

Society News update.

We have been busy with various projects as will be seen from the various latest reports on the web. We are now also getting ready for several ongoing and new projects to keep us occupied over the winter months. They include the final upland surveys in Glen Douglas and Glen Fruin, where, in both places, we would like to do some excavations. The project to find the “Stone Coffins Found Here” about two hundred years ago at Portkil continues with excavation, but all we are finding are military roads and drains belong to the WW I army camp there, this work will carry on throughout the winter months as an easy place to get to, and with the hope that we do find the elusive coffins. They could be Bronze Age in date or they could be Early Christian, either way, if we can find them it will be a major step forward to understanding more of the Rosneath Peninsula ancient past. We now have two boxes full of reports; in both Helensburgh and Cove Libraries, they can be found clearly marked in the respective ‘Local History’ sections in the libraries. The Society monthly meetings continue to be well attended, but we do need more people to come forward for fieldwork which can be very exciting (in some cases!), if you fancy some exercise over the winter months please get in touch with Sandra at sandra09k@btinternet.com. Further excursions are being planned for next year as these have proved to be very popular. In the meantime we post two pics of objects found [before our time] in our area; one is the Mid Bronze Age axe or palstave, “found at Portkiln” (Portkil) and currently on display at Inverary Castle, and the other is a mysterious doughnut shaped stone, described as a macehead, and found in Glen Fruin, it is currently held in Glasgow Museums and is also thought to be Bronze Age in date.



Bronze axe from Portkil.



Macehead from Glen Fruin.