

Cromar History Group

Core Group Meeting Thursday 25th September 2008

S.O.S

Would members who have not attended Core Group Meetings recently please confirm that they would like to continue to receive the minutes and that they have paid their subscription for 2008. If in doubt contact Dorothy (81185) who has a list of paid up members.

P.S. Don't feel unwelcome...!

Present

Peter Craig, Janet Healey, Nigel Healey, Michael Rattray, Dorothy Reid, Sheila Ross, Rita Barnes, Albert Calder.

Apologies

None received

MATTERS ARISING

Trips Out

Another trip to be arranged, to visit the Burial Isle we meant to visit on our previous trip to Tullichmacarrick Manse at Glen Gairn.

Poldhu - another visit to see the progress made. Meet in The Square 10.00am Saturday 1st November.

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

Archaeology

Progress on Polduh –Alistair Urquhart has replaced the missing stone but is short of the clay (blue puddle clay) that he needs to seal it. At the time of writing the bridge supports are in place (work carried out by Jim Lovie). It may not be complete until the end of the month. The timing of the official opening will be decided by Archaeology Scotland and other agencies but will probably be in the Spring.

Janet has visited Logie Coldstone school to talk about the proposed bridge, linking with a project on bridges that they have carried out. She also talked about progress so far illustrated with current pictures of the site.

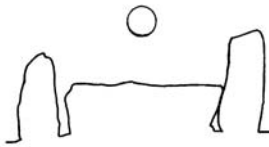
Michael showed us the article in Archaeology Scotland featuring Poldhu.

Dorothy asked if the Group wished to continue to support and have membership of Archaeology Scotland (formerly Council for Scottish Archaeology). The subscription is £40 per annum. It was decided that we should continue to subscribe.

Echoes

Deadline mid October.

Peter will speak to Rab Blackhall re an article about AJ Blackhall based on the material that is in Peter's possession. It was suggested that Rab might be invited to our next meeting; Peter will contact him. Janet offered to scribe for a conversation from which an article might grow.



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Lecture Series

First lecture October 23rd.

The posters for the talks are out. The information is posted on the website

www.tarland.org.uk

N.B.

Since the posters went out etc. we have learned that Donald Paterson is unwell and will not be able to give his talk on Oct 23rd. The University has managed to reschedule and now Marjory Harper will give her talk on that date and Donald will give his in her slot on 15th Jan if he is sufficiently recovered. This will be confirmed nearer the time. (I have amended the list of talks below and asked for a note of the changes to be included on the web site J.H.)

Volunteers to introduce and thank speakers are:

23 rd Oct	Emigrant Homecomings	Marjory Harper	Dorothy
13 Nov	Torry Battery and St Fittick's Church: The archaeology of Torry and Nigg	Alison Cameron	Nigel
4 th Dec	The Wonder of our Woodland	Bob Davies	Mike
15 th Jan	Farming in Scotland 5000BP	Donald Paterson	Nigel

12 th Feb	History on Your Doorstep: Making the Most of Your Local Archives	Ruaraidh Wishart	Peter
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12 th March	Tartan – So You Want to Wear the Kilt?	Gordon Casely	Ask Pam
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An extra arranged by CHG:

16 th April	Rocks Landscape and People	Peter Craig	Rita
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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

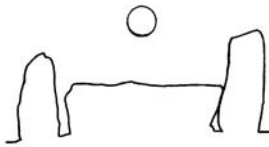
Following the Exhibition most of the Archive is stored in the MacRobert Hall, in a cupboard which can be locked. Albert will look into shelving this and getting a padlock with permission from Pam. Many thanks also to Albert, who has kindly made room for the larger items in one of his sheds.

Michael will write a letter / card to Ingrid thanking her for storing the Archive in The Pharmacy until now.

Michael has catalogued all the publications which can be stored with the Archive.

AOCB

- Janet has submitted a piece covering the Exhibition, Poldhu, Lecture series, ideas for an oral history and an invitation to new members to Fiona Brown (secretary TDG) for inclusion in Community News Letter 2
- Peter will email PDF files to Ian Macintosh in order to publish early issues of The Echoes on the website.
- Nigel would like to explore the possibility of access to the ROC Bunker. This may not be possible in respect of Health and Safety due to the nature of the access. (For info: At a subsequent TDG Meeting Albert suggested that an interpretation board would be appreciated by visitors to Tomnaverie)



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explaining the ROC Bunker in the adjacent 'compound' this idea was favorably received).

- It was suggested that our next meeting should be a working meeting. We aim to sort 3 of our boxes of photographs storing the photographs where the annotation is complete in lever arch files (Nigel to provide plastic pockets and files).

**NEXT MEETING Thursday 30th October
7.30pm at Cromar Court**