



JUNE NEWSLETTER – 2015

QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY NEWS AND COMING EVENTS:

REPORT ON BRUNCH AT 'SECRET GARDEN' CAFE:

Ten enthusiastic members. George Cowin, Edna Davis, Max and Robyn Cain, June and Alan Caine, Shel and Steve Cass, and Val & Tony Ashworth, attended the Brunch at the "Secret Garden" Cafe on Saturday, 23rd May, at East Brisbane, and we all had a good "Manxie" time, that is a lot of time to talk, eat and laugh. The Brunch was imaginative and tasty and served by a cheerful and attentive staff. Shelley & Steve Cass came by Bus, and the rest by car. Max & Robyn, starting out from Scarborough, arrived earlier than anticipated, and not knowing the area, found a parking spot and had to walk a little way to get there. Tony had "Googled" the address and had parked where suggested, only to find that we had about a 2/3 kilometre walk to the Cafe, When I spoke to the Owner about it, she laughed and said that the Google map was incorrect and that quite a number of people had been fooled by it. Needless to say, Tony and I were not impressed with "Google", especially when we had to walk all that way. It did not worry Tony, but I have bad knees and arrived there in some considerable pain, which took a while to settle down. Despite this, I had a good time.

After our Brunch, we walked around the rest of the building, which held many interesting things, as well as the Nursery Plant area. It had clothing, modern gifts as well as good second hand items for sale. Tony and I ended up with a Plant [recommended by Edna Davis] and a lovely Blue and White Pot. The real gardeners amongst us who knew what they were doing and what they wanted and needed in the Plant Nursery, went away very happy people with their selections. June and Alan Caine, having found the large pot they wanted, took pity on my poor sore knees and dropped Tony and I back to our car. Thank you, June and Alan for your kindness.

It was to be the last time we were to see George & Edna before they left to travel our wide brown land and we will not see them again until October. They left the premises with hearty good wishes for a safe and incident-free journey,

The "Secret Garden" Cafe is a very pleasant place to visit for a snack and a browse around and we all recommend it to anyone looking for something different.



TYNWALD DAY – 4TH JULY, 2015:

Please come and enjoy our 2015 Tynwald Celebration and bring your family and friends. We will be holding this again at Arana Leagues Club at the usual time – 11.00 a.m. for 11.30 a.m. There will be good food with entertainment, as well as some interesting Toasts and speeches. The cost for this annual event is \$37.00 for a double drop for both Main course and Dessert.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 29TH AUGUST, 2015:

The AGM is nearly upon us again and you are requested to attend and vote for your Committee if you wish the Society to keep going into the future. It will be held at Arana Leagues Club again at the usual time. Our President, George Cowin, will be stepping down after an extended year as President, and this role will have to be filled, as well as the roles of **Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster**. To vote you must be a paid up member of the QMS, Treasurer Doug will be forwarding Membership Renewal forms soon for you to fill in and return. Next month you will receive a **Management Committee Nomination Form, and Proxy Form, which I would ask you to please fill in and return to the Acting Secretary by 14th August, 2015**.

FUTURE QMS EXCURSION:

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON: - 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

In September, we are planning a visit to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 878 Royal Esplanade, Manly on the **20th September, 2015** with afternoon tea available for a small cost. There will be plenty of parking. Please contact Val if you are interested in going, as Afternoon Tea will have to be catered for. More on this at a later date.

Later in the year, we are also planning another excursion open to everyone, including our Celtic Cousins, in a car-pooled trip to Maleny to have lunch at the **LE JARDIN RESTAURANT**, which was formerly 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. We have not yet decided whether to make it during the week or at the weekend. Your comments will be appreciated. Car pooling can be arranged if required. More on this later.

DONATIONS TO VANUATU VILLAGERS:

Our Vice President, Max Cain, has informed me that all donation campaigns have closed, and he would like to express his thanks to those members who donated items to the Vanuatu people in their time of need.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Treasurer Doug has in his possession many records of the Isle of Man Family History Society with details of Parish Records and Monumental inscriptions. If any member would like to borrow or study these records, please contact him on 3408 6791 or email: dnquayle@tpg.com.au

We also have received a few more DVDs of our "Threads That Bind" Play. Please contact Doug if you require a copy or two. The cost will be \$10 including postage and handling.

MANX DANCING CLASSES:

When we were in Glen Innes, we were visited by Heather Clarke, Dance Historian, who teaches Manx Dancing in Brisbane and if you or your children or grand-children have any interest in learning Manx Dancing, please contact her on 3289 4708, or at heather.clarke40@yahoo.com. Visit their website – www.colonialdance.com.au It would be nice to have some dancers for our **Year of the Manx next year**.

NEWS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN

VIKINGS IN THE FRAME ON FILM SET by MIKE WADE

The filming of 'The Battle Of Ronaldsway', Derbyhaven beach

You'd have been forgiven for thinking the island was facing another Viking invasion last weekend, had you been venturing around Derbyhaven. You might have been wondering about the horde of warriors crammed into a 1960s car. The appearance of a pack of Brownies would have probably just confused everything.

However, all these elements were brought together to create 'The Battle Of Ronaldsway', a short comedy about a hapless group of Viking enthusiasts attempting to stage a re-creation of the battle at Derbyhaven. It stars a host of local actors, including professional actor Cliff Chapman, who plays the lead role of Ollie. Cliff grew up in the island, leaving to pursue his career in 2009. Others include Juan McGuinness, making his film debut as Finn McQuiggin.

Juan is instantly recognisable from the Manx dialect comedy skits on Youtube and looks like he was born to wield a sword and dress in chainmail. Making up the Viking horde are noted local actor Tom Cain, dressed like a reject from 'Braveheart'.

The film was written by James Franklin, from Glen Mona. His script was one of six winners of the Mannin Short screenplay competition 2014, and one of three selected to be made into a short film.

Shooting over just one weekend, the crew had to contend with everything the Manx weather could throw at them. Even in the bright sunshine of Saturday morning, the pack of Brownies, who make an uninvited appearance at the battle recreation, were huddled around hot water bottles trying to keep warm.

However, producer Tom Brabbs revealed the ever-changing weather actually helped the filming. 'Yesterday it was pouring down, and we were shooting in the wind and the rain,' he said. 'When the weather is like this, you just have to work with what you've got. But we've been lucky. The good thing about this film is that it is perfect for this weekend. Part of the first scenes are in the rain, so we did that part yesterday when it was raining. So it's worked out fabulously well. 'The Norse gods have been smiling on us!'



BABY WALLABY IN 'FRAGILE' CONDITION AFTER BEING FOUND IN NORTH OF ISLE OF MAN – ALAN VINCENT. An orphan baby wallaby is being cared for at the Manx Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals after being found in the north of the Isle of Man by a member of the public. The Joey's condition is currently described as very fragile, but once carers are sure that she will survive, a competition will be held to name her.

Margaret Mansfield, from the Manx SPCA, said she was around three weeks old and the charity thought that she had probably fallen out of her mother's pouch or been rejected.

Margaret said: **'She is very fragile and it's very much touch and go at the moment, but we are liaising with Blackpool Zoo, who have a little colony of wallabies, over her care and as soon as she becomes strong enough she will travel there.'**

About 120 red necked wallabies, which are native to Tasmania and south east Australia, live wild in the island after a group escaped from the Wildlife Park in the 1970s. With no natural predators they are now thriving. They live mainly around the Curraghs in the north of the island although recently there have been sightings as far south as the Braaid and Silverdale.

OTHER CELTIC SOCIETY EVENTS:

This month, we do not have any excursions planned as a Society. However, we have received an Invitation from the Scottish Clans' Congress of Qld Inc. to attend the **"Kirkin' o' the Tartan"** Service, to be held at 43 St Paul's Terrace, Spring Hill, the Rev. John Gilmour officiating. This is a 9.30 a.m. service, seating requested by 9.15 a.m. and piping begins at 9 a.m. The date, if interested in attending, is **28th June, 2015**, For further information, please ring the following numbers: 07 3350 1008 or 3200 9536.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC: The Sunshine Coast Welsh Society, are holding a Festival of Music on **Sunday 28th June, 2015 at 2 p.m.** at the Caloundra Uniting Church, Queen Street, CALOUNDRA, featuring Oriana Youth Choir, Elisabeth Wallis-Gaedtke – Soprano, Kim Kirkman, Tenor & Harpist, Four traditional Welsh Hymns [Song sheets in Welsh and English] Entrance is free with collection only. No need to book. Free afternoon Tea. This would be a nice day's drive with an entertaining concert thrown in.

INTERNATIONAL TARTAN DAY: [Australian Scottish Community of Qld]

This year, the International Tartan Day will be held on the **11th July, 2015** and not on the Qld Manx Tynwald Day, 4th July. It is now held in the City Hall Park area and is very popular and well attended. The Qld Manx will be setting up their tent where Manxies can gather to enjoy the event.

SCOTLAND IN THE PARK: [Scottish Clans Congress of Qld]

The event will be held on the **19th July, 2015**, at the new venue at Greenbank Sport & Recreation Club, 720 – 768 Middle Road, Greenbank, from 9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Lots of parking to be had and entry by gold coin donation. Enquiries to Ern Thompson [07] 3200 9536.



YEAR OF THE MANX – 2015 – 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 in Glen Innes for the Festival, wearing the Blue Laxey Tartan. We will have some items of Tartan available, Hats and Scarves and, if ordered, Tartan vests.

However, if you wish to go to Glen Innes, it would be wise to book your accommodation as soon as possible, as the Festival grows bigger each year and you might miss out. You can book your accommodation online or through the Glen Innes Council also online. If you have not been before, it would be a nice short holiday for you with lovely autumn scenery and lots to do, camping and fossicking for Saphires, etc. Please consider joining us next year as we usually have a lot of fun!

Note from the Editor:

President George Cowin will be away travelling around Australia and will not be back until October. We hope he has a wonderful trip, good weather and an accident-free holiday.

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