

## The Cromlach

The Cromlach is an ancient sacred site to the gods of the original inhabitants of Llum, built over 4000 years ago. It is bordered by fens and low, but rugged hills. The stones are up to 12' high, of pink granite, except the sacrificial altar of white granite. The circle has been left to the ravages of nature, and quite a few of the massive stones have fallen, so that only three trilithons remain. The circle surrounds a raised barrow, of more recent origin, about 1500 years ago. It is deemed to contain the final resting place of Donall O'Trumliff, the legendary Pendragon who held the island free of invaders, the ancestors of the current inhabitants of Llum. He was merciless to his foes, and meted out horrifically sadistic executions to his enemies. As a result of his villainy, he was rejected by his people, and rebellion resulted. He made a last stand against the invaders and the rebels, only to fall while his men triumphed on the field. He was spirited away by his grieving housecarls, and buried in the circle of Cromlach, which was subsequently filled with traps.

For a while, his tomb was the site of pilgrimage, but when 100 years later, the invaders from the mainland successfully conquered Llum, the site was closed down, and the entrance blocked by rubble.

Later, St Locumbin and his followers founded a monastery, later and Abbey on the north of the island. Locumbin himself investigated the tomb. On his return, he was described as trembling, his features ashen, and his hair turned white. He ordered the entrance sealed by a heavy monolith, which was removed only recently by a band of foolhardy adventurers, who themselves came to a tragic end. What did the saint find there? And why did he seal the tomb? These secrets are known only to the Abbot and his chosen successor.