Half time seminar: Marieke Ivarsson-Aalders

Growing up on Gotland – A Bioarchaeological Approach to Viking Age Childhood

In this seminar – which will be held in English – I will present how far I have come with my ongoing research project focussing on Viking Age childhood. This project investigates how children were perceived and how childhood was experienced during the Viking Age on Gotland, based on osteoarchaeological (or bioarchaeological) methods. I will begin this presentation by providing a short recap of my main aims, before continuing with the theoretical framework and the challenges I have encountered regarding childhood studies. I would then like to present the materials I have chosen to work with and here I will concentrate foremost of the Ihre grave field, located between Stora and Lilla Ire in Hellvi *socken*. The bioarchaeological methods I use for this research will also be presented, and I would like to end this presentation by sharing some of the preliminary results and by discussing what I have left to do.