



WINTER PROGRAMME 2016/2017
ALL LECTURES ARE HELD IN THE MANX MUSEUM, DOUGLAS
AT 2.30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY TEA
(AGM 25 MARCH 2017 at 2.00pm)

Saturday 22 October

Bernard Osborne: *The Role of the Postal Service for Internees during the First and Second World Wars*

Bernard Osborne will draw on his research and that of members of the Isle of Man Postal History Society over the last seven years, which culminated in a book on the subject published by the Society in 2015. It will highlight the vital role that letters and other postal material to and from internees on the Island played in their wellbeing and morale and feature the appearance and content of a selection of these items, which travelled not only to allied destinations but also to the heart of belligerent or neutral nations and occupied territories.

Saturday 26 November

Charles Guard: *Building the Calf Lighthouses*

Charles Guard looks at the documentary evidence in the National Archives of Scotland concerning the construction of the Georgian lighthouses on the Calf of Man, and uncovers tales of sabotage, conflict and delays from two centuries ago.

Saturday 10 December

Presidential Lecture

Ian Burrell: *The Other Mona*

Ian Burrell will tell of some of the fascinating sights seen when a group of Antiquarians visited Anglesey in May 2016 - an island with many similarities to the Isle of Man such as Neolithic burials, Saint Patrick and ring-and-chain carved crosses but key differences as well - such as Roman remains and a "Copper Kingdom".

2017 Saturday 28 January

Andrew Sidebottom and Shaun Gelling: *Managing Our Landscape and Amenity*

Andrew Sidebottom, Director of Forestry, Amenity and Lands, and Shaun Gelling, Ranger, both from DEFA, will identify some of the work that is undertaken to help maintain a sustainable landscape and how we can help our landscape to sustain our environment, our community and our economy. Their talk will touch on both practical and strategic measures which the Department has been working on.

Saturday 25 February

Andrew Johnson: *The Old Ways are the Best*

Andrew Johnson, Manx National Heritage Curator: Field Archaeology/Inspector of Ancient Monuments knows that roads, tracks and paths are a significant part of the Manx landscape. By studying these networks, understanding our historical laws relating to rights of way and observing the physical nature of these old routes to the hills, the shore and to church, we may understand much about how our ancestors used and moved through our island in the past.

Saturday 25 March at 2.00 pm

Annual General Meeting, followed by Christopher Weeks ACR Conservator (Objects), Manx National Heritage
Material Stories; the hidden lives of familiar objects

Christopher Weeks will draw upon observations and analyses undertaken during their conservation and explore the hidden lives of some iconic objects in the collections of Manx National Heritage. What's the connection between Jonathon Swift and Bishop Wilson? What was a Mason Formatore? What was George Quayle's hobby?

Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st March 2017 - individual reminders will be sent

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