



Hello

Well, we are still in lockdown, but the number of online resources keeps growing! Thank you to everyone who got in touch after the last newsflash with other ideas of things to do. Some further examples and links to explore for this month:

1. A group which emerged from the Groam House Museum *Rosemarkie, Fortrose and Avoch in WWI project* which ARCH helped facilitate, turned its attention to activity in WWII. They were due to have an exhibition of their results at Fortrose Library to coincide with VE Day – but instead have put the exhibition into a public Facebook group. You don't need to be a Facebook member to view. [Fortrose, Rosemarkie & Avoch in World War 2](#)

2. The Northern Picts project has been recording some very interesting podcasts relating to Pictish studies:

[Podcast 1](#): The Northern Picts Project (Gordon Noble)

[Podcast 2](#): Excavations at Burghead (Gordon Noble)

[Podcast 3](#): Who were the Picts? (Nicholas Evans)

3. Free online courses. There are a lots available, covering a range of topics, archaeological and otherwise. Here are a few which might be of interest:

- [How to do Archaeology](#). 6 week course by DigVentures, starting 1 June 2020
- [From Dig to Lab and Beyond](#). 2 week course by University of Reading
- [Exploring Stone Age Archaeology: The mysteries of Star Carr](#). 4 week course by University of York
- [Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology](#). 6 week course by Durham University & Teeside University

A range of other courses can be found in the Archaeology Scotland [In and Online Newsletter no.1](#), or direct from some of the providers.

4. This would have been the time local museums would have opened. A number have added material to their websites or have plans to do so, so keep checking the websites! As an

example, Elgin Museum has just added a number of (mainly) children's activities, available from their [website](#), their YouTube channel and various social media feeds.

5. In the last newsflash I mentioned the value of contributing information to the Highland HER. The Scotland-wide Canmore database provides information about Scottish heritage, and it too has a facility to add information and pictures. You might think that the Highland material would just be a subset of Canmore, but for historical reasons the HER and Canmore often have different information, and there are cases where information is only on the HER or only on Canmore. This is not ideal, and the solution put forward is to have a third website, [Pastmap](#), which allows you to see where a record is on the HER or Canmore or both, with links. A new [video](#) describing how to use Pastmap is now available.

6. Looking for other resources? The Scottish Local History Forum's latest [Clish-Clash newsletter](#) has lots of links, and is well worth exploring. Archaeology Scotland has also come up with a large number of links, including children's activities, in their newsletter which has been rebranded during Covid-19 from *Out and About* to *In and Online*.

7. And a featured website to explore this month: [ScotlandsPlaces](#). This is a collaboration between National Libraries of Scotland, National Records of Scotland and Canmore/Historic Environment Scotland. While it is probably easier to search the three individually, in addition ScotlandsPlaces provides additional material. Of special note are the Ordnance Survey Name Books, records by surveyors of the 1st edition OS map from the late 1800s. The diaries of Alexander Curle, an archaeologist of the early 1900s, record his travels and observations to a number of sites. The RCAHMS surveys of buildings and monuments which covered about half of Scotland, can also be accessed. There are also a variety of tax records from the 17th and 18th centuries. And for those who like their history told in maps, *the Atlas of Scottish History to 1707* is available.

Finally, several people requested that I make the last newsflash available for downloading. It is now on the ARCH website in the Library folder, and will shortly be joined by this one!

Stay safe, active and healthy!

Best wishes,

Susan
