

## Events Galore!

We have had an extremely busy time since the last newsletter in June. The team have been out and about putting on outdoor events as well as progressing projects. We have spread the love for our area and its heritage and met lots of fascinating people along the way - some of whom have joined our volunteer family. See below for a taste of what our summer looked like.

### CLAYFEST!



### WEE BIG DIG



### UNEARTH The Mystery of Prehistory!



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## FRUIT FESTIVAL



### Free-bees!

We are offering beekeeping starter kits, free of charge, to people who would like to keep bees within the Tay Landscape Partnership area.

The kits will include a hive and some essential items to get you started. Bees will be supplied by your local beekeepers' association, or by an approved local beekeeper.

All you need to do is join your local beekeeping association and keep your bees within the Tay Landscape Partnership area.

Contact Catriona for more information.



### Telling the Bees



Longforgan, St Madoes and Errol Primary schools took part in the Telling the Bees Project. They got to meet Steve the bee keeper and a hive full of bees. They then wrote stories with Debbie and Mo and created these beautiful hive boxes to hide them in!

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### Upcoming

#### Field walking

Over 70 new worked stone tools or lithics were identified in last year's fieldwalking - a fantastic result! We are looking forward to getting out this winter with opportunities available from now until March - keep your eyes peeled for dates on our website and come and help us uncover more of the story of early settlers in the area.

#### Oral Histories—Help Required

Our friends at the Museum of Abernethy are looking for volunteers to help them process their oral history recordings i.e. to make summaries of the recordings and secondly to identify possible themes and suitable excerpts. See our website for further information.

## Feeling historical? We have been.

### Moredun Top

We had a massively good month on Moredun Top hillfort, the sun was shining, we found some amazing archaeology and we had some fantastic volunteers help out - with over 2000 volunteer hours logged for the dig alone! School visits and dig days, tours, flying volunteers taking photographs plus PKHT patron Dougie MacLean digging in Trench 1 for the day made for a great month. Special thanks to AOC Archaeology and to Gordon who volunteered every day of the dig!



Over 100 children visited the site and took part in their own mini dig. Children came from Abernethy, Dunbarney, Forteviot, Forgandenny and Oakbank primary schools.

Dunbarney Primary School visiting the site



**The Moredun Minecraft map is now available for download on the website!**

### Forteviot Pictish Stones

We are really excited that the Forteviot stones are part of the Cradle of Scotland exhibition at the Hunterian Glasgow, soon to come to Perth in the new year then back into the church this summer. Work is ongoing to prepare the church for the installation of the stones - thanks go to SERF, The Hunterian, PMAG and Richard West of Lightly West for all their hard work to date.



### Clay Biggins of the Carse

We are pleased to announce the repair at Horn Farm has been completed, safeguarding the future of this important clay building. Work at Flatfield Farm has also gone well with two apprentices trained in clay building repairs. Errol Grant scheme is just being launched - if you live in a clay building in the conservation area you may be eligible for help with repairs. Contact Sophie for more information.

### UNEARTH The Mystery of Prehistory!

Held in Perth, Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August UNEARTH was the first TayLP history festival and was themed on the rich local prehistory of the area and involved partners and providers from across the UK. A range of Scottish prehistory was represented with 17 stall providers and associated activities, including information stalls, living history providers, entertainment, arts and crafts and the launch of our own Minecraft map of Moredun Top! It was a great success with over 900 visitors (see photos on page 1).

### Dates for your Diary

- Dec 5** — Orchard Skills Training—Winter Pruning, Carse of Gowrie (venue TBC)
- Jan 30** — Orchard Skills Training—Formative Pruning, Megginch
- Feb 20** — Orchard Skills Training – Grafting, Scone Palace
- Winter 15/16** — Fieldwalking—dates and locations TBC

You can book either by emailing [Andrea](mailto:Andrea) or through the new website. If you're not signed up as a volunteer yet contact [Andrea](mailto:Andrea)

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