



## **WINTER PROGRAMME 2017/2018**

**ALL LECTURES ARE HELD IN THE MANX MUSEUM LECTURE THEATRE,  
KINGSWOOD GROVE, DOUGLAS  
AT 2.30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY TEA  
(Please note AGM 24 MARCH 2018 at 2.00 pm)**

### **Letters from the Front Line, 1918**

Saturday 21 October 2017

A joint event between IOMNHAS and the Manx Methodist Historical Society

Dr Jill Barber, Director of the Museum of Primitive Methodism, will give an illustrated address on the experiences of a Manxman, the Revd. Wilfrid Callin, as a Chaplain in the First World War trenches, as told by a remarkable archive over 100 of his letters home to family in Douglas.

### **Nature Conservation Moving Forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Saturday 11 November 2017

Dr Tim Graham, the CEO of the Manx Wildlife Trust, will explore what nature conservation is, or should be moving towards, to be successful. His talk will consider issues of scale, value, achieving impact and also explore some new and old visions for nature, posing some difficult questions while examining what this means for the Isle of Man.

### **Understanding Castle Rushen: 800 years of development**

Saturday 2 December 2017

In the wake of a Conservation Management Plan for this most complete Island monument, Edmund Southworth, Director Manx National Heritage, will review the complex sequence of construction and change in its historical context. The talk will also look at current issues faced by Manx National Heritage associated with maintenance, access and presentation.

**2018**

**Rushen Abbey in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century: when, where and why?**

Saturday 20 January 2018

The results of the excavations carried out at the Abbey between 1998 and 2008 are now in the process of being assessed. They have thrown much new light on many aspects of the Abbey's plan and history, not least on the controversial question of the date and place of its origin. Dr Peter Davey will present some of the new evidence from the Island's most important monastery and discuss how this affects understanding of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Manx scene as a whole.

**The Bones of Rushen Abbey**

Saturday 3 February 2018

Marie Weale, a Human Osteologist with interests in Palaeopathology, Juveniles and Medical History, will give a broad insight into the people of Rushen Abbey, the burials and diseases they suffered from and focus on one specific skeleton. The remains of Skeleton C were excavated in 1927 by W.C. Cubbon and displayed as those of King Olaf II (AD 1226-1237) for a significant time in the Rushen Abbey Museum. New research has attempted to identify if these remains are of the Viking king by using current osteological methods, radiocarbon dating, isotope analysis and funerary archaeology.

**AGM, followed by Presidential Address: A Digital Community? Opportunities for the Island**

Saturday 24 March

After the Annual General Meeting, our President, Dave Martin will deliver his Presidential Address. Illustrated by the achievements of local volunteers, Dave will tell of ways in which modern tools and techniques are not only allowing non-invasive study of Manx history and archaeology, but also how they are opening exciting opportunities for community involvement and how technology is making this information accessible, not just to those here on the Island, but worldwide.

N.B. to accommodate the AGM, the 24 March meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

All lectures are followed by tea & biscuits.

Non-members welcome to lectures for a small donation.

*Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st March 2018 – individual reminders will be sent*

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