

SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES

**BUTE CONFERENCE : SAGAS, SAINTS AND STEWARTS**

THURSDAY 8 - SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2010

**Please note:**

**Most speakers are confirmed, but there may still be some juggling with times and who speaks when.**

**THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010**

**Morning:**

- Arrival; settle into accommodation
- Individual exploration of Discovery Centre & Rothesay

**1300 - 1350 Conference Registration (Pavilion, 1<sup>st</sup> floor foyer)**  
All lectures take place in the Pavilion (small hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Session 1**

- 1400 Welcome  
1415 Angus Hannah Introduction to Bute  
1500 Richard Oram Divine Providence or the Hand Dealt by Nature? Environment and Society in the Inner Firth of Clyde c.1150-c.1650.
- 1545 *Coffee/Tea*
- 1615 Steve Boardman The Stewarts, Bute and St. Brendan  
1700 Tom Turpie A Casualty of War? St. Kentigern and the Bruce/Comyn Conflict
- 1745 *End of Session 1*

**Evening**

- ?1830/1930 Reception hosted by Discover Bute + guided visit to Bute Museum (Bute Museum)  
(c.1¼-1½ hrs) [Time tbc]  
*Dinner (own arrangements) and/or Bar open (?Pavilion)*

**FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010**

**Session 2**

- 0900 Paul Duffy Discover Bute LPS Archaeological Research Project  
0930 Alex Hale Archaeological Landscapes of Bute & Comparable Surrounding Areas
- 1015 *Coffee/Tea*
- 1045 Angus Hannah Pre-Improvement Settlement on Bute  
1115 George Geddes Bute's Early Improvement Period & the Documentary/Archaeological Evidence  
1145 Danny Dutton The 'Scotland's Rural Past' Project on Bute
- 1230 *Lunch*

**Session 3**

- 1315/1330 **Field Visit:** Ascog (salt kiln), Kerrycroy, [Scoulag], Mount Stuart, Dunagoil (St Blane's Church, vitrified forts +/- Black Park stone circle)  
1800/1815 Return from Field Visit  
*Dinner (own arrangements)*

**Session 4**

- 1930/2000 Barbara Crawford The Norse in the West with Particular Reference to Bute  
2015/2045 Ted Cowan The Viking Era In Scottish History  
2100 *Bar open (Pavilion)*

## SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2010

### Session 5

- 0900 Courtney Buchanan Scandinavians in Strathclyde: Multiculturalism, Material Culture and Manufactured Identities in the Viking Age
- 0945 Gilbert Markus The Place-Names of Bute
- 1030 *Coffee/Tea*
- 1100 Andrew Jennings The Finns and the Sea: A Scandinavian Element in the Folklore of the Northern Isles
- 1145 Lizanne Henderson [Aspects of Folklore]
- 1230 *Lunch*

### Session 6

- 1330 **Field Visit:** Rothesay Castle, St Mary's Chapel (+ parish church, Bute mausoleum), Scalpsie (cairns), Straad (St Ninan's chapel), Kilmory Castle, ?St Colmac (cross slab +/- rath)
- 1800/1830 Return from Field Visit
- ?1930 *Conference Dinner (optional): Victoria Hotel* [Time tbc]

## SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2010

### Session 7

- 0900 ?Ian Fisher Bute's Medieval Sculpture
- 0945 David Caldwell The Bute Mazer (with a linguistic postscript by Molly Rorke)
- 1030 *Coffee/Tea*
- 1100 Ralph Mclean Lord Bute as Patron of Scottish Letters
- 1145 [tbc] [tbc]
- 1230 *Lunch*
- 1330 End of Conference/Disperse

**Afternoon:** Individual exploration of Museum, Discovery Centre, Rothesay

#### The conference package includes:

- All lectures
- Morning or afternoon tea/coffee (4 days)
- Light lunch (3 days)
- Two half-day excursions (coach & entrance fees)

#### The conference fee does not cover:

- Travel to/from Bute
- Accommodation (many hotels, GHs and B&Bs nearby)
- Evening meals (various options nearby, but see outline timetable)
- Conference Dinner

**The conference fee is £110 (+ £10 for non-SSNS members); £75 for currently-registered bona fide students. If full fees are not paid at time of booking, please enclose a deposit of £50.** (Some reduction may be available for participants who can stay for only 2 or 3 days; half-day rates will be available for local residents wishing to attend lecture sessions.)

Deposits and conference fees are non-refundable, and all participants are strongly advised to insure against illness and other possible causes for cancellation.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

- **Please complete and sign the enclosed application form, and return it with your £50 deposit or the full fee (£ sterling cheques only please, made out to 'The Scottish Society for Northern Studies')**
- **The balance of the conference fee should reach us no later than 31 March 2010.**
- **Forms and cheques should be sent, please, to:**  
**Alan Calder, SSNS (Bute), c/o Dept. Celtic & Scottish Studies, 27 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD (alancalder@btinternet.com)**

## **TRAVEL:**

### **Public transport:**

- Trains run roughly hourly from Glasgow Central to Wemyss Bay and the ferry terminal (c.50 minute journey), and there are buses from Glasgow's Buchanan Bus Station. Tickets should be booked in the normal way.
- Calmac ro-ro ferries run roughly every 45 minutes from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay (c.35 minute crossing). Tickets, particularly for vehicles, should be booked in advance.

### **Cars:**

- There is no need to take a car across to Bute unless you particularly wish to. Pavilion, Discovery Centre and Museum are all within a few minutes' walk of the pier and each other, and we shall have a coach for the two excursions.
- If you wish to drive to Wemyss Bay, parking is available at the railway station for £3 per day (current rate) - £12 printed on the ticket tells station staff that you have paid for 4 days! There may also be appropriate parking close by/within the town.

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

There is a wide range of accommodation in Rothesay, including hotels, GHs, B&Bs and a hostel. Most are within just 5-10 minutes' walk of the pier and the Pavilion.

- There seems to be no single website listing all accommodation providers.
- You may like to browse the following sites but please note there is no guarantee that websites are up-to-date and you are advised to check details directly with providers:

[www.bestofbute.co.uk](http://www.bestofbute.co.uk)  
[www.bute-gateway.org](http://www.bute-gateway.org)  
[www.isle-of-bute.com](http://www.isle-of-bute.com)  
[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

**We very much look forward to welcoming you to our 2010 conference,  
the first to be held by the Society on Bute.**

I / We apply to attend the 2010 SSNS Bute Conference.

<b>FIRST APPLICANT</b>	<b>SECOND APPLICANT</b>
Surname:	Surname:
First names:	First names:
Full Postal Address:	Full Postal Address:
Post Code:	Post Code:
Tel. No.: Landline (with full STD code):	Tel. No.: Landline (with full STD code):
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email Address (please write clearly):	Email Address (please write clearly):
Institution (where relevant):	Institution (where relevant):
Conference Dinner (£25)? <span style="float:right">Yes / No</span>	Conference Dinner (£25)? <span style="float:right">Yes / No</span>
Any special dietary requirements? (Please list)	Any special dietary requirements? (Please list)
<b>Conference Fee:</b> SSNS Members (£110) £ ..... <b>[OR]</b> Non-SSNS Members (£120) £ ..... <b>[OR]</b> F/T Student (£75) £ .....  + Conference Dinner (please add £25 if opting for this) £ .....  <b>Total fee due:</b> £ .....	<b>Conference Fee:</b> SSNS Members (£110) £ ..... <b>[OR]</b> Non-SSNS Members (£120) £ ..... <b>[OR]</b> F/T Student (£75) £ .....  + Conference Dinner (please add £25 if opting for this) £ .....  <b>Total fee due:</b> £ .....
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Signed:	Signed:
Date:	Date:

If you prefer contact details not to appear on a list of participants, please tick here: .....  
**Please complete & return this form and send deposit or full fee no later than 28 February 2010.**