CCASNC 2026:
Women and the Weird

We are delighted to announce that the call for papers for the Cambridge Colloquium in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic 2026 is now open. This year's theme is '**Women and the Weird**', and our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Carolyne Larrington**. The conference will be held on **Saturday, 21st February 2026**, at the Faculty of English, 9 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DP.

The 2026 colloquium especially welcomes papers that focus on a range of topics relating to the marginal and the mysterious. Our theme came out of our interest in the scholarly movement towards examining obscure figures, places and events that haven't received the attention they deserve. Papers examining women's roles both historical and literary, magic, the supernatural, and anything that does not fit conveniently within a (patriarchal) society are also of interest. We hope that this year's colloquium will offer new discussions of aspects of early medieval Britain, Ireland and Scandinavia that have previously escaped scholarly attention.

Topics might include:

Conceptualising the weird
Transgressive, Other, or marginalised femininity
The role of queens and aristocratic women
The Weird, magical, and mysterious in medieval archaeology
Ritual and the supernatural
Conceiving the boundaries of society…and their transgressions!

We invite graduate students and recent graduates to present **20-minute papers** on any of the above topics and beyond – we'd like to encourage our speakers to be as imaginative as they like with the theme. In order to apply, **please email an abstract of no more than 250 words to ccasnc@gmail.com** with subject line "Abstract for CCASNC 2026 [Last Name]" by **midday on the 10th November 2025**. Don't forget to include your paper title (you can change it later if you want), and a short biographical note.

We welcome submissions for hybrid presenting – please indicate whether you expect to be able to attend in person in your email. Further details and registration link will be posted on our website and social media.

Isidore of Seville's *Etymologiae*, *De aetatibus hominum* (St. Gallen, Stiftsbibliothek, Cod. Sang. 237 (?, s. ix), p.181)