

the inter-disciplinary study of Nordic subjects, and the enthusiasm and erudition of the contributors to *Scots in the Baltic* certainly seem to justify this optimism.

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'The Vikings'. Proceedings of the Symposium of the Faculty of Arts of Uppsala University, June 6–9, 1977, edited by Thorsten Andersson and Karl Inge Sandred. Paperback, 176 pp.

This is a well-produced booklet containing the papers read at one of six symposia arranged by the Faculty of Arts of Uppsala University to mark the 500th Anniversary of the University. This particular symposium was an interdisciplinary one devoted to the Vikings.

After an introduction by the President of Iceland, Kristján Eldjárn, the papers are divided into three groups.

1. Scalds and Ships. Viking Seamanship in the Light of Literature and Archaeology.
2. Scandinavian Influence on Language and Place-Names in the British Isles.
3. Viking Society in Scandinavia. Evidence of Settlement and Administration.

All the papers, with one exception, are in English. Of particular interest, especially to your reviewer, is the second section, with papers by Kenneth Cameron, Margaret Gelling, Gilliam Fellows Jensen and our own Angus MacIntosh. These cover a wide range of studies, from 'Place-Name Evidence for Scandinavian Settlement in the Danelaw: A Re-assessment', by Dr. Fellows Jensen to 'Norse and Gaelic in Mediaeval Man: the Place-Name Evidence' by Dr. Gelling. In Section 1, well-known Scandinavian scholars like Professor Peter Foote, Peter Sawyer and Ole Crumlin-Pedersen have contributed papers on various aspects of the Scandinavian sea-culture, while Section 3 is devoted to a variety of topics such as 'Some Problems in the

History of the Settlement of Iceland' by Jakob Benediktsson of the Icelandic National Dictionary, and 'Trade Problems in the Viking Age' by the redoubtable Curator of the Museum of Antiquities at the University of Oslo, Dr. Charlotte Blindheim.

This is a particularly useful book, covering many aspects of study, by a group of distinguished Scandinavianists. It is available from the distributors, Almqvist & Wiksell, Gamla Brogatan 26, Box 62, 101 20 Stockholm 1, Sweden, at 75 Swedish Kroner (quote ISBN 91-554-0706-4).

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