



CHAIRMANS' S WELCOME

Another year is over, where does the time go?

Our WMA 2013 Syllabus of events started back in April last year. Members met at the Grandstand for the start of a Treasure Hunt. Ernie Cleator provided the questions and route, and eventually we all ended up at the Viking Hotel in Castletown for a meal and talk of our adventures on the way. The winning team was presented with their prize. A great day was had by all. One of our youngest WMA members was my own five year old granddaughter, her first Treasure Hunt and she loved the clue collecting on the way.

Thank you to Ernie for making the day so interesting and fun.

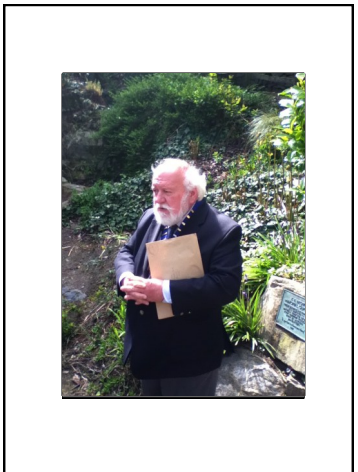
This year our Garlanding ceremony at Glen Falcon Gardens was blessed for the first time in years with sunshine. Nestled amongst the scented blossoms, members were honoured to have John Kennaugh lay the Garland, his words were as perfect as the weather. The poet T E Brown is remembered on the 5th May every year and everyone is welcome to join us again this year.

16th of May was our Quiz Night at St Johns Methodist Hall. The Quiz Master was again Ernie Cleator and we finished off with a lovely buffet. It was a fun night with some very competitive teams.

We met lots of lovely people last year at the Manx Tent on Tynwald Day.

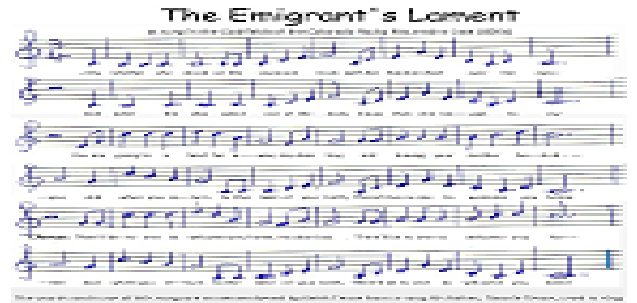
If you are attending the Tynwald Ceremony and Fair this year please drop in and say hello.

We are always based on the Green adjacent to the Hill.



President Peter Kelly at the T E Brown Garlanding Ceremony

Our Annual Dinner was at the very nice setting of the Abbey Restaurant in Ballasalla. The meal was lovely, as was the company of those who had travelled so far to be with us that evening. The evening began with music from Mira Royle, a very talented young harpist, and after the meal we were treated to the vocal talent of the Cleveland Medal Winner Elisabeth Townsend who was accompanied by Marilyn Kissack on the piano.



The Homecomers service at Crosby was taken by John Kennaugh. This year we were treated to the lovely voices of the Encore Choir singing the "Emigrants Lament" this was originally sung by Manxmen who migrated to America in the late 19th century.

The Lament is based on a mother's farewell to her sons, setting sail from Liverpool to work in the coal mines of the Colorado Rockies. The words were passed down through three generations to Keith Teare of Douglas, who researched the song's history and discovered four further verses. A final verse was added by Mrs Kelly from Wisconsin Manx. A very moving piece of music.



Jodie Morey (centre) President of NAMA. Peter Kelly (left). Hon. Claire Christian (Right) presented prizes to Manx Students at the NAMA awards.



Just a few of the School Artwork and Literature submitted for our Tynwald Competition. The display on Tynwald Day in the Homecomers Tent. Thank you to all those schools and pupils who took part.

The supper was delicious and thank you to Crosby Methodist Church for making everyone so welcome

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Some of our Committee Members at the ManxTent on Tynwald Day

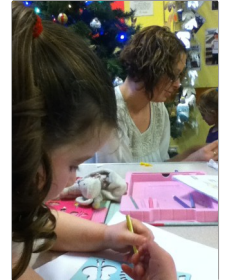
On August the 11th we met at the Leece Museum in Peel. Roy Baker took us for a tour around the inner harbour and showed us where the once thriving boat builders and sea faring industry used to be based, that unfortunately we have now lost over the years. With the help of old photographs we could picture where businesses were. Some buildings have long gone, others are still there but put to use in other ways. There followed a mooch around the museum after his tour, a very interesting collection of Peel Memorabilia and historical items. The children however, were intrigued and a little scared of the lady in the old detention cell, gaoled many, many years ago. (Not a real person I must add)



View from Peel Hill

“To preserve what're is left to us of ancient heritage”

In September Denis Kneale treated us to a nostalgic film show of the Isle of Man, at St Andrews Hall. Lots of Nostalgic memories. Followed by a cooish and a bit of supper. It was lovely to catch up with everyone.



Father Christmas came and brought gifts to WMA children at St Johns Hall



Derek Winterbottom, Author and Historian, was our guest speaker at our T E Brown Lunch, he talked about the life of T E Brown and gave an insight in to Brown's time at Clifton College and King Williams College.

We have encouraged young families to come along to our events this year. Without younger members, as I've said before, we wouldn't be able to exist long in to the future. There are very few occasions where we get a mix of many generations at one event. The Christmas Dinner was one such family event that brought older and younger members together. On this occasion there were four generations of the Gray, three generations of my family and the Quaye family, and two generations of the Moore family – I could go on. Father Christmas came to visit our little WMA members of the future, and for our present day members we were entertained by “The concert party” with Val Kissack and Frank Smythe. The day finished singing Christmas Carols and I'm sure you'll agree an enjoyable day was had by all.

Last year we invited Howard Parkin to talk to us about the Isle of Man Astronomical Society. This was followed up in November by a trip to the Observatory in Foxdale. The Isle of Man has been in the limelight recently as we are one of the few places lucky enough to have clear night skies with no interruption from artificial light. Although on this November evening the sky over Foxdale clouded over, it was not a disappointing evening. The film show and pictures were amazing to watch. The trip upstairs to see the telescope and learn what it can do was well worth bracing the cold for.



The year ended only last week with our Manx Tay, and guest speaker John Dog Callister. A slide show of his trip to Ghamrang in Nepal, and his opening of a school, built with the assistance of funds raised from Manx people, and a lot of drive and enthusiasm from John Dog. It was lovely to see those children waving Manx flags. John is working on his next project which is obtaining clean water for villages. He raised approx. £160 from the Manx Tay and sends his thanks to all the members who donated.



The Committee have again done a good job, finding interesting speakers, entertainers and events for us to visit and enjoy this year. This year the NAMA Convention will be taking place on the Island. To avoid clashes with their itinerary, there will be a slight change in our Syllabus, instead of an Annual Dinner, we will be holding a traditional Manx concert. Our Secretary Carol has organised a lovely evening for us, followed by a Supper. This will be a farewell to our Homecomers from around the world and our NAMA friends after the Tynwald events.

If you would like to attend any of our events please let our Secretary know. If you need transport there may be a member in your area who could assist with a lift.

We would also like to hear from members - “Are we getting the Syllabus right?” If you think we should change anything we would love to hear from you, are there items we could add or organise that you would prefer to attend?

Thank you for reading the newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at an event this year.

Angie Weimar
Chairman
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