



**SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES  
CAITHNESS CONFERENCE  
The Pentland Hotel, Thurso, 11-14 April 2018**



**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**19:00 - Welcome buffet meal**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**09:30 - Session 1**

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**Andrew Conlon, Glasgow, 'A.O. Curle: A Wandering Antiquary in Caithness'**

**Maya Hoole, Historic Environment Scotland, '(Re)Discovering Ava: Research Results from a Chalcolithic/Early Bronze Age Beaker Burial, from Achavanich, Caithness'**

**John Borland, Historic Environment Scotland, 'Pictish and Early Medieval Sculpture of Caithness and Sutherland'**

**Oisín Plumb, University of the Highlands and Islands, "'Beyond the Range of Human Exploration": Cormac and the "North" in the Seventh Century'**

**14:00 - Session 2**

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**Andrea Blendl, UHI Centre for Nordic Studies, 'Rune-Carving in Caithness: Then and Now'**

**Joanne Howdle, Thurso: New Developments at the Museum'**

**16:30-18:30 - Reception at Thurso Museum/Caithness Horizons**

with guided tour by Joanne Howdle, Curator of Collections

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**09:30 - Session 3**

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**Linda Ross, UHI, 'Dounreay, People and Place in Caithness: 1954-65'**

**Catherine Byrne, Wick, 'Stroma, Island Life in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'**

**Muriel Murray, Castletown, 'The Rise and Fall of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Flagstone Industry in Caithness'**

**14:00 - Session 4 - Open to the Public**

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**Andrew Jennings, University of the Highlands and Islands, 'The Other Northern Barbarians: A Trope through Time'**

**Kenny Brophy, University of Glasgow, "'Many stanes": Revisiting the multiple stone rows of northern Scotland'**

**Colleen Batey, University of Glasgow, 'Norse Caithness: An Update'**

**19:00 - Conference Dinner**

## **Saturday 14th April**

### **09:30-16:30 - Coach Tour**

To include Castletown Heritage Centre, Freswick Links and Keiss area broch.

## **CONFERENCE PACKAGE**

The conference package includes:

- All lectures
- Buffet on 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Tea/coffee (2 days)
- Light lunch (2 days)
- Reception on 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Coach excursion with packed lunch

Not included:

- Travel
- Accommodation (see below)
- Conference dinner

**Conference fee: £135 (£155 for non-SSNS members); £50 for registered students.**

**Conference dinner (including wine/ soft drinks): £30**

(A fee reduction may be available for participants who cannot attend the full conference. For further information, please email Linda Riddell at linda@4ql.co.uk)

**Please note:** Deposits and fees are non-refundable, and 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 deposit or fee (£sterling cheques only please, made out to 'The Scottish Society for Northern Studies') to reach us no later than 19th March 2018.
- The balance of the conference fee should reach us no later than 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- Please send completed forms and cheques to:  
**Scottish Society for Northern Studies (Caithness Conference), c/o Scandinavian Studies, 50 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LH**

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

The Pentland Hotel (01847 895103) have agreed a Conference Rate of £50 single/£80 double occupancy B and B. Bookings to be made directly, quoting SSNS Meeting

Other options in Thurso include:

Airbnb

The Inn at Y-Not (B and B) 01847 892272

Pentland Lodge (B and B) 01847 895103

Murray House (B and B) 01847 895759

Station Hotel 01487 892003

The Park Hotel 01847 893251

**We very much look forward to welcoming you to our 2018 Caithness conference.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE BY 19TH MARCH.**

**SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR NORTHERN STUDIES:  
WEDNESDAY 11 - SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018**

**APPLICATION FOR CAITHNESS CONFERENCE**  
(Please photocopy if additional forms are required)

<b>FIRST APPLICANT</b>	<b>SECOND APPLICANT</b>
Surname:	Surname:
First names:	First names:
Full Postal Address:	Full Postal Address:
Post Code:	Post Code:
Landline (with full STD code):	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)
<b>Conference Fee:</b> SSNS Member (£135) Or Non-SSNS Member (£155) Or Student (£50) <b>Fee due: (BY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH)</b> £ .....	<b>Conference Fee:</b> SSNS Member (£135) Or Non-SSNS Member (£155) Or Student (£50) <b>Fee due: (BY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH)</b> £ .....
<b>Fee enclosed</b> Deposit (£80):                      £ ..... Or Full Fee                              £ .....	<b>Fee enclosed</b> Deposit (£80):                      £ ..... Or Full fee                              £ .....
Signed:	Signed:
Date:	Date:

If you prefer contact details not to appear on a list of participants, please tick here

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