

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Highland Archaeology Fortnight 2007. This year's two-week programme will run from Saturday 29th September – Sunday 14th October inclusive. As always, we are proud to present a diverse programme of events celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Highlands, from Caithness to Argyll. Thanks go to our sponsors, as well as all the local societies, museums and individuals without whose dedication and support Archaeology Fortnight would not be possible. We hope you enjoy the programme!

How to use this programme:

Events are organised firstly by date, then alphabetically by local area, and finally by their time. Where necessary, Ordnance Survey Grid References show where to meet. These are explained on all O.S. maps. Symbols used in the event descriptions are detailed below. Some events require to be booked – where this is the case, it has been indicated in the event details. Events held in museums, libraries etc, are subject to usual opening hours and admission charges. Otherwise, except where indicated, events are free of charge. If you have any queries regarding events please contact the event organiser on the number supplied. Alternatively, contact the Highland Archaeology Fortnight hotline, Tel: 01463 718505, quoting the event number, and we shall do our best to help.

Please note that this programme has been compiled from information supplied from many different sources. The Archaeology Unit has made every effort to ensure the accuracy and fullness of this information but organisers are responsible for the content and detailed arrangements of individual events and the Archaeology Unit cannot be held responsible for these. We regret that we are unable to arrange transport to events but will try to advise on availability of public transport or other options on request.

To request this leaflet in large print Tel: 01463 718505

Key to abbreviations and symbols

BS	Badenoch & Strathspey		Reasonable level of fitness required
CA	Caithness		Bring wet weather clothing/shoes
IN	Inverness		Wear stout walking shoes/boots
LO	Lochaber		Bring a packed lunch
NA	Nairn		Special event for children
RC	Ross & Cromarty		Admission charge
SL	Skye & Lochalsh		Wheelchair access
SU	Sutherland		Donations welcome
HC	Highland Council		Bicycle required
AR	Argyll		Binoculars recommended
MO	Moray		
OUT	Outwith Highland Council area		

SEPTEMBER STARTERS

1 "Highland Doors Open Days" 2007

European Heritage Days/Doors Open Days is a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union. This is an opportunity to view the interior of participating buildings, some of which are usually closed to the public. Weekends throughout September.
















Pick up a programme from libraries or call John Duncan, Highland Council, on 01463 702281.

2 "Scottish Archaeology Month"






The Council of Scottish Archaeology's flagship event celebrating Scotland's fantastic archaeological heritage. Events throughout Scotland in September.

Pick up a programme from libraries or call 0131 247 4119.





SELF-GUIDED TRAILS

- 3   **CA** "Castlehill Flagstone Trail". Follow the all-abilities trail and discover Caithness' once-famous industry. Waymarked with interpretive panels from the harbour car park.
- 4   **CA** "The Yarrows Archaeology Trail". Explore a landscape rich in archaeological sites, including a broch, prehistoric settlement, cairns, standing stones and much more. Leaflets available from local Tourist Information Centres and Highland Council Service Points.
- 5  **IN/RC/SU** "Highland Pictish Trail". Take your own guided tour of the Pictish sculptured stones from Inverness to Dunrobin. Admission to Dunrobin Castle Museum is free during HAF. Trail leaflets available from Tourist Information Centres and Highland Council Service Points.
- 6   **IN** "Explore Archaeology in Rural Inverness". Discover the archaeology of Inverness with this self-guided leaflet from the Highland Council Archaeology Unit. Leaflets can be downloaded from www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology (part of a series of leaflets produced by the Highland Council Archaeology Unit).
- 7  **IN** "Inverness Heritage Trail". Take a self-guided tour of the historic buildings of Inverness City Centre. Leaflets can be downloaded from www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology.
- 8   **LO** "Ballachulish Quarry Trail". Follow the all-abilities trail and discover the secrets of the famous slate industry. The way is marked with interpretive panels.
- 9  **RC** "Wartime Lochewe". Discover the secrets of Wartime Lochewe. Interpretive panels at Aultbea and Poolewe.
- 10     **RC** "Medieval Morangie". For all those keen walkers and archaeologists - follow this self-guided trail around Morangie Forest to discover the rich and varied history of Easter Ross. Run in association with the Highland Council Rangers. Trail starts at Aldie Burn Forest Walk (NH759791) Forestry Commission Scotland, Dornoch Forest District Tel: 01862 810359








SELF-GUIDED TRAILS cont.

- 11**  **RC** **“The Sand River Trail”.** This trail takes you on a walk through time to explore the landscape around the Sand River, near Gairloch, Wester Ross. Trail booklet is available on sale at Sands Caravan Park.
- 12**  **SL** **“Secrets in the Landscape”.** Discover nine geologically special places in Skye and Lochalsh. This leaflet gives a brief introduction to each site and the interpretation to be found there. Leaflets available locally or can be downloaded from www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology.
- 13**  **SU** **“Historylinks Trail”.** If you are interested in Vikings and saints, cathedrals and castles, merchants and money, sermons and sailing, disease and disasters, witches, golf and trains, you will find them all, and more, in this trail of key points in Dornoch’s history. Guide leaflets, books and educational worksheets available from Historylinks Museum, Dornoch.
- 14**  **SU** **“The Ord Trail”.** Follow the trail to discover the prehistoric inhabitants of Ord Hill and the archaeological remains they left on the landscape. Follow the waymarked trail or pick up a leaflet from the Ferrycroft Countryside Centre, Lairg.
- 15**  **SU** **“The Strathnaver Trail”.** Explore the North Highland landscape on the Strathnaver Trail which will take you on a journey from the earliest settlers to the Sutherland Clearances. Leaflets available locally or can be downloaded from www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/conservation/archaeology.







MULTI-DAY EVENTS

- 16**  **ALL** Throughout October. Kids go free to all Historic Scotland properties for the month of October - sites to visit in Highland include Urquhart Castle, Fort George and Elgin Cathedral. Historic Scotland Tel: 0131 6688926
- 17**   **AR** 10.00am-5.30pm, daily. "Views, Visions and Voices". Innovative multi-sited, multi-vocal exhibition at Kilmartin House Museum, Argyll, using artefacts from the area. Including the largest collection of prehistoric artefacts from Argyll ever gathered in one place. Adults £4.60, Children £1.70, Families £10.00. Kilmartin House Museum Tel: 01546 510278
- 18**   **BS** 11.00am-4.30pm, Mon-Fri. Free admission to the award-winning Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore. Highland Folk Museum Tel: 01540 661307
- 19**   **IN** 10.00am-5.00pm, Mon-Sat. Visit the recently-refurbished Inverness Museum and Art Gallery. From Vikings to Jacobites, the Wars of Independence to the Clearances - the galleries tell the fascinating story of the Highlands from its beginnings 3.1 billion years ago to the present day. Inverness Museum and Art Gallery Tel: 01463 237114
- 20**  **NA** 10.00am-4.30pm, Mon-Fri, 10.00am-1.00pm Sat. "Rebirth of the Modern Highlands". Exhibition sponsored by Highland 2007 at Nairn Museum, Viewfield House, King Street, Nairn. Adults £3.00, Children £0.50, Under 5's free, Families (2+2) £6.00. Nairn Museum Tel: 01667 456791
- 21**   **RC** 10.00am-1.30pm, Mon-Sat. "Local Lumps and Bumps Explained". An exhibition at Gairloch Heritage Museum (NG803769) mounted by Loch Ewe Heritage Group describing local archaeological sites and how to identify some of the "lumps and bumps" on the landscape. Adults £3.00, £2.00 conc., £0.50 children. Gairloch Heritage Museum Tel: 01445 712287
- 22**  **RC** 10.00am-5.00pm, Mon-Sat. 2-for-1 admission to Tain Through Time for the duration of HAF. Explore the history of the Burgh from its earliest times and visit the collegiate church, which was one of Scotland's most important medieval shrines. Display of local Treasure Trove finds recently acquired by the museum. Standard admission - adults £3.50/ conc. £2.50/family £10.00, under 5's free. Tain and District Museum Tel 01862 894089
- 23**  **RC** 10.00am-5.00pm, Mon-Sat, 2.00pm-5.00pm Sun. "A Hundred Years of British Comics". Exhibition at The Highland Museum of Childhood, The Old Station, Strathpeffer. Please note that small admission charge applies - free admission day on Sat 13th October. Jennifer Maxwell Tel: 01997 421031



MULTI-DAY EVENTS cont.

- 24**   **RC** 10.00am-5.00pm, Mon-Sat. "Locally-found Treasures Exhibition". Exhibition of locally-found items at Ullapool Museum. Adults £3.00, £2.00 conc., £0.50 children. 2-for-1 admission on production of HAF programme.
Ullapool Museum Tel: 01854 612987
- 25**   **RC** 2.00pm-5.00pm, daily throughout October. "Portmahomack and The Picts". New displays and finds from the Portmahomack monastic site - the result of 14 seasons of archaeological excavation. Admission - adults £3.50, seniors £2.00, 12+ £1.00 and under 12's free.
Tarbat Discovery Centre Tel: 01862 871357
- 26**   **SU** 10.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri. "Changing Times in Dornoch" exhibition at Historylinks Museum. Archaeology and archives come together to trace history in Dornoch Square. Admission: adults £2.00, conc. £1.50. Sponsored by Highland Archaeology Services Ltd. Historylinks Museum Tel: 01862 811275
- 27**  **SU** 11.00am-4.00pm Mon-Sat, 12.00pm-4.00pm Sun. Free admission to Dunrobin Castle Museum, by Golspie. Discover a fine collection of Pictish stones and local archaeology. Dunrobin Castle Tel: 01408 633177









Monday 8th October

- 97**  **BS** 2.00pm-4.00pm. "Kirks and Castles". Explore the history of Roy Castle and Abernethy Kirk and take a walk around the surrounding woodland with the Explore Abernethy ranger. Meet at Roy Castle.
Explore Abernethy Tel: 01479 821565
- 98**  **CA** 11.00am-2.30pm. "The Secret Village of Badryrie". A fascinating circular walk by Loch Stemster taking in the abandoned crofting community of Badryrie, Achavanich standing stones and burial cairn. Looking out for wildlife along the way. Meet at Loch Stemster road end (ND186422). Most of walk is off track over hill group - walking boots essential.
Highland Council Rangers Tel: 01847 821531
- 99**  **IN** 10.30am-12noon. "Graveyard Clues". Join Kirsty Cameron and Hazel Bews at the Old High Church graveyard to uncover the clues that tell us about life in Inverness since medieval times. Family event - all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Old High Church, Church Street, Inverness. Highland Council Archaeology Unit/Rowan Tree Consulting
Tel: 01463 718505
- 100**  **RC** 10.30am-1.30pm. "Short Tour of Nigg". Join Nigg Old Trust and John Wood to visit Dunskaith Castle, some war-time sites, Nigg Old Church and an Iron Age fort on Easter Rarichie Farm. Meet at Nigg Ferry Hotel. (Some walking involved at all sites and use of cars). Suitable for adults and families with children aged 10+. Nigg Old Trust Tel: 01862 832214
- 101**  **RC** 2.00pm-4.30pm. "Snapshots in Time". Highland Council's Archaeology Unit wants to work with members of the public to record our rich past! Come along to Ullapool Library to find out about the HER - the Historic Environment Record - which records information and photographs about archaeological and built heritage remains. If you can, bring a photograph, old or new, digital or printed, of a site or historic building near you, and we will add it to the record. Suitable for ages 8+ with parent or guardian.
WEA Exploring Your Past Project, Highland Council Archaeology Unit, Highland Council Libraries. A Highland 2007 event. Tel: 01463 702250
- 102**  **SL** 10.30am-1.00pm. "An Corran, Skye's First Settlers". Come along to Staffin Museum, Staffin, Trotternish, to discover the story of Skye's first settlers - displays and artefacts. Admission £1.50 - concessions available for children.
Staffin Community Trust Tel: 01470 562255








Tuesday 9th October

- 103**  **BS** 7.30pm-9.00pm. "Romans In The Gloamin". A talk by David Addison, Elgin Museum, on the Roman movements in the North East at the tennis court clubhouse, Inverdrurie, Aviemore (NH900110).
Badenoch and Strathspey Local History Group Tel: 01479 810998
- 104**  **MO** 10.30am-12.00noon. "Discover Elgin Cathedral". Join Historic Scotland's Cultural Resources Advisor, Patricia Weeks, for a guided tour of Elgin Cathedral. Free admission, but please call to book as places are limited.
Historic Scotland Tel: 01463 718505









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- 106** **MO** Launch of the Thomas Telford Trail Leaflet depicting all Thomas Telford sites in Moray. Part of Moray's Telford Celebrations marking the occasion of the 250th anniversary of Thomas Telford's birth. For full programme of events visit www.telfordinmoray.co.uk
- 107**   **RC** 11.00am-4.00pm. "History of Avoch and Andrew De Moray's Castle". Come along to Avoch Harbour, Black Isle, to learn about the history of Avoch, examine the foundations of the castle, witness the power of the longbow and see a display of arms and armour. Included short walks and interactive displays with soup lunch available at Congregational Church (£2). Please call to arrange youth group visits.
Brian Oakley, Avoch Congregational Church Tel: 01381 620968
- 108**   **SL** 10.30am-1.00pm. "An Corran, Skye's First Settlers". Come along to Staffin Museum, Staffin, Trotternish, to discover the story of Skye's first settlers - displays and artefacts. Admission £1.50 - concessions available for children. Staffin Community Trust Tel: 01470 562255
- 109**   **SL** 2.00pm-5.00pm approx. "Prehistoric Treasure Hunt". Take a discovery walk with Dugald Ross (Staffin Museum) to some of the hidden sites between Garafad and An Corran, site of Skye's first settlers, and back. Meet at Columba 1400, Staffin, Trotternish, Isle of Skye. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.
Staffin Community Trust Tel: 01470 562255










Wednesday 10th October

- 110**   **BS** 10.00am-11.30am. "The Life and Times of an Ancient Forest". Join the Explore Abernethy ranger to discover the habitats and former inhabitants of the Caledonian Pine Forest. Meet at Nethybridge Community Centre. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
Explore Abernethy Tel: 01479 821565
- 111**    **IN** 10.30am-3.00pm. "Living History at Aigas". Fun for all the family at a 5000 year old site. Track animals through the woods, attack an iron age fort and make stone age pots in our prehistoric decorated tree top hide. Forget all about your modern day stresses! Meet at Aigas Field Centre. Family event for ages 5+. Admission: Adults £3, Children £4. Call to book.
Aigas Field Centre Tel: 01463 782443
- 112**   **IN** 1.00pm-3.30pm. "Pictish Trail". Join Forestry Commission Scotland to follow the trail below the Pictish fort and uncover more about the mysterious Picts. Meet at top car park, Craig Phadraig, Leachkin Brae, Inverness (NH638448). Family event, suitable for ages 2 to 82!
Forestry Commission Scotland Tel: 01463 791575

Wednesday 10th October cont.

- 113**  **IN** 2.00pm-4.00pm. "Bronze Age Living - Clava Cairns ". What kind of life did the people who built Clava Cairns have? Find out all about the lifestyle of a Bronze Age family and try some of the skills that they mastered. Meet at the Cairns (NH757445). Suitable for ages 5 - 16. Booking essential.
Highland Council Rangers Tel: 01463 702932
- 114**  **NA** 2.00pm-3.30pm. "Laikenbuie Ring Cairn and Bronze Age Cairnfield ". Guided tour of the cairnfield and ring cairn including a brief talk on other Bronze Age monuments found in the North East of Scotland. Meet at Laikenbuie Farm and Holiday Homes (NH908524). Ronnie Scott Tel: 01667 493375
- 115**  **RC** 10.30am-1.00pm. "Snapshots in Time". Highland Council's Archaeology Unit wants to work with members of the public to record our rich past! Come along to Muir of Ord Library to find out about the HER - the Historic Environment Record - which records information and photographs about archaeological and built heritage remains. If you can, bring a photograph, old or new, digital or printed, of a site or historic building near you, and we will add it to the record. Suitable for ages 8+ with parent or guardian.
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- 116**  **RC** 2.00pm-4.30pm. "Snapshots in Time". Highland Council's Archaeology Unit wants to work with members of the public to record our rich past! Come along to Dingwall Library to find out about the HER - the Historic Environment Record - which records information and photographs about archaeological and built heritage remains. If you can, bring a photograph, old or new, digital or printed, of a site or historic building near you, and we will add it to the record. Suitable for ages 8+ with parent or guardian.
WEA Exploring Your Past Project, Highland Council Archaeology Unit, Highland Council Libraries. A Highland 2007 event. Tel: 01463 702250
- 117**  **SU** 11.00am-1.00pm. "The People's Story". Join Stephen Fraser of Forestry Commission Scotland for a walk of discovery around the clearance village at Rosal. Learn how the folk lived in this apparently inhospitable landscape. Meet at Rosal Forest Road entrance (NC690427). To book, please call 01862 810359. Joint event with Caithness Archaeology Trust.
Forestry Commission Scotland Tel: 01862 810359
- 118**  **SU** 11.00am-3.30pm. "Archaeological Survey Day". Join Historic Assynt's Plane Table Survey Team for a workshop day on an Assynt site. Please call Gordon Sleight to book and check meeting time and venue.
Historic Assynt Tel: 01571 855207
- 119**  **SL** 10.30am-1.00pm. "An Corran, Skye's First Settlers". Come along to Staffin Museum, Staffin, Trotternish, to discover the story of Skye's first settlers - displays and artefacts. Admission £1.50 - concessions available for children.
Staffin Community Trust Tel: 01470 562255
- 120**  **SL** 11.00am-3.30pm. "Come to the Caves, Leitir Fura, Sleat". Join the Highland Council Rangers for an 8km walk along the forest track to the shore below the cleared village of Leitir Fura. Here we make our way along the coast to explore three caves, one of which has been excavated and found to have been in use for almost 2000 years. Meet at the Leitir Fura forest walks car park, Kinloch, 1 mile of the A851 (NG704161).
Highland Council Rangers Tel: 01471 822905/822774

Thursday 11th October

- 121**  **BS** 10.00am-12.30pm. "Sub-terrain Subterfuge". Visit remnants of ancient settlements, including an underground souterrain once used as a hide-out and medieval township. Meet at Chapel Park Farm, Lynchat (NH784019) Highland Council Rangers Tel: 01540 673907
- 122**  **BS** 2.30pm-5.30pm. "Tartan: A High Land Art Form". Internationally renowned Tartan authority James Scarlett defends his view that the perceived history of tartan is based on little more than wild romanticism, blatant commercialism and uniformed blind guesswork. Clan MacPherson Museum, Newtonmore. Free, but please phone or call at museum before event to collect ticket. Clan MacPherson Museum Tel: 01540 673332
- 123**  **IN** 10.30am-12noon. "Graveyard Clues". Join Kirsty Cameron and Hazel Bews at the Old High Church graveyard to uncover the clues that tell us about life in Inverness since Medieval times. Family event - all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Old High Church, Church Street, Inverness. Hall. Highland Council Archaeology Unit/ Rowan Tree Consulting Tel: 01463 718505
- 124**  **IN** 11.00am-12.00noon. "Discover Beaulieu Priory". Join Historic Scotland's Cultural Resources Advisor, Patricia Weeks, for a guided tour of Beaulieu Priory. Free admission, but please call to book as places are limited. Historic Scotland Tel: 01463 718505
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- 126**  **RC** 2.00pm-5.00pm. Visit the remains of the gun batteries of the North Sutor that once guarded the entrance to the Cromarty Firth. Accompany Allan Kilpatrick, RCAHMS, as he guides you around the complex of military structures which protected the Royal Navy Fleet at Invergordon. See the remains of the various ruined military buildings and bunkers and learn about the importance of the Firth in both wars. Stout footwear, torch and waterproofs are strongly recommended. Meet at Nigg Hotel car park, by the ferry pier (NH796687). Allan Kilpatrick, RCAHMS Tel: 07746 973812
- 127**  **RC** 7.30pm-9.00pm. "Multi-Period Settlement Site at Braemore Square". An illustrated lecture of archaeological work done over the past three years. The site incorporates hut circles, clearance cairns and other features of a later date. Meet at Macphail Centre, Mill Street, Ullapool. Lochbroom Field Club and Ullapool Museum Tel: 01854 612647
- 128**  **SL** 10.30am-1.00pm. 2-for-1 admission day and flintknapping demonstrations at Staffin Museum, Staffin, Trotternish. Discover the story of Skye's first settlers - displays and artefacts. Standard admission £1.50 - concessions available for children. Staffin Community Trust Tel: 01470 562255
- 129**  **SU** "Woodland Pasture - Identification and Recording Workshop". Prior to the late 18th Century most if not all Scottish woodlands would have been grazed. Some grazing of upland woodland continued as a management practice in many areas until quite recently and; as such, remnant wood pasture represents a highly significant and neglected cultural and natural heritage resource. As part of a Wood Pasture Study in Sutherland, North Highland Forest Trust is running a 3-day course on identification and recording techniques, with woodland specialist Peter Quelch. Booking is essential and priority will be given to participants (and potential surveyors) from within the project area. Contact Steve Robertson for more information or visit www.nhft.org.uk. North Highland Forest Trust Tel: 01408 633986

Friday 12th October



130 IN

10.30am-3.00pm. "Living History at Aigas". Fun for all the family at a 5000 year old site. Track animals through the woods, attack an iron age fort and make stone age pots in our prehistoric decorated tree top hide. Forget all about your modern day stresses! Meet at Aigas Field Centre. Family event for ages 5+. Admission: Adults £3, Children £4. Call to book.
Aigas Field Centre Tel: 01463 782443



131 LO

10.15am-1.00pm. "Massacre Landrover Safari". Discover the darker side of Glencoe on this guided tour of the sites of the 1692 massacre, looking at history and folklore. Meet outside Glencoe Folk Museum, Glencoe Village. Admission £15.00. Please call to book in advance. Price includes entry to Glencoe Folk Museum. NTS Tel: 0844 4932222



132 RC

10.00am-3.00pm. "Cycle Run to Rogie Township". Join Forestry Commission Scotland for a 10km forest bike run, all on good forest tracks, to explore Rogie Township. Meet at Contin car park (NH453568). Please call to book - bring helmet and bike.
Forestry Commission Scotland Tel: 01463 791575



133 RC

10.00am-4.00pm. "Landscape Through Time: The Black Isle". This bus trip will explore sites on the Black Isle from a range of periods with WEA tutor and guide Susan Kruse. Meet at St Clements Church, Dingwall. £5 transport charge. For full details and to book please call 01463 710577 or email inverness@weascotland.org.uk. Supported by Heritage Lottery Fund and Moray Firth Partnership. WEA Scotland Tel: 01463 710577



134 RC

10.30am-12.30pm. Guided tour of the multi-period settlement site at Braemore Square. The site incorporates hut circles, clearance cairns and other features of a later date, including 19th Century changes made by Sir John Fowler. Meet at Braemore Square, Ullapool (NH196794). Please book in advance by contacting Anna Welti on 01854 612647.
Lochbroom Field Club and Ullapool Museum Tel: 01854 612647



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Saturday 13th October

- 138** **IN** 9.30am-4.30pm. "The Big Draw - The Lion, The Watch and The Wardroom" at Fort George. Join us for a weekend of drawing, explore the unique heraldry of the British Army at Fort George over the past 250 years and create your own badge to take home. Drawing materials provided. Admission to Fort - adults £6.50, children £3.25, conc. £5.00.
Historic Scotland Tel: 0131 668 8926
- 139**  **IN** 9.40am-5.00pm. "What's New in Highland Archaeology" seminar at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Church Street, Inverness.
See page 28 for further details.
- 140**   **IN** 10.00am-12.00noon. "Past to Present". Take part in this family event where you will help to create a huge colourful map of the Beauty Firth and Glens area. You can add a drawing of your house or favourite place to visit, or plot something that is no longer here that you think is important to the area. The final map will be on display in the Beauty Centre throughout October 2007. Free activity - children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note that some activities might be messy! Part of the Big Draw 2007.
Beauty Firth and Glens Trust Tel: 01463 783444
- 141**   **IN** 11.00am-4.00pm. "A Viking Adventure". Immerse yourselves in the lives and legends of the Vikings in Glen Moriston where the impact of their coming is still evident today. Meet at Invermoriston Millennium Hall (NH420166). A living history event - further details on booking. Joint event with Forestry Commission Scotland and Invermoriston Heritage Group. Be prepared for a day of fun! A Highland 2007 event - children must be accompanied by an adult. Great Glen Way Rangers Tel: 01320 366633
- 142**   **RC** 10.00am-2.00pm. "A Look into Past Centuries of Killearnan Parish ". Walk along the tracks and old railway line from Muir of Ord to Redcastle learning about the social history of past centuries of Killearnan Parish. Look at copies of old maps to see how things have changed. Meet at Muir of Ord Service Point car park (NH528502), van or minibus transfer back. Please note that routes can be muddy in places. Highland Council Rangers
Tel: 01349 868563
- 143**  **RC** 10.00am-5.00pm. "Open Day at The Highland Museum of Childhood". Free admission to the museum with audio-visual displays and hands-on activities, including special exhibition "A Hundred Years of British Comics". Suitable for all ages! The Old Station, Strathpeffer.
Jennifer Maxwell Tel: 01997 421031
- 144**   **RC** 11.00am-1.00pm. "Drove Roads Around Garve". A display and talk on the drove roads in the Garve area with handouts of routes to be followed. Meet at Crannach, Strathgarve. Fieldwork Trust Scotland Tel: 01997 414380
- 145**   **RC** 2.00pm-4.00pm. "The Rosemarkie Caves and Black Isle Ferry Crossings". Two exhibitions by the WEA at Groam House Museum, Rosemarkie. Museum also features Pictish stones. Groam House Museum Tel: 01463 811883
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Post Week Events

- 150**   **IN** 7.30pm-9.00pm, Wednesday 17th October. "Trail Blazers - Scots in Canada". An illustrated talk by David Forsyth, curator of Scottish Social History and Diaspora, National Museums of Scotland. Millburn Academy Hall, Inverness. Admission charge £2.50 non members/ £1.50 conc./ £0.50 students.
Inverness Field Club Tel: 01463 831057
- 151**  **BS** 7.30pm-9.00pm, Friday 19th October. "Bridges on the River Spey constructed by Thomas Telford". An evening lecture by George Dixon at Grantown Museum. Grantown Society Tel: 01479 872781
- 152**   **IN** 2.00pm-4.00pm, Saturday 20th October. "A Celtic Calendar". Climb up to the solar calendar site at Abriachan Forest and learn how to check your diary dates for next year. Meet at the classroom in forest car park (NH540355). Call for details. Suzanne Barr Tel: 01463 861259

Schools

- 153**   **IN** 10.30am-12.00pm. "Monks and Manuscripts". Take a tour of Beaulieu Priory to find out what life was like for medieval monks, then have a go at medieval writing using a quill and ink. Suitable for P1-P7 pupils. Maximum 33 pupils. Free activity run by Historic Scotland and the Beaulieu Firth and Glens Trust - to book call 0131 668 8793. You may also visit the Beaulieu Centre Local Heritage and Fraser Clan Exhibition - admission - adults £2.00, Children £1.00. Beaulieu Firth and Glens Trust Tel: 01463 783444
- 154**   **IN** 12.30pm-2.00pm. "Monks and Manuscripts". Free activity run by Historic Scotland and the Beaulieu Firth and Glens Trust - to book call 0131 668 8793. You may also visit the Beaulieu Centre Local Heritage and Fraser Clan Exhibition - admission - adults £2.00, Children £1.00.
Beaulieu Firth and Glens Trust Tel: 01463 783444
- 155**   **SU** Mon 1 October - Friday 5 October. "Traditional Woodland Crafts and Woodland Archaeology in Sutherland". North Highland Forest Trust, The Highland Council Rangers and Strathnaver Museum will be co-ordinating a number of woodland archaeology and traditional woodcraft events and workshops for schools and community groups in Sutherland. Further details available mid-August from www.nhft.org.uk and www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk or alternatively contact Marlyn Price (NHFT) on 01408 633986.

Seminar

- 156**  **IN** Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October. Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Church Street, Inverness. Organised by the Highland Council Archaeology Unit, this event provides a platform for archaeologists who have recently been working in the Highlands to present the results of their work to local people and visitors. Entry is free, so drop in for as long as you like. Coffee and lunches will be available for purchase in the hotel during the event. See back pages for details.
Highland Council Archaeology Unit Tel: 01463 718505

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- 157** **CA** 2.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 7th October. "Water Water Everywhere". A visit round some of Castletown's past sources of water supply and its uses - including pumps, dams and water channels. Meet at Castlehill Visitor Centre, Castletown. Castletown Heritage Tel: 01847 821204
- 158**  **LO** Monday 10th September - Friday 21st September. "Battlefield Archaeology". A new project centred on Fort William and Inverlochy Castle will investigate a group of sites related to the Civil War and the Jacobite risings. Volunteers are sought to help with geophysical survey, metal detector survey and excavation. A battle re-enactment at Inverlochy Castle is proposed for Saturday 15th September. For more details, contact Tony Pollard on 0141 330 5541 or email t.pollard@archaeology.gla.ac.uk. Glasgow University Centre for Battlefield Archaeology and Highland Council Tel: 0141 330 5541
- 159**   **IN** Saturday 29th September. "Urquhart Castle and the Great Glen". Take a guided tour of Urquhart Castle with Nick Bridgland, author of a new book about the development and history of the castle. Tours start at 10.30am, 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Pre-booking essential. For more details please call 01463 718505. Nick Bridgland Tel: 01463 718505
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SEMINAR - What's New in Highland Archaeology

Saturday 13th October, Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Church Street, Inverness

Chair: Dr Tony Pollard, Centre for Battlefield Archaeology, University of Glasgow

09.40 - 09.50 Welcome and introductions from the Chair
09.50 - 10.25 "An Archaeological Survey of the Braes of Abernethy", Dr Alex Hale, RCAHMS
10.25 - 11.00 "In the Steps of the Time Team - Community Archaeology at Applecross Broch", John Wood, Highland Archaeology Services Ltd

Tea/Coffee Break

11.25 - 11.45 "Exploring Strathconon/ Thrills and Stills – NOSAS Records New Archaeological Sites in the Lower Glen" (A Scotlands Rural Past Project)", Meryl Marshall, NOSAS
11.45 - 12.05 "Tombs or Temples? Balnuarn of Clava Light Experiment at Winter Solstice 1996-1999", Ronnie Scott, NOSAS
12.05 - 12.25 "Identifying and Protecting Scotland's Nationally Important Monuments: Recent Scheduling by Historic Scotland in Inverness-shire", Sally Foster, Historic Scotland.
12.25 - 12.45 "Recent Excavations at Glebe Farm, Kiltarlity", Claire Herbert, Alba Archaeology (Highland) Ltd

Lunch

Over lunch take an opportunity to meet the archaeologists of the Highland Council Archaeology Unit and to browse the display stands.

14.00 - 14.35 "Thomas Telford in The Highlands", Tom Parnell, RC AHMS
14.35 - 15.10 "The Fort William Project", Dr Tony Pollard, Centre for Battlefield Archaeology, University of Glasgow

Tea/Coffee Break

15.35 - 16.10 "The Baile an Or Project", Dr R M Callender, Golden World
16.10 - 16.30 "The People's Past: The WEA Exploring Your Past Project", Susan Kruse, WEA Scotland
16.30 - 16.50 "Update from Historic Scotland", Anne Coombs, Historic Scotland

Sunday 14th October, Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Church Street, Inverness

Chair: Piers Dixon, RCAHMS

09.40 - 09.50 Welcome and introductions from the Chair
09.50 - 10.25 "More Military Finds in the Highlands", Eric Soane, Highland Historical Search Society
10.25 - 11.00 "Saving the Best 'Til Last: A Winters Toil at Home Farm, Portree", Ian Suddaby, CFA Archaeology Ltd

Tea/Coffee Break

11.25 - 11.45 "Stells, Stools, Strupag: A Study of the History of Sheep Fanks and Shepherding in the Parish of Laggan", Campbell Slimon, Laggan Heritage
11.45 - 12.45 Getting Involved with Scotland's Rural Past", Tertia Barnett, RCAHMS
- "A Triumph of Enthusiasm over Expertise – The Glen Clova SRP Group", Graeme Collie
- "The Braemar Glens", Bill Marshall, Braemar Community Ltd.
- "SRP Survey of Pre-Model Farm Settlement at Clashmore, Assynt", Gordon Sleight, Historic Assynt

Lunch

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14.00 - 14.35 "Ardnamurchan Transitions Project", Hannah Cobb, University of Manchester
14.35 - 15.10 "The River of Stone: Work in Progress", John Barber, AOC Archaeology Group

Tea/Coffee Break

15.35 - 15.55 "News from Culduthel", Mark Roberts, Headland Archaeology
15.55 - 16.15 "Community Archaeology in the Forgotten Old Industrial Capital of the Highlands", Jacquie Aitken, Clyne Heritage Society.
16.15 - 16.35 "Historic Landuse Assessment of Inverness and Easter Ross", Allan Kilpatrick, RCAHMS
16.35 - 16.55 "Historic Assynt: Update on Projects", Gordon Sleight, Historic Assynt

Please note that the programme may be subject to change.