The Scottish Place-Name Society
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- our twice-yearly newsletter, which contains résumés of conference items, books reviews, research in progress, and all new developments in the field
- attendance at our spring AGM with full voting rights, and at the conference attached to the AGM and the autumn conference; these two conferences have been held all over the country
- a copy of our membership list which includes members’ interests, so that members can contact others with similar interests
- the opportunity to work with the Society in exciting new developments such as the Scottish place-name database

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Work in Progress

This section is intended to keep readers informed of ongoing research. Please send details of current research projects to the Editor for inclusion.

General

Nicolaisen, W. F. H. (University of Aberdeen): articles for special volumes of *Onoma* on teaching and on names in literature.

Anthroponymy

McClure, P. (University of Hull): ‘The kinship of Jack, II, pet-forms of Middle English personal names with the suffixes -cus and -cock’ (article for *Nomina*).
Postles, D. (University of Leicester): *The North through its Names* (English Surnames Series); the poetics of naming in Early Modern England; the politics of address and naming in Early Modern England.
Sellar, D. ‘Scandinavian personal names in the Northern and Western Isles’ (Proceedings of the Society’s Shetland conference, April 2003).

Toponymy

Coates, R. (University of Sussex): *The Place-Names of Hampshire*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey).
Cox, B. (Nottingham): *The Place-Names of Leicestershire*, vol. 3 (English Place-Name Survey).
Cullen, P. (University of Nottingham): *The Place-Names of Kent*, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey); *The Vocabulary of English Place-Names* (Institute for Name-Studies).
Fellows-Jensen, G. (University of Copenhagen): ‘Extermination or

Freeman, J. (London): The Place-Names of Herefordshire, vol. 1 The Hundreds of Greystoke and Radlow (English Place-Name Survey).


Hough, C. (University of Glasgow): ‘Chilton and other place-names from Old English cild’ (article for Journal of the English Place-Name Society); ‘Marlow (Buckinghamshire)’ (article for Notes and Queries); ‘Melksham (Wiltshire)’ (article for Notes and Queries); Old English colour terms in place-names (paper given at Progress in Colour Studies conference, Glasgow, June 2004).

Insley, J. (University of Heidelberg): The Place-Names of Lancashire, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey).


Jenkyns, J. (Oxford): ‘The Language of Landscape: Reading the Anglo-Saxon Countryside’ (3-year AHRB-funded project to make accessible over the web an electronic corpus of Anglo-Saxon charter boundaries).


Owen, A. (Lincolnshire): ‘Traiectus/Tric/Skegness: a Domesday name explained’ (article for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, with R. Coates).

Owen, H. W. (University of Wales, Bangor): Dictionary of the Place-Names of Wales (AHRB-sponsored); database of the place-names of Wales (computerization of the Melville Richards Archive; AHRB-sponsored); The Place-Names of West Flintshire.

Parsons, D. N. (University of Nottingham): The Place-Names of Suffolk, vol. 1 (English Place-Name Survey); The Vocabulary of English Place-Names (Institute for Name-Studies).

Sandred, K. I. (University of Uppsala): The Place-Names of Norfolk, vol. 4 (English Place-Name Survey).

Taylor, S. (University of St Andrews): The Place-Names of Fife.

Waugh, D. J. (University of Glasgow): ‘Some place-names from Twatt On Da Wastside’ (Proceedings of the Society’s Shetland conference, April 2003).

Whaley, D. (University of Newcastle upon Tyne): Place-Names of the Lake District (dictionary for publication by the English Place-Name Society); ‘The semantics of stong/stang’ (Proceedings of the Society’s Shetland conference, April 2003).

Wilkinson, J. G. (Torphin): Cairnpapple: The Middle Sanctuary? A Quest Through the Sacred Landscapes of Our Islands (2 vols, place-name based, inter-disciplinary study); continuing research on Romano-British and Brythonic place-names, particularly in northern Britain.

**Doctoral Dissertations Completed**

Grant, A. (University of Glasgow): Scandinavian place-names in Northern Britain as evidence for linguistic contact and interaction (supervised by Dr C. Hough).

Scott, M. (University of Glasgow): The Germanic toponymic of Southern Scotland: place-name elements and their contribution to the lexicon and onomastics (supervised by Dr C. Hough).