



**WINTER PROGRAMME 2015/2016**  
**ALL LECTURES ARE HELD IN THE MANX MUSEUM, DOUGLAS**  
**AT 2.30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY TEA**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**Paul Quayle: *The Enclosure of Common Land in the Isle of Man***

It has been estimated that one third of the entire Isle of Man was formerly common land. Paul will examine the history of 'The King's Forest' in the Island, including what happened to it after the disafforesting legislation of the 1860s. This story continues to have relevance in the present day, with many of these upland areas remaining in public ownership.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Dr Mike Hoy MBE: *Education and literacy in the Isle of Man 1660-1800***

In the late 1660s Isaac Barrow, Bishop of Sodor and Man and Governor of the Isle of Man, established primary schools for every boy and girl on the Island, together with grammar and academic schools for the most able. This talk will outline the development of education and the progress of oral and written literacy in the Isle of Man through the late 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**R. Andrew McDonald PhD., F.S.A. Scot: *Medieval Water Worlds: maritime mobility and connectivity in late Norse empires of Atlantic Scotland, 1000-1300***

With particular reference to the thirteenth century texts *Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles* and *Orkneyinga saga*, and utilising a workshop format, we explore maritime mobility and connections between the earldom of Orkney and the kingdom of Man and the Isles.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

**Dr Patricia Tutt: *Stained Glass in the Isle of Man***

This talk will cover the history, design, form manufacture and materials of stained glass, illustrated by many Manx examples, not all of them ecclesiastical. These range from the Georgian period to the present and illustrate changing tastes and agendas in the use and sponsorship of decorative windows. Dr Tutt is the author of '*An Introduction to the Architecture of the Isle of Man*' which is illustrated with her photographs.

**Saturday 20 February 2016 - Presidential Lecture**

**Frank Cowin F.R.I.C.S.: *Unfinished Project and Other Matters***

An opportunity for a second visit to update past talks, articles and activities and to consider works still in progress.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Dr Rachel J Crellin: *Violent Times? Use-wear analysis of weapons from the later Bronze Age on the Isle of Man***

The proliferation of metal objects during the Bronze Age, and in particular the development of swords, shields and spears, often leads to a characterisation of the period as particularly brutal. Some authors present an image of a period filled with warriors, violence and pitched battles. The swords, spears and axes of the later Bronze Age are often found deposited in hoards, or in rivers, bogs or streams, furthermore sometimes they are found purposefully broken. The apparently votive deposition of these weapons in ritualised contexts and the perceived weakness of bronze as a material lead other authors to suggest these objects were prestige goods, indicators of social status, not deadly weapons. This paper will draw on collaborative work from 'Bronze Age Combat: an experimental approach' (<https://sites.google.com/site/bronzeagecombat/home>) - a project that combined experimental combat using replica weapons with use-wear analysis of prehistoric weapons to investigate evidence for combat in the period. The results of this project will be used as the basis upon which to analyse the Bronze Age weapons from the Isle of Man alongside other contextual evidence to consider whether the later Bronze Age on the Isle of Man was really a violent time?

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Followed by: Dave Martin B.Sc: *LiDAR and other digital archaeology on the Island***

LiDAR ((Light Detection and Ranging) survey has been used in Britain for a number of years, but coverage of the Island is recent and exciting. Illustrated by local examples of the detail that can (and can't!) be revealed by LiDAR, Dave will introduce the operation of LiDAR and describe its processing, strengths and limitations; techniques for visualisation of the data and its use to help interpret other archaeological data. Dave is a Manx engineer and researcher: in addition to surveying archaeological sites and traditional buildings he is currently working on remote sensing - both LiDAR and low-altitude photogrammetry.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Winter Wildbird Watch:** Following our spring walk, join Stephen Smyth and Sean Gray at Point of Ayre gravel pits to view the huge numbers of winter waders/migrating birds. **Meet at 1.10 pm at Bride Village car park or 1.30 pm at Island Aggregates car park NX 465040**

*Annual Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 - individual reminders will be sent*