

The Friends of
Manx National Heritage



Members' Events List
& Volunteer Programme

April - October 2019

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April 2019

Dear Friend,

Despite the recent cold snap, it has been a busy time for the office and we have had a number of fun events and great volunteering outcomes. Right up there must be the day that staff from FMNH corporate members Thomas Miller joined Karen Griffiths to refresh a tired and overgrown piece of ground at Cregneash. Five volunteers worked all day even though the weather was not kind. I am told they also had great fun!!

We staged our annual Murder Mystery dinner and fundraiser in Ballasalla village hall on Friday 29th March. The Suspect Players presented another great whodunnit which required some serious sleuthing by over 70 members. Many thanks to Jane and her team of actors, the audience, and of course the volunteers who helped with the dinner.

On the admin front, we are really trying to cut down the amount we spend on postage. Every mail out is a significant cost. We need to be able to communicate with more members by email, so if you are currently getting your newsletter and events list by post and have an email, do please consider letting us send you things by email. Just contact me on fmnh.njp@manx.net.

All MNH sites are now open so enjoy visiting a site you haven't been to for a while. Castle Rushen particularly has had some big changes. The gardens at Rushen Abbey, Cregneash and the Grove are also worth visiting throughout the seasons.

The digital recording of all the Manx crosses and the results of the scanning, which took place between July and August last year, has been a great success. Manx National Heritage in partnership with the Church and local stakeholders, Lancaster University and a specialist digitisation company has created 3D virtual models of all the Manx Crosses. This amazing digital resource can now be experienced online: <https://sketchfab.com/manxnationalheritage> and on <https://imuseum.im>

In case you are going further afield and visiting York this summer, the necklace of the Pagan Lady of St Patrick's Isle, one of the Island's most treasured archaeological artefacts, is currently on display at the JORVIK centre in York until the end of August. It's a great excuse to take your membership card and see the necklace displayed in the new version of the JORVIK centre.

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the recent training day.

Lastly, I couldn't end this without making mention of the very well-deserved award of the BEM to our Membership Secretary, Mary Bridson. Whilst it is primarily for her voluntary work with St John Ambulance for over 60 years, her citation did also recognize the work she does for FMNH. Congratulations to Mary for such an achievement

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicole', written in a cursive style.

Development and Admin Officer

Members Events Programme Apr - Oct 2019

MAY

Tuesday 14th

Lord Byron: Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know

Lord Byron has never failed to cause a stir, in whatever capacity, in his own period and in the modern day. Suzi Heslan, MNH Librarian, will cover Byron's life in London from his birth, his rise to fame, his infamous affairs, his disastrous marriage and scandalous liaison with his half-sister.

Time: 2pm

Venue: SR1 Manx Museum

Max 50

FREE

Tuesday 21st

Devotion, deemsters and disco – 900 years at Rushen Abbey

There are plenty of stories to tell about Rushen Abbey, from monks searching for a more simple life to tea-dancers finding true love! Come along for a walk round and hear from Allison Fox, MNH Curator, how important the site has been for the people of the Island.

Time: 2.30 – 3.30

Venue: Rushen Abbey

Max 30

FREE

JUNE

Saturday 15th

Visit to The Centre for WW1 Internment, Knockaloe

Six years of incredibly hard work associated with The Centre for WW1 Internment (Knockaloe Visitor Centre) and Internee Database, collating and detailing information on the experience of enemy aliens interned in the British Isles, comes to fruition when the Visitor Centre opens to the public in early summer. We are invited to have an exclusive look around the exhibition, hear about the project and explore the site with the use of the new Knockaloe App.

Time: 10.30

Venue: Centre for WW1 Internment, Knockaloe

Max 50

FREE

Tuesday 18th

Old Onchan

Join MNH Southern Site Manager, Helen Ashcroft, for a guided tour of Old Onchan (Kiondroghad) culminating in Mollie Corrooin's cottage. The tour will encompass Onchan Village Green, St Peter's Church and the site of the former Parish Church, Onchan School's original site and the residencies which formed early Kiondroghad.

Time: 2pm

Venue: Meet by St Peter's Church Max 20 FREE

Saturday 22nd

'Manx Marine Megafauna'

Talk by Bryony Manley from Manx Whale and Dolphin Watch. Learn about the species of whale, dolphin, and porpoise (cetacean) which visit Manx waters each year, how to identify them, the best places to spot them. Find out how Manx Whale and Dolphin Watch, the only organization on the island conducting cetacean research, study these animals and what we have learned about them over our 12 years of work.

Time: 2pm

Venue: House of Manannan Max 50 £3

Save the Date! Sunday 30th June to Saturday 6th July 2019 IOM Flower Festival. FMNH volunteers will be putting their magic touch to Cregneash Village and the Church florists will be decorating the Church as well, so a venue definitely not to be missed.

JULY

Tuesday 2nd

Remembering Remedies.

Jane Prestcott, Herbalist, will take us on a tour of Cregneash and show us what teas can be made from infusing locally picked herbs. With a talk on the benefits to health. Followed by tea and cake.

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Cregneash Max 16 £10

Sunday 7th

Tour of the Round Mounds of the Isle of Man Project.

The Isle of Man is home to over 160 round mounds but very few have been excavated using techniques that have left a detailed and reliable record.

Round mounds are earthen mounds built over human burial sites. They are found throughout the British Isles and in Continental Europe. First appearing in the Neolithic Age around 3500 BC, their use continued in some form into the Bronze Age. The current project led by Dr Rachel Crellin and Dr Chris Fowler, aims to investigate these sites and their associated burials. FMNH has been offered an exclusive site tour with one of the staff, who will also show us around the mounds and talk to us about the finds. Meet at Kirk Michael School at 3.30pm, from there we will group people together to form a car pool to drive the 5mins to the site. From the car park it is a short but steep walk up to the site (it takes 10-15mins).

Time: 3.30pm Venue: Meet at Kirk Michael School Max 30 £3

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Time: 2pm Venue: Meet by St Peter's Church Max 20 FREE

AUGUST

Saturday 3rd

Guided walk at Ballachurry with Karen Griffiths

Originally a piece of arable farmland, the area was first established as a nature reserve in 2007 when work began to convert the land to encourage wildlife.

Time: 2pm Venue: Meet at the New car park at Rushen Church Max: 20 £3

Saturday 3rd

Betty's Pies

Are going to be opening a café in the former Murray's Motor Museum at the Bungalow on the Mountain Road. Come along and see the changes and taste the pies. Vicky Quirk will tell us about her pie making and perhaps even show us some of the secrets of her delicious pies.

Complimentary cider from Benn at the Manx Cider Co on arrival.

2 course meal, BYO wine. *Any special food requirements or allergies please let me know.*

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Bungalow

Max 70

£25

Tuesday 6th

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Time: 12noon

Venue: Meet by St Peter's Church

Max 20

FREE

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7th

Sheep and Wool in the Past, Present and Future

Jim Middleton, from Knockaloe Farm, will give us a guided walk around the farm.

Meet by the Farm house. Please wear sensible footwear

Time: 11am

Venue: Knockaloe Farm

Max 25 £3

Tuesday 24th

The problem with egg collections

Laura McCoy, MNH Curator: Natural History

Laura McCoy is repackaging the MNH egg collection. Not an easy task when some of the specimens are kept in chocolate boxes and biscuit tins, as they were originally collected.

Time: 2pm

Venue: iMuseum1

Max 40

FREE

OCTOBER

Mon 14th

Talk and Gallery Tour

William Hoggatt: Capturing the Light and Shadow

Time: 12noon

Venue: Temp Exhibition Gallery Manx Museum

Max 20

FREE

Saturday 26th

Love Gin!

The co-founders of The Fynoderee Distillery will give a talk about how the business has evolved from launching in the garage at the back of their house, the production process used to create their range of Seasonal Manx dry Gins and other products and also reveal future plans for expanding their range and an update on new premises. Hopefully with samples!

Time: 2pm

Venue: HOM

Max 50

£3

Volunteers needed ...

Can you help?

We are really grateful to all our members who volunteer to help FMNH. Your contribution greatly assists our work and without you we couldn't achieve all that we do. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers.

Please fill in the details below if you would like to give some time to help the work of FMNH. It can be rewarding and fun! More information and times will be confirmed nearer the time of the events.

Name

Address

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PostcodeE-mail

Telephone (Home)

(Work)

(Mobile).....



Please tick the box with any areas you are able to help:

ASSISTING AT FMNH EVENTS

- ☐ Friday 5th July Tynwald Day - assist FMNH in the Trailer
- ☐ Friday 9th August Royal Show – assist FMNH in the Trailer
- ☐ Saturday 10th August Royal Show – assist FMNH in the Trailer
- ☐ Please can I contact you if anything else is needed

Assisting at MNH events

- ☐ Sunday 16th June - Smugglers day Nautical Museum – assisting with games & crafts
- ☐ Sunday 30th June - Strawberries and Cream Tea Dance Rushen Abbey – assisting with refreshments
- ☐ Sunday 25th August – Little People’s Picnic Rushen Abbey – assisting with crafts & games
- ☐ Heritage Open Days
- ☐ 26, 28, 30, and 31st October Turn up for Turnips – Assist in the turnip tent
- ☐ Sunday 27th October Hope tu Naa Festival Assisting with crafts, help in the trailer, checking and helping in the turnip tent
- ☐ Please can I contact you if any other events come up

☐ **Supporting MNH Education Department.**

Assisting with preparation for their Schools workshop days. Anthea runs a great programme and FMNH are delighted to support her. Workshops are at the Manx Museum or House of Manannan. Dates to be confirmed

Gardening at Rushen Abbey, the Grove and Cregneash.

We have had a successful summer with help from many volunteers who have made such a difference to the gardens. We are looking for more volunteers who might be able to give some time to work alongside Philip on a Monday at Rushen Abbey, and on a Friday at The Grove. Philip has exciting plans for improvements at Rushen Abbey and the Grove. Karen is at Cregneash on a Thursday.

- ☐ Rushen Abbey
- ☐ Cregneash
- ☐ The Grove





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Booking Form Apr - Oct 2019

Fill in the booking form and either email Nicola at fmnh.njp@manx.net or return with your cheque, made payable to **FMNH, to: Ballachrink Mill, Santon, IM4 1HE**

NB: to save on postage **WE DO NOT SEND OUT TICKETS**. We will contact you if you are not successful. Events on a "first come, first served" basis.

Name

Address

.....Postcode

E-mail

TelephoneMobile.....

Date	Event	Price pp	No's	Cost
Tue 14th May	Lord Byron	FREE		
Tue 21st May	900 Years Rushen Abbey	FREE		
Sat 15th June	Knockaloe	FREE		
Tue 18th June	Old Onchan	FREE		
Sat 22nd June	Mega fauna	£3		
Tue 2nd July	Remedies	£10		
Sun 7th July	Round Mounds	£3		
Tue 16th July	Old Onchan	FREE		
Sat 3rd Aug	Ballachurry	£3		
Sat 3rd Aug	Betty's Pies	£25		
Tue 6th Aug	Old Onchan	FREE		
Sat 7th Sept	Sheep and Wool	£3		
Tue 24th Sept	Egg Collection	FREE		
Mon 14th Oct	William Hoggatt	FREE		
Sat 26th Oct	Gin	£3		

