



FMNH June 2025 Newsletter

The latest news from FMNH and MNH

Dear Friends,

Welcome to your FMNH June newsletter. I am delighted to bring you updates and news of FMNH Member exclusive events. As always, you can find a full list of Manx National Heritage sites and their opening times on the [MNH](#) website.

FMNH Member Event - June

Thursday 26th June - Conservation of the Manx National Heritage Collections. Go behind the scenes with MNH Collections Conservation Manager Christopher Weeks in the galleries of the Manx Museum. Discover the intricate work involved in preserving some of the Island's most iconic objects and learn about the care that keeps Manx history alive for generations to come. There is a very limited number of places available on this tour, so please let me know asap if you would like to book.



Venue: The Manx Museum. **Time:** 11.00 **Price:** £12 per person plus optional donation to FMNH.

To book: email info@fmnh.im or call Emma on 07624 243806.

FMNH Member Event – July

Monday 28th July - Join us for a special guided tour of the beautiful gardens at **Rushen Abbey** with Philip Payne, Horticultural Manager for Manx National Heritage. Discover how naturalistic planting enhances the historic setting, learn about the carefully selected plant species, and gain insight into the evolving design of this tranquil space. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the gardens in their peak season and hear directly from the horticulturist responsible for their care. A must for gardening enthusiasts, heritage lovers, and anyone looking to experience the gardens in full bloom.



Venue: Rushen Abbey, Ballasalla. **Time:** 2.30pm **Price:** £12 per person plus optional donation to FMNH.

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More Member Events Coming Soon

August: The 1961 TT Races. Relive a legendary chapter in motorcycling history. Curator Matthew Richardson introduces key personalities from the 1961 TT before a special screening of a 30-minute documentary, recently supplied by Honda's own archives. A must for racing fans and history lovers alike.

September: Bride and Jurby Gems. Archivist Wendy Thirkettle delves into the unique histories of Bride and Jurby, using materials from the MNH Library's collections to illuminate the past of these fascinating northern parishes.

Follow us on social media or visit the Friends of Manx National Heritage [website](#) for updates and ticket information.

Volunteers Needed

🌿 **Volunteer with the Friends of Manx National Heritage!** 🌿

The Friends of Manx National Heritage play a vital role in supporting the work of Manx National Heritage -and we couldn't do it without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

We're currently looking for friendly, enthusiastic individuals to assist with several exciting summer events. Whether you can spare a few hours or a few days, your support could make a real difference in helping these events run smoothly and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for visitors.

Can you help?

Please contact **Emma** (state in your email that you're happy for your contact details to be passed on to MNH) if you're available to volunteer at any of the upcoming events:

Saturday 28th June 10-12, at the Grove. Fairy Photography Workshop and Tea Party - Crafting and helping serve afternoon Tea.

Saturday 12th July 11-4 at the Grove. Grove Garden Gathering – Helping with games, crafts, stalls etc.

Saturday 26th July 12-4 at Rushen Abbey. 'Abbeywealth Games' - Judging races, giving prizes.

Sunday 31st August 10-4 at Rushen Abbey. Little People's Picnic - Helping with games, crafts, stalls etc.

Even if you're not free on these specific dates but would like to be part of our volunteer team for future opportunities, we'd love to hear from you. Being on our volunteer list means you'll be the first to know when help is needed throughout the year.

Get involved, meet great people, and help celebrate and protect the unique heritage of the Isle of Man.

✉ To volunteer or learn more, please contact Emma at emma@fmnh.im or 07624 243806.

Thank you for your continued support!

Reciprocal Arrangement – English Heritage

I was recently asked by a member about the Promotional Code required for online booking with a FMNH card for English Heritage sites. After much digging, I found the codes in the 'FAQ' section on their website. Just click on 'Booking Your Visit' and select 'I am an affiliate member' from the dropdown menu.

So that you don't have to search, here's the link: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about/contact-us-and-faqs/visit-faqs/>

Manx Metal Detectorist Discovers Viking Gold in Golden Anniversary of Detecting



The understanding of the Isle of Man's rich Viking legacy has been further enhanced by the discovery of the Island's latest treasure hoard – a rare fragment of gold arm-ring which belonged to a Viking, who lived on the Isle of Man around one thousand years ago. Discovered by metal detectorist Ronald Clucas in spring 2025, the

find dates to around AD 1000-1100. The newly discovered Viking Treasure will go on display in the Viking Gallery at the Manx Museum in Douglas from Saturday 31st May 2025. Find out more [here](#).

Manx National Heritage Forthcoming Exhibitions and Events

Event – Two Day Ukelele Discovery Workshop: 30/07/2025 – 01/08/2025. As part of Manx National Heritage's celebration of the George Formby film 'No Limit' they are working with Mannic Ukers at the [Manx Museum](#) to provide a fun and educational beginners workshops for George's legendary musical instrument the Ukulele. Book on the MNH website: <https://manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/ukulele-discovery-workshop/>

Event - 'No Limit' at 90: 27/07/2025 Step back in time and relive the magic of George Formby's iconic 1935 film, No Limit, as MNH commemorate its 90th anniversary with a special screening at the Manx Museum. Book on the MNH website: <https://manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/no-limit-at-90-a-cinematic-celebration/>

Event - Shakespeare Castle Tour - In August Rushen Abbey and Peel Castle are the venues for performances of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Book on the MNH website: <https://manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/special-event/>

Tour - The Peggy Conservation Facility: See behind the scenes conservation of Peggy: the world's oldest schooner. Book on the MNH website <https://manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/behind-the-scenes-at-the-peggy/>

Tour – Castletown Heritage Sites: Join MNH on a tour of their Castletown heritage sites including the Old Grammar School, the Old House of Keys and the Nautical Museum. Book on the MNH website <https://manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/coming-soon-castletown-heritage-site-tours/>

Old House of Keys Sitings: The Secretary of the House welcomes you to join in the debates on law in this participatory experience. Animated portraits of Keys members and a simulated model of Mr. Speaker bring the debating chamber to life. Book on the MNH website <https://manxnationalheritage.im/shop/product/old-house-of-keys-sittings/>

Please contact Emma emma@fmnh.im or call me on 07624 243806 if you would like any more information about our events and news. I work part time, but if you leave me a message, I will return your call as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

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