

## Archaeology Scotland Out & About 26 October and November 2015

### **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.

### **Donate while you shop at no cost to you**

Remember by using the Give as you Live search facility to do your online shopping you can donate to us at no cost to you. Give as you Live have reached a milestone having raised £6m for charities and now have 4000 online stores all donating to charity. Select us your chosen charity and raise £££s for our work. Sign up [here](#) for free!

### **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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### **Quick Links**

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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 DigIt! 2015 [website](#), along with the ability to sign up for regular updates on activities and events.

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## Festivals and Workshops

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### 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.

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## Join a Dig

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### 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

[Join us](#)  
[Email Us](#)

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## Our Last Rural Bulletin



**Unfortunately the post of Rural Land Use Advisor has come to an end and we are already missing Jonathan Wordsworth who gave his all to the post over many years. I am sure you will join us in wishing Jonathan every joy on whatever road he travels next. You can read his last bulletin [here](#).**

### Join us

If you are not already a member - why not? Be informed, have your say, discount at our events, fun and like-minded new friends. All this from as little as £1.50 per month. Check it out [here](#).

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## Exhibitions

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### 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 Peeblesshire, Berwick, Rothesay, Elgin, Glasgow, Largs, St Andrews, Abertay, Perth, and Aberfeldy. View the full schedule [here](#)

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## Walks & Talks

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### 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

each day, unless advised otherwise. All project events are free and open to all, but you MUST register to take part in the summer school. This is partly because places are limited, but also so that we can keep participants informed about arrangements during the fieldwork. Please register by emailing [here](#) with details of when you would like to attend the summer school. Participation in all 6 days of each week is not mandatory – please attend as and when you can! If you register but find that you are unable to attend, please email as above so that places can

Community Centre. The Remembering the Strathpeffer Area project was a joint project of ARCH and Strathpeffer Community Centre, funded

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.

be re-allocated. Further information about the project [here](#).

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## **Conferences**

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### **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

For information visit  
[Pictish Arts Society](#)

### **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.

burials. Other talks will  
feature Highland  
woodlands, and digital  
presentation and the

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

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  
A talk by Gordon Gallacher, 12:30, Dingwall Community Centre. Organised by the Workers' Educational Association (WEA). Minimum donation £2. Further information from 01463 710577.

### **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](#)

ahead of time if you are  
planning to attend by  
[email](#) or tel: 01738  
850489

## **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 [@chcscot!](#)  
Conference partners  
are Archaeology Scotland,  
HES, Northlight Heritage,  
Perth and Kinross  
Heritage Trust, the SCAPE  
Trust and DigIt2015!

## **Scottish Society of Northern Studies Conference**

**21 Nov, Edinburgh**

Scotland: Communication  
and Conflict

A full day of great  
lectures on battles and  
language.

Conference fee (includes  
coffee/tea and light  
lunch): SSNS

Members: £22;

Non-Members: £27;

Registered Students: £8

Augustine United Church,  
41 George IV Bridge,  
Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

Payment must be  
received before 14 Nov.  
For full details click [here](#)  
or [email](#).

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**

There are hundreds of  
options to study all  
aspects of archaeology.  
Follow the [link](#) to browse  
the choices.

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## **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

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**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 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) Subscribe free here.

**ARCHAEO NEWS**

Summaries of news articles about the latest prehistoric discoveries worldwide. Subscribe free here.

**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)

**Thank You**

Thanks to all who have sent in information — please keep sending! Also many thanks to ARCH Highland for information from their website.

If you would like to add an event to the next newsletter or just let us know what you are doing then drop us an email.

If you want to unsubscribe from this mailing just drop us an email with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

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