

On 28 Jan 2010 our speaker was the well-known J. Malcolm Allan speaking on 'Old MacFarlane Stuffed a Zoo in 1862'.

John MacFarlane of Coneyhill (1785-1868) was a well-known businessman and philanthropist with decided views on many topics. His most important local contribution was the creation of the original Museum Hall at Bridge of Allan and his assistant, for several years was his grandson, John Murray, later Sir John Murray of the 'Challenger'. Parts of MacFarlane's collections still survive incorporated into those of the Smith Museum in Stirling. He also established a local library and contributed to other 'good causes' such as the Stirling High School and the National Wallace Monument.

Learn more about John MacFarlane;

J Malcolm Allan, 2006. 'The MacFarlane Museum of Natural History, Coneyhill', *Forth Naturalist and Historian*, v. 29, pp. 17-25.

See also; http://www.oldtowncemetery.co.uk/history/macfarlane_coney.html