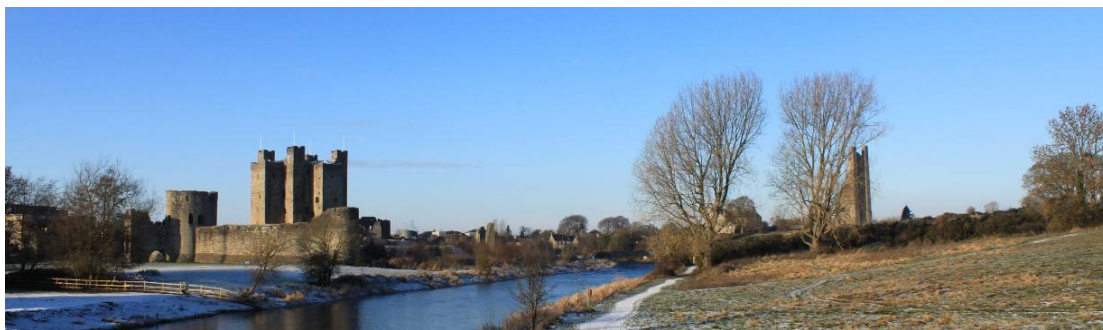


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In this first issue of our quarterly newsletter, we have some exciting information on the 2012 season including the introduction of winter modules, and new academic partners to further the research agenda of the Boyne Valley Research Project.

About

The Irish Archaeology Field School (IAFS) is working in partnership with the National Monuments Service (DAHG), the local authorities in Meath (Meath County Council, Trim Town Council), local community groups and are the proud recipients of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Site Preservation Programme funding.

As part of the Boyne Valley Research Project, IAFS is undertaking archaeological investigations at a number of sites including the 13th century Dominican Abbey at Trim, the 12th century Cistercian abbey at Bective and a number of prehistoric and multi-period sites in and around the UNESCO world heritage site of Brú na Bóinne.

On the web

We are currently updating our web page to include a more streamlined booking process but in the mean time we would be grateful if you would bear with us and email us at info@iafs.ie for all your queries. Steve or Bairbre will be available to answer questions and send on any required information.

We are also on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#) if you would prefer to contact us there.

Winter programmes

January 2012 will see the launch of our winter programmes; these will be module based, as with our summer programmes, and will focus on archaeological assessment and post excavation processes and analysis. The 2012 winter programme will run from January 16th to February 9th. Email us if you are interested, places are limited!

IAFS Research

We are very excited about developments at IAFS this year. Further to the research programme for previous years, the research agenda for the school will be coordinated by an interdisciplinary Academic Committee; this committee will serve to ensure that excavations undertaken at the site may serve to address a range of research agendas and further the possibility for graduate and post graduate research at the site. Members of the committee include:

Member	Organisation	Role	Research Interests
Dr. Conor Brady	Dundalk Institute of Technology	Archaeological Director, Academic Advisor	Prehistoric period
Prof. Gabriel Cooney	University College Dublin	Academic Advisor	Prehistoric period
Dr. Loreto Guinan	Meath County Council	Heritage Officer	Heritage & communication
Finola O'Carroll	IAFS	Archaeological Director	Late medieval period
Dr. Aidan O'Sullivan	University College Dublin	Academic Advisor	Early medieval period, tidal and estuarine archaeology
Dr. Michael Potterton	University College Dublin	Academic Advisor	Late medieval period
Prof. Rachel Scott	Arizona State University	Academic Advisor	Bioarchaeology, medieval period

Supervisor positions - Summer 2012

As with the 2011 season, there will be a number of supervisor positions available for Summer 2012; the Blackfriary excavation will run for 16 weeks from 21st May 2012 to the 7th September 2012. There are eight positions available – two supervisors at any one time; positions are offered in (minimum) four week blocks as follows:

- 21st May to 15th June 2012
- 18th June to 13th July 2012
- 16th July to 10th August 2012
- 13th August to 7th September 2012

Positions will be offered on the following basis:

- Previous excavation experience with the IAFS or other previous excavation experience at supervisor level
- Relevant qualifications
- References (at least one academic reference if possible)

If you are interested in one of these positions, please send us a letter (to info@iafs.ie) outlining the dates you are applying for, and why you feel are a suitable candidate. Please include a CV with two references. The closing date for applications is 30th March 2012. Successful candidates will be exempt from IAFS fees for but will however have to make their own arrangements for travel & accommodation.

Community / Public Archaeology

Following on the success of the Blackfriary as a model CHAT (Cultural Heritage Amenity Town), recognised by the AIA, [Your Country Your Call](#), local national tourism bodies (Meath Tourism, Fáilte Ireland & Tourism Ireland) and local authorities, we have established a Blackfriary Community Group comprising local people and community groups. We held a community day in September 2011 which was a huge success. The role of the committee is to lead the amenity development of the site in parallel to the archaeological research excavation and conservation programmes.

That's all for now!

The IAFS Team

- Please note that our offices will be unattended from 24th December 2011 to 3rd January 2012

(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all)