

# N A M A

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

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### NAMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES REPORTED

The NAMA Board of Directors held its annual meeting August 3 in Chicago at the Allerton Hotel, site of the 2004 NAMA Convention. Twelve directors were present to consider current NAMA business and projects. Following is a summary of the matters discussed.

Robert Kelly is updating and correcting the list of conventions and past presidents. It is hoped that in the future a NAMA convention will be held in Canada. We are looking for a group or individual willing to accept this responsibility.

A committee is working on a design to accompany the NAMA awards given to Manx students, a simplified membership form, and a NAMA certificate appropriate and appealing to junior members.

The possibility of paying dues by credit card is being explored. The number of delinquent dues payments is up and a plan for contacting them was formed.

A committee has been formed to review the stipends for some officers and present possible changes at the next board meeting.

NAMA genealogist Calvin Quayle has returned some LDS material now available on the web. He has a database of NAMA members' information that you may ask about in researching your genealogy. He also would like those who have not provided their family information to send it to him.

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### Tynwald Day – 2003

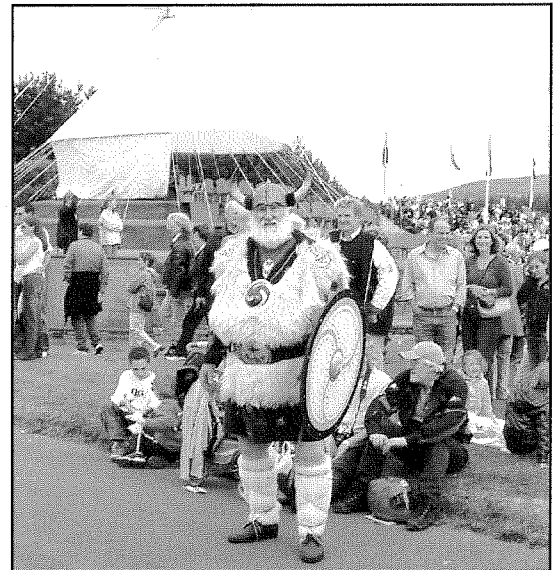
*"A Different Perspective"*  
By Laurence Skelly

This years Tynwald Day, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 was a quite a different experience for me. As recently appointed coordinator for events and enhancements it represented a fascinating opportunity to gain a wholly different perspective and most definitely a greater appreciation to what makes Tynwald Day.

Just as any ordinary Manx folk I have attended Tynwald over the years and always looked forward to our National day. As a youngster I looked forward to sight of the gigantic (still appears a giant today) Manx Viking greeting you on the front green. To us little fellas, you felt safe and sure this fearsome yet friendly figure could protect our land single-handed. The other big attraction for young ones is the stalls and fair games. Wonderful to see the same stalls and games still in action today that I may share with my own children.

As I got older I became more interested in the actual ceremony and grew to understand how significant this day is to us Manx and its status around the world. Few years ago a good friend of mine delivered an act of grievance. It makes you stop and think where else can you do this with your government. Interestingly it was concerning Ramsey's Queen's Pier that sadly to this day has not been resolved. As a Ramsey man I can only hope our government will eventually bow to public demand and see the pier restored to its former glory.

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*The presence of a Viking at Tynwald 2003 in July symbolized that the ceremony has continued unchanged, except in detail, for more than 1000 years. The outdoor sittings of Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, date back to the Viking settlements which began in the eighth century of the first millennium AD. No other parliament in the world has such a long unbroken record. (More Tynwald reports inside.)*

*Mark Your Calendar*  
**NAMA 2004 Convention**  
**August 28—30**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

## MANX STUDENTS EARN NAMA CULTURE AWARDS

Continuing a program begun in 1979 to encourage interest in Manx culture among Isle of Man youth, NAMA presented awards in July to Isle of Man students who excel in music, arts and crafts, language, and other areas. NAMA President Norman Standish made the presentations at special ceremonies in Douglas.

The award in music was won by Martyn Stringer, a student at Queen Elizabeth High, who is an accomplished pianist, organist and percussionist and the winner of many prizes in the Manx Music festival.

Katherine Lawrie, also a student at Queen Elizabeth High School, received the prize for accomplishment in the arts and crafts category. Capable in various media, she has produced murals for her school, worked in textile design and produced a special canvas and acrylic environmental poster.

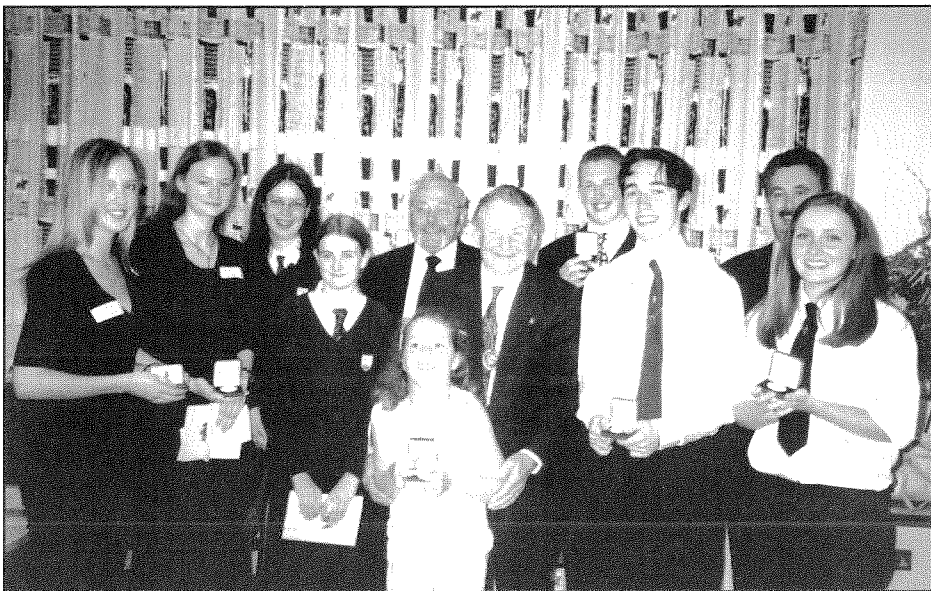
The Manx Language award was won by Simone Thornton of castle Rushen High School for her high level of studies in Manx leading to her becoming the first pupil to study for the Advanced Certificate in Manx in any of the island's schools.

David Dawson on Ballakermeen High School received the award for outstanding contribution to Manx culture. David is an accomplished instrumentalist, choral singer, public speaker and actor.

Hannah Skillicorn, also from Ballakermeen High School, earned an award for outstanding contributions to the Manx community for her activities as a prize-winning dancer and talented musicians in many community groups. As an organizer of charity events, Hannah single-handedly raised 177 pounds for the New York fire fighters appeal following the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy.

Another award in the community contributions category was presented in Sarah Kelly, a sixth year student at Albert Road School, for overcoming a disability. A popular member of the Youth Club she attempted everything that other students do although afflicted with cerebral palsy.

The NAMA Most Progress in Manx award was shared by Laura Davenport of Bradden Primary School and Emily Wood of Queen Elizabeth High for their commitment to the study of the Manx language.



Smiling winners of the 2003 NAMA Manx culture competition posed with their awards, which were presented by NAMA President Norman Standish at ceremonies in Douglas.

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## Travelers to the Isle of Man Increased during 2002

The 18<sup>th</sup> passenger survey report recently released by the IOM government showed that there were 673,279 scheduled departures by air and sea from the island in 2002, an increase of more than nine percent from the year before.

Of those 326,760 were visitors to the island, the balance being traveling residents.

The report said that close to 114,000 visitors stayed in paid accommodations for an average of 5.2 nights and spent an average of 352 pounds on their trip. More than 117,000 visitors stayed with friends and family, staying an average of 6.1 nights and spending an average of 191 pounds each.

There were also more than 87,500 business visitors, who stayed an average 2.1 nights and spent an average of 333 pounds.

To all of these the survey added that there were more than 8,000 day trippers.

## New Isle of Man Calendar Now Available Via Internet

A high quality wall calendar that captures some of the most stunning and breathtaking scenery from the Isle of Man has been created by a new undertaking calling itself Manx Inspirations. With the turn of each month, its producers say, users "will discover and admire the tranquil and unique beauty of this magical Celtic Isle."

The calendar will be on sale through retail shops on the island and, happily for NAMA members and others off-isle, available on the Internet through a website at [www.manxinspirations.com](http://www.manxinspirations.com). The price on the island translates into \$10.99 US and \$15.50 Canadian for purchase over the Internet.

NAMA members may judge the dedication brought to the calendar project by the fact that its creator is Laurence Skelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the association and an island businessman.

## Tynwald – A 1000 Year Parliament

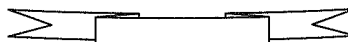
Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, which meets regularly throughout the year but most notably outdoors at St. Johns on 5<sup>th</sup> July is a direct legacy from our Viking ancestors. Norsemen first came to Mann around the year 800 ASD and ruled the island for four and a half centuries before finally ceding it to the King of Scotland in 1266. By then they had firmly imposed their own administrative system, which continued even while the Island's ownership passed between Scotland and England., to the Stanley family of Lancashire (Lords of Mann from 1405=1736) and to their kin the Dukes of Atholl, who held it until it was re-vested in the British Crown in 1765.

The official program for Tynwald 2003 carried several accounts of past Tynwalds, including this one of the assemblage held in 1237 translated from a Latin work – "The Chronicles of the Kings of Mann & the Isles."

"The following autumn Harold sent Neil's three sons, namely Dougal, Thorkel and Molmore, together with a friend of his called Joseph, to Mann, where they landed at St. Patrick's Isle. On 25<sup>th</sup> October and three days after their arrival in Mann a convention of all the Manx people took place at Tynwald. Attending this meeting were Neil's three sons with their supporters, whom they had brought with them from the Isles. Also present was Lauchlan, the custodian of Mann, who had brought to the meeting all his partisans and all whom he had been able to persuade to come along that day, since he feared Neil's sons on account of some hostility still existing between them

"After much abuse and vilification on both sides, and as no reconciliation seemed likely, the two factions rushed from the assembly and a pitched battle ensued. Lauchlan's men gained the upper hand, killing on the spot two of Neil's sons, Dougal and Molmore, together with Harald's friend Joseph; the rest fled the issue. After this incident the meeting was dissolved, and they all returned to their respective homes."

Other accounts of more peaceful Tynwald gatherings can be found on the Internet. Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and just type in Tynwald in the search blank. You will be offered a variety of interesting sources and find in one a colorful description of the 1893 Tynwald by the noted Manx author Hall Caine.



## Fund Raising Continues For the Ellenbane Project

The project by which Ellenbane, the family home of the parents and grandparents of Myles Standish, can be preserved as a Manx Historic site is ongoing, Norman Standish, descendent of Myles Standish and current president of NAMA, reports.

The authenticity of Ellenbane as the ancestral home of the first American Manxman has been well documented by C.V. Young and L. Hill, Mr. Standish notes.

"T.R. Anderson approach me following the Manx convention in Toronto, Canada to establish a grant of funds to initiate a cooperative effort between NAMA and the government on the Isle of Man to purchase this property and preserve it as a historic site," he said.

"A grant of \$2000 was set up for this purpose which, hopefully, will grow so that purchase can be accomplished when the property becomes available on the market. At that time, conditions were not favorable for the purchase," he added.

Anyone can contribute to this continuing effort to preserve Ellenbane as a historic site and tourist attraction on the Isle of Man by sending contributions to the NAMA treasurer.

## Island's Consumers Connecting To New Natural Gas Service

The lengthy process of converting gas-using consumers on the island from LPG/air service to natural gas has begun. The natural gas comes to the island's mains from the recently completed link to the new underwater pipeline running from Scotland to Ireland.

The connections began for consumers in Braddan, and Manx Gas has set itself the goal of connecting more than 13,000 homes and businesses in Douglas, Onchan, Glen Vine, Union Mills and Crosby before Christmas.

Gas lights have been in use in Douglas since the 1830's when the production of gas by coal distillation began, and gas use for lighting soon spread to Ramsey, Peel, Castletown and Port St. Marys. The switch to LPG/air in the island's gas mains began in the 1960s, and the use of gas for heating, cooking and other uses has spread widely.

More details about the natural gas project can be found on the Internet at [www.manxgas.co.im](http://www.manxgas.co.im).

## TYNWALD

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7<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 was a whole new ball game for me!! My appointment came late as the previous coordinator was just elected a new MHK in a bye-election. This coupled with fact it was to be a high profile Tynwald day with Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh presiding made for a challenging first year induction to the role.

It was decided early that a big screen would be installed for the day. Thus allowing the expected extra large crowd to view close-ups of the day's proceedings and keep them entertained through the day and evening. It proved to be a huge success and gave us the opportunity to create the Isle of Man's first live webcast. People from all over the world tuned in online to view this extra special Tynwald day. We've received many compliments thanking us for enhancing Manx celebrations and gatherings around the world. Manx Radio, Manx Telecom and Greenlight Television along with Charles Guard's direction did the Island proud with this service.

Outside the usual stalls and games in the fair field there was a total of 42 different events and displays including 7 entirely new acts. The performance "Manx Celebration" excellently put together by the Department of Education for the Queen and Duke had 29 additional events that appeared professionally choreographed.

The amount of preparation and organization is quite phenomenal. Most amazing aspect for me was how willing and cooperative everyone was to the committee. Everyone wants to make Tynwald Day special for Mr President and the public to enjoy. From government staff to the individual stall holder who might have been shifted three times or more time before final position. The staff at Tynwald office, the old school and the works crew of local government and transport worked tirelessly through out the whole process. Make no mistake it is a process that takes up considerable amount of time during the year by many folk to make this most important day in the Manx calendar go according to plan. Precision planning at its finest.

My biggest challenge of the day was the unexpected sheep residing in the field where the fireworks were to be staged. Being government owned sheep no one could be raised to move them on this public holiday. Decided to build a makeshift pen in the corner and herd the sheep in. Let me assure you this is much easier said than done. After a comical escapade involving various enlisted helpers playing shepherders I concluded we needed professional assistance. Thankfully, a local farmer with a couple of sheep dogs came to our aid and completed the job in swift order.

Despite the ominous weather reports calling for rain Mr. President was adamant in guaranteeing sunshine. And it did shine. While a few drops were noted this only

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The guideline committee for the award offered by the Isle of Man to a North American youth for outstanding contribution in sharing the Manx heritage feels it is important to keep the guidelines general for the present. After a few years of experience they can be refined.

The treasurer's report shows a slight loss of money for the first time since 1990. The need to increase and maintain membership, as always, was a topic of discussion.

NAMA is working with the Isle of Man Department of Tourism and the Family History Society to have a memorial/informational plaque about the Star of India placed in the Ramsey harbor area. It was voted to contribute up to \$1000.00 to this project.

The Greater Washington D.C. society has created a wonderful brochure for attracting new members. We will look into the possibility of using this format for NAMA and other local societies. NAMA is still working on the purchase of Ellenbane, home of Myles Standish.

The trustees will meet and update the list of items owned by NAMA. Missing convention photos and souvenir booklets will be replaced whenever possible.

Convention Chairman, Brad Prendergast reported on plans for this event. He expects to have a fun-filled few days, with opportunities to explore local features of Manx heritage as well as the general Chicago area. Special activities will be available for children.



occurred as the members and guests were either lunching or had left for their banquet in the evening so the important people did not get wet!! I must say it failed to dampen any spirits to those who stayed through to the evening. The final act of the Manx National anthem being played by the Ellan Vannin Pipes & Drum Band on a floodlit Tynwald Hill made the hairs on the back of my neck stand. Extremely proud moment and appropriate ending to a very long and tiring day.

## Tynwald 2003



*Her Majesty the Queen is escorted to Tynwald Hill by her personal representative to the Isle of Man, the Lieutenant Governor, Air Marshall Ian Macfadyen. The Isle of Man is not part of the United Kingdom, but a Crown Dependency. Her Majesty the Queen is acknowledged as Lord of Man. King George VI was the British Sovereign to preside at Tynwald Day in July 1945, and the Queen president in 1979 when the Millennium of Tynwald was celebrated. The Prince of Wales presided at Tynwald Day 2000 as her representative.*



*Prince Phillip sits on Tynwald Hill with the President of Tynwald Noel Cring. Tynwald ceremony photos courtesy of Peter Killey, [www.manxscenes.com](http://www.manxscenes.com)*



*NAMA president Norman Standish attended the Tynwald events with wife Ingrid and daughter Hilary.*



## **Singing for Your Supper Helps Keep Manx Alive**

*By Valerie Caine*

*(Ms. Caine writes about cultural events on the island and says her choir will not the Manx language go without a fight.)*

Cligaree Twoaie, the northern-based choir who sing predominantly in the Manx language, was recently invited to share its repertoire of songs at the annual Ascension Supper, in the picturesque village of Maughold. Salivating at the thought of homemade pie and assorted puddings, members of the choir were tempted to the church hall.

Congregating by the stage we exchanged ideas. Inspired by our surroundings we mounted the platform, surveyed by the figure of St. Maughold, looking with fondness upon the proceedings. Supper was already in progress as we assembled and the urgent scraping of cutlery told of gratification and fulfilment.

Our harmonies echoed around the hall as diners hesitated, their busy mouths stilled, as our melodies encircled replete parishioners. Some of the audience were concerned, that having English as their first language they might not understand the words we sang, but their fears were unfounded as our leader explained story outlines of each song.

We enjoyed the occasion as much as the audience. Embraced by a convivial atmosphere, we sang for our supper, sampling generous portions, eager for the bottomless teapot, close at hand at all such parochial events.

Produce was auctioned to the highest bidder and raffle tickets bought in the excitement of a pleasant evening. However, most important of all, was the opportunity for people to gather and enjoy the simple pleasures of a country event, as yet untouched by globalisation.

## **My Special Memories Of the Isle of Man**

*By Laura Dax Honda*

The summer of 2000 my 10-year-old daughter Melanie and I went to the Isle of Man, when there was a Homecoming Celebration to welcome back Manx descendents. I have a special place in my heart for the isle because my grandfather Charlie Kennaugh was born and raised there.

We had a wonderful time, staying in Port Erin at a quaint B&B called the Anchorage. With an Island Freedom pass we traveled over the whole island, riding horse drawn trams, steam and electric trains and busses. We visited from Peel Castle to Cregneach village, from Laxey Wheel to the Calf of Man, from Mull Circle to Rushen Abby.

The most special place for me is Castletown, where my Grandpa Charlie was born. I'd been there before in 1976, the year I graduated from high school. As then, I went to the building that had been Grandpa's home. This time it is a gift shop, where Melanie bought a porcelain Manx cat as a keepsake. In 1976 the shop had been a cleaners, and at the turn of the last century, when Grandpa was a child, it had been a butcher shop run by his father, my great Grandfather William Clucas Kennaugh. The shop shares a stonewall with Rushen Castle, from whose turrets you can look into grandpa's backyard. We visited the grammar school that Grandpa attended, right at the water's edge. Imagine learning how to read and write with the Irish Sea lapping a few feet away. As we spent time in this beautiful tiny town, I "talked" to my grandpa, asking for a sign that he knows I am there.

Our last day in the island we visited my mother's second cousin, Mona Goldsmith, at her home in Douglas, near the Manx Museum. After tea with Mona we went to the museum's genealogy room to see if I could find where my great Grandmother Emily Jane McNeil Kennaugh is buried. On my 1976 visit, my Aunt Mildred (grandpa's half sister) had shown me my great grandpa's grave. He had been buried next to his second wife, Aunt Mildred's mother. Grandpa Charlie's mother, Emily, died at age 33, when he was an infant. With the help of a clerk, I found the name of the cemetery near Braddon church where my great Grandma is buried.

Melanie and I then headed there by bus and find two huge cemeteries across from each other. Directed by two boys to the right one we started checking dates on the headstones to figure out where to look, but the dates are all intermingled. The headstones are about three feet high and very beautiful, but many are overgrown with grass and wildflowers. There are at least seven sections with at least 50 rows of 30 headstones each.

Melanie wasn't happy to be there and kept letting me know that. I reminded her that this might be the only chance to find great grandma's headstone. It had been 24 years since I been there and who knew when I'll be there again. I reminded her that we have a 7:00 a.m. boat to catch in the morning; so please hold on. Every now and then we startled a sheep nibbling grass around the headstones and off he runs. I began praying for help finding Emily's headstone and thinking that great grandpa William had better have gotten her a nice one,

As we searched (me praying, her being tortured) suddenly two women appeared walking two little dogs. We explained our dilemma and ask if they know how the cemetery is laid out. They didn't sound helpful, the sexton being away, but they offered to look along the left section while we looked on the right. Melanie petted the dogs and we began. I was really going fast, just looking for the name Emily. I had gone six or seven rows when the women shouted to me; they'd found Emily's grave. They had gone all their rows and found her in the last row of my section. (How did they go so fast?)

Sure enough this was what I am looking and praying for. I thanked them again and again, and they were gone. Emily Jane Kennaugh died on February 17, 1895, but her gravestone looks in perfect condition. The view from where she is buried is spectacular. I am happy to have found her. This was truly one of the most memorable moments of our trip. And I wonder, was finding great Grandma Emily's gravestone a sign from Grandpa Charlie?

To complete my memorable trip to the Isle of Man, when I returned my mother gave me the locket that my great grandmother Emily Jane Kennaugh was wearing in her wedding photo.

# Society News

## CHICAGO MANX

The Chicago Manx met most recently at the home of Lee and Candy Gwane in Sugar Grove. We started planned the 2004 convention which will be held at the Allerton Hotel, located on the near north side of Chicago on "The Magnificent Mile." The hotel is within walking distance of many attractions, plus shopping. Many bus lines pass the Allerton.

The Chicago Manx again had a booth and exhibit at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Celtic Festival held September 13 and 14 in Grant Park on Chicago's lakefront.

We were happy to host the NAMA executive committee on Saturday August 2 at the Allerton Hotel. We met from 9AM to 4 PM and had lunch at the hotel, which is a national historic landmark. After the meeting 15 people went to Navy Pier about 6 blocks away for dinner at Riva's that overlooks the harbor and has a beautiful view of the city. We were lucky meeting that weekend as 25 tall sailing ships from around the world were moored at Navy Pier and the Chicago River. The tallest was the replica of HMS Bounty, of interest to the Manx.

The next meeting of the society will be held Sunday, September 28 at the home of Florence Abbinanti, starting with a potluck dinner and followed by convention planning. – Robert Kelly

## MINNESOTA MANX

Our first meeting of the year was April 12<sup>th</sup> when a good turnout enjoyed a delicious brunch at a local hotel café. After a short business meeting, the program was biographies of the eight top "Greatest Manx people" as selected in a November poll conducted by the Isle of Man newspapers. The presenters of the bios ranged in age from ten to eighty!

There was time for visiting and talking about all things Manx, and several door prizes were given.

We met again on June 22 for a summer picnic at a park. Although the attendance was less than usual, it was successful because we had more children than adults. We enjoyed a potluck picnic and watching a relatively new Manx video.

On August 23 Norman and Joan Gill represented the Manx at the Highland Games in Davenport, Iowa. Many questions were asked and answered at their Manx table. A few folks with Manx heritage took the NAMS membership form. Joan had two sessions of Manx story telling and took part in a round table discussion of "The other Celts" – not the Scotch or the Irish.

Another meeting will be planned for the fall. We hope to meet at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and explore its wonderful special Celtic collection. It includes many Manx items including several very old Manx books.

## GREATER WASHINGTON DC MANX

With the election at its May meeting of a new president the society's roster of board members and governors now consists of the following: Charles Christian, president; Kelly McCarthy, vice president; Bill Cassidy, secretary; Sally Barnhart, treasurer Don Quayle, past president; Russell Woodgates, Alice Whitten, Phyllis Whitten and Brent Warner, governors, and Avril Shipman, governor emeritus. The president can be reached by email at ccchristian@msn.com.

## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Dorcas Costain Blann has been elected president of the association, succeeding Iris Christian. WMA Chairman is Ms. Beryl Kinvig, 17 Peveril Road, Peel IM5 1PF. The treasurer is Burt Costain-Blann. Newsletter editor is Dr. Jennifer Kewley-Draskau, who can be reached at draskau@kewleyd.freemove.co.uk,

## THE NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE

The next issue of the NAMA Bulletin will be mailed to all members in December 2003. I would appreciate receiving all reports of society meeting, as well as other news items, **by November 26, 2003**. Even if a society does not have news to report, please send me the name of the person now serving as your society secretary. NAMA members are interested in knowing what others are doing to keep the Manx spirit alive.

Let us know what's happening.

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## CHECK THE ADDRESS LABEL

The address on each issue of the NAMA Bulletin shows your status as a member of the association. If the label indicates an amount is due, we hope that you will pay the indicated dues promptly. Unless dues are paid, you will not continue to receive the bulletin.

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## Chaplain's Corner

I was impressed by a paragraph in an article by Roger M.C. Sims, Methodist District Archivist for the Isle of Man Manx National Heritage Library. In a Journal of the Isle of Man Family History Society article (May 2, 2003) he reminds us of the dedication, work and influence of John Wesley. He writes that "As we approach the 300th anniversary of John Wesley's birth in June 1703, it is a timely reminder that the Manx Methodist Church, from the time that Wesley authorized the opening of a Methodist Mission on the island in 1775, has had its hand in all manner of social reform and outreach and has and continues to do much to alleviate the worst effects of poverty and tackle the issues of homelessness, crime, disease, drug and alcohol abuse. These initiatives have of course changed to reflect contemporary society, but the commitment remains the same as the Church seeks to remain loyal to Wesley's ideas."

This can be a call to today's Manx Methodists (and Manx Presbyterians) "to remain loyal to Wesley's ideals."

- Rev. Devore C. Smith

## FORMER MANX LEADER, FRIEND OF NAMA, DIES

Members of the North American Manx Association were saddened in July by the death of Sir Charles Kerruish, long-time Manx political leader and a strong link of the association to the Isle of Man.

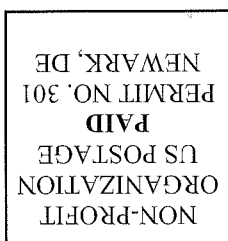
Sir Charles died on July 23, his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. His parliamentary career spanned 54 years starting with election to the House of Keys as a member for Garff in 1946 and ending in March 2000 when he presided over Tynwald for the last time.

Knighted in the Manx millennium year of 1979, Sir Charles was involved in a tumultuous period of change in Manx constitutional affairs, which saw him become President of Tynwald in 1990.

On behalf of NAMA's officers and members, President Norman Standish sent the following message to the family of Sir Charles.

"The members of the North American Manx Association were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Sir Charles Kerruish O.B.E., a special friend of the North American Manx Association who always added an important link to the NAMA Conventions he attended with our heritage on the Isle of Man. Over the years he has established a lasting spirit and cherished memories which will endure with the NAMA members. A little bit of the Isle of Man exists at each Convention site through his efforts. We want you to know that our prayers are with the Kerruish family members in this time of sorrow."

President Standish also expressed NAMA's desire to make a memorial contribution to an island charity in the name of Sir Charles and asked the family to suggest an organization.



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