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ALL LECTURES ARE HELD IN THE MANX MUSEUM LECTURE THEATRE, DOUGLAS AT 2.30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY TEA

Saturday 11 October

Yvonne Creswell: Archibald Knox: The Man behind the Art

The talk will begin with an overview of the work of Archibald Knox and then concentrate on The Deer's Cry. Yvonne is Curator of Social History at Manx National Heritage.

Saturday 8 November

Pat McClure: A Gift from the 10th Earl of Derby to the People of Castletown

In 1705 James, 10th Earl of Derby, sent a marble altar slab engraved with a gilded inscription to the people of Castletown for use within his chapel. This illustrated talk considers the slab's source and how it was used. Varying periods of use and inactivity over more than 300 years were not always led liturgically but at all times within social and political contexts.

Saturday 6 December

Peter Geddes: Mines of the Isle of Man

This illustrated presentation from above and below ground will discuss the work of the Laxey Mines Research Group, of which Peter Geddes MBE is the Group's Project Planner and former Chairman.

Saturday 10 January

Andrew Johnson: Manx Keeills: A Reassessment of the Physical Remains of Medieval Chapels on the Isle of Man

A century on from the antiquarian activities and enthusiasm of the Manx Archaeological Survey, the keeills are still something of an enigma. Some more recent investigations at a handful of individual sites suggest that a reassessment of the structural remains would be both timely and useful.

Friday/ Saturday 13/14 February

Edward Forbes Bi-Centenary Seminar: A Celebration of Manx Marine Biology and Conservation

An exciting two-day programme of short presentations by speakers who are carrying out marine research and conservation on the Isle of Man and keynote lectures by eminent marine biologists. This seminar will be jointly organised by the Society, MNH and DEFA and as soon as the full programme is finalised it will be posted on the Website and Facebook or please contact Clare Bryan, Hon Secretary for details.

Saturday March 21 at 2 pm:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by ~ Peter Davey: From Turkey to Tanganyika - The Origins and *floruit* of the Laxey Pipe Factory

Tobacco pipes were produced in the Laxey Pipe Factory between 1965 and 2002 and were widely traded. This talk will focus mainly on the nature and economics of its meerschaum products and their place in the history of the exploitation of this mysterious mineral throughout the world. Peter Davey, Honorary Fellow of the University of Liverpool, is former President of L'Academie Internationale de la Pipe and a leading expert on the archaeology of the clay tobacco pipe.

Saturday March 28:

Joe Wolf: A Regional Perspective on State Formation in the Isle of Man 900-1200

This presentation, which builds upon Stephen Driscoll's work on state formation in Scotland, draws upon an analysis of Irish and Norse origins of the Manx assembly traditions, the usage of land, the commonalities between Olaf 1 of Man and David 1 of Scotland and the introduction of a parochial system to the Island. Joe Wolf is a postgraduate student studying Early Irish Law and Assembly Practices at Glasgow University.

Saturday May 9

Symposium on the 250th Anniversary of the Revestment

A one-day multi-disciplinary symposium - further details and application forms will be available in 2015.

**Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st March 2014:
individual reminders will be sent**