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# Introduction

Welcome to the new volume of the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal, number 14 in the series.

The front cover illustration shows a striking aerial view of excavations by SUAT in advance of the new school at Kinross, which revealed a medieval farmstead. This is one of the volume's several developer funded excavation reports, which also include the early monastic precinct at Abernethy in advance of an extension to the primary school in Dunning, and the graveyard of Holy Trinity church in St Andrews.

In addition, there is a consideration of antiquarian observations of the Roman camps in Strathmore in the intriguingly entitled paper by Rebecca Jones and Gordon Maxwell, and an account of excavation and recording work over almost twenty years at Monimail Tower, Fife

by Stuart Farrell. The final paper by Ted Cown is a thought-provoking look at some approaches to the study of Scottish history.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed such a wide and interesting selection of papers. Thanks are also due to the following organisations for grant-aiding papers: Historic Scotland, Laing O'Rourke, Perth and Kinross Council, the Russell Trust, RCAHMS, and Fife Council. Last but by no means least, special thanks are due to the TAFAC Editors, Lisbeth Thoms and Derek Hall, the TAFAC editorial sub-committee, the indexer Peter Gunn, the typesetter Christina Unwin and the printers Farquhars of Perth. Without all their hard work in the production of volume 14 it would not be possible to continue publishing TAFAC to such a very high standard.

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