

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

Dr **Nick Aitchison** has written about various aspects of the archaeology and history of early Scotland and Ireland. His current interests focus on the Insular Celts, particularly in what is now Scotland, in an attempt to combine onomastic with archaeological, historical and literary evidence to produce new insights or perspectives. Born and brought up in Stirlingshire, he also has an interest in the place-names of central Scotland.

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Dr **Katherine Cuthbertson** recently completed her PhD at the University of Glasgow on 'The use of name evidence in lexicography: comparative analysis of onomastic data for historical and contemporary Scots' (2018).

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Dr **Rex Taylor** is an Emeritus Professor of the University of Glasgow. Apart from an early study of personal names in the USA ('John Doe, Jr: A Study of His Distribution in Space, Time and the Social Structure', *Social Forces* 53, 1974), all his publications have been in epidemiology and medical sociology. Since retiring he has divided his time between Scotland and France. He has recently completed a

study of French street names in twenty villages, in which he explores variations in commemorative naming between villages (forthcoming, *Onoma*).

Dr **Simon Taylor** has been working on various aspects of Scottish place-name studies since the early 1990s, including the production of detailed surveys of Fife (5 volumes, 2006–2012), Kinross-shire (1 volume, 2017) and Clackmannanshire (1 volume, forthcoming). He is employed as a reader in Scottish Name Studies at the University of Glasgow. Editor of *JSNS* since its inception in 2007, he is now co-editor with Richard Cox.

**John Garth Wilkinson** is a retired schoolteacher who studied at the universities of Granada and Birmingham, gaining a BA (Hons) degree in Spanish and French, which he taught after further studies in Sheffield and Edinburgh, where he switched to the primary sector to work full-time for an eighth of a century, eventually teaching Art part-time. He has also worked as translator, photographer, calligrapher, stage designer, illustrator and caricaturist, being occasional resident cartoonist for the *Scottish Place-Name Society Newsletter*, to which he has contributed several articles, others appearing in *Nomina* and elsewhere; he has also published poetry and fiction. Born half-roads between Cymru and Cumberland, he began learning Welsh in the late 1980s in order to grapple with our earliest place-names; the revamping of his 1992 *West Lothian Place-Names* booklet and two other locally based works are perennially forthcoming.