

Members Events Programme 2011 / 2012

October

Monday 31st October

Manx Museum Private visit

'Our Sporting Life'

Experience the highs and lows of planning this major project with Katie King – the exhibition curator.

Find out about her pioneering work in the sporting community and the new connections that have been made.

11am Free iMuseum2 Max 30

November

Friday 18th November

Manx Museum Private visit

Picturing the Victorians: images from the Manx National Collections & the National Portrait Gallery, London

Ever wondered how the Victorians saw themselves? Jude Dicken (MNH, Documentation Officer) and Dr Jan Marsh (National Portrait Gallery, London) will take you on a tour of some of the fascinating images they help catalogue - from famous Victorians to those promenading on Douglas Prom! Come along and be brought face-to-face with the Victorians and their world .

11am £5 iMuseum1 Max 60

Tuesday 22nd November

Private visit and talk: Manx Aviation & Military Museum / Museum of the Manx Regiment — featuring the Home Front, Air Raid Precautions and the Island's Home Guard.

11am £5 Max 20

Military Museum Ronaldsway

December

Thursday 1st December

Manx Museum Private visit

"Journeys into the Past: Using Manx and other sources to find out more about your family and local history".

Join curator Matthew Richardson as he explores and describes the many unique records held on the Isle of Man (and elsewhere) which can help to shed new light on areas of the past which interest you.

11am Free Manx Museum1 Max 30

Tuesday 6th December

Party time at Castle Rushen: Traditional Twelve Days of Christmas

Time travel back and enjoy the tales, tastes and treats of a Tudor Yuletide. With music and merriment, mince pies and mulled wine to welcome in the festive season.

7.30pm—9.30pm Castle Rushen £15
buffet refreshments Max 60

Saturday 10th December

Christmas Decorations

Workshop with John 'Dog' Callister Try your hand at making traditional Christmas decorations.

Bring sharp secateurs and picnic lunch. Drinks and cake provided. Ballachrink Mill, Santon

10am — 3pm £20 Max 15

January 2012

Wednesday 11th January

Private visit and talk: Manx Aviation & Military Museum / Museum of the Manx Regiment — a second chance to see and hear about the Home Front, Air Raid Precautions and the Island's Home Guard.

11am £5

Military Museum Ronaldsway Max 20

Thursday 19th January

Brewery Tour

Tour the Heron & Brearley Brewery at Kewagie and partake of a glass or two of their "refreshments". Meet at the Brewery which is signposted from the main gate.

7.30-10pm £10 Max 20

Wednesday 25th January

Manx Museum Private visit

'Bishop Wilson's Cabinet of Curiosities' With Chris Weeks

Unlock the secrets of Bishop Thomas Wilson's (1663-1755) cabinet. After recent conservation of the cabinet, we shall explore the remarkable life and turbulent times of the man who owned it. A tale of Restoration England, religious ferment and furniture!

11am Free iMuseum2 Max 30

Thursday 26th January

Dinner at the Abbey Restaurant, Ballasalla with Charles Guard

Filming the Isle of Man — Charles recounts some of the incidents and highlights during 25 years of making films about the Isle of Man. With slides.

7.30pm £25 Max 90

February

Saturday 11th February

'Poetry and Pies'

A relaxed and informal evening. Enjoy a pie supper and listen to the favourite recitations of some well known locals or, better still, bring a poem of your choice to share with the audience.

Ballabeg Church Hall

7pm £12 Max 60

Wednesday 15th February

Manx Museum Private visit

'Skeletons in the Stores' – Allison Fox (MNH Curator)

An insight into the new human remains store at the Manx Museum & discussion of the issues involved.

11am Free iMuseum2 Max 30

Friday 24th February

Murder Mystery Dinner - 'Roman Temple Murder'

Enjoy another Murder Mystery Dinner at Ballasalla Village Hall. (No acting/active participation required). Bring your own wine.

7pm Dinner £20 Max 64

March

Tuesday 13th March

Manx Museum Private visit

"1812 Overture and 1912 Finale" Paul Weatherall (MNH Archivist)

Highlights from Manx Newspapers from the time of Napoleon and the sinking of the Titanic"

11am Free iMuseum2 Max 30

Thursday 15th March

Brewery Tour

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7.30-10pm £10 Max 20

Friday 16th March 2012

John Miller Nicholson 1840 -1913

Nicholson, Ruskin, the state of Venice in the 1880's, and our quest to match pictures from the MNH art collection with their origin in Venice'. with Tony Pass.

2013 is the centenary of the death of John Millar Nicholson, one of the Island's most significant artists. In preparation for the 2013 exhibition and a proposed FMNH expedition to Venice in the Autumn 2012, we will be putting on a series of lectures. This is the first.

11am Manx Museum

Seminar room 1 Free Max 50

Thursday 22nd March

Visit to IOM Observatory with Howard Parkin

"Find out more about the stars above us".

We are fortunate to have the opportunity of another visit to this ever popular venue.

8pm £10 with light refreshments

April

Wednesday 25th April

Secret Gardens of Cregneash

Guided tour of Cregneash with well known horticulturist Cilla Platt. Meet in Farm yard

11am Free Max 20