23 August is International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

This early 19th century bible from the Euing collection held by the University’s Archives & Special Collections is unlikely to capture the attention of most casual viewers. However, this is one of only three known copies of what is colloquially known as The Slave Bible, which was created specifically to be used by enslaved people. Sinisterly, certain chapters and verses were excluded, often those dealing with enslavement and liberation from oppression.

The Slave Bible is a compelling illustration of how the rights of enslaved people were suppressed. When confronted with the uncomfortable significance of this edition, the importance of ensuring its availability for teaching and research was recognised. As its condition was poor, and liable to worsen, it was agreed conservation was essential.

With conservation and digitisation now complete it is expected to be on loan as part of an exhibition at Museum Catharijneconvent in Utrecht in early 2023.
15 September is International Day of Democracy.

The Hunterian has been involved in a process of Curating Discomfort, looking closely at the collections and our shared histories to understand and transform our role in the University, in Glasgow and in Scotland.

The Hunterian invited a group of six people to form the Community Curators group – Arunima Bhattacharya, Churnjeet Mahn, Esraa Husain, Mary Osei-Oppong, Nelson Cummins and Yvonne Blake.

They are from different geographical backgrounds and have been in Glasgow for different lengths of time. They are academics, community activists, social justice campaigners and educators. They speak to the work of Curating Discomfort as individuals with different interests and priorities.

Over six months, bringing together their individual practice, knowledge and expertise, they operated as a community to curate an intervention in the Museum, establishing new models and narratives around the collection.

September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month | Childhood Cancer Awareness Month | Blood Cancer Awareness Month | World Alzheimer’s Month | World Dementia Awareness Month |

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.
RELAZIONE
del Viaggio, che ho fatto io
Aloisio Camilleri
della Valletta,
da Malta alle Spagne,
del ritorno alla Patria, e di
tutto quanto ui passò, e mi,
ocorse udere di bello e cu:
luochi, oui...
October
2022

October is Black History Month.

At Archives & Special Collections, we have been examining the role of metadata in our anti-racism, inclusion and diversity work.

Our aim is to have descriptions of our collections which aid discovery, are accurate, respectful and inclusive. A pilot project reviewed several descriptions to uncover those which include problematic, culturally insensitive, or offensive terminology.

From this, we have developed robust procedures for the revision of our collection descriptions in line with sector best practice. Our systems allow us to fully capture, and be transparent, about those changes which make our descriptions more inclusive.

An example of our work is in the revision of the content description for the *Relazione del Viaggio da Malta alle Spagne nel Anno 1701*. Our previous description included a racially insensitive term; this has been removed from the main content description. However, to be transparent, the original description has been retained, with a content warning for the offensive terminology.
17 November is International Students’ Day.

The University of Glasgow Diversity History and the University of Glasgow International Story seek to make more visible the achievements, experiences, and voices of overseas students, such as this group of 1930s students and Ada Priscilla Nzimiro, MB Chb, who studied in Glasgow.

Ada Priscilla, from Nigeria, enrolled at the University of Glasgow in 1945 to study Medicine. She was active in the African Students’ Union, becoming the first woman to be an office-holder and society President. She completed her studies and would have been the first female African graduate of Medicine but sadly passed away, at the age of 27, a few months before her graduation.

The experience of overseas students like Ada Priscilla, living in and studying in Glasgow and their legacies remain topics for further research. The little-known information about Ada Priscilla and other international students, raises the question of whose accomplishments are valued, remembered, and celebrated.
December
2022

3 December is International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Access to our collections and venues is at the heart of the work of The Hunterian and Archives & Special Collections. This encompasses full and inclusive access to the documents, artworks and objects we look after and display.

In a recent student placement, a team of sighted History of Art students created a set of audio descriptions of artworks and objects. These are intended to offer a new perspective to all and to be particularly useful to visually impaired visitors.

One of the works that has been described is a real treasure of the collections, on display in the Hunterian Art Gallery: Rembrandt van Rijn’s The Entombment. Listen to the descriptions of the other objects and artworks.

December is Universal Month for Human Rights | AIDS Awareness Month | Spiritual Literacy Month |
ALLOWAY CHURCH, AYRSHIRE.

This church stands by the river, a small distance from the bridge of Doon, on the road leading from Maybole to Ayr. About a century ago it was united to the parish of Ayr; since which time it has fallen to

* This church is also famous for being the place where the witches and werewolves used to hold their infernal meetings, or sabbaths, and prepare their magical ointments; here too they used to amuse themselves with dancing to the pipes of the muckle-bombed Deel. Diverse stories of these heathen rites are still current; one of which my worthy friend Mr. Burns has here favoured me with in verse.

TAM O' SHANTER. A TALE.

When Chapman billies leave the briet,
And drouthy neighbours meet to meet,
As market-days we wearin late,
And folk begin to tak the gate;
While we are bowling at the napty,
And gettin' fou and weren happy,
We think na on the long Scots miles,
The waters, muirs, flaps and fylies,
That lie between us and our hame,
Preserv'd us fauldy, fallen dame.

Ah! gentle damsel! gies me grace,
To think how many souls desease,
How many longshore fags advice,
The husband frick the wife despaise.

But to our tale: At market-nights,
Tam had got planed on the right,
Full by an ingle burning kindly,
We're esteem beasts that drank divinitys,
And at his elbow, foster Johnnie,
His society, drouthy critic.

Tam lov'd him like a vera brother,
They had been fou for weks together.
They'd been o'er wit! fogs and glators,
In the vale o' the prairie.

The sunne will shone o'er the saught,
And the quail singin sae saught.
January 2023

25 January is Burns night.

Burns night is when people across the globe celebrate the birth of Scotland’s National Bard.

The University of Glasgow’s Centre for Robert Burns Studies (CRBS) researches Robert Burns, his contemporaries and related periods.

Together with new immersive learning platform, Edify, Dr Pauline Mackay and CRBS have created a Virtual Reality (VR) classroom that enables learners to experience the origins and legacy of Burns’s famous poem ‘Tam o’ Shanter’ and access material culture from Scotland’s rich national collections like never before.

The environment was created with close reference to this special volume of Francis Grose’s Antiquities of Scotland (1791) from the University of Glasgow’s Archives & Special Collections.

Using Edify’s VR-by-Proxy functionality, CRBS and Archives & Special Collections provided access to materials that were otherwise out of reach, enabling people to ‘learn without limits’.

Special Days

1st Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto, New Year’s Day.
2nd Bank Holiday – University closed.
3rd Bank Holiday – University closed.
4th World Braille Day.
6th Epiphany (Theophany) – Christian (Orthodox Christian).
7th 3 day New Year begins – Buddhist.
8th Baptism of the Lord Jesus – Christian.
9th Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day) – Shinto, University – Start of Semester 2 Teaching.
13th Lohri/Maghi – Hindu, Sikh.
14th Makar Sankranti – Hindu.
15th Pongal – Hindu, World Religion Day.
16th Martin Luther King Jnr. Day.
18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins – Christian.
19th Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian.
22nd Chinese New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist.
24th International Day of Education.
25th Vasant Panchami – Hindu, Robert Burns Night (Burns Night).
27th Holocaust Memorial Day.

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.
February 2023

February marks LGBTQ+ History Month.

The Hunterian and the Archives & Special Collections teams are working with staff and students from across the University to explore the collections through an LGBTQ+ lens.

Following on from its launch during the 2022 celebrations, LGBTQ+ Fabric of the University continues as a series of informal monthly gatherings to make space for the University community to be creative and to reflect on LGBTQ+ life past and present.

The aim is to create digital resources, plan events and consider new, more inclusive ways of collecting.

Want to get involved? Discover the LGBTQ+ Collections group, join the mailing list, or better yet, drop in to the final monthly gathering to share stories and weave more LGBTQ+ stories into the University Collections.

Special Days

1st World Interfaith Harmony Week begins, Imbolc – Wicca/Pagan.
2nd Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – Christian.
3rd Setsubun-sai – Shinto.
4th World Cancer Day.
6th UK Race Equality Week begins, Tu BiShvat – Jewish.
11th International Day of Women and Girls in Science, World Day of the Sick.
12th Racial Justice Sunday – Christian.
14th Saint Valentine’s Day.
17th World Human Spirit Day.
20th World Day of Social Justice.
21st Shrove Tuesday – Christian, International Mother Language Day.
22nd Ash Wednesday – Christian.
24th International Stand Up to Bullying Day.
26th Intercalary Days begin – Baha’i.
27th Great Lent begins – Orthodox Christian.
March 2023

8 March is International Women’s Day.

While barred from study and teaching roles at the University until 1892, women have been part of the University’s story for centuries. Two recent projects have shown how our collections can help bring to light new stories of the achievements of women in all spheres.

In 2019, archival research supported the Women in Law project to celebrate the achievements of early pioneering women in law and in particular the centenary of the graduation of lawyer Madge Easton Anderson. This project continues to tell the stories of women who changed the legal world.

Mary Queen of Scots was among the University’s early benefactors in 1563. The research project In my End is my Beginning, mapped the presence of Mary Queen of Scots items in Scottish heritage collections. This established that the University owns one of the most significant collections in Scotland. This project culminated in a major exhibition at The Hunterian exploring the legend of Mary Queen of Scots and her cultural afterlife.

Special Days

1st Intercalary Days end – Baha’i,
Saint David’s Day – Wales, Christian,
Self-Injury Awareness Day (SIAD),
UN Zero Discrimination Day.

2nd Nineteen Day Fast begins – Baha’i.

3rd World Hearing Day.

6th Magha Puja (Sangha Day) – Buddhist,
Holika Dahan – Hindu.

7th Holi – Hindu,
Lailat al Bara’ah – Islam,
Purim – Jewish.

8th Hola Mohalla – Sikh,
International Women’s Day.

14th Nanakshahi (New Year) – Sikh.

17th Saint Patrick’s Day – Ireland, Christian.

19th Mothering Sunday.

20th Ostara – Wicca/Pagan,
International Day of Happiness,
National Gaelic Week,
Spring Equinox.

21st Naw-Rúz (New Year) – Baha’i,
Norooz (New Year) – Persian/Zoroastrian,
International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,
World Down’s Syndrome Day.

23rd Ramadan begins – Islam.

30th Rama Navami – Hindu,
World Bipolar Day.

31st International Transgender Day of Visibility.

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.
April 2023

22 April is Earth Day.

Human activity is changing our environment faster than at any time in recorded history, profoundly affecting biodiversity and human and animal health.

The University, in partnership with Glasgow City Council, are working on a £10.2 million research programme: GALLANT - Glasgow as a Living Lab Accelerating Novel Transformation. Funded by the Natural Environment Research Council as part of their Changing the Environment investment, the University is enlisting the help of local partners, communities and other researchers from across the city to move towards climate resilience, whilst tackling health, social and economic inequalities.

The Hunterian’s zoological expertise, connections, collections, and long-term lens on wildlife in the city, will have a vital role in achieving GALLANT’s goals. In particular, halting biodiversity loss, restoring and connecting green spaces across Glasgow, for the benefit of all of its human and non-human residents.

Special Days

1st April Fool’s Day.
7th Good Friday – Christian, World Health Day, Bank Holiday – University closed.
8th Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian, International Romani Day.
9th Easter Sunday – Christian, Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian.
10th Easter Monday – Christian, Bank Holiday – University closed.
13th Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist.
14th Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian, Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh.
16th Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian.
21st First Day of Ridvan – Baha’i, Eid al Fitr – Islam.
22nd Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain, Earth Day.
25th Yom HaZikaron – Jewish.
26th Lesbian Visibility Day.
28th World Day for Health & Safety at Work.
29th Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha’i.

April is Stress Awareness Month | Bowel Cancer Awareness Month | Parkinson’s Awareness Month |
May sees Scottish Mental Health Awareness Week. Finding time and space to take a break, relieve stress and look after your mental wellbeing is not always easy.

A moment of calm reflection, an opportunity to connect with nature, art or with each other, can be one way to look after yourself.

Take some time out to experience The Hunterian's collections in person in the Hunterian Art Gallery. If you can't make it into the Gallery, you can still explore the collections and virtual exhibitions online.

Duncan Shanks is one of Scotland's greatest living landscape artists. He started filling sketchbooks in the 1960s and the majority were used outdoors and focus on landscape. For him, the physicality of the act of drawing in nature is paramount, as it allows him to be part of nature and to experience it directly. Immerse yourself in Duncan's sketch books.

May is Action on Stroke Month | Scottish Mental Health Awareness Week | Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival | UK National Walking Month |
June 2023

20 June is World Refugee Day.

The Hunterian and Archives & Special Collections at the University of Glasgow host an impressive and varied selection of objects created by Polish artists throughout the centuries.

As part of a University research project to provide a resource for those interested in looking at teaching and discussing the topic of migration, Hunterian Associate Dobrochna Futuro created an online exhibition showcasing several hidden treasures from Polish artists, highlighting their artworks in Scotland.

Some of the artists were born in Poland and displaced by World War II. The journey of both artists and artworks reflect the movement and the settlement of people in Scotland. The project notes the complexity of migration, the arbitrariness of marking people or artworks as Polish, Scottish, British, Russian or Ukrainian.

Find out more about the Polish Treasures project.

June is Refugee Festival Scotland | Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month | Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Awareness Month | LGBT Pride Month | Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month |
University of Glasgow. MATRICULATION ALBUM (WOMEN.)

NATIO LOUDONIANA.

(This Schedule to be filled up by Students born within any of the Scottish Counties of Linlithgow, Edinburgh, Haddington, Dumfries, Peebles, Selkirk, Roxburgh, Wigton, Kirkcudbright, Berwick; or in ENGLAND, IRELAND or FOREIGN COUNTRIES.)

Name in Full, Humbai A. Vakil

Age at last Birthday, 24

Birthplace—(Town or Parish, and County;) Bombay

if not in Scotland, write the Country also;

Father's Christian Name, Adesir

Father's Occupation, Solicitor

Is Father Alive? Yes

Branch of Study (i.e., Arts, Science, or Medicine), Medicine

Classes for this Session, viz. Midwifery & Pathology

Number of Sessions previously attended at this University,

Classes in the Faculty of

Present Address, 66 Grant Street

Home Address, Peddar Road, Bombay.

DECLARATION to be signed by the Student before entering her Name in the Album.
I hereby declare that I will faithfully attend the Class or Classes in which I shall enrol during the present Session.

(Signature), M. A. Vakil.
July is South Asian Heritage Month.

Stories of South Asian heritage and culture, and of Scotland’s links with the region can be found across Archives & Special Collections; in our Scottish Business Archive, photographic, rare books and manuscript collections.

The University Archive records the academic achievements of the many people who travelled to Scotland to study in Glasgow. Among them are the stories of Gopaul Chunder Roy, from Kolkata, and Merbai Ardesir Vakil, from Mumbai. They were, respectively, the first South Asian man and woman to graduate from the University when they received their medical degrees in 1871 and 1897.

We know both Roy and Vakil returned to India to practice medicine. Their stories reveal some of the early connections between the University’s first South Asian graduates and the impact of their subsequent achievements.

Many other stories remain incomplete, some untold, but our collections have the potential to be explored and help celebrate South Asian heritage and the links with Scotland.

Special Days

1st Canada Day.
3rd Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist.
4th US Independence Day.
5th Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh.
10th Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha’i.
11th World Population Day.
14th International Non Binary People’s Day.
15th World Youth Skills Day.
17th World Day for International Justice, Glasgow Fair Monday – University closed.
18th Nelson Mandela International Day.
19th Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year – Islam.
23rd Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari.
27th Tish’a B’av – Jewish.
30th International Day of Friendship, World Day against Trafficking Persons.

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.
INCLUSION CALENDAR 2022–23