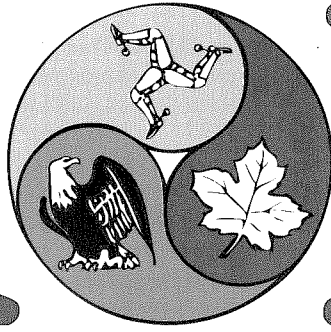


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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." *TE Brown*

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## Memories of the Island

by Karen Luna Ray

June 1993 found our family group, ten in number, enroute to the Isle of Man in search of a place called Ballagilley.

According to family history passed from generation to generation in each branch of our family, our forefather, Robert Looney, who arrived here during the 1700s, and was the first Looney in America, came from Ballagilley on the Isle of Man.

It was love at first sight of the island for us. Maybe the feeling of pride we felt came from knowing we could claim this beautiful place as part of our heritage.

Upon inquiry at the Tourist Bureau in Douglas, we were given general directions to Ballagilley. Riding the electric tram was an experience in itself. Disembarking at the Cornaa stop, we set out for our walk to Ballagilley in the brisk air.

Not knowing exactly where we were going, you can imagine our surprise when we stopped at a farmhouse to make inquiry for further directions to Ballagilley and were met with the response, "Oh, are you Looneys?"

Mr Quayle introduced himself and after telling us he was also the descendant of a Looney, he offered to walk with us to Ballagilley. He showed us around the grounds, pointing out the remains of the old house as well as the boundaries. He also told us the Maughold Church and Cemetery were where many of our Looney relatives lie at rest.

It is an awesome feeling, standing on ground that your forefathers trod upon hundreds of years before. It gives you a sense of belonging and I believe each of us felt it that day.

The most we had hoped for was to get a glimpse of Ballagilley, if we could find it at all, and the excitement over meeting a relative was just too much. As he said evie (goodbye in Gaelic) and we waved goodbye, we know our trip just couldn't get any better.

We rode the bus on into Ramsey in order to catch the electric tram back to Douglas. As we were browsing through one of the many shops, one of our group was approached by a lady asking if we were Looneys. It seems Mr Quayle had called his sister, Mrs Alexander, to tell her about our group coming by, so she set out to find us in Ramsey. She located us by our bright clothing. Until then, we hadn't realized that our brightly colored clothing practically screamed Tourist.

We enjoyed our time spent with our new found relative. After sharing a meal, she showed us around Ramsey and pointed out where we could purchase lovely watercolors of Maughold Church.

The last electric tram departing Ramsey that day for Douglas found our tired but elated group aboard, waving goodbye to Mrs Alexander as she watched the tram pull away.

The following day began with a visit to the Manx Museum in Douglas, which provides one with a wealth of information about the Island and its early inhabitants and should be a must on any visitor's itinerary.

Stopping by the Museum's Gift Shop, we purchased a book Mrs Alexander had told us about, entitled "A History of Kirk Maughold", by William and Constance Radcliffe. The book gives information on farms and families in Kirk Maughold and makes mention of the Looney family and Ballagilley, as well as many others. (While reading the list of persons attending the 1994 Convention I notices these names

mentioned in the above book: Kelly, Quayle, Corkill, Christian, Callow, Cashin, Creer, Skillicorn, and Caine. In case any of these persons would be interested, the book can be purchased at the Manx Museum for £7.75.)

Despite a bus strike, we managed to hire taxis to take us to Peel Castle for a tour of this historical monument. The drivers, giving us a running commentary, also took us to visit Tynwald Hill, the site where the Viking custom of meeting to proclaim new laws still takes place each July 5th. They told us of the Witch of Slieu Whallin, pointing out what is known as Slieu Whallin's Mountain near Tynwald.

Back to Douglas for an evening meal of fish and chips, we retired early to ready ourselves for an early flight the next morning.

Crossing the Fairy Bridge enroute to the airport, we waved goodbye to the fairies, all the while comparing notes about our visit.

After our return to the US we learned through correspondence with Mrs Alexander that two more groups of Looneys visited the Island in the Summer of 1993, both of which were also looking for Ballagilley. Oddly enough, we were all from different branches of the Looney family and none of us knew the other.

I hope to visit the Isle of Man again one day but until then memories of my first visit will stand me in good stead.



## IOM Pubs

If you are planning a visit to the Island, you might be interested to learn that eighteen IOM pubs are featured in the 1995 edition of the beer drinker's bible, the Campaign for Real Ale's Good Beer Guide. It is not just a guide but a good

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read—it contains sections identifying the cause of a bad pint, brewing history and the law as it affects pubs.

The guide's editor says the pubs are selected on consistent beer quality, character, and welcome. They are surveyed by local pub-goers, not one-visit inspectors.

In Douglas, the Samuel Webb, Marina Road, a popular town centre pub makes its first appearance. Other Douglas pubs include the 'straightforward local' Albert on Chapel Row; the 'back street' Foresters Arms, St George's Street; the 'homely' Old Market Inn, Chapel Row; the 'very popular' Terminus Tavern; and the Tramshunters Arms, Harris Promenade, 1993 IOM pub of the year.

In the south of the Island, pubs mentioned include Whitestone Inn, Ballasalla, 'convenient for all forms of transport'; the Castle Arms (Glue Pot), Castletown, 'with a strong nautical theme' and the Albert, Port St Mary, 'popular with sailors and locals'.

Moving west, the Farmers Arms, St John's, 'a comfortable old agricultural pub' and the Whitehouse, Peel, IOM first pub of the year in 1992, were both mentioned.

The Raven, Ballaugh, is described as 'tastefully modernised' and Sulby Glen Hotel as 'displaying TT memorabilia'.

On the east side of the Island, Ramsey's Britannia and Trafalgar are both recommended. The Mines Tavern, former home of Laxey miner's Captain Rowe, gets mentioned for a MER tram and mining memorabilia. The New Inn, Laxey, is noted for its 'friendly clientele and welcoming landlord'.



Finally, the Liverpool Arms, Onchan is described as 'a typical Manx country pub'.

It sounds like there must be a pub for everyone's taste!

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, November 8, 1994.  
News Flash!

Six of the Island's hotels and three local restaurants got honorable mention in the 1995 Michelin Red Hotel Restaurant Guide to Great Britain and Ireland.

They are the Silverburn Lodge in Ballasalla, Castletown Golf Links Hotel, the Chablis Cellar in Castletown, the Glen Helen Swiss Chalet, Kerrowmoar House at Sulby, and the Empress, Stalkis, Sefton and Admiral House hotels in Douglas.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, February 2, 1995.



## Manx Products

The following information has been received by the Bulletin editors. We believe that the information has also been sent to representatives of local societies.

### The Manx Experience

In case you are not familiar with our company, "The Manx Experience" is an Isle of Man owned publishing company specializing in the production of books, calendars, seasonal cards, notelets, etc all with a distinct Isle of Man theme. The company was originated by Gordon Kniveton some thirteen years ago and my wife and I acquired it three months ago. It is our pleasure to report that Gordon is to stay with the company as consultant.

Kindest regard,

Colin Brown

(PS I believe my late uncle and aunt, Horace and Ina Brown were both members of your Society)

The enclosed flyer listed a number of excellent offerings from this company. Items that the editors have purchased and enjoyed include: The Manx Experience Souvenir Guide (a wealth of information about the Island), £2.95; The Isle of Man in Colour (beautiful photos), £1.95; Lady Isabella-the official guide, £2.50; Here is the News (an illustrated Manx history), £13.95 hardcover and £9.95 softcover; and Manx Fairy Tales by Sophia Morrison, £6.95.

There are a number of other interesting titles available, both for adults and children. Check with your society contact person or write to: "The Manx

Experience", 45 Slieau Dhoo, Tromode Park, Douglas, Isle of Man; telephone: 01624 627727 or Fax 01624 663627.

### Manx Artist

I am a Manx artist and graphic designer specializing in both watercolour and acrylic landscapes of the Isle of Man. The enclosed leaflet will give you more details about the full range of my work.

My work has been selling successfully on the Island, and some of my paintings are currently being reproduced in the form of Christmas cards and desk top Calendars. Painting is my career, so I am ever conscious of the need to explore new outlets for my work and expand my horizons.

Aigh Vie,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Parker

The enclosed booklet describes his art for the office, tranquil and relaxing landscapes of the Island; mural painted illusions for the home; personal stationery with colour line and wash painting; and various designs and illustrations including leaflets, poster, post cards, brochures, and logos.

For more information contact:



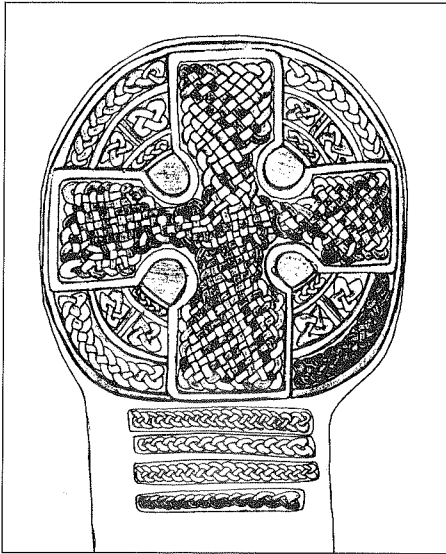
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## St Adamnan's Church Ballakilly, Lonan

By Ingrid Standish

In a quiet corner on the Isle of Mann, lies the tiny hamlet of Ballakilly, Lonan. There is a secluded spot where the land rises gently to form a low hill covered with thick grass that waves and sighs as the freshening evening breeze moves through. With the approach of dusk the birds in nearby trees have ceased their singing, only occasionally bursting forth with a sharp call in the stillness that permeates every-



The Lonan Wheel Cross

thing. An old and weathered fence, its silvered boards hanging together loosely, surrounds a quiet country church yard. Wire strands in the fence have broken free and wave vine-like tendrils like thin ghostly arms, and seem to beckon the visitor inside the enclosure.

A rugged sentinel of rough hewn stone guards the approach to hallowed ground. The Lonan Wheel Cross, standing over eight feet tall, is a megalith that has withstood both time and the elements. Its presence here is a towering reminder of faith; it speaks without voice of a time and place when the symbols that spill from its head were understood and honored. The ground in which the Lonan Cross is embedded has shifted with the ages and now tilts slightly toward the small stone church.

On the spot where now the church of St Adamnan's rests, the first 'keill' was erected in the middle years of the fifth century by traveling monks. Later, other chapels were built and the remains of one constructed during the 12th century is here. Still later, the present chapel was erected so that now one sees both the ruins of the ancient church and the 'modern' house of worship. The ruins of the old chapel form a protective entrance to the newer and invite the visitor to pause, to reflect, and to turn aside from daily cares. Footsteps are hushed as one walks on spongy soil and the roving eye notices clusters of wildflowers that have taken hold, clinging from the old walls with a tenacity that bewilders and delights.

In ancient times, pagans come to this place to honor the spirits that dwelled nearby. A well was present and legend has

it that to drink of its waters insured the pilgrim would be restored to a healthy state, both in body and in soul. In those far distant times, Mann was known as Innis Falga, the Noble Isle, and was ruled by the powerful God Manannan mac Lir. It was said that he had many magic powers and could command the very heavens to do his bidding. He often caused heavy mists to form and enshroud the island keeping it safe from invaders. His powers also included the ability to make a single man appear to his enemies as an army host.

Between the small 'new' church and the ruins of the old one, grey slabs of stone have been carefully gathered from the burial grounds and placed in orderly rows. Some with intricately carved symbols, others with almost illegible words, dusted with lichen, bear witness to the fact that many departed spirits hover. The beauty of the flowing designs have the power to invoke a magic as strong as any induced by ancient shamans. It is impossible to resist the lure of the past here. Fingers trace the enmeshed patterns as one's imagination opens and whispers of long ago echo in one's mind.

With the arrival of the Culdees, Irish missionaries, around 447 AD the pagan folk that inhabited the Isle of Mann were fairly rapidly converted to Christianity and hundreds of keills were built. Even the name of the island was changed to reflect the new spirit, the new thinking. Chroniclers of that time renamed Mann Ellan Sheaynt, the Blessed Isle. No where is this aspect of blessedness felt more than at St Adamnan's old church.

The church was named for St Adamnan (or St Eunan as he was also known). He was born in Ireland around 628 and was an important figure in the Celtic church. He was a noted biographer of his time and wrote extensively about St Columba. At one time Adamnan was expelled from the church for daring to say the Mass in Gaelic. But perhaps his most important contribution to the church was his concern for the welfare of the souls in his care. Before St Adamnan's Law was established, it was common practice to take women and children as hostages during tribal wars, even using them as human shields. He openly condemned this practice and it stopped with his persistent counseling against it.

To gaze upon the memorial stones as one lingers in the passage is to be at one with the souls now departed. With but a little effort, one can almost hear the sound

of the cows horn as it was blown to announce the news that a marriage had taken place. As the sea mists drop and a gauze curtain descends it is almost possible to 'see' the ritual that now transpires. A coffin holding the mortal remains of a recently deceased person is borne on the shoulders of hardy villagers and carried three times around the Lonan Cross and then taken inside the church for the solemn funeral rites. The life of the village was bound to this spot. Its joyous celebrations and its somber goodbyes to the dead took place here. Life was hard, but the church provided a reason for continuing.

The peaceful existence of Ballakilly was shattered with the invasion of the island by the Vikings beginning in 798 AD. The ritual of bearing the coffin around the Lonan Wheel Cross was observed many times during those dark days. An old Manx saying that 'bad luck comes from the North' was probably first heard during those years. The destruction of the keills was so complete that many doors and windows that faced north on untouched houses and other buildings were blocked up in an effort to avert further bad luck.

As the very presence of St Adamnan's Church attests, eventually peace was restored in the Isle and to Ballakilly, Lonan, as well. Many of the Viking customs were adopted and made part of the traditions that have endured to the present. The establishment of Tynwald is just one such example. The Vikings settled themselves to stay, intermarried with the island women and in time became Christianized. And slowly, but steadily, churches were built. Around 1188 the land called Escadalla was granted to the Prior of St Bees by Reginald, the King of Mann. The grant included Keill-ny-Trais and the monks of the priory set about to rebuild the keill to their own needs. They understood the importance of its location as the land was a center point for people to gather around.

More years passed and more changes took place on the island. Rulers from other lands would impose their ways. In the sheltered corner of Ballakilly, Lonan, the ancient keill was dedicated to St Adamnan when the English parish system was adopted and then implemented. No longer a keill, it became the parish church. And so it remained for over four hundred years.

In the middle of the 18th century, people began to complain that the church was no longer in a convenient location. Their

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complaints fell on the ears of their Bishop and an act of Tynwald ordered a new parish church to be constructed elsewhere. The act also decreed that the ancient keeill be torn down. It is not known how or why the second part of that order was ignored, but the tiny church remained. Unused, all but forgotten, it fell into a state of disrepair. Stones that had been carried from the sea shore, others that had been wrested from stubborn soil were left uncared for. They tumbled down from their walls, moss grew in crevices and the roof caved in. Now a dismal collection of mouldering rocks, St Adamnan's became a ruin. Its memory faded from the minds of people and its only parishioners were birds and domestic fowls. The Lonan Wheel Cross remained, settling deeper in the earth, and stood in silent vigil over the dead church with its collection of graves, its memory of all that had transpired locked within its stone heart.

And then the Rev John Quine was appointed Vicar of Lonan. The year was

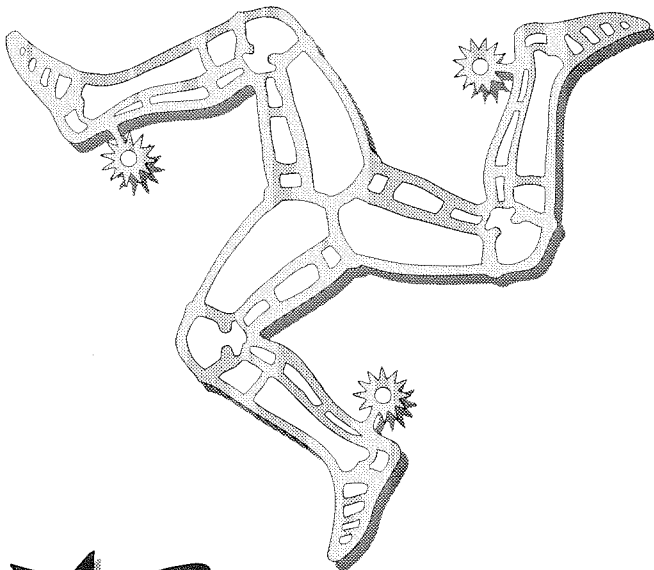
1895 and he was a respected antiquarian. He deliberately set out to find the old church, to cause its rebirth. It was the Rev Quine's great heart and determined mind that inspired the resurrection of St Adamnan's. Again stones were carefully placed on stones. The old ruins would remain, but restored to a more stalwart condition. They form the western end of the church and are a slumbering reminder of its long history. The new eastern end was made into the existing church, its restoration lovingly carried out. A belfry was added with a single bell placed in its short tower. Solid wooden beams support the roof. Hanging lamps suspended from the rafters bring light to the interior as does its plastered and white-washed walls. Pews were installed and a small altar placed under a new window of exquisite beauty. The details of the stained and leaded glass catch the rays of the falling sun and a kaleidoscope of wondrous colors sift and dance in the dust motes as they create a hallowed atmosphere. The once blocked up north window has been

reopened. The niche in which it has been installed is surrounded by stone arches. New glazed windows are divided into three sections: the topmost panel displaying the old Arms of the Bishop of Sodor with the Virgin Mary supporting two pillars, the center section show a Viking ship and the bottom section has the Arms of the Abbot of Rushen Abbey.

No longer is there fear that bad luck will come from the North. No longer is there fear that St Adamnan's will be destroyed. The church bridges the gap between the past and the present with its soul intact and ready for the future. What once was, is still present. Changed, but somehow, changeless, St Adamnan's old church captures the historic moment, and preserves its life as an enduring site to a faith that changed the world. The silent grave stones, the hoary Wheel Cross, the living air, form a wholeness where the heart that is searching will know it has found its ease. The soul is captivated by the sense of peace and tranquility, and the lasting sense of mysticism that caused Innis Falga to be

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renamed Ellan Sheaynt, the Blessed Isle, stirs in response to the still living pulse of St Adamnan's.

Source from which dates and certain facts were taken: St Adamnan's Church, Ballakilley Lonan, Isle of Man, an Illustrated Guide, printed by the Friends of St Adamnan's Church, Lonan.

The Association was formed to assist in caring for the former Parish church, and has listed in the guide book its President Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer, and Patron. In 1989, the last time I was on the Isle of Man, the Secretary/Treasurer was listed as Mrs Phyllis Kissack, 83 Ballabrooie Avenue, Douglas, Isle of Man. Mrs Kissack would welcome old and new members to the Association. The subscription rate then was shown to be 50p.



## Calling All Kids

•Hey, kids, we haven't heard from all of you! We are still looking for more kids who wish to be pen pals with kids on the Isle of Man. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to correspond with a person your own age on the Island and exchange ideas about your different countries. Send your name and address to the editors if you are interested in writing to an Isle of Man kid your own age!

•Here are the answers to the scrambled Manx towns from the last Bulletin: Peel, Ramsey, Castletown, Douglas, Bride, Foxdale, Laxey, and Maughold. How did you do? Did you get them all? And how did your mom and dad do???

•We asked you to submit your original writings about why the Manx cats are tailless.

Here is a story by Caroline Engel, age 9, Perham, MN:

Some Manx men believe that anyone who steps on a cat's tail will soon be bitten by a snake. When a tailless cat was born ages ago on the Island the owner could see the advantages. He could move about as he wanted without being in danger of getting bit by a snake.

What about the rest of you? Let's hear your ideas! Write then down and send them to the Bulletin editors and see them printed in the next issue of the Bulletin.

•Kristen Lee, 11, of Peel, wrote this poem about the black dog (Moddey Dhoo)

reputed to haunt Peel Castle since 1600. She won the poetry contest sponsored by the World Manx Association in connection with the 1994 Tynwald celebration for her legend of Moddey Dhoo.

### The Moddey Dhoo

Late at night  
About midnight  
Around Peel Castle it creeps.  
Beware! Take care,  
Behind those walls it leaps.  
His howl is fierce,  
A horrid sound  
That no man wants to hear.  
It sends a shiver down your back  
And fills you full of fear.  
He's big, he's black  
A fearsome dog  
With eyes as red as blood,  
Yellow fangs,  
Long sharp claws,  
He'll eat you, yes he would.  
He walks the walls  
At dead of night,  
He's looking for some eats.  
A juicy man, a boy or girl,  
That's Moddey's plate of meat.  
Don't be big and brave at all,  
Don't go there all alone,  
For Moddey Dhoo  
Is watching you.  
He'll think that you're his bone.  
All Manx men know  
That Moddey Dhoo,  
Will get you if you roam.

So stay away,  
Be safe, don't stray  
KEEP SAFE AND WELL AT HOME!

The contest will be held again this year and contributions from North America are encouraged. As soon as we have details we will publish them. In the meantime, start thinking and writing your poems. We would love to publish them in the Bulletin.

•This time we have a word find for you. There are 54 Manx surnames hidden in this puzzle. They may be read backwards or forward, up, down, or diagonally, but always in a straight line and never skipping letters. Words may overlap.

Find these Manx surnames: Brew, Cain, Callin, Callow, Christian, Clucas, Creer, Gale, Gawne, Gell, Gill, Gorry, Kaye, Kee, Kelly, Kenna, Kewin, Kewley, Killey, Killip, Kinley, Kinnish, Kinrade, Kinry, Kinvig, Kissack, Kneale, Kneen, Lace, Leece, Lewney, Martin, Monier, Moore, Moughtin, Mylchraine, Mylchreest, Mylrea, Mylroi, Oates, Qualtrough,

Quarry, Quay, Quayle, Quiggin, Quilleash, Quine, Quinney, Quirk, Shimmin, Skelly, Taggart, Teare, Wade.

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### Manx Quiz

These questions are all about Hall Caine, a well known Manx author around the turn of the century. The answers are found on page 9.

1. Where did Hall Caine live?
2. Where is he buried.
3. Which book established him as a novelist?
4. What was considered his finest novel? His most popular?
5. Which of his novels was made into a silent movie by Alfred Hitchcock?
6. What Manxman was the original Pete in this novel?
7. What is the supposed site of Pete's cottage in this novel?
8. What great English poet and painter was his friend?

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

by William S Shimmin

Computers have been of great assistance in recent years for persons interested in their family histories. The ability of the computer to store large amounts of information and display it in many ways has been a boon for those of us who do not possess file management skills. Initially most of the programs developed for the computer were difficult to configure and prone to be unforgiving if you made mistakes entering information or pressing the wrong key. However, the advent of the icon based programs for both Apple and IBM Computers has reduced the 'learning curve' considerably and can definitely be labeled "user friendly".

Anyone who uses a computer to orga-

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nize and store the genealogy records has an increasing selection of programs to choose from. What was, not too long ago, a complicated, difficult set of rules to follow to input your information has given way to window based 'fill in the blanks' software.

One of the latest programs is Family Tree Maker. Its latest version on CD Rom also contains a family finder index. This index contains over 150 million names of individuals whose names appear in US census indexes; state marriage record indexes; land record indexes and many other US indexes too numerous to mention in this brief article.

The index actually works like a 'super index' to numerous other indexes that are available for more detailed scrutiny and additional information on the person you are researching in a good public or genealogy library or a national archives branch in your area.

The developer of this program, Banner Blue Software of Fremont, California, has a large number of these indexes available on compact disc at a reasonable cost. The discs cover: Marriage Records, Social Security Death Benefit Records, United States Census Records, Military Record, and several others.

Checking the 'master index' revealed hundreds of Manx names. It is of course in alphabetical order but a dialog box allows you to type in the name and the list moves into that area.

This gives you the ability to conduct initial searches for ancestors from the comfort of your own home. The program is simple to operate and has an excellent tutorial and reference manual. Apart from organizing your information it also allows you to create and print trees, add photographs to your information and develop scrapbook for families.

The recent convention in Minnesota with its focus on our heritage and the Isle of Man's place in world history, particularly the *New World*, must have triggered a new wave of interest in our members and their ancestors.

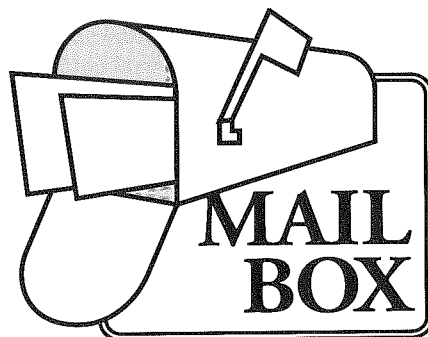
From our mailbag:

MRS JANET BARTOS, 1706 Holly Lane, Grafton, WI 53024-1617 is seeking information on Thomas Caystle (b 1810, Bride, IOM); Henry (b 1861, California); and Lilas (b 1865, California).

ALICE QUAYLE GERSHMAN, 5253 Bluebell Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91607, found her Quayle family in the ship manifest from Liverpool to New York

arriving on 5/31/1853. There were 4 other Quayles listed right after her family of 7 persons. These people were: Margaret Quayle, 27 or 29; Elizabeth Quayle, 24 or 34; Elinor Quayle, 9; and Infant Quayle.

These people were unknown to her. These could have been middle or first names. Do any NAMA Quayles recognize these persons as belonging to their family?



Our family has presently been traced back to the 1830s to Port St Mary, the Kirkle district. I am in the process of hiring another genealogist on Man to complete the quest. In addition, a few years prior Dan Quayle's father, James, informed me that our families are related. I have later discovered that my great grandfather Bishop William Quayle, too, had mentioned our ties. I have not been able to corroborate the assertion yet. In time I hope I can unfold the past and unearth the substantiating facts regarding this matter.

Last, I must tip my hat to each and all of you who actively make this organization a reality. Good show and a "thank you" for all your thankless hours devoted to this worthy endeavor.

William Quayle, Jr  
Loxahatchee, FL

Perhaps you did not see the August *Smithsonian Magazine* with a picture of the Manx Loaghtan sheep on the cover and an article about how a group of animals were being allowed to disappear.

Right before I went to the Family History Conference on the Island I dashed off the following note to the Smithsonian.

"Dear Sir: The endangered Manx Loaghtan breed of sheep is increasing on the Isle of the Man. The Manx Heritage Trust is caring for them in three places: the Calf of Man, the Grove Museum in Ramsey and the Cregneash Village Folk Museum. We Manx are proud of this growth from a single pair a few years ago. I am knitting something with the unique wool even now."

I wished I had waited until I visited the Island and learned that there are also several private flocks.

What amazed me was that I received phone calls from the people I hadn't seen for years saying "We read you letter in the Smithsonian".

Eleanor Gawne  
Framingham, MA

I am seeking assistance in finding information concerning a Manx poet named Edward W Faragher. Last know address was Calf View, Gregneish, Ports of St Mary, Isle of Man. He was my great grandfather.

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I've really enjoyed reading the newsletters. Some of the news has been very helpful, like the Currency Exchange. Thank you for printing such useful information, just when I needed it.

Sheila Hakun  
Silver Springs, MD

Thanks for the copies of the speeches from the convention. John Parker's is particularly good—sure reduced pages and pages of resource books! Excellent for kids—as would Basil Callow's speech. We should perhaps emphasize some short articles for seven to twelve year olds.

Jane Corlett Feick  
Walpole, MA

(Copies of the convention speeches are still available for \$3.00. Send your requests to the Bulletin Editors.)



## Laxey Picnic Canceled

The Laxey Committee has just announced that they will not hold the Laxey Picnic at Laxey Cemetery, located in Iowa County, Wisconsin, this year. The event was planned for July 2, 1995 and will be rescheduled for a date in 1996.

The local Manx community that started the Laxey Cemetery in the early 1850s and built the Laxey Church there in 1855 held annual Sunday School Picnics there each summer until the church closed around the turn-of-the-century. That location, in rural Linden Township near Dodgeville, Wisconsin, has the distinction of being the site of the only Manx built church in



America. The original structure is no longer standing but the beautifully landscaped Laxey Cemetery remains as an inviting sanctuary for outdoor gatherings.

The Laxey Committee, together with the '96 NAMA Convention committee, is already busy making plans for the next picnic at the historic Laxey Cemetery to be held in conjunction with the 1996 NAMA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Please watch for announcements about future Laxey Picnics in your NAMA Bulletins.



## Chaplain's Corner

In November our San Diego Manx Society was honored with a visit from Basil and Helen Callow, former Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas, IOM. Ruth and I met them during our 1992 Convention there. Helen's sister is a resident of the San Diego area. We spent some time discussing the religious life on the Island. This Christmas the Callows sent us several items of interest. One of them was Helen's parish bulletin which included a prayer that was used at the Service for the Institution and Induction of the new Vicar, the Rev Garth Grinham at St Ninian's Church of Douglas and Willaston. The prayer seems to me to be appropriate not only for parishes in the Isle but also to those of us Manxmen in our parishes here in the Colonies:

Grant to our parishes

all things needful for our spiritual welfare.

Strengthen & confirm your faithful people.

Protect and guide the children.

Visit and relieve the sick and afflicted.

Turn and soften the wicked.

Rouse the careless, Recover the fallen.

Restore the penitent.

Remove all hindrances

to the advancement of your truth.

Bring all to be of one heart and mind with the fold of the holy Church;

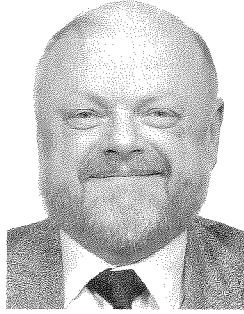
to the honour and glory of your blessed name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rev Devore Craine Smith



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The title is a misnomer this time. It should be Cat's Corner. You see in the Gill home, the humans sometimes get so caught up with their many activities and responsibilities, that as resident cat—not Manx, but Persian with a long fluffy tail and a tale to tell—I have to take over their duties.

Would you believe that in 1994 if I hadn't written the Christmas letter and posed numerous times in the Christmas basket until they finally took my picture, they would never have had their cards ready to send out on time.

And now this week, with Norman on a business trip to Canada and the Bulletin deadline already past, it appears that the task of writing the President's Message falls to me.

The first few months of office have passed quite uneventfully for Norman. A bit of a comedown from all the convention hoopla. They say it's the sign of a good administrator to delegate responsibility. That seems to be the situation.

A couple of past presidents have been busy: Stan Shimmin has sent in his first Know Your Ancestors column and Ron Quayle has spent quite a bit of time updating the mailing label disc for the Bulletin.

Perhaps the busiest has been First Vice President Mary Kelly. She and her group of enthusiastic Wisconsin Manx have been meeting at possible 1996 Convention sites in Madison to sample their cuisines and meeting facilities. As soon as a date and place have been selected, it will be announced in the Bulletin. July 22, 1995 is the date named for the next Executive Board meeting in Madison. Recently Mary and Doris Alff attended a convention planning workshop in the Chicago area.

Another project Mary has been working on is the Ladies' Auxiliary. She has been reviewing the group's records with the hopes of finding ways to make the auxiliary a more visible and vital part of NAMA. Look for articles about the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Bulletin.

Third Vice President John "Jack" Cormode is working on a project to publicize the North American Manx Association, especially in the Celtic organizations and communities. He has written a grant proposal seeking money to finance this undertaking.

The Bulletin editors have been not only working on this issue, but also filling and mailing the many orders that came in from the insert in the December Bulletin. It seems that many of our members were interested in purchasing the Manx books, products and convention speeches.

Helen Drom, Treasurer, is continually processing memberships and orders for NAMA certificates and pins. She is in the process of compiling a list of lapsed members and Calvin Quayle of Wisconsin will be sending them a letter of inquiry seeking their continued membership.

As you can see there are a number of people working diligently to keep your NAMA growing and improving. If you have any ideas, or wish to contribute in any way, please don't write to me, but to the president. He just loves to hear from you!

Your feline friend,  
The Wiz



# Ladies' Auxiliary

by Mary F Kelly, President

Greetings to the Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to respond to my last NAMA Bulletin article! I hope more of you will participate in this long distance dialogue in the months to come. Your messages have included a number of great suggestions to help us with our goals and responsibilities.

Since the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary by six women at the 1932 North American Manx Association Convention, London, Ontario, Canada, there have been two central long standing activities of the group: helping to increase membership and promoting interest in the NAMA. Membership gain is easy if we share the responsibility for passing the word that we belong to a group that has worthy goals and we have fun in pursuit of those goals! Creating interest in the NAMA means using a natural talent for those of us with that Manx "gift of gab".

In addition to those two central activities of the Ladies' Auxiliary are the ones supported by our fundraising. At this time fundraising means getting ready for the '96 NAMA Convention by preparing donations for the Ladies' Auxiliary sale table. Some of the current Ladies' Auxiliary members recommended in-kind donations which would include items with Manx emblems on them or other direct links to our homeland such as: art work, banners, books, bookmarks, caps, cat figurines, covers for books, glasses, harness brasses, coasters, coins, cosmetic cases, flags, handkerchiefs, hand-painted decorative plates, matted photos of Manx scenes, mugs, note cards/paper, stamps, sweaters, women's jewelry, pens, scarves, shirts, sun catchers, tartan textile swatches, tea cozies, tea towels, tie tacks, ties, tote bags, videos, and wind socks. Some of the suggested methods of acquiring these many types of items are:

1. Some talented members may be able to donate quality hand-crafted items with Manx emblems that they have made or commissioned for this purpose,
2. Members who have the opportunity to shop on the Isle of Man could select one or two items to donate to the Ladies' Auxiliary sale table,
3. We should all check our closets and drawers for those extra little gift items which were once brought back from the

IOM but were never given away.

These items would be most appreciated by NAMA convention participants who are searching for mementos of our beloved homeland for themselves or for gifts for family members at home. Don't forget that all these in-kind donations should qualify as charity to a tax-exempt organization.

With the continued support of our members and the NAMA Bulletin Staff we will grow stronger. Let's keep in touch!



## OBITUARIES

**William M Quayle** died December 27, 1994, at his home in Eustis, Kansas. He was born July 5, 1917. He was the son of Wilfred Russell and Marion Ethyl Parks Quayle and the only grandson of the venerable Bishop William A. Quayle, former bishop of the United Methodist Church.

William graduated from Ohio State University and was a member of its National Championship Swim Team, an All-American swimmer for four years, a 1942 member of the Olympic Swim Team and a member and medal winner during the Pan Am Games, where he set a world record. He was also a US Navy veteran of World War II, where he served as a Quartermaster.

William is survived by his wife, Maria Ramos; sons, William M Jr and Bruce Douglas; daughters, Marion Quayle Bethea, Diana Mercedes Quayle and Jacqueline Quayle Hadala; and four grandchildren.

**Tom Cashin**, Kirk Michael, died in December 1994, while undergoing treatment for a brain tumour in the UK.

Tom was a generous and considerate man who dedicated himself to the service of others. He was involved with the Antiquarian Society and the Manx Methodist Historical Society and in great demand for talks and lectures. He was a fount of knowledge about Kirk Michael and Glen Wyllin, researched and wrote a village trail for visitors and coauthored a booklet on the history of Michael School. Many will remember his marvelous presentation at the 1994 NAMA Convention.

"Tom was a man of dignity and humour and had a very real interest in people. He was an energetic person, who worked quietly without overwhelming those he was

with. He enjoyed life and put so much into it. His death is such a tragedy, we have all lost something," said Reverend Kenneth Britton who conducted the funeral services.

Sympathy is extended to his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Jill and Georgina; and sons, Paul, Nigel and John.

**Evelyn J Corlett** died at the age of 89 on October 5, 1994, in San Francisco, California. Born in Douglas, Isle of Man, she grew up in Sacramento, California and graduated from St Joseph's Nursing School in San Francisco. She was a nurse for the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco for over 40 years. During her retirement she did volunteer work for the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco.

She is survived by brothers, Norman of Irvine, CA and Harold of Lodi, CA; a nephew, Norman Jr of Strongsville, OH; and a niece, Joan Osborne of San Mateo, CA.

She had willed her body to science and at her request there were no services.



## UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

**John "Jack" Cormode**, the third Vice President of NAMA, was born in September 1944, the second son of Daniel and Mavy Cormode. His father was foreman of an orange farm in Simi Valley, California, northwest of Los Angeles, so Jack spent the first fourteen years of his life on a farm half a mile from the nearest paved road. After the family moved "into town" (Simi was a small town suffering the rapid growth endemic to Southern California), Dan Cormode became the Manager of a Mutual Water Company, serving the same area where he had originally come to work in the Valley in 1927. He passed away in 1978. Mavy Cormode returned to the schoolroom in 1960, teaching 4th graders, and is now retired and still lives in Simi.

The two brothers attended Elementary School and High School in Simi, and then went to Ventura Junior College, though in different time frames due to the more than four years' difference in age.

Jack finished Junior College and went



on to the University of California at Santa Barbara, majoring in Political Science. After graduating in 1966, the US Army decided that they wanted his body, heart and soul, so he spent the next two long years of his life in Olive Drab. He was stationed in Germany which was better than the alternative in those days. Toward the end of his overseas assignment, he flew to the British Isles to visit his Manx kin. He spent nearly a week on the Isle, being the first of his family to return since his grandfather had emigrated to America early in the century. His grandfather's sister and brother, Aunt Annie and Uncle John, were still alive. They had a grand time visiting relatives by the square mile around Andreas and Bride.

After failing to re-enlist, Jack went back to his alma mater to pick up a Master's degree in Political Science, and soon joined the US Army Civil Service in Personnel work. Three years later, he changed over to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Ames Research Center, in the South San Francisco Bay Area. In 1983, he married a co-worker, Janet Jarmann, who is now the computer expert of the Personnel Division.

In 1989, Jack and Janet took a trip to the British Isles, beginning with a week on the Isle of Man. Again visiting relatives was great fun, but they also tried to see the sights like the Point of Ayre and Maughold, and Janet daringly waded across the Sulby River.

Right after their return home, Jack was offered a different assignment and so became a Contract Monitor for the Space Life Science Payloads Office at Ames. This is the organization that arranged for jellyfish, frogs, and shrimp to fly in space. It was a tremendous experience, meeting astronauts, witnessing two Shuttle launches at Kennedy Space Center, and being part of a team that put the projects together to accomplish Life Science research.

In the Spring of 1994, the US Government offered Jack a pot of money if he would go away. So he took the early-out retirement and has been retired since May 4. This has allowed him the free time to pursue the many areas of interest he never had time for while working. One of which is learning more about the Isle of Man and his Manx heritage.

Considered by many to be a quiet, steady bureaucrat, an avid reader and desultory book collector, he has astounded his wife and friends by turning out to be a rabid hockey fan. This obsession, hidden

from public view during the long period when there was no National Hockey League action in the Bay Area, has erupted into full frenzy with the establishment of the San Jose Sharks. Even his wife has gotten bitten by the bug, though not as badly, and they enjoy the finer points of deking, headmanning the puck and skate saves.

The Manx connection for the California Cormodes began in 1904, when Daniel Cannell Cormode, immigrated with his friends, the Robert Cannells, to Bishop, in the High Desert of the Owens Valley. No place could be further from the "green hills by the sea" of the Isle of Man. Yet there were already Manx in the Valley, with Wattersons and Cannells well established.

Five years later, Daniel C Cormode, Manxman, married Maud Emily Lambert, whose family had recently immigrated from England. He had already set about raising a herd of pedigreed Ayrshire cattle, and was doing well when he was felled by typhoid fever in 1921. The widow was left with two children and, her own health affected by the high altitude, the family picked up and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1923. Of this little family only Dorothy Cormode Wenger survives, and lives in retirement with her husband of over 50 years in Lompoc, California.

Jack's connections with IOM were limited until the Fall of 1990, when Polly Ernst of the Northern California Chapter, using the "Manx-names-in-the-phone-book" method, called and made the connection. At each of the chapter meetings, everyone trades information and helps each other in their interests. As enjoyable as these get-togethers are, it was still a last minute decision for Jack to attend the NAMA Convention, thinking that it would be "one last fling" before settling into retirement. The rest is history.



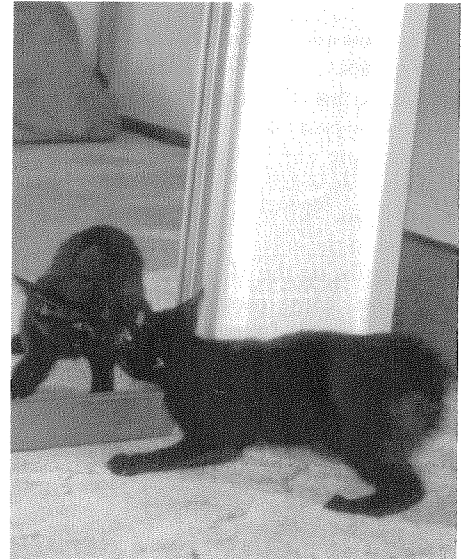
## Deadlines

This is your Bulletin and we rely on the NAMA members to send in articles, comments, questions, and suggestions of what should be included. Your response is great and we thank you.

The deadlines for each issue are published in FYI on the last page of the Bulletin. The 10th is the date we should receive material, not the date to mail it. From either coast it takes about three days for mail to reach us. Add at least a day for word processing, another day or two to get it to and from the proofreading editor, a

day or more for making corrections and planning and preparing the layout, plus two or three days to mail it to the layout person. As you can see it all takes time. So when we receive important articles and information several days past the deadline, it has an impact on the timeline for publication.

Many of our contributors send in their material in advance of the deadline. This gives us an opportunity to get a head start on each issue. Please feel free to send your contributions any time before the deadline. The earlier, the better.



Sandra Blackwood Archibald White, who was an attendee at the 1994 NAMA Convention, was so turned on by her first Manx Convention she got herself a black Manx cat named "B J". Sandra, a native of Glasgow Scotland, shot this photo of a typical Manx admiring her/himself in the mirror.

### Manx Quiz Answers

1. Greeba Castle
2. Maughold Churchyard
3. The Deemster
4. The Scapegoat, The Eternal City
5. The Manxman
6. Joseph Mylchreest, the Manx "diamond King" who made his fortune in the African diamond mines
7. Near Ballure Glen, Ramsey
8. Dante Gabriele Rossetti

# SOCIETY NEWS

## Western Australia

Manx exiles in New South Wales now have their own place of pilgrimage, 'Tynwald Hill', overlooking the Australian Standing Stones and the town of Glen Innes, Celtic capital of Australia.

## Minnesota

On January 21 about twenty members gathered at the Special Collection section of the O'Shaughnessy-Frye Library at the University of St Thomas in St Paul. The purpose was to explore their Celtic materials, especially those relating to the Isle of Man. We were given a short introduction to the collection and a five page handout listing the Manx items in their collection. Most interesting were some of the older books, dating to the 1800s. It was an opportunity to look, read, research and find out more about the Island. Most found something of interest and all agreed that it was a wonderful resource that we wanted to visit again.

## Vancouver

As we start the New Year, we think of New beginnings. We in the Vancouver Manx Society hope 1995 will be a good year for all Manx people wherever they may be.

Our weather has been extremely mild with a few cold spots here and there but mostly wet and green.

Our November "Do" was very successful with a good turnout and a bountiful dinner. PRESIDENT TERRY MCCAFFREY began the dinner with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Manx. Children's games, followed by a raffle rounded out the evening. The event ended with the singing of Ellan Vannin.

In December poinsettia and exotic plant arrangements were delivered to our seniors to extend a thank you for all that they have done for our Society.

The Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the program for this year.

## Ontario

On Saturday November 26th, the Ontario Manx held their annual

Christmas Party in the banquet room of Pop's Family Restaurant in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

The thirty members in attendance enjoyed a beautiful full course turkey dinner. After dinner we had great fun playing games organized by Wendy and Charlie Kennish. We danced, visited and exchanged gifts, it was a very successful evening.

We were very pleased to have Pauline and Roger Nelson travel from London, Ontario, to attend the party. Roger is a former President of the Ontario Manx.

The Ontario Manx will hold their Spring meeting at the home of Carol Christian 2:00 PM Sunday, April 23rd. Carol is our new NAMA Trustee.

## World Manx Association

Although we have not suffered the extensive flooding here in the Island that parts of the UK and Europe have suffered from, there have been storm force winds and high seas causing closure of some of the coastal roads and cancellation of the ferries on a couple of days.

In spite of the weather 114 members plus four entertainers turned out for our annual Manx Afternoon Tay on Saturday 7th January and everyone enjoyed songs from Greta Maddrell, Isobel Collister and Marion Kenworthy who also accompanied some items on the piano, interspersed with Pam Evans reciting her own poems.

The Christmas Lunch was held in the Viking Hotel, Ramsey on Saturday 10th December when 123 members and their guests had an excellent meal followed by humour from John Corlett and folk songs from Marlene Hendy and Dilys Sowrey.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Douglas at 2:30 PM on Saturday 11th March.

Finally a reminder that poems, sketches or paintings on a Manx theme are sought from young people not more than 11 years old. Full details of the competition will be sent out shortly after the AGM, so if you know of any budding Longfellows or Monets give them a little nudge.

## Chicago

The Chicago Manx Society met on November 20th at the home of Barbara and Edgar Brown in St Charles. There were only 12 in attendance but, as usual, we enjoyed a hearty pot-luck dinner. For the program, papers were given to each one present describing the observances of Halloween, the Harvest (Thanksgiving), Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Year's event as they are or have been celebrated on the Isle of Man.

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 26th, on the North side of Chicago at Brad Prendergast's. We will follow our custom of having a pot-luck dinner and will follow that with a show and tell program of items, brought by the various attendees, from and about the Isle of Man. The Chicago Manx always enjoy getting together and having a good time renewing friendships. We'd be glad to have any one from the Chicago Metropolitan area join us at our meetings.

Jean and Bob Kelly attended the Wisconsin Manx convention planning meeting in Madison on December 10th and can attest to the fact that our friends to the north are surely planning a great convention for 1996.

## Cleveland

In December, forty-six of our members gathered at the Cleveland Hilton South for our annual Christmas Party. Instead of a gift exchange, we all brought mittens or socks for those less fortunate. We were entertained by a gentleman who played an electric keyboard and who lead us in Christmas carols.

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, we do not meet in January or February. Plans for March are indefinite, but we will most likely plan to meet at a restaurant on a Sunday afternoon. We do have plans for the spring months, but dates are not finalized yet.

## San Diego

Greetings! We've had two meetings since the last NAMA Bulletin. On December 11, twenty-six members met at

the home of Marge Frederick. Ruth Smith read a Manx Fairy Tale, "The Old Christmas". Joyce Kinley told of the high-light of her recent trip to the IOM. While there she attended the centenary celebra-tion of her elementary school in Kirk Michael. She enjoyed a wonderful reunion with old friends and was thrilled with all the festivities. Malcolm Kinley sang a few verses of "Robin the Bobbin" and explained the Manx custom of chil-dren going from house to house asking for coins. He also entertained us with a poem by Ambrose Madril entitled "Port La Mara Schooner". We enjoyed our Christmas gift exchange. Many of our gifts were from the IOM.

On February 12, seventeen members met at the home of Doris Dobbel. The view of San Diego was glorious and added to a very enjoyable meeting. Our meeting was happily interrupted by a telephone call from the IOM. Kathleen (Corkhill) and John Spencer called to say "hello" and wish us well. What a happy way to begin our meeting. As we often do, we got side-tracked from business with a discussion of Manx food. This led to an impromptu recitation by Malcolm of "The Peel Manx Tea Fight". We are so lucky to have him in our group. He's a real Manx treasure.

Devore Smith showed a video that he filmed at the NAMA Convention of the presentation made by Willard and Mae Reese of the Laxey Church in Wisconsin in the mid 1800s. Willard and Mae are cousins of our own Marion Kelly and Alice Zettle. Doris and co-hostess Virginia Mellon served wonderful refreshments and we lingered a long time enjoying the view and the good company.

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## Water Mills

London's *The Daily Mail's* Factfile fea-tured the Laxey Wheel recently.

Details about water mills were extracted from the Guinness Book of Records.

Factfile says: "The earliest recorded water mills in Britain were built by the Romans near Hadrian's Wall to supply the garrisons with flour.

"The 131 foot diameter Mohannadieh Noria waterwheel at Hamah, Syria, which dates from Roman times, is the world's largest.

"The largest in the British Isles is the Lady Isabella at Laxey, Isle of Man, with a diameter of 72 feet 2 inches and an axle weighing 10 tonnes. Completed in September 1854, it has not been used commercially since 1929 although it is still in working order for tourists."



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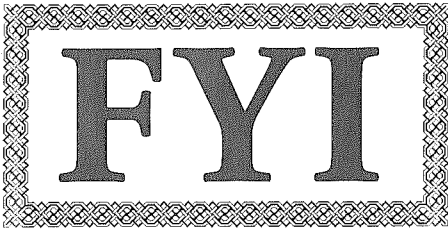
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## Manxwoman in Gere Film

Julia Ormond, daughter of a Port St Mary man, beat off competition from some of the world's top leading ladies, including Michelle Pfeiffer and Demi Moore, to scoop the starring role of Guinevere opposite film heart-throb Richard Gere. The £40 million epic, *First Knight*, filmed at Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire, and in the West Country, is about King Arthur's Camelot told through the eyes of Gere's Lancelot, while Sean Connery plays King Arthur.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, January 3, 1995.

## Ramsey Harbour Model

The Maritime Museum of San Diego plans to build a six foot square diorama of Ramsey Harbour 1863 on the Star of India as part of a chronological presentation of the Star's history from construction through its working life and ongoing preservation. The focal point would be Ramsey Shipyard with the 'Euterpe' as the Star of India was then named, under construction. Manx National Heritage has agreed to make a donation and give assistance with the research aspects of the project.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*.

## Peel Heritage Centre

The £5.3 million heritage development in Peel marks the latest Manx National Heritage development of its successful 'Story of Mann' theme, highlighting the Island's unique heritage. The building will be based on traditional waterfront architecture, retaining the existing buildings. The centre will include the early Celtic inhabitants and their customs, the arrival of the Vikings on the Island, and the Island's maritime traditions with an exhibition of traditional boats.

There will be live views of Peel today linked with a computer data-bank information from the 19th century filling in the social background of the Victorian town.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner* and *Isle of Man Courier*.

## NAMA Membership List

A list of all the members of NAMA is available for \$3.00 from Helen Drom (address on page 11). This list may not be used for any commercial purpose or solicitation. You might use it to locate Manx when you are traveling, for genealogy research, helping to find Manx for your society or for starting a new society.

## Deadlines

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions to the Bulletin at any time. However, listed below are the deadlines by which we must receive your materials in order to make a given issue.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin Issue</u>
February 10	March
May 10	June
August 10	September
November 10	December

Please keep these dates in your reference files. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Photos, preferably black and

white, are greatly appreciated with your articles. Material for the Bulletin is accepted at any time. The earlier, the better. If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-541-8705.

## Video

An excellent video, *Story of Mann*, was produced by the Manx Museum when they opened their new wing. This historical view of the IOM is narrated by Sir Anthony Quayle. If your society would like to borrow a copy of this video, contact Ron Quayle or Norman Gill. Their addresses are listed on page 11.

## Wee Ones

James Michael, son of NAMA member Alison Quaggin Harkin and Michael Harkin, was born January 20, 1995, in Laramie, Wyoming. James is a brother for Caroline and the third grandchild for Jill and Ivor Quaggin, NAMA members who live in Toronto, Ontario. Most of James's maternal ancestors, including his grandparents and his mother, were born in the Isle of Man.

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