

Queensland Manx Society Inc.



Rolling Newsletter – OCTOBER , 2014 Centenary Celebration Plans for 2014

The Management Committee of the Qld Manx has decided to send out regular Newsletters to keep you informed on what is happening from month to month and to ask for some help from members and friends where needed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2014/2015 was called to be held on the 24TH AUGUST, 2014, at 32 Stovold Place, Alexandra Hills. However, owing to lack of a quorum of voting members who attended, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was deferred to another time.

The President then called for another ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING now to be held on the 25TH OCTOBER, 2014, at the Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, at 11.00 for 11.30 start, in order to conduct the Voting procedure which is required by our Constitution.

Please bring along with you, the following, which you have previously received:

- Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting
- Nominees for Committee form
- Proxy form/s

If you need further copies of these necessary items, please advise. Also, please let Secretary know if you are attending by 17th OCTOBER, 2014.

I have just checked the prices for the AGM luncheon and it is still \$23, but in future it will increase to over \$25. Please think about where you would like our future members' meetings to be held in the New Year, so we can discuss it at the AGM. If you cannot get there, please let me know your ideas by telephone or email.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE: *Please remember, that in order to vote for anyone on the Management Committee, at our Annual General Meeting, you must be a paid up Member of the Qld Manx Society. Your Membership Renewal Form, with payment, is to be returned to the Treasurer, Mr Doug Quayle. If you need another form sent to you, please advise.*

OUR MANX PLAY – 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

Our Play “***Threads that Bind***”, which was held at the Irish Club, was definitely a success, despite the small but highly enthusiastic audience. The Play was very entertaining and emotional, the Actors were so convincing that most of the audience were reduced to tears when they were not chuckling at the interaction of the Players. Together with the three Actors, there were three musicians, who were also very professional and it was so nice to hear Manx songs being played outside our Celtic and Society events, which will be ongoing as the play progresses to the professional stage. The leading role of Edith was played by popular actress, Kaye Stevenson, her grandson, Tommy, by Jackson McGovern, and his girlfriend, Liz, by Ngoc Phan. The musicians under the direction of Dominic Woodhead, were Marybeth and Clementine Harvey.

A DVD was made of the Play, which we hope to be able to show to more people in the future, but I will have details of this at a later date. Thanks to all volunteers who helped out; it was greatly appreciated. Attached is a photo of the entire cast.



Threads that Bind

L to R. The 3 Musicians, the 3 Actors, The Playwright, Katherine Lyall-Watson, and The Director, Sue Rider – taken at the Irish Club on the 7th September, 2014

ORMISTON HOUSE – 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

Our celebration day at Ormiston was a huge success for us, we had about 250 people through the gates, the weather was just glorious, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The performers were excellent and were well received by all – *The Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band*, *Elan Sopranos*, our own *Whisky Mac*, and the *Moreton Celtic Fiddlers*, who all joined together to perform the Manx National Anthem, which was great to hear. Our M.C. George Williamson was very smooth and kept the programme running on time.

We were let down by two Viking Groups and the Morris Dancers unfortunately, but in the end it didn't matter, as everything else went well. Because we were a little short on our programme, our own Laxey Singers had a real chance to perform in front of Ormiston House, alongside the paid Performers. We had originally planned to perform as wandering Minstrels, so we were happy about our elevation to stardom!

The TT bikes on display drew a lot of people. There were three of them, a 1911 TT bike, a 1949 Triumph Speed Twin, and a Norton Racing bike, with the Number 62. The fellows who brought them were very charming and helpful.

Our thanks go to our wonderful helpers at the various tents, Margaret Witherington, Doug and Nancy Quayle, Carolyn & Alan Randle, Joyce Holliss, Norma Conwell, Edith Peck, Max and Robyn Cain, Wayne & Maggie Hunter for displaying our memorabilia and bringing items to sell, such as containers of all sorts of cakes and biscuits, and some lovely pot plants, dressed dolls, knitted and sewn articles, as well as our own Manx items. They gave their time so generously and the day would not have been as successful without their participation. George sends his thanks to Tony, Doug, Edna, Geoff Bryant [visitor from N.Z.] Geoff Conwell, Alan Randle and Max Cain, for helping to erect and dismantle the various tents. Well done, everyone!

Our Raffles were won by two Manx members [for a change] – Jennifer McConnell from Charleville, who won the Clock and the Whisky, and, believe it or not, I won the Crayon Paintings by Al George. It made my day!

We had several notable visitors to Ormiston on Sunday. We had the President and members of the Cornish Association, a Scottish Master of Ceremonies, George Williamson, the President, Vivienne Skinner, her husband Royston, and members of the Royal Society of St George, Margaret Sharpe, Convenor of the Celtic Council of Australia, and also past President of the New South Wales Manx Society, Norma Conwell's relatives, Wally & Shirley Stephen, their daughter Sandra, and her husband, Blue, from Western Australia, [who came over especially to celebrate with us], Eirys Jones, past President of the Welsh Society, and the President and Secretary of the Auckland Manx Society, New Zealand, with their husbands, who also came over to celebrate with us. It was wonderful to see them all and we thank them all for their support and presence at our last Centenary event.

Our Treasurer, Doug, will have further details of the financial side of the event at a later date. Here are some photos of our Day.



The Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band
in front of Ormiston House.



Opening Ceremony, with all performers
Joining in with the Manx National Anthem

GET-TOGETHER WITH NEW ZEALAND MANXIES:

President Lorraine Lapish and her husband Ernest, of the Auckland Manx Society, New Zealand, were holidaying in Brisbane, visiting their son and his family, so that they could attend our Ormiston event, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Before they left to go home, we managed to gather about 12 of the QMS Manxies at an informal luncheon at the Irish Club. This went off very well, and the NZ. Visitors promised to keep in touch. They also presented us with a Congratulatory card for our Centenary, which I will bring to the next meeting with some photos.

FROM THE W.A. MANX SOCIETY:

I have had some correspondence from John Burn, President of the W.A. Manx Society, and he informs me that Dennis Craine [Kath Craine's husband] passed away a few weeks ago. As both the Craines have now passed on, it has left a big gap in the W.A. Manx Society, and they are in the process of reorganizing things over there. If any of you knew Dennis Craine and would like to contact his family, please contact John Burn at: manxwest@ozemail.com.au

NEWS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN AS FOLLOWS:

"Hello. We are the Quilliam family from the Isle of Man. We visited with you some years ago and you made us very welcome with a BBQ down by the river.

We are coming out in the New Year as both the boys are starting Griffith Uni, and even George is too, as he retires from the Isle of Man constabulary and he is going to study criminology!

We would love to meet up with you all again. We hope to be out round May and we are looking to settle on the Gold Coast. We will bring another flag for you too.

Warmest regards,

Anna, George, George and Max Quilliam"

Some of you may remember the Quilliams, when they visited last and it would be nice if we all could get to-gether again. Maybe they could become members of the QMS at a later date.

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE MANX SOCIETY

Is anyone up for a Manx Day out? I thought it might be nice for a carpool journey to Maleny for a spot of lunch and a look around. Please let me know if you are interested and the MCM will act on it.

NOTES ON QMS MEMBERS:

Our very own Manxman, John Corlett, is not well and is in the Mater Private Hospital, 9 North, Room 946. The Phone number there is 3163 1108 and he has a phone in his room. He has an infected foot and is confined to his bed on drips and lots of tablets, which he hates, but is still cheerful and positive. Please give him a ring, or go and see him. I know he would welcome a visit from fellow Manxies.



KINDRED SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS:

CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA [QLD] will be holding their Christmas Celebration at Coorparoo R.S.L on the [22ND November](#), 2014. Price will be \$25.00. Manxies are all invited to attend.

Traa dy loor - "Time enough"

Val Ashworth.....