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Turrys - new album from Manx Gaelic singer Ruth Keggin

Following the success of her critically acclaimed debut solo album, Sheear ('Westward') in February 2014, Manx Gaelic singer Ruth Keggin will be releasing her second album Turrys ('Journey') on 25th June.

Watch the studio preview here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYYyzorxaEk

Ruth will mark the date with two album launch concerts with her full band who will be coming over from the UK and Ireland for the gigs. One will take place at Noa Bakehouse on Friday 24th June, and the other at Peel Centenary Centre on Saturday 25th June, both concerts starting at 8pm. Tickets are £8 in advance (available for both gigs from: Celtic Gold, Shakti Man, Peter Norris, Thompson Travel and www.ruthkeggin.com/shop .Tickets for the concert on Friday 24th June will also be available from Noa Bakehouse) or £10 on the door. Ruth's debut album launch sold-out well in advance, so grab your tickets



early! Children are very welcome to both concerts, but due to licensing laws will need to vacate the Noa Bakehouse launch by 9pm.

Support will be from talented fiddle-player Isla Callister, who will be moving to Glasgow in autumn to study traditional music at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; well-known multi-instrumentalist David Kilgallon (Mec Lir, Chronicles); and fantastic sean-nós singer and musician Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin, who also features in Ruth's own band.

Ruth has performed live sessions on BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio Scotland; at venues such as the British Museum; and at festivals like Celtic Connections and the Festival Interceltique de Lorient. Ruth and her band have also performed joint concerts with the likes of acclaimed Scottish Gaelic singer Julie Fowlis, Irish singer Mary Black, and the band Dàimh.

The live studio recording features an eclectic mix of traditional, contemporary and original songs and melodies, arranged in a fresh and imaginative way with a mixture of vocals, flutes, guitar, double bass and concertina. You can pre-order the album now through: www.ruthkeggin.com/shop and on iTunes.

Promo video: https://youtu.be/CYYyzorxaEk



In this month's edition...

- Cyclefest pics
- Ram Kiaull Noa!
- Lorient short films
- New Manx harp book



Manannan's Isle - "An Evening of Manx Celtic Music and Dance" brings together the finest Manx traditional musicians, singers and dancers in a dazzling show that has been described as the *Isle of Man's Riverdance*.



Featuring acts such as Mec Lir, Ny Fennee, Rushen Silver Band, Barrule, Ruth Keggin, Caarjyn Cooidagh, Russell Gilmour, Skeddan Jiarg, and the mighty Celtic sea-god Manannan himself, this family-friendly show was created for the 2015 'Year of the Isle of Man' at the festival interceltique de Lorient in Brittany where it received a standing ovation. Now you have a special chance to experience the Isle of Man premiere of Manannan's Isle.

GAIETY THEATRE SUNDAY 24 JULY 7.30pm £10/£5 U16 (NB. stalls only for sale)

https://villagaiety.ticketsolve.com/shows/873554370/events?show_id=873554370

Organised by Culture Vannin

LORIENT AUGUST 2016

Festival Interceltique de Lorient have selected the acts to represent the Isle of Man at this summer's huge festival in Brittany.

Over the 10 days, Mec Lir, Turrys, Birlinn Jiarg, Matt Creer and new dance group Ny Manninee will perform in the Grande Parade, Nuit Interceltique stadium shows, give concerts at the Espace Marine and Palais des Congrès, lead workshops and perform at the Manx pavilion. Manx delegate Ealee Sheard will oversee their busy schedule and the Manx pavilion will be run by Peter Young from Event Management Solutions and his team of eager volunteers.

www.festival-interceltique.bzh

FIL 2015 VIDEOS

Here are a selection of short films which focus on some of the stories from FIL 2015 when the Isle of Man took centre stage alongside Cornwall:

General overview:

https://vimeo.com/166788995 Rushen Silver Band https://vimeo.com/166958471 Barrule & Mec Lir https://vimeo.com/166969348 Ny Fennee https://vimeo.com/166950410

*Scaanjoon brings us the next in the series of Manx Fairy Tales inspired songs: "The Enchanted Isle" tells of escape, hope and dreaming: https://youtu.be/gOHFOcJscbU

Claasagh, Manx music for Celtic harp, Volume 2

Rachel Hair has just published her second book of arrangements of Manx music for Celtic harp.

Rachel's work with young harpers for Culture Vannin has firmly established the harp at the heart of the Manx tradition and she is now regularly invited to teach Manx harp workshops throughout the world.

Claasagh 2 celebrates the vibrancy of the Manx tradition, with its careful selection of



dance tunes, songs and airs, new and old, progressing from elementary to advanced level.

Order it now online from www.rachelhair.com

GIGS: Rachel Hair will be performing in the Royal Chapel on Tynwald Day & her Claasagh student group will be playing at the Villa Arcade on 7th July, 8pm.

REDDYN MANNINAGH

If you haven't picked up a North Western Chronicle before, then it's well worth a look and it's only £1! As well as news, photographs, events and information from the west and north regions of the Isle of Man, it now has a special section covering *All Things Manx - Reddyn Manninagh*!!





Obituary - NORMAN CLAGUE

We are very sorry to hear that Norman Clague from **The Mannin Folk** has passed away. The band were at the forefront of the folk scene in the IOM in the 1960s and '70s and they entertained generations of us for many years with "The Laxey Wheel", "The Foxdale Miner", "Ride the Rails", "King of the Sea" and "Smuggler's Lullaby".

Norman was a French teacher at Ramsey Grammar School and he would often bring his guitar and recorder along to lessons and break into song!

You can buy *Through the Years*, the greatest hits of Mannin Folk CD from the Lexicon Bookshop:

www.manxmusic.com/publication 182142.html

Youtube/video corner

Dedicated to Norman Clague, here he is singing the Mannin Folk's most well-known hit, "The Laxey Wheel" by Stuart Slack:

https://youtu.be/r80HMlVp7qk

CYCLEFEST 2016 PICS



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CYCLEFEST SUCCESS

The team behind Isle of Man Cyclefest would like to thank all the artists and groups who performed at the inaugural event and contributed to its all round success. In particular Yn Chruinnaght who helped organise and stage appearances by Matt Kelly, Bree Buskerteers, The Fecktones, Skeddan Jiarg, Caarjyn Cooidjagh and Shenn Scoill. On the main stage, visitors to the beautiful Milntown Estate were treated to new music from Ruth Keggin and Matt Creer along with full sets from Scarlett Parade, Retrospect, Loose Crew, Barrule and Mec Lir.

Cyclefest returns in May 2017, so keep up to date by registering for the newsletter or follow on Facebook and Twitter.





MAY DAY in Castletown >>

Here are the mini dancers from Skeddan Jiarg taking part in May Day festivities in Castletown last month







Harrish y Cheayn - Across the Sea

MANX TUNES ON THE PIPES

One of the world's leading pipe bands have added two Manx tunes to their repertoire. Scottish Power Pipe Band came across **Kinnoull** and **Irree ny Greiney** via Manx trad trio Barrule. Manx flautist Peddyr Cubberley composed "Kinnoull" in 1991 when he was working in Perthshire and took a walk up Kinnoull Hill one evening, and he recorded it with Manx band Mactullagh Vannin. The pipe band recently performed it at their "Revolution Live/Bucksburn Concert":

SCOTTISHPOWER
Pipe Band

www.facebook.com/scottishpower.pipeband/videos?hc_location=ufi

BARRULE ARE ON TOUR IN GERMANY AND USA THIS SUMMER:

WWW.BARRULETRIO.COM/GIGS/

Listen to Kinnoull played by Mactullagh Vannin on this FB page: www.facebook.com/groups/231299359610/

The pipe band also play Bob Carswell's beautiful song "Irree ny Greiney" [Sunrise]. Here they are, under Pipe Major Chris Armstrong, playing in the Grade One Competition in the British Pipe Band Championships held in Paisley last month: https://youtu.be/cpsUAeN8ipl



Pictured above: Peddyr Cubberley & Isla Callister playing Manx music at Cregneash on **BBC North West Tonight** last month.

Christine is musical highlight of Australian Celtic Festival

The Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes made the Isle of Man their focus for 2016 and welcomed concerts and school workshops from Manx singer Christine Collister.

Read a review here:

www.gleninnesexaminer.com.au/story/3884246/collister-fix-musical-highlight-of-the-festival/



Yn Scollag Aeg in New Zealand

Report by Helen Quaggin-Molloy

It was an unusual gift that Paul Dunderdale presented to me at my final concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra in 2012 — a dull blue manilla folder with 'just in case' handwritten on the cover. I curiously opened it to find the complete score for his piece 'Yn Scollag Aeg'. I was extremely touched by such a personal gift and packed it away for our move to Wellington, New Zealand.

Paul Dunderdale, Musical Director of the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, (IOMWO) was commissioned by the Manx Heritage Foundation in 2011 to compose a piece for Wind Orchestra based on a piece of traditional music collected by Mona Douglas. The composition "Yn Scollag Aeg" had its first rehearsal at Marown School, Isle of Man on the 19th April and was premiered at St German's Cathedral in Peel on the 10th July 2012 as part of the 25th year anniversary of Mona Douglas' death.

Arriving in Wellington, I joined the Wellington City Concert Band, but it took a while for me to feel confident enough to present the score to our conductor Simon Brew for the musicians to play. Before the first rehearsal in Marown, I remember Paul emailing about how nervous he was about his piece being played, and by association, I too was nervous for its first airing in Wellington as well as excited. What would Wellingtonians make of this piece with its Celtic influences and odd time signatures? Would my personal attachment override the musical merit?

Thankfully, the piece was well received and plenty of questions flooded in about Mona Douglas, Paul Dunderdale and the Isle of Man and the influence for the piece. Interestingly, the piece was, I think, written for the players in the IOMWO, and with a different set of players, it sounds quite different as the strengths of the two bands are very different. Simon Brew says, 'We have lots of international players in our band and it's great that they can bring a bit of their musical culture with them to share here in Wellington'. The Southern Hemisphere premier of the work is due to take place in June.

Playing the piece here has made me reflect on the music and the difference in the way it sounds in two very different environments, and I believe that the difference between a good and exceptional musician is what you put of yourself into the music. The IOMWO all like and respect Paul immensely and consequently, put ourselves into the piece. Ultimately, music is played with the heart, and the heart of this piece is firmly in the Isle of Man.

www.wccb.info

*Manx singer Alanna Cowley, who is originally from Peel (daughter of Dave McLean) but now lives in Yorkshire, is also having success in the UK where her band Grinny Grandad have a spot at Glastonbury!

www.pocklingtonpost.co.uk/news/local/pocklington-band-to-play-glastonbury-1-7929106 Watch video of one of their songs: www.facebook.com/GrinnyGrandad/?pnref=story

HARFENTREFFEN

Rachel Hair has recently been teaching Manx harp at Harfentreffen Harp Festival in Germany. The course was sold out (or Manxed out, as they put it!) within 2 days of it going on sale, and the students enjoyed learning a mixture of Manx tunes, old and new: "Flitter Dance", "Moirrey ny Cainle" and Gilno Carswell's "Ginantonic".



Rachel has also been invited to perform and teach Manx harp at the renowned International Harp Festival in Termonfeckin, Ireland later this month.

Head to the Villa Marina Arcade in Douglas on a Sunday afternoon or Tuesday and Thursday evening, and you will be in for a treat! The IOM Arts Council, in collaboration with Culture Vannin, has organised a series of free concerts featuring local performers. June sees a programme of brass band music, but from the end of the month and throughout July, Thursday evenings will have a variety of Manx music and dance acts. Gaelic choir Caariyn Cooidjagh start proceedings on Thursday 30th June, sharing the bill with Manx dancers Perree Bane. The following Thursday features Rachel Hair's young harpers, Claasagh and Gaelic choir Cliogaree Twoaie. Linking in with Yn Chruinnaght festival on the 14th, the Manx music concert has singer-songwriter Matt Creer sharing the evening with Rushen Silver Band who will perform Manx arrangements from their trip to Lorient last year. Folk singing favourites Shoh Slaynt host the evening on the 21st, and to finish the season on the 28th, you can hear vocal duo Marlene and Dilys sing songs from their new album *Fy Yerrey* and enjoy entertainment from the Manx Folk Dance Society.

MORE INFO: www.isleofman.com/News/details/78964/arts-council-brass-band-and-manx-music-season-2016

The Arts Council presents, in association with the Villa Marina, Douglas . . .

Brass Band and Manx Music Summer Season 2016

Sundays @ 3.00pm

Tues/Thur @ 8.00pm

All Concerts in the Villa Marina Arcade

- 12 CROSBY SILVER BAND
- 14 CASTLETOWN METROPOLITAN SILVER BAND
- 16 MANX YOUTH BAND
- 19 DOUGLAS TOWN BAND
- 21 MANX SWING BAND
- 23 WURLITZER EVENT
- 28 RAMSEY TOWN BAND
- 30 CAARJYN COOIDJAGH & PERREE BANE





- 7 CLAASAGH AND CLIOGAREE TWOAIE
- 10 DOUGLAS TOWN BAND
- 12 MUSIC SERVICE BRASS BAND
- 14 MATT CREER AND RUSHEN SILVER BAND
- 19 RAMSEY TOWN BAND
- 21 SHOH SLAYNT
- 24 RUSHEN SILVER BAND
- 28 DILYS SOWREY & MARLENE HENDY MANX FOLK DANCE SOCIETY
- 31 BALLEY CASHTAL BRASS *







^{*} Training band for Castletown Silver Band



Friday 27 May In The Blood Saturday 28 May Symbollix *** JUNE *** 3 Million Friday 3 June Saturday 4 June Barefoot Revolution Sunday 5 June Revamp Monday 6 June Borderline Tuesday 7 June Skellington 2 Wednesday 8 June AM Frequency Thursday 9 June Symbollix



2016 GIG GUIDE



7:30-9:30pm - MIDNIGHT

MON 30 MAY THE BIRDS AND THE BEARDS ALEX HARRIS (feat THE OTHER SIDE)

TUE 31 MAY MAD DADDY / THE CLOWN CALLS FOR WAR

IGNITE THE SKY

WED 01 JUN SWITCH SWEET REVENGE

THU 02 JUN FUGUE STATE 995

FRI 03 JUN IN THE BLOOD LITTLE BITTA ROSIE
SAT 04 JUN TENDER RAGE PSYCHOHOLICS

MAD SUNDAY 1-5pm BIG BEAT DRUM DEMO 6PM ROC VANNIN CLASSIC ROCK CHOIR

SYMBOLLIX

BUNCHA SKANKERS
THE FREE RADICLES
PENTHOUSE DIVE

ED FORCE ONE

TUE 07 JUN THE ADVENTURES OF...
WED 08 JUN SHEDMEN

PENTHOUSE DIVE

THU 09 JUN 9 BAR GYPSIES FRI 10 JUN FIREBALL

MON 06 JUN 3 MILLION

NICK BARLOW & THE BAD NOISE



ELS/ULTIMATE PRODUCTIONS - PA/Full Pro Light Show/Staging/MC



The Tides

AM Frequency

Friday 10 June

Saturday 11 June

NEW CONCERT SERIES - TUESDAYS at the Sailors Shelter, Peel

Free concert with different local artistes each week.

Hosted by Paul and Annie. Starts 7.30pm. Claim voucher for quayside Chippy – £5 two for one offer every week!

www.peelonline.net/event/acoustic-music-sailors-shelter/all/

KIAULL NOA ~ NEW MUSIC

Cartesian Jetstream >>

Manx trio have just released Stethoscope Daffodil. Listen to the full e.p. and download it here:

https://cartesianjetstream.bandcamp.com

Watch the video of "Perpetual Change":

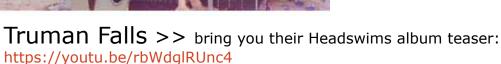
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGLF4swl9k4



<< Emily Devereau

Talented local young singer-songwriter Emily has penned some excellent songs - have a listen:

https://soundcloud.com/emily-devereau





<< Ignite The Sky is a 6 piece metalcore band from the Isle of Man. Their debut EP, Rain, is available for FREE download now!

https://ignitethesky.bandcamp.com/album/rain

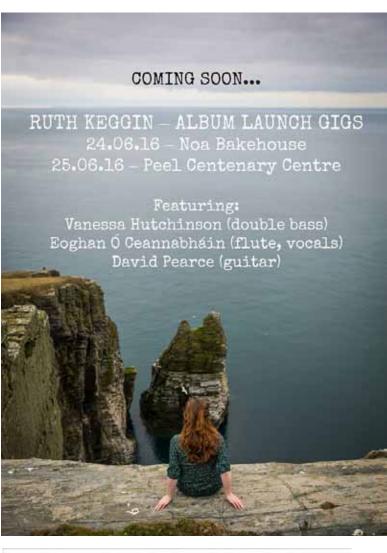
Catch the band play over TT

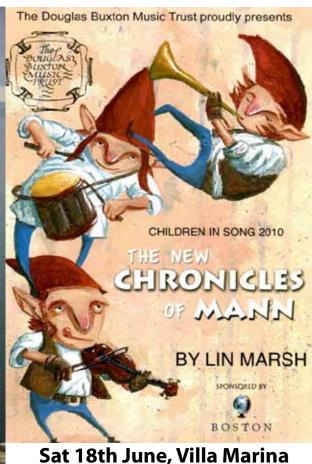
The Baltic States >> Manx gal Helen Morrisson is now based in the UK, where she sings with indie/electronic band band The Baltic States. The band will be touring the Isle of Man over the TT period. https://soundcloud.com/the-baltic-states: www.thebalticstates.co.uk













'Manx Musical Seas,' at The Erin Arts Centre

https://villagaiety.ticketsolve.com/shows/873516118/events?show_

id=873516118

6 May - 6th June 2106 by Ruth Blindell - Stathor and Artist

Mans language and Music with watercolour

Cards from 21- sonframed images 212.50 - framed images from 232.50 - original paintings 295



"Manx Musical Seas,' was born out the book, 'Finlo and the Fairy Kings,' and as a result many of the cards and framed prints feature songs used in the fairy tale.

The book has fund some on-line success gaining number one status in the spring of 2015 and was the featured book for the Isle of Man contingent at the Inter-celtic festival at Lorient in Rayust 2015.



"Manx Shearwater," is set on the 2sle of Man amid the backdrop of the TT festival and the international sailing scene. It is a tale of love, list, guardian angels, celite and rock and roll music and opens up with Merle Haggard's fumous song, 'Okie from Muskogoe'.

The original cover painting is for sale in this exhibition at the offer price of £95



The final copy of seven prints made for the CD cover for the Isle of Man WI choir. The CD is 220 - all proceeds for choir funds. 'Mraane ayres Arrane,' 'means 'Women in Song,' in Manx Guelle. framed print on offer at £32.50

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RESEARCH NEWS

THE SOPHIA MORRISON AND JOSEPHINE KERMODE FOLK SONG COLLECTION

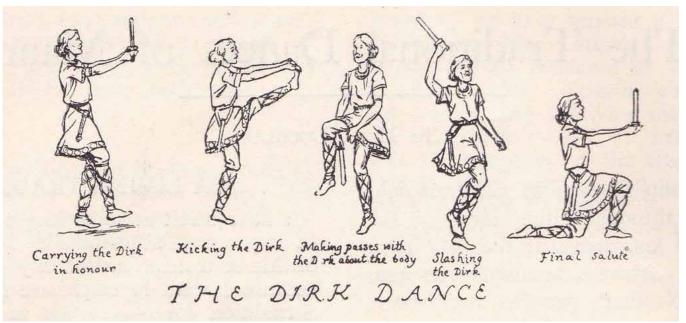
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The Sophia Morrison–Josephine Kermode Folk Song Collection—as seen in Summer 2015—consists in large part of manuscript material found in the personal papers of Sophia Morrison, MS 5433 B and MS 09495, and Josephine Kermode, MS 08979, held by the MNHL. Their names are coupled together here not just because material in both of their hands are present in each others papers but from a conviction that the pair regularly collected together. Some of the songs are present in both fair and clear copies; others are copied from her correspondence. On a number of occasions, songs were gathered together and copies made and circulated to others. Morrison also acquired, or was passed on, material by others, and so there are a number of other hands in the collection. Material also appeared in print and Morrison was a pioneer in the use of the phonograph. She also commissioned a copy to be made of the Dr John Clague Collection.

There is now an initial listing of the collection with the stress on initial. Work is underway on indexing and transcription with the intention to present a fully-edited edition in 2017, the centenary of her death.

Research on the Sophia Morrison–Josephine Kermode Folk Song Collection in Summer 2015 was supported by a grant from Culture Vannin which I wish to acknowledge with thanks. For on-going help with the Collection I wish to personally thank Robard y Carsalagh.

SEE THE COLLECTION GUIDE: http://manxmusic.com/news_story_430638.html

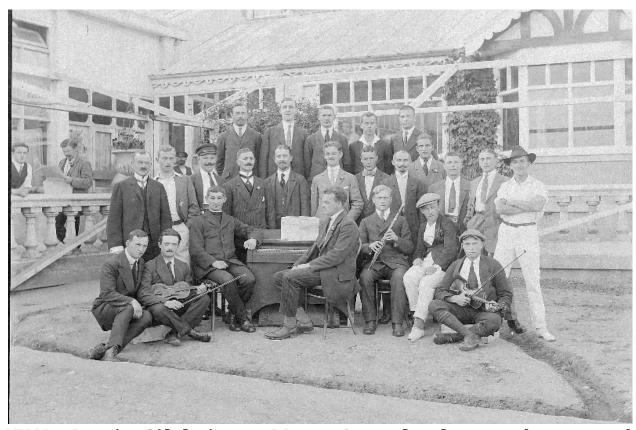


ABOVE: "The Manx Dirk Dance" as illustrated by Eric Austwick for Mona Douglas' paper for the *Journal of the Manx Museum*, 1941. Thanks to James Franklin www.manxliterature.com [images courtesy: MNHL]



ABOVE: This is thought to be children from Fairfield School in Douglas (no date) folk dancing. See the IOM Family History Society FB page for the conversation thread discussing the background: www.facebook.com/groups/466196900237509/

BELOW: First World War Douglas Camp Internee Orchestra



NEW - Annie Gilchrist to Mona Douglas letters (1922-25)

"A.G. Gilchrist is a key figure in the editing of Manx folk songs from the Clague Collection. The documentary evidence for her activities continues to grow. Letters from her to P.W. Caine were found in a private collection last summer and a transcript of them appeared in KMJ this year [March]. Overlooked has been her correspondence to Mona Douglas now in the MNHL. This too has been transcribed and is published with this issue of KMJ." [Stephen Miller, Vienna]

Follow this link to read the letters: http://manxmusic.com/news story 430490.html

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MONTH

see www.manxmusic.com for more printable pieces of Manx music

Folk song collectors, JF and WH Gill and Dr J Clague collected the following song melodies from John Callister of Jurby in the 1895. John Callister, and other singers from Jurby, were photographed by Rev. Frederick W Stubbs in 1897 [see link below to research article by Stephen Miller].





JOHN CALLISTER

(1833-1912)

A JURBY FOLK SINGER

John Callister is one of a number of folk singers in Jurby who were photographed in 1897 by the Rev. Frederick W. Stubbs, the incumbent of the parish at that date. The one surviving photograph of Callister is not of the best as regards its quality or state of preservation, but it at least has the virtue of existing and so allowing us to see a likeness of the man at the remove now of well over a century.

Read the full article by Stephen Miller:

http://manxmusic.com/news story 430448.html

IMAGE: MNHL iMuseum

CALENDAR

JUNE

1st-12th TT week gigs around the Island – see posters

7th [Every Tues] Acoustic Music at The Sailors' Shelter, Peel, 7:30pm FREE

18th - 29th Mananan Festival, Erin Arts Centre 18th The New Chronicles of Mann, Villa Marina 7pm £7/£3.50

18th Bree youth session, YAC 2-3.30pm
19th Young Singer of Mann Final, Erin Arts
24th Ruth Keggin album launch, Noa
Bakehouse, 8pm £10 (£8 in adv) PIC>>
25th Ruth Keggin album launch, Centenary
Centre, Peel, 8pm (£8 in adv)
30th Caarjyn Cooidjagh & Perree Bane, IOMAC
Manx music & dance summer season concert,
Villa Arcade, 8pm FREE

JULY

3rd Yn Chruinnaght music & dance displays,
Mooragh Park, Ramsey, 2pm FREE
5th Tynwald Day [and Manx National Week]
7th Yn Chruinnaght Lecture - Colin Jerry
- Cornerstone of the Manx Music Revival,
Ramsey Town Hall, 7.30pm FREE
7th Claasagh & Cliogaree Twoaie, IOMAC
Manx music & dance summer season concert,
as above

9th MFDS Social Evening, St Peters Village Hall, Onchan 13th-17th Yn Chruinnaght, Peel & Ramsey www. ynchruinnaght.com

14th Rushen Silver Band & Matt Creer, IOMAC summer season concert as above 21st Shoh Slaynt, IOMAC summer season concert as above

24th Manannan's Isle – An Evening of Manx Celtic Music & Dance, Gaiety Theatre, 7.30pm £10/£5

28th Marlene & Dilys, Manx Folk Dance Society, IOMAC summer season concert as above

AUGUST

5th-14th Festival Interceltique de Lorient, Brittany

28th Mannin Music, IOMAC summer season concert Villa Arcade, 3pm, FREE



Please send in dates so that we can publicise events here & online:

www.manxmusic.com

SESSIONS ~

TUES 8pm Monthly session at The Mitre, Kirk Michael
WED 8.30pm Session at O'Donnells, Douglas
THURS 8pm Singing session at The Mitre, Ramsey
FRI 8pm Trad session at The Mitre, Ramsey
FRI Trad session at the Crosby
Last FRI of month 9pm, Kiaull as Gaelg, Albert, Port St Mary
Fortnightly SAT 10pm Manx session at The White House, Peel

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