Hello Reader
Maybe summer has arrived at last! If so you have no excuse not to get out and about visiting sites, exhibitions and other archaeo related events. Remember, if you have an event you would like to tell us about or suggestions for this e-newsletter please do contact us here. The next deadline for content is 14 July 2015.

Scottish Archaeology & Heritage Festival
5th - 22 September
This is the new Scottish Archaeology Month and with Dig It! 2015 will celebrate all things heritage. Along with traditional digs, exhibitions and Doors Open Days, the festival will include intangible heritage events such as traditional crafts, storytelling, ethnographic and arts events. If you want an event included in the calendar please visit the website or email SAHF.

Dig It! 2015
The celebration goes on
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

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Join a Dig

Perth & Kinross Archaeology Month
June 2015
A variety of digs, talks, walks and activities will be happening throughout June in Perthshire as part of Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month 2015. A full programme of events can be downloaded from the PKHT homepage here

Clayfest!
8 to 13 June 2015
Errol
In response to growing interest from our members for more activities, this year Earth Building UK is organising

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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 the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and Archaeology 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 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.

Full event details are available on the DigIt! 2015 website, along with the ability to sign up for regular updates on activities and events.

Workshops

Oral History Training
6 June and 5 September 2015
10-4pm
Fife and Bo’ness

These sessions will help you get started on (or continue with) your chosen oral history project. Perhaps you’d like to get involved with our Memories and Mining project? Recording people’s memories is a wonderful way of adding diversity to local history projects, and really helps to bring events to life by a week-long programme of earth workshops and events around a theme of culture of earth building and we want to explore how people and places reflect the experience of building with clay. So we’re holding our Clayest! at Errol an old Scottish town built in a lost clay tradition of mudwall. We’re working with the Tay Landscape Partnership and the local community as part of 3-year programme of activities to explore and celebrate local earth heritage. Our main focus is 4 days of workshops covering arrangement of techniques including rammed earth, cob, mudwall conservation, clay plasters, turf building, and clay/fibres. The intention is that over a week you can learn about all these skills by doing a different workshops each day, or you could do a deeper delve into a particular technique. The workshops will be led by leading people in their fields and we are specially delighted that Bill and Athena Steen will be joining us from Arizona. To book and for

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Our Rural Bulletin

New Agri-environment Climate Scheme, Historical Environment Strategy...it is all here in RB no 58 April 2015. Read all about it on our website here.

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Exhibitions

Memories of Skibo
1 July 2015 6-9pm
Dornoch Social Club

An event to collect memories of the Skibo estate. Today, The Carnegie Club at Skibo Castle is the largest private employer in the region, but the number of people who work at Skibo today is dwarfed by the numbers who lived and worked on the estate in the past when, during the Carnegie family era, the estate was over 20,000 acres and encompassed Clashmore to the east and Bonar Bridge to the west. For much of the twentieth century there were few in the region who could not claim a connection to Skibo and we invite those people who grew up or
showcasing the varied experiences of people who lived through those events. The workshops will introduce oral history theory, methodology, technology and ethics/legal considerations, and will promote ‘best practice’ in the field. Lots of fun practical work too! More info here or contact Murray Cook

Crime & Punishment
4 June 2015 Dingwall 10-11am

Scottish Rock Art Project
We are putting together a new project working with local communities to record and research prehistoric rock art in Scotland, and would very much like to hear your thoughts on this. We are consulting local people across Scotland to find out whether you might be interested in being involved in the project, and the sort of things you might like to do. You may already be working on a rock art-related project, in which case we would like to hear about your work. If you think you might be interested in participating, or would like to tell us about your own project, we would be very grateful if you could work on the estate over the years - or whose parents or grandparents did - to come along on the evening of Wednesday 1st July anytime between 6pm and 9pm to share their memories of Skibo and any photographs they may have for us to record for the Skibo archive. Any

Jacobites, Clearance & Scots
8 to 19 June 2015
Ever wanted to be an archaeologist for a day? Join HARP on their Jacobites, Clearance and Scots project where they will be visiting, surveying and recording 18th century sites in Highland Perthshire. You will be taught all the skills an archaeologist needs to carry out a field survey. Various dates are available within the project, costs £50 per day and includes transportation from Blair Atholl, and lunch. Booking essential, for more information contact HARP

The Abbot's Causeway & Ford
13-15 June 2015
Stirling 10-4.30pm
This is an opportunity to get some on-site archaeological training while contributing to what is known about this important local site. We’ll be trying to discover more about the route of the medieval causeway and ford across the Forth that was once used to access Cambuskenneth Abbey. As well as field-walking and excavation, we’ll be doing metal detecting and laser scanning plus a wee bit of dendrochronology. While I can’t make promises about the weather, I can guarantee excellent views of Cambuskenneth Abbey, Stirling Castle, the
read the information below, and then complete our short questionnaire using this link by 20th June. Your answers will be invaluable in helping us develop the project. The project will be hosted by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in partnership with the Glasgow School of Art Digital Design Studio, Edinburgh University School of History, Classics and Archaeology, and Archaeology Scotland. The project will depend on funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). If our funding application is successful, the project should start in late 2016.

New thinking on carved stones in Scotland
26 August 2015 (register by 21 June)
RSE, Edinburgh
This is the third of four workshops taking place as part of the Future Thinking on Carved Stones in Scotland project, organised by Sally Foster (University of Stirling) and Dr Katherine Forsyth (University of Glasgow). The main outcome of this event will be a research agenda for carved stones in Scotland, a thematic ScARF (Scottish Archaeology Research Framework). As this will be the first ever gathering of the wider carved stone research community, of specialists and non-specialists, the emphasis is on networking, on identifying research ideas and possible synergies. To stimulate discussion of shared interests, all attendees are asked to

Wallace Monument and material gathered on the night will also be shared with Historylinks, Dornoch. On the evening there will be a small exhibition on the history of Skibo as well as a slide-show presentation showing Skibo through the years. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Victoria by email or by telephone on 01862 894680.

Coastal Ward 1914-1918 - East Lothian Exhibition North Berwick
1 September 2014 to 30 June 2015
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. There will also be opportunities to discover more about the Coastal Communities Museum and how to support its future development. Museum is above the library, School Road, North Berwick. More info email here

Next of kin tour
21 March 2015 to 20 May 2017
Scottish Families and the Great War. 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 families and by
bring an A3 poster concisely summarizing their ongoing and future research interests. A small number of invited collaborators, including representatives of Workshops 1 and 2, will briefly present their ideas to the wider group as a prompt to new thinking in carved stone research. Breakout groups, based on attendees’ research interests, will then meet to explore specific topics and discussions will be reported back and discussed in a final plenary session. The day closes with a complimentary wine reception to cement the networking. The event is free and open to all interested parties, but places are strictly limited. A number of student bursaries are available to cover travel costs. For details of how to apply to attend (by 21 June), please see here.

**Talks & Lectures**

**Understanding Landscapes of the First Millennia.**
Tuesday 23 June 2015
First Millennia Studies
Group Day Seminar
Meadows Lecture Theatre,
Edinburgh University.
Landscape is an ever-present reference point in archaeological narratives, encompassing a multitude of meanings and perspectives. The 2015 FMSG Day Seminar aims to explore our understandings of 1st millennia landscapes, the Ochil Hills! More info here and email Murray Cook to book.

**Dig Cromarty Medieval Burgh site**
29/6 to 4/7 and 11/7 to 27/7 2015
9:30am to 5pm
The Cromarty Medieval Burgh Community Archaeology Project is open to all volunteers from age 6 up. No previous experience is necessary, there will be training session before the next dig, and there is plenty of supervision on-site from archaeologists happy to pass on skills! It is important to contact the team to schedule dates to attend, so please contact them using the website form or call 01381 600726 before your visit. Volunteers can also help with on-site planning, photography, surveying and artefact cleaning and processing. This summer we will also be holding a programme of hands-on activities for children. Further details from the Cromarty Medieval Burgh website

**Conferences**

**Researching & representing the early medieval**
20 June 2015 York
THE RICHARD HALL SYMPOSIUM
This one-day, interdisciplinary conference will bring together heritage professionals and 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
drawing on perspectives from archaeology, palaeoenvironment, history, place name studies and experiential approaches.

Issues that will be addressed include:

What we know of 1st millennia palaeogeography and landscape textures (e.g. woodland extent, river forms, soil characteristics), and how these bear on understanding of the past?

How to integrate investigations of individual sites (which will each have a variable time depths) across space?

How do we scale between individual (local) actions and (landscape-scaled) societal processes?

Attendance is free but please book your place here to avoid disappointment. (label your e-mail FMSG 15 Landscapes)

Border Archaeological Society Lecture Schedule

Many interesting lectures relating to digs and finds all over Scotland. For more information visit the society website.

Past times in the Kyle
2 June 2015
Kincardine Church,
Ardgay 19:30
A talk by Gregor Laing,
organised by Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society. Admission by donation, refreshments available.

Versus Valor, Andrew de Wyntoun and the alleged 13th century researchers in such related field as archaeology, history and public history to explore a range of current themes in early medieval research covering the period up to and including the early twelfth century, as well as the real or potential impacts of this research in the public sphere. Registration from 9am, 10am start and a 4pm finish, Rahtz Lecture Theatre, King's Manor, York. £25 adult, £20 concessions, includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch.

some of the themes and events of the conflict across the fighting fronts.
Locations this year:
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

New Publications

Interesting Reads

Thomas Telford Trail around the Kyle of Sutherland

The ARCH project Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland has produced a trail highlighting Telford remains in the Kyle of Sutherland, including several previously unrecorded examples. Available locally including from the Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Trust, or send SAE to ARCH, The Goods Shed, The Old Station, Strathpeffer IV14 9DH.

Snapshots of History along Dingwall High Street

The first of the Dingwall History Society walks has just been published and is available locally, including at Dingwall library.

Prehistoric Roundhouses in Wester Ross and parts of Skye

The results from the interesting WeDigs project in Wester Ross are summarised in this booklet. Cost: £4 plus
**Alexandrian Golden Age in Scotland**
9 June 2015 17:00
Ross House, Dornoch
A talk by Dr Alasdair Ross (University of Stirling), organised by UHI Centre for History. Dr Ross will deliver a free public lecture on climatic change and disease in thirteenth century Scotland. If you have any questions or if you would like to book a place (free of charge) please contact Dr Kathrin Zickermann here or call 01847889622.

**Exploring the origins of the Rose St Foundry Mosaics**
12 June 2015 13:00
Inverness
A talk by Eileen MacAskill at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery. Eileen reveals the surprising findings from her recent research into these extraordinary Academy Street artworks, £3.00 per event. Booking is essential, in person at Inverness Museum & Art Gallery, call 01463 237114 or email here.

**The Highlands and the legacies of British slave ownership.**
19 June 2015 19:00
Inverness
A talk by Dr Nicholas Draper (University College London), Highland Archive Centre Large Ceremony Suite (Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm)

**Treasure Trove Scotland**
24 June 2015 19:30
Dingwall
A talk by Natasha Ferguson, Treasure Trove Team, Dingwall Community Centre, Booking essential, call 01904 615505 or click here.

**EAA Glasgow 2015**
2-5 September
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 event ever to take place in Scotland and we have commemorated 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 here.

**Scotland’s Community Heritage Conference**
14-15 November 2015
Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry.

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**Thank You**
Thanks to all who have sent in information — please keep sending! Also many thanks to ARCH Highland for information from their website.
Tulloch Street. Treasure Trove in Scotland applies to all objects, not just precious metals. Natasha will describe the work of the unit, some recent finds, and what you should do if you discover a find – out in the field or in a cupboard.

**Prehistoric Rock Art in Context**
25 June 2015 19:30
Fortrose
A talk by John Wombell, Seaforth Lodge, Station Road, Fortrose. Organised by Groam House Museum. Entry is £5 (£2.50 for members/students). Further information from their website.

**Snuff making and taking:** The material culture of a very Scottish habit.
30 July 2015
Fortrose
A talk by Dr. Eric Grant, Seaforth Lodge, Station Road, Fortrose. Organised by Groam House Museum. Entry is £5 (£2.50 for members/students). Further information from their website.

**Useful Websites**
Follow the links
**ARO**
Want to make sure your archaeological reports are read by as wide an audience as possible? Why not upload your reports to Archaeology Reports Online? ARO website here.

**Call for Speakers, Displays and Contributions.**
We are delighted to announce this call for contributions. Once again you have the opportunity to contribute a formal presentation, take part in training workshops, present a poster talk, showcase your work with a display or take part in the One Minute Madness! The emphasis, as always, will be on contributions from volunteers and community groups, and on providing a forum for networking and the exchange of news and ideas. We want to hear from you if:

- You could deliver a 20 minute presentation; or
- You have an idea for a 45 minute workshop; or
- You would like to showcase your project on display boards; or
- You could deliver a 5 minute poster talk; or
- You want 60 seconds, one minute madness, to share your thoughts on any aspect of heritage; or
- You have an idea for a theme or skills you would like to learn.

If any of the above is something you would like to be involved with, please send us your ideas (or any questions) before Monday 15th June. We look forward to hearing from you! Did you know we are now on Twitter! Keep up to date with the latest conference news by following us @chcscot!

Conference partners are Archaeology Scotland, RCAHMS, Northlight Heritage, the Scottish Civic Trust, Historic Scotland, Perth and
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**

**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 Ayreshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Kinross Heritage Trust, the SCAPE Trust and DigIt2015!

**Archaeology Courses**
There are hundreds of options to study all aspects of archaeology. Follow the link to browse the choices.

**Hadrian’s Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier 15 June 2015**
Explore the archaeology of the most heavily fortified frontier in the Roman Empire, its people and their lives. This 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. A free online course running for six weeks. Full details available here.

**Walks & Outings**

**THE SCOTTISH CRANNOG CENTRE, KENMORE, LOCH TAY**
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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.

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.

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