



# MANX MUSIC TODAY

JULY 2008

KIAULL MANNINAGH JIU

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF YN CHRUINNAGHT! 1978-2008

Time to buy your tickets for this year's finest of festivals! With top names and low ticket prices, it's a brilliant way to spin into the summer – and all in the comfort of venues around the Island. Some of the festival's highlights include:



- JEMAYRT 15 TUESDAY** St Paul's Church, Ramsey, 7.30pm  
Cohirraghyn - Singing, Instrumental and Recitation Classes.
- JECREAN 16 WEDNESDAY** South Prom, Ramsey, 8pm  
A Salute to Manannan with Perree Bane and King Chiaulee FREE
- JERDEIN 17 THURSDAY** Freemasons' Hall, Ramsey, 8pm  
A party to celebrate 30 years of Yn Chruinnaght with KaraKernow and Kirsty & Katie Lawrence (no tickets – donations on door)
- JEHEINEY 18 FRIDAY** Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm  
Irish music from Niamh ní Charra with Mike Galvin and Manx band, The Reeling Stones £10.00 (£5.00 conc)  
St Paul's Church, Ramsey, 7.30pm Manannan's Song – concert with Fenella Bazin, Charles Guard and Frank Woolley FREE
- JESARN 19 SATURDAY** Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm  
Twmpath and Fest noz dancing with Never Mind the Bocs (Wales) and KaouaD (Brittany) £6.00 (£3.00 conc)

### JEDOONEE 20 SUNDAY Centenary Centre, Peel

- 11.00am - Fiddle Exchange workshop with The Celtic Fiddlers and Katie Lawrence FREE
- 12 noon - Bring a bite to eat and come and share some songs and tunes FREE
- 4pm - Ian O'Leary Lecture: Fenella Bazin and Bob Carswell look back over 30 years of Yn Chruinnaght FREE
- 8pm – Scotland's Deaf Shepherd with support from Newfoundland's The Celtic Fiddlers £10.00 (£5.00 conc)

And there are plenty of other free events – workshops, displays and the like – during the daytime. See the website for more details. The festival committee will be selling tickets, programmes and merchandise on Tynwald Fair Day – pop along on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to the fairfield at St Johns and catch up with the skeet!

Tickets for the 3 Manx Telecom gigs at the Centenary Centre are on sale from the following outlets:



Celtic Gold, Peel

Shakti Man, Ramsey

Peter Norris, Douglas



More info on bands and events available online at: [www.ynchruinnaght.com](http://www.ynchruinnaght.com)

- SESSIONS: WEDS 9pm** Trad session (all musics welcome) O'Donnells, Douglas
- THURS 9pm** Singing in The Mitre, Ramsey
- FRI 8pm** Tynwald Inn, St. Johns, **FRI 9pm** Irish in The Mitre, Ramsey
- Last FRI of month 8.30pm**, Kiaull as Gaelg, Albert, Port St Mary
- SAT 10pm** Manx session at The White House, Peel

## Filipino-Celtic Barrio Fiesta extravaganza!



KMJ is grateful to Wendy Hurst for these photos of Perree Bane dancers and musicians at Barrio Fiesta, Derby Square, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, who said it was great to have a combined Filipino/Celtic event!



## NAMA awards

KMJ was delighted to hear of successes in the North American Manx Association's annual awards. Ramsey Grammar School's Becky Shields received the prize for music. Becky leads the school's folk group and is a member of the dance group, Ny Fennee. Castle Rushen High School student and Pobble band member, Gemma Hurst received the award for Manx Gaelic and fellow Pobble singer, Ruby Biscoe-Taylor gained a cash award for the most improvement in Manx! *Jeant dy mie!*



## Manx group Skeéal at Féile Cholmille

Manx band Skeéal was delighted to receive another invitation from joint Scottish and Irish organisation, Colmille to perform and teach at their annual festival. Held in the beautiful walled city of Derry, the festival featured top artists such as Skye's Anne Martin, Kerry's mighty Breandan Begley and Gaelic Psalm singers from Lewis. Skeéal performed in an inter-Gaelic concert, taught adult workshops, appeared live on BBC Radio Foyle and visited Bunscoil Cholmille, where they gave a mini performance and workshop.



**LORIENT 2008:** the Manx delegation to Europe's largest inter-Celtic festival in Lorient will be made up of top Manx band, King Chiaullee and the ever-stylish dance group Perree T. The IOM Philatelic Bureau will be launching their inter-Celtic stamps at the festival, and the Island will have its own trade marquee with products and cultural information including a new Manx music sampler KIAULL featuring 8 tracks from CDs which are currently on release...more details next month. [www.festival-interceltique.com](http://www.festival-interceltique.com)



## Ca Canny

A taste of Ceol Mor (big music!) was brought to Manx children's ears last month as Scottish group Ca Canny opened school shows with the distinctive sound of the great highland bagpipes!



The tour was organised as a precursor to Yn Chruinnaght (details on front page) and the five students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama were brought over especially to perform in selected Island's schools. During their performances, the talented girls played a variety of instruments including highland and border pipes, whistle, flute, guitar, accordion, fiddle and bodhrán. Between the lively sets, they explained how their instruments work, performed songs in Scottish Gaelic, Scots and Doric, taught ceili dances and held a contest to spot the difference between jigs and reels. Amber the piper even led the children of Bride in a march around the playground! Practical workshops were also held for Share na Veg and Dhoon folk groups and for the combined secondary school folk groups and the five girls from RSAMD were very impressed by the wealth of talent in young Manx musicians.

The tour was organised by the Manx Heritage Foundation/Yn Chruinnaght and funded by the Isle of Man Department of Education.

## Claire Mann confirmed for August workshops

As KMJ was going to press, details of the MHF Adult Traditional Music Summer School were confirmed. We're delighted to announce that fiddler, whistle and flute player extraordinaire, Claire Mann, will be the latest tutor for the Foundation's annual traditional music summer school for adults.



This year's workshops will take place over the weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August.

Claire comes from Newcastle upon Tyne and has established herself as one of the leading exponents of traditional Irish flute, fiddle and song. She has been performing since an early age and has won numerous All Ireland Championships on flute, whistle and fiddle. She currently teaches at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and on the traditional music degree course at the University of Newcastle.

Claire has recently released the highly acclaimed album *Secret Orders* with singer, bouzouki player and guitarist Aaron Jones. Previous recordings include her self-titled solo album and duo *Tabache*. Fans will get a chance to hear her perform during the weekend summer school. More details on venues and times will follow in the August edition of KMJ.

<http://www.clairemann.com>

## Kiaull Manninagh - new CD release

June saw the release of a new CD of traditional Manx music called Kiaull Manninagh. Featuring well-known duo Bernard Osborne (violin) and Peter Lumb (guitar) this time joined by guru of the Celtic harp, Charles Guard, the CD makes a very attractive addition to your collection. With sixteen tracks of familiar Manx tunes – slow airs and more lively numbers alike – all beautifully arranged, Kiaull Manninagh is the perfection introduction to the Manx repertoire.



As well as being a well-known figure in classical and music education circles on the Island, Bernard played for the Manx Folk Dance Society for years and has contributed greatly to the revival of Manx culture through festivals like Yn Chruinnaght.

This CD is a re-issue of the 1992 cassette of the same name, with extra tracks recorded over the years, all remastered. The CD is supported by the Manx Heritage Foundation and is available throughout the Island for a very modest £10.99

## St Ninian's Prayer

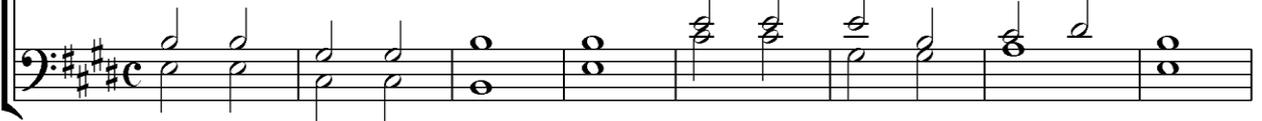
Charles Guard

SOPRANO  
ALTO



Sanc - tus Nyn - ia, hear me! Make me turn from earth's dream.

TENOR  
BASS



9

S.  
A.



All sec - rets of the o - cean: make me know them

T.  
B.



15

S.  
A.



in my heart; Show to me the in - ner mys - tries...

T.  
B.



This beautiful four-part song was composed by Charles Guard and features on his recording *The Secret Island*. It was sung and played by Charles with Manx Gaelic choir, Caarjyn Coidjagh, at the recent enthronement of the new Bishop of Sodor and Man at St German's Cathedral.

If you have any songs or tunes which are copyright free or which you have composed yourself and would be happy to share with KMJ readers, then please send them (in any format – written down or as recorded audio) to Breesha at the address at the end of the newsletter.



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[www.manxheritage.org](http://www.manxheritage.org)



to support and promote Manx culture

### Online sales of Manx Music CDs now up and running...

The Manx Heritage Foundation website is working to support online CD sales for Manx bands. With around a dozen CDs now online with audio samples and full description, it should be getting easier for people around the world to buy Manx music!

Click [HERE](#) for more details. If you have a Manx Music CD which you'd like us to add to the page (free of charge), please contact Breesha (details at the end of the newsletter).

Congratulations to singer, box player, dancer and ceili king John Kaneen who has been nominated for the category Manx Cultural Champion in Flybe's Pride of Mann awards for his work with Manx music!



Some of The Reeling Stones and stalwart of the Manx music scene, Peter Cubberley, are heading off to take part in Féile Iorras in County Mayo under the slightly dubious name Póg mo Cajón...aigh vie!  
[www.feileiorras.org](http://www.feileiorras.org)

## CALENDAR

### July – Jerrey Souree

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Cruinnaght Aeg comps  
 5<sup>th</sup> 'Shining by the Sea' – Manx concert including Barbara Gale, Cushag Choir, Sheear & Geoff Collier, Ramsey Methodist Centre, Waterloo Rd, 7.30pm, £5 (incl supper) In aid of Sailing for the Disabled  
 5<sup>th</sup> West Gallery Workshop (Colby Notebooks) at the Friends Meeting House, Paddock, Huddersfield for the West Gallery Music Association.

7<sup>th</sup> Tynwald Fair Day, St Johns, featuring a myriad of Manx musicians and dancers throughout the day.

7<sup>th</sup> Manx Food Fayre, Garey ny Cloie, St Johns, featuring music from The Reeling Stones, 2-5pm FREE

12<sup>th</sup> Yn Chruinnaght 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition starts, Ramsey Town Hall  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sheear & The Ballaghs at Ramsey Rocks, from 7.30pm (see local press for details)

14<sup>th</sup> Jason Evans (trumpet & piano), Caleb Sibley (viola) and Elias Sibley (Classical guitar), Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin, 8pm (£8/6 incl refreshments) [www.erinarts.com](http://www.erinarts.com)

15<sup>th</sup> Jason Evans (trumpet & piano), Caleb Sibley (viola) and Elias Sibley (Classical guitar), Peel Cathedral, 7.45pm, FREE  
 15<sup>th</sup> Yn Chruinnaght open comps, St Paul's Church, Ramsey, 7.30pm  
 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Yn Chruinnaght Inter-Celtic Festival: [www.ynchruinnaght.com](http://www.ynchruinnaght.com)  
 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Póg mo Cajón at Feile Iorras, County Mayo, Ireland [www.feileiorras.org](http://www.feileiorras.org)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Fenella Bazin: Reading between the lines: The Everlasting Hills, the recently published Manx hymn book', opening paper at annual conference of the Hymn Society of Great Britain, Liverpool.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Caariyn Cooidjagh and the IOM Saxophone Ensemble, St German's Cathedral, Peel 7.30pm

### August – Mee Luanistyn

1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Perree T and King Chialullee at Lorient: [www.festival-interceltique.com](http://www.festival-interceltique.com)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Peel Carnival – featuring a variety of live acts including Manx groups, 12-5pm  
 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Day, Port St Mary, featuring Manx music, starting 12 noon  
 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> MHF Adult Traditional Music Summer School with Claire Mann (details tbc nearer the time)  
 31<sup>st</sup> Paul Rogers & Matt Kelly (guitar & mandolin) supporting Clive Carroll, IOM Guitar Fest [www.iomguitarfest.com](http://www.iomguitarfest.com)

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