

Friends Programme 2015



Friends of the
John Gray Centre

What's on in 2015?

- **Friday, 30 January, 12-2pm**

Lunch with Friends of the John Gray Centre.

- **Friday 6 March, 10-11.30am**

Historic Maps at the John Gray Centre – a talk by Craig Statham of the National Library of Scotland (Maps Reading Room Manager).

- **Wednesday, 20 May, 6.30-8pm**

Behind the Scenes Tour of the ELC Museum Store (Dunbar Rd) with Dr Claire Pannell, ELC Collections Officer – discover precious artefacts and the stories behind them, and enjoy a glass of wine! Places limited to 20.

- **Monday, 15 June, 10am-12pm**

Friends Annual Outing – a Trip to National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh – a unique opportunity to view the original John Gray collection, a library of rare books donated to the people of Haddington and now in the care of the NLS, and see other historic treasures. Places limited to 20.

- **Wednesday, 23 September:**

3-4pm The Poor Law Project, a talk by archivist Fran Woodrow, followed by

4-5pm Friends of the JGC AGM

Offering a fascinating insight into family history and social conditions in East Lothian before the introduction of the welfare state, the poor law records are one of our most popular collections. This talk is your chance to hear more about the records and listen to stories from this extensive collection, including the sad tale of Mary Cairns, 'the most degraded woman I have ever seen', and the boys from the training ship, Mars.

- **Wednesday, 25 November, 3.30-4.30pm**

Symbols in Painting – a talk by art historian Ola Wojtkiewicz – Discover the symbols most adored by artists of all eras, and enjoy an introduction to basic symbolic terms in this a journey through the imagery found in the art of different times and places.