# VIDEO HISTORY SCOTLAND

Preserving Scottish History and bringing Memories to Life



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Our DVD titles have been carefully researched, written and produced using rare archive film footage and material that has been carefully collected and preserved over many years. Video History Scotland is committed to documenting and preserving our rich Scottish history and heritage of bygone times, places and events and making these available for your enjoyment in a rich and varied menu of DVD titles.

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#### Welcome to Video History Scotland

At Video History Scotland we are passionate about collecting, preserving and sharing historical events, moments and places that represent Scotland's precious heritage and culture. Whether it's memories of a trip *"doon the waatter"* from Glasgow;s Bridge Wharf aboard the *Paddle Steamer Waverley* or the *Duchess of Montrose* or a bygone memory of a day on Loch Lomond aboard one of the once many Paddle Steamers or other ships. Revisit cherished holiday destinations in and around the River Clyde including *Millport, Rothesay, Largs, Helensburgh* or *Dunoon*. Or perhaps you want to experience the days of steam aboard one of Scotland's once famous Steam Locomotive's on a journey from Glasgow to Fort William or Mallaig. If you are interested in exploring Scotland's rich and varied history and heritage, or simply reminiscing about places and faces of days gone by you will find something here.

Our range of DVD titles have been exclusively written and produced by Colin M. Liddell who as a talented cinematographer and historian devoted a lifetime to capturing, collecting and preserving some of the most rare film footage used in these unique productions. Colin's passion and knowledge in film production and history was recognised by so many throughout Scotland where he would regularly be invited to speak or share his knowledge and film archives with audiences or the press. Colin's particular favourite areas of interest included his *"Lovely Valley"* The Vale of Leven and the surrounding areas of Loch Lomond, Balloch, Dumbarton and Renton or his passion for steam whether it be Scottish steam railways and locomotives or concerning the days of the great Clyde Paddle Steamers and other vessels once found on and around the River Clyde and the West Coast of Scotland.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to continue to share with you the memories of these nostalgic days and times for to preserve and share these moments of social history with future generations was one of Colin's great desires and achievements.

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### Video History Scotland Scottish Steamer and Maritime History Titles

## DVD The Golden Jubilee of the P.S. Waverley 1947 - 1997



Henry Bell and his famous ship the Comet the first ship to successfully harness steam power for navigation ushered in the age of steam navigation not only to the River Clyde but across the world. However nowhere was the pace of change and so fast as along the banks of the River Clyde. The Clyde steamer fleet combined with steam railway connections brought remote islands, lochs and hamlets around the River Clyde within reach of the tourists and became a vital lifeline for local people. An absolutely unique and comprehensive fascinating visual history of the first 50 years of this world famous clyde pleasure paddle steamer. The P.S. Waverley II, named after Sir Walter Scott's first novel is the last sea going passenger steamer in the world. Starting with the laying of the keel in 1945 at A&J Inglis Shipvard we follow her construction and fitting out before joining her on her maiden sail in July 1947 to Arrochar in her original LNER colours. Following her as she gracefully sweeps away from the Isle of Arran in July 1947. Enjoy and reminisce amongst the beautiful rare colour scenes as she steams gracefully in and around the islands and ports of the river clyde where we call at Dunoon, Craigendorran, Helensburgh, Arran,

Millport and Rothesay and many more during the 1950s and 1960s. We follow her history over the next fifty years as she changes owners, colours and routes several times before finally being acquired by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society from her previous owners CalMac. We hear from her Captain David Neil and his crew as she makes her first sail south in the 1970's for Newhaven, the River Thames and Tower Bridge, Southend. In May 1980 she sails with flags at half-mast for Dunkirk to mark the 40th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation and for a commemorative service over the very spot where the original Waverley I was sunk accompanied by Captain Cameron the original Captain of Waverley I. Following a boiler replacement in March 1981 we follow the great lady as she continues to draw crowds on her sails around the Clyde and further afield including the Isle of Wight, Southsea, Portsmouth and Bournemouth. Using rare archive film this is truly a unique insight into the history and life to date of this beautiful iconic paddle steamer that has captured the hearts and affections of so many during her distinguished lifetime and service. It should be acknowledged that she remains in service today largely as a result of the efforts and tremendous work by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society and its members, donors and volunteers.

#### Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC Scotland

**Running Time 82mins** 

**Product Ref. : GJPSW** 

# Video History Scotland Scottish Steamer and Maritime History Titles DVD Paddle Steamers of Loch Lomond 1816 - 1981



A 150 year detailed history of the beautiful and graceful Paddle Steamers steamers of Loch Lomond with extremely rare archive material. 1953 sees a new Paddle Steamer in Loch Lomond's long distinguished steamer history and procession with the launch The **PS Maid of The Loch**, built at the Pointhouse Yard of A&J Inglis. Majestic this sleek and beautiful paddle steamer was the largest steamer to sail on this famous beautiful Loch and sadly also was the last paddle steamer ever built in Great Britain. Less well known perhaps is the long history of beautiful ships that graced Loch Lomond starting in 1816 just five years after Bell's famous Comet when David Napier launched the wooden hulled Loch Lomond paddle steamer **PS Marion**, which was then joined by rival **The** Lady of the Lake in 1825. The next 150 years witnessed a steady introduction of graceful and beautiful steamers that in general steadily grew both in number and in size. This extremely unique DVD production follows the evolution of these elegant steamers that sailed *Loch Lomond* during this period. We relive and share accounts of vessels with enchanting names of the past including The Queen of Scots 1838, The PS Loch Lomond and Waterwitch 1845, the PS Marchioness of Breadalbane 1846. The advent of

the Steam Railway link between Bowling and Balloch in 1850 sees increased popularity and passengers and the introduction of new steamers the PS Prince Albert, PS Queen Victoria. The earliest photograph of a Loch Lomond paddle steamer is that of The PS Prince of Wales seen icebound at Balloch Pier. The latter part of the 18th century sees numerous new names to the Loch, the Prince Consort, Prince Tarbet, PS Queen and the PS Empress, the new PS Prince George and sister ship the PS Princess May. 1911 brings the new and biggest paddle steamer to date, the new PS Prince Edward which was delayed after becoming "stuck" on her way upstream via the River Leven. We take a sail in the late 1920's and 1930's aboard the PS Prince Edward calling at Balmaha, Luss, Tarbet and Inversnaid where we take a horse brake across the hill to Loch Katrine to join the The Sir Walter Scott for a sail down Loch Katrine. We sail aboard the PS Princess May steaming down the loch with a steam train in the background heading down the West Highland line and steaming into view comes the PS Prince George at a steady 12 knots. Having arrived by steam into Balloch station we witness rare colour scenes in the 1940's of a sail once again on the Loch this time aboard the Princes May with Captain MacFarlane in the bridge. 1953 sees the launch of the Loch last paddle steamer the **PS** Maid of the Loch and we follow her sailing cruises around the loch during her service lifetime during the 1950's and 1960;s until 1981 when sadly we sail on her for the last time calling at the usual beautiful stops of **Balmaha**, Luss, Inversnaid and others before we return to **Balloch** pier for the last foreseeable time. This is genuinely a wonderful and rare account of the numerous graceful and sleek steamers that once sailed this world famous water each with their dramatic, theatrical names like Waterwitch, The Lady of the Lake and Princess May, or PS Queen. Local folklore has it that on still foggy loch evenings many sightings and tales of the sound of these ghosts of the past can be seen or heard off Balmaha or Rowerdennan.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC

**Running Time 55mins** 

**Product Ref.: PSLL** 

# DVD Clyde Steamer Memories 1872 - 1948 Part 1 of 3



Explore rare scenes of *Helensburgh* from the pier in 1877 PS Hero and Windsor Castle. 1878 and Glasgow Fair Holidays with rare scenes of *Ben More, Carrick Castle* and *Marquis of* Lorne, 1885 Campbell's Ben More, Eagle and Iona. By 1910 major resorts had been established, including Dunoon, Rothesay on beautiful Island of Bute and Millport on the Island of Cumbrae. Wonderful footage of Glasgow and South Western's Paddle Steamer Juno tied up along the pier at *Rothesay* with holiday crowds thronging the pier and prom. All aboard in 1925 for a sail doon the watter from Bridge Wharf Glasgow. A proud *King Edward* fully loaded glides downriver complete with a band on board, the sleek Queen Empress, Glen Sannox and Kylemore built in 1897. The Duchess of Argyll arriving in *Rothesay Bay* amidst the holiday crowds. *The T.S.* Glen Sannox and P.S. Juno. As the P.S. Caledonia leaves Dunoon we view Burns Highland Mary on Castle Hill. Mercury sister ship to the Caledonia, The Duchess of Fife being berthed in Rothesay Bay and the Duchess of Hamilton arriving at Rothesay and departing for Dunoon 1936. The Queen Empress and unique shots of the P.S. Iona. Helensburgh 1936 with unique scenes of the Lucy Ashton

departing for *Gourock* and the *P.S. Waverley* in new colours. By 1946 *Glasgow Central Station* sees the start of the summer season as passengers board the trains for the coast. *The Talisman, Jeanie Deans* and *Lucy Ashton*, the brand new *Waverley, LMS TS King Edward, Caledonia, Marchioness of Lorne, P.S. Jupiter, Loch Fyne, St Columba, Lochnevis, T.S. King George V* all back or still in service after the war. 1948 nationalisation sees a regrouping of the Clyde fleet as we sail down river aboard the new *Waverley* amidst strangely quiet clyde shipyards. The new *Waverley* as she departs from *Gourock* arriving at *Dunoon* passing the *Duchess of Montrose* sailing for *Strone point and Loch Long*, passing the *Jeanie Deans* berthed at *Arrochar*. Whether you are an enthusiast in maritime history, shipping or history or simply wish to experience or recall this memorable and nostalgic period in our rich history and culture then you will find something here to enjoy.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC Scotland

**Running Time 55mins** 

**Product Ref.: CSM1** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Steamer and Maritime History Titles

# **DVD Clyde Steamer Memories Part 2 1949 - 1989**



In home waters the Clyde passenger steamer was regarded with great affection by thousands of people who sailed **'Doon the Watter**' to the beautiful Firth on the decks of their favourite steamer. As a boy I spent many holidays sailing on these magnificent steamers being one of the last generations to experience such pleasure. In **Clyde Steamer Memories Part 2** we relive the period between 1949 and 1989 which sadly saw the sunset of this great era prior to the demise of the famous fleet of graceful ships which for generations of travellers, residents and holidaymakers were a central part of summer days on the Clyde. I hope that you the viewer will enjoy reliving these happy memories of historic scenes from this part of a history stretching over 150 years.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC Scotland

**Running Time 55mins** 

Product Ref.: CSM2

# **DVD Clyde Steamer Memories Part 3 1958 - 1968**



Following on from Part 2 this DVD continuous with further fascinating archive film and material of the famous *Clyde Steamer Fleet* covering the period from the early 1950's to the late 1960's. A collection of truly noble and favourite Steamers are featured including the *Jeanie Deans The Talisman, The Duchess of Montrose, The Duchess of Hamilton and Queen Mary I*I to name but a few of these beautiful graceful ships. Visits to many popular Clyde resorts like *Inverary, Isle of Arran* and *Lochgoilhead* are incorporated to make this a truly nostalgic and beautiful account of times gone by.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC Scotland

**Running Time 60mins** 

Product Ref.: CSM3

# **DVD West Highland Steamer Memories 1878 - 1974**

Henry Bell and his famous ship the Comet the first ship to successfully harness steam power for



navigation ushered in the age of steam navigation not only to the *River Clyde* but across the world. However nowhere was the pace of change and so fast as along the banks of the River Clyde. The Clyde steamer fleet combined with steam railway connections brought remote islands, lochs and hamlets around the River Clyde and the West Coast of Scotland within reach of the tourists and became a vital lifeline for local people. Produced from rare archive library of film and materials West Highland Steamer Memories provides a fascinating comprehensive review of the red and black funnelled ships of the David MacBravne Steamer fleet which covered the Western Isles and the River Clyde. Includes fabulous unique shots of the famous paddle steamer "Columba" and the many other early ships of the fleet. By the year 1850 Messrs. G&J Burns owned and managed a massive shipping empire that encompassed the Glasgow - Belfast and Liverpool routes. They were the power behind the great *Cunard* company and another - the more lucrative *West* Highland Services. On the 13th February 1851 they handed over their West Highland Services to David Hutcheson and his brother

Alexander. David Hutcheson retired in 1876 followed by his brother in 1878 leaving David MacBrayne the sole owner of a famous fleet. *"MacBrayne"* a name which was to become synonymous with the *Scottish Highlands and Islands* for almost a 100 years.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC

**Running Time 88mins** 

**Product Ref.: WHSM** 

# **DVD Memories of the David MacBrayne Fleet 1950's and 1960's**



Henry Bell and his famous ship The Comet the first ship to commercially harness steam power for navigation ushered in the age of steamships not only to the *River Clyde* but across the world. However nowhere was the pace of change so fast as along the banks of the River Clyde which was building ships at the rate of three hundred per year in its peak. "Memories of The David MacBrayne Fleet" provides a rare fascinating account and journeys aboard many of the famous David MacBrayne vessels that sailed the lochs and Isles of the West Coast of Scotland during the 1950s and 1960s. Our travels on these graceful ships begins when we arrive by steam train from *Glasgow* at *Gourock* station and catch the *M.V.* Lochfyne before sailing for Dunoon, Inellan, Rothesay Bay then then a sail through the magnicient scenery of the Kyles of Bute before arriving at *Tighnabruach* and finally *Tarbet Loch Fyne*. Relive the sail from Oban aboard the M.V. Claymore passing the T.S. King George V, M.V. Loch Nevis and other members of the fleet.. At *Mallaig* we find the *M.V. Loch Seaforth* departing for

Stornaway and the M.V. Lochmor Tarbet Harris bound. Rediscover the famous St. Columba sailing from Glasgow to Loch Fyne Ardrishaig. At the Isle of Iona the M.V. King George V berths at the pier to unload passengers, vehicles and cargo. The original M.V. Loch Seaforth pulls into the Kyle of Lochalsh heading for Stornaway harbour. Just some of the wonderful nostalgic scenes, places and ships that are sure to rekindle golden memories and links to past times and events. These wonderful great ships however were more than pleasure vessels they provided a vital link for the Western Isles in terms of mail, cargo and a transport as Caledonian MacBrayne continues to do today.

Narrated by John Matheson

**Running Time 47mins** 

**Product Ref.: MODMF** 

# **DVD Clyde Puffer Memories**



Narrated by Colin M. Liddell

An insight into the activities of those fascinating little Puffers which sailed around the coast of Scotland in and around the many sea lochs for the best part of a century. Of all the vessels that have worked in British coastal waters no type was better loved than the Clyde Puffer. Millions laughed at the antics of Skipper Para Handy and the indomitable crew of the *Vital Spark* as portrayed on *BBC television*. For more than a century the sturdy little vessels, miniature bulk carriers of coal, sand, granite chips, grain and other like cargoes were a familiar sight on the *Clyde*, *West* Highland and other Scottish coastal waters. They entered nooks and crannies where no other vessels would or dared to go. They went into remote places amongst the lochs and islands where the visit of the Puffer provided the sole link with the outside world. Lack of pier was no obstacle to the Puffer. Her crew would beach her, unload her cargo on the sand and sail away on the next tide. A beautiful and fascinating account of these little craft and their communities.

**Running Time 30mins** 

**Product Ref.:CPM** 

# **DVD Great Clydebuilt Ships of The Clyde 1859-1959**



Glasgow made the Clyde or the Clyde made Glasgow? Whichever came first, the River Clyde, Clydeside and the term "Clydebuilt" became synonymous globally for the design excellence, engineering, quality and craftsmanship required to build magnificent world famous clippers, liners, merchant, steamers and navy ships that sailed the world. Rare footage of the birth of many famous ships and shipping lines including Cunard, White Star with famous liners such as The Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth II. A truly fascinating visual history illustrating the vast variety of ships that were designed and launched from the great shipvards such as *The Fairlfield* Shipbuilding and Engineering Company Ltd, John Brown and Company, Harland and Wolf Ltd, William Denny Brothers and many more famous shipyards. We take a journey back in time to experience Clydeside's growth and success starting with Clippers, Paddle Steamers, Liners, Ferries, Tugs, Hoppers, Dredgers, Freighters, Tankers, Battleships, Carriers, Destroyers and Yachts all built on the Clyde during the period from around 1859 to 1959.

Narrated by Ron Marshall

**Running Time 60mins** 

**Product Ref.:GSOC** 

# DVD The Birth of a Ship 1908 William Denny and Brothers Dumbarton



Henry Bell and his famous ship The Comet the first ship to commercially harness steam power for navigation ushered in the age of steamships not only to the River Clyde but across the world. However nowhere was the pace of change so fast as along the banks of the River Clyde which was building ships at the rate of three hundred per year in its peak. William Denny and Brothers were one of the great Clyde ship designers and shipbuilders for almost one hundred years and were famous for designing and producing many of the greatest ships in the world including the famous *Cuttv Sark* which it completed in 1869. Recognised worldwide for their technical and innovative designs Denny Brothers were pioneers in leading this maritime revolution. In this unique archive history DVD the "Birth of a Ship" from concept design to its launch in 1908 is captured with rare detail from archive film. We follow the design on the order book of 1908 starting in the drawing office in William Denny and Brothers. We are given a detailed account of the

production and experimental testing of the wax prototype hull model and propeller design. Denny Brothers were the first shipbuilder in the UK to have their own dedicated experimental water tank which is now part of the Scottish Maritime Museum. Continuing on the lifecycle of the ship's development we are given a first-hand demonstration of the many crafts and trades required in 1908 in order to translate the design templates into components including the "mould loftsmen" responsible for producing the wooden templates required for fabrication. We are given first-hand examples of how these templates are then transformed by skilled press, foundry and machine shop operators, joiners and carpenters into the required frames, plates and other numerous components that will form the new ship. All done with the highest degree of manual craft experience, skills and effort by these dedicated shipbuilders. The construction of the ship begins with the laying of the keel, then the "double bottom" followed by the "tank top" and finally the engine mounting. Finally the big day of the launch of the ship (Tofua built 1908 for the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand) arrives where with great celebration as another great ship slips gently into the waters of the Clyde to begin her journeys around the world. A truly rare fascinating detailed account of the effort, craftsmanship, skills and success of this world famous ship designer and shipbuilder William Denny and Brothers who designed and produced some of the finest and highest quality vessels in the world.

#### Narrated by Ron Black

**Running Time 34mins** 

**Product Ref.: BOS** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Railway Archive History Titles

# **DVD Locomotives of the early Scottish Railways**



A fascinating insight and account on DVD of the evolution of steam locomotives, their designers and the early the Scottish railway companies that formed Scotland's early steam railway transport industry starting from 1870. This DVD provides a unique combination of archive film footage of these great locomotives together with are photographs of these early locomotives and famous Scottish stations including Glasgow Buchanan Street, Glasgow St Enochs Station, Edinburgh Waverley Station, Inverness Station and Aviemore. The North British Railway Company 1844 Examples of some of the Steam Locomotives that are included are a 355 240 designed by S W Johnson and built at Cowlairs in 1865. A 240 designed by Thomas Wheatley, a 440 number 224 Wheatley this was the locomotive involved in the Tay Bridge disaster of 1879, a shot of the 224 recovered from the River Tay and later rebuilt. A 222 of the North British Railways' first express locomotives 222 no 475 Berwick designed by Dugald Drummond. A 060 No 473 a famous Drumond design built by

Neilson & Company Glasgow in 1876. Footage of a Drumond 060 at **Balloch Pier Loch Lomond** as passengers rush to sail on the P.S. Princess May for a cruise on Loch Lomond The Caledonian Railway Company 1845 A Connor 222 Express with 8 feet driving wheels built 1859, a 240 express locomotive designed by Benjamin Conner 1867 A 440 No 126 Passenger locomotive built at St Rowlocks in 1877. A 44 Express Locomotive designed by George Brittain in 1882. Rare footage of Caledonian Railways Central Station Glasgow and Wemyss Bay Stations. The Glasgow and South Western Railway Company 1850 240 No.104 Express Locomotive James Stirling in 1870. 440 No. 11 express locomotive 1897 built by Dubs and Company Glasgow. Includes some very rare footage showing Glasgow and South Western's St Enoch's Station. A 260 No 403, a 460 No 120 Express Locomotive. A 440 No. 359 designed especially for Clyde coastal routes. Glasgow Stranraer Express with a Baltic 464 Superhet Tank No 514. Footage at St Enoch Station Glasgow. A 440 No. 394 Lord Glenarthur. The Great North of Scotland Railway Company 1845 Features many locomotives including a Cowan 440 No.1, 240 No.7 Cowan design, a 440 No. 58. Features the Great North of Scotland workshops at Inverurie opened 1893. A 044 No. 91 Tank Locomotive built 1893 by Neilson and Company Glasgow. A 440 No 110 design by Manson, built by Dubs and Company Glasgow. A Pickersgill 440 one of most popular locomotives of the Great North of Scotland Railway. Find some fabulous rare footage of a "survivor" of the Great North of Scotland Railway. The Highland Railway Company 1865 The Highland Railway Company's fine Scottish locomotives including a 222 No 32 rebuilt by William Stroudley. A 441 No 31 Auchentyre passenger locomotive, a 240 No. 35 Isla Bank passenger locomotive Allan type built by Sharpe Stewart and Company Glasgow, the Locomotive shed at Aviemore built 1898. A 060 No.57 Stroudley Tank locomotive Lochgorn prototype of the terriers. Elgin Aberdeen express at Aberdeen station. A 460 No.35 Glen Urguhart Caste passing Drumochtar Pass. The 460 famous Jones Goods Locomotive the first 460 to run on a British Railway. Rare footage of a surviving Highland Railway locomotive a Jones Goods Locomotive seen in action before going into preservation in the Glasgow Riverside Museum of Transport.

Narrated by Colin M Liddell

**Running Tme: 47mins** 

**Product Ref.: LOESR** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Railway Archive History Titles

# **DVD Memories of Steam on the West Highland Line**



A fascinating British steam locomotive railway history DVD. The West Highland Rail Line was opened to the public on the 7th August, 1894 followed by an official ceremony at Fort William on the 11th August 1894. This production uses rare black and white archive railway video footage which was shot in the late 1950's just before the withdrawal of steam trains by British Railways.

Narrated by Colin M Liddell

**Running Time 18mins** 

Product Ref.: MOSWHL



# DVD Memories of Steam in Scotland 1850 - 1970

A truly fascinating and historic account on DVD of the last days of the magnificent steam trains featuring three famous Glasgow railway stations, Buchanan Street, St.Enoch and Central Station. Additional shots around Central Scotland culminating in a trip by steam from Glasgow to Oban and Mallaig on the West Highland line by two famous locomotives which are now preserved in the Glasgow Riverside Museum of Transport. Researched, written and produced by Colin M. Liddell using rare railway archive footage these unique railway DVD titles capture some the rail history and nostalgia of British and Scottish railways and British rail steam locomotives during the previous century. Take a nostalgic railroad journey from Glasgow to Fort William or Glasgow to Oban for example aboard one of the great steam train locomotives follow the West Highland line with all of the stops along this beautiful scenic

route recounting the great British steam trains and 150 years of the history of Scotland's and British steam trains, locomotives and early railway companies. Whether you are a steam railway history enthusiast, a railway modeller or simply want to relive and revisit the golden days of British steam locomotives and railways you will find something here. A great Scottish gift whether for yourself or for a loved one.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC

**Running Time 50mins** 

**Product Ref.: MOSS** 

# DVD Scenes of Old Springburn (Steam Train and Railway Capital of the World)



DVD Glasgow History - Scenes of Old Springburn, Glasgow. At the beginning of the 19th century Springburn was a mere wooded hamlet with a few scattered cottages and the odd mansion house of the rich Glasgow merchants. By the middle of the century this area had become the hub of the *Caledonian and North British Railway Companies* and the factories of two great private builders of steam locomotives for the railways of the world. Around these workshops had grown up a whole community with every man, woman and child dependent directly or indirectly upon the production of steam locomotives. This DVD provides a fascinating insight into life in Springburn in its industrial heyday. Springburn - Railway Metropolis of the world.

Narrated by Andrew A Stuart

**Running Time 34mins** 

**Product Reference.: SOS** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Transport Archive History Titles

# **DVD Scottish Bus and Coach Memories 1906 - 2006**

A truly fascinating insight into the development of public transport across Scotland during the last 100



years. From the horse drawn coach to the luxury coaches of today. Featuring Scottish Motor Transport (SMT) Company's earliest vehicles and the numerous private operating companies including Alexanders, MacBrayne, Grey Line, Western and their fabulous range of makes and models of early bus vehicles over the last 100 years. Covering bus and coach operators within Western, Central and Eastern Scotland, The Highlands and Islands we experience directly the history and changes within both rural and urban services. Take a nostalgic journey back in time departing from Glasgow, Inverness, Edinburgh, Largs, Ayr, Rothesay, Oban, The Isle of Sky and many more destination shown in unique rare film archive footage. The producer wishes to acknowledge Mr Samuel Fraser and Mr Murdo MacPherson for their assistance in the making of this production. Whether you are a transport enthusiast or simply want to recall and relive these wonderful vehicles, journeys and places then you are certain to find something of interest here in this wonderful window into Scotland's past.

Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC Running Time 56mins Product Ref.: SBCM

# **DVD Memories of Royal Rothesay Isle of Bute 1920-1990**



Roval Rothesay Isle of Bute the Madeira of Scotland and the Pearl of the Clyde are terms once frequently associated with this beautiful Clyde island and early Victorian holiday destination. It's the late 1920's Glasgow Fair Holiday and Rothesay's piers and prom are crowded with holiday makers arriving in one of the 30 Clyde steamers per day that called at the Isle of Bute. Rare wonderful scenes in the 1930's of passengers arriving aboard the steamer eager to relax and enjoy their holiday on this island retreat. Share the times and fun as visitors take a tram to Ettrick Bay and enjoy a ride on the miniature Steam Railway or relax on Rothesay Bay beach where "children's corner" is ever popular with youngsters enjoying the sand and sea. Join us in 1949 as we sail from Wemyss Bay before elegantly sailing into Rothesay Bay aboard the paddle steamer passing familiar landmarks such as Royal Terrace. St Brendan's Church, Craigend UP Church, Glenburn and the Public Baths built in 1876 as the paddle steamer Duchess of Montrose gracefully pulls away from Rothesay pier. The scenes of course completed with the

famous PS Waverley making her presence known as a frequent visitor to Rothesay. Visit or revisit Woodend House, Loch Fad former home of Shakespearian actor Edmund Kean or Kerry Croy Village built in the 1800 by the Marquis of Bute in the style of an English hamlet. With sailing trips daily for visitors the "Gay Queen" was always a popular choice for an excursion. Experience the iconic scene as the St Columba steams majestically down the Kyles of Bute passing Loch Striven and the TS Queen Mary glides elegantly into Rothesay Bay. In 1953 join the island celebrating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth with everyone enjoying the festivities and events. We catch a rare glimpse of the famous paddle steamer PS Jeanie Deans in 1954 as she departs from Rothesay pier her future now undermined by the advent of the new Caledonian MacBravne ferries Arran, Bute and the Cowal. We follow the subsequent introduction of many new ships and ferries that join the Rothesay service including the Glen Sannox, MV Saturn, Juno and Jupiter increasing traffic and accessibility to the Isle whilst sadly helping to close the chapter for the famous clyde paddle steamer fleet. The 1st of June 1990 sees the celebrations and re-opening ceremony of the refurbished famous Rothesay Winter gardens whose refurbishment was pioneered by the Rothesay Heritage Society and The Winter Garden Trust. The opening ceremony of this famous and historic building was a tribute to all those involved with many guest and speakers including Lady Bute, Grace (Gracy) Clark, Johnnie Beattie and Magnus Magnusson to name a few. This seventy year window into beautiful Royal Rothesay Isle of Bute and its places, scenes, history and events is a wonderful and nostalgic record whether you have ties to Bute directly or whether you really want to relive those golden precious memories of memorable trips or holidays to Scotland's "Madera".

Narrated by C M. Liddell

**Running Time 74mins** 

**Product Ref.: MORR** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Local Archive History Titles

# **DVD** Rothesay Isle of Bute in the Glorious 50s



Rothesay in the Glorious 50's "Royal Rothesay" Isle of Bute with its magnificent beauty and its historic past is well deserved of its royal title. Whether you have links to the Isle of Bute or it holds warm memories of past trips or holidays we invite you to sail back in time to experience Rothesay in the glorious 1950's. Its 1954 and "Glasgow Fair fortnight", the pier in Rothesay Bay is packed with passengers disembarking from one of the many proud Clyde Steamers including the Marchioness of Lorne, The PS Caledonia and the PS Jeanie Deans. Revisit holiday scenes on the beach and promenade at Rothesay or Ettrick or Scalpsie Bay. Entertainment was in abundance with places to visit including Rothesay Castle, Skeoch Woods, Loch Fad, or live entertainment at the Winter Gardens or for those more energetic then a round of golf at the golf course overlooking Canada Hill or a short sailing trip aboard the Gay Queen or the Victor. As the elegant PS Jeanie Deans sweeps into Rothesay Bay with a full load of new passengers our holiday comes to and end and it's time to leave. Filmed during the last great peak in the popularity of this beautiful island we invite you to visit or revisit the

scenes, places and events of this magical "clyde resort" .

### Narrated by Magnus Magnusson

### **Running Time 28mins**

Product Ref.: ROG50





Memories of the Isle of Arran 1933 – 1993 The beautiful ever popular island of Arran has held magical memories for generations of holidaymakers, visitors and hill walkers for over a century. With its breath-taking scenery, mountains including the famous Goat Fell and its many picturesque bays and inlets Arran truly is a "jewel in the crown". This DVD provides a fascinating tour both around the island and back in time starting in 1933. Relive and revisit the many towns, bays and events during this sixty year look back in time. Recount the days where the Steamer brought visitors and holidaymakers "Doon the Watter" from Glasgow, Largs, Gourock, Rothesay and other ports arriving at Brodick, Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot or Whiting Bay for an adventure trip or holiday to this magical island. Step back in time and tour the island and its many places and secrets including Brodick Castle, Glen Sannox, Lochranza Castle, Goat Fell with its magnificent views over Mauchrie Moor, Drumadoon Bay, Lamlash Bay, Brodick Bay and King's cave where Robert the Bruce is said to have been inspired by the spider and the mysterious standing stones that stretch back over 5,000 years. Relive the arrival of visitors and others aboard the once numerous proud and

graceful Clyde steamer's that called at Arran from the 1930's including the Marchioness of Graham, TS King Edward, Duchess of Montrose, NB Steamer Waverley, Duchess of Argyll, Duchess of Montrose, P.S. Mercury, TS Queen Mary, TS Duchess of Hamilton, PS Caledonia and of course the current PS Waverley all teaming with excited visitors waiting to disembark at Lamlash, Brodick, Lochranza and other points around the island. Experience how holidaymakers and visitors in days past spent their holidays on Arran with its five golf courses, fabulous beaches complete with bathing huts and beach huts. Whether you have ties to the Isle of Arran or simply want to relive the nostalgia and fond golden memories of times spent on Arran of then this is a unique archive journey that will not disappoint.

#### Narrated by Ian Anderson

### **Running Time 64mins**

**Product Ref.: MOIA** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Local Archive History Titles

# DVD Millport in the 1920's and 1930's



A true window on Scottish history looking back to the 1920's and 30's on this beautiful Scottish island . The prime minister in office is David Lloyd George our monarch is King George V. Experience and see how holiday makers and visitors relaxed and enjoyed themselves on Millport during this era. The archive footage in this DVD was uncovered after more than 70 years in storage and had sadly been damaged by moisture. It has been painstakingly edited in order to bring you this historical visual record of Millport during the 1920's and 1930's.

The producer would like to thank the following people for their contribution to this production. Mr Ronnie Stewart of Mid Kirkton Farm, Millport and Mr David Findlayson, The Rowans, Bute Terrace, Millport.

Narrated by Colin M Liddell Product Ref.:MOM

**Running Time 40mins** 

## **DVD Scenes of Old Helensburgh 1913 - 1997**



An absolutely fascinating account and look back into the history of this beautiful town of Helensburgh during the last 100 years. Using very rare scenes and archive film we take an interesting and very informative journey to explore the places, famous people and events that have shaped Helensburgh's rich and varied history. Crammed full of facts some of which you may not be aware of about the "Garden City of the Firth of Clyde" which was established in 1776 by Sir James Colquhoun who named the town after his wife Lady Helen Sutherland or its first recorded Provost Henry Bell the father of the famous ship the "Comet" the first commercial steamship, or John Logie Baird another famous Helensburgh born pioneer. Follow the growth of Helensburgh during the century and its place as one of the first Clyde seaside "resorts" enjoyed by thousands over the years. Look back at the famous places, landmarks in and around Helensburgh including the promenades, Hermitage Park, the numerous Churches, Victoria Infirmary, The Hill House built for Glasgow Printer Mr Walter Blackie and of course designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and one of his most famous works.

Cinemas like The Plaza, The Tower, La Scala, Helensburgh Tennis Club, Helensburgh West End Football team 1916 and its schools of St Brides, Hermitage, St Josephs, Grant Street and Larchfield School. Reminisce of happy trips or visits to the open air swimming pool at the pier. Travel once again by train to Helensburgh by train to Craigendoran station (built 1907) or Helensburgh station (built 1863) to catch one of the once regular clyde steamers at Helensburgh or Craigendorran Pier such as The Talisman built 1876, PS Kenilworth built 1898, Marmion built 1906, Lucy Ashton built 1888, Jeanie Deans built 1931, The Maid of Argyll or of course the famous second PS Waverley. Whether you have ties to Helensburgh or whether it simply holds fond golden memories of trips, visits or holidays then you will most definitely find something to rekindle those happy times here. Narrated by Mark Gray Special Thanks to Patricia Drayton of Helensburgh Library for her assistance

#### Narrated by Mark Gray

#### **Running Time 36mins**

**Product Ref.: SOH** 

## Video History Scotland Scottish Local Archive History Titles

## **DVD Memories of the Vale of Leven Alexandria Dunbartonshire** Part 1 of 4



The lovely valley..."There's a Valley nestles neatly neath the shadow of the hills. Its beauty and its splendour with joy my bosom thrills. If you ask the lonely exile, who has left it for a while. To name the spot he loves the best, he'll answer with a smile. It's the Valley, the Lovely Valley, where the Leven flows". Rare footage reveals scenes, places and events from the late 1940's to the early 1950's of The Vale of Leven and its towns and places including Alexandria, Balloch, Renton, Loch Lomond and Bonhill.

#### Narrated by Ian Anderson BBC

**Running Time 55mins** 

**Product Ref.: MOV1** 



## **DVD Dumbarton's Yesterdays 1950-1970**

The commanding fortress of Dumbarton Rock and Castle was the foundation of the town of Dumbarton at the mouth of the River Leven. A truly fascinating and nostalgic look back into a multitude of scenes, streets events and faces of Dumbarton between the 1950s and 1970s in an absolutely unique and rare account of part of Dumbarton's esteemed history. Brought to you from the producer's film archives. We begin our journey in 1950 recalling the "Parade to the Castle" by Dumbarton's Scouts and Girl Guides led by 1st Dumbarton Scout Pipe Band. Revisit some of Dumbarton's world famous companies and employers including Babcox & Wilcox or Hiram Walkers & Son established in 1937 on the site of McMillan's Shipyard. The opening of The Vale of Leven Industrial Estate in 1946 attracted some large corporations including Burroughs Adding Machines and Westclox General Time Ltd where we are given rare glimpses of their shop floors and employees. We witness the "Sons" in action in the 1950's at Boghead Football Park and we pay a visit

to "Gala Day" at Hatfield School grounds where rare treats like the "Bonnie Baby Competition" and the "Festival Queen" with all of their beauty and finery. Recall the many shops and businesses in and around the High Street in the 1950's including Mason & Co., Mary Pollock Fashions, Clydesdale Electric and many more advertised in the Lennox Herald including adds for Brown & Harris, The Burgh Hall Dancing, The Picture House and La Scala cinemas. Rare scenes of local business Callander Brothers wholesale fruit and vegetable producer as they harvest and load their trucks for distribution. Boghead Football Park sees the Scouts and Guides Centenary Raleigh where the Queen's Scouts and Guides add an international flavour. 1961 and the famous shipbuilder William Denny and Brothers Shipyard are completing a large New Zealand ferry order. As major development of the town begins we make final visits to many of Dumbarton's streets and landmarks including Park Crescent, The Artisan, Denniston before their demolition. We leave this part of Dumbarton's long and distinguished history with a trip in the 1970's to beautiful Levengrove Park and Esplanade for a sunny Sunday School trip by Dalreoch Church's youngsters. Whether you have direct ties to Dumbarton or whether you want to relive golden fond memories of this historic town and its faces, places and events then we guarantee that you will find something of value here.

#### Narrated by Ron Black

#### **Running Time 72mins**

**Product Ref.: DUMBY**