



# Queensland Manx Society

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### NEWSLETTER JULY 2017

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#### TYNWALD DAY—2017

What a fantastic day we had at the Arana Leagues Club on Saturday 1st. July. Our spacious room gave us plenty of space to mingle and enjoy the company of all there with over 40 attending. Maxwell Cain gave the opening address to welcome everyone for coming, especially the kindred societies and other guests.

Entertainment was provided by Dave Kemp and Bambi of "Whisky Mac" that kept us in the spirit of the day. Table settings were identified with Isle of Man towns names and place names were done in appropriate decorations. Toasts to "The Lord of Man", "The Day We Celebrate" and "Kindred Societies" were given. Singing of the "Australian National and Manx Anthems", plus "Ellan Vannin", and "Ald Lang Sine" were included in the proceedings. Nice prizes were raffled off to complete the day to everyone's enjoyment.





## CCAQ FRIENDSHIP DAY— 18th. June

The Combined Celtic Council of Australia (Qld) held their Friendship Day on Sunday, 18th. June last, with about 80 people attending from all Celtic organisations. A beautiful fine winters day of about 23°C with plenty of shade and tables. The BBQ and salads were exceptional and a trifle was a dream. With drinks and music, the day was really worth the meagre charge asked at the door. With raffles and door taking going to the Standing Stones Memorial project, it boosted the kitty quite significantly to help the project get off the ground this year. It was a credit to Mavis Williams and Grace Roberts for arranging such a lovely day, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.



Edna Davis, Robyn Cain, Val Ashworth.  
Val & Tony Ashworth sang a song dur-



Norma and son Geoff Conwell played  
their piano accordions during the after-



Mavis Williams and friends from the Qld Irish Pipe Band provided a few well known



Mavis Williams making announcements



Grace Roberts receiving a CCAQ Award  
for service excellence for the Council



## A ROAMING DAY IN RAMSEY



We rose to find a fine day with calm waters on Laxey Bay. Our B & B was located high above the road into Laxey from Douglas, with views out over the Bay towards England. We decided to go to Ramsey and maybe tour around the north of the Island afterwards. After a leisurely breakfast, we headed off in time to see Ramsey, have lunch and then set off further north and west. On the way, we notice a sign indicating "Ballaglass Glen" on the right so decided to check it out on the way back to the B & B. When we arrived in Ramsey, we drove around to see the layout and appreciate the features to the town. We went through town down to the port area and then back over the Mooragh Promenade Swing Bridge. We travelled back to the tram terminus area and parked. Walking from there we were able to check out the trams at the terminus, Information Centre (Old Tram Station), the new Tram Station and past the old houses along the street leading to the centre of town.



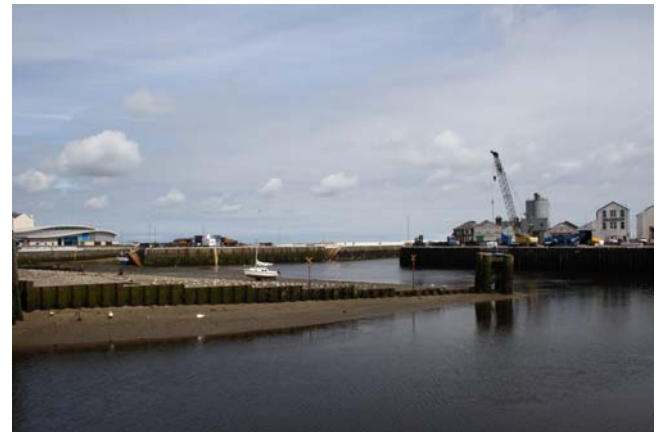




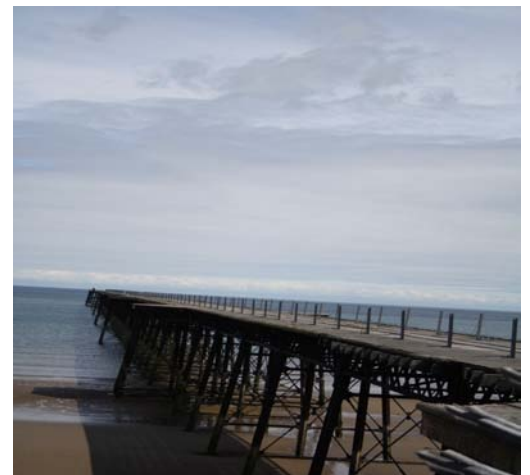
The photos we took tell the story of what we saw and the interesting features of trams and houses. We arrived at the centre in time to see the local school children singing outside the Post Office. It is a shame that I cannot play the video of their song, but it was a lovely tune and was well sung by the students.







After sightseeing in the civic centre we returned to our car and drove down to Queens Promenade near the Queens Pier and parked. We bought lunch and sat looking out over the water and the Pier while we ate.



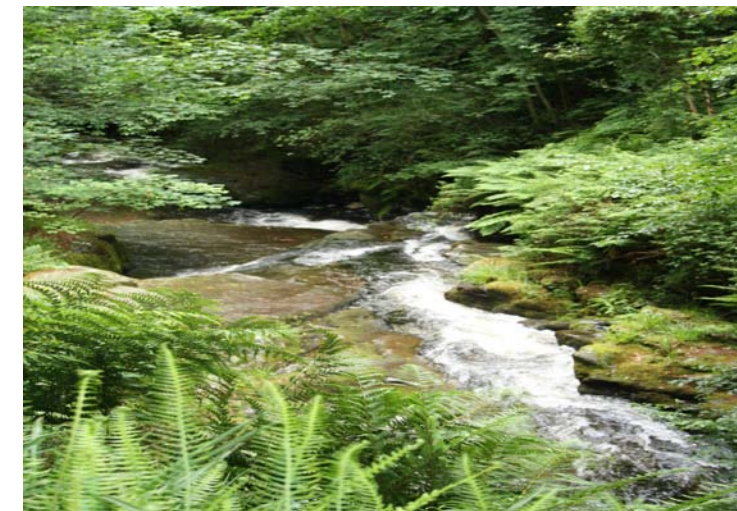
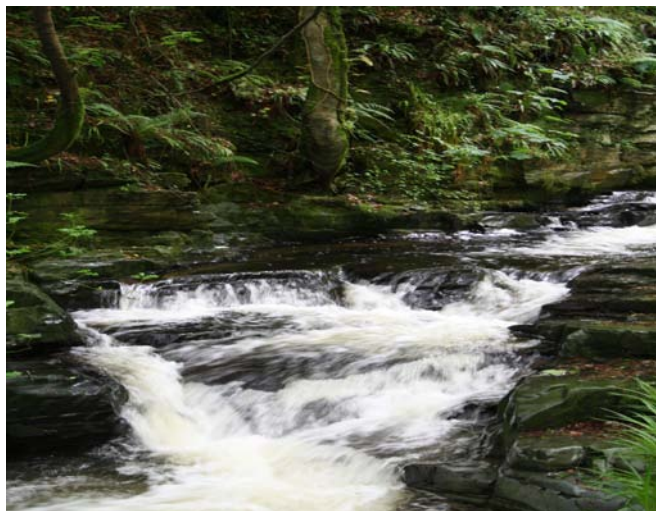
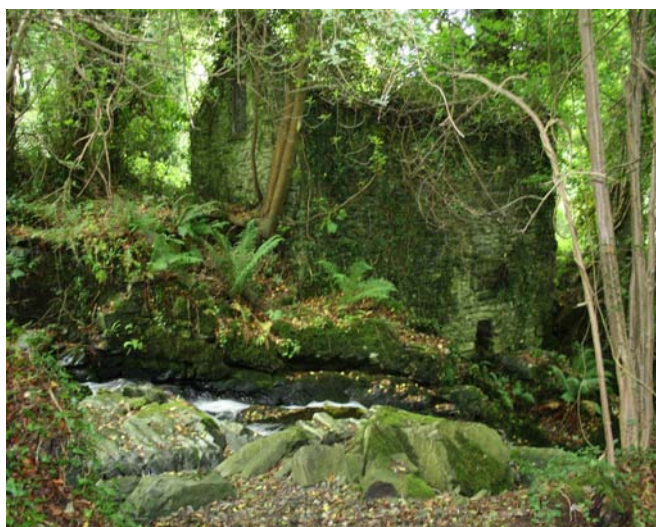
Returning home, we pulled into the parking area at Ballaglass Glen in the parish of Maughold. It is actually a part of Cornaa Glen. Ballaglass totals about 17 acres and has a wide reputation for its charm and beauty. It has a lovely rock-bedded stream, heavy foliated land and an abundance of bluebells in springtime. The glen is very popular with artists and photographers. The name Ballaglass could be translated to 'Farm of the Stream'.

The remains of a flax mill and the stone buildings, which once belonged to a lead mine, run by the Great Mona Mining Company, can still be seen in the glen. The mine was very short lived due to the poor grade and low quantity of lead discovered.

The glen was a favourite haunt of the Manx poet 'T. E. Brown' and Cornaa River has at times been known as 'The Musical Stream' when flowing down through Ballaglass. It is a favourite spot for attracting artists.

The old entrance to the glen was at the bottom and the owner of the land erected a gate in 1980 which caused a storm of protests but free access was given. In 1989, a small parcel of land on the northern side of the glen was purchased from the owner for £3,000, thereby allowing access into the glen from what had become a car park. This is where we parked and walked down into the glen to see the beauty.





The glen was like a tropical forest with lots of foliage, moss and glimpses of sunlight streaming through the tree tops. After spending a very enjoyable stroll through the Glen that followed our roaming around Ramsey, we headed home to freshen up for an evening meal.

Commentary and photos by George Cowin and Edna Davis.




## VALE—PAULINE FAY CATTELL—16 JUNE 2017

Another long standing member of our Society has passed away. It is with regret that we advise that Pauline has passed away and that we pass on our deepest respects to her family for their loss. She is survived by sons Andrew and Campbell and daughter Justina and grand-children. A Thanksgiving Service was held at St. Andrews C of E Church at Cleveland on 21 June.

It was noted that Pauline's achievements, over the years of her life including many acting, directing, producing and writing of stage productions in England and Australia. She has also written stage plays of her own and has been tutoring students right up to recent times. Some of those students were present at the Service. Son Andrew, read from a document written by Pauline titled "My life's Passion—Thoughts from Pauline Fay".

Included in the programme for the service was a poem written by Pauline from her residence at the Marebello Retirement Village at Victoria Point, and I copy below:

**Flight of the White Crane South**



Elevating serenely skywards, a pencil slim white crane rises. Aloft a southerly breeze wafts over the beauty bird and disappears in the sunlit shadows of cumulus clouds.

Leaving time past and present the watching companionable friends in the Marebello Coffee Café below. Depart memories fade like friends who come and go. Empty chairs a solitary magpie pecks at crumbs.

Energy drains at dawn. The crane drifts over Pippi Beach, landing joyfully amidst the migrant flock of cranes wings, welcoming orchestral like a cacophony chorus on the stony beach.

Tena koutou  
Tena koutou  
Haere mai

Written by Pauline Fay Cattell

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR:

Sun. 9th. July 2017	Kirkin O' the Tartan Scottish Clans Congress	St Andrews Uniting Church, Anne St., City	9.00 for 9.30am.
Sat. 15th. July 2017	Tartan Day	King George Square	9.00 am.—4.00pm.
Sat. 12th. Aug. 2017	Qld Manx Society Annual General Meeting	Brisbane Square Library George St. City	11.00 am.
17-20 th. Aug. 2017	Scots in the Bush	Boondooma	
Sat. 7th. Oct. 2017	Qld Manx Society Chat by Barbara Greenwood	Brisbane Square Library George St. City	2.00 pm.
21st. Oct. 2017	Clan Campbell Aust. Qld. Annual Dinner "A Braw Scots Night"	Riverside Receptions New Farm	7.00 pm.
Sat. 18th. Nov. 2017	CCAQ & Cornish Christmas Party	Coorparoo Services Club Holdsworth St., Coorparoo	11.30 pm.
Sat. 9th. Dec. 2017	Qld Manx Society Christmas Party	Arana Leagues Club Dawson Pde., Arana Hills	11.00 for 11.30 am.

## SCOTLAND IN THE PARK—25TH. JUNE 2017

A fine winters day down at Greenbank saw a well organised event for Scotland in the Park. There were about 18 stalls around the grounds with food eats and drinks to supply the crowd, and Celtic stalls displaying all manner of goods and information.



We had our tent there decorated with Manx flags and banner, and attracted a fair amount of interest with our wares and photos of the Isle of Man. A few items were sold on the day.

The day started with the march of the National Scottish flags calling the clans and a welcome by the Mayor of Logan, Luke Smith. Entertainment was provided by Kathleen Moore D Ua from the stage. There sessions of Scottish dancing and various presentations during the day.

Pipe Band performances in competition occurred from about midday until the massed band parade concluded the whole event. A most enjoyable day for all.



## ISLE OF MAN WALKING FESTIVAL

Each year the Island sponsors a walking festival with an open season between April and May. The Island is a walking mecca of ever changing landscapes and walk start and finish in many points on the Island. For example the Niarbyl Walk has a coastal footpath through the countryside as well as along the beach.

Consider this activity next time you travel to the Island and enjoy the scenery.

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## **TYNWALD DAY—NEW ZEALAND 1ST. JULY 2017**

We've received a note from Lorraine Wright at Manx Society of New Zealand to say they celebrated Tynwald Day on the 1st. July, like us, and had a great luncheon and entertainment from Celtic Duo "Twisty Willow". Sounds familiar—dosen't . They even got a spot of dancing in as well. What a great idea for the event! By the photos sent, they certainly did enjoy themselves. I have included a couple below to show how they made the day a memorable day.



## **TYNWALD DAY—LONDON MANX**

A note from the London Manx Society -

Dear Val

As President of the London Manx Society, I am replying to thank you for your kind wishes for Tynwald Day. We shall be gathering at a member's home to celebrate the day, that is those of us that are not crossing over to the Island for the occasion. We Manx in London wish all Queensland Manx a happy Tynwald Day.

With best wishes, Bryan Corrin

**KIRKIN' O' THR TARTAN**

**ST. ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH**

**Anne Street, City**

**9.30 am. SUNDAY, 9TH. JULY 2017**

**(Gentlemen's bonnets to be removed on entering the Church)**

Those taking part in the procession are asked to assemble at St. Andrews no later than **8.45 am.** to familiarise themselves with the layout.

Note that each participant must supply his/her own stand.

Easiest parking will be in the Wickham Terrace Council Car Park—\$5.00.

Get the lift down to Central Station level and walk over to St. Andrews (or take the ramp).

Please remember that the congregation of St. Andrews will appreciate the contribution of a plate of food towards the morning tea (drop off in the hall before the service).

## **SCOTS IN THE BUSH**

We have received an invitation to members, families and friends to attend this festival which is becoming more a Celtic Festival. It would be great to have a Manx group represented, particularly anyone that can sing, dance or play music. This is a bush camping weekend and last year there were in excess of 350 caravans, motor homes etc. and it is expected that this number will increase this year. The Boondooma Homestead complex is 110 kmls from Kingaroy and the closest accommodation would be at Murgon and Wondai. There is no accommodation at Boondooma, but plenty of campsites. The poster follows on the next page.



# Historic Boondooma Homestead

8262 Mundubbera – Durong Rd Boondooma Qld

Presents



## **“Scots in the Bush”**

Scottish & Celtic Festival

17th to 20th August 2017

Ceilidh with Celtic Crossover on Thursday Evening

Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday morning

Featuring:

**Celtic Psychosis, Darryl Craft, Velcro**

**The Clan, Noosa & District Pipe Band, Celtic Kin, Rum City  
Highland Dancers, Celtic Thunder, Celtic Crossover, The  
Scottish Balladeer – Brian Letton, Ishka, The Scottie Dog  
Mascots, Burdekin Celtic Dancers & Others To Be Confirmed.**

Join us for the Boondooma Highland games.

Scottish food & much more, Stalls welcome with own insurance

Be part of **“Scots in the Bush”** – a weekend of fun filled entertainment for all the family.  
Bar & Meals are available.

Admission: \$65 pp full weekend. Children under 14, FREE.

Includes: entry, bush camping and all entertainment.

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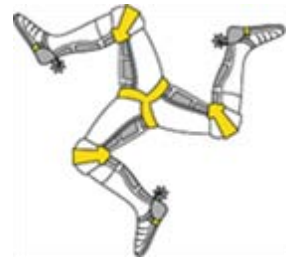
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# Manx Kids



July



## *Five Fun Facts about Tynwald Day*

Tynwald Day is celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Tynwald is the parliament of the Isle of Man.

Tynwald is thought to be the world's oldest parliament.

Tynwald was established by the Vikings in the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Tynwald meets in the open air at Tynwald Hill every July.

## *The Making of Mann*



**A Manx Fairytale** (Adapted)

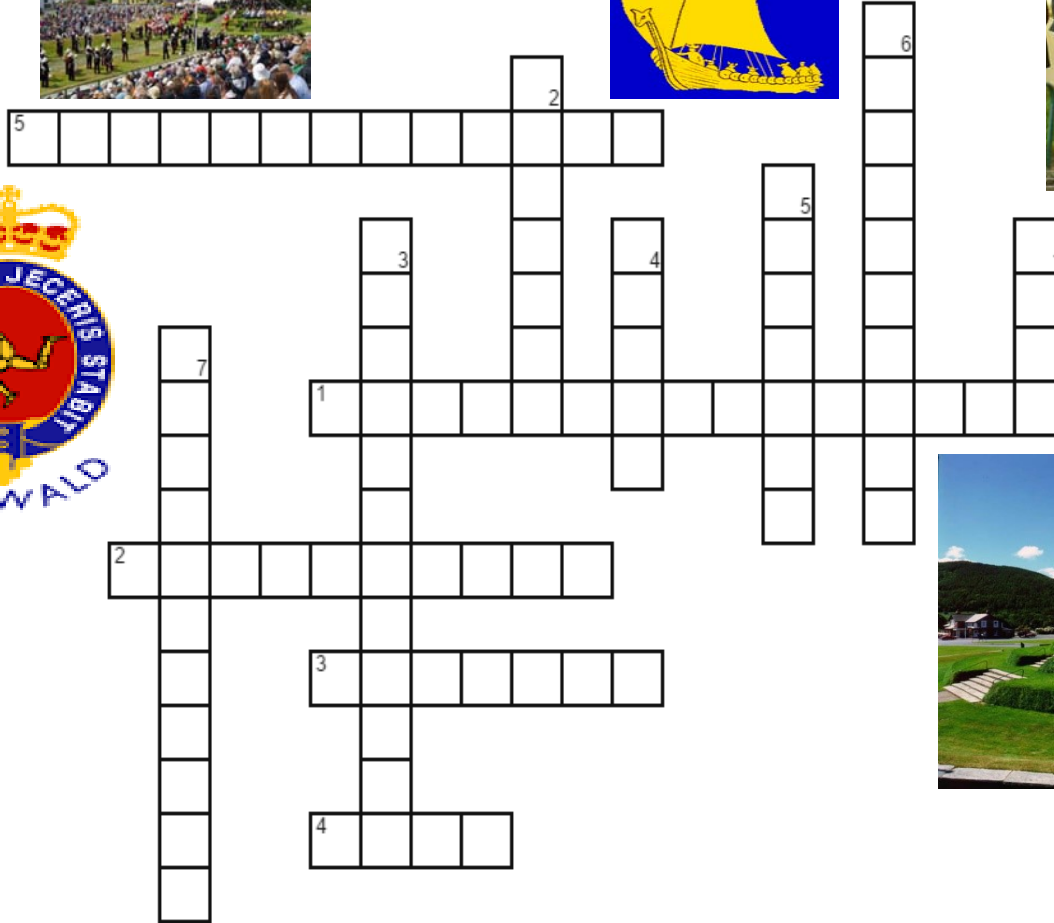
Thousands of years ago, at the time of the Battles of the Giants in Ireland, Finn Mac Cool was fighting with a great, red-haired Scottish giant who had come over to challenge him.

He beat him and chased him eastwards towards the sea. But the Scottish giant was a faster runner and began to get ahead of him, so Finn, who was afraid that he would jump into the sea and escape, stooped down and clutched a great handful of the soil of Ireland to throw at him.





# Tynwald Crossword



## Across

1. The IOM is not a sovereign nation. It is a c \_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_ (2 words).
2. In the IOM, the Queen is known as the L \_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ (3 words)
3. In which village is Tynwald Hill?
4. One branch of Tynwald is the House of \_\_\_\_.
5. The IOM is not part of the United Kingdom or the E \_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_ (2 words)

## Down

1. In which month is Tynwald Day?
2. At what age can people vote in the IOM?
3. What ancient item is presented each month at Tynwald and on Tynwald Day? s \_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_ (3 words)
4. How many chambers does Tynwald parliament have?
5. Who first established Tynwald?
6. Tynwald is the Manx \_\_\_\_?
7. The Queen is also the H \_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_ (3 words).



Pass these pages on to your children and grand-children so that they can learn about the Isle of Man and have fun doing it. We hope that they enjoy them. There are more to come.