



## NEWS UPDATE February 2014

### **Note**

As this is just a news update, not a full newsletter, there are no archaeological articles - they will appear in the next full newsletter.

### **Dates for your diary**

Saturday 15 and Wednesday 19 February at Carn Glas chambered cairn, near Kilcoy

**Clearing vegetation** so the chamber can be seen

- Roland Spencer-Jones (with North Kessock Local History Society)

Tuesday 18 February, 7.30 pm at Strathpeffer Community Centre

**MAD: Discussion on henges**

- Roland Spencer-Jones

Saturday 8 March, 9 am - 5.30 pm at Strathpeffer Community Centre

**First Aid Course** - cost £30

- book with John Wombell (or add your name for the next one)

Tuesday 18 March, 7.30 pm at Strathpeffer Community Centre

**MAD: to be arranged**

6 - 19 April

**Dig at Morangie**

- Candy Hatherley

Saturday 26 April at Dingwall Academy

**ARCH Family Day** - further information nearer the time

Friday 25 - Monday 28 April (*replaces 3 April walk to Glenarigolach and 14 April surveying at Keppoch*)

**Long weekend in the Dundonnell/Gruinard area on the West Coast** - exploring, clearing and recording the township of Keppoch (training will be given in surveying and recording) and we will visit other sites too. The caravan site at Laide, <http://www.gruinardbay.co.uk/index.html> is available for camping and campervans (it also has static caravans for 3 day lets) for those who wish to stay over, or just come for a day.

- led by Beth Blackburn, Meryl Marshall and Anne McInnes

Saturday 3 May in Edinburgh

**British Rock Art Group Conference**

An NOSAS members Ken Bowker, Susan Kruse and John Wombell are presenting posters.

The morning has 4 talks on Scottish rock art and 4 talks on English rock art.

The afternoon covers the rest of the world. Further details at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/history-classics-archaeology/archaeology/news-events/events/brag-2014>

## Winter walks

These are weather dependent, so make sure you contact the organiser in advance so that you will be informed if the walk has to be cancelled. Bring a packed lunch unless otherwise advised. Further details of each walk will be circulated nearer the time, and posted on the NOSAS website.

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February 10 am at Dornoch (*replaces 8 Feb walk at Portmahomack*)

**Skelbo wrecks** fieldwork and talk - with SCAPE Trust and the Nautical Archaeology Society  
- book with Jonie Guest

Tuesday 4 March, 10am at Spinningdale GR NH674897. Parking is up a small track on the north side of the A949.

**Ledmore/Migdale Wood, Spinningdale** - a multi-period landscape within attractive woodland owned and managed by Woodland Trust Scotland. We will be exploring the archaeology in the south part of the wood with the ranger/manager Eleanor Garty as our guide and we may well record some of it. A circular route of 6-7kms is proposed (with a short stiff climb to begin with).  
- Meryl Marshall

Early May

**Sutherland - prehistoric stuff near Dornoch**

- led by Anne Coombs

## NOSAS SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

I am pleased to announce that following a decision at the NOSAS AGM last October, NOSAS now has approval to become NOSAS SCIO.

We will now set a date to transfer from the old NOSAS to the new organisation, NOSAS SCIO, which will have charitable status. Once the transfer is complete the new organisation will be known as NOSAS just as before, but over the transfer period we sometimes need to be clear about the difference.

The committee will deal with most of the changes needed, but we need to ask all members to sign a declaration on the SCIO transfer form to join the new organisation. Unless you do that you'll not be part of the new NOSAS SCIO.

Anne Coombs, Chair

## SCIO transfer form

49 people have already completed a form – mostly those who were at the NOSAS AGM last October or at the recent MAD with Candy Hatherley. However, if you haven't signed a SCIO transfer form, or are not sure, could you please print out, fill in and sign the form attached to the email with this newsletter. Then return it to Roland Spencer-Jones. (His address is on the form.)

Roland Spencer-Jones, Membership Secretary