



*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to your May newsletter. TT 2026 has begun and the half term holiday is underway; families can enjoy free access to Manx National Heritage sites with their FMNH cards and accompanied children go free!

I'm pleased to offer our members two outdoor events this summer, both taking place in the north of the island. Please see below for details and reserve your place by emailing [hannah@fmnh.im](mailto:hannah@fmnh.im).

### *Tour of the Manx Viking Project*

**Sunday 28th June, 11.00 am at the The Manx Viking Project, Kattegat, Jurby Road, Sandygate IM7 3AG**

Join Chris Hall, Director of the Manx Viking Project (registered charity no. 1362) at Kattegat in Sandygate. Chris is developing the Island's first fully interactive Viking settlement. We'll take a tour of the site in the beautiful Manx countryside; where Chris will tell us about his plans for the Viking village and demonstrate traditional joinery tools. Find out more about the Manx Viking Project at: <https://www.manxvikingproject.com/>.

Tickets are £15 per person, with an optional donation to Friends of Manx National Heritage. There is a maximum of 15 spaces available. To book, please email [hannah@fmnh.im](mailto:hannah@fmnh.im).



Image: the site at Kattegat, Sandygate © Manx Viking Project

## *Tour of the Manx Lavender Farm*

**Sunday 12th July 1:30 p.m. at Berrag Farm, Sandygate, Isle of Man, IM7 3BS**

Join Beverley Williams for a tour of the Manx Lavender Farm in Sandygate, Jurby, and enjoy the scents and sights of the lavender in bloom. See the 7 varieties in the field and learn a little about them, see the lavender essential oil being distilled, have a private visit to the farm's lavender shop including lavender plants for sale. Refreshments (lavender shortbread and lavender lemonade) will be provided.

Tickets are £15 per person, with an optional donation to the Friends of Manx National Heritage. There is a maximum of 30 places available. To book, email [hannah@fmnh.im](mailto:hannah@fmnh.im).



Image: Lavender fields at Berrag Farm, Sandygate © Manx Lavender Farm

## *Call for Volunteers!*

**We're looking for volunteers to help at various Manx National Heritage events over the summer.**

**Can you help? Please get in touch with [hannah@fmnh.im](mailto:hannah@fmnh.im) if you'd like to lend a hand at any of the following events:**

👏 Putting together craft packs on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Manx Museum (there are around 180 craft packs that need assembling)

👏 Two volunteers for Sports Day at the Grove Museum, Ramsey on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July

👏 Two volunteers for Shakespeare at Peel Castle on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July (evening performance)

👏 Two volunteers for Shakespeare at Rushen Abbey on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July (matinee / afternoon performance)



Image: Shakespeare at Peel Castle © Manx National Heritage

**The support of volunteers is crucial to the smooth running of these events and is very much appreciated.**

## *Museum Projects in Focus*

### **Stove Repaired at Church Farm**

The cheery hearth is burning bright once again at Church Farm, Cregneash. The stove and chimney were recently repaired by Village Fireplaces and Stoves Ltd, with financial assistance from Friends of Manx National Heritage. Enjoy a visit to Cregneash this season and see it in action!



Image: the heart of the Manx home at Church Farm, Cregneash

Thanks to all our members for supporting Friends of Manx National Heritage to conserve the cultural heritage and natural environment of the Isle of Man for future generations.

Warmest wishes,

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