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Summer 2012

Celebrations Afoot

Scran has compiled a new series of resources all about Queen Elizabeth II

This year the Queen will become the second UK monarch to mark 60 years on the throne. The bank holiday for this Diamond Jubilee will be on Tuesday 5th June 2012.

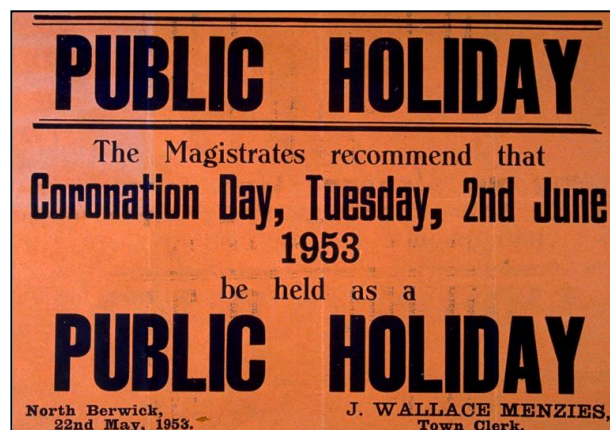
Across the UK, there will undoubtedly be street parties galore with communities coming together to celebrate.

Of course such festivities are nothing new, just last year the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton caused quite a stir. Below you can see that in 1897, the people of Arbroath also took to the streets to celebrate the reign of Queen Victoria.

Link: [Queen Elizabeth II Pathfinder Packs](#)



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Pathfinder Packs

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Never Give Up

Scran launched a new online exhibition on 21st April 2012.

'Never Give Up' has been created in collaboration with North Edinburgh Social History Group (NESHG), bringing together material from the NESHG archives and existing Scran material. NESHG have been actively involved in the North Edinburgh community for over 30 years. They established a Social History Project in March 2009 with the aim of researching, recording and promoting the history of their area. They explored its development over the 20th century and the contribution made by local people in bringing about better housing conditions, services, facilities and general improvements to the area.

The online exhibition provides an insight into the hidden history of North Edinburgh and its proud tradition of community activism. It focuses on the role of ordinary people in transforming one of Edinburgh's first peripheral housing areas into a strong community during the austerity of the Post-War years. It shows how North Edinburgh has produced successive generations of activists who have challenged local and national policies to create a better place to live. This is a story of the struggle for social justice and a community who simply refuse to give up. Material in the exhibition is being used to support Curriculum for Excellence in a local high school. Teachers plan to use it to support a local heritage strand of an upcoming interdisciplinary project. Members of the Social History Group have also delivered a workshop to students at the school to share their experiences of living in the community.

Link: [Never Give Up](#)



Scran in the Field

As usual the Scran education team have been travelling around the UK.

Since the start of 2012, we've offered schools training and taken part in learning events in Orkney, Aberdeenshire, S.Lanarkshire, N.Lanarkshire, Fife, Moray, Argyll & Bute, the City of Dundee, Inverclyde, Dumfries & Galloway, the Highlands, the Scottish Borders and the City of Edinburgh.

We've been south of the border too, visiting Berkshire, Liverpool, Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The team would like to welcome some new subscribers too; West Lothian College, Greenhill Historical Society, Ripon Grammar School and Bradfield College.

In June, Scran will also be showcasing recent work at the Community Archives and Heritage Group conference. For further information follow the link.

Link: [CAHG](#)

Bathgate Once More

Recording and preserving the story of the Bathgate Truck and Tractor Plant, 1961-86

Scran was at the launch of the 'Bathgate Once More' book on Saturday 24th March. The book is a history of the Bathgate Truck and Tractor plant and is the culmination of a project led by the [Workers' Educational Association Scotland](#) (WEA) in partnership with Scran, West Lothian Council, the [Bennie Museum](#) in Bathgate and others.

The story is told through the oral testimonies of former workers and others with a close connection to the factory. It opened as BMC (British Motor Corporation) in the 1960s and became British Leyland in the '70s and was a significant employer in the area. Its closure in the 1980s had a devastating impact on the local community.

Photographs, documents and artefacts linked to the factory have also been donated to the project and will form a community archive which will be housed at the [West Lothian Local History Library](#) in Linlithgow. The Local History Library also offers Scran access to its library customers. And Scran will be following-up the project in early June with the launch of an online exhibition, taking the story of the Bathgate Truck and Tractor plant into schools, libraries and homes across the country.

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Leyland factory 1969 © The Scotsman Publications Ltd



Jim Swan introduces Tam Dalyell, former Labour MP for the Bathgate area. © H Foster

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ScranMeet#1 via *GlowTV

If you are a teacher in Scotland, do please join us on Glow for some online CPD. Our inaugural *ScranMeet* will take place on Thursday 3rd May at 3:45pm.

Simply sign up via [CPDCentral](#).



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Royal Commonwealth Pool Reopens

Not far from the Scran offices, the RCP has once again opened its doors.

Following a major refurbishment the pool is now ready to host the British swimming squad during its final training camp in July 2012, ahead of the London Olympics.

Contained within the Scran online exhibition [Making Waves](#), a history of Scotland's swimming pools, there are plenty of records relating to this particular sporting venue.

Link: [Royal Commonwealth Pool](#)

Queues at the RCP, 23rd Feb. 1970

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Skills for the Future

“Skills for the Future” is a programme which offers opportunities for work-based training in heritage settings across the UK. During February & March the Scran education team welcomed three trainees; Mira Knoche, John Baxter and Julia Branch. Following the induction process, the trio set about creating a host of new online resources on a variety of topics from the [1984 Miners Strike](#) to [Yoga](#). To keep everyone abreast of their progress, the trainees are keeping a blog. So if you'd like see what they are up to, follow the link.

Link: [Skills in the Spotlight](#)



Below, Mira Knoche has selected her favourite Scran image. *“This Shetland herring worker looks you right in the eye – from a moment in time, despite the hard work, she and her colleague seem to be sharing a joke.”*



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Shaker Contribution

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Scran’s latest contribution is a selection of contemporary images relating to the Shaker community. Taken in 2011, the images focus on the Shaker village at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky.



In 1774, Ann Lee set sail from England for America with eight followers. Subsequently, the first Shaker community was established in 1787.



If you'd like to learn more about the evangelical religious sect known as The Shakers, follow the link.

Link: [Shaker records on Scran](#)

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Studying Scotland

On 21st March 2012, [Education Scotland](#) launched [Studying Scotland](#), an online resource for teachers and learners. Here at Scran we are supporting this initiative with a rich offering of interdisciplinary material which has truly a Scottish flavour.



The numerous resources available on Scran will allow both teachers and pupils to explore and learn about Scotland across the curriculum. Our Pathfinder Packs will let everyone study the culture, heritage, history and literature of Scotland in a coherent and rational manner. For a closer look at our materials follow the link.

Link: [Studying Scotland on Scran](#)



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What's happening in 2012?

The 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster was commemorated by the opening of [Titanic Belfast](#)

Official celebrations for [Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee](#)

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' first hit "Love Me Do". Various events will take place in [Liverpool](#)

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