

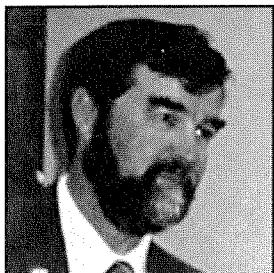
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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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President's Message

By Jack Cormode, NAMA President

From the response of the attendees, the NAMA 2000 Homecoming Convention was an overwhelming success. In spite of a very full schedule, the North American Manx did manage to visit family, friends, and places of their heritage. There were also group visits to Cregneash, Peel, Onchan, Maughold, and of course, St. Johns for Tynwald Day. As predicted, there simply was not enough time to do everything. If anything, this was the one disappointment I felt as Convention Chairman. There were several events and activities that the Conventioneers could not attend due to time constraints. This is ironic, considering the Manx tradition of "Traa dy-liooar" – Time Enough. The answer to this dilemma is that everyone, including those who did not go over this time, should start planning another trip to our favorite Island.

Just for the record, when all was said and done, we had over 180 registrants for the Convention (see "Convention Attendees" inside). We know of about 30 more North Americans that chose not to attend as part of the official NAMA 2000, but were part of the Homecoming crowd and benefited from the planning and information that went into staging our convention.

While we were celebrating Homecoming, the NAMA Board and General membership did manage to squeeze in some official business. A major activity was to select a convention site for NAMA 2002. We have accepted the invitation of 1st Vice President Norm Standish to convene in Lanark, IL, which is in the northwestern part of the state. It is in the same part of the state as Galva, which has a rich Manx history.

This will mark the first time that NAMA has met outside of a major metropolitan area. But Lanark has a



President Jack Cormode receiving the official sword from Past President Don Quayle, Robert Kelly with the microphone.

Heritage Center, and previous experience in family gatherings has proven that everyone has a good time and plenty to do, especially the kids.

The Board also discussed what NAMA should be doing with itself in this new millennium. As always, our main focus must remain on maintaining our membership and even growing in number. But is there something else we

should be doing for our organization and its members in this information age? Your suggestions and comments about this, or any other matter concerning our Manx heritage organization, are welcome. Just contact me or any Board member and let us know.

Along the same line, I have had some discussions with President Iris Christian and other leaders of the World Manx Association about how we could bring our organizations even closer together. We have had a good relationship in the past, but now we have the opportunities of getting even better acquainted with our Manx 'cousins' and helping them 'preserve our ancient heritage'.

Now we can get special international phone rates that are exceptionally affordable, we have the Internet to get Manx Radio daily news and weekly newspaper stories, and email is an instant letter service. There are several choices for sea travel and air travel. Most of us probably still think in terms of the difficulties of traveling overseas, or the expense and trouble of calling intercontinental long-distance, or the long lead time for mail or packages to cross 'the pond.'

The only remaining barrier of any consequence is the five to eight time zone difference between North America and the Isle of Man, and that is easily overcome with a little planning.

Go ahead and make that call or send an email. Plan your next trip to the Island. Get close again to your Manx family and friends. It's easily done.

Lhais dy-firrinagh,
Jack Cormode, President

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NAMA 2000 Attendees

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Note: This list is based on paperwork as received.

Thank You

Dear NAMA Members,

I would like to thank you for the gift presented to me at the Banquet on 6th of July. It is a lovely picture frame and I will get it suitably engraved sometime soon. The other gift was for the Isle of Man Family History Society as a donation to their funds. I have already passed them to our treasurer, David Christian, who asked me to express the IOMFHS thanks for the gift.

Noreen Cottier
Isle of Man

Searching for Family History Much Easier

By Calvin Quayle, Genealogist

The executive board, approving my recommendation, decided to have me return the 40 or more CD's I had which constituted the Family Search program. I thought it appropriate to explain to the membership why we did that. To keep the program here in my office costs the NAMA \$150 per year. This is a small price for what was offered, but we can now get almost the same information free on the internet. I say "almost" because for the Isle of Man names, it searches only the International Genealogical Index (IGI), not the Ancestral File. However, since nearly all the names from parish registers prior to this century are in the IGI that is the first place to search. You reach this information source by opening www.familysearch.com. In the abbreviated pedigree chart on the first page, enter the names you wish to search, the appropriate dates, and then click the arrow next to the "Country" field and select "Isle of Man" from the list.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can still write to me with one or two specific names and I will look them up for you. The more specific you can be, the more help I can give you. By "specific," I mean full names, dates and locations.

NAMA MEMBER DATABASE: I continue to maintain a database of the direct ancestors of those members of NAMA who will send me a pedigree

chart. On the pedigree chart, I ask that you begin with yourself and fill in the chart with your ancestors until you reach the Isle of Man. I will record the direct line as far back as you supply it to me. I do not put in siblings – we do not try to compete with the IGI. Please send these to my new address: Calvin Quayle, 3204 Cherrywood Lane, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

The purpose of this database is to try to get members together who may be searching the same line. When a request for a certain surname is received, I run a report that brings up the name of every member who has listed that surname in the ancestry and the ancestor's name, event, and date of the event. This list includes the name and address of the submitting member so that the requesting person can contact them to ascertain if they are searching the same line. Since I have entered all the information collected over the years from members, some of the addresses are out of date and some submitters are no longer with us.

The biggest complaint I have – of both current submitters and those in the back files – is incomplete information. Please use full names, complete place names, and full dates such as: Thomas Cannell, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, born 22 Mar 1846.

NAMA MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting

This was the first board meeting since the 1998 Convention in Alexandria, Virginia. All business since that time has been conducted by email saving the cost of off-year meeting.

The previous minutes were summarized and approved. The treasurer's report was read. Currently we have 822 members. Income from September 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, was \$12,289.10. Donations from life members were very generous. Expenses for the past year were \$6,026.34, mainly Bulletin costs and postage for supplies.

The NAMA fiscal year was changed to correspond with the calendar year, giving free membership for the remaining months of 2000.

After discussion, it was decided to retain the option of life membership, but it was decided to review it every two years and to keep the junior membership.

The NAMA genealogist recommended no longer leasing a computer genealogy program since the Family History Program of the LDS is available free of charge.

Member recruitment is still our number one priority. We will explore ways of using technology to help find Manx and encourage them to join NAMA.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to be voted on at the General Membership meeting.

NAMA will continue to award medallions to Isle of Man students each year. This means purchasing a new supply of medallions, 100 at 18.00 pounds each from Pobjoy Mint.

The resolution committee had prepared a list of the certificates to be awarded at this convention. Betty Hanson was added to the list. A special gift will be given to Noreen Cottier in recognition of her work for NAMA and its members, and a donation to the Family History Society will be given in her name.

There was much discussion about the site of the 2002 Convention. The chairman for that convention, Norman Standish wished the location to be Lanark, Illinois. This is a break with tradition, no convention has been held in a small community. He feels positive

In Memory

Lucy Whalen of the San Diego Manx Society died September 16 at the age of 81. After graduating from the University of Michigan School of Nursing at Ann Arbor she served as an Army Nurse in Europe and Japan during and after the Second World War. She is survived by two sons and one daughter, a nurse in Burrowsville, Virginia.

From The Editor

Michelle M. Smith

It is hard to believe that this is my third year as Editor of the NAMA Bulletin. I hope that I am succeeding at meeting the expectations of our members regarding the content and quality of our newsletter. I appreciate the letters that many of you have sent to me over the past few years. Your suggestions and words of appreciation and encouragement are greatly appreciated. I encourage you to continue to give me your feedback, positive and negative. Without your input, I wouldn't know what your expectations are and how to improve the overall content of our newsletter.

You will notice that this month's NAMA Bulletin is much larger than usual. That is because we combined the

September and December Bulletins together so we could present a special "Convention Overview" along with the usual NAMA articles and information. Please note that the center section is a special pull-out piece which covers all of the highlights of this year's convention. Wisconsin Manx President Joyce Benjamin and Past NAMA President Mary Kelly provided the articles and photos that are included in this special commemorative section.

I couldn't help but be impressed by the increase in NAMA membership this past year. In reading Past President's Don Quayle's report, we increased our membership from 666 to 822! That is quite an increase and a real tribute to Don's leadership and a testament to the growing interest in our Manx heritage. I hope that this trend continues over the next year and that we as members will encourage our own family members to join this worthwhile organization.

Another impressive figure is the increase in NAMA funds from September 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Income received for this

period totaled \$12,289.10 with Life Members donating \$4,261.95 of that amount. We are very fortunate to have such generous and dedicated Life Members. On behalf of all of our NAMA members I would like to thank our Life Members for your support.

Finally, at the NAMA Convention during the Executive Board Meeting it was decided that a special gift would be given to Noreen Cottier of the Isle of Man in recognition of her work for NAMA and its members, and a donation to the Family History Society was also given in her name. Noreen's thank you is included elsewhere in this edition of the Bulletin. I would also like to recognize and thank Noreen for her help and support with the distribution of the NAMA Bulletin to our fellow Manx Members on the Island. Her help is greatly appreciated.

I hope you will enjoy this special edition of the NAMA Bulletin. My family and I would like to wish all of our NAMA members a special Holiday season.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

First let me congratulate you on the fine job you are doing with the Bulletin. This is a vital link to all of the members of NAMA.

I have in my possession three old convention photographs which I would like to pass on to anyone interested. They are for 1931, 1947, and 1949.

I know most people have their own collection, but if you hear of anyone who is missing one of the above, I would be happy to send them on.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Duncan
436 Audrey Drive
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Editor;

I'd like to make the membership aware of a brand new CD just out called "Glorious Deeds," performed by many of our favorite Manx musicians but especially for the first time incorporating several numbers by a famous Manx children's choir, Gale Force, which has

been organized and directed by Barbara Gale, 4 time winner of the Cleveland Medal on the IOM. This is an excellent album which encompasses all sorts of different music and spoken word performance—something for everybody. It is sponsored by the Isle of Man Bank and produced by Charles Guard. The performances are outstanding and Barbara deserves an enormous amount of credit for getting this out. Anyone who wishes to get a copy should write her at:

Barbara Gale
8 Carman Close
Peel, Isle of Man IM5 1UG
Great Britain

Barbara performed at the World Manx Association Banquet, the NAMA Concert and for Tynwald Day in the church before Prince Charles. She is a very talented lady and to have one of her recordings in one's collection would be a bonus.

All proceeds raised will help keep this group of youngsters performing.

Sincerely,
Dee Hickman
Northern California Manxs

Our Own People

Noreen Cottier, Isle of Man

John Cashen, one of our Isle of Man members, who is the Chief Financial Officer for the IOM Government, was awarded the "OBE," in the Queen's Birthday honours list in June this year. John has been part of the Treasury Department in the Isle of Man since 1969 and has been instrumental in promoting the Island as a Financial Center, known world wide for the high quality of its business service.

Noreen Cottier was delighted to meet so many NAMA members in July, when they were on the Island for the Convention this summer. The gift of a silver picture frame, presented to Noreen at the Banquet was a happy surprise, as were the photos of the event sent to her by several friends who attended. She also received a Certificate from Don Quayle, which identified her as "NAMA Ambassador-at-large" for her efforts in promoting NAMA and establishing Manx Societies in other parts of the world. The latest Society to be started is in Dubai, with Mrs. Gillian Salway as the local leader, who also has a home in the Isle of Man.

Seasons Greetings! As the Regional Representative for NAMA on the island, Noreen Cottier, joins with the 29 NAMA members living in the Isle of Man to extend all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy year in 2001 to all.

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Convention 2000 on the Isle of Man

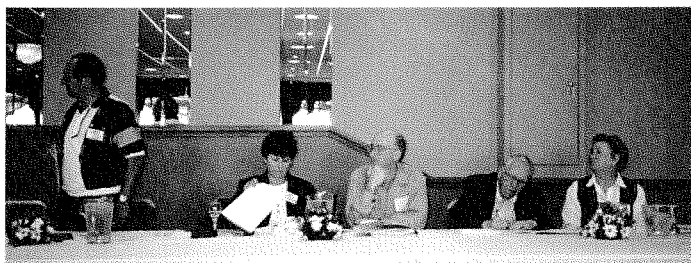
By Joyce Benjamin

The 180 plus members and friends of NAMA, who traveled to the Isle of Man early in July, were treated to many official gatherings. Some of that number enjoyed individual, more personal pursuits. And each one reports it was a successful venture. Soon after arriving in

Douglas, we were treated to a reception with delicious appetizers at the Villa Marina. Beginning with a welcome by the Director of Tourism, a program of music and comedy followed. It was a great way to begin our convention week.

The first full day (Sunday) began with brunch at the Hilton, the convention headquarters, followed by a bus trip to Ruchen Abbey Heritage Center to view the wonderful restoration project. A rain shower determined that the planned ecumenical service be moved from the gardens to a very

small chapel. So, only a few of our group managed to attend the service. Monday, we traveled to Laxey,



Board Members Don Quayle, Joan Gill, Brad Prendergast, Robert Kelly, and Mary Kelly prepare for the NAMA Business Meeting held July 4, 2000 (Photo by Joyce Benjamin).

with free time to shop at the woolen mill or walk up the hill to historic Laxey Wheel. We lunched at Grand Island, then on to Ramsey, where the guide pointed out the rusted ship which had sunk several months ago, killing the crew, and had recently been recovered. An evening reception and program at the Manx Museum featured NAMA Medals presentations to outstanding Manx youth.

Tuesday was the official business day for NAMA members with Board and General Membership meetings. The evening event was the World

Manx Dinner with President Iris Christian as Mistress of Ceremony.

Early Wednesday

morning, we boarded busses for a ride to Tynwald, to celebrate Isle of Man's national holiday by viewing the procession of dignitaries from St. John's Church to Tynwald Hill. Our reserved seats in the comfortable bleachers allowed us a good view of the honored participants, especially Prince Charles. This day in the sun included lunch at



Reverend Devore Craine Smith gave a prayer of dedication as Don Quayle laid a wreath on the marker honoring American Squadron flyers who were killed in WWII (Photo by Joyce Benjamin).

Port Erin, followed by a visit to the restored village, Cregneash, where parts of Waking Ned Devine were filmed.

Thursday began for some conventioners with a trip to Onchan, where Captain Bligh of Mutiny on the Bounty was married. The afternoon offered a trip to Maughold where Don Quayle placed a wreath on the marker for American Eagle Squadron members who crashed during WWII. In the evening, we attended another banquet, the official NAMA dinner. Jack Cormode, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed approximately 200 members and guests. E. Lowey, representing the IOM spoke briefly, Christine Bregazzi sang several traditional Manx songs, and Dot Tilberry presented a comic



Convention members enjoyed the festivities of Tynwald Day. Prince Charles joined in the days festivities helping to celebrate the Isle of Man's national holiday at Tynwald Hill (Photo by Joyce Benjamin).



Past NAMA President Don Quayle is joined by Iris Christian, President of the World Manx Association at the 2000 NAMA Convention at the Isle of Man (Photo by Joyce Benjamin).

Judging Manx National Week Local Authority Competition 2000

By Mary Kelly

program aided by Donald Gelling, Noel Kringle, Eddie Lawey, Georgene Voutila, Don Quayle, and Jack Cormode. The very entertaining program was arranged by Dee Hickman. A more official portion of the evening included presentation of gifts and acknowledgements to individuals and the passing of the sword to our new president, Jack Cormode.

Friday's tour took us to Peel and the House of Mannanen, a presentation of the history of the IOM. Some people included in their visit to Peel, a shopping spree, some, a walk up to Peel Castle or a stop at the Family History Society or St. German Church.

Saturday, the last convention day, many of our members attended a wonderful concert of Manx music at St. George's Church. Cleveland Award Winners Allan Wilcocks, Barbara Gale and Wendy McDowell shared their musical talents with us at the Alexandria convention program. It was a wonderful way to end Convention 2000 on the Isle of Man.



Don Quayle receives honors during a ceremony at Anchan from the Chairman of Anchan Commission Adrian Earnshaw.

The Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements Committee began a new annual competition for local communities as one of many special ventures for this millennium year. They wanted to encourage towns, villages and districts, and parishes to celebrate their unique cultural heritage during the newly designated Manx National Week, the first week in July. The reward for the best entries would be 1,500, 1,000, and 500 pounds sterling; these awards were to be used for special purposes that would not normally be covered by tax money.

Initially, NAMA President Don Quayle and his wife Vonn were asked to judge the events, however, they had to decline because the NAMA convention activities would be taking place during the same period. That gave my husband, Frank Evans and I the opportunity to volunteer to serve as judges. We looked forward to deepening our understandings of the culture and heritage of the Island, however unprepared we might be for what would unfold. Little did we know what interesting things we would learn while we were performing our duties on the Isle of Man.

After arriving on the Island, on June 30th, we were presented with the entry forms submitted by the local groups from Mr. T. Arthur Bawden, Clerk Assistant of Tynwald. We had assumed that we would be part of a committee, however, we soon learned that we, alone, would pass judgement. Our instructions did not demand that we attend all scheduled events in the 2 towns, 4 villages and districts, and 8 parishes, however, we felt compelled to attend as many as possible to be

fair to the entrants.

On the day of our arrival our hostess presented us with tickets to the Laa Columb Killey Festival. While it was not one of the official entrants for the competition, it had the Castletown Band playing, exhibitions, food, and games to enjoy and much more. After a stroll through that event, we wandered around Ballasalla to see Rushen Abbey, Monks Bridge, and a fayre (fair) being held there. By the end of the first day on the Island, we were well aware that we were not in Kansas/Wisconsin anymore. The people everywhere were having a joyful time, greeting old friends and new. We felt right at home!

The first day of July was the first of approximately twenty events we enjoyed as part of the judging. It was a Walk of the Arbory Parish Boudnaries that ended with a barbecue at Colby football ground. The walk promoted comradery, health, and understandings of the actual physical size, shape, and condition of the parish. It was a wonderful event.

Sunday afternoon we drove to Kirk Maughold (pronounced mac-el) where we heard the Castletown Band playing in the Church. It was a real treat to hear the lively music in such a sacred setting. In fact, we were just a little taken back when the band wound up their performance with 'New York, New York.' We loved every minute of that rainy day and the most inspiring display was yet to be found at Maughold Church Hall. We first observed a large topographical map of the Parish in the entry and then moved on to the hall to view an exhibition titled 'A Portrait of the Parish' that featured a historical as well as current overview of Maughold Parish. Each image was accompanied by descriptive

texts that were carefully arranged on display walls. Significant events and well known individuals were highlighted throughout. We eagerly read about local notables like author, Hall Caine, and our host the Hon. Sir Charles Kerruish and his family. We enjoyed a Manx tea with them and then walked around the church yard to see the ancient crosses and remains of the early kiels before retracing our drive back to the South of the Island.

On Monday, July 3rd, we first went to the Working Men's Institute in Laxey. There we saw an old church building that had served the local workers as a meeting hall for many years. Now it was about to under go remodeling to become a community center. Inside we saw perhaps the most extensive collection of original Manx memorabilia from local individuals that we have seen outside of the Manx Museum. We were fascinated by the displays about the Electric Trains, the mines, fishing, and the veterans. For the first time, we were made aware of the disproportionate numbers of Manxmen who fought and died in the World Wars.

Another stop that day took us to the charming little Agneash Chapel, atop Snaefell Mines. There we had tea with a delightful couple of 'come-overs' and were charmed by the neighborhood red mackerel tabby that

was known to attend services upon occasions.

On Wednesday we reviewed a copy of the Rushen Parish's new publication: Features and History of the Meayll Peninsula with a Walkers Guide. There is no doubt that author John Rimington has written and compiled a wonderful and lasting resource that will help individuals searching for evidence of human occupation on the south of the Island from Neolithic to Medieval times.

On Thursday, July 6th, after attending the NAMA Board meeting at the Hilton, we went on to Onchan with the NAMA Homecomers where we saw Manx flags flying on the village center lampposts and along thorough fares. It was quite a spectacle. They then held a special Homecomers' tour of St. Peters' Church which allowed us to see the beautiful interior with lovely large stained glass windows. We also visited the church yard and toured past the whipping post, jubilee lamps, Onchan Wetlands, Welch House (built as The Infants School), visited Molly

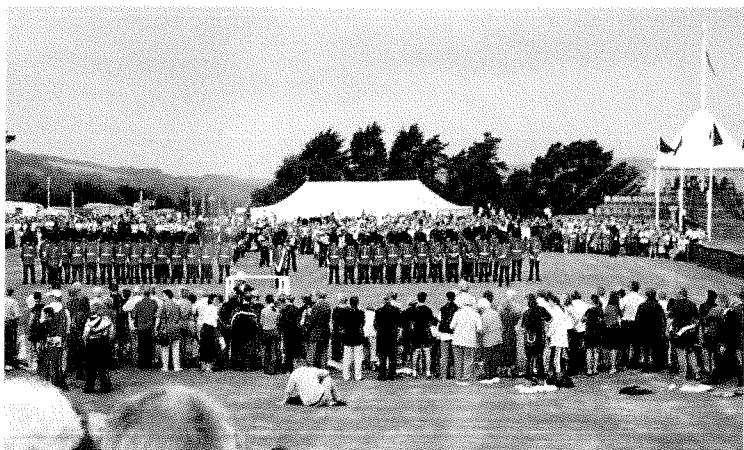
Carrooin's Cottage, the Onchan War Memorial, and then there was a short dance performance by school children in the new Village Green, where our President, Don Quayle was presented with a



Onchan school children perform for the homecomers (photo by Mary Kelly).

Quirk's Glen on Tuesday. In addition to the activities we witnessed, their entry form mentioned that they had four churches which participated in the Island Flower Festival. Onchan dignitaries, children, and many other residents, took part in these well coordinated events.

On July 7th, we visited Leece Museum in Peel. It was another entry we wanted to visit. Once inside, we were intrigued by photos, fishing equipment, paintings, and much more. One curiosity was a beverage bottle that was sealed with a marble from the inside. What was more amazing to us was the story of the Knockaloe history. World War II prisoners had been held there for long periods and for a few individuals it was a time to express their creativity in extraordinary works of art. Some examples in the museum show intricate engravings on bone, and wood. It gives testimony to the ability of the human spirit to transcend captivity. The Leece will continue to



Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards prepare for inspection at Tynwald 2000 (Photo by Mary Kelly).

enlighten visitors for years to come.

The Flower Festival at the Peel Cathedral was next on our list of stops. It was as fragrant as it was beautiful in that spiritual setting. Among the displays was an exquisite embroidery exhibition. The main textile titled Manannan's Cloak 2000' by the Embroiders' Guild included an image of the Isle of Man on a frothy silk sea that was a composite of symbolic images of the many aspects of Manx culture and history. Peel was another serious contender for prize money.

On Saturday, we entered the Old School of Kirk Michael where we were warmly greeted and encouraged to take our time looking at the displays and reading the many family trees they had assembled with the help of local residents. Many people mingled and enjoyed discussing the collections. It was impressive. Our own Manx family members have seldom shown interest in keeping track of historical genealogical records. They also had John Collister from the Manx National Heritage there forming traditional folk art pieces from reeds. We were especially interested in the "Bumbee Cage." We were told that according to Manx folklore, if a fairy has been bad, he/she gets transformed into a bumble bee. Parent or youths make a "bumbee cage" out of reeds or grass. As we remember, children use a foxglove leaf to catch a bumble bee and place it into a bumbee cage. That night the parents release the bumble bee and replace it with a small rounded pebble. The next morning, the children are told that the bumble bee, which was really a fairy, had atoned for his/her bad actions by being imprisoned in the "bumbee cage" and had transformed back into his/her usual form, leaving behind the pebble in exchange.

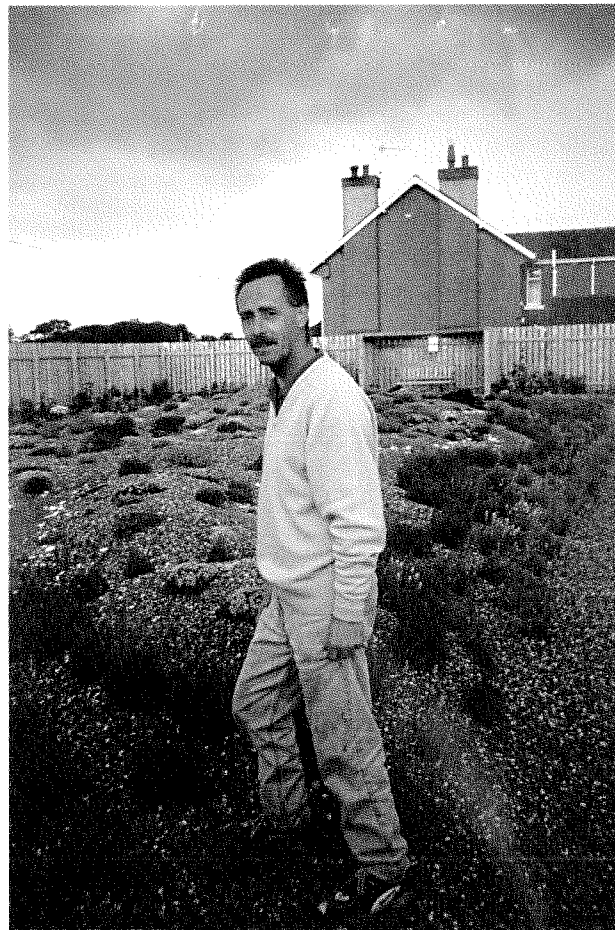
On Monday, July 10th, we visited a new Millennium Scented Garden, located just a short drive from Ramsey, at the east corner of the

Andreas Sports Field. Mr. Robin Price, the landscaper/developer of the site met with us and gave us a tour of the garden. There were tiered plantings on the north side of the tall rustic fence enclosing the garden and a most unusual sight upon entering. There at our feet was a huge accurately scaled pebbled topographical map of the Isle of Man in the center of a large open rectangular area with seating at the four sides. It had been planted with literally thousands of plants of different varieties which would eventually give all the colors and textures of the Island, not to mention the wonderful concentrated fragrances given off by the dense plantings of herbs and flowers representing the land and sea. It is a unique and lasting attraction that seems sure to become even more lovely in the years to come.

On Tuesday, July 11th, having seen most of the entries in the Manx

National Week Local Authority Competition 2000, we endeavored to make our decisions. After remembering that Mr. T.A. Bawden had told us they did not have any specific criteria or constraints for the entrants, but wanted us to look for pride in Manx heritage and culture in local and Island venues. When our decisions were finally made we selected: Maughold the winning 'Parish,' Michael the winning 'Village and District,' and Douglas the 'Town' prize winner. Perhaps the outcomes would have been different if local judges had evaluated each entry, but we were satisfied that we had given our best effort and in exchange we learned even more than we had expected this trip and had gained many ways from the experience of judging this competition. With the aid of a computer at Government Office Building, we prepared a letter to Hon. Noel Cringle with our official decision and then hurried off to a proper Manx tea with more relatives, just as my father and I

had remembered from our first visit back in 1974. That evening we had a farewell dinner with friends, our hostess, and her closest neighbors; we said our "good-byes," and had to pack and be ready for our departure in the morning mist.



Mr. Robin Price stands in the Millennium Scented Garden in the shape of the Isle of Man, located in Andreas (Photo by Mary Kelly).

Society News

WISCONSIN MANX

Seventeen members and friends represented Wisconsin Manx Society at Convention 2000 on the Isle of Man in early July. A well planned week-long program of activity kept us busy, with enough free time for individuals to pursue personal interests. General activities of the entire group will be found elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Wisconsin members, Mary Kelly and Frank Evans spent time with friends, while Mary fulfilled an obligation to judge Manx National Week Local Authority Competition 2000. Bill Wade's extended visit included the TT races while staying with his Manx hosts. Jodi and James Morey spent some time with family members who live on the island. On a trip to Laxey, Wisconsin shoppers satisfied their desires at the Woolen Mill. I'm sure the Mill owners must have been pleased with their sale of merchandise that day. An appearance of Georgene Voutilla's Holstein Balloon at the World Manx dinner gave cause for much fun and laughter. Some of us journeyed to far ends of the island by way of the electric railway or the steam train. And, a ride down the Douglas Promenade on the horse tram was fun too.

My personal most exciting adventure, was a trip to Balladoole farm where my great great-grandparents lived. Just by chance, when Joan Ogden and I visited St. Mary of the Harbor Church in Castletown, a conversation with a church member resulted. She volunteered her husband's services to take us out to the farm. Also, on the property is an archeological find of a Viking ship. He graciously took us up a short, narrow road to the site outlined by large rocks and marked by a plaque stating the discovery in

1945. It was so exciting to me. I thought it was a wonderful trip and successful convention.

Submitted by Joyce M. Benjamin

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MANX SOCIETY

The Annual Family Day of the San Diego Manx took place Sunday, June 11, at the home of Brian and Hillary Harrison.

A short business meeting was followed by a potluck picnic. It was a great day, the food was delicious and all had a good time. There was plenty of laughter from the youngsters enjoying games in the swimming pool.

Hillary and Brian had just recently returned from a trip to the Island. Hillary was pleased to announce that the Department of Tourism for the Island had donated to the Society a Manx flag to be flown on the Star of India. The Rev. Devore Smith presented the flag to Raymond Ashley, Director of the Maritime Museum Association in San Diego.

During her visit, Hillary presented to the owners of the Ramsey Shipyard an American flag once flown on the Star of India. It is now on display in the shipyard workshop. The San Diego Manx take great pride in the fact that the Star of India was built so many years ago on the Isle of Man.

Manxman Lawrence Skelly of

Travel Connoisseur provided information on the Convention and Homecoming 2000 events to be held at various sites on the Island.

An auction for a CD of the BeeGees Ellan Vannin and an Isle of Man T-shirt donated by Lawrence Skelly raised \$32.00 for our Society Treasury.

Submitted by George D. Watterson, Secretary/Treasurer

CHICAGO AREA MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Area Manx held their meeting at the home of Barbara Brown in St. Charles, IL on Sunday, October 15th. We began with a pot-luck dinner at 1 p.m. and followed with a short business meeting.

Those who attended the NAMA convention in July gave their impressions of the convention and the island. The Chicago Manx were well represented on the Isle of Man as we had 13 people attending. They also enjoyed being able to visit relatives and friends.

The fourth Chicago Celtic Fest was held in Grant Park on September 16 and 17. We exhibited again as we have for the past two years.

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The North American Manx Association (NAMA) was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man. The NAMA Bulletin is published quarterly - March, June, September, and December. Deadline for submitted information and articles are February 10 - March edition, May 10 - June edition, August 10 - September edition, and November 10 - December edition. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family or society.

GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

This year's gathering was smaller than usual but no less spirited as about 50 of us met at the Fort Myer Officer's Club in Arlington, VA to elect a couple of new Governors and enjoy an evening of Manx music and news.

The society's Board and Governors now include:

President	Avril Shipman
Vice President	Russell Woodgates
Secretary	Brent Warner
Treasurer	Cristina Doria-Warner
Past President	Jack Christian
Governors	Harold Quayle Charles Christian Alene Whitten Phyllis Whitten

Our main speaker, Karen Marti of Annapolis, MD, is one of only a few Americans chosen to help crew the Isle of Man's entry in this Fall's Global Challenge 'Round-the-World Yacht Race. It will be among 12 identical 72-foot boats vying for the trophy. Karen's leg of the race will take her across the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australia. For details, go to www.iomglobalchallenge.com.

Karen is competing on behalf of the Save the Children fund. Several of us made financial contributions at the dinner. If you can make a donation, please contact her at 410-263-6560 or via email at karen.marti@concert.com.

A replica of the Manx Sword of State was on display for the occasion, thanks to former Society President Don Quayle, outgoing President of the North American Manx Association.

The Board is thinking of holding next year's Annual Dinner and Meeting at a moderately priced

restaurant inside the Beltway with convenient parking. Contact me if you can make a recommendation.

Several of our members, including Society President Avril Shipman joined 150 other Manx Yanks and their Canadian Counterparts for the Millennial Convention of the North American Manx Association in Douglas. Former Society Presidents Don Quayle, Ron Quayle, and Bill Bridson have all served as NAMA Presidents.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

In June we took a ride through downtown Cleveland and old Ohio City (across the river) on Lolly the Trolley, and then met at a local restaurant for dinner.

We didn't meet in July because some of our members were attending the convention in the Isle of Man, but we held our annual picnic in August at the Deepwood Party Center where our members Peg and Will Kless live. About 35 were in attendance, and there was lots and lots of delicious food.

September found us meeting at the home of Elizabeth and Bill Duncan. Following a tea (and coffee) with cake and cookies, Myrna Quayle talked about genealogy and told some of her experiences trying to find ancestors. It was a very informative and interesting program.

We are attending Carousel Dinner Theatre in October, where we will see "Sound of Music." In November, we will meet at a local restaurant and our annual Christmas party will be December 3rd. We are always happy to welcome visitors to the area. In June, Radcliffe Kermode was here from Florida visiting cousins, and in September, Paul and Jean Teare were here with us. Paul is the brother of Ron Teare. We were happy to welcome back to the area Maggie Keenan, who had left us over a year ago to work in Connecticut, but has

now returned to the Cleveland area.

We would like to wish all of the NAMA members a very Happy Holidays.

MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

Our society has had three meetings so far this year. At each we had around twenty-five people in attendance. At each meeting we have a program on some Manx topic and door prizes of a Manx theme. This calendar year we have 104 paid memberships and five complimentary ones.

March 4th we met at Café Stuga in Bloomington and enjoyed their wonderful buffet. We welcomed two new members and some Wisconsin Manx. After a short business meeting, Marilyn Craine Anderson told us about her genealogical search of her Manx ancestors, including an Irish cross they brought with them to the Isle of Man that is now in the Manx Museum, a miser who was immortalized in the Manx Ballad of Mylecharaine, and hiding gold in the peat bogs. Very interesting. Mary Caine shared some of the information she has collected from Manx radio.

We traveled to Duluth for the May 20th meeting. It was a bright, sunny, spring day so that we could enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Superior from the back yard of our hosts, Charlene and Jerry Shimmin. Lots of conversation and sharing of Manx experiences and family trees filled the first hour. Then we were treated to a scrumptious meal provided by the members living in and around the Duluth area. At the business meeting it seemed that Minnesota would be well represented at the NAMA convention, about 20 strong. Several stayed to watch the video, "An Island of Contrast."

On August 26th we met at the Lavendar Inn in Faribault, an hour south of the Twin Cities. There was much talk and sharing of photos and newspapers

about the NAMA convention. At the business meeting we voted to undertake the project of a Manx Directory for our members. We hope to expand it to include the names and addresses of other Manx living in our area. The program was a slide show of the Isle of Man sprinkled liberally with stories.

One of our members, Earl Christie, died this summer shortly before his 103rd birthday. Mona Breckner, 104, published a book about her life this year. She fell and broke a hip recently, but is on the mend and getting around with her walker.

The last meeting of the year is November 4th in Anoka. It seems early, but we wish to extend the best of holiday wishes to all the NAMA members.

Submitted by Joan Gill

GALVA MANX SOCIETY

The Galva Manx Society held their annual picnic at the Galva Park District this September. A large group was in attendance at the annual event. A picnic lunch of a variety of delicious homemade dishes and desserts was enjoyed by all. After the meal, Shirley and Russell Kelly presented a program on their recent trip to the Isle of Man to attend the NAMA Convention.

The members of the Galva Manx Society would like to wish all of our NAMA members a happy and blessed holiday season.

ONTARIO MANX SOCIETY

The Ontario Manx held their first meeting of 2000, Sunday, April 30th, at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche. After the meeting we watched and enjoyed a very informative video of the Island, "An Island of Contrasts," followed by a



Members of the Ontario Manx Society

delicious "hot pot luck supper."

We had a perfect day for our Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 23rd, which was held once more at the beautiful home of Lil and Pat Kendall. A great time was had by all, but some members were unable to attend because of vacations.

The "cold pot luck lunch" was just delightful with a wide selection of salads, etc. After lunch settled we had our usual fun and games and lots of laughter.

The Fall meeting will be held at the home of Carol Christian in October, date pending.

Submitted by Phyllis Busche

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

Once again the Northern California Manx met for a potluck at the home of Jan and Ian Richards, where they were well received at the home high in the hills overlooking the Silicon Valley. It was the first post-convention 'cooish' for the host group, and we enjoyed ourselves by not talking about agendas, plans or assignments. We simply sat down, started talking, went over photographs of our recent adventure on the Island, almost forgot to eat, and kept on talking. Only toward the end did we quiet down to watch a tape of the last part of Concert 2000, hearing the singing of Cleveland Medal winner Barbara Gale, a recitation by Dollin Kelly, and the entire audience singing "Ellen Vannin" and "O Land of Our Birth."

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that there is sufficient housing nearby and dining accommodations, plus the many historic and recreational opportunities.

General Membership Meeting

The secretary summarized the actions taken at the Executive Board Meeting and the treasurers report was read.

Nine of the local societies has representatives who reported on their activities. All seem to be quite active with numerous meetings per year. All the meetings had a strong Manx theme.

Mary Kelly read the nominating committee's slate of officers. They include:

President – John (Jack) Cormode
 1st Vice President – Norman Standish
 2nd Vice President – Bradley E. Prendergast
 3rd Vice President – Laurence Skelly
 Secretary – Joan Gill
 Treasurer – Helen M. Drom
 Chaplain – Reverend Devore Craine Smith
 Genealogist – Calvin Quayle
 Bulletin Editor – Michelle M. Smith
 Trustees – Sally Dahlquist, Carol Christian, Barry A. Vann

There were no recommendations from the floor. Marshall Cannell moved that the nominations be closed and that the secretary record the slate of officers were elected unanimously. It was seconded by Jean Barns. The motion was passed.

The convention committee was applauded for their great work in putting together the many interesting activities, the souvenir booklet, etc.

One unresolved problem is where to store NAMA property. Some items have been given to the Celtic Special Collection at the University of St. Thomas and cannot be checked out of this reference source.

Vonn Quayle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Ron Quayle, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan Gill, Secretary, North American Manx Association
 August 30, 2000

Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. Devore Craine Smith

How would you feel if someone wrote and asked if a busload of 28 people could visit your home? That's what we asked of Mrs. Ruth Peel of Sulby last July during the NAMA 2000 Convention. Mrs. Peel was most gracious and she and her son warmly welcomed the descendants of the Rev. John Caley Craine to their ancestral home. The little two-room thatched crofter's cottage was formerly named Cooilbane and now "Quiet Hills." It has been expanded to five rooms with a second story since John Craine left home and family for America in 1888 at the age of twenty-two. Visiting this place of our roots was a deeply moving experience.

That Mrs. Peel loves her home is evident in her well-tended garden filled with flowers and vegetables. She sent us the following poem that she wrote twenty-five years ago to express her feelings about her home in the beautiful Isle of Man:

"Quiet Hills"

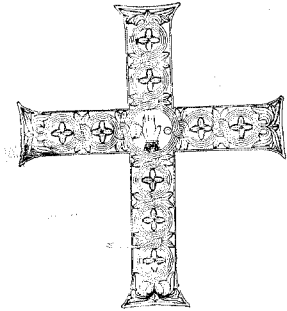
A peaceful haven
In a harassed world;
Yet like the shifting sands,
In the kaleidoscope of time,
The harsh reality of life
Will rudely touch it with its hands.

The icy breath of stormy winds
Will blight it.
When we cannot say,
But like all other havens
In the past
It surely carries its decay.

What of the future!

Let us enjoy life's evening
Here and now;
The lovely view, the quiet calm,
The honking goose,
The lowing cow.

May coming generations
On man-made platforms
Spin through outer space,
We treasure
What we've found on earth,
This peaceful little place.



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