

Highland Archaeology Festival Fèis Arc-eòlais na Gàidhealtachd

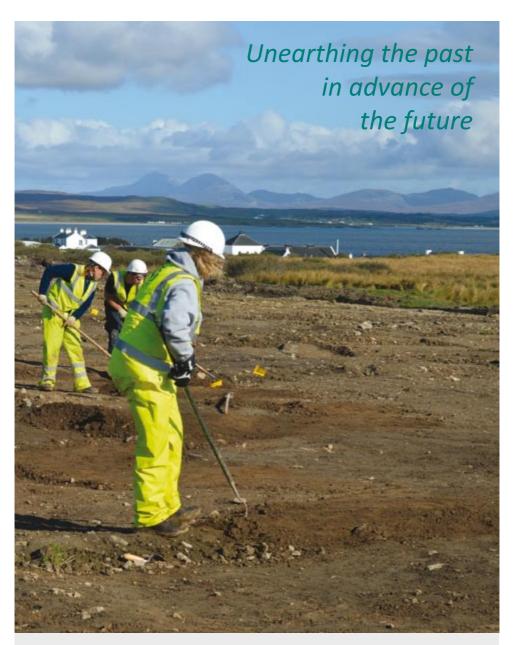
















Welcome to Highland Archaeology Festival 2017 Fàilte gu Fèis Arc-eòlais na Gàidhealtachd 2017

I am pleased to introduce the programme for this year's Highland Archaeology Festival which showcases *all* of Highland's historic environment from buried archaeological remains to canals, cathedrals and more. The popularity of our annual Highland Archaeology Festival goes on from strength to strength. We aim to celebrate our shared history, heritage and archaeology and encourage everyone to get out of their armchairs and into the field to see for themselves what is going on in their area.

For over twenty years, this festival has showcased the incredible heritage on our doorsteps and the importance of protecting this for future generations. The educational and economic benefits that this can bring to communities cannot be overstated. The events of this programme not only help us learn about the past, but also learn from the past. The Highlands are geographically vast, with many separate identities, but I am particularly pleased that one of the highlights this year will be a festival Launch Lecture which will emphasise the connections and similarities between separate communities in the past. Our Keynote Lecture comes from Dr Alison Sheridan of the National Museum of Scotland and will describe how ancient DNA analysis has changed our understanding of Highland prehistory. For those who like a challenge, this year we have a new geocache trail and a photographic competition and for those who want to get stuck in further, there is a whole afternoon of fascinating workshops at the Highland Council Chamber in Inverness.

I would like to thank all our event organisers for their time, imagination and effort as the festival would not be possible without them.

I wish you all a very successful and enjoyable festival.

Councillor Allan Henderson,

Chair of The Highland Council's Places Committee





Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean Ionad Eachdraidh



Undergraduate

- · BA (Hons) History
- · BA (Hons) Scottish History

We also offer a wide range of joint degrees with subjects such as Archaeology, Criminology, Culture and Heritage, Literature, Politics, Sociology and Theology.

Postgraduate

- MLitt History of the Highlands and Islands
- MLitt History
- MLitt History and Archaeology of the Highlands and Islands
- MLitt Coastal and Maritime Societies and Cultures
- MLitt British Studies



www.history.uhi.ac.uk history@uhi.ac.uk

Key

£	Entry charge
F\D	Free, but donations welcome
iŤ	Children welcome with adult
ĬĬ	Event primarily for children
Ħ	Dogs welcome if on lead
Ď	Bring a packed lunch
Ġ.	Suitable for wheelchair acces

ARCH Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands

NoSAS North of Scotland Archaeology Society

MHG Reference numbers to sites in the
Highland Historical Environment

Record (her.highland.gov.uk).

For all outdoor walks ensure you have suitable footwear for rough walking (preferably boots) and bring waterproofs and warm clothing.

Where appropriate we have added reference numbers (format MHG1234) to find out more about sites in the Highland Historic Environment Record, the most complete record of archaeological sites and historic buildings for the Highland region. Just visit her.highland.gov.uk, and type in the reference number.

For further information, updates and late entries check out the Highland Archaeology Festival website

www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org

To request this booklet in large print phone 01463 702250

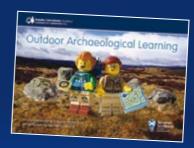
BS	Badenoch and Strathspey
CA	Caithness
IN	Inverness area
LO	Lochaber
МО	Moray
NA	Nairn
RC	Ross and Cromarty
SL	Skye and Lochalsh
SU	Sutherland
AR	Argyll





Outdoor Archaeological Learning

By exploring the evidence that our shared past has left in our culture and environment, place-based learning can help develop critical thinking skills, inspire creativity and encourage discussion and teamwork.



Download our new learning resource from: www.forestry.gov.uk/outdoorarchaeologicallearning



TRAILS

This year there are three types of trails for you to explore at your convenience! Why not combine all three?

HAF 2017 Geocaching Trail

Geocaching is a popular hobby where people find hidden caches, armed only with grid references. We've hidden a number of HAF2017 geocaches this year throughout the Highlands, and have signposted people towards others hidden near archaeological and historical sites. To find out more, see the HAF 2017 Geocaching Trail page on the HAF website www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org.



HAF 2017 Object Trail

A number of museums have featured a special object this year. Bring your Museum Passport (available in the brochure or to download from the HAF website), and have the museum stamp your entry. Note that many participating museums are offering half price or free entry on certain days to people who have their passports stamped. There's a prize for the person with the most stamps!



Self Guided Trails

A variety of self guided trails has been published over the years and are available on paper, to download, or to view on the web. The brochure contains a list of some of the ones available. The website will include updates of others we hear about.





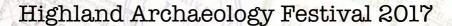
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Object Trail - Participating Museums

Note some venues have an admission charge, but all offer at least some days at a reduced rate for passport holders. If you are coming from a distance, phone to ensure opening hours.

Kilmartin Museum Half price for HAF passport holders	Daily 10am-5:30pm	01546 510278
Clan Macpherson Museum, Newtonmore Free/donations welcome	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm	01540 673332
Grantown Museum Half price to HAF passport holders	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm	01479 872478
Dunbeath Heritage Centre Half price to HAF passport holders	Mon-Fri 10am-5pm	01593 731233
Inverness Museum and Art Gallery Free/donations welcome	Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm	01463 237114
Glencoe Folk Museum Half price on 9 th -14 th Oct to HAF passport holders	Tue-Sat 10am-4:30pm	01855 811664
West Highland Museum, Fort William Free/donations welcome	Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	01397 702169
Elgin Museum Free/donations welcome	Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm	01343 543675
Nairn Museum Free on Saturdays to HAF passport holders	Mon-Fri 10am-4:30pm, Sat 10am-1pm	01667 456791
Cromarty Courthouse Museum Free/donations welcome	Daily 12-4pm	01381 610795
Groam House Museum, Rosemarkie Free/donations welcome	Sat & Sun 7 th /8 th & 14 th /15 th Oct 2-4:30pm; Mon-Fri 9 th -13 th Oct 11am-4:30pm	01381 620961
Gairloch Museum Half price 9 th -14 th Oct for HAF passport holders	Mon-Fri 10am-5pm & Sat 11am-3pm	01445 712287
Highland Museum of Childhood, Strath- peffer Half price for HAF passport holders	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm	01997 421031
_	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm Sun-Wed 1st-4th October, 1am-3pm	01997 421031 01349 852707
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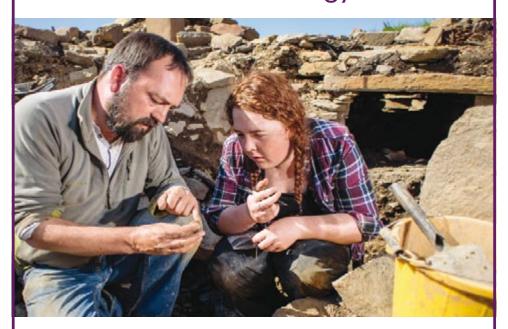


My name:

Contact Details:



Archaeology Courses The University of the Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute



Access, degree, masters and postgraduate research available at the University of the Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute.

www.uhi.ac.uk/en/archaeology-institute/ Tel: 01856 569225 I'm Peter, the Museum mascot and I'm excited because the cafe have launched a new menu!







Caithness Horizons Museum houses a permanent exhibition that tells the story of the county of Caithness from 416 million years ago to the present day.

Collections include the Picts, the Vikings and the history of the Dounreay Nuclear Research Establishment. Our Temporary Exhibition Gallery is currently home to the Caithness Broch Project's Lego Broch exhibition, a must see! Open all year, admission charges apply. Please see website for full details

Caithness Horizons, High Street, Thurso, KW14 8AJ 01847 896508 www.caithnesshorizonsmuseum.com







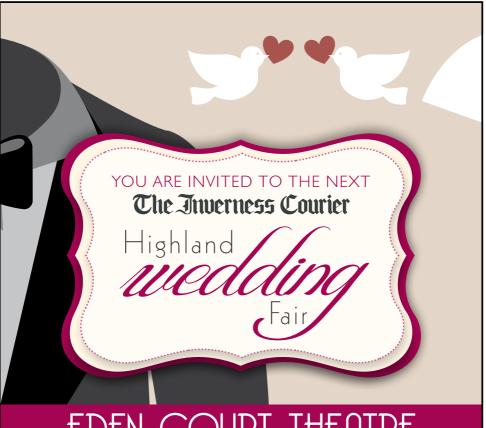












EDEN COURT THEATRE

Sunday 17th September 12-4pm

A must attend for all brides to be: 70 Exhibitors Live Music Live fashion shows & Welcome drink on arrival

FREE ENTRY

Self Guided Trails

Corrieyairack Pass

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

Walk the Yarrows Archaeology Trail

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

Castlehill Flagstone Trail

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

Explore Archaeology in Rural Inverness

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

A Walk Around Strathpeffer

Walk leaflet created by ARCH project exploring the spa town. Available from Old Pump Room in Strathpeffer, Strathpeffer Community Centre, Highland Museum of Childhood, or www.archhighland.org.uk/library.asp

Invergordon World War I Trail

Walk leaflet showing World War I remains in Invergordon created by ARCH project. Available from Invergordon Museum and www.archhighland.org.uk/library.asp

Heritage along the Kyle Line

A leaflet to accompany the Dingwall to Kyle of Lochalsh railway journey, created by an ARCH project. Available from Dingwall Station or SAE from ARCH, The Goods Shed, The Old Station, Strathpeffer IV14 9DH.

A Walk around Munlochy

Walk leaflet to explore Munlochy, created by ARCH project. Available from www. archhighland.org.uk/library.asp

Evanton Airfield Past and Present

Trail of WWII remains at Evanton, created by ARCH project. Available form Cornerstone Café and www.archhighland.org.uk/library.asp

Hidden Black Isle Trail NEW THIS YEAR!

Trail to some of the hidden gems, mainly heritage, on the Black Isle. Available on the web at http://www.black-isle.info/hidden.asp

Guide to Kirkmichael in the Black Isle NEW THIS YEAR!

A guide to the church and graveyard produced by the Kirkmichael Trust. Available on the web at www.kirkmichael.info/galleries/LeafletsGallery/GuideToKirkmichael.pdf

Explore the 'Chanonry' – a walking tour around early Fortrose NEW THIS YEAR!

Walking tour of Fortrose produced by the Kirkmichael Trust. Available on the Kirkmichael Trust website www.kirkmichael. info/galleries/LeafletsGallery/

An Historic Walk around Portree

Linked to commemorative plaques in the village. Available from various places in Portree including the Tourist Information Office.

Dornoch

If you are interested in Vikings and Saints, cathedrals and castles, witches, gold and trains, you will find them all and more in this trail featuring the key points in Dornoch's history. Leaflets available from HistoryLinks Museum.

Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland

Trail of Telford remains in the Kyle of Sutherland created by an ARCH project. Available from Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust.

Strathnaver Trail and Strathnaver Trail Map

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

The Ord Lairg Archaeology Trail

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

Historic Map of Lairg NEW THIS YEAR!

Published in 2017, available from Ferrycroft Visitor Centre and other local outlets.

Pictish Trail – A guide to Pictish Sculpture from Inverness to Dunrobin

Available from Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/184/sites_and_heritage_trails

D1 Mon-Sat 10am-5pm



I, Richard Waitt, Picture Drawer – Portraits of a Highland Clan (1713 - 1733) Waitt's

portraits of Clan Grant now hang in Scotland's prestigious galleries and properties.
Together for the first time, this unique exhibition reveals the intriguing world of a Highland clan in the time of the Jacobites. Adults £4, children free.



Grantown Museum. Phone 01479 872 478 Email info@grantownmuseum.co.uk www.grantownmuseum.co.uk

D2 Mon 1-5pm, 6-8pm; Wed 10am-1pm, F\D BS 2-5pm; Fri 10am-12pm, 1-5pm, Sat 10-1

Telford in Badenoch and Strathspey

Exhibition produced by a community project investigating the work and impact of Thomas Telford, 19th century engineer in Badenoch and Strathspey.



Grantown Library. Phone 01349 868822 Email grantown.library@highlifehighland.com

D3 Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm

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1815 Samples of Clan Macpherson Tartan A display featuring two

samples of Clan Macpherson tartan produced in 1815 by the Highland Society of London.

Clan Macpherson Museum, Main Street, Newtonmore. Phone 01540 673332

Email museum@clan-macpherson.org www.clan-macpherson.org/museum/

D4 Mon-Fri 10am-4:30pm



Wag of Forse Landscape

Alongside artefacts from the site (courtesy of NMS), we'll display site plans, information and excavation



photographs from the late 1940's. There will also be reproduction pottery for handling, made of local clays. £2.50 entry fee, children free.

Dunbeath Heritage Museum. Phone 01593 731233

Email info@dunbeath-heritage.org.uk. www.dunbeath-heritage.org.uk

D22 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm £ 🐧 CA

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Caithness Broch Project Exhibition

Exhibition inside Caithness Horizons Museum in Thurso, exploring the brochs of Caithness. Adults £4, children £2, under 5 free, family ticket £10.

Caithness Horizons. Phone 01847 896508 Email info@caithnesshorizons.co.uk www.caithnesshorizonsmuseum.com

D5 2nd-13th Oct. Mon, Tue, Thur 10am- F\D **\(\)** IN 5pm; Wed 10am-7:30pm; Fri 10am-4:30pm

Inverness Castle Through the Ages

Exhibition of items from the Highland Archive on the history of Inverness Castle, featuring maps, photographs, historical notes and other records.



Highland Archive & Registration Centre, Archive Search Room, Bught Road, Inverness, IV3 5SS. Phone 01463 256444

D6 Tue-Sat 3rd-7th Oct. 10am-5pm

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Highland Archaeology Festival 2017 Photographic Competition See the shortlisted entries in the HAF 2017 photographic

shortlisted entries in the HAF 2017 photographic competition.

Inverness Museum and Art Gallery.

Phone 01463 237114
Email Inverness.museum@highlifehighland.com

D7 Sept 29th to Oct 8th 10am-4pm

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Museum of Scottish Mountaineering Displays Special

opening again this year to see displays of mountaineering artefacts and associated photographs at the centre in Glen Roy (NH 290 834). Teas/coffees and cakes too. Scottish Mountain Heritage Collection.

Phone 01397 712356

www.smhc.co.uk

D8 Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm



The Birnie Hoard For 2017, a revised display of treasures from Dr. Fraser Hunter's Birnie excavations, on loan from National Museums



Scotland.
Elgin Museum.
Phone 01343 543675
Email curator@elginmuseum.org.uk

elginmuseum.org.uk

D9 Mon-Fri 10am-4:30pm, Sat 10am-1pm £ 🔥 NA

Nairn Performing Arts Guild – a reprise Celebrating the years of the Guild in photos, programmes and costume. Adults £4,

conc. £3, child £1, under 5 free, family (2+2) £8.

Nairn Museum. Phone 01667 456791

Email manager@nairnmuseum.co.uk

www.nairnmuseum.co.uk

D10 Daily 12-4pm

F\D RC

Archaeology in Cromarty Exhibition

of medieval and later objects found during the Cromarty Medieval Community Archaeology Project 2013-2016.

Cromarty Courthouse Museum. Phone 01381 610795 Email cromartycourthouse@gmail.com Cromarty-courthouse.org.uk

D11 Sat & Sun 7th/8th & 14th/15th Oct. F\D RC 2-4:30pm; Mon 9th-Fri 13th 11am-4:30pm

Treasure Trove of the Bronze Age in

Rosemarkie Highlights of the Bronze Age finds from local excavations at the Rosemarkie waterworks site on loan from Cromarty Courthouse Museum.

Groam House Museum, 38 High Street, Rosemarkie.

Phone 01862 892998
Email curator@groamhouse.org.uk
www.groamhouse.org.uk

D12 Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-6pm; Tues & Thurs 9am-8pm; Sat 10am-5pm

F∖D **&** RC

Old Photographs of Easter Ross

A running slide show of old photographs from Dingwall Museum's collection, at Dingwall Community Library.

Dingwall Museum and Dingwall Community Library/High Life Highland. Phone 01349 869869

D13 Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-2:30pm

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Kiltearn Old Kirk An exhibition pulling together historical research, gravestone recording, standing building survey and family history searches undertaken as a community project investigating Kiltearn Old Kirk in Evanton. Venue: Cornerstone Café, 16 Balconie Street, Evanton.



ARCH and Evanton Community Trust.
Phone 077888 35466
Email info@archhighland.org.uk
www.archhighland.org.uk and www.ect.scot/

D14 Sun-Wed 1st-4th Oct. 1am-3pm

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Wartime Invergordon

New display resulting from two community projects, showing the importance of Invergordon in WWI and WWII. It features our HAF2017 Museum object!

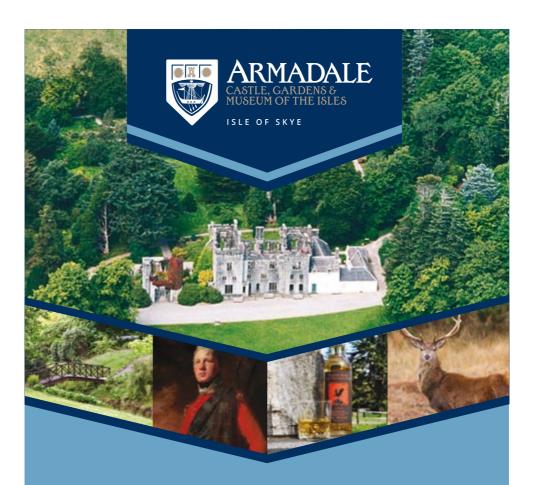


Invergordon Museum. Email invergordonmuseum@gmail.com www.invergordonmuseum.co.uk



http://her.highland.gov.uk

Invergordon on the HER. See D14.



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D15 Sat & Sun 7th & 8th Oct. 10am-4pm



Historic Photo Exhibition at Nigg

Community Hall Based on a survey of the area undertaken 1995-1998, with photos taken by photographer Richard Blosse and other old photos collected.



Nigg and Shandwick Community Council. Phone 01862 863230

D16 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 11-3



Memories of Gairloch This exhibition at Gairloch Museum uses images and recordings from our archive to showcase memories of life in Gairloch and the surrounding area in the 20th century, Adults £4, conc. £3, children £1, under 5s free.

Gairloch Museum and Gairloch U3A Local History Group. Phone 01445 712287

Email info@gairlochheritagemuseum.org www.gairlochheritagemuseum.org

D17 Mon-Sat 11am-4pm

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Ullapool Museum New Look Visit

Ullapool Museum to see the refurbished galleries with lots of new displays and hands-on activities for young audiences, and restoration work on the old Telford church. Adults: £4, under 16s free. Wheelchair access only on ground floor.

Ullapool Museum.

Phone 01854 612987 Email curator@ullapoolmuseum.co.uk www.ullapoolmuseum.co.uk/

D18 Mon-Sat 10am-4pm



The WWII Arctic Convoys to Russia **1941-1945** Recently opened exhibition with a comprehensive collection of artefacts, models, memorabilia, photographs,

paintings and much more. Adults £3.50, under 18s free.

Russian Arctic Convoy Exhibition Centre, Birchburn, Aultbea. Phone 01445 731137 Email info@theracproject.org www.russianarcticconvoymuseum.org

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Vikings and Our Maritime Heritage

Exhibition with loans from National Museum of Scotland (replica Eigg boat stem), Treasure Trove (finds from the Ardnamurchan boat burial), and other finds from Skye including boat fragments from Rugh an



Dunain, an anchor from Camus Croise, and Viking Age coin and pommel from Sleat. Adults £8.50, conc. and children 5-15 £6.95 (includes entry to Armadale Castle gardens).

Museum of the Isles, Armadale Castle.

Phone: 01471 844305

Email museum@armadalecastle.com www.armadalecastle.com

D20 Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm



If Stones Could Talk Special exhibition of photographs of Pictish stones from around Scotland in Kincardine Old Parish Church near Ardgay. Our own Pictish stone is on display, giving an opportunity to hear the story of it as well as the church. Phone ahead if needing disabled access.

Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society. Phone 07944 179532 kosh-whinstone@talktalk.net www.kyle-of-sutherland-heritage.org.uk/



D21 Mon-Sat 10am-5pm



The Strathnaver Clearances Stand in the church which gave witness to the reading of eviction notices and later heard evidence from those affected by the Clearances as part of the Napier Commission, Adults: £3, conc. £2, children 5-16 £1, children under 5 free.

Strathnaver Museum. Phone 01641 521418 Email info@strathnavermuseum.org.uk www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk

Check out the HAF website www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org for events received after the brochure had gone to press.

Throughout the Festival

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I Spy Archaeology Activity Sheet

Pick up an 'I Spy Archaeology' activity sheet from Glencoe Museum on any day of the Highland Archaeology Festival and see what you can find in the local area. Return your completed form to the museum to receive your certificate! The museum is open Tues-Sat 10am-4:30pm.

Glencoe Folk Museum. Phone 01855 811664 Email curator@glencoemuseum.com

Self-Guided Trails. See listing on page 13

Friday 29th September

Launch Lecture - Open to All

E3 7:30pm Suggested donation £3



Kinship across Ross-shire: Recent Discoveries in Late Medieval Archaeology at Eilean Donan Castle and Tarbatness Cecily Spall of FAS Heritage talks about two research projects she has co-directed. Portmahomack (1993-2007) and Eilean Donan Castle (2008-ongoing) have provided a wealth of new insight into the archaeology of the late medieval period in Ross-shire. Though quite different in form and location, the two sites

are richly connected by evidence for metal-working, population movement and burials and funerary sculpture. Venue: Council Chamber, Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness. Note that Cecily will follow this talk up on Saturday with a guided walk around Eilean Donan excavations.

Highland Council. Phone 077888 35466



Saturday 30th September

E2a 11am-5pm

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Guided Tours at Castle Roy Guided

tours throughout the afternoon of the picturesque medieval remains at Castle Roy (MHG4571).

Wheelchair users phone for details.

Castle Roy Trust.

Phone 01479 821370 Email chairman@castleroy.org.uk

E4 10am-3pm

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Bronze and Iron Age Landscapes of

Forse Explore the extensive Bronze-Age landscape with burnt mounds, hut-circles, field-systems; the incredible later Iron Age Wag of Forse, with its broch-like



structure within; pre-clearance kiln-barns and farmsteads (MHG2404, MHG45711). No dogs. Walk level 2. Meet at "Forse of Nature", Latheron, car-park is 1 mile up Forse House drive.

Dunbeath Preservation Trust.

Phone 01593 731233

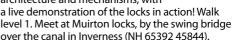
Email info@dunbeath-heritage.org.uk

E5a 10:30am-12:30pm

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Caledonian Canal: Can you Dig It?

A fun and informative walk around the locks and water of a short stretch of the Caledonian Canal, discussing its history, stories, architecture and mechanisms, with



Scottish Waterways Trust.
Phone 01463 725561

Email Stephen@scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk

E6a 1:30-3pm

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"Fire!" Reclaiming Man's Greatest Invention Join Scottish

Waterways Trust for a practical session, exploring fire bearing natural materials, techniques and skills, and



culminating in cooking a wee snack on fires we light ourselves using traditional, primitive techniques down by the water. Walk level 1. Meet at Muirton locks, by the swing bridge over the canal in Inverness (NH 65392 45844).

Scottish Waterways Trust.
Phone 01463 725561
Email Stephen@scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk

Agricultural Working Vintage Rally &

Display Explore farming over the last 100 years, with heritage displays, stalls and demonstrations. 11th year of this event at Daviot, just off the A9. Adults £10, children under 16 years free.

Strathnairn Farmers Association.

Phone 01463 790325

Email strathnairnfarmers@hotmail.com www.daviotvintage.co.uk

E8 11-11:45am

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Guided tour of Excavations at Eilean Donan Castle Cecily Spall will

lead a guided tour of the lost medieval castle and the research excavation, including the north

curtain wall and a $10^{\rm th}$ century lime kiln. Meet at the Visitor Entrance. Adults £7.50, conc. £6.50, children over 5 £4 (includes entrance to castle). No booking necessary. Walk level 1.

FAS Heritage.

Email Cecily.spall@fas-heritage.co.uk

Guided Tour of Kirkmichael

Guided tours of the newly restored former kirk buildings at Kirkmichael on the Black Isle (NH705 658;

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MHG8777) and its medieval

gravestones and ornate mausolea. Level 1 walk. No booking necessary.

Kirkmichael Trust. Phone 07786 335062 Email info@kirkmichael.info www.kirkmichael.info

E10 11am-1pm

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Near and Farr Come and be an archaeologist for the day with Strathnaver Museum (NC 7144 6225; MHG17085) at this special activity for children! What will you discover? Bookings to:



Strathnaver Museum.
Phone 01641 521418
Email Fiona@strathnavermuseum.org.uk



PASTHORIZONS







HUNTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL

& HISTORICAL TRUST

This Trust, established by the late Doreen Hunter, supports research not only into the archaeology but also into the history of Scotland from the end of the Roman period until the end of the Middle Ages, as well as assisting publication on suitable themes.



Romanesque buckle, Linlithgow © SUAT Ltd.

Grants normally fall within the range of between £500 and £1,500 but in exceptionally well merited cases sums of up to £4,000 may be available.

Further information from & applications by Monday, 15th January 2018 to:-James Brogan, Russel + Aitken, LLP, Solicitors, King's Court, High Street, Falkirk FK1 1PQ | Telephone:- 01324 622888

or E-mail:- jamesbrogan@huntertrust.co.uk

Note: If you are submitting an application keep your eye on our website as we shall be including an application form to be used, together with guidance notes.

www.huntertrust.co.uk



14th & 15th October 2017

Highland Council Chamber, Inverness

Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research

Our annual conference highlights new discoveries and research relating to Highland archaeology, and allows you to meet the archaeologists, local groups, and individuals responsible for this work.

This year's conference will feature speakers from a variety of national, academic, commercial and local organisations. As usual, topics range from earliest settlers to 20th century remains, looking at a range of sites, finds and buildings. Following last year's new feature, we will have a panel discussion, this year focussing on dating methods. There will also be a range of poster sessions (list available on the day). New this year will be the option to pre-order sandwiches – and an extended lunch break to allow for eating and attending poster sessions. Please see the conference programme overleaf for further details.

The conference venue is a short walk from Inverness city centre, with good audio-visual facilities, comfortable seating, easy access and plenty of parking, for which there is a charge.

Conference places must be booked in advance. Attending the conference costs £15 per day, or £25 for both days. The cost includes admission and tea/coffee. Payment can be sent by cheque or can be paid online via www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org. Note that online bookings will incur a surcharge of £1 per ticket to cover costs.

To book, please complete and return the booking form on page 24, along with a cheque (made payable to Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands) or payment via the website, to arrive no later than **Tuesday 10th October 2017.** An electronic version of the form which can be returned by email is available from www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org in the Document Library section in the 2017 folder.

Lunches, whether your own or purchased, may be eaten in the foyer. Cafes and shops are within 5 minutes walking distance.









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Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research

Highland Council Chamber, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness

Saturday 14th October Chair: Dr. Alison Sheridan, National Museum of Scotland

9:00 – 9:30am	Registration/tea and coffee	
9:30 – 9:40am	Welcome and housekeeping	
9:40 – 9:50am	HAF 2017 Photographic Competition award presentation	
9:50 – 10:15am	The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework: knitting together regional archaeology in Scotland – Emma Jane O'Riordan (ScARF)	
10:15 – 10:40am	Wilkhouse: The community excavation of an 18th century inn complex near Brora – Nick Lindsay (Clyne Heritage Society)	
10:40 – 11:05am 11:05 – 11:20am	Clachtoll Broch: preliminary findings – Gordon Sleight (Historic Assynt) Discussion and questions	
11:20 – 11:55am	Tea and coffee/browse the display stands	
11:55am – 12:20pm	A discovery from Massacre Cave, Isle of Eigg – Stuart Wilson (AOC Archaeology)	
12:20 – 12:45pm	The Skye Ecomuseum and recent excavations at a Mesolithic site in Staffin – Dan Lee (ORCA)	
12:45 – 1:00pm	Discussion and questions	
1:00 – 2:20pm	Lunch/browse the display stands/poster sessions	
2:20 – 2:45pm	Linking the archaeology of south Inverness: an overview of fieldwork on the Inverness West Link Road development – Mary Peteranna/Cathy MacIver (AOC Archaeology)	
2:45-3:10pm	Build and burn: new approaches to performing prehistory – Gavin MacGregor (Northlight Heritage)	
3:10-3:20pm	Discussion and questions	
3:20-3:30pm	Comfort break	
3:30-4:30pm	Archaeological dating methodologies	
	Derek Hamilton (SUERC) – A rough guide to building archaeological chronologies: radiocarbon dating and Bayesian modelling in the Scottish Highlands;	
	Coralie Mills (U. of St. Andrews) – Developments of dendrochronology of the Highlands; and	
	Stuart Campbell (Treasure Trove Scotland) – Dating artefacts by	
	typology, association and parallels: case studies from medieval archaeology	
4:30-5:00pm	Panel discussion and questions	
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research

Highland Council Chamber, Inverness

Sunday 15th October Chair: Dr. Kirsty Owen (Historic Environment Scotland)

09:30 – 10:00am	Registration/tea and coffee/ browse the display stands/poster session	
10:00 – 10:05am	Welcome and housekeeping	
10:05 – 10:30am	Recent excavations at Smelter's Cave, Rosemarkie – Steven Birch (Rosemarkie Caves Project)	
10:30 – 10:55am	Those enigmatic features: excavations at Dun Mhurchaidh, Ardnamurchan by the Ardnamurchan Transitions Project – Phil Richardson (Archaeology Scotland) and Paul Murtagh (Northlight Heritage)	
10:55 – 11:10am	Discussion and questions	
11:10 – 11:35am	Tea and coffee/browse the display stands	
11:35am – 12:00pm	Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence: a first glimpse of the Iron Age in Strathspey – Peta Glew (Northlight Heritage)	
12:00 – 12:25pm	Excavations at Swartigill, Caithness – Martin Carruthers (UHI/Yarrows Heritage Trust)	
12:25 – 12:50pm	Woodlands under the waves: investigating submerged forests in the Northern and Western Isles – Scott Timpany (UHI)	
12:50 – 1:05pm	Discussion and questions	
1:05 – 2:20pm	Lunch/browse the display stands/poster sessions	
2:20 – 2:45pm	The excavation and survey of a probable Bronze Age cist and associated cairn in Strathnaver, Sutherland – Martin Cook/Genevieve Shaw (AOC Archaeology)	
2:45 – 3:10pm	Scotland's Rock Art Project – John Wombell/Alan Thompson (NoSAS)	
3:10 – 3:35pm	New light on old stones: recent discoveries at Kirkmichael on the Black Isle – Jim Mackay (Kirkmichael Trust)	
3:35 – 4:00pm	Discussion and questions	
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

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Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research

14th-15th October 2017, Highland Council Chamber, Inverness

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The Highland Council, Historic Environment Team, Development and Infrastructure Service

Sunday 1st October





Guided Tours at Castle Roy

See details under 30th September

E11a 2-3:30pm



Amble around Ardersier

Meet at Petty and Ardersier
Heritage Café, The Old School,
School Place, Ardersier IV2 7SU for
an hour's walk and talk around the
conservation area of Ardersier. Wheelchair
accessible, but the pavements are narrow in
places. Walk level 1. Please book to:

Petty and Ardersier Community Heritage. Phone 01667 462924 Email heritagehounds@outlook.com

E12 7:30-9pm



Archaeology Pub Quiz Back by popular demand, our own HAF pub quiz! Come test your knowledge in a fun-filled evening sponsored by ARCH at the Lovat Arms Hotel in Beauly. Either come as a team (up to 4) or we will join teams at the door. Raffle & prizes! £10/team or £2.50 per person.

ARCH. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk www.archhighland.org.uk

E13 2-3:30pm



Fortrose Cathedral – ancient 'Chanonry' A tour which will reveal the 'bones' of early Fortrose hiding beneath the modern town: history and mystery

which will reveal the bones of early Fortrose hiding beneath the modern town: history and mystery a-plenty! Meet at Fortrose Cathedral main entrance. Walk level 1.

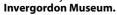
Verity Walker. Phone 077789 22407



E14a Sun-Wed 1st-4th October, 10am-3pm F\D & RC

Wartime Invergordon

New display resulting from two community projects, showing the importance of Invergordon in WWI and WWII. It features our HAF2017 Museum object!



Email invergordonmuseum@gmail.com www.invergordonmuseum.co.uk

Monday 2nd October

E15 2-3:30pm



Discover Highland Heritage at Dingwall Library Dingwall Library

has a rich collection of resources for finding out more about local heritage. The NoSAS collection is hosted there, and Dingwall Library has a heritage collection which deserves to be better known. Join Susan Kruse of ARCH and High Life Highland for a trawl through the collections!

ARCH and Dingwall Library (High Life Highland). Phone 01349 869869 Email info@archhighland.org.uk

E14b Sun-Wed 1st-4th October, 10am-3pm F\D & RC

Wartime Invergordon See details under 1st October

E16 7:30-9pm



Kiltearn Old Kirk.

Over the past year, a community project has been investigating the old kirk in Evanton, with historical research, recording gravestones, family history searches



and a standing building survey. This talk will summarise the exciting findings, and launch the exhibition the group produced. Venue: Cornerstone Café, 16 Balconie St., Evanton.

ARCH and Evanton Community Trust. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk

Tuesday 3rd October

E17 2-3:30pm



Prehistoric Inverness

Susan Kruse of ARCH pulls together some of the exciting information from recent excavations around Inverness.



Venue: Culloden Library.

Culloden Library/High Life Highland. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk E18 7:30-9pm F\D 🔥 IN

Cockburn Library – a local Treasure

Trove The Cockburn library, held at Inverness Royal Academy, includes publications that are available nowhere else in Highland.



Rich in information pertaining to the local Culduthel area, including its archaeology – and to the school itself, this collection is a treasure trove, just waiting to be discovered. See what we can 'dig up' at our HAF event. No booking needed, but please contact susan.appleby@highlifehighland. com if you are interested in coming along.

Inverness Royal Academy/High Life Highland. Phone 01463 222884

Email Susan.appleby@highlifehighland.com

E14c Sun-Wed 1st-4th October, 10am-3pm F\D (\) RC



Wartime Invergordon See details under 1st October

Wednesday 4th October

E19a 1:30-4pm

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Kilmartin Glen Guided Walk. Discover what makes the ancient landscape of Kilmartin Glen so unique by joining our knowledgeable volunteer guides on a guided glen walk. Meet at Kilmartin Museum (NR 83425 98889). Level 2 walk. Sign up at the Museum shop on the day.

Kilmartin Museum. Phone 01546 510278 Email admin@kilmartin.org

E14d Sun-Wed 1st-4th October, 10am-3pm F\D (\) RC



Wartime Invergordon. See details under 1st October

E88 7:30-9:30pm



Bronze Age KnoWOW! An opportunity to explore the technology employed by Bronze Age metalworkers in a small farming community at North Kessock nearly 3000 years ago. Speaker, displays, videos and the launch of the book from the project. Venue: North Kessock Hall.

North Kessock & District Local History Society. Phone 07757 821373

www.northkessockhistorv.com

E20 2-5pm

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Walk to Rhaoin Settlement

Using information from estate archives we will link the ruins of the cleared settlement at Rhaoin with the people who lived there. Walk level 2. Meet at the war



memorial on the A839 at Pittentrail, Rogart.

Rogart Heritage Trust. Phone 01408 641265

E21 7:30-9pm

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Diary of an Engineer Bruce Field will talk about his work as an engineer in the Highlands, including the refurbishment of Telford's Mound. Venue: Golspie Heritage Centre, The Welcome, Station Road, Golspie.

Golspie Heritage Society www.spanglefish.com/golspieheritagesociety/

Tuesday 5th October

E22 1:30-2pm, 2:15-2:45pm, 3-3:30pm

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Bronze Age Pottery Workshop

Discover more about Bronze Age pottery at Kilmartin Museum and create your own pot to take home. Bookings to:

Kilmartin Museum. Phone 01546 510278 Email education@kilmartin.org

E23 10am-3pm



A Route Through Varied Pasts: to the East of Loch Oich in the Great

Glen We'll walk the east side of Loch Oich. from Laggan Lochs to Aberchalder, exploring the archaeology – 18th century military road, old railtrack.



settlements, recessed platforms, etc. Walk level 1. Meeting place provided on booking. Bookings to:

NoSAS. Phone 07787 507972 Email Roland.spencerjones@gmail.com

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See our new website for 25 fun filled days out

We've launched a brand new section on our What's On website featuring 25 Top Days Out across the Highlands and Moray.

Everything from horse riding to helicopter rides, distilleries to dolphins, paintings to paintball and a whole lot

So if you're searching for inspiration on making your day a Top Day Out then you know where to go -

www.inverness-courier.co.uk and click through to our What's On section.



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E24 10am-3pm



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Fyrish – the Forgotten Temples

Enjoy a hike up to the Fyrish monument near Evanton (MHG8109) looking at the natural and human history while taking in the views of Easter



Ross and beyond. Depending on the weather the group will also endeavour to visit Little Fyrish and Creag Rhuadh follies as well. Walk level 2. Meet at the car park on the left side of the minor road to Boath (NH 627 714). Cost: £4.50, conc. £3.50. Bookings essential to:

Highland Council Countryside Rangers. Phone 07788 387634 Email Marcia.rae2@highland.gov.uk

E25 10am-1pm



Knockfarrel Iron Age Hill Fort, Strathpeffer Knockfarrel is

the largest hill fort in Ross-shire (MHG7152). Learn about the iron age and vitrification while taking



miscard within a training in some excellent views and looking for wildlife. Meeting place given out on booking. Level 2 walk of 4.5 mi/7km over rough ground. Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15. Bookings to:

Highland Council Countryside Rangers. Phone 01854 613904 Email Jenny.Grant@highland.gov.uk

Friday 6th October

E11b 2-3:30pm



Amble around Ardersier See details under 1st October

E26 10:30am-4:30pm



Ardross Through the Ages

Join us for a walk exploring prehistoric and more recent sites at Ardross including prehistoric sites in the morning and the



church and castle with its superb gardens in the afternoon. Meet at 10:30 at Ardross Community Hall for morning session or 1pm at Ardross church (NH615 743). We will car share as necessary. Walk level 1.

ARCH. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk www.archhighland.org.uk



WWII Arctic Convoy Boom Defence at Mellon Charles, Loch Ewe This



guided walk will examine the visible

remains of the large WWII military base where the enormous steel nets which crossed the loch were maintained. The nearby anti-aircraft battery will also be visited. Meet at Boom Defence Compound, Mellon Charles, Loch Ewe (NH 84462 91090). First part of walk wheelchair accessible. Walk level 1. Adults £5, full time students £2, under 18s free. The walk is weather dependent. If very wet, another day will be offered. An email will be sent 24 hours in advance to confirm. Bookings essential to:

Russian Arctic Convoy Project.
Phone 01445 731137
Email info@theracproject.org

E28 7:30-9pm



The Beatrice Project – Visual Artist Sue-Jane Taylor A presentation on the work of visual artist Sue-Jane Taylor to record the people and places involved in the cutting edge technologies of the Beatrice Project 13.5km from the east coastline of Caithness. Venue: Lairg Community Centre (NC 58537 06334). Entry £2. Bookings to:

Lairg Local History Society. Phone 01549 402212 Email midnightleaves@greenisp.co.uk

Saturday 7th October

E29 12-4pm

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Prehistoric 'Rock' Art Workshop

Discover the prehistoric art of making paint from rock, stone and natural materials and create your own piece of 'Prehistoric Rock Art' to take home. Venue: Campbeltown Museum, Burnet Building, St John St., Campbeltown.

Campbeltown Museum. Phone 01546 510278 Email julia@kilmartin.org

E30 2-4pm

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Minging Middens A challenge using old and new research tools to create a timeline using artefacts found in our QR coded middens! Meet at Abriachan Forest classroom (NH 540 355). Please book by email to:

Abriachan Forest Trust. Phone 01463 861236 Email abriachanforest@gmail.com E5b 10:30am-12:30pm



Caledonian Canal: Can you Dig It?

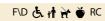
See details under 30th September

E6b 1:30-3pm

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"Fire!" Reclaiming man's greatest invention. See details under 30th September

E31 10:30am-12:30pm



Evanton Wood: Past, Present,

Future Join Adrian Clark for a walk & talk including the ancient woodland by the gorge, early plantings (plus their slave plantation connections), gaelic



names, estate management, community ownership and visit the new ponds and stone seat. Walk level 1. Meet at 10.20am Evanton Carpark or 10.30 Evanton Wood Log Cabin (2 mins walk in from Chapel footpath entrance, at top of Chapel Road) (NH595 665). A visit to Blackrock Gorge will also be included if of interest. (We can also signpost people to nearby archaeology at Carn Liath (MHG8967) and Drumore for those interested after event).

Evanton Community Woodland. Phone 01349 830517 www.evantonwood.com

E9b 10am-11am & 11am-12pm



Guided Tour of Kirkmichael

See details under 30th September

E32 11am-4pm



The Black Isle Gathering

One of the best and biggest Highland community gatherings, BIG 2017 will showcase 70+ community stalls, including ones relating to Black Isle heritage. Activities for all ages. Venue: the entire ground floor of Fortrose Academy.

Verity Walker for Black Isle Gathering Team. www.spanglefish.com/blackislegathering/ feedback.asp



E33a 10am-4pm



Historic Photo Exhibition at Nigg

Community Hall Based on a survey of the area undertaken 1995-1998, with photos taken by photographer Richard Blosse and other old photos collected.



Nigg and Shandwick Community Council.
Phone 01862 863230

E34 10am-4pm



Stained Glass Workshop for Adults

An introduction to leaded stained glass with Anne Ferguson at Highland Museum of Childhood, Strathpeffer. £15 per person. Limited to 6 people. Booking essential to:

Highland Museum of Childhood. Phone 01997 421031

Email: curator@highlandmuseumofchildhood. org.uk

E35 1:30-3pm



Ullapool Explorers Have you got the curiosity and patience to piece together evidence from the past? Join us on this family walk around Ullapool to explore some of the hidden histories of the village. Develop your archaeology skills to discover fascinating facts about people of Ullapool's past and help us make an explorer's trail. This guided walk starts and ends at Ullapool Museum. Level 1 walk. Booking essential to:

Ullapool Museum. Phone 01854 612987 Email curator@ullapoolmuseum.co.uk

E36 10:30am-2:30pm



Guided walk Along the Dornoch Light Railway

Line Discover the history of the Highland Railway on this guided



walk from Embo along the disused railway line to Coul and Skelbo. Meet at car park on King Street, Embo. Walk level 2. Please book to:

HistoryLinks Museum. Phone 01862 811275 Email enquiries@historylinks.org.uk

E37 1-3:30pm



Historic Buildings of Lairg Walk

Explore the history of the development of the village of Lairg. A copy of the new 'Historic Map of Lairg' will be supplied to each walker. Meet at Ferrycroft Visitor Centre Car Park (NC 578 062). Level 1 walk. Please book to:

Lairg Local History Society. Phone 01549 402212 Email midnightleaves@greenisp.co.uk

Sunday 8th October

E38 11am-2pm



Walk to Dirlot View the fenced reserve. the site of the castle (MHG1308) and stone rows (MHG39771). Walk level 1. Meet either at Wick Station at 10am or Thurso Station at 10:30 where directions will be given.

Caithness Field Club. Phone 01847 811298 Email tonycbradford@btopenworld.com

E39 11am-3pm



Huts, Cups and Barrows: the **Prehistoric Landscape of Buntait Glen Urquhart** Join James

McComas on a walk over the historic landscape of Buntait in Glen Urquhart. We will visit



preserved prehistoric hut circles, field systems, a fine cup marked stone and one or two other features that may provoke debate! (MHG4368, MHG2758, MHG2631). Walk level 2. Meeting place given out on booking. Bookings (email preferred) to:

NoSAS, Phone 01456 459116 Email iames@comacodirect.com

E40 2-5pm



Another Dance Around Some **Heritage Sites of the Highlands**

Dingwall Scottish Country Dance Club is holding another Tea Dance at Findon Hall, Culbokie to recorded music with heritage themes. Experienced dancers and spectators are welcome. Charge £3 which includes a cuppa and a biscuit. Dingwall Scottish Country Dance Club. Phone 01997 421241 www.dingwallcountrydancing.btck.co.uk

E41 10am-4pm



Textile Printing Workshop for Adults

An introduction to textile dyeing and fabric painting techniques with Morag Tweedie at Highland Museum of Childhood, Strathpeffer. £8 per person.



Limited to 6 people. Booking essential to:

Highland Museum of Childhood. Phone 01997 421031

Email: curator@highlandmuseumofchildhood. org.uk

E33b 10am-4pm



Historic Photo Exhibition at Nigg Community Hall

See details under 7th October

E42 10am-4pm

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Survey of Capisdal, Skye Survey and recording of structures at Capisdal, an abandoned pre-crofting township, plus work to help clear and maintain site (NG 603 015 and NG 604 016). Access to the site may be available from the track within Tormore Forest. If so there will be signage on the day. Otherwise meet at the bottom of the hill below Capisdal; parking is very limited here. The terrain is rough and scattered with brash so some clambering, not just walking, will be involved on site.

Comunn Eachdraidh Shlèite and Tormore Forest Volunteers.

Phone 01471 844267

Email info@sleatlocalhistorysociety.org.uk

E43 10:30am-4pm





The Old Coffin Road: Clynekirkton to Gordonbush The old coffin

road was the main thoroughfare from Strath Brora to the coast, but is now a largely unused narrow track. We will see Killen Broch, a cup-



marked stone, the old cleared township of Sallachy and a Bronze/Iron Age landscape of hut circles, clearance cairns and a cist burial (MHG10817, MHG10806, MHG10805, MHG30343, MHG30347, MHG10807, MHG30344, MHG30346), And the scenery overlooking Loch Brora and Carrol Rock is stunning too! Walk level 2; c. 3.5 miles. Meet at Brora Heritage Centre (Coal Pit Road, Brora: NC 898 043).

Clyne Heritage Society. Phone 01408 621338 Email nicklindsay@btinternet.com

Monday 9th October

E44 2-3:30pm

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Walking Down the Laundry Road

Join John Davison on a 1.5 mile historical/archaeological ramble at Dulnain Bridge. Meet at Dulnain Bridge Car Park (NH 9995 2495). Walk level 1. No dogs please.

Ramblers Association. Phone 01479 831701



Table Top Archaeology Explore our table top trenches and discover the types of finds archaeologists excavated at Culloden. Drop in family activity. This is a free event in the museum fover (donations welcome).

Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre. Phone 01463 796090

Email culloden@nts.org.uk

E46 1:30-4pm

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Fishtraps, Crannogs and Castles: A Cycle Along the Beauly Firth Starting at North Kessock we shall cycle gently west along the Beauly Firth to identify a variety of archaeological remains. Suitable for families. Ensure your bicycles are in good working order. Meeting place provided on booking. Bookings to:

NoSAS. Phone 07787 507972 Email Roland.spencerjones@ gmail.com



E47 10am-3pm



Life on the Edge: A Walk Exploring Prehistoric and Viking Settlement Around Dun Canna



A walk to the Iron Age fort and ancient fish trap at Du

and ancient fish trap at Dun Canna (MHG9142). Meet at layby behind Ardmair Beach (NH 10871 98347). Walk level 2. Total distance about 5 miles on rough level ground. Please book to:

Lochbroom Field Club.
Phone 01854612647 or 07789710869
Email annawelti@btinternet.com

E48a 2-3:30pm



Fun with the Picts

A programme of activities for children and young people featuring our Pictish sculptures and Black Isle local history collections. Venue: Groam House Museum, 38 High St. Rosemarkie



Museum, 38 High St, Rosemarkie IV10 8UF.

Groam House Museum. Phone 01381 620961

Tuesday 10th October

E49 1-4pm

F∖D 🛉 BS

From Floaters to Forwarders: A History of Forest Management in Glenmore Forest

Glenmore Forest has been harvested for over 300 years, from axe and floating timber down the River Spey to modern harvesting

machinery. Come for a walk and find out more. No dogs. Meet at Loch Morlich beach car park (NH 972098). Walk level 2 (mainly on forestry tracks, but a few small hills). Please book to Brian Duff:

Forestry Commission Scotland.

Phone 01479 861220 Email Brian.duff@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

E50 2:30-3:30pm



Tartans & Textiles of Badenoch in the 18th Century A talk by

Maureen Hammond at the Clan Macpherson Museum, Main Street Newtonmore (NN 709 988). Please book to:

Clan Macpherson Museum. Phone 01540 673332



E45b 10:30am-3pm

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Table Top Archaeology For details see under 9th October

E51 10:30am-3pm



The Multi-Period Landscape of Glenmarksie, Strathconon

A walk with Meryl Marshall and John Wombell visiting a very varied selection of sites in a beautiful setting and hearing about the history of the



glen. Meet at bridge west of Luichart Power Station in Strathconon (NH 393 571). Walk level 2 (5-7km, some over rough terrain with steep uphill sections).

NoSAS, Phone 01349 861824

E48b 2-3:30pm



Fun with the Picts

See details under 9th October

E27b 11am-1pm



WWII Arctic Convoy Boom Defence at Mellon Charles, Loch Ewe See details under 6th October

Wednesday 11th October

E19b 1:30-4pm

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Kilmartin Glen Guided Walk

See details under 4th October

E52 11am-1pm

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The Souterrain and Raitts Township: Exciting Archaeology We'll explore the souterrain and discuss what it may have been used for and then take a walk to the township and find traces of the folk who lived there. Meet

used for and then take a walk to the township and find traces of the folk who lived there. Meet at car park at the back of Balavil Home Farm (NH 783 018). Adults £4.50, conc. £3.50, family £15. Walk level 2. No booking necessary.

Highland Council Countryside Rangers. Phone 01479 873914 Email Saranne.bish@highland.gov.uk

E53 10:30am-3pm

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Shieling Crafts for Children and

Families This event for children and families will take you on a gentle trip back to the time of the shielings. Outdoor fun will include learning how to build with turf, meeting our cow, and



cooking over an open fire. Please bring warm and waterproof clothing (trousers and jackets), welly boots. Meet at Struy near Beauly (a map to the Shieling Project will be given at time of booking). Bookings to:

The Shieling Project. Phone 07584855846 Email sam@theshielingproject.org www.theshielingproject.org

E54 11am-4pm



The Sloch'd Shielings A chance to visit some remote abandoned villages 3 miles from the Sloch'd summit above the A9. Meeting place provided on booking. Level 3 walk, requiring reasonable fitness. Cost: Adults £9, conc. £5m, family £24. Please book to:

Highland Council Countryside Rangers.
Phone 01463 255291

Email john.orr@highland.gov.uk

E45c 10:30am-3pm



Table Top Archaeology For details see under 9th October

E55 7-9pm

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Detecting Finds From the Inverness and Beauly Firth Area

A talk by Eric Soane, independent detectorist, illustrating finds and history of the area around Ardersier parish and further afield. Venue:



Petty and Ardersier Heritage Café, The Old School, School Place, Ardersier IV2 7SU. Please book to:

Petty and Ardersier Community Heritage. Phone 01667 462924

Email heritagehounds@outlook.com

E56 10am-1pm

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Experience an Iron Age & Bronze Age Settlement Special children's event! Experience an Iron Age & Bronze Age settlement at West Highland Museum, Fort William, including grinding grain, smoking fish, preparing skins and a treasure hunt. Please book to:

West Highland Museum. Phone 01397 702169 Email info@westhighlandmuseum.org.uk

E57 10am-4pm

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Guided tour of the Teanagairn Henge near Culbokie

Tours of the henge, focus of a community project, now that years of vegetation have been removed.

Car parking on the B9169 is very limited so carshare if possible and park with care. This is a drop in event, and there will be people to guide visitors from the road and at the henge. Walk level 2.

History Group of Culbokie Community Trust. Phone 01349 877401

E48c 11am-12:30pm



Fun with the Picts See details under 9th October

E58 10:30am-4pm



Over the hill from Dundonell to Clachan A wild day-long hike on a historic route which was once a coffin route to Clachan church, now part of the Cape Wrath Trail. Expect good views and wildlife while putting this area in its historical context. Meeting place given out on booking. Level 3 walk of 5.5 mi/ 9km. Adults £9, conc. £5, family £24. Bookings to:

Highland Council Countryside Rangers. Phone 01854 613904 Email Jenny.Grant@highland.gov.uk

Thursday 12th October

E59a 10am-3pm Donations requested



Wolf Brother: Torak's Skill Share

Try your hand at Mesolithic survival skills – shelter building, cooking, tracking, hunting, fishing and crafting. Suitable for over 8s. We will be outside all day in whatever weather conditions! Meet at Abriachan Forest classroom (NH 540 355). Bookings by email to:

Abriachan Forest Trust. Phone 01463 861236 Email abriachanforest@gmail.com

E45d 10:30am-3pm



Table Top Archaeology For details see under 9th October

E60 7:30-9pm



Canadian Lumberjacks in Kiltarlity

Melynda Jarratt talks about her new book on aspects of the Canadian lumberjacks around Beauly in WW2. Venue: Phipps Hall, Beauly.



ARCH. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk www.archhighland.org.uk

E61a & E61b 10am-12:30, repeated 2-4:30pm

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Dingwall Townscape Tour Join the Scotland's Urban Past team in a walking tour to look for architectural clues that tell the story of Dingwall. It will begin at the museum (MHG9037), and end there with a look at their photographic collections of old Dingwall. Walk level 1. Bookings via SUP website scotlandsurbanpast.org.uk/event

Scotland's Urban Past and Dingwall Museum. Phone 0131 651 6763

Email peigi.mackillop@hes.scot www.scotlandsurbanpast.org.uk

E48d 11am-12:30pm



Fun with the Picts See details under 9th October

E62 10-11:30am

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Northfield WWII Ammunition

Depot A guided walk of the well-preserved remains of this large wartime ammunition depot. Meet promptly at Tomich Restaurant on A9 (NH 700 709).



ARCH and Invergordon Museum. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk www.archhighland.org.uk

E63 10:30am-12pm



Viking Family Fun Time Viking games, stories, dressing up and Viking inspired art and craft activities. Free event with entry to Armadale Castle & Gardens (Adults £8.50, conc. and children 5-15 £6.95).

Museum of the Isles, Armadale Castle. Phone 01471 844305
Email museum@armadalecastle.com
www.armadalecastle.com

E64 2-4:30pm

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Dola Walk Explore the remains of Dola pre-Clearance township and earlier remains of hut circles and burnt mounds (NC 609 075). Meet at car park at the foot of Main Street opposite the pharmacy in Lairg to arrange carshares (NC 582 063). Level 2 walk. Please book to:

Lairg Local History Society.
Phone 01549 402212
Email midnightleaves@greenisp.co.uk

E65 2-4:30pm

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Recording Visit to Loth Radar Station A recording visit to the rema

Station A recording visit to the remains of Loth radar station (NC 9590 1016, MHG34558), with its buildings of the Royal Navy Gunnery range. Meet at Crackaig Links (off A9 at sign for Crackaig and meet by the railway bridge. Level 2 walk of c. 5km over some rough grassland and tracks. Bookings to

Historic Environment Scotland. Phone 07746 973812 Email allan.kilpatrick@hes.scot

Friday 13th October

E66 10-11:30

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Kirkhill WWII Ammunition Store

Explore the extensive remains of what is reputedly a WWII ammunition store. Limited parking, so carshare if possible. Park at Dunballoch Plantation forestry road (NH 5310 4538). Walk level 1.



ARCH. Phone 077888 35466 Email info@archhighland.org.uk www.archhighland.org.uk

E59b 10am-3pm Donations requested



Wolf Brother: Torak's Skill Share

See details under 12th October

E45e 10:30am-3pm



Table Top Archaeology For details see under 9th October

E67 1-2pm



Uncovered Stories at Culloden

Battlefield This tour will look at some of the fascinating archaeology on the battlefield. Walk around and discover the archaeology on the field and the



stories the objects can tell us. Level 1 walk. Adults £5, conc. £4.50, family £12.50 (note: does not include entrance to the visitor centre). Tickets must be purchased online before the event via www.nts. org.uk/Event/Culloden/Uncovered-Stories. Please bring a copy of the booking with you.

Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre. Phone 01463 796090

Email culloden@nts.org.uk

E86a 12-4pm



Urguhart Under Siege

Make a mini-mangonel, meet an armoured defender and learn more about castle sieges at Urguhart Castle! Suitable for age 5 and above. Drop in event, included in admission price (Adults £9.00, conc.£7.20, child 5-15 £5.40).



Historic Environment Scotland. Phone 01456 450551

E68 7:30-9pm



Whisky in the Cabrach: illicit stills and the early legal distilleries A talk

by Colin Mackenzie, Architect and Trustee of The Cabrach Trust, at Elgin Museum Hall Entry: £3, members £2, students £1.50. Doors open at 7 pm.

Elgin Museum and Moray Society. Phone 01343 543675 Email elginmuseumevents@gmail.com

E87 7:30-9pm



Creating the Romans in Aberdeenshire: antiquarian discoveries, copies and confusion

Lecture by Neil Curtis, Head of Museums, University of Aberdeen. Venue: Nairn Free Church, Gordon Street, Nairn, IV12 4DQ. £4, free to Nairn Literary Institute members.

Nairn Literary Institute. Email info@nairnliterary.org.uk www.nairnliterarv.org.uk

E48e 2-3:30pm



Fun with the Picts See details under 9th October

E78 7:30-9pm Suggested donation £3



Keynote Talk - Open to All

Before Brexit: Rethinking Highland Prehistory in the **Light of Ancient DNA Results**

The application of ancient DNA analysis to prehistoric human remains from Scotland in 2016/17 has been



producing some very interesting results that re-ignite debates about Neolithic and Copper Age immigration. This lecture by Dr Alison Sheridan, Principal Curator, Early Prehistory at the National Museum of Scotland asks: how does this change our understanding of Highland prehistory? Venue: Council Chamber, Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurguhart Road, Inverness. Highland Council. Phone 077888 35466. Email info@archhighland.org.uk

WORKSHOPS

2-3:30pm and 3:30-5pm Suggested donation £5

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Workshop Afternoon at Highland

Council An afternoon of hands-on workshops on a variety of topics, held at Highland Council headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness (entrance by the Knocknagael Stone). Suggested donation of £5 for the afternoon. Unless specified, bookings to 077888 35466 or info@archhighland.org.uk

Introduction to Using the HER

(E69, 2-3:30pm) Learn how to explore and contribute information to the Council's database of all known heritage with the Highland Council's HER officer lan Scrivener-Lindley.

Using GPS for Survey & Mapping

(E70a & E70b, 2-3:30pm repeated 3:30-5pm) This session by Roland Spencer-Jones (NoSAS and ARCH) will cover the usefulness of recording GPS – on smartphones and Garmins. We'll cover how to record waypoints and tracks, and how to load those onto a computer and into Google Earth. Bring your own smartphone or GPS gadget if you have one. If not, we can lend. Essential to book in advance with Roland Spencer-Jones on 07787 507972, or roland.spencerjones@gmail.com

Photogrammetry Introductory Workshop (E71, 2-3:30pm) Alan Thompson (NoSAS) will demonstrate how to take a small set of photographs of the Knocknagael Boar stone, and then use photogrammetry to produce images of the Boar. MHG3788 Using Photogrammetry to Visualise Prehistoric Rock Art (Cup-marked Stones) (E72, 3:30-5pm) Simple photos of rock art are often disappointing and show little of the detail of the markings on the stones. Alan Thompson (NoSAS) will demonstrate and discuss a number of different methods which can be used to

Aerial Photography (E73a & E73b, 2-3:30pm repeated 3:30-5pm) Allan Kilpatrick of Historic Environment Scotland provides a handson workshop on how to use aerial photos to investigate the archaeological landscape.

visualise the patterns on these rocks.

Small Finds Photography (E74, 2-3:30pm) Michael Sharpe will demonstrate methods he uses for creating close-up photographs of small finds. This will include lighting and backgrounds, cameras and lenses, scales, editing and archiving of files using Adobe Lightroom software.

Reflectance Transformation Imaging (E75, 3:30-5pm) This specialist technique involves taking numerous photographs of an object from a fixed camera position, with a moveable light source. Michael will demonstrate the process of taking the photographs and the subsequent software workflow.

Building Detectives (E76a & E76b, 2-3:30pm, repeated 3:30-5pm) Join the Scotland's Urban Past staff for a practical session recording part of the Highland Council's HQ, Glenurquhart Road. Inverness.

Scotland's Urban Past

On-line Historic MapsBuilding Detectives (E77, 3:30-5pm) Susan Kruse (ARCH) will lead this taster session on exploring old maps on the National Library of Scotland website.



Saturday 14th October

E79a 9am-5pm



Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research Conference See centre pages of the brochure

E86b 12-4pm

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Urquhart Under Siege See details under 13th October

E80 Text: 12-3pm

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Soap Carving the Ballachulish Goddess Learn all about the Ballachulish

Goddess from a trained archaeologist and carve your own goddess from soap at Glencoe Folk Museum! All children must be supervised – and adults welcome to join in. Please book to:

Glencoe Folk Museum.

Phone 01855 811664

Email curator@glencoemuseum.com

E81 11am-1pm



Ogham Pendants – Family Drop in Activity Find out about the Ogham language and make your own ogham inscribed pendant at Elgin Museum. Be prepared to get messy – please dress appropriately. Children MUST be accompanied by adults.

Elgin Museum.

Phone 01343 543675

Email elginmuseumevents@gmail.com

E82 2-3:30pm



Elgin Museum

Object handling for grown-ups An opportunity for adults to see and handle some of the artefacts in store, discover their origins and consider why and how they ended up in Nairn

Museum. Please book to: Nairn Museum. Phone 01667456791

Email manager@nairnmuseum.co.uk

E9c 10am-11am & 11am-12pm



Guided Tour of Kirkmichael See details under 30th September

E83 2-4pm

Battle of Glenshiel Guided Walk

Come and learn about the "Little Jacobite Rising" of 1719 and the dramatic battle that brought it to an end. Transport provided from Kintail Ranger Service Office, Morvich (NG 961 211) at 2pm or meet at the site (NG 993 133) at 2:30pm. Level 2 walk (a short, but steep walk over rough and hilly terrain). MHG7547. Adults £3, children free. Bookings essential to:

National Trust for Scotland. Phone 01599 511231 Email Randerson@nts.org.uk



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E84 2-4pm

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Halloween Workshop Festivals in late October have been important in many societies and cultures. Join us at HistoryLinks Museum in Dornoch for a Halloween craft workshop. Cost: £2. Bookings to:

HistoryLinks Museum. Phone 01862 810275 Email Enquiries@historylinks.co.uk

Sunday 15th October

E79b 9:30am-4pm



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E86c 12-4pm



Urquhart Under Siege See details under 13th October

E85 9am-4pm Suggested donation £5



Cnoc an Liath-bhaid Neolithic Stone Circle Sinclair Dunnett of the Ramblers

Circle Sinclair Dunnett of the Ramblers and Puffin Express Tours leads this walk to one of the higher stone circles in the British Isles (MHG10685). Donations will go to Friends of John O'Groats Trail. Meet at RNI Community Hospital, Ness Walk, Inverness to carshare, or in Rogart car park across from the Pittentrail Inn. Travel will be car-sharing, 20p/mile divvied up, 90-95 miles round trip from Inverness. Walk level 2, c. 2 miles walking over heather moor, c. 400 ft ascent. Bookings essential to:

Sinclair Dunnett (for Ramblers). Phone 07710 678395

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Adults: £10 / Students: £7.50

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www.elginmuseum.org.uk

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