

Arrival of Christianity

The Chronicles of Man

The Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles is a Medieval Latin manuscript, which tells some of the early history of the Isle of Man.

The main part of the manuscript is believed to have been written by 1262 AD at Rushen Abbey on the island. The Chronicles look back from 1016 AD, over significant events in Manx history. They record events from 1000 AD to 1316 AD and record the Island's place as the centre of the Kingdom of Man and the Isles.

For example, the Chronicles tell us that Olaf II, the great grandson of Godred Crovan, was buried at Rushen Abbey in 1237 AD. Entries for the earlier years are much shorter than those towards the end, as people could remember events closer to their own time in history and could write more detail about these.



Did you know that there are at least 10 different handwriting styles in the Chronicles, so we know that at least 10 different monks wrote it! If you look closely you may even see some of the monk's doodling!

Can you practice writing in 10 different styles?

