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- **Tuesday 5 September 2023** at 2pm

VISIT TO JAMES CLERK MAXWELL FOUNDATION [14 INDIA ST]

A visit to 14 India Street, Edinburgh, where Scotland's 'Uncelebrated Genius' was born, received his formative education and is celebrated. He ranks in the history of science with Galileo, Newton and Einstein. 'One scientific epoch ended and another began with James Clerk Maxwell' - Albert Einstein.

- **Tuesday 3 October 2023** at 7 for 7:30pm

RUSSEORSK: HOW LANGUAGE OILED THE WHEELS OF COMMERCE IN NORTHERN NORWAY

This talk by Dr Ruairidh Tarvet will examine the case of Russenorsk, a pidgin language from the 19th and 20th centuries, which mixed Russian and Norwegian vocabulary. It was used by fishermen and traders in the Arctic region to encourage trade, but the Russian Revolution dealt a lethal blow to the language. This should remind us how political decision-making impacts the use of language, even beyond a nation's borders.

- **Tuesday 7 November 2023** at 7 for 7:30pm

AN EVENING WITH BEAUTIFUL PORCELAIN

Catherine Holtet, BDes (Hons), will show us her work inspired by her childhood in Norway immersed in nature. After a degree studying ceramics in Dundee she has specialised in the technique of water-etching porcelain. Her latest range Swirls, Eddies & Tidal Pools has moved away from purely decorative translucent work to a more functionalist range inspired by sea life. She will tell us about the difficulties in mastering a material which can be ruined by the tiniest impurity or flaw.

Meetings, unless otherwise stated, are held in the Royal Norwegian Consulate, 12 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BB. Generally, a charge of £3 will be made at the door.

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- **Tuesday 16 January 2024** at 6:30 for 7:00pm

FOOD & FILM NIGHT

Film: 'Out Stealing Horses' (2019). Directed by Hans Petter Moland, after the famous novel by Per Petterson. Venue: The Golf Tavern, Edinburgh.

- **Tuesday 6 February 2024** at 7 for 7:30pm

SHIPBORNE SUBVERSIVES: TOWARDS A VIKING HISTORY 'FROM BELOW' WITH DR CHRISTIAN COOIJMANS

As the means and motivations of the Viking phenomenon are commonly considered through the macroscopic lens of elite power and economic exchange, attention is often inadvertently drawn away from the individual and shared experience of those taking part in this wide-spread waterborne movement. Instead, by examining this history from their own vantage point, this talk will cast Viking groups as socially dynamic and cooperative communities, whose adaptability allowed them to evade and exploit the traditional boundaries of socio-political and economic power.

- **Tuesday 5 March 2024** at 7 for 7:30pm

TARJEI VESAAS AND HIS WORK IN CONTEXT

Tarjei Vesaas holds a unique position in Norwegian literary history as one of the authors who wrote in Nynorsk. In today's talk, Dr Anja Tröger will introduce the author and his work, and take a closer look at two of his novels: *Fuglane (The Birds)* and *Kimen (The Seed)*.

- **Tuesday 9 April 2024** at 7 for 7:30pm

SAILING THE NORTH-WESTERN SEABOARD: LERWICK TO FLORØ TO STOKMARKNES AND BACK

Two Scotsmen in a 40-year-old 32-foot yacht encounter oil rigs, sea-eagles, the midnight sun, Folda-sea gales, marina service units, the Raftsund channel, and... Norwegians. Alistair Cant will give an illustrated talk of the personal odyssey of Skipper Stewart and crewman Alistair, which covered over 2000 nautical miles and 62 days in 2022. Followed by a short AGM.

