Mine, Poland

The salt mine at Wieliczka has been in existence since medieval times and was a going concern until 2007, when it became uneconomic. The mine consists of over 300 separate chambers connected by over 300 km of tunnels. Today the mine is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is visited by 1.2 million people annually.

<http://www.scran.ac.uk/database/record.php?usi=005-000-005-831-C&>

Morton, Young and Borland – MYB Textiles

Lace has been made in the Irvine Valley in East Ayrshire since the 18th century. Morton, Young and Borland was founded in Newmilns, 1900. At its peak, the industry employed thousands and brought great prosperity to the area. Today, very few working factories remain.

http://www.scran.ac.uk/database/results.php?QUICKSEARCH=1&search_term=myb

Termessos, Antalya province, Turkey

This is one of the best preserved cities from antiquity in Turkey, in large part due to its isolation and location in difficult mountainous terrain.

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Light Fitting in Wieliczka Salt Mine, Poland © Andrew James

Brass Dial on a Nottingham Lace Machine © H L Foster

Amphitheater of Termessos, Turkey © Will Wyeth



New Lanark

UNESCO world heritage site, New Lanark is a beautifully restored 18th century village. The New Lanark Trust has started work on an exciting project to digitise its archives and collection material. There is also a new search room open to all members of the public, find out more here;

<http://www.newlanark.org>



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My Favourite Record

"I really enjoy the Scotsman images and often make a point of grabbing a cup of coffee and searching on the day of the year and Scotsman before I log on.

Sometimes an amusing snapshot of yesteryear, like this one, crops up showing social phenomena and fashions of the time. Sometimes the photographs reveal topics that are very relevant to my job here at RCAHMS, managing our building survey programmes and architectural history projects. In the Scotsman we see people moving into their new houses on estates across Scotland, important buildings on the cusp of demolition, opening ceremonies and the like." Neil Gregory, Architecture and Industry Operational Manager at RCAHMS



Disco Marathon 1979 © The Scotsman

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