

VISBY 1361 REVISITED

A one-day symposium on new
research on the Battle of Visby and
the mass graves from Korsbetningen



Saturday 8th November 2025
10:00 – 15:00

Visby 1361 Revisited

Gotlands Museum will host a one-day symposium which will highlight some of the new research being undertaken on the Danish invasion of 1361, the Battles of Mästerby & Visby, and the victims of armed conflict buried at Korsbetningen. We will discuss new insights into the history of the battle and events leading up to it, and breathe life back into the bodies of the victims. We will talk about how we can reconstruct who was buried at Korsbetningen, how they died, and why the bodies were buried in mass graves – with many victims still dressed in their armour.

SCHEDULE

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and introductions – Pat Randolph-Quinney (Uppsala University)

Session 1 (talks in Swedish)

10:15 – 10:30 Historical context of the Danish invasion. Mikael Norrby (Uppsala University)

10:30 – 10:45 The Battle of Mästerby. Maria Lingström (Uppsala University)

10:45 – 11:00 The great Ringmur of Visby. Christoph Kilger (Uppsala University)

11:00 – 11:15 Q&A panel discussion

COFFEE BREAK

Session 2 (talks in English)

11:45 – 12:00 The grim reality of medieval warfare. Tony Pollard (University of Glasgow)

12:00 – 12:15 The bioarchaeology of battle trauma. Jo Buckberry (University of Bradford)

12:15 – 12:30 Treatment and burial of the dead. Pat Randolph-Quinney (Uppsala University)

12:30 – 12:45 Q&A panel discussion

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Session 3 (talks in Swedish)

13:30 – 13:45 Who was buried at Korsbetningen? What ancient DNA can tell us.

Anders Götherström (Stockholm University)

14:00 – 14:15 Crossbows or clubs? The experimental archaeology of 1361 battle trauma.

Ronja Bågling (Uppsala University)

14:15 – 14:30 Remaking the weapons of mass destruction. Peter Johnsson (Swordsmith)

14:30 – 14:45 What next for 1361? Thomas Njeiman (Stockholm University)

14:45 – 15:00 Q&A panel discussion



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