

Scottish Heritage Report - July 2022

This has been another quiet year so far within Scotland with the health situation still causing apprehension where close contact of visitors in an underground situation is concerned.

Arbroath Post are registered to participate in the annual Doors Open Weekend Days in September but at the moment with the high number of cases in Scotland we have no public open days planned. We were pleased however to have a private visit last month from George Halford the former UKWMO Sector Controller at Dundee and his family before they were treated to a tour round his former familiar surroundings of Dundee Sector/HQ where Gavin Saxby and his Team showed off their amazing refurbishment work.

Gavin is resuming public tours by pre arrangement and the first weekend already nearly fully booked runs over the weekend of 5 - 7 August.

The Scottish Beacon lighting activities for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee can be seen on the excellent compilation by Martin Benson on the ROCA website. This shows the UK wide ROCA participation of the event. All the Scottish Groups had an input.

Skelmorlie Post had quite an event for Armed Forces Day 25 June. Underground tours were offered along with other events including a WW2 aircraft recognition competition and a map reading exercise using their high powered binoculars to identify points of interest over the area encompassed by the River Clyde. In conjunction with a local Radio Club, Skelmorlie Post also ran a worldwide museum contact exercise over the same weekend. Over 100 contacts were made with the furthest being Indonesia on ssb.

Arbroath are in the run up to the 1st BBQ since 2019. We have a couple of big plus one birthdays to celebrate that were missed last year and we are looking forward to meeting up with old friends once again with 40 booked from all the Scottish Groups plus a few from afar.

On that note I will close and continue with BBQ organising!

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