

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

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**Liz Curtis** is a member of the Scottish Place-Name Society and lives in Dunbar. She began her interest in place-names while living in Belfast and learning Irish Gaelic. In 2006/7 she took an MSc course in Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh, where she wrote a dissertation on place-names on the Tarbat peninsula, supervised by the late Dr Doreen Waugh. This was later published as ‘Tarbat or not Tarbat? Was there a portage on the Tarbat peninsula?’, *JSNS* 5, 2011, 1–34. Since then she has concentrated mainly on place-names in East Lothian and enjoys responding to local enquiries about the subject. She is particularly interested in how place-names illuminate history and archaeology, and vice versa.

**Dr Peter Drummond** has a degree in sociology, which goes to prove that one can come to onomastics from any direction. He became interested in place-names while working on a history of the Coatbridge area, where he worked in the early 1980s, and this led to *Place-Names of the Monklands* a few years later. He then turned his toponymic focus to his main hobby, hill-walking, and in the early 1990s the Scottish Mountaineering Trust published his *Scottish Hill and Mountain Names*, which met with considerable success. In spring 2007, it was

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