

Cromar History Group

Core Group Meeting Thursday 21st August 2008

Present

Peter Craig Janet Healey, Nigel Healey, Michael Rattray, Dorothy Reid, Lizzie Bacon.

Apologies

Rita Barnes, Hazel McFarlane.

MATTERS ARISING

Trips Out

Tullichmacarrick Manse at Glen Gairn – Sunday 31st August Meet in The Square 10.00.am

Poldhu - another visit would be appropriate when the project enters a new phase or is complete and an opening is planned.

Loch Muick Archaeology Trail – date to be decided after more research by Nigel and Janet.

Archaeology

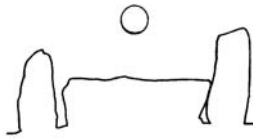
- Nigel will contact The University of Aberdeen re the survey done at Tomnaverie in 2006. He has the response forms from this. It is possible that there is no need for a further survey.
- Progress on Poldhu – The plastic pipes have been put through the culverts. It is hoped that the stone work will be completed in August. Water analysis shows that there are high levels of Manganese and that the analysis for each well is different. As it is an open source of water it will not be approved for drinking on any major scale. The bridge should be in place by the end of September and then the paths can be completed. The funding has been agreed for this work. It is planned to have a 'grand opening' with a Victorian theme. Local schools will be invited and Janet plans to get in touch with someone involved with Ballater Week and invite them to come to the opening dressed in Victorian costume. We will also involve Archaeology Scotland.
- We have missed the deadline for advertising our plans for Archaeology Month (September) but plan to use the opening of Poldhu in stead.
- There was some discussion re the possibilities of opening the R.O.C. bunker behind Tomnaverie on an annual basis to coincide with Archaeology month but the issues with access and insurance may not make this feasible.
- The Cairngorms national Park is interested in a Tarland to Ballater Archaeology trail and Tomnaverie is seen as a useful factor in encouraging this.

Echoes (Newsletter)

Peter has several interesting contributions already. He would be grateful if anyone could offer to compile an article on AJ Blackhall from the material in Peter's possession. Further contributions welcome.

Lecture Series

Due to begin in October.



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Masons' Marks

Nothing to report. Janet and Lizzie need to take another photograph with a scale and send what we have to Moira Greig.

Exhibition

The Exhibition was a great success. We were able to donate £600 to the proposed MacRobert Memorial Hall renovations. Many thanks to everyone for their help.

The archive is now stored in the MacRobert Hall. We hope to have a shelved and locked cupboard for which we hold the keys in the near future.

AOCB

- Michael suggested that back issues of magazines that we subscribe to and copies of Discovery and Excavation Scotland should be stored with the archive.
- There are plans to produce another Community News Letter a contribution is requested from CHG. Janet will write a piece covering the Exhibition, Poldhu, Lecture series, ideas for an oral history and an invitation to new members.
- Lizzie expressed concern over the deterioration at Corse castle.
- Peter will email PDF files to Ian Macintosh in order to publish early issues of The Echoes on the website.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th September

7.30pm at Cromar Court