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Cooish Inter Gaelic Festival

www.myspace.com/cooish
13-20 November 2010

The Cooish Inter-Gaelic Festival has two nights of fantastic music on **Friday 19 November at Peel Masonic Hall**, 8pm, featuring The Mollag Band and Mactullagh Vannin and Arrane son Manin competition and then a gig and session the following night, **Saturday 20 November at the Centenary Centre, Peel** featuring the mighty Breannán

Ó Beaglaoich and Malcolm Stitt. Breaking news (sorry, Paul) is that Strengyn won't be able to play support as Paul Rogers has broken his arm. Nonetheless, the evening promises to provide not only great entertainment but great value. Tickets are only £7 (£5 concessions). The Centenary Centre concert is supported by the IOM Arts Council and the Cooish itself is supported by the Manx Heritage Foundation and local businesses.

The programme is finally online at www.myspace.com/cooish and tickets should be in the shops. Manx speakers should also contact Adrian Cain on 451098 for tickets to the Manx speakers and learners (Cowag) dinner at Greens on Thursday (tickets in advance £12.50) - lots of opportunity to speak Manx and sit back and enjoy some cracking music.

cooish 2010 presents Breannán Ó Beaglaoich & Malcolm Stitt

for a night of mighty & magical
Irish music & song

with support from Strengyn

Centenary Centre, Peel
Saturday 20th Nov 2010
8pm

Tickets £7 / £5 conc.

Tickets from: Peter Norris Music (Douglas),
Thompson Travel (Port Erin), Shakti Man (Ramsey),
Celtic Gold (Peel) & Mostly Manx (Douglas)

or tel: 695784

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Manx Language Week
November 13-20
A celebration of
Manx Gaelic

Events include:
SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER
Ned Maddrell Lecture with Dr Rob Amery
(University of South Australia)
St John's Mill, 2pm FREE

Kiaull y Chooish - Cooish music
Breannán Ó Beaglaoich & Malcolm Stitt
Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm
Tickets £7 / £5 from usual outlets

For information and tickets contact
Adrian Cain on 838527/451098

For more detailed information on
other events in the week, see:
www.myspace.com/cooish

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www.learnmanx.com

THE MANX AT
LOWENDER PERAN
CORNWALL
Photos: Mark Lawrence



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AT THIE NY GAELGEY,
THE ALBERT, PSM &
MAUGHOLD SOCIAL CLUB



Forget Glee... Bree is where it's at!

At the start of the October half term, youth movement Bree hosted its 5th annual weekend of Manx music, song, dance and now... drama! Two fun-filled days of playing, singing, composing, dancing, song-writing, acting, quizzes and dressing-up in comedy outfits concluded with a fantastic concert showcasing everyone's hard work! Around thirty students from different schools, ages and musical backgrounds came together at Douglas Youth Centre to work under the expert tutelage of the Bree tutors Clare Kilgallon, Matt Kelly, Luke Melvin, Breesha Maddrell, Katie Lawrence, Julie Matthews, Christa McCartney, Carol Hayes, David Kilgallon, Beccy Hurst and Chloë Woolley.

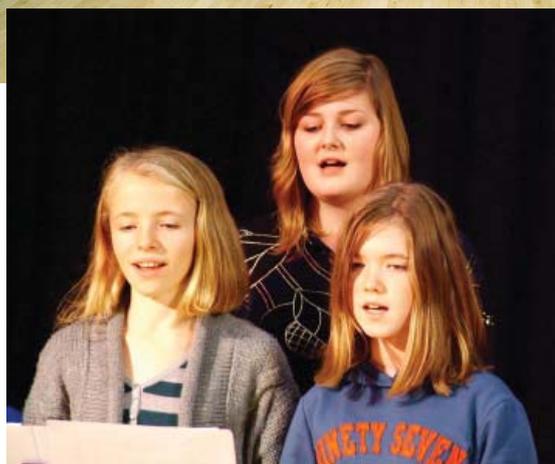
Over the weekend, the students were divided into four folk groups each tasked with writing a 5 minute set based around a 'lucky dip' tune which was to be performed in the Sunday afternoon concert. Je'h jyn as Chaarjyn incorporated the dance tune The Black and the Grey with Oikan ayns Bethlehem and The Chanter's Tune; Kelvin Mule and the Syntactic Charmers (spot the tutor name anagrams!) mixed The Green Gown with Car y Phoosee and Greensleeves translated into Manx; Grawp came up with an imaginative Harry Potter-themed set using Mannin Veg Veen; and The Manx Knobs performed a very Christmassy version of Moghrey mie as Maynrys mixed with Clinkeraght (Jingle Bells!)

Other highlights in the concert included a performance of Car y Phoosee by the Manx dancers, a lovely set by the whistle, flute and Northumbrian pipes group, an arrangement of one of Katie Lawrence's compositions by the fiddle class, and beautiful renditions of Mraane Kilkenny and St. Ninian's Prayer by the singing group. Composition tutors also performed their student's jigs, reels and airs which were penned over the weekend, and the song-writing class invented a hilarious new song called 'King Bwee' about The Simpsons (yes, the yellow headed ones!) set to the traditional Manx tune, C' red ta Shoh ta Jannoo Shiu?!

The main theme and grand finale of this year's Bree was 'Illiam y Thalhear', the Manx version of the well-known ballad William Taylor. The singing group opened up with verses sung in Manx Gaelic,

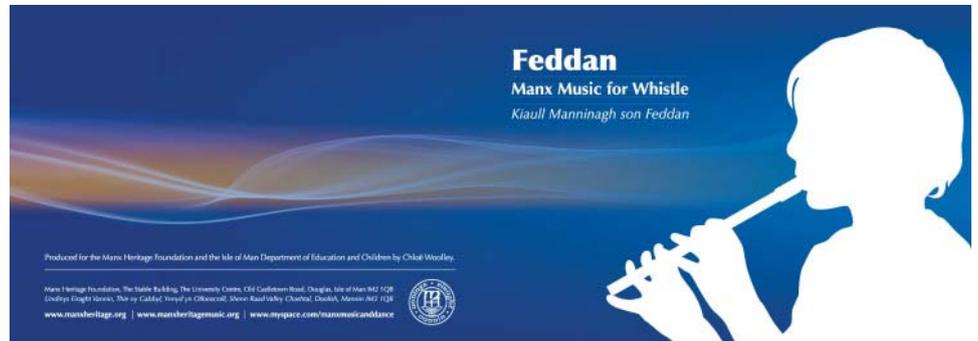
followed by the drama group who skilfully narrated and re-enacted the story of how Illiam y Thalhear's fiancée dressed up as a man to pursue him to sea... ending in deadly consequences! The dancers then performed the Manx dance, Illiam y Thalhear, which led into variations on the Manx tune performed by the different instrumental groups (including a Poirot version on the keyboard!) and concluding with the whole cast singing and playing the now unforgettable melody!!

Bree will be returning soon with a music session at Green's on Saturday 6th November (3 - 4.30pm), Christmas busking for charity and an appearance at the Manx Youth Choir's big concert in December. For details, contact Chloe Woolley (details at end of newsletter).



Feddan – update on Whistle lessons with the Primary Music Initiative

For the past month, selected year groups at Onchan, Peel Clothworkers', Laxey and Fairfield primary schools have been treated to tin whistle lessons. The 6 week course called 'Feddan' (Manx for whistle) is part of the Music Service's new Primary Music Initiative and gives the opportunity for each child to have a go at playing an instrument. The lessons are run by Chloë Woolley with a specially designed scheme of work, and so far activities have included playing and singing Manx tunes Bee dty Host and The Cormorant, playing in harmony as duets and as part of an ensemble, playing to an accompaniment and learning important musical terms. It is hoped that some of the budding musicians (and their class teachers) will continue to play the whistle afterwards, perform for the rest of the school and take a further interest in Manx culture in the future.



Deb Collins - keeping Manx tunes sounding in the US!

After requesting some Manx tunes for her enthusiastic Celtic fiddle students, Deb Collins has sent in a photo of the Beginning Celtic Fiddle Class at the Pierce Community College (Continuing Education Department) in Washington.

Left to right:

Deb Collins-Hill,
Alycia Blihovde,
Heather Peake,
Frank Dooling,
Laurie Davis, Ann
Peterson, Carolyn
Lowe, Kathleen
Beaumont (Director
of Continuing Ed.),
Kathleen Watness,
Becky Anderson



Students are taken back to basics of how to play the fiddle and then start learning tunes from the seven Celtic Nations (including Galicia). Deb writes that her students have already learned Arrane Ben-Vlieaun! Jeant dy mie, Deb - fantastic work!

www.learningmusician.com/fiddlebitsacademy
<http://home.comcast.net/~zoukman/Fiddlebits/home.htm>

~ SESSIONS ~

THURS 9pm Singing session at The Brit, Ramsey

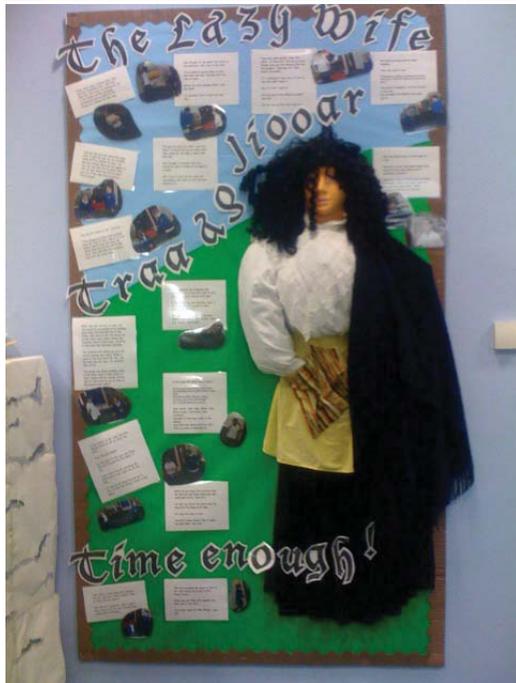
FRI 8pm Tynwald Inn, St. Johns

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



Fairfield School's artwork inspired by Manx music and dance workshops on the theme of Manx Fairy Tales.

(Manannan, The Lazy Wife, Hunt the Wren and the Moddey Doo)

Bree lending library

Bree have started their own lending library of sheet music and CDs. Students can borrow up to 3 items and collect and return them at the monthly sessions. So far the library consists of very generous donations from KMJ readers. For a peek at the items on offer (which includes instrumental tutor books, Manx, Scottish, Irish, French, bluegrass and Appalachian tune books, plus lots of CDs from the Celtic world), contact Chloë who will gladly email the list and reserve items for you. Donations and suggestions for THE essential books and CDs are gratefully received.

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MONTH

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

The Adventures of Bubbles

Frankie Greenwood
Written at Bree 2010

Musical notation for 'The Adventures of Bubbles' in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with eighth and quarter notes. The second and fourth staves end with double bar lines and repeat dots, indicating the end of the piece.

Chitty Chitty Car Horn

Frankie Greenwood
Written at Bree 2010

Musical notation for 'Chitty Chitty Car Horn' in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with eighth and quarter notes. The second, third, fourth, and sixth staves end with double bar lines and repeat dots, indicating the end of the piece.

Two tunes from talented young piper Frankie Greenwood, written at the Bree weekend 2010

CALENDAR

November

13th Bree traditional music youth session, Greens Vegetarian Cafe, Douglas, 3pm

13th-20th Cooish Inter-Gaelic Festival. See www.myspace.com/cooish for more details

19th Arrane son Mannin with entertainment from Mactullagh Vannin and The Mollag Band, Peel Masonic Hall, 8pm FREE

20th Breannán Ó Beaglaoich in concert for the Cooish, Centenary Centre, Peel, 8pm £7/£5 conc. from usual Centenary Centre outlets

26th Kiaull as Gaelg, Albert, Port St Mary, 9pm

26th Dan Donnelly (Belfast singer-songwriter) with guest support: Port Erin (Acoustic Set), Promenade Suite, Villa Marina, Douglas, 8pm £14/£12.50 concessions, www.villagaiety.com

30th Manx Folk Dance Society Magic Lantern Show and entertainment, Methodist Church Hall, Onchan, 7.30pm £2.50

December

4th Bree trad youth music Xmas busking, VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED, 2pm

4th Caarjyn Coidjagh at Dalby's Taste of Christmas, St James' Church, Dalby (more details next month)

8th IOM Youth Choir Christmas concert featuring Manx songs from the new *Coraa* choral pack and sets from Bree, All Saints Church, Douglas, 7.30pm

9th Bunscoil Ghaelgagh Christmas Service, St Johns Church, 6.30pm

10th MFDS Christmas Party and faith supper, Ballasalla Village Hall, 7.30pm £2.50 (£1 for members) ALL WELCOME

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

16th Caarjyn Coidjagh at St Catherine's Christmas carol service, St Catherine's Church, Port Erin, 7pm

For those who missed it, **Stephen Miller** had a paper published in *Folklore* (Vol 120 No 2 August 2009) called 'The Kind Cooperation of Many Local Friends': Deemster J. F. Gill's Search for Manx Folk Singers (1895-1898). Find a copy in your local library - it's a fascinating read!

Valerie Caine reports that Milntown's Apple Day went very well indeed. here's what she has to say about Strengyn:

In the background local music duo 'Strengyn' entertained visitors with their unique blend of stringed instruments, to create a fast paced and confident performance with their amazing fusion of musical genres.

To read the full article, see:

<http://namanx.blogspot.com/search?q=milntown>

New ceili band...

Beki Collings, Peddyr Cubberley, David Collister and Paul Callister have formed the Tarroo Marroo Ceili Band. The band is available for functions - just email: peddyr@manx.net



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PRESS: please feel free to pick up any articles and use them to spread the word about Manx culture



international folk dance festival

2011

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12-17 august

Manx Folk Dance Society

invites you to the

Evening of Entertainment

by Members and Friends of the MFDS

and

Victorian Magic Lantern Show

Images of the Isle of Man

given by

Peter Kelly

RAFFLE

Tuesday 30th November 2010
at

Methodist Church Hall, Whitebridge Road, ONCHAN

Raising Funds for the International Folk Dance Festival 2011

Tickets: £ 2.50
(including tea or coffee)

Start at 7.30 p.m.
Doors open at 7 p.m.