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Back cover Socketed axeheads from Tillicoultry. Courtesy of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

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Introduction

Welcome to a new volume of the *Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal*, number 13 in the series—this time with a striking cover illustration featuring the well known archaeologist Mick Aston of television fame.

Once again a rich assemblage of archaeological research is presented. Investigations at Pitlethie Road, Leuchars in Fife by Martin Cook allow us to observe the long term use and change through time of the site, with the Neolithic and Bronze Age occupation followed by much later medieval activity. Of great interest also is the time span of sites investigated by Kirsty Cameron, Andrew Dunwell and Sue Anderson along the route of the A92 from Dundee to Arbroath.

Other investigations recorded in this volume focus on recent archaeological activity throughout the Tayside and Fife area: excavation of a Bronze Age cemetery at Ethiebeaton in Angus by Hilary Murray and Charlie Murray, at Bogleys standing stone near Kirkcaldy in Fife by John Lewis and at Horse Cross, Perth by Adrian Cox et al. Iron Age and Pictish activity at the Wemyss Caves, Fife is discussed by Catriona Gibson and Chris Stevens. A study of socketed stones from eastern Scotland is presented by John Borland, Iain Fraser and John Sherriff and two Late Bronze Age

socketed axes from Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire are considered along with other lost axes from northern Scotland by Brendan O'Connor.

It gives me great pleasure to note a level of archaeological work in Tayside and Fife which can only be achieved through the dedication and enthusiasm of the archaeologists and others involved. I would therefore like to record once again warm thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed the range and quality of papers essential to an interesting and impressive volume. Thanks are also due to a number of organisations for grant aid towards publication. This year such grants were provided by the following: Bett Homes, Ennstone Thistle, Angus Council, Fife Council, Videotext Communications, RCAHMS, and Perth and Kinross Leisure. Finally it is with much gratitude that I record a special thanks to the TAFAC editorial team of Lisbeth Thoms and Derek Hall for their hard work in the production of volume 13, also to the TAFAC editorial sub-committee, the indexer Peter Gunn, the typesetter Christina Unwin and the printer Farquhars of Perth who have all worked together to ensure that the high standard of *TAFAC* is maintained with production on time.

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