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If you would like an event, course or new publication to be included, please send basic
details (e.g. date, title, place, organising body, very brief description, website and/or email
address and/or phone number) to volunteer@archaeologyscotland.org.uk. Please do not
send attachments. The next deadline is 14 February. Archaeology Scotland members who
wish to be added to the mailing list, or those who would like their name removed, should
email volunteer@archaeologyscotland.org.uk.

*NEW* and *UPDATE* indicate additions or changes to the previous list.

1. PROGRAMMES OF EVENTS

14-29 July 2012
CBA FESTIVAL OF BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY
The annual extravaganza of heritage events coordinated
by the Council for British Archaeology. Details t.b.a. spring 2012.
http://festival.britarch.ac.uk/

*NEW*  September 2012
SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
Events throughout Scotland for everyone, free of charge. Details t.b.a.
http://www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk

*NEW*  September 2012, every weekend
DOORS OPEN DAYS
Free access to hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland. Details t.b.a.
http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/opendays

*NEW*  September 2012
PERTHSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
Co-ordinated by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust
A month long series of events focusing on the archaeology of Perth and Kinross. Details
t.b.a.
http://www.pkht.org.uk/Exploring-Perthshires-Past/Perthshire-Archaeology-Month/

*NEW*  September 2012
EAST LOTHIAN ARCHAEOLOGY & LOCAL HISTORY FORTNIGHT
Guided tours and illustrated talks throughout East Lothian. Details t.b.a.
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology

*NEW*  September 2012
BORDERS HERITAGE WEEK
Scottish Borders Council
A host of activities throughout the Scottish Borders. Details t.b.a.
http://www.scottishbordersheritage.co.uk

*NEW*  October 2012
HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL
Events around the Highlands for everyone. Details t.b.a.
Highland Council Archaeology Unit
http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology/highlandarchaeologyfestival.htm

2. DIGS, CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2012
ADOPT-A-MONUMENT
Archaeology Scotland is working with community groups across Scotland to conserve and
interpret a range of important archaeological and historical sites. There are still
opportunities to have Archaeology Scotland help you with a project at a local archaeological or historic site.
For further information, please contact Phil Richardson, Adopt-a-Monument Project Manager, at Archaeology Scotland on 0845 8723333, p.richardson@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

Continuing
DAER VALLEY PRE-HISTORIC SITES
Biggar Archaeology Group
We are currently excavating a series of prehistoric sites under threat by forestry in the Daer Valley, south of Crawford and just off the M74. Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age sites are being worked on. We are desperate for more volunteers, no experience is necessary. We work weekends only. Further enquiries will be welcome.
http://www.biggararchaeology.org.uk, info@biggararchaeology.org.uk

Continuing
RESEARCHING AVIEMORE, GLENMORE AND UPPER STRATHSPEY
The Cairngorms National Park Authority and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) are organising a three-year programme of activities offering training and support to those wishing to research and explore the history of Aviemore and its surrounding area. Further information from Amy Gillespie, communities@rcahms.gov.uk

Continuing
WESTERN ISLES ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT
Fishermen, beachcombers, divers and local people in the Western Isles are being urged to report anything unusual they’ve spotted at the shoreline or under the sea to a new archaeological project, which is searching for the prehistoric and historic remains of the coastal and marine areas of the Outer Hebrides. OHCCMAPP is a partnership between RCAHMS, WA Coastal & Marine, Historic Scotland and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. For more information or to have a chat about getting involved, contact marine@rcahms.gov.uk or see http://www.rcahms.gov.uk.

3. CONFERENCES

*NEW* 11 February 2012
STUDENT CONFERENCE — LANGUAGE: CONTACT AND CHANGE
University of Glasgow
Organised by the Viking Society for Northern Research and the Scottish Society for Northern Studies
Further info from kathryn.lowe@glasgow.ac.uk; http://www.northernstudies.org.uk and http://www.vsnr.org

30 March - 2 April 2012
SOCIETY OF NAME STUDIES IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Athenry, Co. Galway, Ireland
For information contact the Conference Secretary, confsec@snsbi.org.uk
http://www.snsbi.org.uk

*UPDATE* 12-15 April 2012
SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES CONFERENCE:
FROM GALL TO GAEL TO GALLOWGLASS
Bowmore, Isle of Islay
All welcome. Bookings and deposits by 16 March 2012.
http://www.northernstudies.org.uk

26 May 2012
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS
National conference organised this year by Archaeology Scotland in collaboration with the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. This year’s conference will be held in Aberdeen.
21-23 September 2012
GARDENING TIME: REFLECTIONS ON MEMORY, MONUMENTS AND HISTORY IN SCOTLAND AND SARDINIA
Magdalen College, Cambridge
The key themes are the connections between memory and monuments, taking Scotland and Sardinia as two key examples. Timetable: declaration of interest - now; abstracts by 1 May 2012. For further details contact Isabelle Vella Gregory, iv219@cam.ac.uk, or Simon Stoddart, ss16@cam.ac.uk, or view the website, http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/iron_age/2012/index.html

4. TALKS AND LECTURES

9 January 2012 (Edinburgh) & 10 January 2012 (Aberdeen)
IRISH IRON AGE BOG BODIES
Lecture by Eamonn P. Kelly, Keeper of Irish Antiquities, National Museum of Ireland
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

19 January 2012, 7.30pm
BACK TO THE FRONT: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WORLD WAR I
Lecture by Dr Tony Pollard, University of Glasgow
Boyd Orr Building, Glasgow University, free
Organised by Glasgow Archaeological Society
http://www.glasarchsoc.org.uk/?page_id=30

*NEW* 24 January 2012, 7.30pm
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SCOTLAND: PRESERVATION, EXPLOITATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Talk by Alistair McCleery, Edinburgh Napier University
MacRobert Building 055, University of Aberdeen
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/lectures.shtml

30 January 2012 (Edinburgh) & 31 January 2012 (Aberdeen)
EXHIBITING SCOTTISH IDENTITY: THE 1911 SCOTTISH EXHIBITION OF NATIONAL HISTORY, ART AND INDUSTRY
Lecture by Neil Curtis, University of Aberdeen
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

9 February 2012, 7.30pm
ROMAN INVERESK
Talk by Dr Fraser Hunter
St Peter's Church Hall, High Street, Musselburgh
Organised by Musselburgh Conservation Society, free

14 February 2012 (Aberdeen) & 15 February 2012 (Edinburgh)
LOYALTY TO THE SOVEREIGN AND THE SCOTTISH HERALDS
Lecture by Charles J Burnett Esq, Ross Herald Extraordinary
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

15 February 2012, 7pm
LIVING AND DYING AT AULDHAME, EAST LOTHIAN - THE EXCAVATION OF AN ANGLIAN MONASTIC SETTLEMENT & MEDIEVAL PARISH CHURCH
Talk by Anne Crone, AOC Archaeology
Kirk Stables, Aberlady
Organised by Aberlady Conservation and History Society

*NEW* 16 February 2012, 7.30pm
AROUND THE ISLES IN EIGHTY MONUMENTS
Talk by Dr Kenny Taylor
Lower Town Hall, Dingwall
http://www.spanglefish.com/dingwallfieldclub

12 March 2012 (Edinburgh) & 13 March 2012 (Aberdeen)
ARMOUR OR GLAMOUR? SHIELDS AND WARFARE IN THE BRONZE AGE
Lecture by Dr Marion Uckelmann, University of Exeter
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

14 March 2012, 7pm
CRANNOGS AND IRON AGE SETTLEMENTS IN SCOTLAND
Talk by Graeme Cavers, AOC Archaeology
Kirk Stables, Aberlady
Organised by Aberlady Conservation and History Society

13 - 15 April 2012
THE RHIND LECTURES:
‘ON THE WINDY EDGE OF NOTHING: VIKINGS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC WORLD - ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL JOURNEYS’
By Professor Kevin Edwards, University of Aberdeen
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

9 May 2012 (Aberdeen) & 10 May 2012 (St Andrews)
ON THE MARCH: ROMAN CAMPS IN SCOTLAND
Lecture by Dr Rebecca Jones, RCAHMS
Organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Monthly
RCAHMS LUNCHTIME LECTURES
Conference Room, RCAHMS, 16 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh, 1 pm
Lectures on Scotland’s architecture, archaeology and industry, open to all, free, must be
booked in advance, 0131 662 1456 or info@rcahms.gov.uk
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/rcahms-lunchtime-lectures.html

5. EXHIBITIONS

6. WALKS, HOLIDAYS AND OUTINGS

THE SCOTTISH CRANNOG CENTRE, KENMORE, LOCH TAY
Featuring a unique reconstruction of an early Iron Age loch-dwelling.
Exhibition, guided tour, 'hands on' crafts and technology demonstrations, and special
events. For opening times see http://www.crannog.co.uk

ORKNEY ARCHAEOLOGY TOURS
All-inclusive small group holidays and private tours run by professional archaeologists who
are also accredited Orkney Tourist Guides.
2012 brochure downloadable from http://www.orkneyarchaeologytours.co.uk,
tel. 01856 721217 or 01856 721450

BORDERS HERITAGE WEBSITE
Official web site of the Countryside and Heritage Service of Scottish Borders Council.
Information includes places to visit and publications.
http://www.scottishbordersheritage.co.uk/3

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE
For archaeological guided walks in East Lothian, see
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology
HIGHLAND COUNCIL RANGERS
For guided walks led by Highland Council Countryside Rangers, see
http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/what-to-
see/rangers/countrysiderangerevents.htm
Their walks of archaeological interest are also listed on
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp

LOCAL MUSEUMS
See Museums Galleries Scotland website,
http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/search-for-museums-&-galleries/results/?all

7. SHORT COURSES

January - February 2012
U3A CAMPBELTOWN ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE
The Campbeltown Branch of the University of the Third Age will run a short course led by
Ann Boulton, looking at the rich archaeology of the Kintyre peninsula.
Contact Heather Smithson, Secretary of Campbeltown U3A, on
heather_smithson@hotmail.com.

*NEW* 21 January 2012
INTRODUCTION TO NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
A one-day course taking place at Headland Archaeology, Edinburgh
Organised by the Nautical Archaeology Society
Contact Mary Harvey, Training Manager, mary@nauticalarchaeologysociety.org, tel.
02392818419, http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org

Sessions starting 16 January 2012, 16 April 2012
EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY OPEN STUDIES ARCHAEOLOGY COURSES
Courses covering a wide variety of topics and areas worldwide.
http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/short-courses/open-studies/programme/brochure, tel. 0131
650 4400

January, May-June 2012
SAN GEMINI PRESERVATION STUDIES:
International Institute for Restoration and Preservation Studies
Courses in Athens, January 2012; San Gemini, Italy, May-June 2012
http://sangeministudies.org

8. DEGREE COURSES

BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LINCOLN
Masters Programme in Community Archaeology
http://www.bishopg.ac.uk/postgraduate

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology: all may be done by Flexible
Learning.
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology/

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
SCHOOL OF HISTORY, CLASSICS AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology
http://www.shca.ed.ac.uk/archaeology

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology
http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/
UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (UHI)
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in archaeology and geophysics (subject to validation)
http://www.uhi.ac.uk/home/courses/courses-available/arts-social-sciences-and-theology/archaeology-and-geophysics
studyarchaeology@uhi.ac.uk, tel: Orkney College 01856 569000

FOR MORE COURSES
see British Archaeological Jobs and Resources (BAJR)
http://www.bajr.org/BAJREducation/default.asp

9. NEW PUBLICATIONS

*NEW*
RCAHMS
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE OF BUTE
Published in 2010, the print run has sold out, but the book is now available as a free download.
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/rcahms-publications/the-archaeological-landscape-of-bute

*NEW*
Martin Rorke, Dennis Gallagher, Charles McKean, Patricia Dennison and Gordon Ewart
HISTORIC GALASHIELS: ARCHAEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT
Latest in the series of Burgh Surveys published by Historic Scotland.
Available from Central Books, 0845 4589910, or
http://www.britarch.ac.uk/books/burghsurveys

10. E-NEWSLETTERS

ARCH NEWSLETTER
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
Subscribe free via http://www.archhighland.org.uk/index.asp

ARCHAEO NEWS
Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide.

*NEW* RURAL ARCHAEOLOGY BULLETIN
An occasional, downloadable newsletter from Archaeology Scotland with the latest events, policies and other news affecting archaeology and rural land management.
Rural Archaeology Bulletin No. 37, 14 December 2011

11. USEFUL WEBSITES

BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOBS AND RESOURCES (BAJR)
A wide range of information on archaeological affairs, including jobs, courses and reading material.
http://www.bajr.org/

CANMORE
The window into the RCAHMS database of archaeological sites and monuments.
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/canmore.html

COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY PUBLICATIONS
http://www.britarch.ac.uk/books
HIGHLAND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD
The Highland Council’s database of buildings, archaeological sites and finds. http://her.highland.gov.uk/

THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND ON-LINE SHOP
http://www.socantscot.org/store.asp

THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND PUBLICATIONS
These include the entire contents of PSAS as well as current titles.
http://www.socantscot.org/publications.asp

12. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE HIGHLANDS (ARCH)
http://www.archhighland.org.uk/index.asp

ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND
http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk

*NEW* COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY
http://www.britarch.ac.uk

HISTORIC SCOTLAND
http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND
http://www.nms.ac.uk

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND
http://www.nts.org.uk/Home

*NEW* THE NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
http://www.nauticalarchaeologicalsociety.org

THE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND PROJECT
Promoting the recording of church sites and buildings of all places of worship in Scotland.
http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND (RCAHMS)
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk

SCOTTISH MAPS FORUM
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND
Annual conference and free newsletter (Cairt)
For further information or to be added to the mailing list, email maps@nls.uk or phone 0131 623 3970

SCAPE — SCOTTISH COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PROBLEM OF EROSION
A charity that seeks to research, conserve and promote the archaeology of Scotland’s coasts.
http://www.scapetrust.org
SCAPE runs the SHOREWATCH project, involving communities in recording the eroding archaeology of Scotland’s coasts
http://www.shorewatch.co.uk

*NEW* SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FORUM (SAF)
SAF is run by a committee of archaeologists and its prime function is to organise conferences and workshops which further the study of archaeology in Scotland.
http://www.scottisharchaeologicalforum.org.uk/
THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND
http://www.socantscot.org

TREASURE TROVE
http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk
All archaeological finds in Scotland, except for Victorian and 20th-century coins, must be reported to the Treasure Trove Unit at National Museums of Scotland.

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLUB
UK-wide club for young people aged 8 to 16 who are interested in archaeology. In Scotland there are branches in Aberdeen, Biggar, East Lothian, Falkirk, Inverness, Kilmartin, Perth, Ross & Cromarty, and Stirling.
For information contact YAC, http://www.yac-uk.org

13. OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/index.php?q=node/216

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/?q=node/212

LOCAL AUTHORITY ARCHAEOLOGISTS
For a list, see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org/?q=node/214

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NEW MEMBERS
Archaeology Scotland welcomes new members: see http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/?q=node/57

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