



Cromar History Group

Core Group Meeting Thursday 20th March 2008

Present

Sheila Ross, Rita Barnes, Nigel Healey, Janet Healey, Michael Rattray, Hazel McFarlane.

Apologies

Hugh Cochran, Albert Calder, Peter Craig, Dorothy Reid, Lizzie Bacon.

MATTERS ARISING

Lecture Series

Willow Lohr's talk, The Primitive Technology of Our Neolithic Ancestors, at the Commercial is 27 March .

Dick Milne, Westgate, Breda, Alford Tel. 01975562323 has an interesting talk about Old Games etc. which we could consider for the next lecture series.

Trips Out

Planned

Poldhu Wells May 8th – meet in the Square, 6.30pm. Wellies or boots advisable.

Other ideas so far – more needed

Loch Muick Archaeology Trail

Fetternear, Bishops Palace

Tullichmacarrick Manse at Glen Gairn

Archaeology

Stage One at Poldhu is now complete. The money granted by Cairngorms National Park Authority has been paid into our account and the landscape Architect has been paid.

Work in Phase Two will:

- replace the bridge
- make a path across the front of the wells
- create a circular, waymarked, walk through the woods behind the wells and for which Heritage Paths will donate signs
- Alistair Urquhart will replace a missing stone, which had a cut out to allow the water to pass over it, with a stone cut for the purpose and carved with 2008. The carving will not actually be visible.

Nigel is applying for further funding to cover the work.

It is estimated that the project will be complete by September 2008.

It was decided to draw up a Volunteer Rota by May to carry out the Visitor Survey at Tomnaverie for Historic Scotland. The survey will take place in July and August.

It may not be necessary for CHG to subscribe to the Council for Scottish Archaeology as more than one of the members are members in their own right. Nigel will find out how this 'sits' with the CSA Adopt a Monument Scheme, the scheme under which the Poldhu project is taking place.

Echoes (Newsletter)

All published have been distributed. More will be printed after Peter's return.

AOCB

- Hazel is interested to know if anyone has any information on the meaning of 'Tarland' She has seen 'Bull Enclosure' as a possible meaning.
- Nigel wondered if we might hold another exhibition of photographs in the summer so that we can put more names to faces.
- Janet feels we should consider taking 'Oral Histories' from local people before the information is lost to us. Hazel suggested that it might be useful to base this around a theme of work. It was agreed that we would meet to discuss this idea further after the Easter Holidays. Please let Janet know if you are interested in taking part.
- Nigel brought a collection of post cards of local scenes which have been lent to him by Jim Craigmyle. Nigel will scan them for the archive and return them.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th May

7.30 at Cromar Court