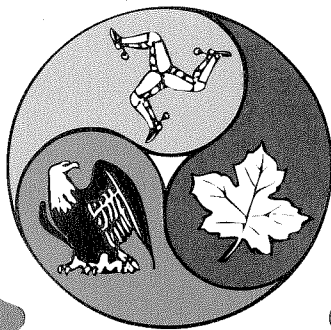


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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." TE Brown

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*Ollick Ghennal Erriu as Blein feer Vie;
Seihll as Slaynt d'an Slane Loght thie*

A Merry Christmas to you and a Good Year;
Luck and Health to the Whole House.

President's Message

What happened? Another year has rolled by before we noticed! As each year comes to an end we tend to pause and review, then look forward to the coming year with new plans and new hopes.

For NAMA, 1995 has been uneventful in some ways. There have been no big, unsolvable problems. Our membership has been stable. Thanks to First Vice President Mary Kelly's able planning, a successful Executive Board meeting was held in Madison, Wisconsin, in July. Our members can look forward to a fantastic NAMA Convention the third weekend of July 1996 in Madison.

NAMA's application for a grant from the Pew Foundation was not approved. No specific reason was given, other than they had many requests each year for grants. I think it was a worthwhile attempt, and thanks to Third Vice President Jack Cormode for his time and effort in writing the proposal. Jack's latest project has been a sample mailing to people with common Manx surnames to encourage them to join NAMA. If the results are encouraging, a larger mailing will follow.

On a sad note, NAMA lost two of its past presidents, Norman Clucas and George Curphey. We will miss their enthusiastic Manx energy!

Personally, it's been a busy year. Our trip to the Isle of Man was the highlight. We managed to sell the Gill family home of 52 years in Duluth, and move my mother to a Senior Citizen apartment in the Twin Cities. For added excitement, we started building a new home in northern Wisconsin. And finally, we are looking forward to a business trip to Australia this month. I hope 1996 will be a little slower paced!

At this time, on behalf of the NAMA Executive Board and the Bulletin Editors I would like to extend sincere Christmas wishes to all our members and their families, and wishes for the best in 1996! Or as they say in Manx Gaelic, "Ollick Ghennal Erriu as Blein feer Vie!"

Norman W Gill, NAMA President

NAMA Convention 1996

By Dr Chris Merritt

In 1966 the NAMA Convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on July 19 to 22. Mark it on your calendar now!

Wisconsin is a diverse and beautiful state with a subtle landscape. It was here that the last glacier stopped, dividing the land into the placated and unglaciated sections. Up in the north we have the Northwoods with loons, elk and wolves, while in the south we have the prairie. A land of lakes and rivers with rich Native American heritage is still visible today.

The State of Wisconsin is known as the 'Badger State', names after those first immigrants who came here from England. They arrived late in the year and so there was not enough time to build any shelters before the winter snows set in. So they dug holes in the ground, like the badger, and survived until the next season when they could build houses above ground. This is reminiscent of the Cornish miners who also settled here and dug into the earth for lead ore, as they did back home. One of these Cornish settlements, the Pendarvis Colony at Mineral Point, will be available to tour during the 1996 Convention. It is located just across the street from the old mines where Cornish and Manx immigrant miners once worked side by side. Visitors will be able to see how these early settlers lived in a manner very similar to that of the Manx people of that era.

Madison is a unique city, built on an isthmus, surrounded by four lakes. The largest of the lakes, Lake Mendota, has an Indian name meaning "the lake where the Indian lies." At the center of the city is the beautifully restored State Capitol, with a dome larger than any other in the United States. It can also be regarded as a temple to the badger. A badger likeness occupies the highest point in the city, on the helmet of a gilded bronze statue, "Wisconsin", popularly known as "Miss Forward", who stands on top of the capitol building. Inside the dome, in each of the four cardinal directions are four stone badgers. The Tibetans claim that they can see a sacred mythical bird, the Garuda, above the Capitol in Madison; and the building itself was built over native American effigy mounds, unique to the Midwest—North American's Stonehenge!

The hotel selected for the convention is on the Capitol Square where visitors will



NAMA members visit Laxey cemetery in Wisconsin. The flag, dating to the early 1900s, belonged to James Brew of Montana.

be able to see the State Capitol and take a tour. Also, on the same side of the square is the Wisconsin State Historical Museum that features newly opened displays about the lives of early immigrants and a superb display about the Woodland Indians who first settled in this region. The WSHM also has a good bookstore and shop.

Come and join us and explore our cultural heritage. You can leisurely take breakfast in your room, on the square, or on the Memorial Union Terrace on Lake Mendota. Brats, a Wisconsin staple, are always available on the Terrace for lunch or dinner. Watch the sunsets over the lakes and listen to the music in the evenings. Madison is a resort city in the summertime, full of arts events and interesting happenings. A city for people of discerning tastes!

Convention tours will be taken in fully equipped motor coaches through miles of Wisconsin's beautiful unglaciated landscape.

Visitors, like the early settlers, will observe geographical terrain reminiscent of the Cornish and Manx homelands. We will visit the little Laxey Cemetery, the site of the only Manx built church in America, and then go on to the Pendarvis Colony, the mining settlement that was restored by the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The region is famous for its genuine pasty dinners.

A few of the surrounding area attractions:

- Little Norway, a Norwegian pioneer homestead near Blue Mounds;
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Architectural School at Taliesin near Spring Green;
- The House on the Rock, an extraordinary house and museum, Spring Green;

- Folklore Village near Dodgeville;
- The International Crane Foundation, home to 15 species of live cranes, symbols of the world's wetlands;
- Circus World Museum, featuring daily performances amidst the world's largest circus museum, a national historic landmark in Baraboo;

• Cave of the Mounds, a national natural landmark, Blue Mounds.

More to see in Madison:

- Indian Effigy Mounds (or earth writings) with their astronomical alignments, Madison and University of Wisconsin campus. The largest eagle mound in the world, with a wing span of 628 feet, is located on the shore of Lake Mendota;
- Farmers' Market on the Capitol square on Saturday mornings with fruits, vegetables and entertainment;
- Madison Children's Museum, offering diverse exhibits for children at the corner of State and Carroll Streets;
- Henry Vilas Zoo, over 700 zoo animals, camel rides for children, educational programs and a picnic area;
- Lake Wingra, canoeing and picnic area;
- State Street, something for everyone; a myriad of restaurants, shops, and galleries on a pedestrian mall that connects the State Capitol and the University;
- The Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center (under construction) on Lake Monona scheduled to be completed in 1997;
- University of Wisconsin Arboretum, where they specialize in prairie restoration;
- Home of Aldo Leopold and John Muir, famous American naturalists.

The hotel for the convention is The Inn on the Park Hotel, 22 South Carroll Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, tele-

phone (608) 257-8811 or 1-800-279-8811. For amenities it has two restaurants, one with a view of the Capitol that is wonderful at night when the Capitol is lighted; and indoor swimming pool; plus a central location for walking, buses, shops, restaurant, museums, galleries, cinemas, and more.

Madison is located about 10 minutes away from the Dane County Regional Airport which is serviced by six major airlines. Hotel transportation is available, as are city taxis and car rentals. We are three hours from Chicago, Illinois, with an excellent bus service from O'Hare Airport to the UW-Memorial Union in Madison.

There will be more information in the next NAMA Bulletin. You may also contact Mary Kelly, Convention Chair, telephone (608) 839-4709 or E-mail: meritt@engr.wisc.edu

Calling All Kids

by Kali Dahlquist

Hi, kids! Last summer, I went to Madison, Wisconsin, with my parents. Boy, did I have a great time! Mom attended a NAMA Manx meeting while Dad and I hit the town. Dad took me to the State Capitol. It was such a big and beautiful building. We laid down on the floor in the middle of the Capitol and looked up at the great ceiling. Also, we



Kali at the Capitol

got to see the big falcons nesting on the outside ledges of the building. Wow, were they neat birds!

Next, we walked down State Street. Dad bought me a hacky-sack ball and we found a cool dress for Mommy. Also, we cruised around Lake Mendota and Lake Monona and stopped at various beaches to play. When we got back to the hotel and told Mommy where we had been she was jealous. But that's okay. Mommy had a great time with her Manx friends.

I keep telling Mom and Dad that I want to go to Madison again. I can't wait for the 96 NAMA Convention next summer! I hope all you kids will come so I can play with you. Don't forget your bathing suits!



NAMA Goes On-line

The North American Manx Association has gone On-line with its own Home Page. An entrepreneur on the Isle of Man, Adrian Cooper, has established an Internet service in the British Isles. Part of what he has done is to create a home Page about the Isle of Man (<http://www.enterprise.net/ccs/iom/>). When contacted about his electronic service, Cooper generously invited NAMA to develop its own Home Page. Jack Cormode, NAMA 3rd Vice-President, gathered up some basic information about NAMA, such as its chapters and points of contact, to create the Home Page. Jack's wife, Janet Jarman, is a computer professional, and she put it into the correct electronic format. The material was transmitted to IOM on Tynwald Day for placement in the computer-server. If you will go on-line to <http://www.enterprise.net/nama/>, you will see the NAMA Home Page.

As we add more chapters and people assume new roles, we can update the news. Activities and meetings for the different chapters can be announced. Just notify Jack Cormode at 217 Ada Avenue #56, Mountain View, CA 94043 or at his e-mail address jarmode@aol.com.

As long as you are surfing the Internet, you should check out the newsgroup soc.culture.celtic. This is a meeting place for anyone interested in Celtic heritage. We have even recruited a few new members through the 'Net. The Manx are using new technology to preserve their ancient heritage!



Minutes of NAMA Executive Meeting

Present at the July 22, 1995 meeting in Madison, Wisconsin: Ronald Quayle, Norman Gill, Mary Kelly, Donald Quayle, Jack Cormode, Linda Shimmin, Sally Dahlquist, Joan Gill, Mona Haldeman, William Brideson, Marshall Cannell, and Robert Kelly.

Correspondence received from members was read and discussed.

The minutes of the meetings on August 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1994 were approved as corrected.

In the absence of Helen Drom, Ron Quayle gave the treasurer's report. The dues are supporting the expenses. It was recommended that we seek to have the Conventions continue to be self-supportive. The Minnesota Convention was very successful financially. It was decided at the 1994 NAMA Convention to reimburse only the officers and the immediate past president for a \$100 deductible for NAMA meetings.

The selection of Honorary President and Vice President has not had a set pattern in the past. The Honorary President will now be the first Honorary Vice President moved up. The Honorary Vice Presidents will be the persons with the longest date of service, plus the President of the World Manx Society.

The editors of the Bulletin continue to seek ways to continue the quality of the Bulletin and to reduce the cost. Folding of the Bulletin increases the preparation time, but also decreases the cost of mailing. There is a continual effort made to keep up with the change of addresses to eliminate additional costs of re-mailing the Bulletin.

Robert Kelly mentioned two valuable resources for tracing your lineage, Salt Lake City Family History Library and the Allen County Library in Indiana are two of the largest. PERSI (Periodical Source Index), the largest periodical index, is located at the Allen County Library. Allen County would like a complete set of the NAMA Bulletin from the founding in 1928 to the present to include in their permanent collection. They will also bind and index the Bulletins for PERSI. There will be no cost to NAMA, except for the mailing of future issues. Jack Cormode recognized the Balsh Institute of Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia as a place that tracks and collects immigration information.



Manx News

Lieutenant Governor Sir Laurence Jones died September 23 after a short struggle against lung cancer. He and Lady Jones had decided to keep his illness a secret as they didn't want to put a dampener on their last few weeks in the Island. Sir Laurence leaves his wife, daughters Mandy and Sue, and grandchildren. His funeral was September 29 at St George's Church, Douglas.

The Island's 22nd Lieutenant Governor was sworn in at Castle Rushen, Castletown on October 27. He is Sir Timothy Daunt, 60, who comes to the Island after a long and distinguished career with the Foreign and Commonwealth office culminating in a posting as British ambassador to Turkey. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children, James, Eleanor and Alice.

The local branch of the Celtic League has raised the question of relevance of the 'feudal' role it claims the Island's Lieutenant Governor fulfills at the expense of the Manx people.

A Manx woman failed to clinch one of TV's top honours, the Emmy. Former Castle Rushen student Sarah Kerruish, 31, was nominated in the 'outstanding information special' category for Moon Shot, a series she wrote and produced to mark the 25th anniversary of man landing on the moon. She formed her own production company, Spellbound, in San Francisco, last year. It specializes in documentaries and corporate videos for companies including Turner Network Television, Sony, Apple Mac and General Magic. She is currently working on a film about the first modern Olympics, held in 1896, and is planning a historical film set in the Island, which she hopes to start work on next year.

Five of the edible mushrooms and deadly toadstools which grow in the Island are featured on the recent stamp issue from the Post Office. They were introduced at the Singapore World Stamp Exhibition. The 20p stamp shows the Fly Agaric, the most colourful but dangerous of the species featured. It is hallucinogenic. Viking raiders were said to have chewed it to bring on battle rage! The 24p stamp features the Penny Bun or Cep, the most commercially important edible species of mushroom which, in dried form, is used to flavour dehydrated soups. The Trooping Crumble Cap or Fairy Bonnet is the subject of the 30p stamp. Too small to eat, it is found in woodlands and on the stumps of recently felled broadleaved

trees. One of the larger Earth Stars is on the 45p stamp. Inedible, it is found below hedges and at the Ayres in late summer and autumn.

A former Manx resident has presented a copy of his new book to former American president Jimmy Carter. Mr Carter wrote the foreword to Dr Derek Perkins' book, *Dylan Thomas and His World*. In the introduction, Mr Carter said he had long been an admirer of the Under Milk Wood author, who died in New York in 1953 aged 39.

An issue recently raised in the House of Keys is the government's plans for residence control legislation. Increased population, mostly by immigration, is causing concern with questions such as how many green fields should remain and how much traffic can our roads take. So it is really a question of when or how to limit immigration. At this time, slightly less than 50% of the total population is native Manx.

Another issue that receives considerable attention in the letters to the editors and some news articles is the seemingly neglect and deterioration of tourist facilities. Plus the indifference of the government department to the needs and concerns of visitors to the Island.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*.



Laxey Community Radio

On April 2nd this year what is almost certainly the smallest Community Radio Station in the British Isles opened in Laxey, IOM. It broadcasts on 10 watts power and covers approximately the area of Lonan parish. The majority of the population listening will be living in Laxey, but by report Garwich, Agneash, Minorca and Ballaragh receive clearly too on 100.6 KW VHF. This courageous venture is operated by a soft spoken Irish gentleman and his wife originally from Dublin, Ireland. Tony and Frances Boylan live on South Cape on the Douglas side of Laxey.

My connection with the Island is a fascination with the place that dates back over 30 years and I have been travelling to it whenever the chance offers. I just love the place and Laxey in particular; a village with enormous character. Over the years I have made recordings on the Isle of Man

which I am now making available to Tony together with scripts of local incidents based on happenings while I have been in the area. The "feed-back" indicates this sort of material has gained a following.

The purpose of my writing is to invite your members who would have connections in the reception area (and beyond) to write for Community Radio Laxey any story they feel would be of interest to listeners. Even better, compact cassette recordings of good broadcastable quality would be most welcome. Returned eventually of course, with a sample of CRL programming. Perhaps messages of greeting and inquiries for relatives would also be welcome. Broadcast items should not exceed 4 or 5 minutes.

Ray Dudley
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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Les and Val Quilliam from Peel spent a very enjoyable visit to the States between mid-September and October 20th, meeting relatives and friends in Minneapolis, South Dakota, Washington state, San Diego and Tulsa, and experienced temperatures from 33 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit in their travels which was quite a contrast to the Isle of Man climate.

Stan Shimmin from Alliston, Ontario, had a short visit to the Island in September, doing family research and visiting friends and family.

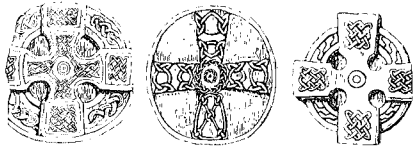
GREETINGS for the Christmas season from the NAMA members in the Isle of Man and best wishes for a happy 1996. From Noreen Cottier, Regional Representative, Isle of Man.

Congratulations to NAMA Past President Larry Fargher. He was the top fund raiser in the Alzheimer's Walk held September 30, 1995, in San Francisco, California.

To Debbie (Glass) and Paul Mortimer, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, a son, Brian Samuel was born August 18, 1995, a brother for Lindsey Elizabeth. He is the second grandchild for Jean (Penrice) and Ron Glass, Burlington, Ontario, and the third great grandchild for Hilda (Bridson) Penrice, widow of the late Sam Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada.

Marshall and Tina Cannell are the proud grandparents of their second grandson, and first baby of their daughter,

Alixé. Jorge Gabriel adds yet another international flavor to our family. His father, Jorge, is from Nicaragua. We hope to introduce them to the wonders of the Isle of Man in the near future, and to our many NAMA friends at one of the conventions. We send you all warm greetings for a very happy Christmas season!



Chaplain's Corner

Last spring I was invited to officiate at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans in a Service of "Kirkin' of the Tartans." The service is an ancient Scottish practice of blessing of the Tartans, symbolizing re-dedication to God's service. It was instituted in America in 1959 by the Rev Dr Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the Senate, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in our nation's Capital. It is enhanced by the beauty of the singing of hymns to the sound of bagpipes, the color and dignity of the presentation and the

close bond of fellowship by all who attend. Being a Manxman, I incorporated the Manx National Tartan in the ceremony, displaying it on the chancel, along with a replica of the Celtic stone cross from the 13th century at Kirk Michael on the Isle of Man, which was carved in wood by my wife, Ruth. About 80 clansmen presented their Tartans (including our Manx National Tartan) for Blessing and re-dedication of their families to God's service. By that Kirkin' act I suggest that the blessing is for all of us Manxmen and Manx descendant families as conveyed in the prayer at that service:

"Almighty God, You have promised that in all places where You record Your name You will meet with Your servants and bless them; fulfill now Your promise and make us joyful in our praying, so that our worship being offered in the Name of Your Son Jesus Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit may be acceptable to You and profitable to ourselves. Bless we pray, these Tartans that they may be unto us and to all people, tokens of the faith of our forebearers and the sign of our service to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Rev Devore Craine Smith



Ladies' Auxiliary

Season's Greetings to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

As we bid good-bye to another old year, it is a tradition to look back upon the bounty of that year and to give thanks.

As your President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I am thankful for the dedication of so many people who have served our organization. You, our members, give it strength. Your efforts and dues are the means that enable us to function. I am indebted to Past President Tina Cannell and Vice-President Margaret Quayle for their guidance and to Dorothy Gawne, our Secretary-Treasurer, who has handled most of our correspondence and the financial obligations of this organization.

I am thankful that in 1995 we were again able to join with Gordon Baker, Director of Education with the Isle of Man Government, the teachers, students, and their parents in support of their work to preserve our Manx language. Our special thanks to Mrs Norman (Joan) Gill who presented two £50 language awards on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary while on the Isle of Man last July. We are truly

proud of Rebecca Howard of Ballakermeen and Anna Workman of St Ninian's for their outstanding progress in Manx!

Helen Drom, Virginia Quayle, Hazel and Irving Kelly, Mona Haldeman, and the Cleveland Manx are already making items to donate to our next conventions Ladies' Auxiliary craft sale. Still others like LaJean Anderson, Helen and Fred Brew, Sally Dahlquist, Joan and Norm Gill, Mona Haldeman, Pat Kelly, Myrra Johnson, Margaret Quayle, Virginia Quayle, Ellen Rabenhorst, Brenda Reddin, Mona Voutila, and the members of the Minnesota Manx and the Wisconsin Manx groups have made donations or given me support and encouragement. My heartfelt thanks to ALL!

The new year brings us new hope and so many challenges! As in the past, we need to build camaraderie, membership, and support for NAMA. Our future plans may include continuation of the IOM scholastic achievement awards and increased financial contributions to NAMA Conventions. We may also choose to add new activities. It has been suggested that our organization should do more to ensure the preservation of our Manx heritage and we should establish ongoing committees to maintain contact with the state or country groups. This could be facilitated through regular contact. It would be most expedient if we maintained contact through electronic media. If you are particularly interested in any of these ideas just let me know.

Some members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have again suggest that it is time for us to enlist the help of all who share interest in the goals of our auxiliary to NAMA. This would require that we no longer exclude potential members on the basis of gender. If we vote to make this change in 1996, we will possibly implement an organizational name change at the same meeting. Please send me your suggestions now, so they may be presented in this column to ensure their full consideration by all Ladies' Auxiliary members.

If you need to renew your membership or want to join us now, just sent your \$5.00 dues (per two-year membership) to Dorothy Gawne, 8605 N Merrill, Niles IL 60648. You won't want to miss the 1996 meeting!

Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Wonderful Wisconsin Convention Year, too!

Mary F Kelly, President



NAMA Chaplain at Kirkin' ceremony.

SOCIETY NEWS

San Diego

Our June meeting was held at the home of Lou and Faith Vick. We were so pleased to welcome new members, Jim and Linda Kermott and guest Fred Speece. They expressed their desire to visit the IOM and we offered to help in any way that we can. Malcolm Kinley entertained us with several poems in the Manx dialect. Malcolm is so excited about the home on the IOM that he and Joyce have acquired. We're afraid that we'll see much less of them now. When Malcolm visits there he says that he feels like a caged bird that has been set free.

Tynwald Day was celebrated in San Diego on July 8 in Balboa Park. As we do every year, our local Manx Society hosted an open house at the cottage of England. Marge Frederick, Doris Dobbel and Ruth Smith served refreshments and Devore Smith provided IOM videos and printed information to those interested. We always have many folks who stay and ask questions. It's one of our ways of informing the public of our wonderful homeland.

On August 13, we met at the home of Robert and Millie Kermeen in Rancho Santa Fe. Sixteen members enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon sharing news of the Island and visiting with friends. Eric Curphey reported on a very successful week in Salt Lake City doing genealogical research.

Nineteen members met on October 8 at the home of Brian and Hilary Harrison. We were so happy to welcome Fanella Speece to our group.

Our special guests were Val and Les Quilliam from Peel, IOM. Les is a licensed tour guide for the IOM and has extensive knowledge of all things Manx. Les spoke to our group and gave us a most informative overview of Island statistics and current developments affecting the lives of its citizens. We were most fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain Manx group met for a pot luck supper at the Arvada United Methodist Church on October 6.

Bagpipers gave a program of music and information about the pipes. Plans were made to attend a concert in December to be given by Emma Christian. The group also discussed Manx ancestry, Manx Bible verses, and NAMA pins. The group plans to meet for dinner before the Christian concert, and next spring. Mrs Sheila Kent is President of the group, Albert Scarffe, Vice President.

Minnesota

On September 16, 1995, the Manx Society of Minnesota held their fall meeting at the Ground Round in Burnsville, Minnesota. Les and Val Quilliam of Peel, IOM, were the honored guests. About 40 members met for a lunch, program and business meeting.

Our program was an excellent talk and slide show about the Isle of Man presented by Les Quilliam. His talk included a bit of history, a bit of language, a bit of folklore, and a bit of current information. We all learned a bit more about the Island. As a token of our thanks a crystal piece with symbols of Minnesota and the Isle of Man was presented to Les.

New officers were elected: President, Joan Gill; First Vice President, Sally Dahlquist; Second Vice President, June Sibell; Secretary, Linda Shimmin; and Treasurer, James Anderson.

On October 28, amid threats of rain, June and Wally Sibell, Norm Gill, Lois Lace and Larry Lace met at the Castle Rock Manx Cemetery to once again attack the growth of trees and brush that threaten to overrun the abandon cemetery. They were able to clear the area and burn much of the debris. Much thanks to neighbor Larry Lace who had started working on the removal earlier. With this clearing they were able to discover even more burial stones. It appears that one more clearing and burning should have the cemetery ready for final preparation for restoring it to its original state. Bill Gill of Northfield, Minnesota, has offered to pay for a fence to enclose the cemetery. Plans are underway to deed the cemetery land over to our society.

The Manx Society of Minnesota wishes all NAMA members and their families the

best of holiday wishes and a prosperous 1996.

Queenland

As a result of a meeting of Joe Quayle and the NAMA Bulletin editors at the World Manx meeting the day before Tynwald, we have received the Queensland Newsletter. It sounds like they are a very active society. They were established in 1914 by 20 Manx families who emigrated in that year to Brisbane.

The following is excerpted from an article in their newsletter, Reflections on the Gem Of God's Earth by Les Witherington:

My initial reaction to Douglas was as I had pictured it. A large, run down Victorian town. It was on the second of being on the Island that I realized that there was a certain atmosphere about this place. We visited old Derby Fort on St Michael's Isle. From the fort, we walked to the waters edge, on to the jetty as far as the tide would permit and not only could I see every plant on the sea bed, but I could see every stone, shell and grain of sand as the water was so clear. Later, overlooking the Calf of Man, the water was placid and blue, the weather was fine and hot and the sky was cloudless, just a bit more bluer than the water. Thinking to myself, 'It doesn't get much better than this,' it did get better! Frolicking in the water were some seals. Not a thing one sees every day. To say that it was a surprise to see them would be an understatement, however, that is what the Island became for me during the nine days I was there. Every day a different surprise.

All too soon our time on the Island had come to an end. My first impressions of Douglas were no longer my last. It might be old and past its prime but it still has a charm that makes you want to like it, and before we left the Island, I even got to say hello to the fairies.

World Manx

Little did we think that when we presented a souvenir plate to our patrons, the retiring Lieutenant-Governor Sir Laurence Jones and Lady Jones, on 16 August that so soon afterwards we would be mourning

his death. We heard the sad news at the end of a committee meeting on the morning of Saturday 23 September. The members present stood in silence to honour his memory.

The annual T E Brown luncheon was again held at King William's College on Saturday 21 October. The Guest-of-Honour was the Acting Governor Deemster Jack Corrin who was accompanied by Mrs Pat Corrin. The toast to the Immortal Memory was proposed by Mrs Dorothy Leece who read several excerpts from Brown's poems in the Manx dialect. There was an excellent turn-out, 136 were present including two couples from the USA. Jack and Joan Spelling from Florida who were celebrating their Golden Wedding, they were also to renew their vows at Kirk Braddan where they were married 50 years ago, and the other couple were Malcolm and Joyce Kinley from California. The Kinleys are regular visitors to our functions and in fact have been in the Island since just before Tynwald Day.

Our next function will be the Christmas Lunch at the Viking in Ramsey on Saturday 9 December.

We here on the Island send to you all our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year—Ollick gennal as blein vie noa.

Utah

We had a breakfast at the Alta Club in Salt Lake City on October 23, 1995, with 23 members present. The speaker was Michael Cannon, who is the assistant Editor of the LDS Church News for the Deseret News. Mike visited the Isle of Man last month and did a special assignment for the Deseret News.

Russell A Cannon is President of the Utah Society; Vice President is Louis Callister, the Senior Partner of Callister, Nebeker and McCullough law firm in Salt Lake City; the Secretary-Treasurer is John Preston Creer, who is also an attorney in Salt Lake City. Hence we have three attorney involved in the leadership of our group.

In addition to the Creers, Callisters and Cannons, one other Manx name was also represented, Caine. Dr Thomas Caine, who is head of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah Medical School, is also a member of the group.

We hope to have more frequent meetings, and to get all of our members enrolled in the NAMA.

In addition to Michael Cannon, who was escorted around the Island by Bishop

Moffatt, who is the current Bishop of the LDS Church there; another kinsman, Dr Dalton Cannon, visited the Isle of Man in August of this year with his two sons. We do have a constant stream of people from this area who visit the Isle of Man.

An invitation is extended to all to use the facilities of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, which is the largest private genealogical library in the world. Updated storage methods have allowed storage of records now on CD rom disks. These disks are actually available through the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in your area, and arrangements can be made with them to extract information from these CD rom disks in our computer genealogical centers located in LDS Stake Centers throughout the United States.

Also, an invitation is extended to any member to visit the LDS Genealogical library in Salt Lake City when they are here and any other areas of interest. We will be happy to run a computerized pedigree sheet for you at no charge when you come here in our Family Search area, which will probably show your ancestors.

Russell Cannon's telephone number is 1-800-262-4949 and Louis Callister's number is 1-801-530-7300.

Chicago

The Chicago Manx Society will celebrate the Holiday Season with a pot-luck dinner on Sunday, December 3rd, at the home of Barbara and John Dobbertin, 410 Dean Street, Woodstock, Illinois. We always have an enjoyable time together with a good variety of food and plenty to eat. We invite anyone in the Chicagoland area or southern Wisconsin to come and join in our fellowship.

The Chicago Manx wish all the officers and members of the NAMA a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Ontario

The Ontario Manx had another successful Corn Roast September 9th at the home of Lil and Pat Kendall, Richmond Hill, Ontario. The evening was capped off watching a couple of videos of the Island, *Traa Dy Lioor* and *Treasure Island*, which we all enjoyed very much.

Sunday, October 15th was our Fall Meeting held at the home of Margaret Roche with an international touch this time. Margaret's sister and husband Pat and Ken Cundle formerly of Douglas were

visiting from Australia. Also Catherine Bell's sister Margaret Bowman and niece Elaine Robertson were visiting from Milton-of-Camtsie, Scotland for the wedding of Catherine and George Bell's daughter in September. The meeting concluded with a great pot luck supper with hot and cold dishes and some scrumptious desserts, it was a feast fit for a king.

I would like to mention some of the distances some of our members have to travel to attend our meetings; like our faithful members Pauline and Roger Nelson of London, Wendy and Charlie Kennish of Bowmanville, Agnes Cubbon of King City, Marilyn and Russ Kuehl of Aurora, and Allison Buffett and sister of Hamilton. Needless to say we have a lot of catching up when we meet.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner Party which will be held once more at Pop's Family Restaurant, Richmond Hill, November 25th.

The Ontario Manx members would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 1996.

Cleveland

In October, 28 of us gathered at the Harley House for dinner. We were entertained by three ladies who had adventures on a trip of the canals in England. They showed pictures of their trip, including going through several locks. They explained their living conditions aboard the canal boats, and how they opened and closed the gates of the lock. It must have been quite an experience, one that few of us would wish to undertake despite the beautiful scenery.

On December 3, we will hold our annual Christmas Party at the Clarion Hotel on the far east side of Cleveland. This will be our last meeting until March 1996. We do not meet in January or February because of the distances covered by the society and the probability of inclement weather.

We are happy to report that Edna Cowin is feeling much better, and hopefully will soon be back with us after many months of illness. But we were saddened to learn of the death of Margaret DeVoe. She was the wife of Carl DeVoe and the sister of Louise Parks. While she was one of our newer members, she attended meetings when she was able. We will miss her.

We wish all of our friends in NAMA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Vancouver

PRESIDENT TERRY McCAFFREY, on behalf of the VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY, extends Season's Greetings to one and all.

As we wind down our 1995 year we reflect on past events and happenings. We give thanks to our society's friends and members for their support and encouragement, and hope we will continue to grow in 1996.

Our picnic was held on a lovely, warm and sunny Sunday. Children enjoyed the races and games, especially the candy toss. Young and old alike took great pleasure in pounding down those nails in the Nail and Hammer game. The "trophy" (and I use the term loosely for this game) was won by DORITT ILOT. She will return it next year to challenge any and all comers to see if she can remain champion.

Our next event takes place in November. This is our fall end-of-harvest "Manx Back-End Do". At this time we will decorate the tables with Canadian maple leaves and small pumpkins. We look forward to a good turnout.

We give thanks our beloved CANADA remains united after having gone through a very close referendum.

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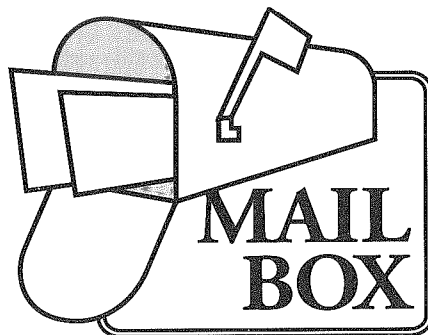
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I am writing in the hope that you might be able to help me concerning a planned trip to the USA in summer '96. I am a postgraduate student of history, planning a career in museums as a curator of the social history or similar. My dissertation is on the history of the Manx Tourist Trade in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

To help my museum plans I have already completed extensive work experience at the Manx Museum and in Norwich, Norfolk (UK). But I have always longed to be able to come to America, to see how your museums work, and obtain a wider perspective!

So may I ask if you could place a note

in the Bulletin contacting any members who work in this field, to whom I might write, for advice about work experience, short term placements or internships?

Thanking you very much indeed for your help.

John Beckerson
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I was recently given a book, *Don't Know Much About Geography* by Kenneth Dairs. The author listed all countries in categories as Scandinavian, etc. Then he has a page of Miscellaneous Leftovers which includes the Isle of Man—there are six leftovers including the Vatican. I have never seen it listed that way.

I work on Cunard and Holland American ships. While on my last trip I was awarded a 500 day service medal from Cunard and a 100,000 miles medallion from Holland American, and at both affairs was asked what was my favorite place and I replied the Isle of Man. Some thought I was making it up!

Eleanor Gawne
Farmington, MA

Many thanks to Frederick Graves, Tulsa, OK, and Bob Christian, Atascadero, CA, who both sent in NAMA Convention Souvenir Booklets, song books, homecoming booklets, and even a NAMA Directory and By Laws for 1954. We are still missing materials from 1930 to 1947 and from 1951 to 1961. If any of our members have these souvenir booklets, please let us know. We are willing to copy and return the originals.

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Please accept, and express to the members of the North American Manx Association, our most grateful thanks for the generous donation by the Association to the Department of Special Collections of the back file of the Bulletin (1928-) delivered to us by Sally P Dahlquist on October 27, 1995. The Bulletin is an essential original source for the study of Manx people in North America. We feel very honored and privileged indeed to be the recipients of this important set of documents!

Once cataloged, the existence of the Bulletin will be made known to researchers generally through the library's "CLICnet" automated database (which is accessible to outside users via the Internet). Only the "card catalog" record for the Bulletin will appear in the "CLICnet" database at this time.

Researchers still will have to come to the



Ron and Margaret Quayle with Norman Standish.

O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library to consult the various individual issues of the Bulletin.

John B Davenport, PhD
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Editor's Note: Copies of the entire set of the NAMA Bulletins were assembled and made possible through the persistent efforts of the late T R Anderson, Past President of NAMA. It was his insight and care which preserved our Manx heritage for generations to come. Also, we are looking for another set of NAMA Bulletins to be placed in the Allen County Library in Indiana, which has the largest periodical index. If anyone has or knows of an existing set of Bulletins, please contact Norman Gill, 10215 38th Court North, Plymouth, MN 55441-1669 or Robert Kelly, 6858 N Osceola Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631.

Our week at Lake Tahoe was indeed a memorable one. Above all was the spectacular scenery. And the air is truly "the air the angels breathe" as Mark Twain said. There is no way to thank Larry Fargher for his home; it was above and beyond our expectations. It provided all the comforts we could have expected.

Eleanor, Andrew and Bill Nealy
John and Susan Waller
Trainer, PA

Editor's note: This Lake Tahoe vacation was one of the prizes of the 1994 NAMA Convention raffle.

Margaret and I, plus her brother and wife,

stayed at Norm Standish's "Standish B & B" in Lanark, IL, on 25 July. Norm had the Manx flag and US flag flying outside to greet us. We were given a complete tour of the house and the Manx/Standish items, which we found most interesting. Super place to stay. Now I understand why the Gills enjoyed it also.

Ron Quayle
Alexandria, VA

Enclosed is a picture of the William Crellin family on Crellin's Hill Douglas in June of this year. In the group are Mr and Mrs William Crellin Sr.; Mr and Mrs William Crellin Jr, daughter Erin and son W Reed, Mr and Mrs Joseph Grafton (Candace Crellin), son Ryan and daughter

Caroline; and Mr and Mrs E John Taylor (Cheryl Crellin), daughters Leah and Lindsay and son Andrew.

We are searching for information of our Grandfather William and his two brothers who left the Isle of Man, 1845-1850. One brother was named George.

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In a recent Bulletin, I read about the Manx Loaghtan sheep. It reminded me of a photo my Great Gramps (William John Moore, DOB Sept 19, 1844, DOD May 13, 1913, Kirk Michael; married Dec 19, 1870 to Catherine Ann Quayle, DOB July 3, 1846, DOD March 3, 1932, Kirk Michael) herding a flock of sheep down the street.

I wondered if we might be related to William Quayle, Jr, Loxahatchee, FL (also in a recent Mail box) through Great Gram's side Catherine Ann Quayle. Seems like it's "All in the Family" when the Isle of Man is the source.

Betty Rose von Osten
Belfair, WA

My sister-in-law who regularly receives the Bulletin handed me her March copy because of two articles referring to Bishop Quayle. Bishop Quayle was a first cousin of my mother, as his mother who died when he was just 30 days old, was born Elizabeth Gale (Gell). Bishop Quayle was told during a visit to his relatives in 1908 that my mother was in looks very much as his mother had been when she was her age with identical coloured hair. He persuaded her to give him a lock of her hair

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William Cellin family.

which he apparently carried around with him in an oval gold locket. Just before he died he gave instructions that it be returned to my mother and I remember seeing it when I was 12 or 13 and being told its history by my mother.

When my wife and I visited USA in 1984 we flew to Kansas City and spent a day at Baker University. We were shown round the Quayle Bible Library and also taken to see Dream Haven, where he died, and the family graves in Baldvia Cemetery.

W E Cubbon
Peel, Isle of Man

Request contact with anyone researching surnames of: KEIG, CORKILL, CAIN, GAWNE, from Rushen/Arbory area of the Isle of Man. Thank you.

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OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **George Curphey**, 83 of Liverpool, Canada, on October 2, 1995. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was a son of the late Wilfred and May (Curphy) Curphey.

George was a veteran of the WW II serving with the British Merchant Navy. Following the war, between 1946 and 1952, he became a marine engineer and naval architect and worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1952, he immigrated to Canada, resided in Dartmouth and was general manager of Dartmouth Shipyard. In 1961, he moved to Liverpool, where he was general manager of Steel and Engine Products Limited. While residing in Liverpool, he designed her Mersey Seafood floating fish plant and revitalized Shelburne Marine Industries. Following his retirement, he taught at the Nautical Institute of Nova Scotia and was a ship inspector for Lloyds of London. He was an active member of Zion United Church, a member of the Association of Marine Engineers and a member of Zetland Lodge 9, AF & AM.

George served as NAMA president from 1982 to 1984 and was very active in the Maritime Manx Society of Canada. For many years George prepared and mailed

the NAMA certificates. He was an avid artistic painter and gardener, and enjoyed travelling.

Surviving are sons; Michael, Bridgewater; and John, Pittsburgh; and five grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, the former Irene Quirk; and grandson, Rodney.

Cremation took place and funeral services were held Sunday, October 8, 1995, at the Zion United Church, Liverpool.

Gladys Watterson Watts died July 13, 1995 in Lincoln, NE. She was born the 5th of April 1889 at Douglas, Isle of Man to Catherine Pearson and William Watterson. She married Arthur Edward Watts the 22nd of October 1910 at Douglas Newkirk Braddan, IOM. He died 18 June 1953 in Lincoln. She was 106 years old.

Arthur came to the USA in 1900 and worked in various mines; gold in Bisbee, AZ, iron in Michigan and Minnesota where there were other Manx and Cornish miners. In 1910 he returned to the IOM and married Gladys. Her father would not let her marry until she was 21, so in 1911 they arrived in Iron River, Michigan and 12 weeks later their daughter Pearl was born. In 1943 Arthur retired and they moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where Pearl was living. Later moving to Lincoln, where Arthur died in 1953.

Gladys was quite a remarkable lady, in quite good health until her 90s. Even then a great believer in walking for exercise and did a CROP walk at 95.

She was very proud to be a Manxwoman and a member of NAMA for many, many years. She was also active in the Nebraska Manx Association. She used to tell us about attending NAMA meetings in her younger days and what great times they had. Gladys is survived by her son Jack, Mesa, AZ; son-in-law John Duffek, Lincoln; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Louis Richard Bobnar, 73, Sarasota, Florida, died September 13, 1995. He had a massive stroke at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on September 11 and never regained consciousness.

Louis was born December 5, 1921, in Cleveland, and came to Sarasota 32 years ago from there. He was a retired hydraulics engineer. He was a member of Elks Lodge 1519, Mended Hearts Chapter 197 and St Martha's Catholic Church, all in Sarasota.

Survivors include wife, Gladys, nee Quine; sister Rose Schimmelman of

Euclid, Ohio; and brother Frank Papez of Cleveland.

Louis and Gladys had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Their last trip to the Isle of Man was in July 1992 when they visited Gladys' families—the TB Quines and Nelson Keggans.



Manx Antiques

We have had a couple articles about Manx antiques collected by NAMA members. The following information is from the *Isle of Man Examiner* about collections with Manx connections:

Susan O'Riorden of Timmins in Northern Ontario was a teenager when she bought her parents a china coffee service with a fruit patterned designed by Susie Cooper. After that she could always recognise a Cooper piece and started building her collection.

Susie Cooper (Mrs Cecil Barker), a Staffordshire potter, lived on the Isle of Man. Her name has been known internationally for over 60 years. She passed away in 1995 just days before Susan had planned to meet with her. However, Susan was able to rent one of the Susie Cooper masonettes in Derby Square and slept in a bed hand-painted quite recently by Susie Cooper.

Chris Doncaster of Sheffield, England, visits the Isle of Man annually in search of memorabilia, in particular beer labels, from the now defunct Castletown Brewery. Chris began his collection when he first visited the Island in the seventies. 'I got a few labels together, then each year I found a couple new ones,' he said.

Castletown Brewery effectively ceased to be when it was taken over by Isle of Man Breweries in 1986. Chris was saddened to discover that the Brewery was no more, but intends to do his best to keep the name of Castletown Brewery alive. 'Castletown ales won first prize in brewing competitions,' he said. 'You're talking about Manx history going down the drain.'

His house now apparently resembles a museum devoted to the brewery. He needs only five more beer bottle labels to complete his collection, and then he intends to frame the whole collection on his wall.



Manx Christmas Customs

In days long past, the Manx version of the twelve days of Christmas was known as "Y Kegeesh Ommijagh" or the foolish fortnight. The origins of this phrase lies in the transition from the old to the new calendar, when the days around Christmas and January were mysteriously 'lost', the implication being that society had an excuse to live in a world of oddity for a couple of weeks, when all manner of tomfoolery was acceptable. During this period, commencing on the 21st December, only the most essential work was done and various forms of entertainment helped to pass the 'little dark days before Christmas'.

Records of Christmas festivities only date back as far as the 1700s, when the Manx were apparently dancing themselves into the new year at a series of gienses or parties held in barns on the larger farms each night, where fiddlers were hired to provide the tunes. The alternative to the qualified musician was a Mollag Band, a group of often rowdy youths who would do their best with a variety of 'musical' instruments, traditional or makeshift. The boys were prepared for any disapproving comments—they would arm themselves with mollags, dog-skin fishing floats attached to poles, and would proceed to silence the heckler, but all in good humour!

Source: *Manx Life*, Christmas 1992, December 1993, Autumn 1994.



Old Manx Carol

Now spreads you out the table,
put thereon the cloth
And bring us some of your Christmas
cheer and some of your Christmas "Jough"
For its in the Christmas time we
do travel far and near
And we wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year

Manx Roots

Although the Isle of Man is small, that does not make genealogical research any easier.

Manx put their own unique twist on patronymic surnames. For example, "Mac" meaning son of, was eliminated and replaced by the letters Q, K, and C, giving us names such as Quayle, Quirk, Kneen, Cleator, etc.

the Anglican Church in Man has parish registers that begin on 1598 in Ballaugh, but start later in other parishes, up to 1718 for Lonan.

Civil Registration did not begin until 1849 for births and marriages, and 1876 for deaths. However, compulsory registration began in 1878 and registration was very low in the early years. It should be noted that when women married they retained their father's name. Also, illegitimate children took their father's name.

On the Island there were two places to look for wills and administrations. The Archdeaconry Court has indexes for 1631 to 1884, and wills for 1627 to 1874; and the Episcopal Consistory Court has indexes for 1659 to 1949, and wills for 1600 to 1916.

The two primary record depositories on the Isle of Man are the General Registry, Finch Road, Douglas and the Manx Museum Library, Kingswood Grove, Douglas.

For those interested in Manx research you are strongly encouraged to join the Isle of Man Family History Society. They have a good collection of transcripts of original church registers and records of civil registrations. There are many monumental inscriptions available from Island cemeteries done as a project by this Society. For membership information write to E W Cleator, 5 Selbourne Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man.

One valuable research tool for you is the book *The Manx Family Tree* by Mrs Janet Narasimham, second edition. the book can be obtained from the Hon Treasurer, IOMFHS, 3 Minocra Hill, Laxey, Isle of Man IM4 7DN, price £5.10.

Source: *BIGWILL*, August-September 1995, excerpts from an article by Paul Milner.



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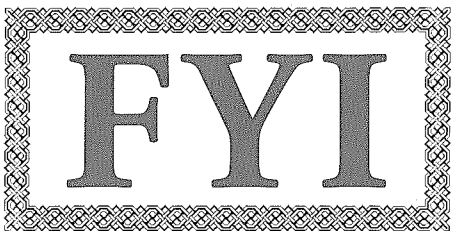
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Manx Video

A new video, *Treasure Island, the Isle of Man*, has been produced by F H Child of Woodcraft Videos. It runs 45 minutes and is described as an armchair holiday. The pictures of the Island are truly beautiful, especially the panoramic views. It is slow paced without a surplus of dialogue. The only drawback is that the dialogue does not always match the scenes shown.

This video is available in American format NTSC for £12.50. It can be ordered from Woodcraft Videos, Glen Duff, Lezayre Road, Ramsey, IOM, telephone 011-44-1624- 813329.

Mann National Dolls

Noticing the absence of a Manx national doll made in the Isle of Man, Rita McKenzie, of Ramsey, decided to do something about it. The result is not one doll, but three! Each one dressed in a Manx dancing costume, as authentic as possible to those worn by Shara na Veg Ny Fennee and Bock Yuan Fannee.

The dolls sell for under £9 each and are available at Thru'penny Bits, 14 Parliament Street, Ramsey, IOM IM8 1AP or Ramsey Discount, 39 Parliament Street, Ramsey, IOM IM8 1AU.

IOM Articles

If you wish to read some articles on the Isle of Man, your library may have these: *The Washington Times*, Sunday December 25, 1994, travel section "Isle of Man's Marvels" pages 1 to 3; and *Insight* magazine, January 30, 1995, travel section pages 26 to 27; and *Los Angeles Times*, Sunday August 20, 1995, "Rooting for the Celts" page L13.

Pen Friends

This past year a number of US and Canadian students have been paired with pen friends on the Isle of Man. However, we still have a number of Manx students interested in corresponding with North Americans, usually around the ages of 10 to 12. If there is a teacher who would like to have his/her class participate in this program, write to Dorothy Gawne, 8605 N Merrill, Niles, IL 60648.

NAMA Items

The NAMA pin containing the NAMA logo is easy to wear on collars, lapels, shirts and caps. It sells for \$5.00.

The NAMA certificate depicts the interlacing chain and corner crosses designed by the first Norse sculptors around 1000 AD, as well as the NAMA crest and Manx national flower. Your name will be artfully drawn on the certificate. The cost is \$3.00.

A list of all the members of NAMA is available for \$3.00. 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.

Send your orders to Helen Drom (address on page 11).

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 (address on page 11).

Catalog

Amulree Publications has issued Chaglynn *Manninagh— A Manx Collection*. In it is listed books, audio and video tapes, all with a Manx connection, some from commercial outlets, others from groups and societies, but all with a Manx theme. It is their intention to expand it quarterly with further relevant items. Any orders of over \$100 in value will qualify for a 10% dis-

count. A few copies have been sent to local Manx groups or you may write to Amulree Publications, Amulree, Glen Road, Laxey, Isle of Man IM4 7AJ, telephone (011441624) 862238, Fax (011441624) 862298.

Queens Pier

Friends of Queens Pier, Ramsey, are continuing to work to preserve this landmark. Two successful fund raising events have been held, plus continued memberships of £2 for adult and £1 for junior help keep the project going.

Local Ramsey artist Michele Tramontana has a painting of the pier, and mounted limited editions prints measuring 16" by 12" available to members for a reduced price of £15 plus £2 to cover postage and packing. Half of the price will be donated to the fund.

To join or for information write to James Stokoe, The Maples, 23 Vicarage Park, Braddan, Isle of Man IM 2 2QD.

Deadlines

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions at any time. 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>
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May 10	June
August 10	September
November 10	December

Please keep these dates in your reference files. If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-541-8705.

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