

ROCK PAPER CHISELS

A weekend festival celebrating Luings past and future as a Slate island

Friday 20th
to
Sunday 22nd
September 2024

Rock Paper Chisels is organised by Luing History Group and the Isle of Luing Community Trust, with part-funding from Historic Environment Scotland and Scottish Book Trust's Live Literature.

Friday 20th September

11am-3pm

Displays on Luing's stone and slate history at the Atlantic Islands Centre throughout the weekend. Geology upstairs, history and archeology downstairs. **Café open.**

12.30-2pm

CARVINGS ON STONE - Guided visit to Kilchattan church and boat graffiti

See and learn about Luing's unique boat graffiti, carved on the walls of the old parish church over 600 years ago. The church site is ancient, used as a burial ground to this day. Information sheet on website. Meet by the graveyard gate. Parking opposite. Donations invited.

2.30-5pm

ISLAND GEOLOGY AND HERITAGE - Shared Car Safari

Several stops around Luing to see the main rock types, their associated landscape and built history. Walking limited to short distances from cars. Meet outside Cullipool Hall with waterproofs. Donations invited.

2.30-4.30pm

ISLAND INDUSTRY - Guided Walk

Visit the deserted settlement of Ballachuan, view dramatic evidence of slate quarrying, and learn about the times when 600 people lived on Luing. Walk starts and ends at Cullipool Hall. A mixture of path, track and rough walking. Information sheet on website. Donations invited.

2-5pm

ROCKS OF HOPE CRAFTING WITH SLATE - drop-in

Create your own house sign on an old Luing roof slate, try rock weaving or decorate some Luing slate with paint or stencils. For adults and accompanied children. Location: Cullipool and Toberonochy Halls. Donations invited.

6pm

TASTE OF LUING FROM THE SEA

A convivial sit-down dinner at the AIC for those attending the 'Luing's history in stone' talks. A choice of fish & chips, langoustines & chips or Shitaki mushroom orzo with Luing dulse & garlic bread. Location: Atlantic Islands Centre. Price: £25 per person for meal and 'Luing's History in Stone talks'. Book and pay by Friday 13th September.

Friday 20th Continued

7.45-10pm

LUING'S HISTORY IN STONE – Illustrated Talks

Far from being wild and remote, Luing has been a hive of activity on land and sea for millennia. Recent surveys have discovered new sites and evidence of Luing's exciting past, presented by archaeologist Dugie MacInnes and island historian Mary Braithwaite.

Location: Atlantic Islands Centre. Bar open. Price: £10 adult at door, children free

Saturday 21st September

10am-12pm

LUING FROM THE SEA – Boat Trip

See Luing's fascinating history from on board 'Golden Eye'. If the weather is good, we'll go all the way round Luing and Torsa. If not, we'll keep to the east. Both routes have great views and sites to see! Passenger pickup from north and south Cuan.

Price: £75 per person. Places limited and must be booked and paid in advance. Information on website.

10am-3pm

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11am-12.30pm

CULLIPOOL QUARRY PAST & FUTURE – Guided visit

Visit this geologically-important site and learn about the community's plans to once again produce Scottish roofing slates for heritage and new buildings. Meet at the outdoor tables, Atlantic Islands Centre. Donations invited.

1-2pm

DISAPPEARING STONE – Guided Visit

Stone is disappearing from Cullipool shore, dragged out to sea by waves. Walk the shore and learn about the community's work to tackle erosion and 'feed' the beach. Meet at the outdoor tables, Atlantic Islands Centre. Donations invited.

Saturday 21st continued

1-3pm

MAKING ROOFING SLATES – demonstration

Skilled craftsman Michael Fothergill will demonstrate how roofing slates were made the traditional way. It's hopefully a skill with a future when Cullipool quarry reopens.

Opposite the outdoor tables at the Atlantic Islands Centre. Donations invited.

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2-5pm

BUILDINGS IN STONE – Guided Walk

Luing's Iron Age people knew about building in stone. This walk takes in two hill forts, hut circles and other curiosities. Route is partly track, partly rough pasture. Information sheet on website.

Start and end at Ardinamar. Donations invited.

6pm

TASTE OF LUIING BUFFET

Delicious island food, including Luing beef and Luing Home Bakers tarts for those attending the 'Songs and Stories of Stone' evening entertainment.

Location: Atlantic Islands Centre.

Price: £25 per person for meal and 'Songs and Stories of Stone' evening entertainment. Places must be booked and paid by Saturday 14th September.

7.45-11pm

SONGS AND STORIES OF STONE

An evening of short stories read by writers James Robertson and Dougie Strang, woven with music and songs in Gaelic, English and Scots from Alison and Dan and local musicians. Bar open.

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11.15am-12.15pm

ROCK TOPPED FRONT WALL - 23 Cullipool

The Crust of the Earth is remarkably varied! Alastair and Zoë Fleming have collected a stockpile of rocks for educational purposes and will help you to identify them. Diagram provided. Rummage box for you to choose a pet rock to take home!

Location: Roadside No.23 Cullipool. Donations invited.

11.15am-1pm

STONE SPIRES - Competition

Build the tallest spire or the most beautiful stone creation. Prizes to be won by individuals and families.

Location: South of Cullipool flagpole.

Entry: Donations invited.

Prizes awarded at 2pm Atlantic Islands Centre.

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2pm

Awarding of prizes for winning spires and stone creations

Location: Atlantic Islands Centre.

Welcome

to

'Rock Paper Chisels'

Rock Paper Chisels celebrates Luing's past - its geology, history and archaeology – and looks to the future.

The weekend festival is for people of all ages interested in archaeology, history, geology, crafts and music.

Advance booking and payment are needed for the boat trips and the Friday and Saturday evening meals. All other events are turn up on the day and pay at the door.

The boat trips and evening events are a fixed price. Donations are requested for all other events.

The weekend festival is being organised by volunteers and aims to raise money to support the Atlantic Islands Centre and its heritage and community activities.

For more information send an email to slate.luing@btinternet.com

Information on local accommodation and ferry timetable is at <https://isleofluing.org/where-stay>.

Information on boat trips and walks is at <https://isleofluing.org/groups/history-group>

Book and pay for boat trips, evening meals & events by phoning or visiting the Atlantic Islands Centre between 10am and 12 noon from **Weds 4th September**. Open Wednesdays to Sundays only. No refunds for cancellations after Saturday 14th unless we can re-fill the place.

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