

february 2010
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ADULT TRAD MUSIC, SONG & DANCE WORKSHOPS
6 & 7 FEBRUARY *featuring Joy Dunlop and Rachel Hair*

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

(two classes run simultaneously in each time slot)

Sat 6 Feb - Music Centre, Lord Street, Douglas

11am-12.45pm **Solo Scottish Gaelic Singing**
Harp

2-4pm **Choral singing (Scottish Gaelic)**
Accompanying

Sun 7 Feb - South Douglas Old Friends,
Finch Road, Douglas

2-4pm **Traditional Dance**
Harp (under 16s only)

Sun 7 Feb - Studio Theatre at Ballakermeen,
Douglas

7.30pm Concert featuring Joy Dunlop and Rachel Hair with local support. Tickets £6/£3 on the door or in advance from 695784 or mhfmusic@mhf.org.im

NB It is important to sign up in advance to the workshops to secure a place and to make sure we have the right materials for you: email Breesha or Chloë or phone 695784 (office hours)

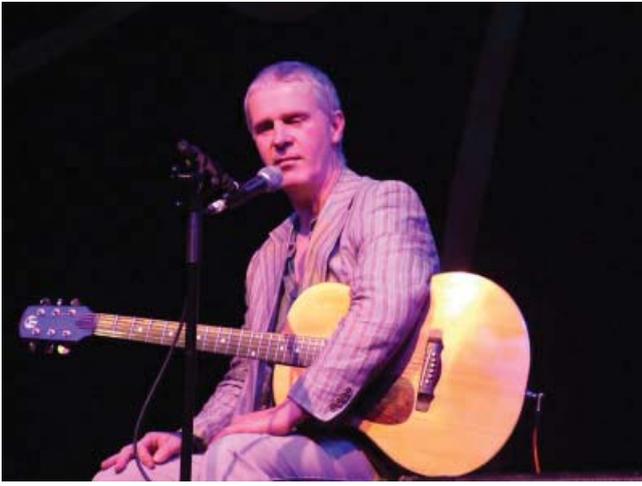
! Hanging around to Raise Funds !

The Manx Folk Dance Society are at present raising funds to host an International Dance Festival, scheduled to be held 11th - 16th August 2011 to celebrate the group's 60th Anniversary.

Nine Brave Members and friends will be taking part in a sponsored abseil off Maughold Head, under the supervision of the Maughold Venture Centre. They are hoping that the weather conditions will not be too harsh, as it will take place on Saturday 20th February 2010.

For further information regarding the Festival or if you would like to make a donation, please contact our Treasurer on 624858.





King Chiaullee's extended line-up at Celtic Connections 2010 went down a storm. Together with Greg Joughin, Jamie Smith, Malcolm Stitt and Rachel Hair, they presented a range of Manx, Celtic and original material. They played the Old Fruitmarket alongside Breton legends Pennou Skoulm, and also picked up a gig at the festival club. King Chiaullee were recorded for a radio station and Greg, Jamie and Malcolm were filmed for BBC Alba - all in all a highly successful trip.

King Chiaullee...was exactly what I expected and wanted. This is a young band to watch, and KZYX & Z listeners can expect to hear from this group. Their style ranges from straight traditional "Celtic" to a more Pan-European feel — all of it good. ... the band set everyone into a good mood. ... The finale, blending a powerful vocal from Joughin with a roaring instrumental from the full band, left the audience – including us – wanting more. (Oak & Thorn)

Guest singer Greg Joughin sang convincingly in Manx Gaelic, although we would like to have known what his hard-hitting final song was about. (Scotsman)

Manx Gaelic, despite the Isle of Man's relative proximity, is a less familiar dialect than Galician at Celtic Connections but Greg Joughin strongly conveyed the song's spirit as he guested with the zestful King Chiaullee. (Herald)

(Photos: Bob Fennell)



**Vreeshey, Vreeshey, tar gys
Thie ny Gaelgey for a
Candle Party
Monday 1st February 2010**

There will be a Candle Party at Thie ny Gaelgey, St Judes, 7.30pm on Monday 1st February, complete with raffle, teas and coffees. Entry is FREE but donations on the way out are most welcome.

To celebrate St Bridget's Eve, Cliogaree Twoaie will sing the Invocation to St Bridget 'Vreeshey Vreeshey' and a group of dancers will dance Moirrey ny Gainle, both of which are in keeping with the time of year.....and with candles, obviously!

Angie Cannell will give a demo on Partylite Candles. She will then take orders for the candles & holders etc. which must be paid for on the night either by cash or card (sorry, no cheques). Orders take approximatley 2 weeks to come through.

All proceeds will go to Thie ny Gaelgey to help with the upkeep of the building.

Perree Bane dance group is looking for some musicians to accompany them on a trip to a festival in Steenvoorde, Northern France, organised by Les Amis de Fromulus on 24 and 25

April 2010. If you're able to put a small group together - maximum four musicians - please contact John Dowling on: juanyd@mcb.net

Contribution towards travel costs will be made.



The "Shenanigans Banned"
are pleased to present

"A gig in the Glen"



A rip roaring evening of music and frivolity. Manx songs, Irish songs, rollicking ribald ballads. Plus special guests with their own particular brand of entertainment.

Cordon Blue Hot Pot Supper included. All for the very reasonable price of £10.

Tickets from :- Laxey Chemist, Gophers on the Quay Ramsey, or call 07885 676838. www.shenanigansb.com

**Laxey Glen Pavilion
Saturday 27th February from 7.30pm**





Bree Fiddle Workshop – Saturday 20th February 2010 Atholl Room, Peel Centenary Centre

At the end of Spring half term (Saturday 20th February, from 10am till 3.30pm), local fiddle player and teacher Katie Lawrence will be hosting the Bree Fiddle School in the Atholl Room at Peel Centenary Centre.

Open to secondary school age violinists, this one day workshop will focus on traditional playing techniques and ornamentation, and arranging and performance skills. Studying Manx folk tunes and Katie's own compositions and arrangements, the students will perform as a string ensemble for family and friends at the end of the day.

Katie is a primary school teacher who teaches fiddle, whistle and piano, and she has an MA in traditional music performance from the University of Limerick. She is a familiar face on the Manx music scene where she regularly performs with folk-rock band The Ballaghs, singer-songwriter Katherine Crowe, and

as a duo with her equally talented sister Kirsty Lawrence.

The fiddle school will start at 10am and conclude with a short concert for family and friends at 3pm. The event is free of charge but students must register in advance and bring their own violin (i.e. fiddle!), music stand, packed lunch and refreshments for the day. Under 16s must bring written permission from parents/guardians if they need to leave the building during the day.

Now in its fourth year, Bree was established by the Manx Heritage Foundation as an umbrella group for young musicians, singers and dancers interested in Manx traditional culture. Open to ages 10 to 18, Bree meets each month for informal music sessions at Green's restaurant, regularly busks for local charities and holds educational workshop events throughout the year. Anyone interested in attending the fiddle school or finding out more about Bree, should contact **Chloë Woolley** at:

manxmusicspecialist@mhf.org.im
or telephone **695784**

See also:

www.manxheritage.org/bree &
www.myspace.com/breemanx

~ SESSIONS ~

THURS 9pm Singing session at The Brit, Ramsey

FRI 8pm Tynwald Inn, St. Johns

FRI 9pm Irish at The Mitre, Ramsey

First FRI of month, 8pm, Peel Golf Club Centenary Room

Last FRI of month 9pm, Kiaull as Gaelg, Albert, Port St Mary

SAT 10pm Manx at The White House, Peel

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MONTH

see www.manxheritagemusic.org for more printable pieces of Manx music

MS. 1347C (o)
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Transcribed from
unpublished MS.

St. Bridget's Day

Laa'l VrIdey

Lyrics & Music by W.H. Gill

1. See the moon-light soft-ly sleep-ing, On the lap of Doug-las Bay, While the

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nuns their watch are keep-ing, Turn-ing mid-night in-to day. In the

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clois-ter meek-ly kneel-ing, Brid-get all a-lone doth pray, While the

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sol-emn hymn is peal-ing "Glo-ria Ti-bi Do-mi-ne!"

2. 'Tis the night of Bridget's coming!
Open every cottage door;
Back to earth once more she's roaming,
Spread green rushes on the floor.
Rushes, emblems meek and lowly,
For her carpet and her bed;
Lilies, emblems pure and holy,
For a crown upon her head.

3. Welcome, Bridget to our dwelling!
At one open door we stand;
Filled with hope our hearts are swelling,
Filled with flowers in every hand.
Stores of blessing thou art bringing
To our Island folk, and they
Long to hear thy sweet voice singing
"Gloria Tibi, Domine!"

Manx Music CDs are available online at: www.manxheritage.org/CDs
and in good bookshops, MNH and other gift shops

CALENDAR

February

6th & 7th Adult traditional music, song & dance workshops (SEE newsletter for details)

13th Bree traditional youth music session, Green's Restaurant, Douglas, 3pm FREE

13th Closing date for GUILD ENTRIES

7th Rachel Hair & Joy Dunlop in concert, Studio Theatre, Ballakermeen, 7.30pm £6/3 .

20th Bree youth fiddle school with Katie Lawrence (SEE newsletter for details)

20th Bree fiddle school workshop concert, Centenary Centre, Peel, 3pm FREE

27th Shenanigans Banned present hot pot supper night, Laxey Glen Pavilion, 7.30pm, £10. Tickets from Laxey Pharmacy

27th Martin Simpson Band, Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm, £15 www.centenarycentre.com

March

5th-7th The Reeling Stones at Cwlwm Celtaidd Inter-Celtic Festival of Wales, Porthcawl, Wales: www.cwlwmceltaidd.com

13th Bree traditional youth music session, Green's Restaurant, Douglas, 3pm FREE

April

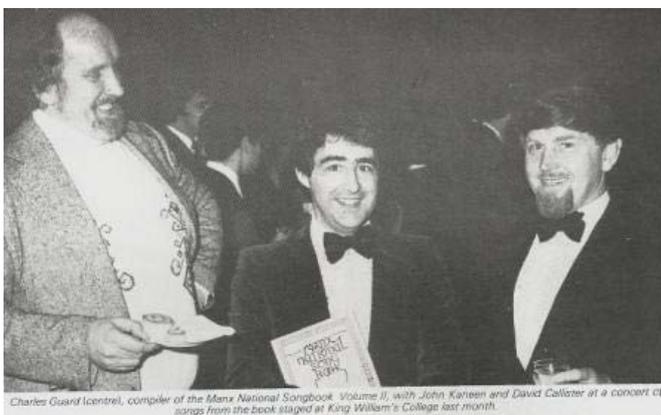
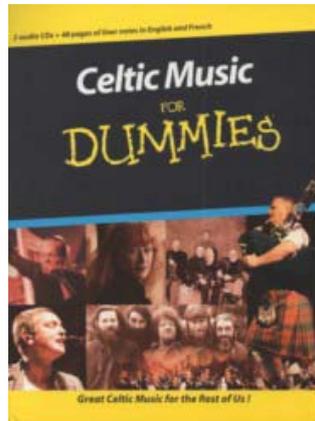
1st - 6th Shennaghys Jiu Celtic Youth Festival:

www.shennaghys.org

Please send in any dates for the months ahead so that we can publicise events here & online.

Capercaillie, Clannad, Alan Stivell, Julie Murphy, Sinead O'Connor, Anuna, Susana Seivane, Mary Bergin...and King Chiaulee all feature on a new double CD called *Celtic Music for Dummies!* The CD is produced by Keltia, the company also responsible for the Lorient festival compilation CDs. Continental Stomp is the track featured, making sure that Manx music rightly finds its place within another popular Celtic compilation.

<http://www.allcelticmusic.com/music/9760e230-ef52-11de-937f-12313b0148c2/Celtic%20Music%20for%20Dummies.html>



Archive photo of the month...Manx National Songbook being launched 30 years ago

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For information on Manx music & dance contact:

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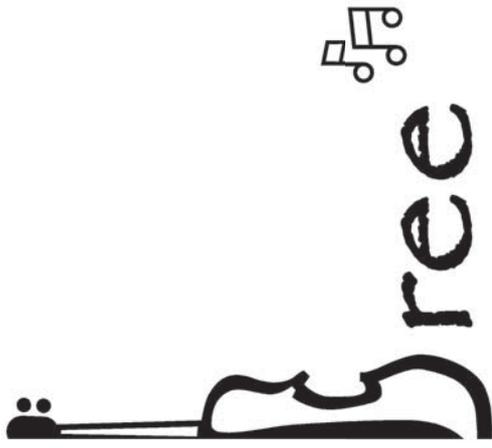
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or write to: MHF Music Team, The Stable Building, The University Centre,
Old Castletown Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 1QB



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The Editor welcomes submissions but reserves the right to edit for style and space.*



Bree Fiddle School 2010

A one day workshop for young fiddle players
Saturday 20 February 10am – 3.30pm
Atholl Room, Peel Centenary Centre
Free of charge – places limited

Learn Manx traditional fiddle techniques from
teacher and performer **Katie Lawrence**

A short concert for family and friends will take place at the end of the workshops
3pm – Atholl Room, Peel Centenary Centre

Students should:

- ♪ be at secondary school
- ♪ bring their own instrument and music stand
- ♪ bring their own drinks, snacks and packed lunch
- ♪ bring written permission from parents if they need to leave the building during the day (under 16s only)

BREE MANX FIDDLE SCHOOL 20 Feb 2010 Application Form

Name of Student.....
 School School Year

Address.....

 Contact tel. no/s. of parent/guardian

Email

How long have you played the violin (fiddle)?	Yrs
Have you passed any grade exams?		Yes/No
If so, specify grade/level	
Have you played Manx music before?		Yes/No
Do you perform in a folk music or dance group in or out of school?		Yes/No
If so, which groups?	
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** Photos may be taken during the workshop and used for future promotional use. Parents – please sign here if you object to your child appearing in photographs:*

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Please return this application form by Monday 15 February to:

Dr. C. Woolley, Manx Heritage Foundation,
The Stable Building, The University Centre,
Old Castletown Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM2 1QB

For more information:

email manxmusicspecialist@mhf.org.im or tel. 695784/404455

CANDLE PARTY

LAA'L BRESHEY

MON 1ST FEBRUARY

7.30PM

THIE NY GAELGEY

WITH

CLIOGAREE TWOAIE

AND

BOCK YUAN FANNEE

SONG AND DANCE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

PROCEEDS TO THIE NY GAELGEY