

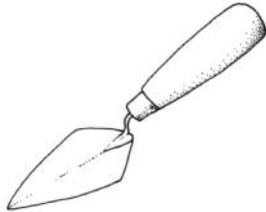
Welcome to the summer 2011 edition of the ARCH newsletter! It's been a very busy year for ARCH, and as most courses draw to a close, attention is focussed on the ARCH excavation near Evanton in July. Details below! For those who can't manage this dig, there are other opportunities in the Highlands—see the ARCH website for details. There's also a chance to catch one of the ARCH travelling exhibitions this summer, and our last lecture before the summer holidays.

Excavation at Foulis, near Evanton

There are still a few spaces left for some of the days on our community excavation this summer—and a waiting list building for more popular days.

Get involved on a project focussing on old routeway

remains and a possible medieval motte near Foulis, Evanton. Training is provided in excavation, survey and recording techniques. All abilities from beginner to seasoned excavator welcome. There is also free childcare—contact us to book this if you are interested – and transport from Dingwall to and from Dingwall for those using public transport.



9th – 24th July inclusive (Thursday 14th and Monday 18th, are days off) 10am-4pm.

Booking essential, Please phone ARCH for further information on places.

Excavation Open Day: Come along and visit our excavation on Saturday 16th July from 10.30am. Free tours of the site will be available as well as a chance to see what we have been finding!

Excavation Blog: Want to keep up to date with developments on the excavation on a day to day basis? Take a look at our Delve into the Past Project Blog. Staff and participants on the dig will log daily reports on the progress of the dig, and you can send in your thoughts too. Go to www.archhighland.org.uk and choose **blog** from the top menu. The blog will go live on 4th July. Any problems please email [cathy](mailto:cathy@archhighland.org.uk) at cathy@archhighland.org.uk.

ARCH Lecture

Birsay - political and religious power centre in Orkney. A retrospective look at 75 years' investigation

Prof. Chris Morris will look back at over 75 years' work on the Brough of Birsay, a notable Pictish and Norse site on Orkney, drawing together archive and unpublished work of Dr Raleigh Radford, and excavations and surveys which have taken place over the years, including many by himself.

Tuesday 21st June, Dingwall Community Centre, 7:30pm. Suggested donation £3.



Highland Historic Environment Record (HER) User Survey

All ARCH courses and surveys result in new and updated records to the HER, helping to record and preserve our heritage. The HER would welcome feedback about the content and coverage of the Highland HER, the HER enquiry service and the Highland HER website. Your responses will help them improve their service and decide how to develop the Highland HER in the future. To fill in the quick on-line survey, go to <http://her.highland.gov.uk/> and then click the link 'user survey'. For those on the ARCH postal list, a paper copy of the survey is included with this mailing. Everyone who completes the on-line survey will be entered into a prize draw for a £30 Amazon voucher.

Spring Roundup

A variety of very successful courses have been completed across the Highlands in the last few months:



Community Timelines

Both Community Timeline courses in Gairloch and Invergarry threw up new sites and finds, and additional information on a number already known. Icehouse plans, ROC shelters, carved stone balls, and many other buildings, sites and finds were investigated. Catch the travelling displays (see right).



Heritage Along the Kyle Line, Dingwall

Participants explored archaeological sites, buildings and finds along the railway between Lochluichart and Dingwall. This is the third part of a project researching the history of the heritage along the line between Kyle of Lochalsh and Dingwall.

Pathways into the Past, Alness

Another section of old routeways through Easter Ross have been examined, inside and outside, in the latest Pathways course. These sessions focussed on the old routeway running between Evanton, Alness and on to Invergordon. A small display is available to view in the Alness Heritage Centre – see right. The next section of the routeway in Milton will be looked at after the summer. Details of the course to follow in the August newsletter.

ARCH Touring Displays

Many ARCH courses finish with an exhibition highlighting work done. Currently on tour:

- **Pathways into the Past: Alness**
 - ◇ Alness Heritage Centre 20th June-14th July
 - ◇ Mercat Centre, Milton 18th-31st July
- **Heritage Along the Kyle Line: Lochluichart to Dingwall**
 - ◇ Currently Dingwall Library
 - ◇ July: Dingwall Museum
 - ◇ August: Dingwall Library
- **Fort Augustus to Fort William, with Glengarry Community Timeline**
 - ◇ Currently in Glengarry Community Hall, Invergarry
 - ◇ 18 –29 July: Fort William Library
 - ◇ August: back to Glengarry Community Hall
- **Gairloch and Two Lochs Community Timeline**
 - ◇ 16th June-15th July: Poolewe Hall
 - ◇ 18th July-12th August: Gairloch Library
 - ◇ 15th Aug-2nd Sept: Aultbea Hall



Have a good summer!

We hope you all have a good summer, and hope to see you at our excavation in July (details on p. 1). After the summer, ARCH will be providing another set of Community Timelines, Pathways into the Past and our Delve into the Past post-excavation sessions. Keep an eye out for our next newsletter (August) and on our website for the times and dates of these courses. We always welcome suggestions for courses or training in your area—contact us!

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