

# **Newsletter no. 3 – September 2013**

## **Scotland and the Flemish People**

This is the third newsletter aimed at updating you on progress with our project on *Scotland and the Flemish People*.

### **Upgraded website**

Our project website (home page at <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/flemish/index.htm>) has been revamped to allow those with family tree information to share this with us, preferably in the form of a GEDCOM file. Those interested in doing this should go to the Home Page and click on the link titled “submitting genealogical data”. If you have any questions on uploading your family tree please contact John Irvine at [johnwirvine@aol.com](mailto:johnwirvine@aol.com)

We have now started a blog which contains information about the Flemish people in Scotland that we have found in the course of our early work. Our hope is that the blog will become a vehicle for getting inputs from people interested in the theme. Accordingly each blog will raise issues and questions in order to stimulate discussion and debate. We are also looking for guest bloggers who would be interested in submitting relevant material for discussion. Please contact Alex Fleming at [aefleming007@comcast.net](mailto:aefleming007@comcast.net).

### **Regional studies**

During the summer a visit was made to Berwick-upon-Tweed with a view to developing a case study. The town, which has been part of a tug of war between England and Scotland for much of its early history, had significant Flemish influence during the medieval period not least because of its close trading links with Flanders. Jim Herbert a local historian from Berwick, will be our first guest blogger. He will be examining the Flemish influence in Berwick.

Work continues on case studies for Fife and Atholl/Glenshee. John Irvine has also begun to investigate the Flemish in Dundee.

### **Paths of Flemish Immigration to Scotland**

Professor David Dobson has worked extensively on emigration from Scotland as well as on the immigration of Huguenots and Jews to Scotland. He has been engaged by the project to undertake a study of the immigration to Scotland by Flemish people over the period 1550 – 1800. Much of this immigration will have taken place as a result of religious persecution in Flanders that took place in three waves during the period 1560 – 1635. A wide range of original sources in Scotland are going to be examined as part of this research.

## **Progress with the DNA component of the project**

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## **Contacting us**

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## **Project websites**

Project <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/ishr/Flemish/index.htm>

Blog <http://flemish.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

DNA Project [http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Flemish\\_in\\_Scotland](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Flemish_in_Scotland)