

Winter Lectures 2019

A.K. Bell Library Perth
10.30 coffee, 11am start

Masterpieces of Scotland's Early Silver from National Museums Scotland

For a thousand years it was silver, not gold, which was used to display power, taste and connections in early Scotland. In this series of talks, researchers from National Museums Scotland will convey the remarkable story of silver from the Roman period to the beginnings of medieval Scotland, illustrated with treasures from national collections.

Thursday, 17 January 2019

From Classical silver to Celtic art – *Dr Fraser Hunter*

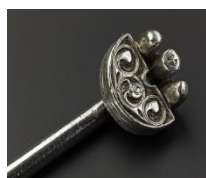


Silver objects first reached Scotland with the Roman armies, and had a lasting impact on local societies. This talk will trace the first 500 years of silver's story in Scotland, from bribes of silver coins to fine Roman tableware. 2019 marks the centenary of the discovery of the Traprain Treasure, a late Roman silver hoard of international importance, and the talk will include the latest insights on this find.

(Detail of a Roman dish from the Traprain Treasure, East Lothian, © National Museums Scotland)

Thursday, 24 January 2019

Silver in early Medieval art – *Dr Martin Goldberg*



Relations with the Roman Empire dictated the supply of silver, and after Rome (AD 400–800) supplies dwindled. This premier material for expressing status, power and belief became a diminishing resource that needed to be carefully hoarded, managed and re-cycled. National Museums Scotland has been leading an international network of scholars investigating the role of silver in this critical transition from Late Roman to early Medieval Europe, and the masterpieces made from this powerful material.

(Decorated Pictish pinhead, Norrie's Law, Fife, © National Museums Scotland)

Thursday, 31 January 2019

Silver and the making of Scotland – *Dr Adrián Maldonado*



The Vikings are known for their raids, but they also opened Scotland to trade networks spanning the known world. The influx of high purity silver from Byzantium and the Near East helped spur the dramatic changes which led to the formation of the kingdom of Scotland. This talk will showcase some of the treasures of the period 800–1200, from Viking hoards of hacksilver to the first coins minted in Scotland.

(Decorated terminal of a Viking brooch, Skaill, Orkney, © National Museums Scotland)

Cost £25 per person (members only) for the course of 3, including coffee on arrival

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OR by email to tastwinterlectures@gmail.com stating your name(s) and number of tickets required and paying by BACS to Sort Code 83-15-35, Account number 00103492, Ref - first 3 letters of your surname + your postcode (eg COXPH139JL). We regret there will be no refunds after 9 January unless the place(s) can be filled.

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