Hello Reader
Summer did arrive eventually and still continuing now. It has been an incredibly busy time for all our staff and our events organisers and still loads more things to do over the next few months.
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 13 November 2015.

CIfA AGM
13 October 2015
Critical mass; working together for a better archaeology
Join Archaeology Scotland in York at the Chartered Institute for Archaeologist’s AGM to discuss how we can all work together. Combining inspirational talks with workshop discussions covering a range of topics from funding and training, to communication and citizen science, we are keen to make sure that everyone with an interest in archaeology takes part. Reduced ticket price for Archaeology Scotland members! Click here to register.

Dig It! 2015
The celebration goes on
Archaeology is for everyone.

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AGM & Members’ Day
Saturday 17 October 2015
Town House, Haddington
Please join us for our Members’ Day in historic Haddington the county town of East Lothian. Talks and AGM business in the morning will be followed by lunch and a guided tour with a local expert. All members and their guests are welcome and it would be useful for catering numbers if you could register your intention to attend here. We look forward to seeing you then.

Summer School 2016
SAVE THE DATES
20 to 23 MAY 2016
Archaeology Scotland Summer School 2016

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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 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 Dig It! 2015 website, along with the ability to sign up for regular updates on activities and events.

Festivals and Workshops

Highland Archaeology Festival
2 to 18 October
Welcome to the 22nd Highland Archaeology Festival. Whether you are a complete beginner or an archaeology expert, the events in this brochure will help you explore and enjoy an amazing range of is going to Stirlingshire next May so put the dates in your diary if you do not wish to miss out! This event is always over-subscribed so make sure you register soon. More details will be sent out in the New Year but you can register interest here with Summer School 2016 in the subject line.

Join a Dig

Detecting and Recording the Bronze Age
28 Sep to 3 Oct Castletown, Caithness
Week-long exploration of Bronze Age remains ‘A Window on the Hidden Bronze Age Landscape of Caithness’ project. The fourth and final week of the summer school will involve exploration of key sites identified during the field survey programme. This block of fieldwork will investigate how the buried archaeology relates to the features detected by LiDAR, and how extensive prehistoric settlements really were. Training will focus on tracing and mapping the extents of prehistoric settlements through small scale excavations. Participants will gain key archaeological skills that can be transferred to future archaeological projects. Monday 28th September will be spent at Castlehill Heritage Centre, with the remainder of the week being spent in the field. Please meet at the Heritage Centre at 9am.

Exhibitions

Remembering Strathpeffer
28 November 2015
Display and leaflet launch
A group has been meeting over the summer and autumn, sharing memories of local heritage in the Strathpeffer area, and investigating and photographing remains. The results will be displayed at the Strathpeffer Christmas Fair in the Strathpeffer
archaeological sites and collections in Highland. Choose from a fantastic selection of walks, talks, exhibitions and activities, many with the bonus of superb scenery and fresh Highland air, and all offering special insights into this area’s past. The full brochure with event listings and further information can be downloaded here.

**Treasure Trove Scotland on the Road**

Have you found an artefact and need advice on how to report it? Then come along to one of our Finds Days from 11am—3pm (unless otherwise stated) Finds Days are held across Scotland, including six regular events in the Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow. Or come along to one of our talks and found out more about the Treasure Trove process. Events will take place in Peebleshire, Berwick, Rothesey, Elgin, Glasgow, Largs, St Andrews, Abertay, Perth, and Aberfeldy. View the full schedule here.

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**Walks & Talks**

**New Lanark Book Festival 2015**
1 to 4 October

The historic setting of New Lanark will host its very own Book Festival with a host of well-known Scottish authors, such as Alistair Moffat, James Robertson and Christopher Brookmyre, speaking at the 4-day
event. There will be a rich programme of sessions on offer designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of literary tastes, the themes of which all have a link to New Lanark in some way. From Scottish Fiction and History, to Whisky, Food and Drink – there will be a session for everyone to enjoy!
Further information and tickets click here

**A War of Words**
12 Oct, Edinburgh or 13 Oct, Aberdeen
A lecture by Dr Amy Blakeway, University of Kent on propaganda in the wars of the Rough Wooings.
Edinburgh, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Auditorium National Museum Scotland (use Lothian Street doors), Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF
Aberdeen 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Regent Building Lecture Theatre, Regent Walk, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

**From rubbings to Lasers**
16 Oct, Brechin
150 years of documentation and research into the Wemyss Caves carvings. A lecture by Joanna Hambly, upper gallery Brechin Museum in the High Street. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the talks which are free to members and £2.50 to non-members. All are welcome.
For further information contact Stewart Mowatt on 01356 623981 or 07590 323199.

Further information about the project here.

### Conferences

**Highland Archaeology Festival Conference**
10 to 11 October, Inverness
Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research
Our annual conference aims to highlight the rich and varied historic environment of Highland.
The conference enables local communities and visitors to meet the archaeologists, local groups, and individuals responsible for the wide range of research currently being undertaken. This year's conference will be held in the Highland Council Chamber, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness. It will feature a range of presentations about sites around Highland by speakers from a variety of national, academic, commercial and local organisations. Topics this year range from the more recent past such as a surprise insight into Victorian Torridon when a time capsule was uncovered at Coire Church; the scuttled remains of the Embo herring fleet; and the WWII Commando training base at Achnacarry to new glimpses of life in a medieval Highland burgh; hillforts overlooking Inverness and Glen Nevis; Pictish carved stones and beaker

by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Mackenzie New York Villa Trust.

**Ness of Brodgar Art and Artefacts**
To end Oct 10am-5pm everyday
Nov - March 11am-3.30pm (not Sundays)
This exhibition at Stromness Museum will highlight the extraordinary archaeological dig at Ness of Brodgar, telling the unfolding story of the site through finds and artefacts associated with the site and the wider context of Neolithic Orkney.
More info 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 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.
WHO STOLE THE MULBUIE?
21 Oct, Cromarty
Remember who stole the Mulbuie
Further investigations on the appropriation of a Black Isle Commonty,
A talk by Ro Scott, Millburn Academy
Organised by Inverness Field Club.

Battlefield Talk and Tour
24 Oct, Culloden
The 1715 Jacobite Uprising and Battlefield Tour
Dr Kieran German and Darren Layne, 11:30 to 16:00, Culloden Visitor Centre. Organised by UHI Centre for History in cooperation with the National Trust for Scotland. £5 entry for adults and children.

MULBUIE MURDER
28 October, Dingwall
A tale of lust, luck and legacy
Illustrated talk by Graham Clark, 12:30, Dingwall Community Centre. Organised by the Workers' Educational Association (WEA).
Minimum donation £2.
Further information from 01463 710577.

Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland
28 Oct, Dingwall
A talk by Susan Kruse, 19:30, Dingwall Community Centre.
Suggested donation £3

Clan Macpherson
28 Oct, Inverness
Who's there, besides foul weather? A talk on Clan Macpherson.
A talk by Sandy Macpherson, 19:30, Highland Archive and Registration Centre, Bught Road, Inverness. Organised by Highland Family History Society

**River Brora: Sea to Source**
3 Nov, Golspie
A talk by Eric Paterson, 19:30, The Welcome, Station Road, Golspie. Organised by Golspie Heritage Society.

**Everyday life in Ancient Greece**
4 Nov, Dingwall

**Clement Wragge: Meteorologist**
5 Nov, Fort William
A talk by Noel Williams on the meteorologist who took an unbroken series of observations on Ben Nevis from 1 June to 14 October 1881, then again in 1882 followed by the Summit Observatory being built in 1883 20:00, Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William. Organised by Lochaber Local History Society.

**The Lost Landscapes of Doggerland**
18 Nov, Inverness
The Myths and Truths from around our shores. A talk by Dr Richard Bates, University of St Andrews, 19:30, Millburn Academy Organised by Inverness Field Club.

**Tea and Rusty Bicycles**
latest immersive technologies for the historic environment. Conference places must be booked in advance. Attending the conference costs £15 per day, with a reduced price of £20 if you attend both days. The cost includes admission and tea/coffee on arrival and mid-morning. To book, please complete and return the booking form included in the brochure available here, or email here, along with a cheque (made payable to Rowan Tree Consulting), to arrive no later than Wednesday 7 October 2015.

**20th Woodland History Conference**
28 Oct, Battleby
The theme will be ‘Tracing the decline of the Caledonian Forest over four millennia’. Programme booking forms and further information available here

Transport from Perth railway station will be provided for those who prefer to travel by train.

**TAFAC Conference**
7 November, Perth
Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee Conference North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terrace, Perth, PH1 5BF, on Saturday, 7th November 2015, 9.40am to 4.30pm Tickets are £15.00 (includes lunch and refreshments). Tickets will be available at the door but we would appreciate it if you could possibly let us know some of the themes and events of the conflict across the fighting fronts. Locations this year: Hawick Museum – 5 Oct to 21 Dec Low Parks Museum, Hamilton – 23 Dec 2015 to 29 March 2016

**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
19 Nov, Cromarty
The Great Black Isle Drought of 1955
A talk by Sinclair Dunnett, West Church Hall, Cromarty. Non-members: £3
Organised by Cromarty History Society and Friends of Cromarty Courthouse.

Cherished, offered, lost and found
19 Nov, Brora
Engaging with the archaeology of the Highlands and our collections community at IMAG
A talk by Cait McCullagh, 19:30, Community Centre Lounge, Brora. Organised by Clyne Heritage Centre.

British ceramics from prehistory to the present
25 Nov, Dingwall
With special reference to Scottish pottery history
A talk by Dr Eric Grant, 19:30, Dingwall Community Centre.
Suggested donation £3.

Hospitals of the Highlands
25 Nov, Inverness
Their origins and development
A talk by Jim Leslie, 19:30, Highland Archive and Registration Centre, Bught Road, Inverness. Organised by Highland Family History Society.

Scotland's Community Heritage Conference
14-15 November 2015
Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry.
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. Did you know we are now on Twitter! Keep up to date with the latest conference news by following us @chccscot!
Conference partners are Archaeology Scotland, HES, Northlight Heritage, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, the SCAPE Trust and DigIt2015!

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...
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.

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

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 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 postage. Information on the project website or email here.

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
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 Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire, West Lothian, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

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.

ARCH NEWSLETTER
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
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ARCHAEO NEWS
Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide.
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HARP E-BULLETIN
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
Subscribe free here.

SCHARP NEWSLETTER
A free downloadable newsletter produced every month by SCHARP (Scotland’s Coastal Heritage At Risk Project)

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