

# The Building Limes Forum Newsletter

*The forum is a platform for the exchange of members' views about lime; it has no views of its own*

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. This newsletter has notice of a three-day lime event on the Isle of Man in May, advance notice of the 2020 Conference and Gathering at Exeter, an article about the use of lime at the practical archaeology project at Guedelon in France, how you can be more involved in the BLF, the usual news and notices, and a poem by Michael O'Reilly.

## Traditional Buildings Weekend

*30 April, 1st and 2nd May*

*Douglas, Isle of Man*



Following the Earth and Lime seminar in York in June 2019 and recent encouragement from the Conservation Forum IOM for more support for traditional buildings, a three-day CPD event has been arranged by Ashley Pettit for Douglas on the Isle of Man. The proposed programme is:

**Thursday 30 April:** afternoon/evening lecture programme to examine the challenges facing traditional buildings and the options available to adapt them for a harsher climate. Speakers include Craig Frew on Climate Change, Roz Artis, on the recently published Technical Paper on Lime Finishes, Feile Butler, Architect working in Ireland, on traditional buildings, Zoe Sawbridge on upgrading traditional buildings, Chris Callow on the history and abandonment of tholtans (abandoned farmsteads), Alex Gibbons on earth building and traditional structures in France and Europe.

**Friday 1 May:** Alex Gibbons to speak to and then work with group using clay mortars based at Close Leece farm. A parallel event at Ballagraingey Farm will include using hemp/lime renders to improve thermal performance of stone structures with Feile Butler or Zoe Sawbridge. We can also provide an update on the use of hot mixed mortars in specifications.

**Saturday 2 May:** a walk around Sulby Area looking at abandoned buildings in the landscape and consider possible conservation. The day to conclude with a tram ride back from Snaefell to Douglas via Laxey Wheel to catch the ferry home. There is a Viking festival on Peel beach in the afternoon.

There is nothing planned for the Sunday but those who wish to stay would be entertained.

Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities to join visits arranged for IHBC members attending Thursday's lectures and staying to visit the Island. These will include a guided tour of a Matcham theatre on Friday morning, a camera obscura and a Baillie Scott town house under renovation by Manx National Heritage.

Participants will need to organise their own accommodation. Douglas is a holiday resort and offers accommodation to suit all budgets and we are encouraging people attending the weekend to book in the Peel area, where we can assist with finding accommodation.

The cost of the event will be £180 (£60 per day) for BLF and IHBC members. A booking form is enclosed. Bursaries will be available for those in the early years of their conservation/lime career, those who are self-employed, and those on a low income. Apply to the Administrator.



*Images of Tholtans by Ashley Pettit*



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**Traditional Building Weekend**  
**30 April, 1 & 2 May 2020**  
**Douglas, Isle of Man**  
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Lead Name (to whom all correspondence will be sent):.....  
*Give names as you would like them to appear in the delegates' list*

Names of others included in this booking.....

Email:.....  
*Where an email address is given, all correspondence, including acknowledgement, will be sent by email.*

Mailing Address: .....

Postcode..... Tel.....

Dietary and other requirements.....  
*When this is left blank, we shall assume you will eat anything reasonable and that you do not require special arrangements for access.*

*Participants will need to organise their own accommodation and dinners. Douglas is a holiday resort and offers accommodation to suit all budgets*

**Bursaries.** The Building Limes Forum can offer a number of free or reduced price places for those who would otherwise find attendance financially difficult. Please send a note of your circumstances and, if possible, the name of somebody to vouch for you to the BLF Administrator at [admin@buildinglimesforum.org.uk](mailto:admin@buildinglimesforum.org.uk)

I/We wish to book

<b>Traditional Building Weekend, Isle of Man</b>	BLF & IHBC Members		Others		Total
	Cost	No	Cost	No	
3-day (30 Apr-2May)	£180	.....	£200	.....	£.....
Thursday 30 April	£60	.....	£60	.....	£.....
Friday 1 May	£60	.....	£75	.....	£.....
Saturday 2 May	£60	.....	£75	.....	£.....

Methods of payment: Total due: £ .....

- Bank transfer. CAF Bank Ltd, Sort code 40-52-40, Account no 00010117, Building Limes Forum  
 For payments from outwith the UK: IBAN GB59CAFB40524000010117, SWIFTBIC: CAFGB21XXX  
 Bank charges to be paid by remitter
- Cheque or money order in pounds sterling made payable to *The Building Limes Forum*
- Credit or debit card. Please go to [www.buildinglimesforum.org.uk/pay-on-line](http://www.buildinglimesforum.org.uk/pay-on-line) and pay using PayPal (personal PayPal account not required)

Due to the Forum's contractual obligations, cancellations will attract an administration fee:

- Cancellations received more than 14 days before the event 20% of the fee (80% refund);
- Cancellations received 14 days or fewer before the event will be charged at the full rate (no refund).

**Please return to the BLF Administrator at the address below  
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