

Welcome to the ARCH summer newsletter. We have information about walks in the summer, excavation opportunities, and a report of the Highland Family Heritage Festival held in April.

Summer Outings

Come join us for some summer walks, field trips and surveys!

Newton Point, near Clashmore

Wednesday, 16th July, starting at 10am, and finishing by 4pm at the latest.

The North of Scotland Archaeological Society (NOSAS) and ARCH have organised a walk to examine remains, compare the site with old maps, and see what survives of this port/flax mill and boat house. Meet at Carnegie Hall, Clashmore 10.00am. We will meet and car share to go down the rough road to Newton Point. Please book either to annecoombs1@gmail.com or Susan at archhighland@googlemail.com or leave message on 01349 868230.

Remembering Munlochy Village

Saturday, 19th July, 1pm

A leisurely walk around Munlochy Village, sharing information about buildings and sites, building on the information gained in the Remembering Knockbain sessions. Meet at Village Car park. No booking necessary.



The Mound, near Golspie

Thursday 24th July, 2:30-5pm (bus leaves Ardgay / Bonar Bridge 2pm)

Explore Thomas Telford's road and sluice gates. Bruce Field will join us and explain about the engineering behind the gates.

Booking essential for the bus.



Exploring Kilmuir

Saturday 26th July, 1pm.

A walk around the village of Kilmuir on the Black Isle. Park at farm buildings NH 676 500. Limited parking so carshare if possible. No booking necessary.

Croick Church

31st July, 2:30-5pm (bus leaves Ardgay / Bonar Bridge 2pm)

Explore one of Thomas Telford's parliamentary churches, and perhaps a few sites enroute. Booking essential for the bus

Recording Telford's Remains

Monday and Tuesday 11th and 12th August, 10-4

A chance to learn how to record standing building remains, focussing on one of Thomas Telford's remains in the Kyle of Sutherland area. Booking essential. Contact us for more details if you are interested.

Remembering Strathpeffer

15th August, 2pm

ARCH has held two courses encouraging people to remember sites, buildings and features in the spa town of Strathpeffer. The results have been inspiring, and have raised as many questions as they have answered. This walk will explore parts of the village, relating information gained so far and inviting others to share other information.

For all walks, bring food, drink, sensible footwear, waterproofs, and if we're lucky, sunhats. For bookings or further information contact the ARCH office at info@archhighland.org.uk or leave a message on 01349 868230.

Walks in the Kyle of Sutherland are funded by The Robertson Trust and E.ON Rosehall Community Fund managed by Foundation Scotland. The walks in Knockbain parish are funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Highland Council.

Highland Family Heritage Festival

Around 400 people attended the Highland Family Heritage Festival in April. With activities for children and adults, workshops demonstrating traditional crafts or inviting people to have a go, talks, stalls from local museums and heritage groups, there was certainly something for everyone. Evaluation forms praised almost every activity, showing the wide range of interests. Many people stayed the entire day. It was a great day which we hope to repeat in the future!



'There was lots for the kids—we've spent most of the day here'



'All stalls told something about our surroundings'



The festival was funded by Highland Council Culture Fund, Awards for All, the Co-operative Membership Community Fund and the Robert Kiln Trust.

After the Summer...

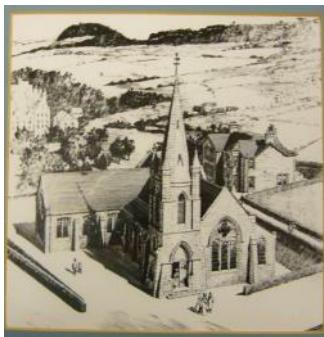
The **Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland** project will continue for the rest of the year. After the summer there will be sessions devoted to researching, inside and out, Telford's impact in the area. Participants will then prepare a display and a leaflet. All welcome, whether you have participated before or not.



Knockbain Heritage also continues after the summer, with an opportunity to research heritage in this often forgotten parish on the Black Isle. Already a number of interesting sites have been recorded. Participants will then create a walk leaflet or a display—to be decided when we meet. All welcome.

As usual, ARCH will have a range of walks during the **Highland Archaeology Festival** in late Sept/early Oct, and will be represented at the seminar. We will have a series of Recording Walks, inviting people to learn about and share information at Munlochy, Ardersier and Spinningdale. There will also be a walk around

wartime remains in Invergordon and Stoneyfield—where we'll also look at a Telford tollhouse. Further information in the next newsletter, or in the HAF programme when it is issued.



Heights of Fodderty Stone reveals its secrets

In the January 2011 ARCH newsletter, Susan Kruse wrote about a cup and ring marked stone she had discovered in the Heights, between Dingwall and Strathpeffer.

The story of this stone has taken a new and exciting twist. When a planning application threatened the stone, Susan and John Wombell contacted the Historic Environment Team of Highland Council and Treasure Trove Scotland asking permission to move the stone to the Neil Gunn Monument, a short way down the road. Since the stone was not in its original position, having been moved to a dyke probably when the area was resettled around 200 years ago, this was granted.



When the stone was moved, it was discovered that it had cup and ring mark decoration on the opposite side. This is extremely rare, and raises many questions. Was it carved at different times? Was it meant to be set on end so both sides could be visible? Or was one side always meant to be not seen?

The stone is now in its new location set on end so that both faces can be viewed, and is one of the few accessible by wheelchair. It has created a media storm, being featured in national and local newspapers, several websites and soon in some magazines. A signboard will be erected later this year – but in the meantime if you are in the area, stop and have a look!

Summer Excavations and Training

Medieval Investigations at Cromarty

The Cromarty Medieval Burgh project will dig again at Cromarty this summer, from 12th July to 3rd August. The excavations are shedding light on medieval Cromarty. The community excavation is open to all. In addition to digging opportunities there will also be special training sessions, children's activities and workshops. For further information see the website <http://www.medievalcromarty.org/>

Workshops and Activities at Tarbat Discovery Centre, Portmahomack

The University of Aberdeen is investigating Iron Age settlement in the Seaboard peninsula. They have organised a range of skills workshops and children's activities. See <http://www.tarbat-discovery.co.uk/> for more details.



ARCH Community helps identify photo

At the ARCH office we recently received an email asking for help to identify locations of ships in a photo (above). Within a day the site had been identified as the Cromarty Firth, looking over towards Evanton. This photo along with others relating to the area can be seen on the Invergordon Archive website <http://www.theinvergordonarchive.org/>

ARCH
Education Centre, Castle Street
Dingwall IV15 9HU
01349 868 230
info@archhighland.org.uk
www.archhighland.org.uk

Friends of ARCH

If you enjoy what ARCH provides, please consider becoming a 'Friend of ARCH'. The Friends are a group of supporters who help ARCH in many diverse ways – by assisting at events, by offering specific skills or just by donating a small financial contribution to sustain ARCH's work. Friends of ARCH are requested to give an annual donation of £10 (or more if you wish). There is an annual Friends' invitational event, a presentation or a visit. To become a Friend—or to renew—contact the ARCH office or fill in the form below.

Name :

Address :

Email :

Phone :

Gift aid : Please tick if you are happy for your details to be used to allow ARCH to reclaim gift aid

I would also be happy to help ARCH by :

- Offering practical help at ARCH events (e.g. stewarding, setting-up, etc.)
- Helping to organise fund-raising activities
- Contributing to fund-raising activities (e.g. baking, hosting, providing a talk or presentation, etc.)

Please tell us how you would like to help:

.....

Offering skills (e.g. crafts, admin, design, etc.)

Please specify

Please make cheques payable to 'Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands'

Do you get a postal version of this newsletter?

Please consider switching to email if you use it. It saves us money—and means you will also get email updates.