

UAS Monthly eNewsletter



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Editorial

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our first attempt to produce an eNewsletter to keep all our members up to date with news from the UAS and further afield. This issue focuses on resources to allow you to explore archaeological sites and museums across Ireland, the UK, and Europe. We have also included a list of publications, many of which are freely accessible. We will endeavour to produce an eNewsletter each month while UAS face-to-face activities are suspended. If you have any news that you would like to share with members, please email them to me - newsletter.ulsterarcsoc@gmail.com
If you are interested in medieval buildings, I will be using the additional free time I have to update my research blog - [Medieval Buildings & Settlement](#)
I hope all members stay safe and well during these strange times.

Best wishes,

Duncan

Editor

Note from the President

Hello Everyone.

Welcome to the first edition of our new *UAS eNewsletter*. The idea for this originated with the UAS Secretary Ken Pullin who talked to me about it in mid-March. We, in turn, discussed the possibilities with Dr Duncan Berryman and he, with his customary skill and efficiency, has produced this first *UAS eNewsletter*. So a big thank you to both Ken and Duncan for developing this initiative.

The *UAS eNewsletter* allows the Ulster Archaeological Society to continue to disseminate archaeological information to our members and the general public, even if we are not able to do this face-to-face at the minute. It is also a good way of keeping in touch with you all in these difficult times. We look forward to receiving ideas and articles from you that can go into forthcoming editions. When the health crisis is over and we are all able to meet up again, the quarterly printed *UAS Newsletter* will again reappear along with all the other UAS activities currently on hold.

In the meantime we wish you all good health and that you stay safe.

All best wishes,

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President, Ulster Archaeological Society

Useful Websites - Ireland

We have put together some useful websites to keep you informed about Irish archaeology and to give you something to do during your time inside.

Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF),

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/CentreforArchaeologicalFieldworkCAF/>

Centre for Community Archaeology at Queen's University (CCA)

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/communityarchaeology/>

Historic Environment Division, Department for Communities (DfC)

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/historic-environment>

HED (DfC) Historic Environment Map Viewer

<https://dfcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6887ca0873b446e39d2f82c80c8a9337>

Northern Ireland Sites and Monuments Record

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/services/sites-and-monuments-record>

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>

Blog on the QUB 2013 'Legend-Derry' excavations in and around the city

<http://legenderrydigs.blogspot.co.uk/>

Cnuasach Bhéaloideas Éireann/ The National Folklore Collection Facebook site

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/NationalFolkloreCollectionUCD/>

The Discovery Programme

<http://www.discoveryprogramme.ie/>

Dúchas.ie/ The National Folklore Collection of Ireland (digitalization project)

<https://www.duchas.ie/en>

Excavations Bulletin/ Excavations.ie (very useful searchable summary of excavations carried out on the island of Ireland since 1970)

<http://www.excavations.ie>

Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP)

https://www.academia.edu/21811551/The_Early_Medieval_Archaeology_Project_EMAP

Geological Survey of Ireland

<http://www.gsi.ie/>

Heritage Maps (All-island resource. Very useful)

<https://heritagemaps.ie/WebApps/HeritageMaps/index.html>

The Heritage Council

<http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/>

The Heritage Council: Heritage Resource Guide (very useful!)

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/Heritage-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland (IAI)

<https://www.iai.ie/>

Irish Medieval History Facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/Medieval.Ireland/>

Irish Historic Towns Atlas series (online versions of some of the towns in the IHTA series.

The text for these and some images are available to download as PDFs)

<https://www.ria.ie/irish-historic-towns-atlas-online>

Irish Post-Medieval Archaeology Group (IPMAG)

<http://ipmag.ie>

Irish Post-Medieval Archaeology Group (IPMAG) Facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/IPMAG-Irish-Post-Medieval-Archaeology-Group-334165443081/>

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (some of the county inventories can be downloaded as PDFs)

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>

National Monuments Service

<https://www.archaeology.ie/>

National Monuments Service, Historic Environment Viewer,

<http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/>

Abarta Heritage (Tour guides and eBooks)

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

Royal Irish Academy - podcasts and videos

<https://soundcloud.com/the-royal-irish-academy>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA8NYkFqJo6KS5DjW2phMfQ?view_as=subscriber

Publications

Archaeology Ireland (Quarterly)
<https://archaeologyireland.ie/>

Archive.org (searchable website where out of copyright books - generally published over a hundred years ago - are available to download as PDFs. Can be searched by author, title or subject) <https://archive.org/index.php>

British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography (BIAB) <http://www.biab.ac.uk>

CELT (Corpus of Electronic Texts - various Irish annals/ histories and other very useful texts) <http://celt.ucc.ie/>

JSTOR (Some books and journals are being made open access; back issues of the UJA are available) <https://www.jstor.org>

The Journal of the Cork Historical & Archaeological Society (JCHAS)
<https://corkhist.ie/journal>

The Old Limerick Journal
<http://www.limerickcity.ie/Library/LocalStudies/BooksJournals/TheOldLimerickJournal>

The Other Clare. Annual journal of The Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society
http://www.duchasnasionna.eu/other_clare/journal.html

Clare County Library on-line publications
http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/online_publications.htm

Decies: Journal of the Waterford Archaeological and Historical Society
<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/library/ejournals/decies/index.htm>

The Journal of the Waterford and South-East of Ireland Archaeological Society
<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/library/ejournals/jwseias/index.htm>

The Foyle Source Book. A Directory of the Heritage and Sources of Heritage Information for the Foyle Basin. This very useful book can be downloaded for free
foylecivictrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/The-Foyle-Source-Book-heritage-directory-extended.pdf

The Lost Settlement of Dunalong. Derry (Derry City Council and Museum Service). This publication can be downloaded for free from the Tower Museum, Derry, website at:
<https://www.towermuseumlearning.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/The-Lost-Settlement-of-Dunalong-Archaeology-of-the-Plantation-Booklet.pdf>

Useful Websites - UK & Europe

There are also many excellent websites elsewhere in the world, here are a selection.

DigVentures - courses and resources, as well as crowdfunding excavations
<https://digventures.com>

Historic Environment Scotland
<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricEnvScotland/>

Historic England
<https://historicengland.org.uk>

English Heritage
<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/>

British Museum
<https://www.britishmuseum.org>

Museum of the World
<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/?fbclid=IwAR0rkF4AnOj6545UxsC33QVtY6rD55qSJbNWnWYoW7Gt8fC5jBSehOHhEU4>

Museum of London
museumoflondon.org.uk/collections

Historic Maps of Scotland
maps.nls.uk/index.html

Sidestone Press - books are free to read online & many are freely downloadable
<https://www.sidestone.com/books/>

Archaeopress - many books are open access
<http://www.archaeopress.com/>

EXARC - experimental archaeology
<https://exarc.net/>

Royal Archaeological Institute - previous lectures are available to watch
https://www.royalarchinst.org/lectures?fbclid=IwAR3AdOTlOHassQGeoZKCKbJIAHUPeLKGS CxTuJnpOiFWzGN9VAJCXO_RdQY

Oxford Archaeology Podcasts

<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/keywords/archaeology>

Virtual museums and galleries tours

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

FutureLearn - a range of history and archaeology courses

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/history-courses>

New Books

The Kings of Aileach and the Vikings, AD 800-1060 - Darren McGettigan
[Four Courts Press](#), €24.95

This book discusses the rise of the kings of Aileach and their battles against the Vikings who attempted to settle in Ulster. These lords soon became the Cenél nEógain high kings of Ireland. McGettigan studies Áed Findliath, the first high king, and his descendants, he is particularly interested in the relationship between the Irish and the Scandinavian settlers. McGettigan makes extensive use of historical sources to tell the story of the Ua Néills and the Viking attacks (and settlements) of Ulster. There are many maps to guide the reader through the landscape and colour illustrations are included in the central plates.

Irish Houses and Castles, 1400-1740 - Rolf Loeber
[Four Courts Press](#), €24.95

This volume brings together Rolf Loeber's interesting and insightful articles on Irish houses and castles from the late medieval period to the mid-eighteenth century. The chapters have previously been published in books and journals that are not widely accessible. There is a strong focus on the architecture and society of Gaelic Ireland, with the opening chapter discussing the castles and settlements of the Irish. The majority of the volume is given over to the impact of colonisation and plantation by the British in Ireland. The final chapters discuss Classicism and the development of the grand houses of Ireland in the late 17th and 18th centuries. Loeber's work combines architectural and social history to tell a story of the people and their experiences. The book is well illustrated throughout, with numerous photographs, maps, and historical illustrations.

Magic, Metallurgy and Imagination in Medieval Ireland: Three Studies - John Carey
[Celtic Studies Publications](#), £14.95

This book is a study of the rich and fascinating traditions found early Irish literature concerning smiths and the fashioning of metal. The smith had a special status within the traditional societies of early Ireland and elsewhere in the Celtic-speaking world. The figure is associated with magic and the supernatural, as well as having special legal status, and a marginal and ambiguous position within the community. John Carey is an internationally known expert on Old Irish language and literature and includes here texts and translations of magical spells, incantations, and narratives connected with smiths and their craft.

Con O'Neill, Last Gaelic Lord of Upper Clannaboy - Roy Greer
[White Row Press](#), £14.95

This exciting new work commemorates the four hundredth anniversary of the death of Con O'Neill, whose passing marked the end of the Gaelic way of life in Ulster. The book falls into three main sections; the first traces the bloody rise of the Clannaboy, who in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries drove the Normans almost entirely out of eastern Ulster. The second section focuses on the part of Clannaboy known as Upper Clannaboy, reaching from Lisburn through to Newtownards, Bangor and Donaghadee. The third section describes how the settlers transformed local life. The book discusses the history of the O'Neills as well as life within Gaelic Ulster. The extensive colour illustrations and clear writing make this book easy to pick up and read. Con was a key character in Ulster history and many people will be aware of Clannaboy, but few people will be aware of the extent of this estate and the history of the period. This research covers archaeology, landscape and historical documents to tell the story of people living within Con's lordship and the events of his life.