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**WE'RE GOING BACK!**

ISLE OF MAN 2014

## *NAMA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*



*My greetings to all of you.*

*It has been a long difficult winter for many of us and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the promise of Spring. I have been honored to serve as your NAMA President. I learned a great deal putting on a convention, presiding over board meetings, and*

*writing articles for this newsletter. I am looking forward to presiding over the general membership meeting for the 2014 NAMA Convention. The past two years have made me appreciate the closeness we feel with the Isle of Man and the people who live there. The Isle of Man is steeped in history and attending the Tynwald ceremonies was truly exciting.*

*Now you have the opportunity to visit the Isle of Man. Some of you have already visited one or more times. Others of you will be making your first visit. Kelly McCarthy has worked very hard to put together a convention which will be memorable to all. Hopefully, many of you have already made your travel plans. I hope that reading this newsletter and the Fall 2013 newsletter will convince others to join us. Plan to extend your visit either before or after the convention. Kelly has included many tips regarding transportation, accommodations, meals, money, etc. I obtained a credit card with a "chip and pin" which I think will make payments easier. A PIN code came with the card, but it can be changed into your code of choice.*

*It is with great sadness that I report the passing of NAMA's Honorary President, Marshall Cannell in March. Marshall was President of NAMA from 1988 to 1990. Marshall's knowledge of the history of NAMA was invaluable and we often looked to his knowledge to make decisions regarding our organization. He will be sorely missed.*

*We are continuing our Children's Corner article in the hope that you will urge your children, grandchildren and possibly even your great grandchildren to continue interest and participation in NAMA. That is why we quote T.E. Brown on our newsletter - "To Preserve 'Whatever is left to us of our ancient heritage.'"*

### **CONVENTION**

*Remember, your registration must be received by May 1st, and I will see you on the Isle of Man!*

*Lhiats,  
Jody Morey  
NAMA President*

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## *MARSHALL CANNELL*

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It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of our Honorary President, Marshall Cannell, on Monday, March 10, 2014 March. Marshall was President of NAMA from 1988 to 1990 and a key contributor to every event and action undertaken by the NAMA Board in recent years. His prodigious memory

for the Associations' by-laws and his intimate knowledge of Robert's Rules ensured that every meeting stayed on track, with each point of order delivered in the laconic style that marked his dry and deadly sense of humor. Marshall became our Honorary President just last year following the passing of Bob Kelly. His fellowship will be sadly missed.

A memorial service will be held on May 31st at 11 am at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church at 79 Denton Road in Wellesley, MA. Our condolence to his wife, Tina, and sister Mary Andrews. As the news was received just as we went to press, this Memorial item is a little light on detail. We will make up for this in a future issue.

**MAY 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR 2014 CONVENTION REGISTRATION. SEND YOURS TODAY!**

## GETTING GENEALOGICALLY ORGANIZED

BY LUCY PETERSON, THE NAMA GENEALOGIST

Last time we talked about gathering all your genealogical items together and then putting the information on pedigree and family group charts, noting on the charts where you found the information. Now, we will take some further steps to organize. I will describe a method that is often used, but know that you can adapt it as you wish or totally use a different method.

You will want to create a file (or section if you prefer notebooks) for each couple on your pedigree chart. In that file put a family group sheet for that couple and their children and any other items that pertain to that family, such as birth certificates, a letter from "Aunt Helen" letting you know of "Uncle George's" death or whatever has given you information about them.

Many people prefer to keep actual documents such as death certificates in a special file so they won't be damaged. If you do that, make a photocopy with a note as to where the actual certificate is stored. If you have large items, such as great grandpa's branding iron, take a picture of it. Cattle brands are actually identifiers in some areas. I have several photos of gravestones in my files. It is just helpful to have all your information for that family in one place when you are ready to do more research. However, remember that if this is your ancestor, one of the children is also your ancestor and you will have a separate file for him or her with a spouse and family. Now, when you have all these files set up and you find a piece of information on that family, you know exactly where to put it. If the piece of information pertains to several families, it is very easy these days to make copies and put one in each folder. You can organize these either alphabetically or in the order they appear on your chart (you will notice that many pedigree charts number each person).

Now, here's a suggestion to take this one step further. Some people like to color coordinate their files. You have four grandparents. Choose a color for each one and use colored file folders for all families on that line. So, you assign red to one grandfather and all your files going back on his line are red. His wife gets blue and all her ancestors are in blue folders.

I use an adaptation of this method. I have assigned a color to each of my grandparents and a color to each of my husband's grandparents. So, we have eight colors. Then I bought file folder LABELS with those eight colors across the tops. I use the appropriate color on those lines. When I label, I put the husband's and wife's names and their birth dates. This

helps when there are several with the same name. But I do use colored file folders as well. I have a line, for example, that goes back into several states. All my early Connecticut families are in yellow file folders and the early Massachusetts ones are in pink. But they are on the same family line, so the labels are all blue. My red labels belong to my Grandpa. He is half Swedish and half Manx. My folders for those would be in different colors. Various Manx lines might be divided by grandparents or by area – all the Bride ones in one color and the Lezayre ones in another. It helps me when I am researching to grab all the pertinent files that I might need and it makes it easier to re-file them later. In fact, I actually file by color within a family and don't really care if they are in a specific order. However, I also have several yellow file folders that are of my husband's California relatives. But they have a purple label on them. So they don't get mixed up with my Connecticut ancestors and they are in a different file drawer.

As you go along, you will also have a few items that are pertinent to research within an area. For example, I have a map of the Isle of Man with parish boundaries. Rather than copy something like that for each Manx folder, I have a separate file labeled "Manx Research Helps" and in it I have the map and other items such as a printout of the Family History Library call numbers for the parish registers. I can grab that file whenever I work on Manx families. And, yes, it is the same color file folder as my Manx lines.

Remember, do what works for you and adapt it as needed.



### SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG CONVENTION ATTENDEES - DEADLINE EXTENDED.

The NAMA Board and General Meeting passed a resolution at the 2012 Convention to offer assistance to younger people who wish to come to a Convention but find it financially challenging. NAMA will offer scholarships of \$250 to four members under 30 years of age to count towards Convention attendance. As it happens this year the Registration Fee is exactly \$250. Applicants for the scholarship should send an email to Brad Prendergast at BEEVES@juno.com outlining the reasons why they should be considered for the award. The Board will review the applications and all applicants will be advised of the outcome. The deadline for applications has been extended to April 15th 2014.

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See *In Remembrance*

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## EXTRA EVENTS

On Saturday July 5th at 9.00 am we will have a Quilters Class with Mannin Quilters. At 6pm on the 5th, prior to the Presidential Banquet, John Creer will hold a lecture on the Y-DNA project which seeks to assess and analyze the spread and diversity of Y-DNA profiles present in men of Manx origin and identify their early origins before their families arrived on the Isle of Man.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the dedication of their chapel this year and are planning to hold a Family Fun Day and Open House in the afternoon of Saturday 5th July at the chapel in Woodbourne Road, Douglas from 2.00 - 5.00pm. They would like to extend an invitation to our members to join them. We will be able to see how the church has progressed on the island since the first Mormon converts emigrated to America in the early 1840s. Some members may well have ancestors who were among them.

*Sunday -- Optional activity. The Tynwald Garden Party at the International Business School in the grounds of the old Nunnery building. Tynwald has generously offered us 60 free places. First come, first served, to this standing-only event hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man. A roundtrip taxi from Douglas will cost approximately \$30. Please indicate on your form if you would like to attend.*

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## NAMA CONVENTION 2014 - YNDYSSAGH! WE'RE GOING BACK.

It's getting closer! The Registration sign-ups are coming in. If you haven't sent yours in yet, you'd better get a move on! The closing date is May 1st 2014.

We are so excited to be returning to the island for the first time since Millennium Year 2000! Just to remind you, the Convention runs from July 3rd to July 7th 2014. Registration starts at 9.00am in the Cowell Room at the Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas, on the 3rd and ends with Manx entertainment on the night of Monday July 7th. See the last issue of the NAMA Bulletin for more details.

### Registration Fee - Adult - \$250 Child \$200

Your registration fee covers the Friday coach trip, lunch and musical reception with appetizers; Saturday's Banquet Dinner; Sunday's Fish and Chip supper, Monday's coach to Tynwald and evening dinner; conference program and memento. Please complete the Registration Form and return it to Kelly McCarthy, 1751 Olde Towne Road, Alexandria, VA 22307, USA along with your check.

**Please include your email address for updates as we get nearer the event -- and remember you can join the Facebook page: NAMA 2014.**



**Friends and Family:** If you wish to invite family or friends to any of our events a separate price has been calculated. The Banquet has a capacity limit so it will be first come, first served for tickets. The Independence Day Reception is \$30, Banquet \$60, Tynwald Day Italian dinner \$25. The Singalong/Entertainment event on the evening of Monday July 7th will be completely free as we have a cash bar and lots of room. We can't take people on the coaches because they are already full.

**Souvenir Program:** Please send your ads, greetings, and memorial copy to Kelly@mustgoto.com by June 1st 2014. If you can't email, send it to Kelly McCarthy, 1751 Olde Towne Road, Alexandria, VA 22307. We need time to print these items in the Isle of Man so we will be strict about the deadline. If you don't attend the Convention we will get a copy to you.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

*James Morey remembers his early visits to the island and encourages parents to try and take their youngsters over to experience the things that are uniquely Manx.*

Some of you may have grandparents from the Isle of Man, or great-grandparents, or great-great-great-grandparents. Some of them were grown-ups when they first came to the Americas, and some of them were children. Imagine traveling across an entire ocean, and not quite knowing what your new home will be like.

It used to be that a trip like that would take a week, or two weeks, or even longer. The only way to cross was in a ship. Back when the United States was a new country, it could take longer than six weeks!

Today, we're very lucky to have air travel as well as sea travel, and a person can fly across the Atlantic Ocean in less than eight hours. If you really wanted to, you could fly across the ocean, have lunch, and fly back in just one day! Imagine that.

This summer, some of your parents and grandparents will be crossing the ocean to visit the Isle of Man. Some of them have been there before, but all are excited to see the place where their ancestors once lived. There are so many things to see, and places to visit, that it will be a very busy time.

When I was eight years old, I visited the Isle of Man for the first time. I had so much fun! I saw Manx cats - cats without tails! - on farms and in town. I rode on a steam train, and a carriage drawn by horses, and a tram. I got to visit little

shops with my mother, and play with sheep fur. I got to see a musical play in a little theater in Douglas. I even got to visit two castles!

Peel Castle is very, very old, and very worn by weather and age, but there are great towers and walls still standing. Castle Rushen is mostly still together, and visiting made me feel like I was living with knights and lords and kings again. I even got to learn how to hold a halberd, a kind of medieval weapon, and train like a soldier from a long, long time ago.

A lot of things are different in the Isle of Man, and it is very fun to see how people in a different part of the world live. Everyone speaks English, just like you, but it sounds a little bit different. Children there are also learning how to speak Manx in schools!

It is very fun to visit a new part of the world, and it is fun to know that, in a few short days, you'll have so many stories to tell to friends back home.



## STAYING LONGER?

### YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WORLD

### MANX ASSOCIATION'S MANX 'DO'!



The World Manx Association will be welcoming Homecomers to St. Andrew's Church, Douglas on July 8th at 7pm. Enjoy the 2014 Cleveland Medal Winner, the dancers of Ny Fennee. Philip Kennaugh, harpist Mira Royle and the traditional Manx choir

Cliogaree Twoaie. This is in addition to their Homecomers' Tent on St. John's Field during the Tynwald ceremonies. Contact the WMA Chairwoman, Angie Weimar at anghans@manx.net for more details.



## MANX Y-DNA PROJECT TALK AT THE CONVENTION

John Creer of the Manx Y-DNA project will be visiting us at the Convention and giving a short talk on Saturday 5th July at 6.00pm in the Sefton audio-visual theater. It immediately precedes our Banquet dinner. The project is seeking to assess and analyze the spread and diversity of Y-DNA profiles present in men of Manx origin and to identify their early origins

before their families arrived on the Isle of Man. If you are male and possess one of the following family names\*, and you know that your paternal line ancestors came originally from the Isle of Man - you should definitely make this talk -- even if you aren't, it's going to be very interesting.

Bell Boyde Brew Bridson Cain(e) Caley Callin Callister Callow Cannell Cannon Carran Carine Carroon Casement Cashen/in Christian Clague Clarke Cleator Clucas Colquitt Collister Condra Comish Coole/Cooil Corkan Corkill Corkish Corlett Cormode Corrin Corris Corteen Costain Cottier Cowell Cowin Cowle Cowley Craine Crebbin Creer Cregeen Crennell Crellin Cretney Cringle/all Crowe Crye Cubbon Curphey Far(a)gher Fayle Gale Garrett Gawne Gell Gelling Gill Gorry Halsal(l) Hampton Hogg Howland Joughin Kai-ghin Karran Kaye/Kee Kegg Keggin Keig Kell(e)y Kennaugh Kennish/Kinnish Keown Kermeen Kermode Kerruish Kewin Kewley Killey Killip Kinley Kinrade Kinvig Kissack Kneal(e) Kneen Lace Leece Lewin Looney Lowey Maddrell Martin Moore Morrison Moughtin/ton Mylchreest Mylrea Nelson Oat(e)s Quaggan/in Qualtrough Quaye Quayle Quilliam Quine Quinney Quark Quirk Radcliffe Sayle Scarffe Shimmin Skillicorn Stephen Stowell Taggart Tear(e) Vondy Watterson Wattleworth

This letter from Mark Jost shows how important the YDNA project can be.

"I am 58 years old and when I was around 27 my mother told me that I was paternally adopted by Jost at birth and not a biological Jost, and later with DNA testing to find my real paternal lineage, I have discovered that I am a Watterson (Mac-Walter), a common surname from the Isle of Man. I have YDNA match with two male Watterson's, one born on the IOM and one State side belonging to line that was started as a colonial Watterson family with three sons that arrived in 1764 Virginia with most distant known ancestor (MDKA) William Watterson Sr. born IOM died 1705. The latter USA match is also a nephew of a23andme.com match that was predicted as a third cousin, along with a fourth cousin tied to the same MDKA with a James Watterson Jackson County Georgia 1830s."



## STAYING IN TOUCH

The world is connected. Use the internet. You can stay in touch with NAMA in so many ways.

This is our website: [www.northamericanmanx.org](http://www.northamericanmanx.org). We're on Facebook at NAMA 2014 Convention and North

American Manx Association. There is daily news at <http://namanx.blogspot.com>.

### MEMBERS:

You can check our website to find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, membership details and random Manx facts. [www.northamericanmanx.org](http://www.northamericanmanx.org).

The NAMA Members Only area of our website is password protected and can only be accessed by paid-up members of NAMA. Type in these passwords when prompted. **User Name:** nama **Password:** tynwald

Our blog is used to update members on events of interest to Americans of Manx descent. During the run up to the 2014 Convention it will also share information on trip details. <http://namanx.blogspot.com>.

Remember to renew your membership, send your dues to John Prendergast, 10251 S Bell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643.

### WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US?

If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the North American Manx Association, please email Kelly McCarthy at Kelly@mustgoto.com.



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY THE REV. CANON STEPHEN SCHAITBERGER,  
NAMA CHAPLAIN

My great grandfather was born on the Isle of Man. My grandfather's name was Clarence Ebert Nelson. He was a first generation naturalized citizen of the United States. Like many immigrants he was teased for having a silly name like, "Clarence". It did not help that the wimpy angel in "It's a Wonderful Life" was named Clarence. Nor did it help that his middle name was "Ebert"!

I'm wondering if these were popular Manx names? (I hope to find out this summer on my first visit to the Isle of Man for our NAMA convention.) These names are given English origins and I love their root meanings. Clarence means bright, shining and gentle. Ebert means brave and strong. Too bad those who teased or bullied in such a way didn't realize the strength of these "funny sounding" names. My grandfather sometimes reduced the name to his initials, CE, to avoid ridicule. I look forward to a time when the strange names and accents of immigrants are more accepted and we take time to learn the depth of their names and heritage.



## THE QUILT RAFFLE GOES ON!

We have been incredibly fortunate. Knowing how mad Americans are for quilts we reached out to a local Manx organization called Mannin Quilters and asked if they would make us an example of Manx quilting to raffle at the Convention -- just like we usually do. Wow! They have amazed us with their generosity. They have made us a huge quilt featuring Manx tartan. It weighs 7lbs! It's 90' x 108"! (The lucky winner also wins Free Shipping back home.) As we can't sell tickets from the USA we strongly recommend that if you can't make it to the island that you send money with a friend to buy tickets for this fabulous work of art.

PLUS!!! The Mannin Quilters are visiting us for a hands-on demonstration on Saturday July 5th at 9.00am. You have the rest of the day free so come on down to the Cowell Room at the Sefton Hotel to meet them and see their skills.

Mannin Quilters started in 1990 with an initial group of eight members. Twenty years later they have grown to around 60 members. They are a non-teaching group but from time to time they organize workshops and demonstrations for their members. They meet twice a week on Tuesday evenings from 7:15pm at Ballabeg Methodist hall, and Wednesday afternoons at Port Erin Catholic Church Hall from 1:30 pm. Members can attend either or both groups as they wish.

They hold an exhibition of their work every two years for four days over May Bank Holiday weekend. Their last exhibition in 2012 attracted many visitors. Past projects include the creation of a replica quilt to replace the antique Manx Log Cabin Quilt in Harry Kelly's Cottage, Cregneash. Their ongoing project is to make tiny quilts for the babies in incubators in the Neonatal Unit at Nobles Hospital. Up to date they have made hundreds. They welcome new members. So if you're visiting, please look them up. They're on the web at [www.manninquilters.org](http://www.manninquilters.org).



## SOCIETY NEWS

### From the Northern California Manx:

Report on our Christmas Cooish, January 19, 2014. We met on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 at the home of Kim Parker and Peter Herrera, being made welcome as always. There were 19 in attendance, our highest number in years.

The Potluck and festivities were organized by Una Reed, our Social Director. Una ran a raffle where everyone won a prize (except Una). We began by singing "Ellan Vannin" and "O Land of Our Birth".

We are giving a lot of attention to updating our Social Media presence and internet connections to get the latest information about the Isle of Man, NAMA, and the upcoming Convention. Much of our program was spent talking about the Convention activities and the logistics -- where to stay and how to get there. Of most interest, of course, was about Tynwald activities. It was stressed that everyone should say up to date on everything, don't assume that everything will just fall into place. As a sidebar, Elaine Stephenson entertained us with her memories of living in an amusement park.

Thanks again to Una, Kim and Peter for making our Cooish a great success. Our next meeting will be June 1st, checking in one last time before the Convention.

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### The Chicago Manx Society

On March 9, 2014, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Chicago Manx Society held a meeting at the home of Florence Abbinanti. There were eight members and one guest in attendance. The guest, Kathy, was a friend of Margie Brazina. Kathy and Margie had visited the IOM for the 2005 homecoming, and both are looking forward to attending the Convention this year. We had a great pot-luck dinner, with dishes brought by our members. Margie made fresh Manx Bonnag, according to her family recipe.

After dinner, we gathered for a meeting, called to order by the President, Rich Corrin. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was read and approved. After the treasurer's report, Brad made a motion to not collect the 2014 dues. The dues are used to defray costs, both postage and to pay the admission free for a booth at the Chicago Celtic Fest. Since the city has stopped the Fest, we have not paid the admission fee the past two years, and our treasury balance has increased. Being frugal Manxmen, the motion passed unanimously!

In her role as 3rd VP for the N.A.M.A., Katy Prendergast is the convention chair for the 2018 convention. The Chicago Manx have worked hard to support each convention we have hosted. Katy made the suggestion that we look outside of Chicago to hold a convention, with the cities of Cleveland, Toronto, and Vancouver being options. Katy is reaching out to the respective convention bureaus in each of those cities. She will report further. Members agreed to work to put on a convention, regardless of where that takes place.

## NAMA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

### PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR MANX HERITAGE

Join now and make sure you keep receiving your newsletter and don't forget to mail us if you change your address!

Please print your information and mail with your check to John Prendergast at the address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

| Individual Membership                 | Dues  | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Annual                                | \$15  | _____  |
| <b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>                |       |        |
| Under age 50                          | \$250 | _____  |
| Age 50-59                             | \$175 | _____  |
| Age 60 and over                       | \$125 | _____  |
| Junior<br>(age 1-18 yrs, no bulletin) | \$2   | _____  |

| Family Membership      | Dues  | Amount |
|------------------------|-------|--------|
| Annual                 | \$20  | _____  |
| <b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b> |       |        |
| Under age 50           | \$325 | _____  |
| Age 50-59              | \$235 | _____  |
| Age 60 and over        | \$200 | _____  |

**Total Remittance**  
(in U.S. Dollar or equivalent amount) \_\_\_\_\_

Remember: To attend the NAMA Convention you must be a Member in good standing. On the front of this newsletter you should see a dollar amount on the address label. If it's \$0 your membership dues are all paid up.

To become a NAMA member, or to renew your membership, please send this form and your check made out to North American Manx Association or money order to **John**. Please **DON'T** send to Kelly McCarthy, she only needs your convention registration fees!

**John Prendergast**  
**NAMA Treasurer**  
**10251 South Bell Ave.**  
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The next topic was the 2014 Convention. As of now, nine members of the Chicago Manx will be attending, including Florence Abbinanti, John & Mary Prendergast, John Wier, Dorothy Gawne, Brad Prendergast, Alben Wozny, Nicole Wozny, Margie Brazina. Margie's friend, Kathy, will also be joining us. We discussed transportation arrangements (several have already made air reservations), hotel arrangements (several have also made reservations), and other logistics. The credit/debit/ATM card concerns were raised, and most will attempt to secure a chip/PIN card from their bank.

The next meeting of the Chicago Manx will take place at the home of John and Mary Prendergast, 10251 S. Bell, Chicago, on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at 1:00PM. If you are planning to be in the Chicago area at that time, we would love to have you join us. *Florence*

### Greater Washington Manx Society

We held our traditional 12th Night party in January with its potluck meal and fun parlor games. This year we held a "Ramsey Swap" where the bidding for the gifts became fierce. Who knew we all wanted a cherry stone remover so badly?!

The photo below is of our two newest Governors, Matt Blower and Meghan Kneale demonstrating the prizes to be had. As you can see they are young -- so we snagged them while they were defenseless and told them they can never leave! In addition to playing our annual round of 'pass the parcel,' we also squeezed in a General Meeting to vote in the slate of new Officers and had a discussion about the upcoming Convention on the Isle of Man. One of our plans for 2014 is to go on a Viking Longship that is moored locally.





## North American Manx Association

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Tynwald Hill on Tynwald Day.

The visit to St. John's on July 5th 2014 will be a highlight of the 2014 NAMA Convention. Details of how to sign up are included in this Bulletin. We hope to see you there!

And if you can't come this time, the next newsletter will carry a full record of all we got up to.