

ARCHAEOLOGY SCOTLAND OUT & ABOUT

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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 May. 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

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

1. PROGRAMMES OF EVENTS

NEW 21 April 2012

TAKING PART IN THE PAST

ARCH are running a free family festival celebrating Highland community archaeology including speakers and stalls.

www.archhighland.org.uk/taking-part-in-the-past.asp

May 2012

PERTSHIRE 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/>

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/>

September 2012

SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

Events throughout Scotland for everyone, free of charge. Details t.b.a.

<http://www.scottisharchaeologymonth.org.uk>

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>

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>

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 3-10 October 2012

ASSYNT FESTIVAL

A week long festival celebrating the cultural and natural heritage of the area. Details t.b.a.

www.assyntfestival.org.uk

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 Cara Jones, Adopt-a-Monument Officer, at Archaeology Scotland on 0845 8723333, c.jones@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

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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

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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

12-15 April 2012

SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Bowmore, Isle of Islay

<http://www.northernstudies.org.uk/pdf/SSNSIslayCircular2012.pdf>

26 May 2012

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (ARP 2012)

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.

<http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/ARP2012bookletWEB.pdf>

NEW 6-8 July 2012
 STUDY GROUP FOR ROMAN POTTERY
 40th Anniversary conference for the Study Group for Roman Pottery at the University of Glasgow.
www.sgrp.org.uk/02/2012Glasgow.htm

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

NEW COMMUNITY HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2012 – Birnam Arts Centre 10-11 November
 We are working with RCAHMS and NTS and other partners to stage a vibrant conference, with allied training, workshops and posters. This will be a chance for community groups involved in a variety of historic environment-related activities to come together and share their experiences. Saturday will be a mix of workshops, talks and networking and Sunday will be a day of field trips and outings. The cost of attending will be kept as low as possible and more information to follow on this soon.

4. TALKS AND LECTURES

NEW 11 April 2012
 THE BIG 5: FUTURE TRENDS IN SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY
 Lecture by Dr. Jeff Sanders, SoAS, ScARF
 23a Fettes Row, Edinburgh
 Organised by the Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society
www.eafs.org.uk

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
<http://www.socantscot.org/articles.asp?pubid=10&Menu=240>

NEW 30 April 2012
 CARN LIAH BROCH: WHAT DO ARTEFACTS TELL US?
 Lecture by Lynn Fraser
 Dingwall Community Centre
 Organised by ARCH
<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=1205>

NEW 8 May 2012
 CASH OR CACHE: ROMANS, NATIVES AND COINS IN ANTONINE AND SEVERAN SCOTLAND
 Lecture by Nichola Holmes, National Museum of Scotland
 23a Fettes Row Edinburgh
 Organised by the Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society
www.eafs.org.uk

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
<http://www.socantscot.org/articles.asp?pubid=10&Menu=240>

UPDATE 15 May 2012

REBEWED LIFE FOR SCOTTISH CASTLES
 Lecture by Dr Allan Rutherford, Historic Scotland
 Rescheduled from December 2011
 New Kings 10, Aberdeen
 Organised by Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
<http://www.socantscot.org/article.asp?aid=1745>

NEW 28 May 2012
 STRATHCARNAIG (SUTHERLAND): BEFORE AND AFTER CLEARANCE
 Lecture by David Alston
 Dingwall Community Centre
 Organised by ARCH
<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=1206>

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

NEW 11 Feb – 27 May 2012
 FASCINATING MUMMIES
 Exhibition from the Egyptology Collections of the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden
 National Museum of Scotland
http://www.nms.ac.uk/our_museums/national_museum/exhibitions/fascinating_mummies.aspx

NEW 16 March – 24 June 2012
 SEE SCOTLAND BY TRAIN
 First chance to see the National Museum of Scotlands collection of Scottish Railway Posters
 National Museum of Scotland
http://www.nms.ac.uk/our_museums/national_museum/exhibitions/see_scotland_by_train.aspx

NEW until 5th May 2012
 THE CARPOW BRONZE-AGE LOGBOAT
 Perth Museum and Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth, PH1 5LB
 The Carpow logboat is one of the best-preserved prehistoric logboats ever found in Britain. The boat was discovered in 2001 in the Tay Estuary. It was buried in the intertidal sands and gravels and only survived because it had remained waterlogged. The boat had to be not only cleaned but also freeze-dried before it could be transported for conservation work.

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

NEW 19 April – 3 May 2012

SURVEYING YOUR HERITAGE

Part of a series of courses run by ARCH looking at ancient routeways and their influence on landscape and archaeological features. Tain TRACC Room 22.

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=1216>

NEW 17 April – 15 May 2012, 10 May – 7 June

REPORTING ON YOUR PAST

Part of a series of courses run by ARCH looking at ancient routeways and their influence on landscape and archaeological features. Strathpeffer Community Centre, and Tain TRACC Room 22.

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=1211>

<http://www.archhighland.org.uk/calendar.asp?intent=details&eventID=1219>

NEW Several Dates From March to September 2012

NAVIGATION COURSES

Lupine Adventure run a series of two day courses teaching navigational skills. Courses available in either the Yorkshire Dales or the Lake District.

www.lupineadventure.co.uk/navigation-training/standard-navigation-course

NEW 4-22 April 2012

KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Investigations into a newly discovered Roman Villa at Abby Fields

www.kafs.co.uk/courses.aspx

NEW Several Dates during May and June 2012

KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Introductory courses into archaeological survey and excavation, ideal for beginners or newcomers to archaeology. Courses based in Kent.

www.kafs.co.uk/courses.aspx

UPDATE 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>

NEW 5-6 May, 23-24 June

OSTEOARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

Short course introducing osteoarchaeology and studying remains from the Roman and Medieval Periods of Luton. Course in Stockwood Discover Centre, Luton.

David.kingle@yahoo.co.uk

NEW 9-13 July

VIKING CULTURE

Week-long summer programme of lectures and field trips including Rousay, Egilsay, Maeshowe looking at Viking voyages, society, everyday life, sagas and runes.

Centre for Nordic Studies, Kirkwall
<http://www.nordic.uhi.ac.uk>

NEW 23-27 July
 VIKING CULTURE

Week-long summer programme of lectures and field trips including Unst and Scalloway looking at Viking voyages, society, landscape, everyday life, sagas and runes.
 Saxa vord, Unst and NAFC Marine Centre, Scalloway
<http://www.nordic.uhi.ac.uk>

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/en/courses/arts-humanities-and-social-sciences>
 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
 PUBLICATIONS 2012-2013
 Catalogue of new publications for 2012-2013 by RCAHMS
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/rcahms_media/files/publications/rcahms_books_2012-2013.pdf

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>

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.

Subscribe free via <http://www.stonepages.com/news/>

NEW 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 via <http://www.harparchaeology.co.uk/contact-us>

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. 39, March 2012

<http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/?q=node/4>

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?Menu=>

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?Menu=>

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>

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>

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

Coordinated by CBA, this UK-wide club is 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 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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Congratulations to the SCAPE Trust for winning the Current Archaeology 2012 Rescue dig of the year on the 2nd March.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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