

The Colonsay and Oransay Heritage Trust

# Writing the History of Colonsay

Colonsay Community Hall  
27 June 2015 10.30 – 6.30

John de Vere Loder's book *Colonsay and Oransay in the Isles of Argyll* was published in 1935 and remains an essential guide to the islands and their history. On the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its publication the Colonsay and Oransay Heritage Trust is sponsoring a workshop to discuss the significance of Loder's work, and how later work has deepened our understanding of the history of the islands. Contributors will include:

Prof Steven Mithen (University of Reading, author of *To The Islands*) on Colonsay and Oransay in prehistory

Richard Hill, on the life and times of John Loder

David Jardine, author of *The Birds of Colonsay and Oransay*, on Loder's Bird List

Prof Colin Breen (University of Ulster) on recent archaeology on Colonsay

Dr James Petre (UHI) on the Lordship of the Isles, and research since Loder's work

Alastair Scouller, Gaelic scholar, on John Loder's debt to the work of Murdoch McNeill

Tanis Hinchcliffe, on the McNeill Lairds of Colonsay in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries

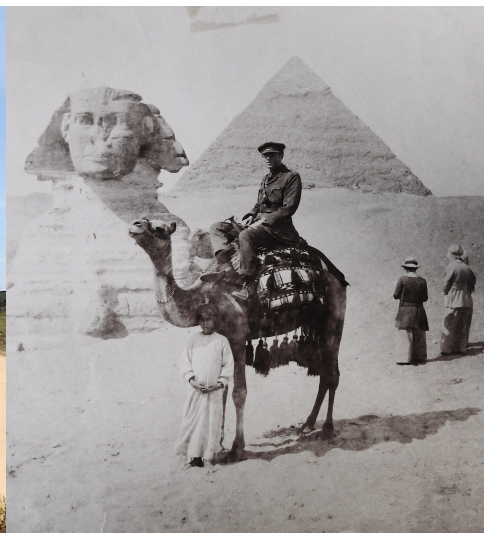
We invite friends of Colonsay and Oransay, and all those interested in the history of the islands, to join us. The cost, including refreshments and lunch, will be £7. For registration and further information email [r37hill@btinternet.com](mailto:r37hill@btinternet.com). For more information about the Heritage Trust and for details of accommodation, facilities and attractions on the islands visit [www.colonsay.org.uk](http://www.colonsay.org.uk) .

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Capt John Loder in in Egypt 1916



Oransay Priory

