



## AUGUST NEWSLETTER – 2015

### QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY NEWS AND COMING EVENTS:

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2015.

By now you should have received a Management Committee Nomination Form, and Proxy Form to enable you to vote at the coming Annual General Meeting, held at the Arana Leagues Club on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015. We would ask that you send your votes in **by the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**, if you are unable to attend. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at our AGM, as the existing Committee has some new ideas and plans to talk over with you. Our President George Cowin will be stepping down after an extended year as President, and this role will have to be filled, together with the roles of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster. I am sure you do not want the Society to fail so soon after reaching our Centenary, so I look forward to seeing a good attendance at this event.

For those of you who can attend, **we ask you to bring items of memorabilia, photos, albums, etc**, a “show and tell” to the Meeting so we can share memories of our members past and present and events attended. This should prove to be a pleasant pastime for all. Price for luncheon will be \$25.00 – **minimum 20 people**, and Arana Leagues Club requests that we confirm bookings **THREE DAYS BEFORE** the event. They will not accept bookings after that time. If we do not get 20 people by the cut off date [3 days before], we will be charged for that number and we will have to pay for meals that we did not order, so please contact Val in plenty of time.

### FUTURE QMS EXCURSIONS:

#### BEE GEES WALK – REDCLIFFE - STAGE TWO: - FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:

Stage 2 of the Bee Gees Walk will be officially opened on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Gibb Brothers [The Bee Gees] were all born on the Isle of Man, before moving to Australia, and spent their childhood in the Redcliffe area. Barry Gibb and members of his family will be present at the opening and taking part in the festivities, and our Vice President, Max Cain, is endeavouring to arrange a meeting with them. More details to follow. If members are interested in a trip to Redcliffe for the day, please let Val know. Car Pooling can be arranged if required.

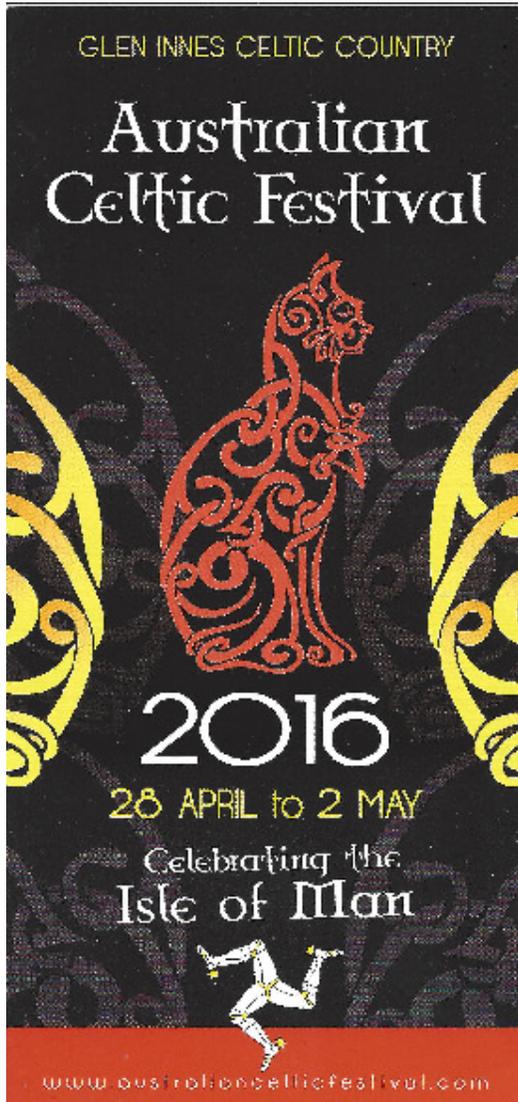
#### ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON: - 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015:

In September, we are planning a visit to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 878 Royal Esplanade, Manly on the **20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015, at 2.p.m.** with afternoon tea available at a cost of about \$15. There will be plenty of parking. Please contact Val if you are interested in going by **12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – MINIMUM 15 PEOPLE**, as Afternoon tea will have to be catered for. Guided tours of the facility will be provided for those who wish to join in, or alternatively, you can sit back and watch all of the activities and excitement of the marina.

#### LE JARDIN RESTAURANT – MALENY:

We have still not set a date for our planned trip to Maleny, open to everyone, including our Celtic Cousins, in a car-pooled trip to have lunch at the **LE JARDIN Restaurant**. This was formerly known as the Celtic Restaurant, some of you may remember visiting in the past. Although now open to the public with a French theme, it is still worth a visit. There will be lovely gardens to browse through, a nursery, gift shop and a gallery displaying up and coming artists, all to

be enjoyed. **The planned visit to Le Jardin Restaurant in Maleny is to be postponed to early next year, due to other future plans. We will contact you regarding this at a later date.**



### **YEAR OF THE MANX – 2016 – GLEN INNES**

Next year will be the Year of the Manx all over the Celtic World, and we would like to see as many Manxies as possible in Glen Innes for the Australian Celtic Festival, wearing the Laxey Tartan [or any other Manx Tartan],

However, if you wish to go to Glen Innes, it would be wise to book your Accommodation as soon as you can as the Festival gets bigger every year. You can book accommodation online or through the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre.

**To order a brochure for the Australian Celtic Festival – contact Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre, P.O. Box 612, Glen Innes, N.S.W. 2370. Telephone 02 6730 2410**

Edna Davis will be away until October, but I am sure she will help you out if you require Tartan Hats, Scarves and Vests.

Also Doug Quayle will be looking into pricing Manx Tartan items from the Isle of Man should these be required.

There will be plenty of entertainment and lots to do. Please consider joining us next year as we usually have a lot of fun!

**If you need any information on the Celtic Festival, please ring Val on 3273 1782.**

### **NEXT QMS MEETINGS – FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our **OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**, will be an **AFTERNOON TEA ONLY** and will **start at 1.30 p.m.** at The Arana Leagues Club, and not at the usual time of 11.30 a.m. We are planning a Hop-Tu-Naa theme, and would ask you to please send in your ideas for this event to your Committee members, with the accent on fun. The High Tea will cost \$15.90 and there will be an equal amount of sweet and savoury food served, together with Tea and Coffee. More on this later.

**Also**, if you have any ideas for our Christmas break up, **ON SATURDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**, please let us know. A Christmas Concert would be different, with all members taking part, reciting, singing, telling a story, etc. Of course, we would not forget to invite Santa. Please contact Val with your thoughts on the subject.

We are also planning a Society picnic on **28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016**, in the Scarborough area, from 10.4 p.m. with an emphasis on a Family picnic and activities for children. More on this later.

As Acting Secretary, I received this email from Ella Slack, Isle of Man, with this appeal for Manxies with links to Ramsey, Isle of Man:

### **An Appeal to Anyone With Links to Ramsey**

*“St Paul’s Church is a key feature of the Ramsey landscape fronting on to the Market Place and looking out over the harbour. The tower at the Church has been in danger of collapsing and the congregation has worked incredibly hard to raise over £40,000 to carry out works to replace rotting wooden beams with new steel ones and thus stabilize the structure. However, they now need to raise a further £50,000 to carry out repairs to the roof and structure to stop the water ingress that has been causing the damage. This is a huge challenge and in addition to continuing the fundraising efforts the church is also appealing to anyone with links to the church or the town for donations towards the cost of completing this project.*

*If you are able to support this fundraising appeal, cheques can be made out to St Paul’s Church and sent to: Miss Ella Slack, The Treasurer of St Paul’s Church, 7 Royal Court, Queens Promenade, Ramsey IM8 1EP. If you would like to obtain further information about this project before making a decision about whether or not to support it please email [vicar@msr.im](mailto:vicar@msr.im) and the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens will be happy to respond to any queries. If you are on Facebook, why not visit St Paul’s at [www.facebook.com/StPaulsRamsey](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsRamsey).”*

### **ANOTHER VERSION OF TYNWALD DAY:**

When QMS Member, **ROSS PETFIELD** [Mylchreest], found he could not attend our Tynwald Day in July, he decided he would hold a Tynwald celebration of his own. He organised some friends, contacted the Brisbane Club, and told them of his ideas to celebrate the day. The Brisbane Club obliged by cooking some genuine Manx food, Ross provided some Manx memorabilia to decorate the table, with Tartan scarves as table runners, and two Manx Flags and had this photo taken [below]. He said his friends really embraced the culture of Tynwald and they all had a great time. Great idea, Ross!



*Taken at the Brisbane Club, July 2015. Member Ross Petfield in centre of photo.*

### **MESSAGE TO COUNTRY MEMBERS:**

As suggested in our last newsletter, we would welcome any Qld Manx members who travel to Brisbane and have a half day to spare in order to socialise at any time. If you could let us know in advance, we will try to get as many members together as we can to meet and greet you. We would especially like to see you at our Christmas break up on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact Val if you are down this way.

## 100TH COMMEMORATION OF PEEL LIFEBOAT 'THE WANDERER' – ISLE OF MAN

QMS Member **DAVID KEMP**, of Whiskey Mac fame, and his twin brother, travelled to the Isle of Man recently, to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Peel Lifeboat "The Wanderer" and its crew who saved hundreds of lives when the "Lusitania" was sunk by a German torpedo.

*"On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1915, "The Wanderer's" crew, under the command of Mr William Ball, was fishing about 10 miles south of Kinsale Head when the crew sighted the "Lusitania" sailing by. As they watched, they heard an explosion and saw the Liner begin to heel over. "The Wanderer" was the only vessel in sight and she made for the Liner as quickly as possible. Out of 160 survivors, the crew picked up 110 of them and the remainder were towed behind in a lifeboat and on a raft until help came. Skipper William Ball received a Medal from King George V and Mr Stanley Ball, [son], along with the other crew members, received a Bronze Medal from the Manx people."*

David Kemp is a direct descendant of Mr William Ball, the Skipper of "The Wanderer" and was very happy to meet up with family members when he was in the Isle of Man. The commemoration took place in Peel and David was proud to have been photographed with the Lt Governor of the Isle of Man, Adam Wood. David said he wore his Queensland Manx Society badge in the photo.



Member David Kemp on right with the Lt Governor of the I.O.M, Peel docks.

## CELTIC RADIO

For those members who would like to listen to something different on the Radio, and to hear again music we were brought up with, tune in to the following programmes:

**'THE IRISH PROGRAMME' – 98.1 FM – RADIO - 4EB - Saturdays 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. Programmes produced by the Irish/Australian Community, P.O. Box 300, East Brisbane QLD. 4169 phone: 07 3891-5053**

**"A LITTLE PIECE OF SCOTLAND" – RADIO 4 EB – 98.1 FM. 2-15 P.M. UNTIL 4.30 P.M. every Thursday afternoon. "Now reaching a wider listening Audience and, playing requests. Website: [www.4eb.org.au](http://www.4eb.org.au). Phone 07 3240 8686**

## NEWS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN:

The following is taken from the July edition of KMJ Newsletter [Culture Vannin]. Some of you may have heard of the Kermode family History.

# Edward Lawrence Kermode

1st April 1915 8th June 2015

Tributes have been paid following the death of centenarian Laurence Kermode, the oldest competitor even to win a class in the Guild.

Manxman Mr Kermode, a professional toast master for 50 years and a regular competitor in the Guild, was a born entertainer who loved the limelight.

Last month, he became the oldest person to compete in the Manx Music Festival.

He took to the stage to loud applause for the Folk Song class.

Before singing *Cockles and Mussels* he told the audience: 'Silly old fool trying to sing in the Guild. What's he going to be up to next?'

He scored 87 in that class, and then went on once again to win the Works of T.E. Brown class.

Laurence, a retired printer for the *Isle of Man Times* and *Isle of Man Examiner*, had celebrated his 100th birthday in April with a party at Douglas's Masonic Hall attended by Lieutenant Governor Adam Wood.

Veteran journalist Terry Cringle said: 'I've known Laurence since I was a young reporter on the Examiner.

'This was when he was master of ceremonies at grand dinners and social occasions. He was always perfectly dressed and conducted the event with great authority and panache.

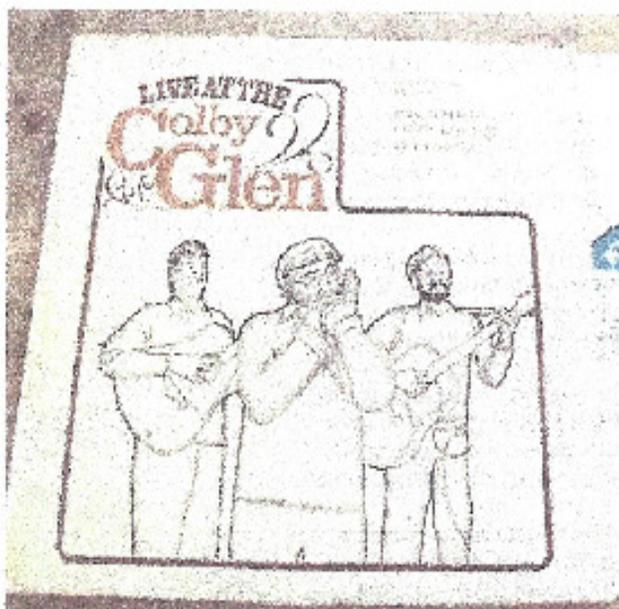
'He loved the limelight. He was multi-talented - he could sing, he could recite and his tremendous accolade at the Guild was being the first 100 year old winner.

'There was an open invitation to his 100th birthday party. There must have been nearly 300 people there. He lived life to the full. He never seemed to get old.'

Laurence 'Laurie' Kermode was born on April 1, 1915, in 62 Malew Street in Castletown, and brought up in Liverpool.

He married Mona Sayle, with whom he had two sons, Nigel and Paul. Mona died in 1985.

Article & photo from: [www.imnews.com/whats-on/100-year-old-man-wins-guild-award-100-years-of-club-7265136](http://www.imnews.com/whats-on/100-year-old-man-wins-guild-award-100-years-of-club-7265136)



Laurence was also the grandson of 'Bwoic Doal' Tom Kermode, the legendary blind singer who contributed the majority of Manx Gaelic songs to collector Dr John Clague in the 1890s. Laurence inherited his grandfather's singing talents, and he performed in the folk clubs for many years in a trio with Mike Williams and Al Lawrence.

Hear an excerpt from *Live at the Colby & Glen*:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlxgOa/VnBM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlxgOa/VnBM)

Listen to an interview with Laurence:  
[www.culturevannin.im/cms/ual\\_history\\_article\\_358573.html](http://www.culturevannin.im/cms/ual_history_article_358573.html)

Watch Laurence perform T.E. Brown's dialect poetry: <https://vimeo.com/86292153>

**MUSIC FROM THE ISLE OF MAN – KMJ NEWSLETTER – I.O.M.**

The following is a copy of a Lullaby from the KMJ Magazine in the Isle of Man. They usually print a Transcription of the Month which can be downloaded and printed by anyone. I thought it might be a relevant, useful Lullaby for the new parents or for new grandparents. Please enjoy 'LAST NIGHT AS I LAY SLEEPING'.

**TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MONTH**  
see [www.manxmusic.com](http://www.manxmusic.com) for more printable pieces of Manx music



**Last Night as I Lay Sleeping**



Up beat/Anacrusis

1. Last night as I lay sleep - ing, I dreamed that I was ri - ding to the Isle of Skye on an  
ap - ple pie and back a - gain by morn - ing, and back a - gain, my love. \_\_\_

1. Last night as I lay sleeping,  
I dreamed that I was riding  
To the Isle of Skye on an apple pie  
And back again by morning,  
And back again, my love.

2. Last night as I lay sleeping,  
I dreamed that I was flying  
To the Isle of Mull on a herring gull  
And back again by morning,  
And back again, my love.

3. Last night as I lay sleeping,  
I dreamed that I was sailing  
To the Isle of Man in a frying pan  
And back again by morning,  
And back again, my love.

**TO A MANX KITTEN**

By

**KATHLEEN FARAGHER – Poet, Isle of Man**

**Thou little tailless cat with coat of jet,  
Whose amber eyes with ecstatic dew are wet,  
As on my lap thy paws beat even tread,  
“In-out, in-out” as though thou’rt making bread!**

**“Alice” we called thee from the day we saw  
Thy look of wonder when from bed of straw  
Thou viewed the outer world so big and grand;  
What better name than “Alice- in- Wonderland?”**

**And “Alice” thou has been six months or more,  
As free from mice thou’st kept the stable door;  
But now we find with quite a sense of shame,  
That thou’rt no lady! We must change thy name!**

**So “Tommy-Alice” thou must henceforth be,  
Thou mighty hunter, arrogant, bold and free!  
O shall we see thee every morning early,  
Still bounding forth to greet our cry of ‘GIRLIE’?**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

There are DVD'S, memorabilia, Caps, Tea Towels, Cups, and other assorted items for sale, if you are interested in obtaining them. Also, if you require Membership Badges, please contact Doug. Also, we are thinking of getting our own caps and shirts embroidered with the QMS Logo. If you are interested in obtaining any of these items, please let Doug know.

## MEMBERSHIP:

We are always looking for more members to join our Society. If you know of any relatives, or friends who may be interested in coming along to our Meetings, bring them along. All are welcome. Please feel free to promote the Queensland Manx Society anywhere you go. You never know, you may find a long lost cousin somewhere in your travels!

*Traa-di-Loor*  
*{Enough for now}*

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