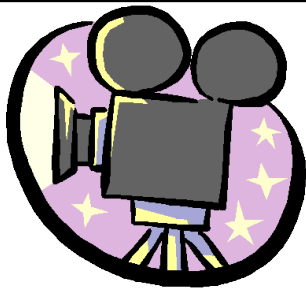


Welcome to ARCH newsletter number 9! It contains details of all the courses on offer after the October break, as well as a full programme of events for those long winter evenings. Whether you fancy finding out about what has been going on archaeologically in the Highlands or sitting back and enjoying a film, we hope you will come along!

ARCH Film Festival

In a new venture, ARCH will be running a film festival showing films relating (sometimes tenuously) to archaeology – good and bad, serious and funny!



Come share in the laughs—and possibly some serious discussion too about the portrayal of archaeology in the media. Popcorn will be on offer too!

Friday, 12th November:

Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark
(what else could we start with?!)

Friday, 10th December: **Timeline**

Time travelling from an archaeological dig to the medieval site being dug.

Friday, 14th January: **Bonekickers**

Cult television program focussing (sort of) on the adventures of an archaeological unit.

Friday, 11th February: **The Mummy**

Pyramids, unsuspecting archaeologists, a curse and a mummy come back from the dead...

Friday, 11th March: **Rob Roy**

Highlanders, droving, scenery – and the accents!

Join us at Strathpeffer Community Centre at 7:30pm. Suggested donation of £4 per film.

Picture the Past

ARCH has received funding from the Moray Firth Partnership and Highland Council for a small project, Picture the Past, which will focus on the eroding coastal archaeology between Dornoch and Tain. This coastline has been lived in for over 8000 years and the sites and finds which tell us about this history need to be recorded before it disappears forever. See events listing for more details.

ARCH Lecture Series

ARCH starts a new lecture series – to be held on the last Monday of every month (except December) from October to May.

Monday, 25th October: **The Brighter the Light, the Darker the Shadows: Recent Excavations at High Pasture Cave and the Fiskavaig Rock Shelter, Skye**

Steven Birch will describe excavations at these important sites in Skye which have shed light on settlement, material culture and ritual practices in the Iron Age.

Monday, 29th November: **Aerial Photography**

Jim Bone will talk about the development of Aerial Photography, and its usefulness in archaeology, illustrated by many of the slides he has taken over the years.

Monday, 31st January: **Prehistoric Rock Art in the Scottish Highlands**

John Wombell will look at examples of rock art from around the Highlands and elsewhere in Britain, and consider what this most enigmatic phenomenon can tell us about prehistoric people.

All lectures will be in Dingwall Community Centre at 7:30pm and will be followed by coffees and teas. Suggested donation of £3 per lecture.



Carn Irenan—October Site of the Month.
For more information see www.archhighland.org.uk

Reporting on the Past: Muir of Ord and Maryburgh

The community at Muir of Ord have been busy creating a display focusing on the historic routeway running from Redcastle to Maryburgh. The display presents information on the routeway and the possible uses it would have had over time, as well as information on interesting archaeological sites along the way. The exhibition will be on display from the 5th October outside the library in Muir of Ord.

Pathways into the Past: Stepping into History, Evanton

An enthusiastic group in Evanton have been looking at the archaeology, maps and aerial photographs in an attempt to reconstruct the line of an ancient routeway through Ross-shire. Following much animated debate, the potential line of the route can now be followed on the map. The group have also been out to walk part of the line on the ground—and will soon start learning field survey techniques to enable us to record some of the features along it.



Boblainy Forest Archaeology Project

ARCH is providing the training element on this exciting project exploring Boblainy Forest in Kiltarlity, sponsored by Kiltarlity Community Council. A walk exploring some of the remains inside and outside the forest will take place on Wednesday, 13th October, 10am-12pm, starting at the Ardendrain entrance to the Forest. A new course, Researching Boblainy's Past, will begin in the last week of October: for details see the final page.

Community Timelines

Classes at Auldearn and Tomatin surveyed 10,000 years of heritage in their areas in September and October. New courses now provide an opportunity to research a site, building or find from the area, and contribute to making a multimedia timeline. See events listings for details and times. All welcome!

Coming out of ARCH's Black Isle Heritage Memories Project:

KILLEARNAN MEMORIES

Do you have memories, stories and knowledge of local buildings, past and present, archaeological sites, roadways and other landscape features in and around the parish of Killearnan?

Would you like to share your memories, stories and knowledge?

Come along to one, some or all of our sessions

KILLEARNAN CHURCH HALL

Tuesdays, 16th Nov - 7th Dec, 10am-12.30pm

Please bring along any maps, photographs, post-cards or other memorabilia that could be of interest.

Refreshments will be provided and if you would like further information or help with transport please get in touch with **Sandra Bain on 01463 811273** or **Sbtore@aol.com**

ARCH on the HER

The first two Community Timeline courses at Evanton and Golpie are now featured in the Community Projects section of the Highland Historic Environment Record. With 11 new entries and 29 updates, as well as over 60 photographs, the classes have contributed greatly to recording their local heritage. Click on New Additions, and then Community Projects on the HER website <http://her.highland.gov.uk>

ARCH Touring Displays

The results of 3 ARCH courses are currently touring in the Highlands:

- Evanton Community Timeline
Dingwall Library: 18th Oct-1st Nov
- Pathways into the Past
Muir of Ord Library: from 5th Oct
- Heritage Along the Kyle Line—Kyle to Strathcarron
Howard Doris Centre: 4th Oct-22nd Oct

Please take the time to go and have a look and feel free to mention it to family and friends. A big thanks to those who attended the courses and worked hard to pull the display together.

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive information about ARCH activities, please contact us. We always welcome your comments and suggestions!

Community Timelines: Focus on Your Past

A chance to research sites or buildings in your area, contributing to the creation of a Community Timeline display. Find out where to look for information about your heritage, and learn or hone your research skills.

Strathdearn Hall, Tomatin

Wednesdays, 27th Oct - 1st Dec, 7-9pm

or:

Dunbar Memorial Hall, Auldearn

Thurs, 28th Oct - 2nd Dec, 10:30am–12:30pm

Each session £2, senior £1, free if on benefits.

Surveying your Heritage

Learn the survey and recording techniques which will enable you to record the archaeological features in your area. The emphasis will be on trying out these techniques over 2 days in the great outdoors!

Cornerstone Cafe, Evanton

Tuesdays, 19th Oct - 2nd Nov, 7-9.30pm

Each session £2.50, senior £1.25, free if on benefits.

The survey days will take place near Foulis Castle, Evanton:

Saturday-Sunday 30th-31st Oct, 10am-4pm

Each day £5, senior £2.50, free if on benefits.

Reporting on the Past

This course will build on the information gathered during previous *Pathways into the Past* courses, drawing it together into a display and report. Presenting your findings to the local community is vital!

Cornerstone Cafe, Evanton

Tuesdays, 9th Nov - 14th Dec, 7-9.30pm

Each session £2.50, senior £1.25, free if on benefits.

Boblainy Forest Community Archaeology Project: Researching Boblainy's Past

Running for 6 weeks, the course will show you how to find out about the archaeology and heritage of the area, and provide a chance to carry out research on a site, building or find.

Kiltarlity Village Hall

Mondays, 25th Oct - 29th Nov, 7.15-9.45pm

All are welcome on any course - no previous experience necessary! Help with childcare may be available.

To find out more or to book a place, please get in touch with us at 01349 868 230 or info@archhighland.org.uk

Picture the Past

This course aims to give you the background to the archaeological heritage of the coastline between Dornoch and Tain. The intention will be to improve our records of the archaeological sites in this area, by getting out and photographing them. All sessions are free!

Session 1: Introduction to the archaeology of the area, along with the research and photographic techniques to record them:

Thursday 28th October

1-4pm at Dornoch Library

OR

6-9pm Duthac Centre, Tain

Session 2: Introduction to the Historic Environment Record and how to add information to it:

Thursday 27th January 1-4pm at Dornoch Library

OR

Friday 28th January 6-9pm Duthac Centre, Tain

Session 3: Designing and Creating a Display of the photographs

Thursday 3rd February

1-4pm at Dornoch Library

OR

6-9pm Duthac Centre, Tain

Heritage Along the Kyle Line

Find out about archaeological sites and buildings along the railway between Strathcarron and Lochluichart and create a travelling display. This is the second part of a project researching the history of the places along the line between Kyle of Lochalsh and Dingwall.

Achnasheen Hall

Mondays, 25th Oct-13th Dec, 12.30-3pm.

Each session £2, senior £1, free if on benefits. Bring your lunch!

Help may be available if travelling by train; contact us as soon as possible.

Can you help us?

On **Saturday 27th November**, ARCH will be doing the teas and coffees at the North Kessock Market, 10-12pm. If you can help out, either with baking beforehand or serving on the day, please contact the office. The market is very lively—and you may find that perfect Christmas present!

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