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

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ION WRITER PLANS BOOK ON THE MANX ABROAD

MANX journalist John Quirk flew into the US on October 22 for a three-week research trip for a forthcoming book to be titled "The Manx Connection". John is visiting the Manx societies around the world, looking at the history of the Manx abroad, from the early pioneers to how today's overseas Manx retain their links and heritage to the Isle of Man. In addition to visiting the States, John is planning trips to Dubai and South Africa in February and Australia and New Zealand in June and July, culminating with celebrating Tynwald Day with one of the societies Down Under.

The book will be published by the Island firm The Manx Experience and will be on sale from November 2005.

Born in Douglas, 34-year-old John studied journalism in England before spending six months teaching English in the former Russian republic of Moldova. He returned to the Island briefly before taking up his first reporter's job as a trainee in Lancashire, England. After two years, he returned home to work for Isle of Man Newspapers and rose through the ranks until he was appointed chief reporter, a position he held until September this year when he was appointed features editor.

John explained: 'Both my parents are Manx-born and, while my mother's parents hailed from Ireland, my father's family can be traced back hundreds of years. The idea for a book on the Manx has probably been bubbling away for a long time inside my mind, but it was only early this summer that it dawned on me what a great idea it would be to focus on the many societies around the world.'

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New NAMA Officers Named at Convention

More than 100 NAMA members and friends gathered in Chicago at the end of August for the organization's 47th biennial convention. They renewed old acquaintances, sang many Manx songs, learned about new developments on the Isle of Man, enjoyed the Chicago sights, saluted some special people and elected officers for the coming two years.

In line with tradition, 1st Vice President Bradley E. Prendergast, who served as convention organizer and chairman, succeeded Norman Standish as President. A Chicago resident, he will fill the post until the next convention scheduled for San Diego, California in 2006.

In his message to the convention, the new president said, "Forty one years ago I attended my first Manx convention. I was 9 at the time. My Manx heritage was already planted."

"NAMA stands at a cross roads in its existence," he emphasized. "Renewing our ancestral heritage requires that we teach our children, as my parents and grandparents taught me, that our unique Manx heritage is to be celebrated. Continued existence of the NAMA requires that new members step forward to continue to preserve our ancient heriages for generations to come."

With that election, Laurence Skelly of the Isle of Man moved up to become 1st Vice president and Sally Dahlquist, a member of the Minnesota Manx Society, became 2nd Vice President. The president of the Rocky Mountain Manx Society, James W. Corlett of Denver, was selected to position of 3rd Vice President, succeeding Ms. Dahlquist.

At the convention's closing banquet special honor was paid to Mrs. Helen Drom of Santa Maria, CA who retired as NAMA's treasurer after more than 14 years of service in that demanding position. Her husband, Lloyd, who has been an able aid in her duties, accompanied her at the convention.

John Prendergast, a Chicago Manx Society member and brother of the new president, accepted the task as NAMA treasurer to succeed Mrs. Drom. (Cont. on Page 2)



New NAMA President Brad Prendergast led members on a boat trip around Chicago at the 2004 Convention

A Manx Gift

One of the best ways to help preserve our Manx Heritage is to pass it along to the next generation.

Membership in the North American Manx Association helps remind children and grandchildren of their connection to the Isle of Man.

A form to enroll family members is included in this bulletin.

Convention (continued from front page)

Another retirement saw NAMA Genealogist Calvin Quayle end many years as the source of valuable advice to members tracing their ancestors. The association is fortunate that his daughter, Lucy Quayle Peterson, of Bluffdale, Utah was willing to take over the post, joining NAMA's board of director.

With John Prendergast's becoming treasurer a position as a NAMA Trustee became vacant and Kelly McCarthy of Alexandria, VA and a vice president of the Great Washington Manx Society was elected to that office. Mrs. McCarthy was raised on the Isle of Man and serves as the Honorary Representative of the Isle of Man government in the United States.

All other association officers were re-elected. The full slate is listed to the right of this article.

MANX YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE NAMA AWARDS

Continuing a program begun in 1979 to recognize special cultural achievements by Manx youth, NAMA presented awards this year to seven Isle of Man students in ceremonies attended by NAMA Vice President Laurence Skelly and IOM government officials.

Students receiving medallion awards were Martin MacFarlane in the Manx Community category, Eleanor Derbyshire in Manx Language and Culture, Linzi Kelly in Arts and Crafts, Alexandra Ferrier in Music, and Laura Oram in the Overcoming a Disability category.

Recognition awards for the "Most Progress in Manx" category were presented to Amy Cooper and Craig Cregeen.

The awards were started after Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson MHK, as chairman then of the IOM Board of Education, attended the NAMA conference in Cleveland in 1978 and suggested that young people on the island should be recognized for their achievements. Mrs. Hanson is now honorary vice president of the World Manx Association and saluted NAMA for its "great achievement" in maintaining the award program for 25 years.

The IOM Minister for Education, the Hon David Anderson, MHK, and the speaker of the House of keys Hon J.A. Brown, SHK, also participated in the program.

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'Over the years, from the early pioneers to recent times, such as the setting up of the Dubai Manx in 2000, the Manx foreign legion has spread far and wide 'My father was a merchant seaman and travelled the world, including many trips to Australia, and would return with many a tale of Manx people he had met.'

'In recent years I've had some limited contact with the societies through my job and it's always fascinated me how keen and interested they are about their Manx links, heritage and their ancestors.' John added: 'In the Island there has been much talk over the last year about "rebranding" the Isle of Man's image, which is a project hoping to be as successful as that which transformed New Zealand's international image.

'The newspapers instigated it and a steering committee was set up, with government taking over now the consultancy stage is about to start. To that end, one angle to the book will look at how the Manx societies themselves and the wider international community view the Island.'

John flew into Chicago and his itinerary included Wisconsin, Minnesota, Galva, San Francisco, San Diego, Cleveland and Washington. He said: 'I would have liked to have had enough time to visit every Manx society, but, as this is a personal project and not related to work, I have to fit the travelling around my annual holidays. That said, I am still keen to find out the history of the other societies, about their members and their Manx links, so I can include them to ensure the book is as comprehensive as possible. I am sure there are many fascinating stories out there.'

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IOM Launches Online Guide

The Isle of Man department of Tourism has launched an online version of its popular printed travel guide. In what is believed to be a British first, the online guide will contain all the information in the printed version of the booklet.

It can be accessed through the department's website:
www.visitisleofman.com.

The website was started in February of this year and has drawn an increasing number of users, rising from 40,000 sessions per month at the start to more than 1000,000 sessions a month by mid year.

NEW NAMA TREASURER

The position of treasurer of the North American Manx Association is now held by:

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All correspondence concerning dues, changes of mailing address and similar matters should be sent directly to him. Please do not send them to the mailing address of the NAMA Bulletin. Members who will be living at temporary addresses, such as winter homes, are asked to report those address in advance, as the post office will not forward copies of the bulletin.

THE QUARRY FIELD

A recollection by Terry McCaffrey

The Manx tale which follows is substantially as it happened, how I remember it and how my parents remembered my relating it to them at the time. I grew up, during the thirties down in Glendhoo, (the "dark glen") in the parish of Onchan. In my earlier years, the fields, the small woodlands and the nearby farm was my world to explore. I did change some of the names in the story.

"That Kelly's one, Nancy, is the one I fancy the bes'....."

Tommy, the ploughman was all set to launch into a lengthy monologue, but the difficulty of handling horses and plough on the steep slope of the Quarry Field occupied all his energy at that moment. The horses slipped sometimes and Tommy had a hard time keeping the tip of the plough in the thin soil.

I was eight or nine years old. Tommy was a "grown-up" of about seventeen and like most workers back in the nineteen thirties was hired on a yearly basis - usually at Hollantide, in November. He worked for Harry Cubbon who farmed Glendhoo's twenty five acres. I often "helped" Tommy with jobs around the farm.

On this day, his audience consisted of one boy, two Clydesdales and about a dozen seagulls. The seagulls weren't really listening because they were too busy squabbling over worms and other tidbits in the freshly turned sod.

The old Hillberry stone quarry cut a rough horseshoe out of the top of the field. Here, the gorse began and the grass petered out. Lower down, the soil was deeper and the slope less steep and it was easier for man and horses. Tommy was able to resume his monologue. "As I tried to tell you before, that Nancy Kelly's the one I fancy the bes'from the 'quality' the mother wasbut there's no side at her at all....at all. Mos' likely I'd have to win the Irish Sweep to have that one though for she'd be wantin' a mansion.....I could have that May Corrin...thas' if Harry Cubbon takes me on again this Hollantide. At the cookin' May is gran'..... an' one of the brothers has a boat for the fishin'but the hair.....the red hair..... an' the moods an' all!like as not I'd end up doin' exactly what I was tol'!"

At that time, I felt that the idea of a "grown-up" having to do as he was told sounded terrible. To me, the answer to all of Tommie's worries seemed obvious. All he had to do was win the Irish Sweepstakes, make his cottage bigger and add a warm thie veg on the outside of the chimney wall. Then he could marry his Nancy Kelly, take her back to his mansion and never again have to do as he was told.

Our lifes' paths parted a few years after that. I hope that Tommie did realize at least some of his day dreams because he was a very tolerant, kindly man.

(Mr. McCaffrey lives in Maple Ridge, B.C. and is president of the Vancouver Manx Society)

All in the Family

New NAMA Genealogist—one generation succeeded another at the 2004 convention when Lucy Quayle Peterson (right) was elected genealogist for the North American Manx Association, succeeding her father Calvin Quayle (left), who has filled the post for many years. A resident of Salt Lake City suburb, Buffdale, Utah, she has been deeply involved in the genealogical fork for many years and several years ago was acting NAMA genealogist while her father was ill. Wife and mother Virginia Quayle evidenced pride in her daughter's new role



A REPORT FOR NAMA MEMBERS FROM THE IOM CHIEF MINISTER

(Kelly McCarthy, the Isle of Man's Honorary Representative in the United States and a NAMA Trustee, delivered the following report at the NAMA 2004 Convention on behalf of the Chief Minister of the Island, the Honourable Richard Corkill MHK.)

I hope tonight we can consider two, apparently very different, aspects of the Isle of Man. The first is the Manx Gaelic language and the second is the modern, internationally-based economy of the Island. One is old and the other is new, but both are thriving and both are important to the Isle of Man's sense of national identity and confidence.

First, however, I would like to express the appreciation of the Chief Minister and the people of the Isle of Man for the work of the North American Manx Association, both in North America and at home on the Island. For those who remain on the Island it is moving to think of organizations like yours, honoring your Manx connections and proudly flying the Three Legs of Man thousands of miles away from Ellan Vannin. Your loyalty to and interest in the Isle of Man are touching reminders that there is something rather special about our small nation in the Irish Sea, and something special about the people who come from it.

One of the special features of the Isle of Man, of course, is the Manx Gaelic language, perhaps the most distinctive symbol of the Island's status as a separate country in its own right, with its own culture and heritage. Indeed, there is a saying in Manx Gaelic that sums it up – 'Gyn Chengey, Gyn Cheer', which means effectively 'No language, no country.'

I am very pleased to report that the Isle of Man's native language today is stronger and better supported than it has been for many years. Well within living memory, however, the unique flame of Manx Gaelic was in real danger of being extinguished forever. Manx, a member of the Celtic group of languages and a cousin of Irish and Scots Gaelic, was the everyday language of the Isle of Man until the second half of the 19th century. But economic misfortune and a deterioration of confidence led to the loss of Manx as a community language in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

By 1946, there were only twenty native Manx speakers remaining. A year later, with the support of the Irish Taoiseach, (Prime Minister), Eamon de Valera, the Irish Folklore Commission brought its newly acquired recording equipment to the Isle of Man to record for posterity some of these last native speakers. This is a legacy that is still valued today.

The number of people claiming to speak Manx hit its lowest point of 165 in 1961, but within a decade a slow and steady revival was underway. The year 1974 witnessed the death of Ned Maddrell, the last native speaker of what can be called 'traditional Manx', but by then attitudes towards the language had become markedly more sympathetic.

Five years later, a comprehensive English-Manx dictionary was published, giving a significant boost to the language movement.

Two years after a government-commissioned Gallup quality of life survey in 1990 showed that more than a third of respondents were in favour of Manx as an optional subject in schools, classes were introduced for pupils aged seven and over. The response of students and their families clearly showed there was a solid demand for Manx tuition in schools: about 20% of the whole school population expressed an interest in learning Manx. Today, Manx Gaelic is available for all age groups from pre-schoolers to adults.

The most recent Isle of Man Census showed nearly 1,700 persons claimed to be able to speak, read or write Manx out of a total resident population of 76,000. Some may argue these are small numbers, but they represent substantial progress. Bringing Manx to a wider Island audience, is the Gaelic Broadcasting Committee, a quasi-governmental body with an annual budget from the Manx Treasury, which has succeeded in extending the use of Manx in broadcasting. So, the Isle of Man is proud of its native language and the Manx Government is working to support it.

Another item of national pride is the Manx economy. The Isle of Man is taking its place in the world as an international business centre and its economy has been one of the fastest growing in Europe over the past two decades.

The Island's strong economic performance has been led by the international financial services industry. Business is attracted by the competitive tax regime, professional expertise, supportive government, world-class telecoms infrastructure and sound financial regulation.

The economy is diverse, including international ship management and an increasingly renowned film industry as well as traditional sectors like tourism. Manx-registered ships can be spotted in ports around the world and it is not uncommon to see well-known film and TV stars in the streets and restaurants of the Island!

New areas of growth include e-commerce and business connected to the space and satellite industry, which qualifies for a zero rate of corporate income tax alongside other special sectors such as insurance, shipping, and fund management. The Manx Government is on course to introduce a standard zero rate for business in 2006, a policy which is attracting considerable interest from potential new investors.

I mentioned the space and satellite industry, which is regarded as a small but very promising area for the Island. You may be interested to know that the Isle of Man is the first country in the world to formally appoint an Honorary Representative to the Space Community.

He's Chris Stott, a Manxman based in Houston, where – amongst other roles - he is a professor of space law. His experience includes work with NASA and the US Air Force. Chris is President and Chief Executive Officer of ManSat Ltd, an Isle of Man company with offices in London, Houston, and Onchan in the Isle of Man, providing services to the international space market.

In developing their economy the Islanders have shown a flair for innovation and the same spirit of enterprise as those bold ancestors of members of the North American Manx Association, who struck out for pastures new in the hope of making a better life for themselves and their families.

Protecting quality of life is central to the policies of the Manx Government, which is committed to promoting the prosperity of the community whilst preserving the special character of the Island, its heritage, culture and natural beauty. The Government's economic strategy is to encourage high value business which does not require large amounts of imported labour, business which makes a maximum contribution to the wealth of the Island with a minimal impact on the infrastructure.

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The benefits of a successful economy for the people of the Isle include virtual full employment. The unemployment rate below one per cent is much lower than that of the United Kingdom and much lower than the European Union average.

Growth in the economy has been matched by investment in public services, funded by direct and indirect taxation. In 2004/05, Manx government net spending on public services is £448 million, up 7.3% on the previous year. Over half (58%) of this funding goes on health, social security, social services and education. Health and welfare services are based on the UK model, but with significant local enhancements.

The development and internationalization of the Manx economy has exposed the Isle of Man to a high level of external scrutiny in recent years, which has been an opportunity to destroy a few myths about the Island as a 'tax haven' or 'offshore centre'.

The Island does provide financial services for non-residents, and it does enjoy relatively low direct taxation, but it is very far removed from the negative stereotypes of 'offshore centre' or 'tax haven'. Those labels can conjure up images of dubious treasure islands, where weak financial regulation and secrecy conceal money laundering and tax evasion.

The Isle of Man has proved to a succession of international bodies that it is not like that. The Island is a separate legal jurisdiction but it is not a secret or closed one. Unlike some European countries, it has no bank secrecy laws.

A number of external and independent assessments of regulation have confirmed that the Island co-operates fully in the pursuit of international financial crime, and that its defences against money laundering comply with the highest global standards. These assessments include a major UK Government review of financial regulation in 1998, a positive evaluation in 1999 by the G7 countries' Financial Action Task Force on money laundering, and a clean bill of health from the International Monetary Fund in November last year.

The IMF concluded that the Isle of Man has a 'high level of compliance' with international standards for the regulation and supervision of financial services, including defences against money laundering and terrorist financing. So if any misguided person ever tells you that the Isle of Man is just another haven for money launderers, you can advise them that the International Monetary Fund thinks differently!

Ultimately all these things – support for the Manx language, the success of the Island in the global economy – combine to generate a new, positive national identity for the Isle of Man in the 21st century.

We are all proud of our unique heritage and our ancestors, but also proud of the achievements of today's generation of Manx people at home and abroad. The Isle of Man is a small Island with a big past and a big future.

6th GRADE STUDENT WINS 2004 MANX YOUTH AWARD!

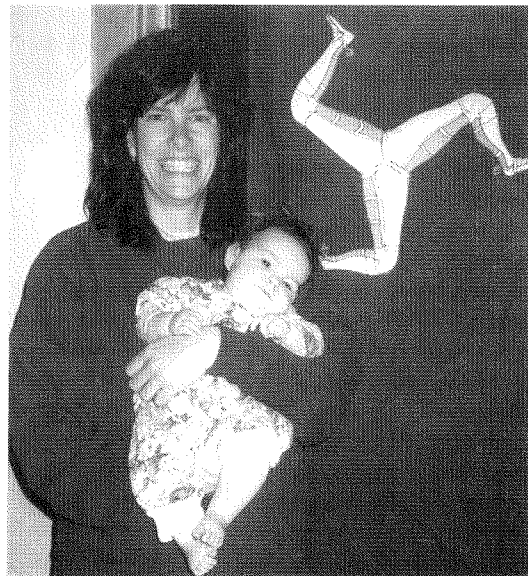
Kali Dahlquist, 12-year old daughter of Sally and Eric Dahlquist of Edina, MN was awarded the second biennial Manx North American Youth Award at the Chicago NAMA convention. This award is made by the IOM Department of Education, and the NAMA awards committee selects the winner.

Two individuals were nominated, both had shared their interest in the Isle of Man through outreach activities that embodied our association motto: "To celebrate what is left to us of our ancient heritage."

An award certificate was presented to Kali by the Honorable Dominic Delaney, MLC, of the Isle of Man, with the actual limestone award to be shipped to her home.

Kali is in the sixth grade at the French Emersion School in Edina and has a long Manx heritage. Her grandfather T.R. Anderson founded the Manx Society of Minnesota and served as president of NAMA in 1985-86. Her mother is currently 2nd vice president of NAMA and co-president of the Minnesota Manx.

From an early age when she wrapped herself in her grandmother's Manx tartan scarf, Kali has been Manx oriented. When her preschool teacher asked her last name was Swedish or Norwegian, Kali proudly replied that she was Manx. She brought the Manx flag and other artifacts to school and invited a Manx storyteller to share Manx stories with her classmates. Since an early age she has attended Minnesota Manx meetings with her mother, bringing a friend to several and has also been to four NAMA conventions.



Sally Dahlquist introduced daughter Kali to her Manx heritage at an early age.

Society News

Chicago Manx Society

The Chicago Manx have had a busy year as hosts of the 2004 convention, with their meetings devoted to preparations for the event. There were several meetings in August to work on details. A meeting at the home of Dorothy Gawne was attended by Mary Kelly, Joyce Benjamin. Susan Shimmmin and Richard and Mary Lee Corwin. Later in the month as the convention neared the group met at the home of Florence Abbinanti, at which time an assembly line was formed to fill bags of materials for the convention.

On September 18 and 19 the society had a booth at the Celtic Fest in Grant Park, the sixth year in which it has taken parting such an event. Manx brochures and posters were displayed and drew many interested visitors.

- Florence Abbinanti -Secretary

Minnesota Manx Society

The Society met on September 25 at French Park in suburban Minnesota, and after a pot luck supper, member Audrey McClellan talked about the writing and publishing of her two novels set in Scotland – Westering Home and The White Rose of Scotland. The stories are set on the imaginary island of Eilean Dubh and concern some of the modern day problems of Scotland, as well as the drive to retain the Scottish Gaelic and traditional ways. Audrey has two other books in progress. We had the traditional drawing for raffle prizes. The winner of the NAMA Youth Award, Kali Dahlquist, was present and recognized. - Joan Gill

Northern California Manx

Our Chapter met August 14 at the home of Darrell and Jeannie Shimmni Wilburn in Arnold. Members present included Bea and Peter Garcia of Palmdale, who drove 7 hours to join us. Jack Cormode, Elaine and Bill Stephenson of Concord and John Dawson of Murphys.

This was John's introduction to NAMA. He's very Manx – flies the Manx flag on his truck, even though he didn't know about us. He was discovered on St. Patrick's Day carrying the Manx flag in the parade, and after six weeks of inquir-

ing about "that Manxman", Jeannie located him and got him to join us. Then in conversation Elaine and John discovered they are related. Small world!

Elaine Stephenson reported that at the Manx Museum in Douglas her sister, Mona Spencer, discovered a painting of her grandfather, Robby Cain or Port St. Mary in his boat works in 1911 – Jack Cormode

Rocky Mountain Manx Society

The society met October 10 at the Arvada United Methodist Church for a potluck dinner and program. The video "Top of the World" was shown. NAMA's new 3rd Vice President Jim Corlett reported on the 2004 convention in Chicago. The group sang Ellan Vannin in closing. The next meeting in planned for May

- Albert W. Scarffe.

Vancouver Manx Society

Members of our society attended a Celebration of the Life of Vera Henry on July 10th. Vera was our hard working secretary for many of the past 40 years. She was also a long-time hospital volunteer.

Barbara Condon, who has been our acting secretary for the past few months, has been appointed secretary of the society.

Angus and Judith Gillon were, once again, the gracious hosts of a most enjoyable summer picnic. The youngsters reveled in the games invented by Kevin Gillon. Parents and grandparents enjoyed a good cooish.

Our annual potluck supper (our "Back-End Do") is scheduled for November 6 at the St. David's Church Hall in Vancouver. We are hoping that Dorrit Iliot will present another of her "Manx Quizzes" which can even strain the memories of those of us who were raised in Mannin. Rene Hornell will be at the keyboard again for our sing along, which we always close, of course, with Ellan Vannin. - Terry McCaffrey, President.

Wisconsin Manx Society

A number of the Wisconsin Society members have been discussing a gathering on the

Isle of Man in 2005 and have spoken to NAMA 1st Vice President Laurence Skelly, an island resident, about making arrangements should such a trip develop. The date would probably be at the time of Tynwald Day. Laurence suggested that those interested in joining such a joint trip contact him or the Wisconsin Manx. Whether such a group NAMA excursion would be an official Homecoming event depends on developments.

President Georgene Voulita reports a fun summer exploring Ebay for items on the Isle of Man. "It's opened a whole new shopping venue and given me the opportunity to acquire some wonderful Manx articles," she reports.

The fall meeting of the society is scheduled for October 24.

Local NAMA Societies Active In Promoting Manx Interests

A major strength of NAMA are the societies in major localities that enable people of Manx ancestry to meet and share their interests in the Isle of Man. Reports made by members attending the 2004 convention and in the bulletin evidence groups active in a variety of modes in diverse areas of the US and Canada.

Local society members at the Chicago general membership meeting reported on their current status, the meeting minutes show:

Cleveland is active with nine meeting a year, but membership is static. The society is still awarding its Cleveland medal to the outstanding vocalist at the Manx Music Festival on the island.

Chicago is the second oldest local society after Cleveland. It meets three to four times a year the homes of members and maintains a booth at the Chicago Celtic festival.

Galva is a loosely knit group that meets only one a year, but may draw as many as 200 people. It participates in the Quad Cities Celtic Festival.

The next issue will re-cap the status of the Societies from Minnesota, Northern California, Rocky Mountain, San Diego, Washington DC, Vancouver and Wisconsin. An up-to-date listing of names and address of local society contacts will also be listed.



NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The North American Manx Association was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. The membership is spread throughout the United States, Canada, the Isle of Man and other overseas locations.

To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, a Bulletin is issued quarterly. A convention is held every other year and homecoming trips are arranged periodically. Local Manx Societies have been formed in a number of areas by NAMA members and others of Manx ancestry. Information is provided on the location of these societies along with convenient sources for Manx books, video tapes, Manx related Internet sites, and much more.

NAMA Membership Enrollment Form

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 City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/PC _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Annual	\$15.00	_____
Life		_____
Under age 50.	\$250.00	_____
Age 50 to 59.	\$175.00	_____
Age 60 and over	\$125.00	_____
Junior (age 1-18 years, no Bulletins).	\$2.00	_____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Annual	\$20.00	_____
Life (2 adults, based on age of youngest)		_____
Under age 50.	\$325.00	_____
Age 50 to 59.	\$235.00	_____
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SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (fee paid only by societies)

Annual	\$20.00	_____
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 and coloring have special significance relative to the Isle
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The Chaplain's Corner

My life at the moment is heavily involved in the move of my daughter Kimberly Evangeline Billman, son-in-law Dr. Glenn Billman and grandchildren Matthew and Rebecca to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Glenn's new position in the Children's Hospital there. They left Helix lake, San Diego in late October with their rabbit, two small dogs and a lizard with their grandmother Ruth sharing the driving in their Honda Odyssey. They are entering Minnesota Manx Country. At the Chicago convention we informed Sally Dahlquist that they were coming, so they will be in good hands for things Manx in their new home.

Devore Crain Smith

New CD for Children Features Manx Songs

All children of a Manx heritage now have a new way to learn some of the language and music of the Isle of Man and to become familiar with the culture of their family's history.

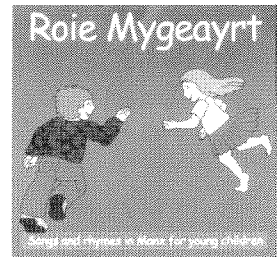
Roie Mygeayrt (Running Around) contains thirty-four tracks of songs and rhymes in the Manx Language. Aimed at younger children, this eye-catching package is produced by the Manx Heritage Foundation in conjunction with Mooinjer Veggey, the successful Manx language play group.

The CD and an accompanying booklet have been compiled by Annie Kissak in a user-friendly format, with colorful illustrations by her sister, Jenny Kissak.

The songs are easy on the ear and clearly sung with musical accompaniment, and the words are spoken towards the end of the CD without embellishment for those who want to learn at a slower pace.

The songs and rhymes in Manx use some traditional music of the island as well as recognizable Irish tunes. An English version of the words is included, giving a translation in the Manx text.

The CD is available, Annie Kissak reports, through the Manx Lexicon Bookshop at a price of 12.50 pounds. Contact: sales@LexiconBookshop.co.im.



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