

The Irish Sea in the Viking Age

A conference organized by the Irish Sea in the Middle Ages Research Network (ISMARN)

Wednesday 12th July – Thursday 13th July, 2017

iMuseum, Manx National Heritage, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3LY

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- 09.45-10.00:** Edmund Southworth: MNH Welcome
Linda Riddell: Scottish Society of Northern Studies
- 10.00-11.00:** Professor James Graham-Campbell
The Galloway (2014) Viking hoard in its Irish Sea context: some preliminary observations

Adam Parsons
Irish Sea Styles and Identities through Manufacture: A Metal Worker's Vocabulary
- 11.00-11.30:** Coffee (available in the icafe on the first floor of the museum, or in the Bay Room Restaurant.)
- 11.30-12.30:** Dirk Steinforth
Old God(s), new Hero, one Message: The Imagery of Kirk Andreas MM 128, Isle of Man

Karen Langsholt Holmqvist
The Isle of Man: a birthplace for runic innovation?
- 12.30-14.00:** Lunch (attendees make own arrangements)
We recommend the Celtfest concert (Noa Bakehouse, Douglas, 1pm), with music from Christa McCartney, and/or viewing the museum exhibits.
- 14.00-15.30:** Andrew Johnson
An abundance of chapels and burial monuments: looking for the pre-parochial religious landscape of the Isle of Man

Professor Donald Meek *in absentia*
Ships that sail in poems: literary depiction or observed reality?
- 15.30-** Excursion to Peel Castle, with tour by Andrew Johnson (MNH).
By public transport from Douglas (buses at 16.07 and 16.37). Rendez-vous Peel Castle. Further details will be provided on Wednesday morning.
- Evening** We recommend the Celtfest concert, Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm: Hamish Napier's *The River* (Scottish composer and folk multi-instrumentalist).

Thursday 13th July**09.30-10.30:****Professor Sir David M. Wilson**
Shipping in the Irish Sea, seen from the North**Rod McDonald**
The Problem of Manx: Norse language evidence for what?**10.30-11.00:****Coffee (available in the icafe on the first floor of the museum, or in the Bay Room Restaurant.)****11.00-12.00:****Fiona Edmonds**
The Furness peninsula and the Isle of Man**Bill Stephens**
Another Irish Sea location for *Brunanburh*?**12.00-14.00:****Lunch: attendees make own arrangements.**
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Interrogating 'diaspora': assessing the affiliations of Hiberno-Scandinavian Dublin**Rebecca Thomas**
Re-interpreting eleventh-century Wales: Gruffudd ap Llywelyn and the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle**15.00-16.00:****Charles Insley**
Æthelflæd, Domina Merciorum: an Irish Sea queen?**Lindy Brady**
Remembering the Viking Age in the Twelfth Century**16.00-16.30:****Tea (available in the icafe on the first floor of the museum, or in the Bay Room Restaurant.)****16.30-17.00****David Griffiths**
Response: the Way Ahead for the Medieval Irish Sea world

Directions to the Manx Museum are here: <http://www.manxnationalheritage.im/attractions/manx-museum/>. The iMuseum is a glass-fronted building about 50 yards down Kingswood Grove, to the right of the Manx Museum main entrance.