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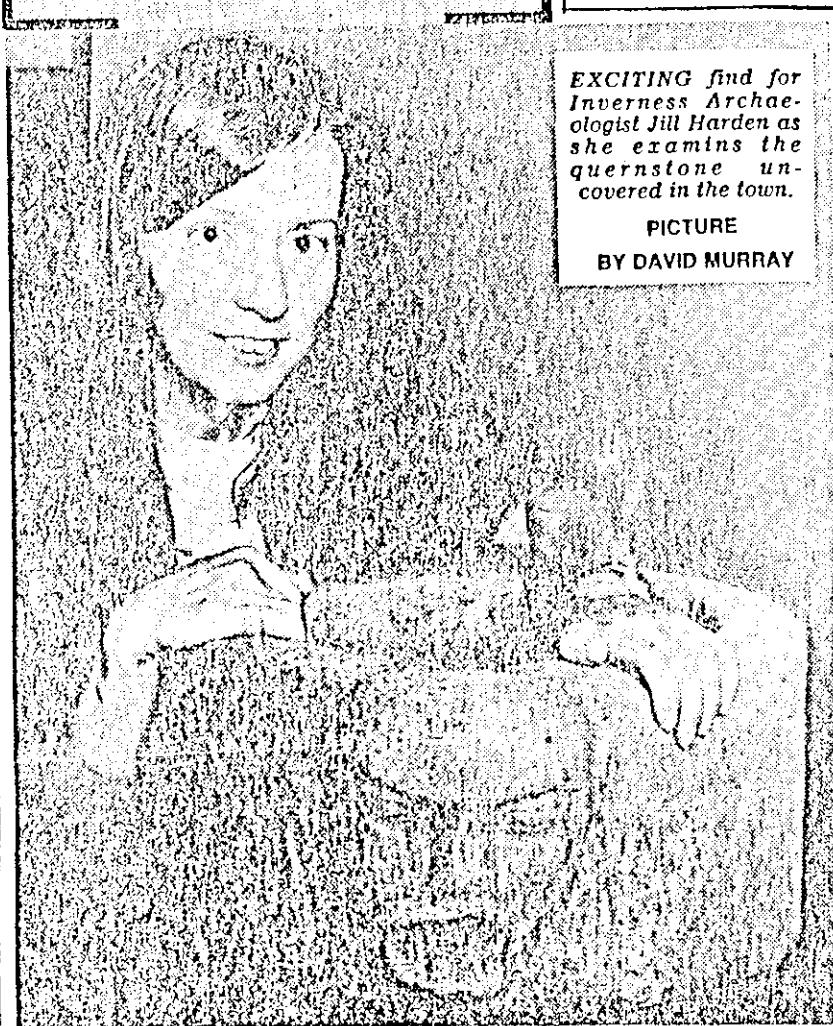
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH INVERNESS & BONA		1 SITE CODE H N H 6 4 N E O 4 2	
8 CONCORDANCE OS NMR		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) INVERNESS MUSEUM		10 ACCESSION NO.	
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES EXCAVATION		14 CONDITION		7 GENERIC TYPE QUERN, ROTARY, ORNAMENTED	
17 LAND USE		18 GEOLOGY		11 PERIOD/DATE EM/c.1200-1250AD	
19 SOILS		20 VEGETATION		12 DATING METHOD TYP	
21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		22 RELIEF		15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE HARDEN, J:1985	
23 ASPECT		24 ALTITUDE		16 EXCAVATION RECORD NO.	
25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION/DIMENSIONS					
26 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. COWAN, I.B & EASSON, D.E:1976:MEDIEVAL RELIGIOUS HOUSES:SCOTLAND 2. GOURLAY, R & TURNER, A:1977:SCOTTISH BURGH SURVEY 3. MACKAY, W & BOYD, H.C:1556-1586:RECORDS OF INVERNESS:BURGH COURT BOOKS:VOL.1: 4. MELDRUM, E:1982:INVERNESS LOCAL HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY GUIDEBOOK:No.4 5. POLLITT, A.F:1981:HISTORIC INVERNESS 6. :1985:PRESS & JOURNAL					
27 GROUND PLAN NO.			28 GROUND PHOTO NO.		
29 SLIDES NO.			30 HR. AP. NO.		
31 NMR. AP. NO.			32 OTHER AP. NO. SOURCE		
33 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION					
34 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY			35 SAMPLES		
36 PALYNOLOGY			37 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.		
38 OTHER					
39 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER				40 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
41 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT				42 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
43 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS					
44 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE				45 RECORDER: DATE FJ: 21.11.1986	
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"See continuation card (i) for (6) and attached folder for details of additional artefacts."

Face from the past surfaces in Inverness town centre excavation



EXCITING find for Inverness Archaeologist Jill Harden as she examines the quernstone uncovered in the town.

PICTURE
BY DAVID MURRAY

AN UNUSUAL type of early medieval quernstone has been uncovered during an archaeological dig at Inverness.

It was found during a small-scale excavation, organised by Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, at the "swimming pool end" of Friars Street.

The stone is thought to date from around 1200-1250 AD, and what makes it unusual is the ornamentation — a carved human head.

The museum's archaeologist, Jill Harden, said yesterday: "This is the sandstone base of a pot-quern, with a hole leading through the mouth of the

carving, from which the ground meal would fall. They are quite rare."

The quernstone was found near the site of the ancient friary of the Dominican Black Friars, and it is thought to have come from there. Jill said: "Presumably, it was originally set on a pedestal within one of the buildings and would have been an item for admiration as well as use."

The dig was arranged in advance of Inverness District Council's proposed housing rehabilitation of the area.

The quernstone will go on display at the museum shortly.