

**ACA in 100 meetings
2010 – 2023 : what have we done so far?**



Founder members of the group were Alison Chapman and Lewis Banks. The first meeting, on 26 July 2010, was attended by Lewis Banks, Alison Chapman, Jane Halleran, Sue Lloyd, Ian McCrorie, Judith McCrorie, Andy Oldfield, Judith Paris, Frank Tollick and Margaret Tollick.

The 100th meeting was on 23 January 2023.

2010

Chair Ian McCrorie / Secretary Alison Chapman / Treasurer Andy Oldfield

The newly constituted group receives funding from Celebrating Fife 2010 to install a poetry trail around the village, using poems written during an Aberdour Festival workshop in 2007.

2011

Chair Ian McCrorie / Secretary Alison Chapman / Treasurer Andy Oldfield

Haiku poetry trail launch.

First annual primary school poetry competition.

Film night on William McLaren.

'Bridging Divides' Festival event – stone cutting workshop, 'haircut for a story,' transformation of the underpass on the coastal path between Aberdour and Dalgety Bay.

Poetry writing workshop with Gabriel McNeil.

2012

Chair Andy Oldfield / Vice-Chair Frank Tollick / Secretary Alison Chapman / Treasurer Andy Oldfield

ACA website launched.

Film night, 'Five Fife Beaches' and 'East Fife Crusoe.'

Stand at the Fife Heritage Day in Glenrothes.

Stand at the Aberdour Community Fayre.

Primary school poetry competition.

One day Festival workshop making an artist book.

Film night, 'Rail Time.'

Talk by Simon Taylor on old maps and plans (through fledgling Local History group).

First suggestion of publication of Rev. Johnstone's history of Aberdour.

Talk by Iain Clark on plans for the new Dunfermline Museum.

Group visit to the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.

Commenced sending out emails highlighting local events.

2013

Chair Andy Oldfield / Secretary Alison Chapman / Treasurer Andy Oldfield

Film night, 'You've Been Trumped.'

Talk by Ian Archibald on 'Shipwrecks and Protected Wrecks of the Firth of Forth.'

Primary school poetry competition.

Hosting of Aberdour Festival Film Night, including short films by local people.

Heritage Exhibition – 'Aberdour: The Evolution of a Village' – during the Aberdour Festival, including talks by Simon Taylor and Lewis Banks.

Guided place-name walk around Aberdour with Simon Taylor.

The start of a funding application for support with a book and exhibition on HMS Tarlair.

2014

Chair Andy Oldfield / Secretary Alison Chapman / Treasurer Alison Chapman

Group visit to the Turner exhibition at the National Gallery, Edinburgh.

Second group visit to the Royal Observatory.

Film night, 'Tales from Aberdour' (three films covering the 1970s to the 1990s).

Primary school poetry competition.

Installation of a site-specific HMS Tarlair panel at Hawkcraig Point.

A 'walk and talk' session around the HMS Tarlair site, with Diana Maxwell.

Heritage Exhibition – Aberdour's history, the Hewitt brothers, HMS Tarlair – during the Aberdour Festival.

Publication of *Listen Up!*, Diana Maxwell's book on HMS Tarlair.

Diana Maxwell begins to give talks on HMS Tarlair and is featured in a new documentary, 'The Great War at Sea.'

Talk by Ronnie Mackie, 'Following the Southern Cross.'

Talk by Arthur Lloyd, 'Explore and enjoy the Western Isles.'

2015

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Talk by Hamish Hardie, 'Hamish's Great Camino Adventure.'

Talk by John Burrell, 'Vienna, City of Culture.'

Talk by pupils from Inverkeithing High School on the art department's 'This Little Boat' project.

Talk by John Burrell on Orkney.

An evening celebrating John Henderson's life in words and music.

Primary school poetry competition.

New edition of *Listen Up!* published.

Work begins on *Aberdour Miscellany*.

(Loss of venue – Foresters function room – for talks.)

2016

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Third visit to the Royal Observatory.

Primary school poetry competition.

Production of the HMS Tarlair Hawkcraig Trail Guide and information packs for local primary schools.

2017

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Folk night in the Woodside Hotel.

Diana Maxwell appeared on the People's History Show.

Stand at the First World War Heritage Conference in the Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries, with a short presentation by Diana Maxwell.

Primary school poetry competition.

2018

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Folk night in the Woodside Hotel.

Aberdour Reunion, during the Aberdour Festival, including an exhibition and musical evening featuring Colin Mackenzie.

Primary school poetry competition.

An evening celebrating John Henderson's life in words and music.

Hosted the Scottish walker from the Eden Project's Big Walk event, including a tour of the village with Alison Chapman.

Diana Maxwell and Alison Chapman attended the National Service of Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Their names were put forward by the Heritage Lottery Fund, who supported ACA's HMS Tarlair projects.

John Cunningham Lamb articles typed up ready for printing.

2019

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A Historic Environment Scotland blue plaque was installed at Diana Maxwell's house, where Captain Ryan (head of HMS Tarlair) lived.

Primary school poetry competition.

Alison Chapman attended the Green Flag Award judging for the Silver Sands and Hawkcraig Point area, to talk about HMS Tarlair, the information panel and community involvement in promoting interest in the WW1 naval research station.

Talk by Arthur Lloyd, 'Aberdour Present and Past.'

Music evening in the Foresters, featuring George Machray.

An evening of words and music in the Aberdour Boat Club.

Stopped sending out emails highlighting local events.

2020

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Facebook page set up.

Planned primary school poetry competition and two talks by Arthur Lloyd had to be shelved thanks to the pandemic.

2021

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Primary school poetry competition.

Alison Chapman and Frank Glynn liaised on digitising *Rambles around Aberdour*.

Talk by Julian Crowe on George Canning's mother.

The Aberdour Medieval Singers group gets going, under the guidance of Ingrid Boussaroque.

The idea is raised of a tapestry/banner project, working with Aberdour primary school.

ACA contributed to the Hillside Action Group and Residents Association's investigation into the possibility of a legal review to challenge the Reporter's decision to allow massive development at Hillside.

2022

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Primary school poetry competition.

Talk by Arthur Lloyd, 'Aberdour – A Historical Journey of Discovery,' during the Aberdour Festival.

Production of a leaflet on Aberdour's links to the slave trade, which were through William Fraser, who owned Hillside House.

Diana Maxwell was interviewed by Arran radio about HMS Tarlair.

Communicated with Historic Environment Scotland about the closure of Aberdour Castle and Inchcolm Abbey.

Communicated with the Church of Scotland about the possible closure of St Fillan's kirk. Simon Taylor and Alison Chapman attended a meeting with the Church of Scotland's Historic Churches Working Group.

Talk by Jose Eglinton on the Battle of the Somme.

Talk by Frank Glynn on George Thomson's Fiddle.

Production and circulation, in paper and online, of a questionnaire – *Where are we from?* – with the aim of producing a snapshot of the make-up of the village, linked to a map to go on display.

Communicated with the Aberdour Residents Association about inaccuracies on the Black Sands' Ballast Bank information board.

Revived the mailing list, primarily for events within the village.

Other projects, ongoing: new Aberdour banner, digitisation of *Rambles Around Aberdour*, publication of Rev. Johnston's history of Aberdour, review of the haiku poetry trail (once the bridge is replaced), *Aberdour Miscellany*, new website.

Committee members over the years have included Bob Adams, Carol Bailey, Sheila Bald, Lewis Banks, Jane Halleran, Alison Leach, Diana Maxwell, Judith McCrorie, Steve Petts, Chris Prowse, Anita Shulman, Frank Tollick. Diana is the longest serving non-office bearing committee member, from around 2013.