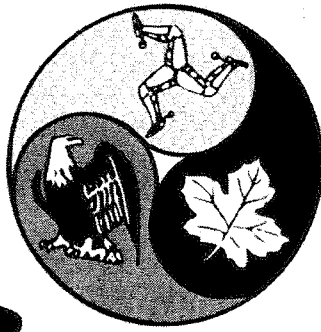


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The Manxman Piano; A Chicago Attraction

Next year's NAMA Convention, scheduled for August 27-30, 2004 in Chicago, will offer many Manx-related attractions to visitors, among them the famous Manx Piano.

Designed by Mackay Hugh Baille Scott, a Manx artist and architect who achieved an international reputation for his beautiful creations, the piano is displayed in the famous Chicago Institute of Art. The design transformed the bulky upright piano from its ordinary "humdrum" style forms into a veritable treasure through the skillful use of marquetry and the blending of different woods. The piano was built in 1897 by the London firm of John Broadwood and Son and named the Manxman Piano in honor of the designer's homeland.

Baillie Scott envisioned the upright as a horizontal cupboard designed to look like a chest on chest with two doors that opened to reveal the keyboard. The top board of the chest on chest could also be opened to enhance the sound. The instrument was shorter than conventional uprights standing four feet high and four feet wide. The materials used in its construction included oak, ebony, mother of pearl, ivory, copper fittings and silk.

On the front door pieces and the inside of the piano board, Scott fashioned flowers, trees, birds and other items found in nature. On the outside of the upper portion bands of copper encircle the light oak doors, giving the piano the appearance of a treasure chest. With the doors closed, it was difficult to know that one was looking at a musical instrument.

Scott lived from 1864 to 1945 and is remembered on the island as the designer of the Onchan Parish Hall and a number of private residences in Douglas, Onchan and other locations.

TYNWALD 2003 LIVE ON THE WEB

This year's Royal Tynwald on Monday July 7 can be seen live on the Internet.

Large numbers are expected this year with HM Queen Elizabeth II, Lord of Mann presiding. It was decided to provide a big screen (similar to those at major sporting events) to enhance the day for those attending. Cameras shall be strategically located to capture the best of the day's events including for the first time Camera footage inside the Royal Chapel.

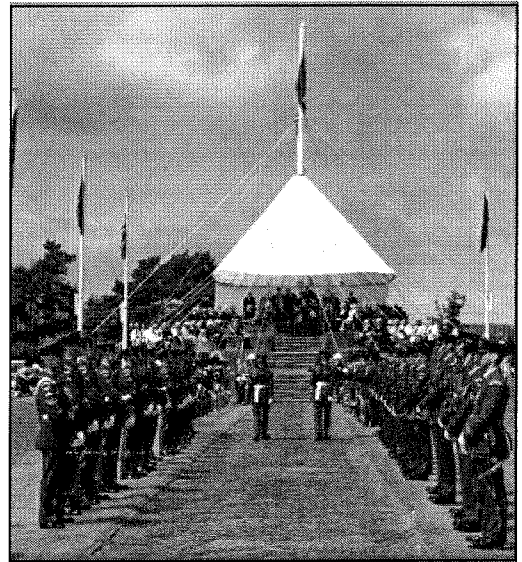
All footage from the day will be edited into a souvenir video at a later date in all formats.

Following this decision it was suggested that the material could be edited for Internet access and through the collaborative efforts of the Tynwald Setting Enhancement Sub-Committee, Manx Radio, Manx Telecom, Greenlight Television and Government's Information Systems its all set to run on the Internet.

While clips of the ceremony (1100am-1230pm) and key events of Tynwald Day including roving cameraman will be available on the Internet from lunchtime (IOM Time) on July 7, Manx Radio is also planning to stream mixed video output from St John's on to its website www.manxradio.com in live narrow band format.

In addition to the live narrowband webcast by Manx Radio, Manx Telecom will be providing Internet surfers with the ability to stream edited highlights of the event from www.gov.im and www.manx.net

At the time of going to press it is proposed to make available from mid June a video clip highlight of Royal Tynwald 1979.



The pageantry of Tynwald 2002 will probably be outshone by this year's event when Queen Elizabeth II graces the annual event.

Mark Your Calendar
NAMA 2004 Convention
August 27—30
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IOM Business Students Visiting US Agencies

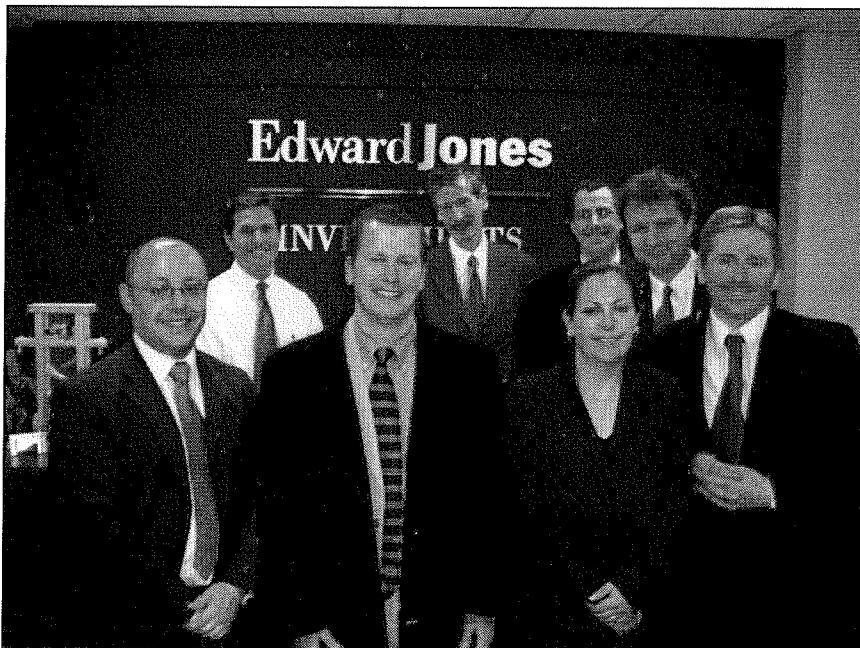
Following the International Monetary Fund's visit to the Isle of Man in October 2002 to scrutinize the Island's regulatory environment, students taking the Masters program in Financial Regulation & Compliance Management at the International Business School turned the tables while taking a study visit to Washington in order to discuss and debate regulatory matters.

The International Monetary Fund was one of a number of high-profile institutions visited by the group on their study trip to Washington and Saint Louis where they were able to raise awareness about the Isle of Man at the highest level within the American financial sector.

Following an introduction to Washington by the Isle of Man's Honorary Representative in the USA, Susan Kelly-McCarthy, other meetings were held with senior representatives from the SEC, the CFTC, the Federal Reserve Bank, Missouri State's Insurance Regulators. Students also met with practitioners, research institutes including Dan Mitchell at the Heritage Foundation and lawyers.

One of the main aims of the International Business School's study visits is to provide participants with valuable practical experience, knowledge and contacts. In addition to this, Masters programme student, Stephen Maddrell of Royal Bank of Scotland International, recognizes that they also help to raise the profile of the Isle of Man. "The Isle of Man Finance Sector has come under increasing scrutiny in recent years, and it is important for us, both as Masters students and as practitioners, to be able to discuss the driving forces for this in some detail with senior officials from international bodies. The meetings were extremely beneficial and all concerned hosted us excellently. We were also pleased to have the opportunity to correct some general misconceptions about the Isle of Man. The International Services Division and the Financial Supervision Commission have already done some very important work in this regard, and we view our study visits as being complementary to this."

This study visit to the US follows on from a recent visit to Brussels, Frankfurt and Bonn, where the International Business School students examined the workings of the European Union and European regulators. These visits form an integral part of the MSc course and are designed to focus on the international dimension of financial regulation, as well as providing the students with valuable practical knowledge and contacts. For any further details please contact Joanne Griffin at j.griffin@ibs.ac.im.



Isle of Man business students posed on their visit to a brokerage firm in St. Louis.

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A Reader's Letter:

NAMA:

I am so pleased to get this great paper.

My father came here when only 17. His mother died shortly after he was born and a step-mother just was not a happy life for the 1st family of five. He joined the Canadian Army in WWI as he was not yet an American citizen.

He never spoke of those years, nor did I ask. When it was possible for me to go to the Isle of Man in 1977 it was *the thrill of my life*. My father lived above his father's butcher shop, at that time right next to Castle Rushen where he played as a child, according to my aunt.

Keep up the good work.

Most sincerely,
Catherine Kennaugh Dax
Nevada City, CA

(The Bulletin welcomes letters, whether they offer roses or nettles.)

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A Special Manx Connection For World Famous Writer

Barbara Taylor Bradford, one of the world's best selling authors will be making a special visit to the Isle of Man during this year's Tynwald, for a series of special events and appearances. The Yorkshire born novelist will be launching her latest epic, *Emma's Secret* and celebrating a brand new postage stamp in her honour during the dates of July 5 – 7, 2003.

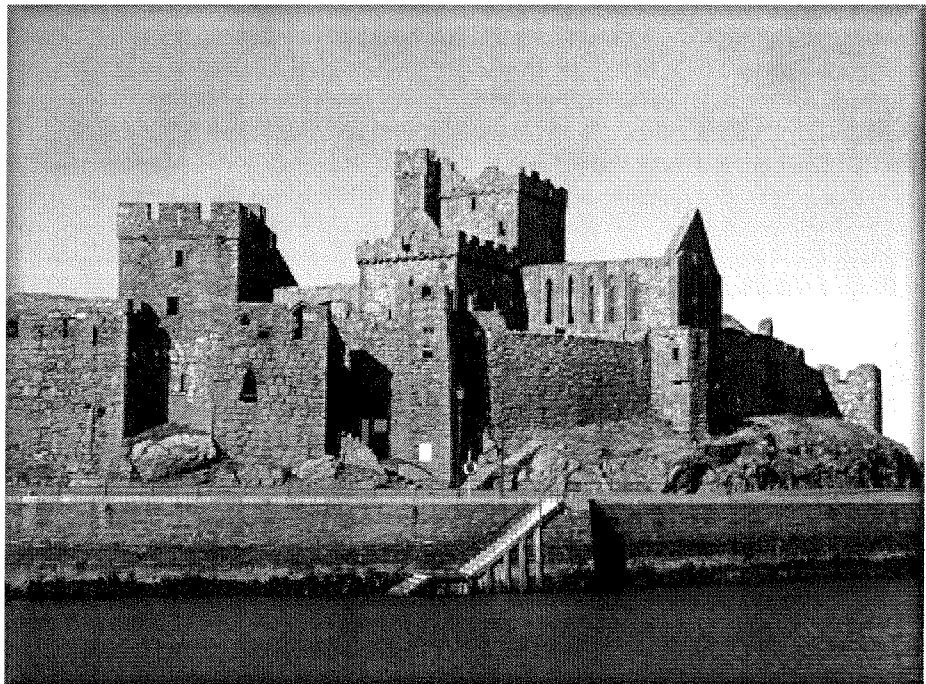
Mrs. Bradford has selected the Isle of Man for her book launch, having developed several prominent scenes for *Emma's Secret* to take place in Douglas, the Manx capital. Her eagerly awaited sequel to her best selling *A Woman of Substance*, featuring the missing years in the life of the legendary Emma Harte, will have its world premiere on the Island July 5th.

In addition to launching the new novel, Mrs. Bradford will be paid tribute by the Isle of Man Post Office with a stamp in her honour. The stamp, which is part of a series entitled 'Manx Bookshelf' features excerpts of the stories and the cover designs of six books by world renown authors, who have written about the Island. Beyond the Barbara Taylor Bradford stamp, which depicts the cover of *Emma's Secret*, others included are Agatha Christie (Manx Gold), Nigel Kneale (Quatermass And The Pit), George MacDonald Fraser (Flashman At The Charge), Hall Caine (The Eternal City) and Sir Walter Scott (Peveril of the Peak).

Mrs. Bradford will participate in a number of Tynwald related events throughout the weekend including a book-signing (7th July at St John's) and a charity tea on Saturday, July 5th.

For nearly 25 years Barbara Taylor Bradford has been one of the world's best selling women's authors, having written 18 books – all worldwide bestsellers. Barbara lives in New York City with her husband of 39 years, film producer Robert Bradford.

For more information on the stamps check out the www.iompost.com .



Peel Castle and other favorite Isle of Man sights can be downloaded from the Internet at www.manxscenes.com and used as background for your computer screen.

In Memoriam

(Reports have come in through letters of the death of these NAMA members and friends.)

James Phillips - Mrs. Maud Phillips of Victoria, BC wrote in early April 2003 as follows: "We have had several wonderful visits to the Isle of Man. We've seen the wee cottage that Jim's great great grand parents lived in and have walked many miles exploring it. In Jim's last hours of life his eyes had been closed and his body had not moved, but he still breathed. On his last morning I held his hand and took him in words back to the Island, climbed to the top of the central hill and pointed out (verbally) all the places we had walked to and enjoyed. A few moments after I stopped speaking, he stopped breathing and somehow I felt at peace. A wonderful husband and some wonderful memories of the Isle of Man."

Mildred Gough - A letter from Nancy Gough of Redford Township, MI said "Just a note to let you know that Mildred Gough passed away on November 27, 2002. My mother was born on the IOM on November 17, 1920 in Lower Foxdale in the Corkhill's house. She came to the US in 1925 with her parents Ellen (Nellie Corkhill) and James Manson. She had three daughters, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Grandma's brother Richard Corkhill was president of the NAMA for the Detroit/Windsor area (I don't know the year). I know he was honorary president in 1976. My father's mother (Florence Cullen) Gough-Williamson was also from the IOM. I'm looking into doing a family tree

Robert Russell Fayles, Jr. - A NAMA member for many years, Mr. Fayles died at the age of 88 in January 2003 in Cherry Hill, NJ. The son of Marion E and R. Russell Fayles, Mr. Fayles had an active 50-year career as an executive in the American steel industry and was member of many industry associations. In 1991 he was selected an Outstanding Fellow from the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Alabama from which he had graduated. He was a longtime resident of Moorestown, NJ and active in many community organizations. He had a love of piano, history and antiques. His wife of 61 years, two children and two grand children survive him. In sending word of Mr. Fayles, death, his son wrote "My father was always interested in his Manx heritage (his grandfather was an immigrant from the Isle of Man) and had several Manx pieces among his antiques.

Carol E. Keeley - Mrs. Keeley died in August 2002 in Flint, MI at the age of 72. Her daughter Diane Greenwald wrote "my mother enjoyed working with NAMA in order to further her research in genealogy of her family of Collister and of her husband's family of Keeley."

Basil Callow - Basil Callow, a friend of NAMA members visiting the Isle of Man, passed away suddenly in February 2003. He had served as a member of the Douglas City Council since 1984 and had served as Lord Mayor in 1992-93. He and his wife Helen owned an antiques shop on Duke Street and had attended several NAMA conventions. Helen has taken her husband's place on the Council.

Lee Wilder - Jack Cormode writes "NAMA lost another friend and supporter in April 2003 with the passing of Lee Wilder at age 64. Lee was a 'Manx-by-Marriage' through his wife Jan (Corkhill). He was a great help at the NAMA 1990 and 2000 conventions hosted by Northern California Manx."

*Tourist Accommodations
Get New Rating System*

With the start of the tourist season on the island a new system for rating accommodations has been introduced. The system, which uses stars and diamonds, brings the Isle into harmony line with quality rating standards used in England, Guernsey. The AA and the RAC.

Under the new plan, hotels are rated by stars from one to five and other facilities, such as guest houses, BandBs and public houses, get diamonds.

The chairman of the Island's Registration and Grading Commission said the new system reflects an industry that offers high quality facilities and service standards.

IOM Shopping on Line

If you are on the lookout for such Isle of Man items as sweatshirts, ties, T-shirts, flags or earrings now you can turn to the Internet.

The Windsor Knot, a popular shop on Villa Marina Colonnade in Douglas, now offers on-line shopping at www.isleofmangifts.com.

Promenade Shirts and Embroidery LTD, trading in Douglas on Queens Promenade for 15 years, similarly has a selection of Manx garments and other items at www.ttshirts.com

A third source that has just recently come on the Internet is found at www.iomgallery.com offering gifts of a Manx theme from local companies.

All sites provide pictures of the items for sale and promise a secure credit card connection. Prices are stated in pounds, but that should give dedicated Manx no problem to convert to dollars.

The Celtic Heritage Center in Washington, DC is a non-profit, non-partisan entity whose main goal is to study and celebrate the cultures of the Celtic lands and their legacy in the US. The website for the center is www.celticheritagecenter.org

Back to the Source

By Calvin Quayle, NAMA Genealogist

Those of you actively searching for your Manx ancestors are doubtless most appreciative of the many web sites now available to you for this purpose. Sitting in your office chair, clicking your mouse through the family records compiled by other members of your extended family certainly beats slogging through microfilms in the Family History Library. Those compilers deserve great credit and thanks for their histories, pedigree charts and family group sheets. I hope you express your thanks to them as you download the results of their labors.

The Family History librarians and workers in Salt Lake City have also performed a valuable service for the Manx genealogist. Not only have they microfilmed almost all of the extant genealogical records of the Isle of Man, they have extracted the christening and marriage information from the Parish Registers. This information they have then typed into a database. From this database they have rearranged the information from a chronological order into an alphabetical order and published the new list on another microfilm. The advantage to you of this service is that a search for the children born to one of your ancestor couples can be greatly shortened – what would take several hours to go through the handwritten parish registers can be accomplished in a few minutes with the typed, alphabetized microfilm record.

They have also entered this Isle of Man genealogical information into a database called the *International Genealogical Index*, or IGI. You may search this database by visiting the web site: www.FamilySearch.org. Most of your Manx ancestors can be found hanging around that database.

So, why should I bother with the slow, sometimes tedious, search of the microfilms of the Parish Registers? For several good reasons, some of which I will discuss in the following:

Not all researchers are careful. The web sites of your extended family or others just interested in Manx genealogy are often rife with mistakes. A good deal of the IGI has been submitted by amateurs who are not as careful as they should be. Checking the original records may find and correct these mistakes.

Bits of fun are to be found. While the abstractor will list the date and names concerning the burial of Mary Crellin, he is not apt to include the parenthetical comment: (one of Math Crellin's Dumb Daur's).

Other information is included. The primary purpose of a Parish Register is to list the Christenings, Marriages, and Burials of that parish. But other notes and lists are often included which give clues to your ancestor. He may be listed as a Church Warden, for instance. Or he may be listed as being disciplined for some reason – as for missing Sabbath Day attendance at Church or not paying his proper amount to the Church coffers. Lists of those completing certain church training often appear.

You may find proof of a relationship. My ancestry includes Charles and Cathrine Shimmin, who had a daughter named Isabel. This Isabel married a man by the name of Hugh McNabb. Over the years I have corresponded with Manxmen not related to me who have claimed Isabel and Hugh McNabb as being in *their* Shimmin line. However, I found a will of Catherine's, which leaves five pounds to her daughter Isabel. Isabel McNabb is later named as certifying that she has received this legacy from her mother; proving that this Isabel is *mine*, so keep your hands off.

There is sometimes evidence of malfeasance. In the Parish Register of Kirk German, I found that there are no entries between 20 Feb 1680 and 25 Mar 1695. One of my ancestors would have given birth to her family during those years! And in the Parish Register of Lezayre appears this notation: "Whereas it appeareth that the Revr Thomas Corlett deceased the late Vicar of the Parish of KK Christ Lezayre has totally neglected to insert the names of all the infants whom he had baptized since the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine to Easter One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three in the Parish Registry . . ." While such discoveries do not find your ancestors for you, at least you know why they are not listed in the other databases.

There is great satisfaction in doing the work yourself. Don't ever underestimate the thrill of searching and searching and searching and then finally locating an ancestor. I have been in the library when this happens and witnessed the shout coming from the depths of a microfilm reader, "Whoopee. There he is!!!" And I have seen the gleam in the successful searcher's eye as they catch that incurable disease, the genealogy bug. The satisfaction of a difficult job well done is a pleasure worth obtaining.

Put a Little Manx In Your Life

On the Isle of Man strong efforts are underway to correct the opinion that Manx is a dead language. The Department of Education offers a Manx language program to interested children in cooperation with the Manx Heritage Society. Manx Radio broadcasts reports each day in Manx and prints them on its website. And Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh (the Manx Language Society) offers educational material to all those interested in learning the language.

In North America NAMA members have little opportunity to really get into a Manx language program, but sprinkling a few Manx words and phrases into correspondence – snail mail or email – can help maintain an awareness of our ancestor’s tongue and when directed to those on the island show an appreciation for what is being done to keep Manx alive there.

Following are just a few words or phrases for those who want to try their use.

Moghrey mie – Good morning.

Fastyr mie – Good evening.

Oie vie - Good night.

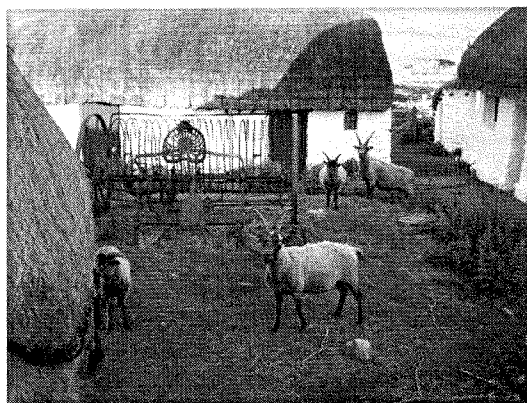
Kany's ta shiu - How are you?

My saillt – Please.

Gura mie ayd – Thank you, thanks.

Slane lhiat – Goodbye.

For those who do want to dive into learning Manx a CD-ROM is available under the sponsorship of the Manx Heritage Society, the Department of Education and the Manx Language Society. For details contact Phil Kelly at the Department of Education – p.kelly@doe.gov.im. Member comments are welcome.



Cregneach Folk Village has been a movie home to Ned Devine and many others

Windswept Isle of Man Offers Hollywood the Whole World

The NAMA Bulletin recently carried a report from Carol and Doug Fox of their special time on the Isle of Man while Reverend Carol served a Methodist Ministry there. Of special note in their report was the fact that the non-Manx Foxes were first drawn to the island by seeing the popular movie *Waking Ned Devine* that was filmed there several years ago. So taken were they by the scenery that they first visited the island from their Colorado home, and then later accepted an opportunity to serve their

church there.

The Foxes are living testimony to the appeal that the Isle of Man holds for moviemakers from around the world. The London Guardian newspaper several months ago reported on this under the headline “Tiny island with diverse locations cashes in on big budget films.” The paper’s arts correspondent wrote:

“When big-time movie producers wanted to shoot a Caribbean island scene featuring a sun burnt Jack Palace with a parrot on his shoulder and a wooden leg on Treasurer island, they naturally went to the rain, windswept Isle of Man.

“Filmmakers seeking to recreate Boston, Sidney or even Brighton are increasingly turning left at Sellafield (a British film center) and shooting in Douglas, the capital on the “rock”, where it is becoming common to see Helena Bonham Carter, David Bowie or Christina Ricci tucking into a giant plate of sea bass between takes.

“The Isle of Man best-known for kipper smoking and cats without tails, is this year set to become one of the most important players in the British film industry, boosting its tourist trade by millions and transforming the Manx economy.

“The Isle of Man, which has played host to 39 film productions since 1995 has steadily poached business from Ireland...and with landscapes to match every county in England, Scotland and Wales could begin to trump mainland Britain in the race to attract big budget productions.”

The newspaper said the Isle of Man film commission hopes to generate 500m pounds worth of film productions in the next 10 years and noted plans to open a fully sound-proofed film studio in Ramsey.

Producers report a more open welcome from people on the Isle of Man than those in mainland Britain, the paper said, and they praised the understanding of transport, production and location needs. Film production has also created “bizarre”, if sporadic, employment opportunities for locals. There is now a hardcore of pensioners who get regular “extras” work as clergy, Edwardian gentlefolk or Irish villagers.

Among the films made on the island cited by the Guardian were *The Gathering*, *The Heart of Me*, *Me Without You*, *Gabriel and Me*, *The Martins*, *Waking Ned Devine* and *Thomas and the Magic Railroad* (probably a favorite with your grandchildren).

Anyone interested in movie projects on the island can monitor the Isle of Man newspaper on the Internet – www.iomonline.co.im - or the reports from Manx radio at www.manxradio.com.

NAMA Board Meeting Coming Up In August

The officers of NAMA will be gathering in Chicago early in August for their annual discussion of association plans and functions. High on the agenda will be planning for the 2004 biennial convention to be held in the Windy City under the chairmanship of 1st Vice President Brad Prendergast. NAMA members wishing to suggest issues and suggestions for the board’s consideration at its meeting are asked to direct them to President Norm Standish, P.O. Box 105 Lanark, IL 61046.

Society News

CHICAGO MANX

On April 8th we ventured to Munster, Indiana for our meeting. It was held at the home of Bob and Eleanor Quayle with 13 in attendance. Our program was a presentation about movies that have been filmed on the Isle of Man during the last several years and how this is becoming quite an industry on the Isle.

The Chicago Manx will be hosting the 2004 convention, and the balance of the meeting was spent in discussing the various committees and events that we will be planning.

Our meeting will be at the home of Lee and Candy Gawne in Sugar Grove, IL on Sunday June 22. We will again begin with a potluck dinner at 1 PM followed by a meeting and more planning for the convention.

The Chicago Manx cover the great part of the Chicago-land area, and we hope to attract new people by meeting in all parts of the region.

- Robert Kelly

GREATER WASHINGTON DC MANX

Early in May about 30 members of the society gathered at a terrific seafood restaurant for our 26th annual meeting and dinner, the last organized by our outgoing president (and former NAMA president) Don Quayle and vice president Russell Woodgates, along with several other board members.

Kelly McCarthy, just back from the Isle of Man, told us about recent happenings (including the aftermath of the demise of Manx Air Lines) and her honorary role in Washington as the Manx Government's liaison with the U.S. Government (and any visiting Manxmen in need of local assistance.) Kelly plans to take full advantage of her many island contacts in her additional role as our Society's new vice president.

Charles Christian is our new president, having served on the Board of Governors. His email address is ccchristian@msn.com

By popular demand our annual gathering was greatly enhanced by a repeat performance of Celtic harp music by teenager Lily Neill, whose flawless playing first wowed everyone last January at our Twelfth Night party.

In April several of us manned a tent at the 25th annual Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, answering questions about all things Manx and distributing our new membership brochure. The next item on our calendar is the massive Potomac Celtic Festival coming up June 14th in rural Virginia. Maybe we should start a DC Celtic Festival so we don't have to keep traveling so far.

- Russell Woodgates.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MANX

The society met May 18 at the home of Bob and Rachel (Vondy) LaRue in Erie, CO. Members enjoyed a potluck dinner and program. Rev. Carol and Doug Fox told about their year of service on the Peel Circuit on the Isle of Man. A video tape on the Mystical Island told the story of their work and some of the people they met on the Isle. A short review of this was in the NAMA bulletin in the March 2003 issue. The next meeting of the group is planned for October.

- Albert W. Scarffe

WISCONSIN MANX

When we met in April, we elected Georgene Voutila to the Presidency, thereby freeing up Joyce Benjamin to do her job on the NAMA Board, without carrying the additional responsibility of being Wisconsin President. Those who attended the NAMA Convention in 2002 will remember Georgene as the young woman who managed to avoid being the "First Stagecoach Casualty" in the 21st Century! Georgene was there with her mother and cousins and will be a great leader in our Wisconsin Manx.

Our exciting summer news is that we will commemorate the Traditional Laxey Picnic this summer on June 22nd with a Potluck Picnic style lunch at the Linden United Methodist Church. Those interested in the Manx Heritage

and the descendents and friends of the Manx and Cornish buried in the Laxey Cemetery are urged to attend. If weather is good many of us will want to visit the Laxey Cemetery where we convened with the NAMA Convention attendees in 1996. We wish you could all be there with us. It will be a great day!

Our next meeting will be on October 5, 2003.

- Dorrie Alff, Secretary.

Bulletin Schedule

The normal NAMA bulletin schedule is for four in the year between conventions and three during convention years. The schedule for the rest of this year is as follows: a deadline of August 10 for the September issue and a deadline of November 15 for the December issue.

We welcome and need contributions and comments at any time. Reports of society activities are naturally important, and recollections of visits to the island or experiences in genealogical searching are of interest. Plus anything you feel could be of interest to fellow Manx. These can be sent to the editor (who reserves the right to edit copy) ;

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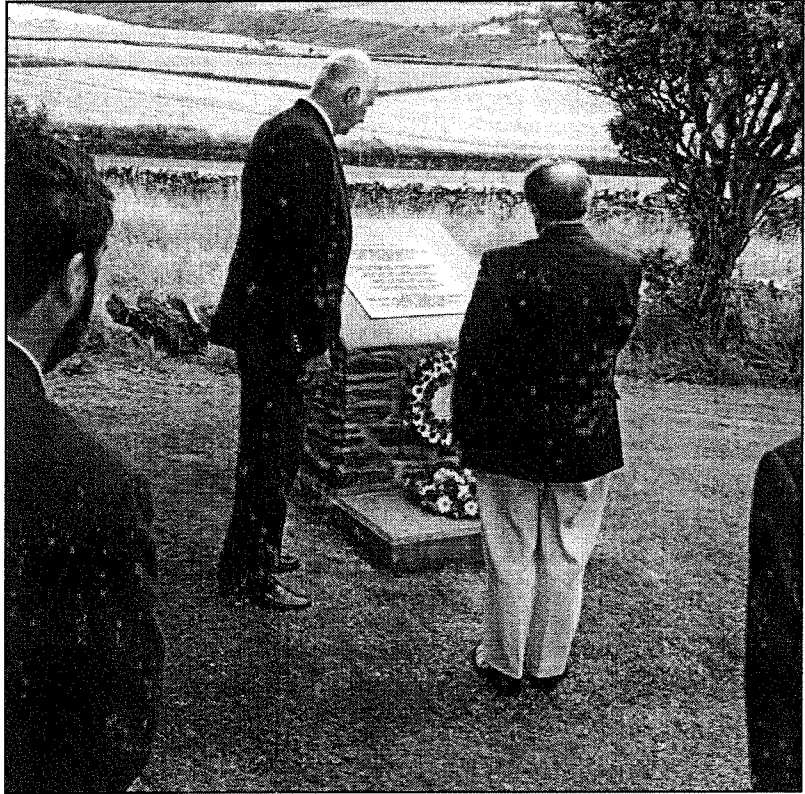
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Chaplain's Corner

As I write this it is Memorial Day weekend, and we have thoughts and prayers about all the servicemen and women who have given their lives to their countries and who are now again called to face harms way. During the NAMA 2000 convention on the Isle of Man I was privileged to lead our conventioners and local officials in a Memorial Service at the Maughold Church Yard at the Monument near the site of the crash in 1944 in which 21 of our American officers and men died during World War II.

Rev. Devore C. Smith



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