

Welcome to our second autumn newsletter. It contains a report on some of our ongoing courses, the Boblainy Forest Archaeology Project, details of all the courses on offer from now until Christmas, details of the remainder of the ARCH autumn lecture series and much more.

ARCH Findings on the HER

The results from ARCH classes continue to be uploaded to the Historic Environment Record. The most recent additions are the results from the Gairloch and Auldearn Community Timeline courses, with Strathdearn and Invergarry to follow soon. These include a number of new sites (prehistoric and modern) and some insights and documents relating to already known sites e.g. plans for the icehouse at Invergarry House. Links to the finds can be made by going to the Community Projects section of the HER: <http://her.highland.gov.uk>



Boblainy Forest Archaeology Project

ARCH worked with Kiltarlity Community Council's Boblainy Forest Archaeology project during 2010 and 2011, providing something for all interests: background heritage courses, opportunities to research local heritage, oral history reminiscence, a programme of guest speakers focussing on heritage in the forest and uses of forestry in the community, and a survey of a deserted settlement in the wood. Members of the group produced an impressive display of their results. This was launched in June and was on display again during Highland Archaeology Festival.

Kyle Line Display

The results from the first 3 Heritage Along the Kyle Line courses have been brought together at the Friends of the Kyle Line Museum at Kyle Station, where they now form a permanent display (see below). The final Kyle line course will take place in the New Year, when participants will create a leaflet and MP3 commentaries.



ARCH Open Meeting

This summer we passed the half way mark in our 3 year Stop, Look and Listen project. We are now looking towards future projects, and welcome your input. ARCH will host an open meeting in Invermoriston this autumn, where we invite you to come and share your knowledge of local heritage and help shape ARCH's future plans. Was there a course elsewhere which you wanted in your area? Were there certain skills you wanted to learn? Come and let us know at 9th November at **Glenmoriston Millennium Hall**, 7-8:30pm. If you can't make this meeting please contact us with your feedback, ARCH contact details overleaf.

ARCH at Highland Archaeology Festival

ARCH was involved in an impressive 11 events at HAF, ranging from book sales, guided walks, lectures, panel discussions and workshops.



ARCH Courses

All courses are low cost, free to anyone on low income and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome on any course - no previous experience necessary. Help with childcare is available, please contact us if you need childcare. To find out more or to book a place, please get in touch with us at info@archhighland.org.uk or 01349 868 230.

Pathways into the Past

Taking ancient route ways as a theme, these sessions offer an introduction to landscape archaeology for all those who want to research and record their local archaeology. The section of the route to be explored will focus on Milton and Kildary and this part of the course will focus on researching information for a community display.

Mercat Centre, Milton

Thurs, 24th Nov-15th Dec, 6:30-9pm

£2.50 per session/free for low income

Surveying Your Heritage

Learn practical survey techniques which will enable you to record archaeological features in your area. There will be two introductory sessions (**27th Oct and 3rd Nov 6.30 – 9.00pm**) at the **Mercat Centre, Milton**, then a practical outdoors session over the weekend of **5th Nov**, 10am-4pm near Milton. This will be followed by a third session indoors at the Mercat Centre (**10th Nov**, 6:30-9pm) to look at the results. **Booking essential.**

Indoor sessions: £2.50 / free for low income

Outdoor practical sessions: £5/ per day /free for low income.

Delve into the Past: Post-Excavation

These sessions will look at the results from our summer excavation, going into more detail on what happens next in the excavation process. Learn about finds, illustrations, data crunching and sample floating, then help to pull together our results into a small display. All welcome even if you have not been to any previous sessions or the dig.

AIness Heritage Centre

Tues, 25th Oct– 6th Dec excluding 15th Nov, 10am-12:30pm

£2.50 per session/free for low income

Community Timeline: Focus on Your Past

A chance to research sites, buildings or finds in either the Boat of Garten area or Skye, contributing to the creation of a Community Timeline display. New members welcome.

Boat of Garten Community Hall

Wed, 26th Oct-30th Nov, 7-9:30pm

Broadford, Skye Village Hall

Thurs, 27th Oct-1st Dec, 10:15am– 1:15pm

£2.50 per session / free low income

ARCH Lecture Series

The popular ARCH lectures continue! 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.

24th Oct: Mesolithic hot spots, chambered cairn, Pictish cemetery and Medieval castle -the multi-period landscape of Tarradale in the Black Isle

This illustrated talk by Eric Grant will examine the current state of knowledge about the archaeologically rich area of Tarradale in the west of the Black Isle and what research design and strategies should be employed to increase our understanding of the area and its potential.

28th Nov: Nybster Broch

Andy Heald of AOC Archaeology will provide a talk on recent fieldwork on brochs in Caithness, including the community excavation at Nybster broch this summer.

The ARCH website has a full list of courses and events, by ARCH and others, information about programmes and much, much more!

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