



2008 Newsletter

March 2008

Plans for 4 April 2008

On 4 April, the 500th anniversary of its printing, the National Library of Scotland will display the only known surviving copy of *The Complaint of the Black Knight* in the Board Room on George IV Bridge. In addition, a plaque will be unveiled in the Cowgate near the site of Chepman and Myllar's press and Heidelberg UK are to visit Edinburgh to demonstrate modern printing to the public. They will also visit Glasgow.

In the evening, there will be a dinner in the Playfair Library Hall. A limited number of tickets are left: contact the Programme Manager at the address below.

Free public day of printing

For this event, entitled *First Edition: 500 Years of Print in Scotland*, printmakers Scott Hudson and Paul Liam Harrison will collaborate with designer Andy Rice to produce screenprints based on original texts and print devices from the press of Chepman and Myllar, as a live performance, open to the public. The prints will form a site specific composition that will be the backdrop for a public reading of the original poem, to take place after 7pm. The audience will be able to take away printed matter as keepsakes, and refreshments will be available during the reading. Visual Research Centre, University of Dundee, Dundee Contemporary Arts, 152 Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4DY. 1pm-8.30pm.

www.dca.org.uk

www.vrc.dundee.ac.uk

Book Swap

Publishing Scotland is hosting a Book Swap on Tuesday 1 April. Drop into Adam House in Chambers Street in your lunch hour 11am-2pm, bring along a favourite book, write a recommendation card and swap your book for



another! Readers young and old are invited along! Children, bring along a book you enjoyed when you were younger but have grown out of and swap it for something else.

Scottish publishers are donating hundreds of books to get the event started and there are prize draws and giveaways too. With tea and coffee on sale, you can swap a book, have a drink and speak to some of the top Scottish authors (like Ian Rankin) who are coming along. This is a free, drop-in event – just bring a book. Venue: Adam House, 3 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1HT.

www.publishingscotland.org

Exhibitions opening in April

Dundee Central Library's exhibition, *Dei Donum* - celebrating 500 years of printing in Scotland and learning in Dundee, opening on Monday 31 March, will feature *The Good and Godly Ballads* [1567?] and the *Buke of the Howlat*, plus a number of pre-reformation liturgical works and archival material from local printers. Dundee Central Library, The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 1DB. Until 26 April.

www.dundee.gov.uk/centlib/

The Mitchell Library's Treasure of the Month for April will be 'Blind Harry's Wallace'. The 12 fragmentary pages of Henry the Minstrel's poem on William Wallace printed by Walter Chepman and Andrew Myllar are the earliest example of Scottish printing in the Mitchell library. North Street, Glasgow, G3 7DN. www.csghlasgow.org

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Ink opens in the Main Gallery of the Dick Institute on Saturday 5 April, until 24 May. The title of the exhibition makes reference to the way in which we make marks, the use of repetition and the reproduction of those marks by hand or machine. Dick Institute, 1 Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU. www.visiteastayrshire.com

Printing and medicine. Free exhibition drawing on the magnificent collection of the first medical library in Scotland. Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ. April – October. www.rcpe.ac.uk/library/index.php

In a Different Light. Julie Johnstone's hand-bound books, cards and screen-prints pursue the beauty of the ephemeral. Free exhibition of new works from the Essence Press, at the Scottish Poetry Library, 5 Crichton's Close, Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DT. 19 April-19 July. www.spl.org.uk

Clò Trom - Clò-bhualadh sa Ghàidhlig air a' Ghàidhealtachd, 1778-1901 (Gaelic Printing in the Highlands). Exhibition of books printed in Inverness and other Highland towns in Gaelic and English. Inverness Library, Farraline Park, Inverness, IV1 1NH. April – June. www.ambaile.org.uk

Artistic Impressions. Exhibition focusing on the use of print in art, from etchings and screenprints to artists books. Main Library, University of Dundee, Smalls Wynd, Dundee, DD1 4HN. 11 April - 31 May museum@dundee.ac.uk

Continuing exhibitions

Local Word and Image: 500 Years of Printing in Scotland. Provost Skene's House, Guestrow, Aberdeen, AB10 1FQ. To 16 November 2008. www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

Publishing Scotland: Eneas Mackay, Stirling. Stirling Smith Art Gallery &

Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2RQ. To 16 April 2008.

www.smithartgallery.demon.co.uk/
Book of the month from the Dunimarle Library. Duff House, near Banff, AB45 3SX. All year. www.duffhouse.org.uk
Printing. North Museum Gallery, The Dick Institute, 1 Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU. To 26 May. www.visiteastayrshire.com

Printing in Perth. A K Bell Library, York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP. Until 31 March. www.pkc.gov.uk/libraries

The Power of the Press Old Gala House Museum and Gallery, Galashiels, TD1 3JS. Until 24 May. www.scotborders.gov.uk/outabout/museums/

Medical Impressions: the history of printing in medical education in Scotland. Tayside Medical History Museum, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD1 9SY. Until 4 October.

Read all about it: the National Library of Scotland's newspaper exhibition. Tweeddale Museum and Gallery, Chambers Institute, High Street, Peebles, EH45 8AJ. Until 31 March. www.scotborders.gov.uk/outabout/museums/

Victorian living history tours. Robert Smal's Printing Works, 7/9 High Street, Innerleithen, Borders, EH44 6HA. Until 31 October. www.nts.org.uk/Property/52/
Scottish imprints from Sir Walter Scott's library. Abbotsford House, Melrose, TD6 9BQ. Until 31 October. www.scottsabbotsford.co.uk/

Out of Print. Atrium Gallery, Glasgow School of Art, Foulis Building, 167 Renfrew Street Glasgow G3 6RQ. Until 19 April. www.gsa.ac.uk

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