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To Preserve "Whatever is left to us of ancient heritage." *TE Brown*

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Memories

(of a Manx School girl living on the IOM during WWII)

War broke out September 1939 just as I returned from Girl Guide Camp (Scouts) near Maughold in the North of the Isle. There would be no more camping while the war lasted.

By the end of May 1940 France fell. The Allied troops were in disarray retreating to the French coast. Churchill called to civilians to man their private boats to rescue the troops. Manx boats took part in the rescue from Dunkirk and many ships were lost. The operation was protected by the RAF.

August to October 1940 was the Battle of Britain. We got all the air raid alerts as Glasgow, Scotland, Manchester and Liverpool, Lancashire and Belfast, Northern Ireland were bombed.

Two raids I remember clearly. The Belfast one, when a couple of bombs landed inland in the Isle, fortunately hitting empty cottages. That night I was making my way downstairs, to take cover under the dining room table, when the bannister rail shook in my hand as the result of the dropped bombs. The Germans had hit the sky with Veeie lights to help spot their targets. Such a weird bright white blue light it made me feel naked.

Liverpool is 80 miles away from us and the night it was bombed we stood aghast staring at huge flames leaping into the air on the horizon. We wondered if anything would be left.

One day we saw a French warship at anchor in Douglas Bay. To our astonishment she came ashore but General DeGaulle. The Governor gave him a garden party, on the lawn of Government House. The main entertainment was a fencing match between the Governor's team and the Royal Navy. Next to

Winston Churchill, Charles DeGaulle remains my war hero.

The Isle of Man was teeming with people (not tourists). RAF at Jurby in the North. A Czech Air Squadron was assigned to guard the Isle. HMS St George and HMS Valkyrie Navy training units in Douglas. Fleet Air Arm (sea planes) alongside Ronaldsway civilian airport and Army Officers training in Port St Mary.

German, Italian and Japanese prisoners of war were held in camps in Douglas and Ramsey. Port St Mary and Port Erin were enclosed for women and children internees (foreign nationals). The men were held in Ramsey or were confined to camps.

Many of our headlands were closed off to civilians. After the war we learnt that PLUTO (pipe lines under the ocean) was tested off Spanish Head's rough seas before being laid under the Channel between England and France to carry fuel for the Invasion of Normandy. One of the first installations of radar was placed in the IOM. The battle for El Alamein in North Africa was rehearsed on some hills in the Isle that have a similar formation to those at El Alamein.

The officers Training Unit was based at Balqueen Hotel Port St Mary. The men were sent on maneuvers always ending in a bayonet charge in front of our kitchen window at breakfast time on Saturday. They let out the most blood curdling screams as they stabbed a large hanging sack while their commanding officer clocked them in one by one.

Another time while we were having breakfast and looking across the Bay ny Carrickey we spotted a large black round thing bobbing towards us on the incoming tide. "Good Lord!" exclaimed my parents, "it must be a mine loosened from its field and it'll explode if it hits our rocks." Then the doorbell rang, it was the warden advising us to get out. Which we did.

Can't remember where we waited but fortunately the wind changed and the mine was carried to the sand in the middle of the beach. The experts came and removed the trigger to avoid explosion. Then they set it afire. It was like glorious bright white, orange and green fireworks.

One day my uncle who worked and lived in London during the war was visiting us. We'd just finished lunch when we heard the most horrible ominous noise I've ever heard, coming closer and closer, getting louder and louder at the rear of our house. We looked at each other and said, "Whatever it is, it's going to hit us." Then it was over, nothing had happened but there across the bay at Pool Vaish was a bomber, very low, hanging in the air, parts falling from it. With an agonizing moan it slid sideways, crashing into a field behind a farm between Ken Traey and Pool Vaish. We called the airport and reported it. My uncle and I set off on foot. By the time we got there the Emergency crew were there, the field was cordoned off but we could see a huge crater and very little left of the bomber. Sadly we learnt what we had thought to be parts falling from the plane were Canadian Airmen trying to escape but all were lost.

On weekends I took horse riding lessons. This particular day we were riding around Port St Mary Point when we saw three large row boats coming into the outer harbour. They were Indian (Asian) seamen whose merchant ship had been torpedoed by a U Boat near the Calf of Man. The sailors looked shaken and shivery, but the Red Cross was there to care for them.

D Day Invasion of Normandy was June 6, 1944 and the Nazis surrendered May 8, 1945. I wasn't in the Isle of Man at that time but remember walking among the heather and violets on the Derbyshire Hills

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near Buxton by myself feeling a great sense of relief and hoping the Japanese would surrender, which they did by August 1945.

Excerpted from a talk given by Avril Quiggan Shipman at the Washington DC Manx Society Dinner, April 1994 at Fort Myer, Arlington, VA.

Wisconsin Hosts NAMA 96 Convention

For those members of the North American Manx Association, their families, and friends who have been waiting for a special occasion or a friendly invitation to visit Wisconsin, they should make plans now to attend the next NAMA Convention. The '96 Convention Planning Committee is a group of enthusiastic workers from the Wisconsin Manx Society, Inc, with additional support from Illinois, Minnesota, and other Manx friends. Together the combined effort promises to make the upcoming program very exciting. Everyone is welcome; there will be events for young and old, energetic and physically challenged. Mark your 1996 summer calendar to save time to attend.

While you are in Wisconsin you will see some of the natural beauty of the unglaciated rural southwestern portion of the state where many immigrants from the Isle of Man first settled. You will visit the beautiful pastoral setting of Laxey Cemetery, the site of the only Manx built church in America, and tour through restored historic frontier villages. Other offerings will include music, dance events, and presentations on recording your family history, computer-aided genealogy, as well as outstanding opportunities for sight-seeing!

Madison, Wisconsin, is the capital city of the state and it is recognized nationwide as one of the most beautiful cities in the United States. It is situated on an isthmus between three scenic lakes. You may want to arrive early and enjoy a boat ride, bus, or walking tour. The present state capitol building was built in Madison early in this century and it has the only granite dome in the United States. It is also recognized as the largest dome by volume. Some visitors may want to tour the outstanding art and historical museums or other sites rec-

ognized by world travelers. You will be near Taliesen, the Wisconsin home of renown architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and some may choose to visit the unique and exciting "House on the Rock" (known as the largest privately-owned museum complex).

You just can't miss the North American Manx Association Convention in 1996!

NAMA Secretary Retires

by Edna Cowin

Elizabeth Clucas Duncan served both ably and faithfully as secretary of the North American Manx Association for 22 years. At the 1994 Convention she announced her retirement from this position.

Elizabeth was born and raised in Peel, Isle of Man, coming to the states in 1968, where she joined her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Joe Clucas, in Cleveland. She soon became active in the Cleveland Manx Society, where she has been secretary for many years.

She married William Duncan, now a retired florist, in 1985, having ceremonies both in Cleveland and the Isle of Man. They visit the Isle of Man frequently.

Elizabeth especially looks forward to seeing her sister, Helen Moore, in Crosby.

Elizabeth has worked for a doctor in a secretarial capacity ever since she arrived in Cleveland, but she retired the first of this year. She has been active in her church choir, for she has a lovely voice, and has done quite a lot of singing for the Cleveland Manx. She is also the proud owner of a Manx cat, Dhooley Clucas-Duncan. She and Bill are active in lawn bowling, and spend some time every weekend during the summer participating in that sport. Bill is involved in Scottish societies, and has taken a number of trips to Scotland. Elizabeth and Bill are also busy with their yard, a vision of loveliness. It's very obvious that he knows plants and how to arrange and take care of them. Bill makes beautiful floral arrangements and corsages for all the women at the Cleveland Manx Christmas party.

Elizabeth felt that it was time she give up her job as secretary to enable her to spend more time in her's and Bill's other endeavors. However, we will miss seeing her at her customary place at both conventions and board meetings.

The NAMA officers and members wish Elizabeth both health and happiness in the years to come and extend thanks for a job well done and beyond the call of Manx duty!



NAMA President with retiring NAMA Secretary Elizabeth Duncan.

Manx Language Historical Background

by Brian Stowell

Manx Gaelic is an offshoot of Old Irish, probably departing from Common Gaelic about the thirteenth century. It is likely that a British language akin to a forerunner of Old Welsh was spoken in Mann before about 500 AD. Mann was certainly Gaelic-speaking after that time.

Essentially, the Island was Scandinavian territory from about 800 AD until 1266. It is very likely that the Gaelic and Norse languages co-existed for some time, with Gaelic strongly reasserting itself. Very few Norse words passed into later Manx.

After the Scandinavian period, Scotland and England fought for control of Mann, with the English eventually winning in 1334. Various powerful Anglo-Normans ruled the Island from 1334 to 1405, retaining the title 'King of Mann' (a reminder of the former Norse Kingdom of Mann and the Isles). In 1405, Mann came under the control of the Stanleys, later Earls of Derby. They ruled the Island until 1736, dropping the title 'King of Mann' about 1521 in favour of the safer one of 'Lord of Mann'.

The Stanleys appointed governors who seemed to carry out their duties responsibly in general. The Dukes of Athol succeeded the Stanleys in 1736, but their rule ended soon after in 1765 when the English authorities took over the Island as a Crown Colony (still its present status).

Mann has never been part of the United Kingdom and is not fully inside (or outside) the European Community. No Manx representative sits in the United Kingdom parliament. For various EC purposes, the Island is classified as being in the UK. The UK Government claims the de facto right to deal with international issues on behalf of Mann; otherwise, the Manx Government is technically independent of the UK.

There were probably bards in Mann who received patronage from a native Gaelic speaking aristocracy before and during the period of the Kingdom of Mann and the Isles. It is very doubtful that such a tradition would have survived after the demise of that kingdom in 1266. After that time numerous links with Gaelic Scotland and Ireland must have been considerably weakened, if not removed

altogether. But, because of its isolation and (one might say) a series of historical accidents, Mann retained a strong Manx Gaelic identity until well into the nineteenth century.

When the English had established their ascendancy in Mann, English became the language of administration and power. Very few of the ordinary people knew any English or were directly influenced by that language until quite late in the eighteenth century.

Following the English Reformation, the Anglican Church was the established church in Mann. In the early 1600s, the bishop of Mann, John Phillips, translated the Prayer Book into Manx. To our knowledge, this was the first book which was written in Manx. However, it was not published until 1895, making it of limited use to Manx people. No book in Manx was available until Bishop Wilson published a catechism in 1707. Translation of the Bible into Manx was completed in the 1770s. In any case, few Manx speakers were able to read or write the language since what education there was available was virtually entirely through English.

Very little is known about education in Mann before about 1650. It has been claimed that the Island was a seat of Gaelic learning in early times. All we can surmise is that, up till the eighteenth century, the common people retained some of the oral tradition which lived on much more strongly in Gaelic Scotland and Ireland.

You might be interested to hear that I run intensive summer courses in Manx. In 1995, the dates will be from August 7 till 11 and 14 till 18, or from 7 till 18 (two separate one-week courses, or one course lasting two weeks.) Two people who have attended the course you might like to contact are: George Callow, 3143 Conrad Cres NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2L 1B7 or Andrea Dickens, 101 Carrollton Terrace, Apt 4, Charlottesville, VA 22903.



ECU Issued

Two-thirds of the adults in the UK want a referendum before a single European currency is introduced, according to a recent poll. But the fiscally astute rulers of the Isle of Man, a tax haven halfway between the UK and Ireland, have already introduced the first legal tender ecu coin in the UK.

"This is to prepare the people of the Isle of Man for the prospective replacement of sterling with ecus," explains Stuart Craig

of the Isle of Man Treasury. "It will be a momentous change and will cause upheaval, so we want to get our people used to the idea."

The Island's fiercely independent population of just under 70,000 are used to matters financial, as many of them make their living working in or servicing the Island's huge offshore banking sector.

The first legal tender ecu gold coin, with a face value of 75 ecus (\$82 approximately), was struck in late November. The coins have the queen on one side and the Manx triskeles (three legs—the emblem of the island) surrounded by the 12 stars of Europe on the others.

The gold coins were limited to a worldwide issue of 2,000. But the Island also issued silver coins with face values of 25 ecus and 15 ecus.

"They are legal tender in the Isle of Man, which makes it legal tender in UK, like a Scottish bank note," says Taya Pobjoy of the Pobjoy mint, which manufactured the currency.

Pobjoy and the Isle of Man have worked together for 21 years during which time they have introduced several coin-making innovations, including the first Braille coins. They have also been first with the one pound coin, now common in mainland UK, as well as two pound and five pound coins.

The UK poll showing that more than 50 percent opposed a single European currency cuts little ice on the Island. It may yet take some time to convert the average citizen of the UK to the idea of a single European currency, but in at least one corner of the United Kingdom, there is no problem at all.

Thanks to Dorothy Nicholl of Cleveland, Ohio for sending this article by David Lennon in the magazine *Europe*, February 1995.



Basking Shark Project

by G Kenneth Watterson

It was suggested that I write to the NAMA because of your members obvious interest in "Things Manx". I work with what remains one of the few remaining large animal mysteries in the world, the basking shark. The study has evolved over a period of some 10 years into what is now recognised as being of world authority.

The basking shark may reach over 35

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feet in length, weigh 4 to 5 tons and my contact with other scientists world-wide suggests that the Irish Sea would appear to hold the largest concentration of these creatures in the world. Although it is the second largest fish in the sea there is surprisingly little know about its natural history. The sharks move into British coastal waters in April, we are unsure of where they come from, whether they come to our waters for reasons other than to feed and where they go when they depart in autumn.

The sharks are still hunted in large numbers by the Norwegians (over 2500 sharks in 1993), the Lofoten islanders and one Scottish fisherman for their liver and fins (the rest of the body is left to sink to the bottom of the sea). Observations show that of the surface feeding animals (which are the ones killed) approximately 95% are females.

I am concerned as to the basking shark's future as evidence suggests that it is endangered, I therefore wish to approach the Association to respectfully ask if your members would consider helping to fund the research and prevent the disappearance of such a magnificent animal.

The project is growing fast—contact has been established with scientists in over 47 countries. Details of sightings, migration patterns and past hunting details together with tissue specimens for DNA analysis are being set back to the Isle of Man. During the summer of 1995 by attaching satellite tracking devices to two basking sharks we plan to shed light on the mystery of where basking sharks go in the winter. During the season we also plan to further develop our computer aided photo-identification program together with our "distance sampling" population estimates.

Donations may be sent to Basking Shark Project c/o Ken Watterson, Cronk Moar, Curragh Road, St John's, Isle of Man, telephone 0624 801207, fax 0624 801046.



Manx Musician

Emma Christian, one of the world's leading performers of traditional music from the Isle of Man, will be touring North America in August and November/December 1995 and in April/May 1996.

Since launching her career in 1994, Emma's unique performing talents and warm personality have won the hearts of audiences throughout the world. Emma

sings in Manx Gaelic, accompanies herself on the Celtic harp, and plays the recorder in the style of a wooden flute, entertaining audiences by candlelight with witty, well-researched insights into the Isle of Man's legends and customs. From ballads, laments, dances and invocations emerges the hauntingly beautiful music of the ancient Kingdom of Man.

Emma was born on the Isle of Man in 1972, and raised on the family farm. After studying the recorder at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, Emma studied Celtic history at Newmhan College, Cambridge. She is currently researching a PhD on the medieval Church on the Isle of Man and the Western Isles of Scotland.

Emma has performed Manx music widely on Man itself (she was the 1989 Young Musician of Man) and at Celtic Congresses in Brittany, Dublin and North Wales. In August 1994, Emma launched her professional career with a recital in Edinburgh Castle, nine candlelit recitals in the city's cathedrals and churches, and the release of her debut album, *Beneath the Twilight*.

Emma often appears on radio and television. But apart from that, Emma enjoys performing to live audiences. After a tour of twelve British castles, cathedrals and churches in late 1994, Emma made her debut in January 1995 at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

If you are interested in promoting a concert for Emma in your area, please contact The Schneider-Davis Agency, P O Box 3096, Weirton, WV 26062, (304) 748-4515, FAX (304) 797-7750.

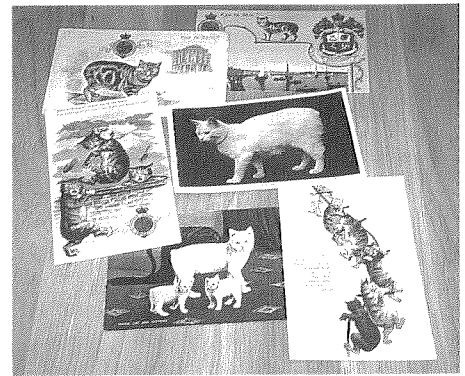


Manx Antiques

by Joan Gill

MR R Russell Fayles' article in a recent *MINAMA* Bulletin on the three legged-teapot has prompted me to write about some of Norman and my special collections. We both have ties to the Isle of Man through our grandparents and are both interested in collecting Manx items. Yes, we do have a three-legged teapot, but ours is probably one of the copies produced for the tourist trade.

About two years ago, we visited Norman's Aunt Peggy Gill following a Minnesota Manx meeting in northern Minnesota. She brought out a huge box of family items that had been collected over the years to share with us. Among the memorabilia were nearly 50 postcards from the Isle of Man. Many of them were



Manx cats on postcards.

scenic views, both in black and white and color, several featured the Manx cat, a couple were humorous, a few had Manx Gaelic messages, and some were family photographs.

A number of the cards were printed in Great Britain, a few in Germany. Some were from well known companies such as Tuck, Valentine, and J Salmon. Some are part of a numbered series. Many were without messages or postmarks. The oldest card has a postmark of 1904. That's almost an antique if you accept the definition of an antique as anything over 100 years old.

We viewed these postcards as a real treasure. Upon consulting a deltiologist (postcard collector) friend, we learned how to display them in the proper holders to preserve their quality, where to search for additions to the collection, and generally how to become a postcard collector.

It is amazing that you can find old Isle of Man postcards at antique shops and shows. We have added several to our collection in the past couple of years. Your best bet is to look under the heading "Cats" or "England or British Isles". As with any antique, the hunt is part of the joy of collecting.

We have decided to include modern Manx postcards in our album. Today's card will be tomorrow's antique. So if any of our members travel to the Isle of Man, remember your Bulletin editors and send them a Manx postcard!

Recently I started an other Manx collection—Hall Caine books. It started with our relatives on the Island finding a couple of copies of some of his lesser known novels.

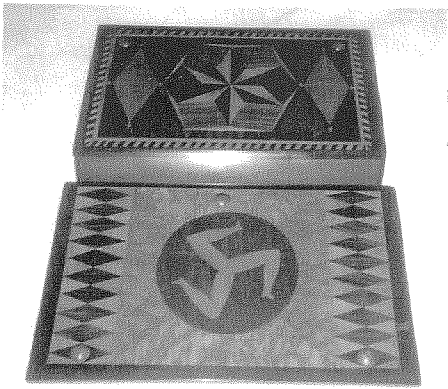
On a trip to Galena, Illinois, I found a 1897 hand written letter by Mr Caine from Greeba Castle to his publisher complaining about Canadian book rights. This encouraged me to search for his books here in America. And, low and behold, they are here. At present we have

a total of nineteen Hall Caine books, some of duplicate titles. The prize of this collection is a 1894 copy of The Manxman with a rather primitive stitched binding.

There are many Manx "antiques" out there waiting to be found. It is up to us to look for them, to preserve them, and to share them with other Manxmen and Manxwomen. In the words of T E Brown and the NAMA motto on the Bulletin logo, we must preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage".

R Russell Fayles has also sent information about another of his Manx antiques. It is a Manx portable writing desk, about 14 inches by 12 inches by 4 inches when closed. It has several small interior drawers along with a sloped writing surface (when opened). The makers name, W Kermode, is stamped inside. The date of manufacture is uncertain although the style of inlay would indicate the Victorian period.

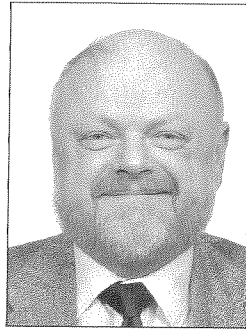
Hopefully our readers will become contributors and share their Manx antiques with us.



Manx writing desk.

Manx on Internet

If you're not yet an "internaut" you can probably ignore this item. Otherwise you might be interested to know about the **Manx Gaelic Home Page**. Using your WWW browser (I told you this would be of interest only to Internauts).go to:<http://sable.ox.ac.uk/~stephen/manxgaelicwww.html> For a broader look at things Celtic, try the **Irish and Celtic Thingies Home Page** (including a Manx flag illustration) at:<http://celtic.stanford.edu/pmurphy/irish.html> If you're a fan of the NPR radio program "Thistle & Shamrock", you'll want to visit **Thistle & Shamrock Home Page** at: <http://www.npr.org/programs/thistle/thistle.html> For a digital view of Celtic sports, try the **1st Gaelic Games Home Page** at:http://www.compapp.dcu.ie/students/ca2/c2bdugga/gaa/gaa_home.html And finally, for definitive instructions on how to pour a proper Black and Tan, try the **Guinness Home Page** at: <http://www.pi.se/guinness.html> Source: Washington DC Manx Society spring newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This column will be covering what has been happening in your organization. The first item of news is membership renewal. Many people seem uncertain as to what the membership renewal date is. The NAMA year runs from September 1 to August 31. Therefore with the June issue of the Bulletin we are ending our

94-95 year. Enclosed is a membership form for those members who pay on a yearly basis. Please return this form as soon as possible to ensure continued membership and mailing of the Bulletin to you. Feel free to make copies of the membership form to give to family and friends who are not members. If you are a life member, pass the form on to someone who might wish to become a member. Encourage them to join.

Edna Cowin, former NAMA President and currently Honorary Vice President, who has written the Know Your Ancestors for many years has asked to be relieved of that duty due to health problems. Edna would enjoy hearing from you, if you have a minute. We will strive to continue the column with materials Edna has collected, but we would like to have our members continue to send in articles, related information, and requests. Obviously we are also looking for a volunteer to take over this duty. If you are interested please contact the Bulletin editors.

The Executive Board has reviewed Third Vice President Jack Cormode's outstanding Pew Foundation Proposal seeking to get finances to promote Manx heritage. After final revisions we will be submitting our request to the Pew Foundation. Jack also has been very actively working with other Celtic organizations to include the Isle of Man in their information services and programs.

In closing, on behalf of NAMA I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Norman D Clucas. (Obituary is located elsewhere in the Bulletin.) I had the pleasure of being introduced to him ten short years ago by T R Anderson, and ever since we've had great times together at all the NAMA Conventions. He was an outstandingly loyal supporter of NAMA and will be greatly missed.

Norm

Message of Support to the Members of the North American Manx Association:

It was with much sadness and distress that the Isle of Man learned of the Oklahoma City bombing.

As the full extent of the horror and destruction became apparent, we on the Island were horrified at such an atrocity.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of Oklahoma at this very difficult time and particularly with those Members of the North American Manx Association who may be involved either directly or indirectly.

I would be grateful if the Members of the North American Manx Association could be assured of our sincere concern, compassion and support for you all.

Hon M R Walker CBE, LLD(hc) MHK

Chief Minister

Isle of Man Government

SOCIETY NEWS

World Manx Association

The AGM of the Association took place in Douglas on Saturday 11 March. There were no surprises and all the officers were re-elected for another term. Three members of the committee stood down because of difficulties in attending meetings, for the time being they have not been replaced.

One event of the new programme has been held, the 'At Home' Dinner. This was held at the Masonic Hall in Douglas on the evening of Saturday April 1st. The speaker was Stan Basnett who gave an illustrated talk about walking the coastal footpath round the Island. He should have spoken at the same event last year but had been injured in a fall on the same footpath which led to a spell in hospital and a period of convalescence. Fortunately he has recovered well and his talk and the slides that were shown were much enjoyed by the 97 members present.

The programme for the 95/96 year follows the usual format. The Annual Gathering and Dinner will be held at the Masonic Hall, Douglas on the evening of July 4th, there are likely to be homecomers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada. We are also expecting some from the USA who can also celebrate their Independence Day with us. The Church Service will be held at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin on Sunday 9 July preceded by afternoon tea at the Falcon's Nest Hotel, Port Erin. The T E Brown Luncheon will be on October 21st, again at King William's College. The Christmas Lunch is to be at the Viking Hotel, Ramsey on Saturday 9 December. Moving into 1996 the Manx Tay will be on Saturday 6 January at St Andrew's Church, Douglas and this will also be the venue for the AGM on Saturday 9 March.

David Caley, Ramsey, Isle of Man

PS My wife and I, together with my younger son and his Californian born partner, will be holidaying in the Rocky Mountain Park area of Colorado for one week starting 9 July followed by two weeks touring in California. This will be the first time Mary and I will have visited the States, we are looking forward to it and hope we might be able to contact some of the NAMA members during our stay.

From WMA Newsletter

To Manx Societies Everywhere, The President, Officers and Committee of the WMA send greetings to all members of Manx Societies and indeed to every one of Manx descent wherever they may be. We are always pleased to welcome those of you visiting the Island, whether on holiday, visiting relatives, or endeavouring to explore their family history and find out more about their roots. If you are coming here, do please let us know. All our functions are open to homecomers, you will be amongst friends and you may even find a long lost relative or two.

Our Celtic Connections

For some years there has been a steady increase in our awareness of other Celtic cultures and traditions. Each year artists, musicians, dancers and scholars come here and similar groups from the Island visit the other Celtic areas. In July each year Yn Chruinnaght the great Celtic festival of music, dance and poetry takes place in Ramsey. It is always a happy and festive occasion and is always well supported. Interest in Celtic arts is increasing.

This involvement and interest in other Celtic groups and culture is not confined to this part of the world, it is certainly evident in Australia and New Zealand and possibly elsewhere.

In Australia there is a Celtic Council and under their auspices a Standing Stones monument has been erected at Glen Innes in New South Wales to recognise the contribution of all Celtic races to Australian culture and an Australian version of the Manx flag is regularly flown there. In many other areas Celtic groups join in our celebration and events and Manx Society members go to some of their functions.

It will be interesting to see how these links develop.

Did Your Family Come from Laxey

From the 9th to the 16th of July this year, the Laxey Village Board of Commissions will celebrate a hundred years of local government. A hundred years ago the village was a boom town with thousands of holiday-makers flocking there to see the Great Wheel. But even then, many local families sought their fortune in far-off lands and in later days when the mines closed down the numbers

leaving became greater.

If your family came from Laxey the centenary committee would like to hear about them, and any tales that have been handed down. Pictures etc would be very welcome, but please send photocopies, not originals, unless you do not want them back. Please write to Martin Faragher, "Shore Lea", Back Shore Road, Laxey, Isle of Man, IM4 7DH. Such material could be useful for an exhibition and be of interest to local people and homecomers.

Washington DC

Nearly 100 members, friends and entertainers gathered January 7th for a big feast and lots of good cheer. With Russell Woodgates presiding as the visiting King Orry, first King of Man and the Isles, we were regaled with stories and song by the six members of the Scottish Gaelic folk group Mac-Talla (who will be back for a return engagement at our Annual Dinner April 22). Several of our Viking brethren, young and old, led by this year's First Footer, Bruce Blackistone, provided "indoor longboat transport" for his highness. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents, especially Avril Shipman, who worked the hardest to make it such a success!

London

This year we celebrate our centenary. The Annual Dinner and Dance held April 29 at the Bonnington Hotel was a very special and unique occasion. The evening began with a reception by President Dr Edward Weller, followed by dinner. The Guest of Honour was His Honour Henry Callow, CBE, who was for many years High Bailiff of the Isle of Man subsequently Second Deemster. Paul Garbutt compiled a Centenary handbook with a history of the Society, its regalia and officers, and its links with three famous London Churches and Manx Societies around the world.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Manx Society met April 23rd at Holiday Inn south East, Madison, with 40 present. After a buffet luncheon the meeting was conducted by President Doris Alff. Everyone introduced themselves giving their Manx connection,

some with very interesting stories. Our President reported on the participation of our group in the Ethnic Heritage Festival held at Westtown Mall in Madison, March 25 and 26, and thanked all those who volunteered manning the booth and publicizing the Wisconsin Manx. Several contacts were made for possible new members, with one family in attendance at our April meeting. One school teacher was very interested in the history of Laxey Church and is using the booklet "The Little Manx Church on the Hill" with her sixth graders.

Mary Kelly gave a progress report on the NAMA '96 Convention to be held in Madison. She announced the next planning meeting for the event will be held Sunday, May 21, at the Inn of the Park, Madison. Mary also announced a fund raising activity to be held May 27-28, in Madison. Volunteers will be appreciated.

The President noted the recent passing of Norman Clucas, a past NAMA President, and one of our former board member, Harry Clough. The new officers for the 1995-97 year were elected as follows: President, Pamela Kelly; Vice President, John Clucas; Recording Secretary, Jody Morey; Treasurer, Mona Voutila; Governors, Ian Turner, Chris Merritt and Irving Kelly; Newsletter, Doris Alff; and Historian, Mae Reese.

Dorothy Gawne, our visitor from the Chicago Manx, announced she had names of Manx school children who would like to correspond with Americans as pen friends.

For our program our President played a portion of the cassette, "The Isle of Man and the American Connection." She had asked that members reflect aloud on the experiences of their Manx ancestors in leaving the Island and/or settling in America. Interesting reports were given by Willard Reese, Norma Bircher, Shirley Kelly and our President. Some brought pictures to help tell their story.

A standing vote of thanks was given to our outgoing President for her outstanding two years of leadership. Tentative date for next meeting is October 15, 1995 at Holiday Inn, South East, Madison.

San Diego

Twenty-three members and guests met at the home of Devore and Ruth Smith on Sunday, April 9. Our special guest was Raymond Ashley, the new Executive Director of the San Diego Maritime Museum. Raymond presented a slide program on the history of the Star of India. We learned much more about this



San Diego Manx President George Watterson at Celtic Festival.

wonderful ship and were again proud to know that she was built on our beloved IOM. Raymond learned a lot about Man and Manxmen that day as well. It is hoped that the Star of India will sail again this August. Why don't you plan your vacation to see this wonderful sight! After our business meeting we closed with the singing of Ellan Vannin and the Manx National Anthem.

We do try our best to spread the word about the IOM. On Saturday, April 29 we participated in our local Celtic Festival. Devore and Ruth Smith and president George Watterson set up a booth with a colorful display of Manx articles of interest. We attracted a lot of attention, and found a few people of Manx descent. Many British folks stopped by to browse and reminisce about vacations on the IOM. One gentleman said that he vacationed there 21 times! An Irish lady fondly remembered many day trips to the Island years ago. She said that ours was the best booth at the festival!

Ontario

The spring meeting of the Ontario Manx was held Sunday April 23rd at the home of Carol Christian. The meeting opened with the singing of the Manx National anthem. We then proceeded with the election of officers: Bob Watterson re-elected Chairperson, Carol Christian re-elected Vice-Chairperson, Margaret Roche re-elected Treasurer, and Phyllis Busche elected Secretary.

The picnic this year will be hosted by Wendy and Charlie Kennish of Bowmanville, Ontario. Wendy spoke of their plans for the day which include a genealogy workshop, horseshoes, face painting and numerous games and activi-

ties for the children. This is going to be a great fun day and we are hoping for a good turn out. Anyone travelling in the Bowmanville or Toronto area would be more than welcome and could contact Wendy Kennish at 1-903-697-2648 or Margaret Roche at 1-416-498-7860.

A beautiful Manx plate donated by Pauline Nelson was raffled at the meeting and was won by Catherine Bell.

The Ontario Manx wish the members of the NAMA a safe and happy summer.

Cleveland

In April, 25 of us met at Mapleside Farms Restaurant for dinner and a brief meeting. It was our first meeting since December, so it was very nice to see each other again and catch up on all the news. After dinner, we strolled through the shops that are part of the complex.

In May, 44 of us gathered for dinner at the Harley Hotel in Willoughby. After a delicious turkey dinner, we were entertained by Mr Oscar, a four-footed star of stage, screen, and television. It was a delightful afternoon.

In June we will meet at El Zona Restaurant in Westlake for dinner. We will have a private room there, so we will be able to conduct some business.

Our annual picnic will be Saturday, August 5, at MacIntosh Farms. We would be happy to have any persons who happen to be in our area join us, not only for the picnic but for any of our meetings. Just let us know when you will be here.

Back in 1992 Christine Kinvig, that year's Cleveland Medalist, came out to Cleveland and put on a concert for us. We were delighted to learn that she won again this year, and hope both she and her hus-

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band Mark Bregazzi will be able to once again come and put on a concert for us.

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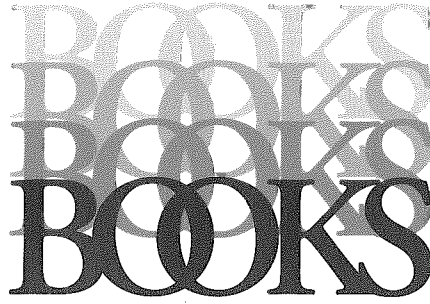
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by LaJean Anderson

Here Is the News—An Illustrated Manx History, based on an original broadcast by Manx Radio.

This is a delightful record of Manx history covering the long period from 798 AD to our 20th century. The many authors are present-day Manx historians and they have written the articles in an “on-the-spot” news report style that is clever and informative. I think this book is a super way for anyone Manx, or interested in the Isle of Man, to become informed about our Island’s history. The book is filled with old photographs, biographies of famous Manxmen, dates, and events that have shaped the lives of our forefathers.

A few of the articles I particularly enjoyed reading were: The Art of the Manx Crosses page 6, The First Time “the House of Keys” Name was Used page 9, The First Recorded Appearance of the Three Legs of Man page 13, Tynwald Hill and the Duke of Atholl page 69, John Quilliam, Trafalgar Hero page 89, The Mutiny on HMS Bounty page 57, an of course, the not-always beloved Hall Caine page 146.

The book is filled with etchings and drawings the young people in your family will love. It is in paperback for £9.95 or hard cover for £13.95 (size 8 x 11 inches). It is published by “The Manx Experience”, 45 Slieau Dhoo, Tromode Park, Douglas, Isle of Man. Please add £2.50 for secure packing and postage. It is printed by The Alden Press, Oxford. Order one for your family!! (By the way, I’m not getting a commission for this review.)

Moods of Mann, a photographic essay of the Isle of Man in all its moods.

Moods of Mann is an unusually definitive photographic book on the Isle of Man in spectacular color. It is a “coffee-table” book size and was the result of a competition from which thousands of entries were chosen.

The introduction explains it in these words, much better than I could do:

“From an idea first discussed while sail-

ing the Millennium Viking Ship ‘Odin’s Raven’ from Norway to the IOM in 1979, *Moods of Mann* has finally come of age. It would have remained a pipe dream but for the enthusiasm of all those involved in its publication—in particular—the people of the Isle of Man.” The three editors of the book were part of the crew of ‘Odin’s Raven’. The businesses who sponsored it have included very tasteful full-color page advertisements.

Moods of Mann would be a wonderful gift for any Manx members of your family. It can be given for their weddings, their birthdays, their anniversaries, for the birth of their children—for all occasions, to help them celebrate their Manx heritage.

This 208 page book priced at £29.95 can be ordered from Moods of Mann Limited RTA, PO Box 3, St Georges House, Port St Many Isle of Man IM9 7RT.



Calling all Kids

During the Ladies’ Auxiliary Luncheon at the convention last summer it was suggested that I write and ask Mr Gordon Baker, Director of Education, if Manx Language students would write to us in Manx.

Well, I have had a very overwhelming response to my request. I have received over sixteen letters as of this writing. Many of these young people want pen-friends. They write both Manx and English.

I am appealing to all the young Manx people of the North American Manx Association to think about a Manx pen-friend. Most of these young people are about twelve or thirteen years of age. Several have written that they have been to the USA.

I will be more than happy to send the list of names and addresses of the young people who have written to me so far.

Enclosed is a copy of one of the wonderful letters sent to me.

Dorothy E Gawne

8605 N Merrill

Niles, IL 60714

Vnr Gawne Veen,

Smie lhiam screeu gys America. Ta'n ennym orrym Charlotte Gash as ta mee cummal ayns Ballabeg. Ta mee tree bleaney jeig dy cash. Ta mee goll gys Scoil Ard Chashal Rosien ayns Balley Chashal. Smie lhiam jeeaghyn er y chellveeish, lhaib, kiaull, markiagh as co-earrocderyn. Vel oo cummal ayns balley mooar ny baley beg? As row uss rieou ayns Mannin?

Lhicks dy firrinagh,
Charlotte Gash

Dear Mrs Gawne,

I like writing to America. My name is Charlotte Gash and I live in Ballabeg. I am thirteen years old. I go to Castle Rushen High School in Castletown. I like watching television, reading, music, riding and computers. Do you live in a big town or a small one? And were you ever in the Isle of Man?

Yours sincerely,
Charlotte Gash

If you are interesting in having a pen-friend who writes in both Manx and English, please send your name to Dorothy Gawne. Think of the fun of learning a bit of Manx Gaelic!



Though their tales are abbreviated, Manx cats have been around for a lengthy period of time. Unfortunately, any records that may have existed about the origins of the Manx are gone. We know the Manx has existed for many centuries on the Isle of Man. Since the Island did not have an indigenous feline species from which the Manx could develop, it is surmised that domestic cats were introduced by human settlers and explorers. Exactly who and when is uncertain.

Regardless of how cats got to the Island, they presumably arrived with their tails intact. Geneticists believe that the Manx's taillessness is the result of spontaneous mutation within the Isle's domestic cat population. Genetically, the Manx varies significantly from other short-tailed felines. The Manx's tail, or lack thereof, is governed by a dominant gene. Given the Isle's closed environment and small gene pool, the dominant gene easily passed from one generation to the next.

The Manx breed was well established and popular long before the earliest days of the cat fancy. Manx cats were at first exported from the Isle of Man, but as the demand grew, the supply waned. Fanciers had to rely on British and American sources, and since Manxes were difficult to breed, demand exceeded supply. Today, show-quality Manx cats are in great

demand because of their rarity, but pet-quality can be easily obtained.

The personality of the Manx is probably the reason the breed has won such a strong following. Manx cats make great household companions. They are intelligent, active and fun-loving cats that manage to express themselves very well without tails to swish around. Manxes get along well with other pets and form strong bonds with their chosen humans.

The hind legs are powerful and much longer than the forelegs, causing the rump to be considerably higher than the shoulders. A result of the short back and long hind legs is the Manx's unusual rabbitlike gait, known as the "Manx hop." Their powerful back legs make them exceptional jumpers. No cupboard or shelf is safe with a Manx around. Excerpts from an article by J Anne Helgren from *Cat Magazine*, April 1995.

Quote from Aldous Huxley: "The tail, in cats, is the principal organ of emotional expression and a Manx cat is the equivalent of a dumb man."



KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

Questions, Questions:

It is very important that we periodically review and evaluate our research notes. This will help determine what documentation is needed and hidden clues may be uncovered. The following questions should be asked;

1. Are all dates for all events in proper order?
2. Are all abbreviations correct?
3. Is every fact documented?
4. Have you found your ancestor in every census of his/her life?
5. Have you looked for citizenship or naturalization papers?
6. Was the father married more than once?
7. Do all the children belong to one wife?
8. Is a pattern evident in the children's names?
9. Did the father serve in the military? If yes, what war?
10. Did the family own land?
11. Have you found the father's will and probate records?
12. Have you researched tax lists and church records?
13. Figuring the dates, how many children

could the mother have had?

14. Do all her children belong to one husband?
15. If widowed, did she live with her children in later years?
16. Do you have the children listed in correct birth order?
17. Do you have place of birth and marriage information for each child?
18. Have you followed each child in the census to see if a parent or grandparent is living with them?
19. Have you checked to see if a book was ever written about your family?
20. Have you checked to see if your families are in the Family History Center's IGI (both microfiche version and computerized)?
21. Have you entered your family names in Ancestral File?
22. Have you considered that your ancestor may have kept a diary?
23. Have you plotted your family's migration path?
24. Have you placed queries on your families in all the genealogical periodicals?

Review documents acquired over time. New clues will surface that were missed the first time, or information didn't fit with your data at that time.

Judy Barnett sent in this list from the St Louis Genealogical Society's New 'N Notes, April 1995.



Wedding

Congratulations and good wishes to Frank and Clarabel Quiggin who were married in Dana Point, California, on November 25, 1995.

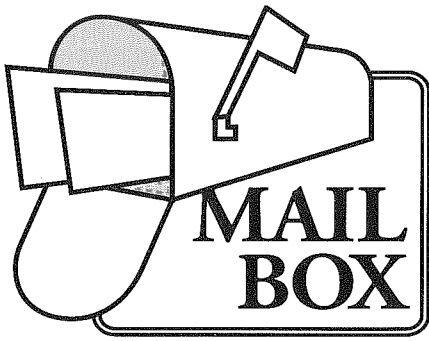
Frank has many interesting memories of the Manx TT races. As a school boy in the holidays he worked in a garage that serviced some of the bikes and he met some of the famous riders. He served in the RAF in India during WWII and even met two or three Manxmen over there.

Congratulations to Philip and Dorothy Bridson (nee Fayle) who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 31 March 1995 in Desbarats, Ontario.

They were married in St Ninian's Church, Douglas, Isle of Man on Saturday Easter. It was a wartime marriage in 1945. On Monday, after a one day honeymoon, Philip left the Island to return to sea. He left the sea in 1957 and they moved to Canada.

Philip and Dorothy have four children, all members of NAMA.





Thank you for including the announcement of my son's birth in the March issue of the NAMA Bulletin. We all enjoyed seeing it. I was also happy to receive a call from Cora Wiseman, a very nice Laramie NAMA member who saw the announcement. She is the second person with Manx connections I've met since living in Laramie.

Alison Quaggin Harkin
Laramie, Wyoming

Please accept this donation to the postage account for the NAMA Bulletin. As a life member I understand the increases in publishing the Bulletin and will send a dona-

tion again, perhaps once a year.

John W Hughes
Tucson, Arizona

I am a life member of the NAMA. My maiden name is Kennish, and it was in our living room in our home in Cleveland, Ohio, that a number of Manxmen got together to promote the idea of a North American Manx Association. Mr Christian was named president, and in 1928 the first convention was held in Cleveland—in the Cleveland Hotel. I was 15 years old then and remember it well—it was truly something.

I also was an original member of the Junior Manx in Cleveland, and the Manx picnics were held at the Old Euclid Beach Park—now done away with. I attended many conventions with my parents and enjoyed them all.

I spent the summer of 1926 on the Island, meeting relatives and stayed with my aunt and grandfather at 28 Hope St in Douglas.

Florence Kennish Burrows
Mansfield, Ohio

Each Bulletin is a pleasure to receive. The

1994 Convention and the Bulletin are bound to keep the Association together and have the membership looking forward to the meeting in Madison, Wisconsin next year!

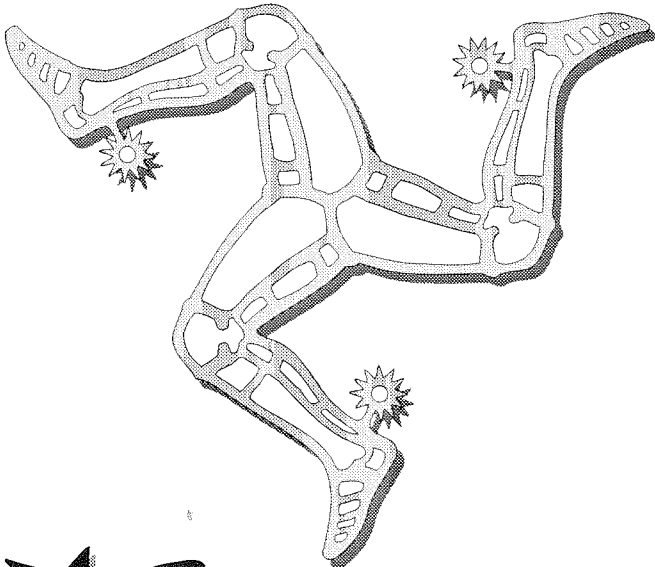
Stan Shimmin
Alliston, Ontario

Mom (Alice Gell) will be 99 years old in October. She loves the Manx Bulletin.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Eleanor Gawne of Framingham, MA, accompanied by her son Jonathon and daughter-in-law Debbie, visited the Island in April, and enjoyed several days of good weather. Although Jonathon had not visited the Island for many years, it was the first time for his wife and she found to her amazement that her mother's maiden name of Stowell was well known in the Isle of Man. Eleanor will now have another Manx name to research for her family records.

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Ladies' Auxiliary News

by Mary F Kelly

Greetings to Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

With the changes in the seasons comes a sense of renewal, and in some cases cleaner closets! We are pleased to announce a few members have already reported they have some items to donate to the Ladies' Auxiliary sales table at the upcoming Wisconsin Convention and some other members have indicated that they have already started on hand-crafted items with Manx emblems. Our next Ladies' Auxiliary sale will offer a variety of unique Manx items. You won't want to miss it!

It has been suggested that our organization's traditional focus on activities to help increase membership and interest in the North American Manx Association may be served best by a change in the name of our group. Since the convention in Santa Clara, I have been hearing suggestions that the time has come for us to promote a renewal of our organization if we expect it to survive.

Some Ladies' Auxiliary members believe we must let go of the title "Ladies' Auxiliary" and adopt one that places more emphasis on our Ancient Manx heritage. Recently, one member suggested that we select an appropriate Manx Gaelic name that describes our organization. Before we could actually make such a name change we must first have the membership vote on "to change" or "not to change our title". If the idea of change reflects the voice of the majority present at the next meeting, we can select the one that is most popular at that time. Do you want to explore the possibilities? What are your thoughts about an appropriate title? Let me hear from you!

Other Ladies' Auxiliary members believe renewal means a need for a review of our constitution, policies and practices. We need your help to sort out what should be maintained (renewed) and what new directions we will promote. Please take a moment to express your views, now, so they may be shared with the other women of our group in an upcoming issue of the NAMA Bulletin!



In the 1930s there were more people of Manx descent in Cleveland, Ohio, than there were in the Isle of Man.

OBITUARIES



Norman D Clucas, Honorary President of the NAMA died on April 12, 1995. His funeral and interment was April 18 in Wooddale, Illinois.

Norman was a Manxman through and through, from his winning smile to the mischievous twinkle in his eyes. His last trip to the Island was for the 1992 Convention. He took an active part in all the convention activities, was seen around Douglas riding the horse trams and visiting with friends and relatives, but was conspicuously absent when the fire alarm aroused all of the Palace Hotel residents at 3:00 am!

Norman served as president of NAMA from 1968 to 1970 and prior to that he completed the term of Henry Christian. He held the position of NAMA Honorary Vice President from 1976 to 1984 and Honorary President from 1984 to 1995.

Norman was preceded in death by his wife Helen. He is survived by his sons Douglas and James.

He will be dearly missed.

NAMA member **Robert Sanborn Kitchel, Jr** of Laconia, New Hampshire, passed away in December of 1994.



Cleveland Medal

Mezzo soprano Christine Kinvig Bregazzi of Braddan won her second Cleveland Medal April 20 at the Manx Music Festival. Christine sang Paxon's The Cooling Night and Cinderella's last Aria by Rossini. This medal is donated annually by the Manx Society of Cleveland, Ohio.



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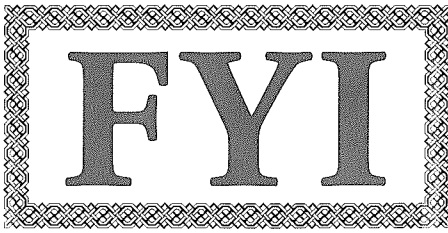
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Manx Stamps

On May 8, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, the Isle of Man Post Office will release two sets of 10p, 20p, 24p and 40p stamps showing scenes from various war campaigns and jubilant celebrations in the UK and IOM. A commemorative folder containing information about the medals and campaigns will also be available from the Post Office.

On the same day, the Post Office will release a set of stamps showing classic and vintage cars to commemorate the 90th anniversary of car racing in the British Isles. The IOM TT (Tourist Trophy), the oldest motor sport race on public roads, was staged for the first time in 1905.

Also being released are the 20p and 30p Europa 1995 stamps with the theme of peace and freedom.

On Easter Sunday, as part of the Snaefell Mountain Railway Centenary, the Tholt-y-Will cachet, or handstamp, will be re-introduced, after an absence of over 60 years. From the beginning of the century and into the 30s, charabancs used to carry holidaymakers from the Bungalow to the MER tearooms and glen at Tholt-y-Will. The re-introduced cachet will be available for mail posted in a special box in the Celtic Craft Centre, formerly the stables for the original tearooms and Tholt-y-Will Inn.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, March 28 and April 11, 1995.

Manx Coins

The late Sir Winston Churchill's daughter has launched one of two coins produced by the IOM Treasury to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII. The £5 coin depicts the former Prime Minister giving his famous victory salute.

The second, £2 coin, depicts the Royal British Legion Coat of Arms surrounded by poppies with the inscription VE/VJ Day.

The base metal coins are available in presentation cases from the Treasury, Government Offices, Buck's Road, Douglas, priced £6 and £2.50. Precious metal versions can also be ordered.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, April 11, 1995.

Place-Names of IOM

This new series, containing in total seven volumes, is concerned with the place-names of the Isle of Man. The present work draws on much more documentary material. The collection is detailed and comprehensive and reflects the linguistic geography of the Isle of Man covered by the extant material (13th-20th century), embracing Gaelic, Scandinavian, and English, and contains much linguistic discussion. The place-name material is listed by parish.

As the Isle of Man also shares similar linguistic features of one sort or another with northeast Ireland, southwest Scotland and northwest England, the place-names of Man form an integral part of the jig-saw embracing this whole area. Therefore, an adequate understanding of the toponomy of this region cannot be fully attained without reference to its component parts. These volumes seek to contribute to that understanding.

Please order through Max Niemeyer Verlag GmbH & Co KG, P O Box/Postfach 2140, D-72011 Tübingen, Federal Republic of Germany.

Manx Flags

If you wish to order a small Manx flag, 10 inches tall and approximately 3 inch-

es by 5 inches, send your order to The Flag Store, 520 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476, (707) 996-8140, FAX (707) 996-8171. The cost for individual flag is \$3.00, \$2.50 if ordering in quantities of 12, or \$2.00 per flag in gross quantities (144).

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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.

Deadline	Bulletin Issue
February 10	March
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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.

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