

# 500

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## 2008 Newsletter

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As 2008 comes to an end, this is the final newsletter for the project to celebrate the quincentenary of printing in Scotland. However, exhibitions are still continuing and there are a number of publications and other items still available.

Details of all these, and of all remaining events and permanent displays in Scotland which relate to printing, will continue to be available through the project website, which will be maintained for the foreseeable future.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have supported this initiative, and made the celebrations so successful.

### Commemorative portfolio goes on sale

On 4 April this year, 500 years to the day since it was first printed, Scott Hudson, Paul Liam Harrison and Andy Rice commemorated the printing of John Lydgate's *Complaint of the Black Knight* by holding a public day of printing at the Visual Research Centre at Dundee Contemporary Arts. You can now buy a portfolio, in a specially designed cover, of prints produced at that event. Each portfolio consists of 16 sheets, including the entire text of the poem, and a cover sheet explaining the background to the project and giving the text of the Royal Charter

granted to Walter Chepman and Andrew Myllar. The portfolios retail at £2000. Artists' proofs (price £200) are also available. For more details or to buy a portfolio phone 01382 348065 (Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm) or see [www.500years.co.uk](http://www.500years.co.uk)

### Napier publishing students launch book

This year, Napier University is celebrating 40 years as a centre of excellence in publishing education. Students on a third-year module have published a new version of Edinburgh-born Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. The group was responsible for the layout and

typography, and commissioned a professional artist to produce the internal illustrations and cover artwork.

The Edward Clark Bequest sponsored the project as part of the '500 Years of Printing in Scotland' celebrations, the Edinburgh-based illustrator Cate James contributed her illustrations, and Bell and Bain of Glasgow did the printing.

The book, published by Merchiston Publishing, has already had a fantastic response and 500 copies will be distributed to schools and libraries across Scotland. Alistair McCleery, Director of the Scottish Centre for the Book said: 'We are sure that Edward Clark, Chairman and MD of R & R Clark of Edinburgh (a major printer of its day), would be delighted to see his legacy used to support such a Scottish-centred, educational and innovative publishing project.'

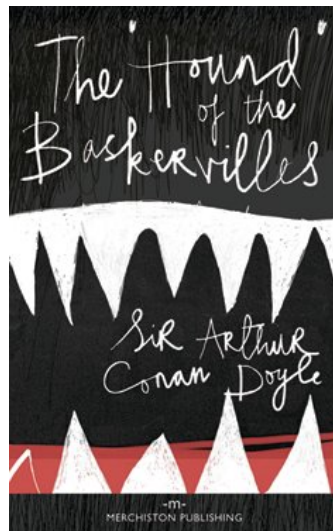
Copies are available from the Scottish Centre for the Book at Napier University for £4 to cover postage and packing. All enquiries to: Derek Allan [de.allan@napier.ac.uk](mailto:de.allan@napier.ac.uk)

[www.napier.ac.uk/scob](http://www.napier.ac.uk/scob)

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### Treasures of the A.K. Bell

Written by Sara Ann Kelly and Jan Merchant of the AK Bell Library, and produced by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust and Friends of Perth & Kinross Council Archive, Treasures of the A K Bell: A Glimpse of the Archive and Local Studies Collections incorporates a rich selection of historic photographs, documents, drawings, pamphlets and much more. The 52-page full-colour booklet reflects the extensive and varied collections of the Local Studies and Archive, a rich heritage which includes the earliest surviving copy of the Royal Charter for Perth, which was granted by William the Lion c1210.

[www.pkht.org.uk/publications.asp?id=57](http://www.pkht.org.uk/publications.asp?id=57)

### Continuing exhibitions

Winter Warmth. Annual selling exhibition at the Park Gallery and the Large Gallery, Callendar House, Callendar Park, Falkirk, FK1 1YR. Tel: 01324 504689. To 3 January 2009.

[www.falkirk.gov.uk](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk)

Printing in Fife, exhibition arranged by the Special Collections Department of the University of St Andrews. Gateway Galleries, North Haugh, St Andrews, KY16 9SS. Tel: 01334 462339. To 18 December.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/specialcollections/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/specialcollections/)

Monthly reading group. National Library of Scotland. For more information contact Beverley Casebow 0131 623 3841 or Carol Stobie 0131 623 3842.

[www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)  
Power of the press. Travelling exhibition on the printing industry in the Borders. Chambers Institute, High Street, Peebles, EH45 8AJ. To January 2009

[www.scotborders.gov.uk](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk)  
The Space of the Page. Exhibition at the Scottish Poetry Library, 5 Crichton's Close, Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DT. Tel: Tel: 0131 557 2876. To 20 December

[www.spl.org.uk](http://www.spl.org.uk)

People behind the pages: making books in Scotland. Museum of Edinburgh, 142 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DD. Tel: 0131 529 4143. Organised tours welcome. To 17 January 2009.

[www.sapphire.ac.uk](http://www.sapphire.ac.uk)  
Kilmarnock edition. Replica 18<sup>th</sup> century wooden printing press that can be operated under supervision. Dick Institute, 1 Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU. Tel: 01563 554343.

[www.visiteastayrshire.com](http://www.visiteastayrshire.com)  
Guid, black print – the Mitchell celebrates 500 years of printing in Scotland. Old Glasgow Room, Mitchell Library, North Street, Glasgow, G3 7DN. Tel: 0141 247 2876 or 2999. To end December.

[www.csghlasgow.org](http://www.csghlasgow.org)  
Electric shock of delight: Walter Scott and the Waverley Press. Writers Museum, Lady Stair's Close, Edinburgh, EH1 2PA. Tel: 0131 529 4901. To 3 January 2009.

[www.cac.org.uk](http://www.cac.org.uk)  
Written on the body. Exhibition in the Surgeon's Hall Museum, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW. Tel: 0131527 1649. To end December.

[www.edinburgh.surgeonshall.museum](http://www.edinburgh.surgeonshall.museum)  
Selection of works by Edwin Pickstone, Victorian Bar, Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5LS.

[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)  
Scotland's first public lending library. Innerpeffray Library, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3RF. Tel: 01764 652819. Open by appointment only during the winter months.

[www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](http://www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)  
Book of the month from the Dunimarle Library. Duff House, near Banff, AB45 3SX. Tel: 01261 818181. All year.

[www.duffhouse.com](http://www.duffhouse.com)  
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