



Queensland Manx Society
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Happy New Year to all!

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2023 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION:

As mentioned before, our Christmas Meeting at Arana Leagues Club went off well despite a few hiccups, as previously mentioned. David Kemp, a Manxman from Toowoomba, entertained us with some Manx songs and a few he had composed himself. At the Piano was an old friend, Barbara Poole, a great singer and musician who just loves to play Celtic music for Celtic people. It was so nice to have them both with us. During the meeting, George Cowin addressed the members and presented Tony Ashworth with a special award for his dedicated service to the Qld Manx Society, not only on the Committee, but for all the help he had contributed to the well-being and the smooth running of many events over 20 years. Tony is not a Manxman, but he has contributed so much of his time for the Society. Thank you, Tony. Your assistance has been much appreciated.



Tony Ashworth receiving his Award - 2023



David Kemp, proud Manxman and Entertainer

THE QMS ANNUAL PICNIC – SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Our annual picnic is to be held at **Jamieson Park, Reef Point Esplanade, Scarborough**, starting about 11.00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your own picnic, chair, drinks, hats, etc. or amble across the road to order fish and chips, which has become a sort of tradition with some of us. Nothing better than to eat fish and chips by the beach! Of course, we are hoping for great weather this year and good attendance. The Manx flag will be on display, so look out for it. Bring your family members and children. There is a play area for the little ones on the beach.

If you feel like entertaining us, bring along your own musical instrument and singing voice, as this is usually a good part of our day, as well as meeting up with friends and catching up with all the family news. Sometimes, we even welcome new Manx members! Please contact Nigel Jeffares on 0423 324 995 if you are coming.

PROPOSED QMS OUTINGS FOR 2024:

As promised last year, the Committee members have put their heads together and come up with a few outings which we feel might be of interest to you. Some of them may take place during the week and others at the weekend. The first will be a visit to the **Tramways Museum at 20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove, 4055**. It is open on Sunday afternoons from 12.30 to 4 p.m. The date is the **7th April, 2024**, and I am sure arrangements can be made, for those who might need a lift, to get there. Please make a note in your diaries and ring our Secretary, Nigel Jeffares, on 0423 324 995, if you wish to attend.

Our plan is to meet at the Museum around 12 p.m. and, either **BEFORE OR AFTER** the visit, to have morning/afternoon tea at the Ferny Grove Bowls Club next door, or at the nearby Ferny Grove Tavern. This will be decided at a later date, so please keep reading our newsletters for the final details.

QMS EMBROIDERY WOVEN QMS BADGES AND MEMBERS NAME TAGS:

If you require a Member's Name Tag, please contact Mrs Janis Blackburn on 0414 764 848. Also, if you need a garment printed with the QMS logo, please contact Mrs Val Ashworth on 0403 564 217.

GLEN INNES FESTIVAL:

This year, the Glen Innes Festival, in New South Wales, will be held on the 2 - 5th May, 2024. Former President, George Cowin, will be attending and will erect the Blue QMS tent in the grounds again. However, as most of our members are getting older and some now have mobility problems, [including myself], the event has not been as well attended in recent years, and George needs to have members to help him in the tent. He loves to go to the event but misses most of the programme, as he cannot leave the tent for any length of time if he is by himself. This year is the Year of the Manx and the Irish, and, if you are planning to visit, then please let George know that you can help him out at the tent now and then. George also has some small Manx items for sale, and the tent is always a place to meet up with other Manxies. I do not think I can make it this year but would happily urge you to attend for a great Celtic experience. It is worth the trip. Please ring George on 0421 210 222 if you can help him out in any way. He will be most appreciative.

CELTIC CORNER

FEBRUARY;

Sunday 25th – Qld Manx Society **ANNUAL PICNIC**, Scarborough, starting 11 a.m. Ring Secretary Nigel Jeffares , 0423 324 995, if you would like to attend. All Celts welcome.

MARCH:

Sunday 24th – **CCAQ PAN CELTIC AWARDS FUNCTION:** West's Rugby Leagues Club, Sylvan Road, Toowong, at 12 noon.

APRIL:

Sunday 7th - Qld Manx Society Outing to **TRAMWAYS MUSEUM, 20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove, 4055**, from 12.30 to 4.00 p.m. Refreshments, if required, at Ferny Grove Bowls Club or Ferny Grove Tavern. Please ring Secretary, Mr Nigel Jeffares, 0423 324 995 if you wish to attend.

Thursday 25th – Feast Day of St Enoder [Cornish]

Saturday 27th – Trevithick Day [Cornish]

MAY:

Wednesday 1st – Degol Me [May Day] and Padstow Obby Oss'. Helston Furry [Cornish]

Thursday – Sunday 2-5th May, Glen Innes Festival, N.S.W.

Saturday 18th – Inaugural St Andrews Gathering: 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. South Brisbane District Cricket Club, 269 Venner Road, Fairfield, 4103.

JUNE:

Saturday 15th - State Championship, Pipe Bands Queensland – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brisbane Boy's College, Toowong, Brisbane

Friday, 21st June - Winter Solstice AEST [Darkest and Shortest Day of The Year in The Southern Hemisphere]

JULY:

Saturday 6th – Qld Manx Society – TYNWALD DAY, Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 27th CCAQ AGM: Coorparoo RSL and Community Club, Holdsworth St, commencing 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and AGM meeting commencing at 11 A.M.

AUGUST:

Sunday, 17th - Qld Manx Society AGM – Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, starting 10.30 A.M. unless otherwise notified.

DECEMBER:

Saturday 7th- Qld Manx Society Christmas function – Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, starting at 11 a.m.

Saturday 21st – Summer Solstice AEST [Longest day of the year in the Southern Hemisphere]



SNIPPETS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN:

THE ISLE OF MAN TAKES CENTRE STAGE – [Taken from History of the Film Industry of the Isle of Man]

Zoe Guilford, Business Development Manager for the Isle of Man Film, examines some of the creative film sector's recent highlights.

The last 6 months at Isle of Man Film have been hectic to say the least. It is great to see so much interest in the Isle of Man as a location for a real mix of programmes and films from a vast array of genres. At Isle of Man Film we support great projects, helping them to get the best from the Island.

In October, Outdoor Productions took advantage of some fair weather to shoot an episode for the new walking series, Britains Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. This 22 minute programme, which focused on the Laxey area, was screened on ITV on the 17th February and has received very favourable feedback.

Later in the same month, well-known BBC show Top Gear showcased the Island's stunning coastline and mountain region on their 4-day shoot to profile the Russian 9-wheeled Avtoros Shaman vehicle. Presented Matt LeBlanc filmed here for the upcoming series which will screen in April. The logistics of moving a large production around the Island was a challenge, but the authorities and community got involved with efficiency and good humour. This was followed by Rory's Road Trips, which involved presenter Rory Reid driving the BAC Mono around the TT course.

After a long planning phase and several visits to the Island by the Core crew, "Where Hands Touch" was the most recent feature film to shoot on the Isle of Man. Written and directed by Amma Asante, it was filmed on location in the North of the Island and stars Amandla Stenberg [The Hunger Games] and George MacKay [Pride]. Abbie Cornish and Christopher Ecclestone also star in the wartime drama which is set in Berlin in 1944. "Where Hands Touch" follows a bi-racial German teenager [Stenberg] who begins a friendship with a member of the Hitler youth [MacFay].

BAFTA-winning Asante has filmed on the Island before [for the hugely successful Belle [2012] and was instrumental in bringing her latest feature our shores. The Pinewood Pictures production involved constructing a Second World War workers camp from scratch on Jurby Airfield. There was additional filming at the nearby studios at Mountain View Innovation Centre and also at the historically significant Knockaloe near Peel.

Over a hundred local background artists were employed by the production during the shoot and the local community embraced both the long hours and difficult working conditions to take part in the harrowing camp scenes. Numerous Island-based professionals worked on the film as crew and several local companies facilitated in the film's production.

"Where Hands Touch" was the 107th feature film to shoot on the Isle of Man since the start of the film industry here in 1995. **It was released in late 2017.**

THE FILM INDUSTRY: [Acknowledgement: DED, Isle of Man Film – April 2022]

The Isle of Man has been establishing itself as an ideal location for film and TV shoots since 1995, and since then has invested £170 million in the industry. The Government Department of Economic Development (DED) through [Isle of Man Film](#) is responsible for the promotion of the Island's film industry. The Isle of Man Media Development Fund ('MDF') provides equity investment to film and television productions shooting on the Island, subject to certain criteria being met.

Pinewood Studios

Following a five-hour debate in 2012, the Isle of Man Government invested £24 million in the iconic UK-based company, in exchange for up to 20% of shares. A further £25 million was also handed over for management by Pinewood Shepperton. The 75-year-old film studio, which is home to the James Bond and Harry Potter films, is controlled by manx-based Peel Holdings, which owns a 71.06% stake. Productions made on the island include motorsport documentary, 'TT3D: Closer to the Edge', Richard Linklater's 'Me and Orson Welles', and 'Albatross'.

Isle of Man Film Festival

The annual [Isle of Man Film Festival](#) runs for five days in September each year and celebrates the growing film industry on the Island. Movie-goers are invited to special screenings and introduced to industry professionals, whilst [Mannin Shorts](#) runs a competition for Manx residents to produce short films.

The Island and its Waters

Many natural history and general interest programmes have been recorded in and around the Island and its waters - from episodes of 'Coast' on BBC1 to 'Islands of Britain' on ITV1. The population of Basking Sharks in particular are carefully monitored, and have been the subject of programmes such as 'Britain's Secret Seas' and 'Countryfile'.

Televising the TT

In 2014, ITV4 agreed a new five-year deal to televise the [TT races](#). Fifteen highlights programmes in one-hour slots will be screened, with many of the shows featuring same-day highlights from the Isle of Man.

Further afield, another five-year agreement has been made - with Velocity Channel in the USA. Seven one-hour race shows are to be screened within 24 hours of each race, and the broadcasts will be tailored specifically to the American market. Even Australia will be televising the event, thanks to a three-year deal with new broadcaster Fox Sports.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

For those Members who have not yet paid their Membership fees: These have not changed - Single Membership is \$15.00 and Family Membership is \$20.00. Fees can be deposited in any Westpac Bank using the BSB 034080 and A/C 183032. Any enquiries regarding your membership fees can be directed to our new Treasurer, Janis Blackburn, via her email address below:

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