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DIG IT! 2015

Archaeology is for everyone. It's about you, me and all the people who've gone before us. It's about identities and a sense of belonging. It's about getting muddy – or staying laboratory clean – and having fun. It's about discovering and telling Scotland's stories.

Dig It! 2015 is a year-long celebration of Scottish archaeology, co-ordinated by Archaeology Scotland and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. From kids taking over museums, and people exploring the story of their own local area, to digs, festivals, competitions, hidden relics and lost worlds, there are so

Dear Friend

So much to do and see! February and March are busy months despite some dodgy weather so, thankfully, a lot of what is on offer is indoors.

Take a read and if you go to any of the events highlighted here why not drop us a line and tell us what you thought.

If you have an event, course, exhibition or new publication you would like to share with us all do tell us about it. The **deadline** for the next edition is **14 March 2015**. Click [here](#) to send the details.

We keep trying to improve the way we share information with you but if you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter then do get in [touch](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Various Dates

6, 13, 20, 27 February 2015

Strathpeffer

Memories and Microchips

Back by popular demand but with a new twist! Previous sessions in Strathpeffer have gathered a huge amount of material relating to the village. In these new sessions delivered by Susan Kruse of ARCH, organised by Strathpeffer Community Centre and funded by High Life Highland, we'll continue to explore and learn about the Strath and surrounding area, but will also learn how to use internet resources including on-line maps and heritage databases. No previous computing experience needed or expected.

10:30-12:30 at Strathpeffer Community Centre. Please book with the Community Centre on 01997 421989 or via the [website](#).

9 February 2015

Strathpeffer

many ways for people to get involved. We will be exploring our past through song, art, performance and story-telling. It will be exciting, fun, grassroots and messy – just like archaeology and archaeologists.

At its heart, Dig It! 2015 will explore the theme of identities. Identities are dynamic. They operate at different scales, from the individual and local communities to the international. They change according to circumstances, whether in the great outdoors or in urban city landscapes, at sporting events or religious occasions, with the family or among strangers. They are about belonging, difference, new and old, the individual and the collective. More than anything else, identities are forged where people, places and the past meet.

Full event details are available on the [DigIt! 2015](#) website. Sign up for updates too.

CONFERENCES

21 to 22 March 2015

ELGIN

A two-day conference on '**Moray Geology: Past, Present, Future**'

Saturday 21 March in Moray Campus, UHI, Sunday 22 March a field trip. For more information contact Elgin Museum on 01343543675 or [email](#)

2-5 September 2015

GLASGOW

EAA 2015

The European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) represents archaeologists and heritage professionals from across Europe. The Annual Meeting has become established as the premier archaeological conference in Europe and the 21st Annual Meeting will be hosted at the University of Glasgow in September 2015.

We look forward to welcoming c. 2,000 delegates to the EAA Glasgow 2015. It will be the first, biggest and best cultural heritage

Share your discoveries with everyone! Learn how to disseminate the findings of your digs through **Discovery & Excavation in Scotland** (DES). Archaeology Scotland's journal collates information by county and parish and automatically submits to Canmore, the national database.

In this workshop hosted by NOSAS and delivered by Lachlan McKeggie on behalf of Archaeology Scotland, you will learn how submit your discoveries online. Free, and no need to book. 11am-1pm, Strathpeffer Community Centre.

14, 21, 28 February and 7 March 2015

Ancient Textile Crafts

During this four-day course, Lynne McKeggie will teach four different ancient textile crafts and explore the archaeological evidence for each one: including braiding, tablet weaving, and naal binding.

Times and venue to be confirmed.

25 February 2015

Dingwall

Using old maps to research local heritage.

Susan Kruse will enthuse about the potential of old maps when researching local heritage, and in particular maps on the internet. There will also be a chance for hands-on exploration. Dingwall Community Centre, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm). Suggested donation £3.

TALKS AND LECTURES

Various dates and locations

9 February 2015

Fortrose

ROSEMARKIE PEOPLE

A talk by Freda Bassindale, 7:30pm, Seaforth Club Rooms, Station Square, Fortrose Organised by Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Group. Further details [here](#).

10 February 2015

Edinburgh

Templars and templelands in Cramond and Scotland

A talk by Norah Carlin, 7:30pm, Edinburgh Cine and Video Society, 23a Fettes Row, Edinburgh, EH3 6RH

16 and 17 February 2015

Edinburgh & Aberdeen

Operation Nightingale - archaeology as a recovery tool for injured service personnel
A lecture by Richard Osgood, Senior Historic Advisor, Ministry of Defence

Monday 16th February 2015 Edinburgh 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th February 2015 Aberdeen 7.30pm

event ever to take place in Scotland and we are celebrating this by designing a special tartan entitled Ancient Gathering. The EAA Glasgow 2015 will be a marketplace for ideas and is an excellent opportunity to share Scotland's rich, diverse and unique cultural heritage with an international audience. Scotland is also the perfect stage for the EAA's Coming-of-Age celebrations!

Full details and registration details are available [online](#).

Training for Heritage Organisations

Archaeology Scotland is a partner in [Resourcing Scotland's Heritage](#), an HLF funded programme to help heritage organisations with funding and capacity building. Day courses throughout February and March from only **£20**. Click [here](#) for more information.

FREE ONLINE COURSE

Starts 15 June 2015

Hadrian's Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier

Explore the archaeology of the most heavily fortified frontier in the Roman Empire, its people and their lives. This free six week course offers a comprehensive introduction to Hadrian's Wall and its people and raises fascinating issues concerning colonisation, cultural transformation, immigration, integration and imperialism. Full details available [here](#).

EXHIBITIONS

Until 8 Feb 2015

NEXT OF KIN: SCOTTISH FAMILIES AND THE GREAT WAR

National War Museum, Edinburgh

1914 brought war to Scotland on what would prove to be an unprecedented scale. This exhibition reveals the profound personal stories of the separation and loss experienced by Scottish

Edinburgh venue: Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ
Aberdeen venue: Regent Building Lecture Theatre, Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

18 February 2015

Inverness

Discovering the Northern Picts

A talk by Dr Gordon Noble, 7pm, Millburn

Academy, Inverness

Organised by Inverness Field Club. Further details [here](#).

19 February 2015

Cromarty

A Safe Place for Cromarty's Poor: The Black Isle Combination Poorhouse

A talk by Dr. Jenny Fyfe, 7:30pm, Cromarty West Church Hall

Organised by Cromarty History Society.

Attendance is free for members of the Society.

Non-members pay £3 and will be made very welcome. Children under 16 are admitted free of charge. Further information [here](#).

27 February 2015

Elgin

The Cromarty Mediaeval Burgh Project - an update

A talk by Steven Birch, Director of West Coast Archaeological Services, 7.30pm, Elgin Museum Hall

2 March 2015

Invergordon

Wartime Invergordon

Illustrated talk by Allan Kilpatrick of the RCHAHM, Invergordon Arts Centre, High Street, Invergordon, 7:30pm (doors open 7pm).

Suggested donation £3

5 March 2015

Fort William

Three 20 minute talks

8pm, Ben Nevis Hotel

Organised by Lochaber Local History Society

9 March 2015

Fortrose

'Ellen Fowler: A Highland Sewing Mistress'

A talk by Dave Rendell, 7:30pm, Seaforth Club Rooms, Station Square, Fortrose

Organised by Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Group. Further details [here](#).

9 March 2015

Edinburgh

Excavations at Vindolanda - the evidence for a Frontier constantly in transition

families and by communities with loved ones fighting abroad. The First World War separated millions of people worldwide from their families and homes. The impact of the conflict was felt by communities in every part of Scotland as family members fought across the fronts and news of losses were received. For the servicemen and women who experienced the conflict first-hand, keeping objects was a way of remembering this extraordinary period in their lives. Families coped with the loss of their loved ones by collecting and cherishing these souvenirs along with postcards, letters and photographs sent home and official presentations such as service medals and memorial plaques. Through a selection of these family keepsakes, this exhibition presents a portrait of Scotland at war, where the private lives of Scottish families introduce some of the themes and events of the conflict across the fighting fronts.

Next of Kin on tour

Following the exhibition at the National War Museum, this display will tour eight venues in Scotland until 2017, with each partner contributing new, local content.

Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura – 21 March to 20 June 2015
Rozelle House Galleries, Ayr – 4 July to 28 September 2015
Hawick Museum – 5 October to 21 December 2015
Low Parks Museum, *Hamilton* – 23 December 2015 to 29 March 2016
Grampian Transport Museum, *Alford* – 2 April to 31 August 2016
Inverness Museum and Art Gallery – 17 September to 5 November 2016
Perth Museum and Art Gallery – 11 November 2016 to 6 February 2017
Orkney Museum – 18 February to 20 May 2017

14 to 22 February 2015

A lecture by Andrew Birley BA PhD FSA Scot, Director of Excavations for the Vindolanda Trust 6pm, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

10 March 2015

Inverness

Excavations at Vindolanda - the evidence for a frontier constantly in transition

A lecture by Andrew Birley BA PhD FSA Scot, Director of Excavations for the Vindolanda Trust. Inverness Museum and Art Gallery. Reception 6pm; lecture starts 7pm
Free, but booking essential. [Email to Cait](#)

11 March 2015

Edinburgh

Picture this! Recent Archaeological visualizations on Scotland's national forest estate

A talk by Matt Ritchie, 7:30pm, Edinburgh Cine and Video Society, 23a Fettes Row, Edinburgh, EH3 6RH

16 March 2015

Cromarty

Two Communities Changed by the War

A talk by Kirkmichael Trust and Cromarty Courthouse Museum, 7:30pm, Cromarty West Church Hall, Talks preceded by AGM
Organised by Cromarty History Society. Attendance is free for members of the Society. Non-members pay £3 and will be made very welcome. Children under 16 are admitted free of charge. Further information [here](#).

18 March 2015

Inverness

'The Ness of Brodgar - the true heart of Neolithic Orkney'

A talk by Nick Card, (Director of Ness of Brodgar Archaeology Institute UHI), 7:30pm, Millburn Academy, Inverness
Organised by Inverness Field Club. Doors open at 7pm. Followed by AGM. Further details [here](#).

19 March 2015

Cromarty

Thief's Row Revisited: An update on the Cromarty Medieval Burgh Community Archaeology Project

A talk by Steven Birch, 7:30pm, Cromarty West Church Hall. Organised by Cromarty History Society. Attendance is free for members of the Society. Non-members pay £3 and will be made very welcome. Children under 16 are admitted free of charge. Further information [here](#).

25 March 2015

Inverness

SECRET WAR: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FLIGHT East Lothian

Learn more about the secret weapons that were used during the First and Second World Wars this half term. Through hands-on displays and special talks, learn more about the Enigma Machine, the German V1 and V2 bomb programmes and learn about Robert Watson-Watt and his development of Radar, the first demonstration of which happened 80 years ago this February. Then make your own spy trails and semaphore flags and send secret messages with them! National Museum of Flight, East Fortune, EH39 5LF
Full details online [here](#).

*Until 30 June 2015
North Berwick*

COASTAL WARD 1914 TO 1918

A temporary exhibition exploring the impact of World War One on the East Lothian coastal area: the stories, the photos, the memories, and the effect on local families. A series of events for children and adults will accompany the exhibition. Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 4pm. There will also be opportunities to discover more about the museum and how to support its future development.

[Coastal Communities Museum](#)
School Road, North Berwick, East Lothian EH39 4JU Tel: [01620 894313](tel:01620894313) or [email](#).

Useful Websites

BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL JOBS AND RESOURCES (BAJR)

A wide range of information on archaeological affairs, including jobs, courses and reading material.

[CANMORE](#)

The window into the RCAHMS database of archaeological sites and monuments.

[COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY PUBLICATIONS](#)

The settlements of the Beaully-Wick

coastline and the history of the Moray Firth
A talk by Dr David Worthington, 7pm (for AGM), Highland Archive and Registration Centre, Bought Road, Inverness. Organised by Highland Family History Society. The talk will be at 7:30. Further details [here](#).

25 March 2015

Dingwall

ARCH LECTURE

ARCH lecture by Andy Heald of AOC. Title to be confirmed.

Dingwall Community Centre, 7:30pm (doors open 7pm). Suggested donation £3

Walks & 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](#)

ORKNEY ARCHAEOLOGY TOURS

All-inclusive small group holidays and private tours run by professional archaeologists who are also accredited Orkney Tourist Guides.

2013 brochure downloadable [here](#)
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.

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

For archaeological guided walks in East Lothian, see [here](#)

HIGHLAND COUNCIL RANGERS

For guided walks led by Highland Council Countryside Rangers, see

[here](#)

Their walks of archaeological interest are also listed

[here](#)

STIRLING HERITAGE TRAILS

are a series of walks and interpretation around the historic cores of Stirling linked to the key locations around the Battle of Bannockburn. There are 7 local walks: Riverside, St Ninians, Cambuskenneth, Borestone, Braehead and Broomridge, Cambusbarron and Bannockburn with an eighth overarching walk.

Archaeology Courses

HIGHLAND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

The Highland Council's database of buildings, archaeological sites and finds.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ARCHAEOZOOLOGY

The International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ) is a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting archaeozoological research of the highest scientific standards and fostering communication among the international community of archaeozoologists.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

The National Library of Scotland is the world's leading centre for the study of Scotland and the Scots. A major European research library, with collections of world-class importance. Houses over 48,000 maps of Scotland viewable online.

WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

Database of buildings archaeological sites and finds for Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dumbartonshire, West Lothian, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

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Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide.

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Heritage and Archaeological Research Practice. A bi-monthly e-bulletin detailing workshops, field schools and events run by HARP in both the UK and abroad
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RURAL ARCHAEOLOGY BULLETIN

There are hundreds of options to study all aspects of archaeology

Follow the link to browse the choices.

More useful websites

Click on the links

NORTH OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NOSAS) Website or Facebook or Blog

THE PICTISH ART SOCIETY

Website for the Pictish Arts Society detailing events and annual conference details. Membership can be obtained through the website.

SCARF

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework website

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) reflects the current state of knowledge regarding Scotland's past. As understanding of the past changes, so too will ScARF. It should be seen as a live document that will be constantly updated, edited and improved.

THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND ONLINE CONTENT

Many lectures and events from the Society are now available to view for free online and SHOP or order

PUBLICATIONS

These include the entire contents of PSAS as well as current titles.

TRAFFICKING CULTURE WEBSITE

Trafficking Culture is a research project based at the University of Glasgow, currently funded by the European Research Council from 2012-16, which aims to produce an evidence-based picture of the contemporary global trade in looted cultural objects.

National & Regional Organisations

Click on the links

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE HIGHLANDS (ARCH)

ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND

COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY

HISTORIC SCOTLAND

NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

An occasional, downloadable newsletter from Archaeology Scotland with the latest events, policies and other news affecting archaeology and rural land management. The latest one is due to be published next week so check [here](#) for publications.

SCHARP NEWSLETTER

A free downloadable [newsletter](#) produced every month by SCHARP (Scotland's Coastal Heritage At Risk Project)

THE NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND PROJECT

Promoting the recording of church sites and buildings of all places of worship in Scotland.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND (RCAHMS)

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](#) or phone 0131 623 3970
Maps and overlays [here](#)

SCAPE — SCOTTISH COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PROBLEM OF EROSION

A charity that seeks to research, conserve and promote the archaeology of Scotland's coasts. SCAPE runs the SHOREWATCH project, involving communities in recording the eroding archaeology of Scotland's coasts.

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.

THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

TREASURE TROVE

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.

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