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## Bute House

### Trustees Meeting Report for 2016



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In amongst this busy year of activities at Bute House, here below is a summary of Historic Environment Scotland Collections and Conservation and Maintenance teams' work:

- annual collections audit, and return of a number of significant Trustee objects.
- working closely with the National Trust of Scotland to establish provenance and a definitive inventory of the collections by owner; informing loans agreements with the Institute of Goldsmiths, Scottish Government and NTS.
- liaison with the National Galleries of Scotland artworks for the Cabinet Room, Drawing Room, Dining Room and FM private apartments.
- conservation assessments and various works including clocks, brought back to use.
- valuations undertaken by Bonhams with highlighted significance for many of the objects.
- salvage planning progress towards draft 2017 plan for stakeholder feedback.
- environmental monitoring and works for the stability and preservation of the collections.
  
- refresh of material for Bute House guide
  
- stairwell re-decoration from basement to cupola with detailed plasterwork, renewed carpet underlay and polished stair rods, and re-decoration at lift lobbies
- masonry work consolidation at windows sills to garage
- second floor study redecoration and rearrangement of layout.
- carpet replacement in reception, basement, and private apartments
- stainless steel units and shelving in catering kitchen, replacement floor vinyl
- interior doors, upgrade fire resistance – works on going
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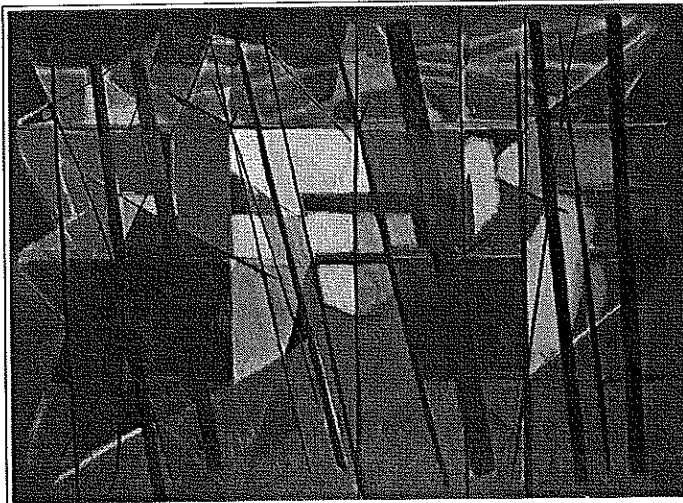
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**A forward look to 2017 and 2018**, in addition to general maintenance of the building historic fabric and collections and conservation and repair as required:

- finalising loan agreements with partnership institutions and provide ongoing curatorial guidance
- conservation of the Barnsley Sideboard and long-term plans for its display.
- longer term storage solutions for objects not currently on display, with re-organisation and accommodation for temporary storage to rear of building and forming a conservation store.
  
- Bute House leaflet guide print
  
- reorganisation and re- presentation of the Drawing Room, with forward planning for 2018 – 19 redecoration and flooring conservation
- specialist decoration repairs
- investigate condensation at basement window level
- storage feasibility study at attic level
- liaison with review of electrical services including emergency lighting
- liaison with review for security and resilience
- liaison with building accessibility assessment

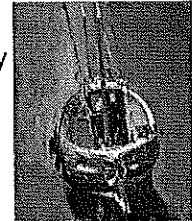


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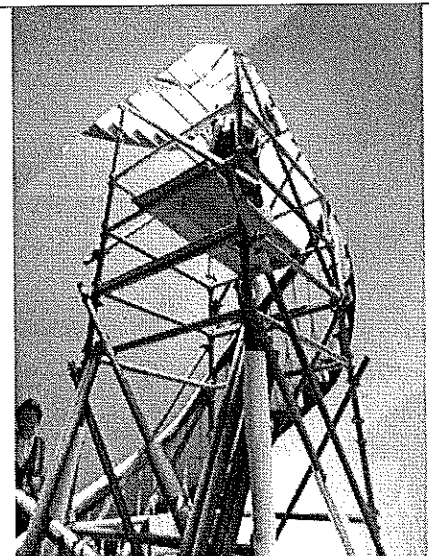
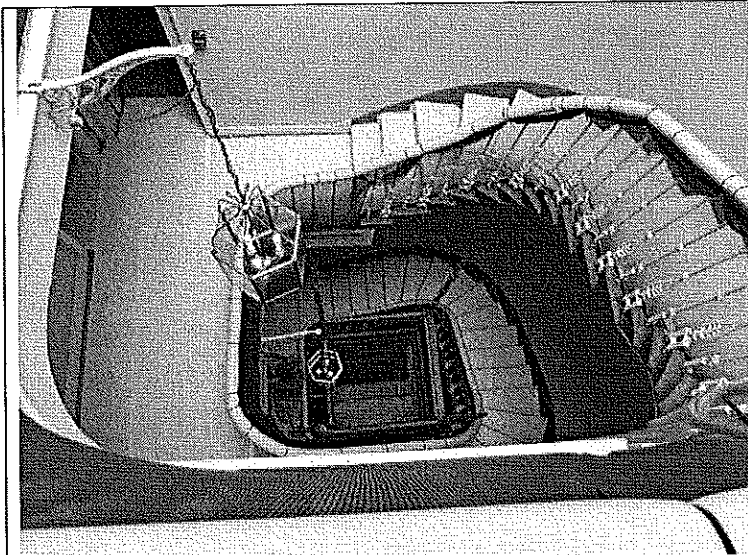
Erbalunga, Corsica  
Anne Redpath  
1955

Seine Boat  
Joan Eardley  
1960

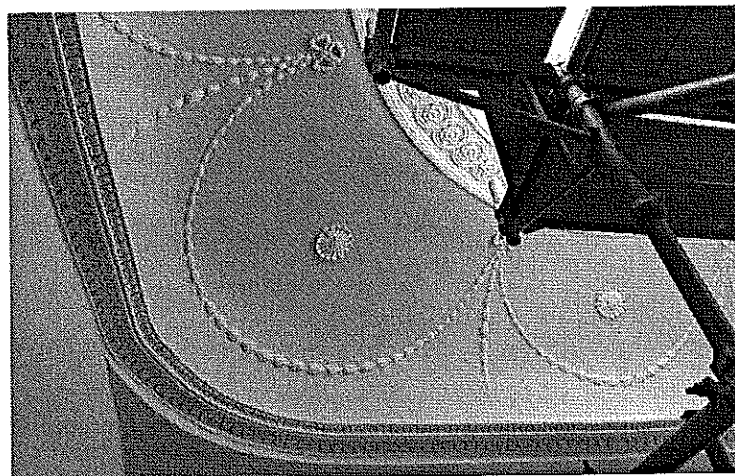


Red Painting  
Wilhelmina Barns-Graham  
1957

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