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Community newsletter April/May 2016

Kirkmichaeling 2016 begins with our first Open Day – and much more to come!



Kirkmichael 2016 is well and truly underway with our first Open Day on Saturday 16th April (more photos on Facebook), attended by more than 100 people, in spite of changeable and chilly weather. Guided tours led by Jim Mackay (above left), odd one out quizzes and a bit of path surveying proved popular, as did chatting with architect Chris Bowes (far left below) and other members of the project team (above right) about our plans. All activities take place within the old Kirkyard, well away from the current burial site, which we treat with great respect.

If you missed the fun, look out for our second public event, **Kirkmichael Archaeology** on **Saturday May 21st, 11 - 4** which focus on project archaeology, looking at the role of archaeological work on site. This will include an archaeological tour of Old Cullicudden Cemetery nearby in the morning (**please book this tour** via Verity on phone no/email/Facebook below). You'll be able to meet some of the Highand Archaeology Services team (centre to right): Pete Higgins, Lynne McKeggie, Lachlan McKeggie (not to mention archaeo-baby Anwyn) and find out how to get involved. Special archaeology-based fun for younger visitors too.

In March our team:

selected a building contractor (more in May newsletter!)

met our **archaeology team** on site

hosted a happy visit by **Tore Primary**

held planning sessions with **Cromarty Primary** and **Resolis Primary**

Talked with staff from **Fortrose Academy** and **other schools** and **groups** re on-site/off-site activities



If you think Kirkmichaeling could provide **creative inspiration** for your hobby (writing, knitting, embroidery, lace-making, music, art, sketching, photography – you name it!) pencil **Kirkmichael Creative – Saturday June 25th** into your diary – and look out for more exciting details in our **June newsletter!**

STOP PRESS - Look what we found!

KMT members just discovered this **unrecorded Holm Family gravestone** in a hidden corner at Kirkmichael – the undated names are **Kirk officer Willm Holm** and **IsobelL Hood**. **If they're in your family tree, please get in touch.** Our **June** newsletter will also introduce our **new project contractor** too, and repair works will begin on site at Kirkmichael late May/early June.



More information from **Verity Walker** on **01381 620575/ verity@interpretaction.com**.

For a full list of project funders, please visit our website (above).



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