

LAHS AND AREA NEWS

LAHS Annual General Meeting 1st November 2002

A slight re-shuffle of Committee members occurred, with Alison Blackwood (Secretary) taking over the additional post of Programme Secretary from John MacFarlane. Claire Marren replaced Lisa Bourne as Outings Organiser and agreed to act as Assistant Secretary. We thank John and Lisa for arranging stimulating indoor and outdoor meetings during their terms of office. Lisa remains as Chairperson. There were no other changes to the Committee. The next AGM will take place on Friday 7th Nov 2003 at a venue to be announced.

Celebrations! Celebrations!

2003 sees the 40th Birthday of the Society. In the winter of 1963, Mr Duff and Dr Reid (both medics) decided to form the Society after interesting extramural lectures in that winter. The aims of the Society (first known as the *North Argyll Archaeological Society*) were to increase interest and knowledge in archaeology and history in the Lorn area. A further aim added later was to safeguard the remains of the past. We spent the early years before the publication of the Royal Commission Inventory in 1975, searching for unrecorded sites and sending information to the Commission, the Ordnance Survey Archaeological Division and the predecessors of Historic Scotland. As a result, we became known as one of the most active societies. When we discovered that a training excavation was held every year in Scotland, a group of us joined and were ready to assist at excavations when the Commission staff worked in the area. Professionals referred to us as the 'Lorn Ladies'. I would like to thank all who have held positions during the past forty years, as well as those who still work for the Society, arranging and giving lectures, planning outings and routine organisation. Also a big 'thank you' to the professionals

who have helped to nurture our enthusiasm, especially Eric Cargreen, Professor Eddie Peltenburg and Dr Graham Ritchie.

Margaret Kay, President