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The 8th. July saw our celebration of Tynwald Day in full swing at the Arana Leagues Club, Keperra. What a fantastic day we had with 30 attendees, all enjoying themselves with great food and entertainment.

Beginning with a few Toasts to the "Lord of Man", "The Day We Celebrate" and "Our Kindred Societies" and with a response by Mavis Williams, President of the Celtic Council of Australia (Qld) on behalf of the Kindred Societies. Grace was spoken by Tony Ashworth in Manx and English which led to a lovely bain-marie lunch followed by fruit and cakes.

Some raffles were conducted after

lunch with large hampers supplied by local State members of Parliament of Ipswich and Pumicestone and vouchers from the Arana Leagues Club.

Our guest speaker, Councillor Yvonne Barlow from the Moreton Bay Regional Council stepped forward and went





through her varied and interesting career, and the events that she encountered as a Councillor over her long and colourful career. She had us enthralled with snit-bits of her public life and where it has taken her.

To round the day off, we were entertained by singing from Neil Griffiths and Shaun Smith on keyboards. Wonderful songs were heard and they finished with 'Ellan Vannin' when everyone joined in with rousing voices.

After closure we sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and said our 'goodbyes' to everyone.

What a wonderful day was had by all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next event is our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 19th. August at the Arana Leagues Club Boardroom on the first floor starting 1.00 pm. Prior to the meeting, we usually join each other for lunch in the dining area at the Club, for a lunch of our choice. Please come along to give us a quorum and let us hear of any ideas you may have for the coming year. There will a changing of the guard and a couple new faces on the committee, so be there to wish them well. Everyone is welcome and while 'meeting business' does not usually take very long to conclude; we often have a general discussion amongst ourselves about matters of interest.

REDFEST FESTIVAL

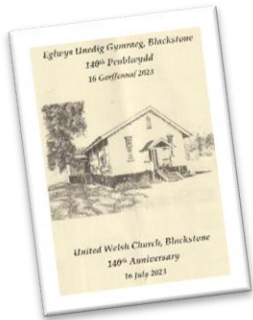


After our AGM, we have applied to be part of Redfest Festival and have a tent site booked at the Redlands Coast "Redfest Festival" on 2nd. and 3rd. September at the Redlands Showgrounds, Cleveland. This has been accepted and we will be there with all flags flying in the breeze. It is a big event with heaps of music and attractions for families and visitors. Come along and spend

an hour or two with us on the stall, talking to friendly people about the Isle of Man. There is always someone willing to stop and talk. More people on the stall adds to our effect in the community. Just look for the two big wave flags and blue tent.

UNITING WELSH CHURCH BLACKSTONE

On the 16th. July, the Blackstone Uniting Welsh Church held a wonderful 140th. Anniversary service at their lovely old church on a beautiful day in the afternoon. Prayers, Hymns and



glorious singing by the Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir filled the church with wonderful sounds throughout the service. The church was packed to the brim, and people from all parts of Australia were in the congregation. The service was conducted by Reverend Robert Howells with Organist Eirys Jones and Accompanist Bronwyn French. Afterwards, the congregation enjoyed a



beautiful afternoon tea on the lawns outside the church under the camphor laurel tree in the grounds. A large anniversary cake was shared around before the closure of the day. After the ceremony a time capsule buried at their 100th. Anniversary service was raised and opened for display. In all, a wonderful day with lots of history.

WELSH FESTIVAL OF SINGING - CALOUNDRA

On the 23rd. July, the Welsh Society of the Sunshine Coast held A Festival of Music and Singing at the Welsh Uniting Church, Caloundra, (in the *Gymanfa Ganu and Noson Lawen*

tradition). The Sunday afternoon Festival

was opened by Evan Jenkins, President of the Welsh Society of the Sunshine Coast, and we were entertained by artists Kim Kirkman, Michelle Bull, Sacha Gibbs-McPhee and Ceri McCoy. The event was chaired by Emrys Jones and Accompanists

Wendy Lowry (Organ), Janet Brewer (Piano), Neil Booth (Piano) and Anne Bowyer (Cello) provided the necessary musical sounds for the artists. The Corder Ballet played tunes prior to the start and during

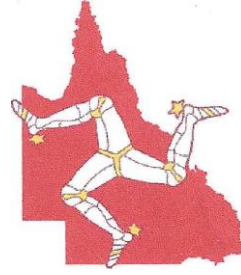
the interval break (a trio of recorder players). A lovely afternoon of music and singing, followed by an appetising afternoon tea in the community rooms below.

CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUST. (QLD)



On THE 29TH. July, the Celtic Council of Australia (Qld) held their Annual General Meeting at the Coorparoo Service Club. Most previous committee members were re-elected onto the new committee and some business matters were discussed. Information about the Standing Stones was spelt out and it is hoped that a dedication ceremony and festival will be held on 8th. October if all documentation and approvals are processed in time.

Information will be posted in due course. After the meeting, a celebratory lunch was held in the dining area, to celebrate the 20th. Anniversary of the formation of the Council (Qld). President, Mavis Williams, thanked everyone for their participation in the organisation and promised to continue the energetic work of the past years into the future. An anniversary cake was passed out as part of the luncheon.



QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

SATURDAY, 19TH. AUGUST 2023 AT 1.00 PM.

THE BOARD ROOM, ARANA LEAGUES CLUB,

DAWSON PARADE, KEPERRA.

We invite you to our Annual General Meeting to elect a new Management Committee, receive reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and participate in a general discussion on matters of interest to you as members of our Society.

Join us for a lunch of your choice in the dining area prior to the meeting at approximately 12.00 noon, and then move to the Board room for the meeting afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome your company.



SELECTION OF MANX SURNAMES WITH GAELIC & NORSE ORIGINS

Many Manx surnames have an initial C-, K-, Q-. These letters are vestiges of the old prefix MAC (Son of -). Thus, Mac Roibin became Crebbin - 'Son of Robin' cp English 'Robinson'; Mac Cellach became Kelly; and Mac Quyn became Quine.

SURNAMES WITH OLD NORSE ELEMENTS: -

Carroon	Mac Thorfinn
Casement	Mac Asmundr
Christian	Mac Kristinn
Corkill	Mac ThorKill - Thorketill
Corlett	Mac Thorliotr
Cormode	Mac Thormo' dr
Cowley	Mac Olafr (Gaelic: Mac Amblaibh)
Crennell	Mac Raghnaill
Kewley	Mac Joleifr (Gaelic: Eoile)

SURNAMES WITH GAELIC ORIGIN:

Cain(e)	Mac Cathain 'son of a warrior'
Callister/Collister	Mac Alister 'son of Alexander'
Camaish/Comish	Mac Thomas 'son of Thomas'
Cannell	Mac Dhomhnaill 'son of Donald'
Clucas	Mac Luccas 'son of Lucas'
Corkish	Mac Mharcuis 'son of Mark'
Craine	Mac Giolla Chiarain 'son of the servant of (St.) Ciaran'
Cubbon	Mac Giobuin 'son of Gibbon'
Faragher	Mac Fearchair 'son of the very dear one'
Fayle	Mac Phail 'son of Paul'
Gawne	Mac Gobhann 'son of the smith'
Kelly	Mac Cellach 'son of the descendant of war'
Kermode	Mac Diarmaid 'son of Dermot (freeman)'
Kerruish	Mac Fearbhus 'son of Fergus'
Kewin	Mac Eoin 'son of John'
Killip	Mac Philip 'son of Philip'
Mylcharaine	Mac Giolla Chiarain 'son of the servant (St.) Ciaran'
Mylchreest	Mac Giolla Chreest 'son of the servant of Christ'

Quayle	Mac Phail 'son of Paul'
Quilliam	Mac Uilleam 'son of William'
Taggart	Mac an t-sagairt 'son of the priest'
Teare	Mac an t-saoir 'son of the wright'

COMMON EXPRESSIONS IN MANX: -

Moghrey mie	<i>morr-a my</i>	good morning
Fastyr mie	<i>fass-ter my</i>	good morning
Slane lhiu	<i>slenn l'you</i>	good-bye
Gura mie eu (mooar eu)	<i>gurr-amyyeu (moo-ar yeu)</i>	thank you (very much)
Kanys ta shiu?	<i>Kenus ta shoo</i>	how are you?
Braew, braew	<i>brow, brow</i>	fine
Gow my leshtal	<i>gow my lesh chal</i>	excuse me
Hee'm shiu reesht	<i>hee-mshoo reesh</i>	I'll see you again
Bannaght lhiat	<i>ban-akht l'yatt</i>	good-bye

"The Magic of the Manx Glens" by Susan Jellis

An email from the author advises us of April's publication that may be of interest to members. It's available from Bridge Bookshop with branches in Ramsey and Port Erin and, of course, an email service. Costing £10.00, its SKU is 978399942423

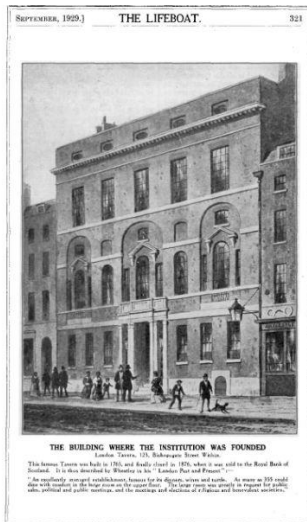
From Victorian pleasure grounds to treasured green spaces, the Manx glens have enchanted generations of visitors. "The Magic of the Manx Glens" reflects their varying character and amenities, and highlights the continuing appeal of the semi-wild seclusion to be found in many of them. The National Glens are in the care of the Isle of Man Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, which preserves their now semi-natural character and maintains the paths and bridges with accessible access where possible in mind.

To order, phone 01624 813374 (Ramsey) 01624 833376 (Port Erin) email: mail@bridge-bookshop.com
Susan Jellis -Courtesy London Manx Society

HOW THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION WAS FORMED (RLNI)

Sir William Hillary's vision for a service dedicated to saving lives at sea became a reality in Bishopsgate's trendy London Tavern on 4 March 1824. Living in Douglas on the Isle of Man, Hillary saw the treacherous nature of the sea first-hand. He witnessed dozens of shipwrecks around the Manx coast and saved many lives with the help of locals.

In the early 19th century, there was an average of 1,800 shipwrecks a year around our coasts. And the danger of shipwreck was an accepted way of life at sea. But Hillary refused to sit by and watch people drown.



A year earlier on 28 February 1823, Sir William Hillary made an impassioned appeal to the nation. He published a pamphlet detailing his plans for a lifeboat service manned by trained crews for all of the UK and Ireland.

He sent the pamphlet to the British Navy, ministers and prominent citizens, appealing for the formation of a National Institution for the Preservation of Lives and Property from Shipwreck.

At the heart of this institution would be 'a large body of men ... in constant readiness to risk their own lives for the preservation of those whom they have never known or seen, perhaps of another nation, merely because they are fellow creatures in extreme peril.'

The priorities of the institution would be 'first, the preservation of human life from shipwreck ..., secondly (provide) assistance to vessels in distress ..., thirdly the preservation of vessels and property ..., fourthly the prevention of plunder and depredations in case of shipwreck, fifthly the succour and support of those persons who may be rescued ..., sixthly the bestowing of suitable rewards on those who rescue the lives of others from shipwreck or who assist vessels in distress ...'

But Hillary's noble idea fell on deaf ears - the Admiralty refused to help.

A change of tack

Sir William Hillary didn't give up. Instead, he rebranded his appeal for the more philanthropic members of London society. And this time it worked. The idea caught the eye of Thomas Wilson, energetic Liberal MP for Southwark, and shipping magnate George Hibbert, Whig MP for Seaford and Chairman of the West Indies Merchants.

Despite some personal differences, the three men became a formidable force and the campaign rapidly gathered momentum. An interim committee was appointed while plans were made for a public meeting. More and more benefactors came onboard, inspired by the committee's rigorous face-to-face lobbying and advertising of the public meeting.

King George IV assured royal patronage and the Prime Minister Robert Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, agreed to be President.

4 March 1824 - London Tavern, Bishopsgate

Over 30 eminent gentlemen put their names to the fledgling RNLI at the inaugural public meeting. Vice-president and Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Charles Manners-Sutton, presided over the meeting. And among the aristocrats, clerics, politicians, naval officers, brokers, bankers, merchants and philanthropists were anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce and sea safety guru Captain George Manby.

The crowd unanimously passed 12 resolutions, including:

- That an Institution can now be formed ... to be supported by donations and annual subscriptions.

- That such immediate assistance be afforded to persons rescued as their necessities may require.
- That the subjects of all nations be equally objects of the Institution, as well in war as in peace [and] that medallions or pecuniary rewards be given to those who rescue lives.

Little did they know that these 12 resolutions would still stand as part of the RNLI's charter almost 200 years later. A further nine resolutions, mainly recognising the efforts of the key players, were also met with eager approval.

The best thing to come out of a pub



Praised as the 'Father of the Institution', it was a landmark moment for Sir William Hillary, whose vision had finally become a reality. King George IV graciously granted the Royal prefix to the Institution's name, making it the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck.

Two months later, Sir William Hillary wrote: ... 'this Institution has been [honoured] by the high patronage of the King ... sanctioned by many of the most distinguished characters in the church and state, and sustained by the bounty of a generous nation ... 'It only remains for me to express the heartfelt satisfaction ... that this Institution is now established on principles which will extend its beneficial effects to the most distant shores, and to generations yet unborn.'

Change of name

On 5 October 1854, the Institution's name was changed to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution - the RNLI - as we are known today.

RNLI and the slave trade

Some individuals linked to the slave trade, as well as abolitionists, helped to create the early RNLI.

Founder Sir William Hillary had friends on both sides, including anti-slave trade campaigners William Wilberforce and Samuel Hoare who were both instrumental in establishing our institution. The RNLI's first President, Robert Jenkinson (the then Prime Minister Lord Liverpool), was initially against the abolition of slavery but, by 1824, he was strenuously in favour of the abolition of the international slave trade. Hillary's views on the matter were not documented. We found no evidence to suggest he sought to be involved with slavery, but he did inherit a share of a plantation with slaves in the early 1800s. Hillary was in debt at the time and we understand his holdings were passed to George Hibbert.

Hibbert was a prominent MP, merchant and slave owner. He was also influential in the RNLI's formation and became one of its many Vice Presidents. Other Vice Presidents we know owned slaves included William Manning MP and Nathan Rothschild. The Chairman of the East India Company was also a Vice President, and the RNLI's first President, Robert Jenkinson (the then Prime Minister), was against abolition. Some early RNLI donors were linked to the slave trade too. Therefore, we think it's likely that some of the first lifeboats were partly funded by those profiting from slavery.

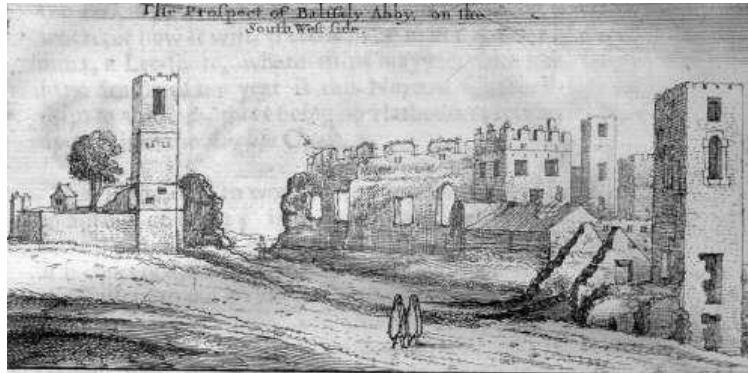
That was their watch - but it's Our Watch now. The RNLI today does not support or tolerate slavery in any way. We are committed to ensuring that modern slavery and human trafficking are not present

Rushen Abbey, or of the Abbey of St. Mary of Russin

It is situated on the western bank of the Silverburn river -close by the village of Ballasalla.

It falls within the parish of [Malew](#) and the sheading of [Rushen](#), two miles north of [Castletown](#). Possibly the first view is that by Daniel King, c.1650:

In 1134, King Olaf I founded the Abbey and granted the land to Sauvignac monks of Furness Abbey.



The Abbey came under the Cistercian rule in 1147 and remained so until its closure. Under Cistercian rule, it developed as the main seat of political power and housed the main body of knowledge and literacy on the Island. Around the period 1257, the Chronicles of Mann were written at the Abbey.

The parishes of [Malew](#), [Lezayre](#) and [Lonan](#) were under its jurisdiction, which in turn formed an agricultural and economic unit far in excess

of any other estate on the Island at that time. Works were started in 1192 on enlarging the monk's accommodation, and by 1257, Rushen Abbey was completed.

During the reign of John Stanley II (1414 - 1452), codified laws were restored in a campaign to curb the power of the Church. The first Act introduced forbade the Abbott from giving shelter to any 'felon' who turned up looking for safe refuge. Many Acts were to follow which would strip the Abbott of most of his control. In 1422, one Act was passed which denied the Abbott from receiving any monk or priest as a resident without the licence of the Lord of Man. The Abbott was also forbidden from receiving any strangers without informing the Lord of Man where they came from, where they would go, and details about their person.

By the 16th century, Rushen Abbey had been dissolved. 400 years later, at the beginning of the 20th century, the Abbey had become a very successful tourist attraction (an official Island postcard at the 1924 empire exhibition even showed the Rushen Abbey Hotel): the nearby gardens provided fruit for a jam bottling plant which supplied the raw materials for Manx cream teas.

After WWII, the grounds fell into disrepair. Two buildings - a steakhouse cafe and a nightclub - were erected on the gardens and the hotel closed. The grounds became a national disgrace but the owner refused to sell at a price Manx National Heritage would pay; the land was then acquired by the owner of Bishopscourt with an eye to building some form of conference centre (modelled on a conjectural plan of the Abbey).

This, however, caused such local furore that eventually the grounds were acquired in 1998 by Manx National Heritage. They developed it into a heritage centre as part of the Story of Mann - the remains of the original abbey were restored and archaeological investigations of the site still continue.

The Abbey is open from April - October between 10am - 5pm.

Changing of the Guard

The time has come where I hand over the task of compiling the QMS newsletter to another person. Val Ashworth has agreed to take up the role of Newsletter Editor for the coming year. While she is not new to this job, she says she will keep the communication going to the best of her ability. Val has stepped into many roles for the Qld Manx Society over the years that she has been a member.

Always there to ensure that our historical organisation continues to operate.

George Cowin D Ua

WE ARE AT THE END OF OUR FISCAL YEAR OF OUR SOCIETY AND WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST. LONG STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE STANDING ASIDE THIS YEAR AND THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER ARE VACANT FOR THE COMING YEAR. ALSO, WE WOULD HOPE THAT NEW PEOPLE WOULD NOMINATE FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO BRING NEW THOUGHTS TO THE TABLE FOR OUR DELIBERATIONS. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE COWIN ON 0421210222 OR g.cowin9@hotmail.com TO OBTAIN A NOMINATION FORM FOR THE AGM.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

19 th . August	QMS Annual General Meeting	Arana Leagues Club	11.00 am.
25 th . November	CCAQ Christmas Function	Coorparoo RSL	11.30 am.
9 th . December	QMS Christmas Party	Arana Leagues Club	11.00 am.

30 - 1 (Oct): CelticFest, Warwick Showgrounds.

Coorparoo.

Sat 2nd. December : Queensland Irish Association, (QIA) Christmas Function: West's Rugby Club, 65 Sylvan Road Toowong.

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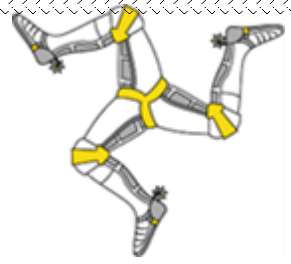
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Manx Kids



Dedicated to Edith Smith (nee Faragher) who was a long-standing QMS member.

Five Fun Facts about the Grey Seal

1. Grey seals can be up to 2 metres long.
2. They feed on fish, crustaceans, squid and octopus.
3. The females are called cows.
4. Baby seal pups have white coats at first.
5. Grey seals live in large groups called colonies.



The Little Footprints (Retold)



Close to the big rock that stretches into the sea at Dalby, is a little house on the strand. Here lived Juan, the fisherman.

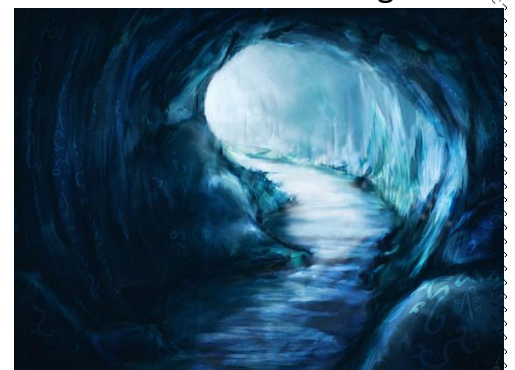
He knew, as well as any person, that the Little People were all around. When he was a boy he had many a time looked out of the door on moonlit nights to try to catch sight of them dancing on the lonely shore, but he never ever saw one. They make themselves invisible to people.



But one day, he saw something he would never forget. He had left a boat over at the far side of the bay, and at night he had to go over to fetch it. It was a moonlit night and the bay was as smooth as glass as he rowed across. There was no sound but the lapping of the little waves on the shore.

Juan found his boat on the strand where he had left it and was setting to work to launch it, when he thought he saw a glimmering light in one of the caves near him. He stood where he was, and listened, and he heard the faint sound of music. Then he went as silently as he could to the cave, and looked in. There was no light but the dim glow of the moon. The shadows in the corners of the cave were as black as pitch.

Juan was trembling all over. He stared into the darkness blinking his eyes, but could see nothing. After some minutes he saw a great stone in the midst of the cave and the floor of fine white sand. And on the sand around that stone there were little footprints – marks of tiny clogs they were, no bigger than his thumb!



*Can you find the
Douglas
on the Isle of Man map?*



The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway?

The Douglas Tramway runs along the seafront at Douglas. It has been operating since 1876 and is the world's last remaining 19th century original horse-drawn passenger tramway.

In past times, it was an important transport service. Today, it is very popular with tourists.

Join the dots to make a tramway horse.

