



ARCH Newsflash July 2020

Hello,

Hopefully you're managing to get out and about a bit more now. For those still staying inside, or now realising the potential to explore local heritage from the computer, a few more events and sites to tempt you.

Talks

The new normal is online lectures. The recent Leeds Medieval Conference had over 1200 participants with multiple sessions – a triumph of organisation, and showing the potential to involve more people from over the world. Closer to home, the NoSAS archive of talks is growing, and is available on YouTube (link from [NoSAS website](#))

The UHI Centre for History also is running a lecture series, History Talks Live, with past talks also available. For those who missed (or couldn't get into) the last physical ARCH talk in February by Professor James Hunter, he will be talking about 'Hunger, Protest, Riot: three months in north and north-east Scotland' tomorrow, Thursday 23rd July, 12-1pm. Details, together with past and future talks in the series are from the [UHI Centre for History website](#).

Museums

Most Highland museums remain closed, but an exception is Gairloch Museum which is open Wednesday to Saturdays 10am-5pm. It's a new world for museum visits: you'll need to pre-book, and will have a one-way system around the displays, with sanitiser stations throughout. Details from their [website](#). Others due to open, also with bookings and additional safety measures, are

- [Highland Folk Museum](#): 29th July
- [Ullapool Museum](#): 1st August
- [Inverness Museum and Art Gallery](#): 4th August

If you know of other Highland museums which are open, let me know, and I'll publicise in the next newsflash. We need to support our local museums! It's a difficult time for them. The [Museums and Heritage Highland website](#) provides information and support for Highland Museums, with recommended [blogs](#). The [Scottish Community Heritage Alliance](#) is also working hard to support Scottish museums of all sizes.

Meanwhile, many museums continue to provide some form of virtual tours. This is an opportunity to range worldwide. Simply google **Museums that offer virtual tours** in whatever browser you use, and a range of possibilities to link to will be presented.

Self Guided Walks

Now that we can get out more, there are lots of self-guided walks available. A list is available on the Highland Archaeology Festival [website](#).

David Alston has provided a new self-guided walk Inverness: Building on Slavery, a circular walk around sites and buildings in Inverness with connections to the slave trade and slave plantations of the Caribbean and South America. This is available from his website davidalston.info where there are also two walks at Cromarty, one of which shows sites and buildings connected to the slave trade. His groundbreaking research on slavery and Highlands is available on a separate [website Slaves & Highlanders](#).

Other Resources

Archaeology Scotland's latest In and Online newsletter has just been published, and should soon be on their [website](#). As usual it has a large list of opportunities including online courses and home learning resources. For example, University of Glasgow is offering a [free online course](#) on Early Modern Scottish Palaeography, to help learn how to decipher handwriting on Early Modern documents.

This month's featured website is [Forestry Memories](#), a partnership between UHI Centre for History, Scottish Forestry and the Scottish Forestry Trust. Its large photographic collection and memories provide valuable information on forestry. As I write this, the home page has a very interesting set of photographs and maps relating to the U.S. foresters from New England who came to Ardgay during World War I. Well worth a browse.

Stay safe!

Best wishes,

Susan