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*Front cover* General view of the excavated corn drying kiln, Loak Farm, Bankfoot, facing west  
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*Back cover* Drawing of All-Over-Corded Beaker from cremation pit 1803, north of Edzell, Angus  
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# Introduction

It gives me great pleasure, as always, to introduce the 31st edition of the *Journal*, and the 9th of the digital series. The Committee are very grateful to all who have provided generous grant aid which has enabled the papers to be published.

The funders this year are Anne Harper, Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions Ltd, Historic Environment Scotland, the Breedon Group, Persimmon Homes East Scotland, and Tulloch Homes Ltd.

The subjects are as wide ranging as ever in time period, subject matter and geographical area.

Excavations at Cullykhan, Castle Point, Troup in Aberdeenshire by Moira Greig, Laurie MacLagan-Wedderburn and Gordon Noble, revealed fascinating multiphase domestic and defensive use of the promontory between 500 BC and AD 500. This is the culmination of a number of years of post-excavation work by a team of specialists, and a few members of the original excavation team, to realise the vision of the late Colvin Greig. Though not a professional archaeologist, he trained under Sir Mortimer Wheeler, Shephard Frere and Martin Biddle. Through his discipline, intuition and leadership, he not only excavated a highly complex site, but he had a big influence on the next generation of Scottish archaeologists in the late 20th century. The authors are very grateful to Anne Harper whose funding has made this possible.

Harry Francis (CFA) presents trial trenching finds at Edzell of a very interesting Early Bronze Age cremation pit with beaker, overlain by an agricultural building from the 11th to 13th centuries AD.

Cathy MacIver and Leanne Demay (AOC) report on finds from the Neolithic through to the medieval period from pits and stone lined kilns at Loak Farm, Perth and Kinross, in advance of gravel and sand extraction.

The mystery of St Monan's Church at Inverarity, Angus, is explored by Anne-Aymonne Marot (AOC) in the investigation of a scatter of human bones on the side of an artificial mound.

Bronze Age cremations are again examined in the paper by Kai Wallace (AOC) on finds from South Stirling Gateway, Bannockburn, as well as material possibly lost in battle.

Behind each *Journal* there is a great deal of hard work, and my thanks go to everyone involved in the production of this volume – Editor Derek Hall and the Subcommittee, John Sherriff, Catherine Smith, David Munro and Hugh Leavey; and last, but not least, to Christina Unwin who typesets each year for us.

Download and enjoy!

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