

SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES

(in association with Glenmorangie and the Finlaggan Trust)

ISLAY CONFERENCE : FROM GALL TO GAEL AND GALLOGLOSS

12–15 April 2012: Bowmore, Isle of Islay

1. Draft Programme (v.2, 14/1/12: detailed timings will be available later)

- Thursday lunch/dinner (own arrangements); settle in & explore Bowmore
- Friday dinner (own arrangements)

THURSDAY 12TH APRIL (19.00-21.30)

Session 1 (The Round Church)

Malcolm Ogilvie	Islay's Landscape and Natural History
John Barber	Prehistoric Settlement Patterns
Margaret Storrie	Islay: Settlement and Society over the Past 300 Years

FRIDAY 13TH APRIL (09.00 - 21.30)

Session 2 (Ardbeg Distillery)

James Fraser	A Kingdom of the Isles? Thoughts on Islay and its Position in pre-Viking Times
Geoff Waters	Christianity during the First Millennium on Islay and Preliminary Conclusions Regarding the Chronology and Classification of the Drystone Chapels
Clare Downham	The Vikings in the Irish Sea

Session 3 (Ardbeg Distillery)

Alan Macniven	What's in a Name? The Viking Invasion of Islay?
Arne Kruse	The Gall Gael

Session 4 (Columba Centre)

David Caldwell	Kings, Castles and Churches
Steve Boardman	The Centre of the Lordship? Finlaggan, Inauguration, and the Council of the Isles
Visits:	Kildalton Chapel & Cross; Dun Nosebridge & Dunyveg Castle (view); Ardbeg Distillery tour

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL (09.00-23.00)

Session 5 (Columba Centre)

Colin Breen	An Archaeology of Lordship and Plantation: the MacDonnells of Ulster and the Isles in the Later Medieval Period
Mark Hall	Gaming, Material Culture and Hybridity: the Kingdom of the Isles at Play
Sean Duffy	Hebridean Galloglass in Late Medieval Ireland: the Scandinavian Legacy
Candice Bogdanský	Nidaros Cathedral, Norway and its North Sea Connections
Ian Grohse	Late Hebridean 'Vikings' in Orkney
Marilyn Brown	Viking Burial Traditions in Argyll and the Inner Hebrides

Session 6 (Columba Centre)

Richard Oram	West Highland Lordship and its Scandinavian Dimension
Alistair Campbell of Airds	A Different Perspective: the Campbells' Involvement in Islay
Visits:	Bruichladdich, Ardnave, Finlaggan + conference dinner & ceilidh (Ballygrant Hall)

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL (09.00-13.00)

Session 7 (Columba Centre)

Alison Cathcart	Islay and its Wider Maritime Context in the Early Modern Period
Audrey Horning	Telling Tales?: Islay and the Archaeology of Goodland, North Antrim
Venke Åsheim Olsen	John Francis Campbell: A Scottish Polymath and his Norwegian Connections
David Sellar	Heraldry in Islay and the Isles

For queries concerning the programme, please contact: Alan Macniven, Scandinavian Studies, University of Edinburgh (e-mail: alan.macniven@ed.ac.uk).

2. Conference Package

The conference package includes:

- All lectures
- Morning or afternoon tea/coffee (3 days)
- Light lunch (3 days)
- Two excursions (coach) and Distillery tour
- Conference Dinner and Ceilidh (excl. drinks)

The conference fee does not cover:

- Travel to/from Islay
- Accommodation (many hotels, GHs and B&Bs nearby)
- Other evening meals (various options in Bowmore)

Conference fee: £150 (+ £20 for non-SSNS members); £100 for currently-registered students.

If full fees are not paid at time of booking, please enclose a non-returnable deposit of £80.

(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 lectures.)

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

3. Applications:

- Please complete and sign the enclosed application form, and return it with your £80 deposit or the full fee (£ sterling cheques only please, made out to 'The Scottish Society for Northern Studies') to reach us no later than 16 March 2012.
- The balance of the conference fee should reach us no later than 30 March 2012.
- Please send completed forms and cheques to:
Alan Calder, SSNS (Islay), c/o Dept. Celtic/Scottish Studies, 27 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD
(alancalder@btinternet.com)

4. Further Information:

Public Transport:

- Scottish Citylink run coaches from Glasgow's Buchanan Bus Station (Campbeltown timetable). Tickets should be booked in the normal way (<http://www.citylink.co.uk/timetables/WINTER11/GLAS2CAMP.pdf>)
- Calmac ro-ro ferries run several times a day from Kennacraig to Port Askaig (c.2 hour crossing). Tickets, particularly for vehicles, should be booked in advance (<http://www.calmac.co.uk/>).

Cars:

- There is no need to take a car across to Islay unless you particularly wish to. Public transport to Bowmore connects with the ferry at both ends, and we shall have a coach for the two excursions and transit between Bowmore, Ardbeg and Ballygrant.
- If you wish to drive to Kennacraig, parking is available at the ferry terminal.

Accommodation:

A wide range of accommodation in and around Bowmore, including hotels, GHs, B&Bs and holiday cottages.

- 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.islayinfo.com; www.ileach.co.uk/accommodation/index.html; www.discoverislay.com;
www.visitscotland.com

Islay Residents:

Local residents are very welcome to participate. Rather than a formal conference fee:

- There will be a £5 per half-day fee for attendance at lectures (payable either in advance or on the day) and an honesty box for teas/coffees.
- Should you wish to join in excursions please organise your own transport and bring a packed lunch (you would pay any entrance fees at the time of the visit).
- Should you wish to attend the conference dinner there will be an additional charge and this will need to be booked at least two weeks in advance. Please contact Alan Calder (details above) and include your contact details.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our 2012 Islay conference.

Please be sure to book your place by 16 March 2012.

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THURSDAY 12 - SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2012

[Please photocopy if you need further forms]

I / We apply to attend the 2012 SSNS Islay Conference.

FIRST APPLICANT	SECOND APPLICANT
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):
Any special dietary requirements? (Please list)	Any special dietary requirements? (Please list)
Conference Fee: SSNS Member (£150) £	Conference Fee: SSNS Member (£150) £
[OR] Non-SSNS Member (£170) £	[OR] Non-SSNS Member (£170) £
[OR] Student (£100) £	[OR] Student (£100) £
Total fee due: £	Total fee due: £
Fee enclosed (£ sterling cheque please): Deposit (£80): £	Fee enclosed (£ sterling cheque please): Deposit (£80): £
[plus] Balance due by 30 March 2012: £	[plus] Balance due by 30 March 2012: £
[OR] Full Fee paid now (by 16 March) £	[OR] Full Fee paid now (by 16 March) £
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 16 March 2012.