AGM 2018 venue announced

Bragdøya is a small island outside of Kristiansand in the southern part of Norway.

Time: from Friday 25. May till Sunday 27. May 2018

Accommodation: we think everyone may be able to stay on the island in houses/tents or in boats.

More information later on both www.sparkmanstephens.info and www.sparkmanstephensuk.info

Bragdøya has been owned by the municipality of Kristiansand since 1969 when they bought it with a government grant as a public open space. It was purchased with the requirement that the islands would be a recreational space for the city. During the summer, the island is used as grazing land for sheep.

For centuries, Bragdøya has been inhabited. "Siffuord Bragdøen" is mentioned in written sources as owner from 1610 and onwards. The first manor house in Kristiansand was built in Bragdøya around 1770 for the family of Henrik Arnold Thaulow. Thaulow was the grandfather of Oscar Wergeland, Henrik Wergeland, and Camilla Collett, and his grandchildren spent time on the island during the summers. There are several older cottages on the island.

In 1915, two large warehouses were built on the west side of Bragdøya where mackerel was salted and packed for export. The business did not go particularly well, however, and in the inter war period the business was ended.

Kind regards

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