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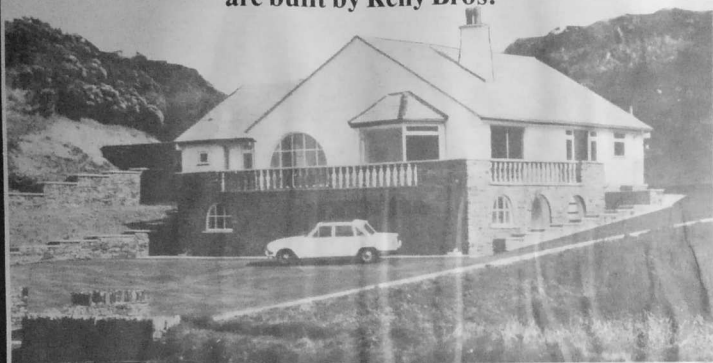
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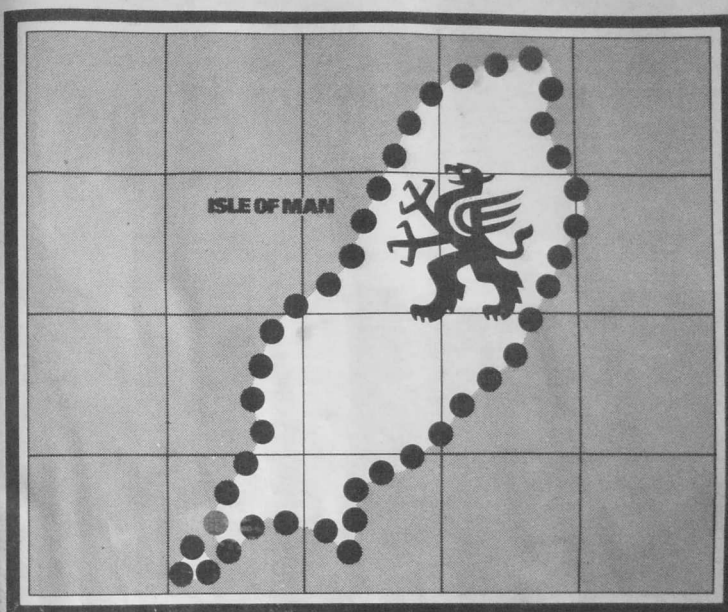
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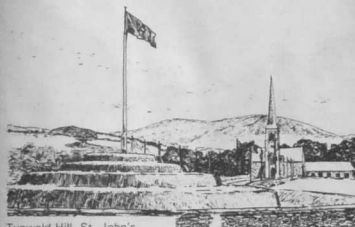
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The Isle of Man, at the centre of the Irish Sea is 36 miles long and 12 miles across at its widest point. It covers 227 square miles, with a population of over 60,000. The 100 miles of coastline, full of contrasts from rugged cliffs to secluded sandy beaches, are influenced from the Gulf Stream which give mild winters and allow palm trees and other sub-tropical flora to flourish.



Tynwald Hill, St. John's

The Island rises from sea level to 2,036 feet at Snaefell summit, from where on a clear day one can see six kingdoms say the Manx — England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Mann itself and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Although it is part of the British Isles, the Isle of Man (or Ellan Vannin to give the Gaelic translation) is not constitutionally part of the United Kingdom having no representation in the British Parliament. It is a self-governing British Crown Possession and the Queen, Lord of Mann, is represented on the Island by a Lieutenant-Governor.

The Manx parliament, Tynwald, is a derivation from the Viking's Thing Völr (Thing meaning "Assembly" and Völr meaning "field") and is divided into upper and lower chambers, the Legislative Council and the House of Keys respectively.

On July 5, the old Midsummer's Day, an open-air assembly of the Governor, Tynwald, Deemster (judges), Clergy and other Island dignitaries gather on Tynwald Hill



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Tynwald Hill, a sacred Celtic place of sun worship used by the Vikings, merging their customs with those of the Celts, is reputedly built of soil from each of the 17 parishes in Mann, shaped in four circular tiers which are occupied by the Tynwald, who all face east to the rising sun during the ceremony, timed to coincide with the sun being overhead at noon.

Tynwald is the oldest continuous parliament still retaining the original form established over one thousand years ago by the Vikings, who ruled here for four hundred years. Land tenure is still in the Scandinavian tradition, with its treens and quarters radiating from the crowns of the mountains.

In spite of the Scandinavian domination, which left place names like Jurby, Ronaldsway, Injebreck, etc., the Celtic origin of Mann has never been totally subjugated by outside intrusions and the number of Celtic family and place names, forts, crosses and designs are testimony that the Celtic spirit survives more than any other influence.

The Manx Gaelic language was Island tongue until the last century.

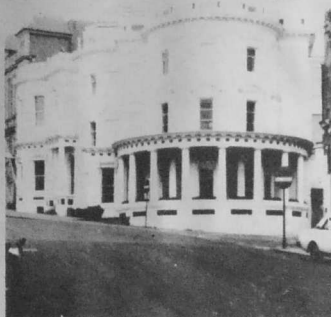
When the Viking chiefs, returning to the Island from swearing allegiance to their Norwegian King, drowned in a storm off Scotland, the Island was left practically defenceless, and was owned in turn by both Scots and the English until 1405 when King Henry IV finally defeated the Scots and took sovereignty of the Island for the English.

He gave the Island to the Stanleys in return for their allegiance in quelling various uprisings, granting the family and heirs the title of "Lord of Mann" in perpetuity.

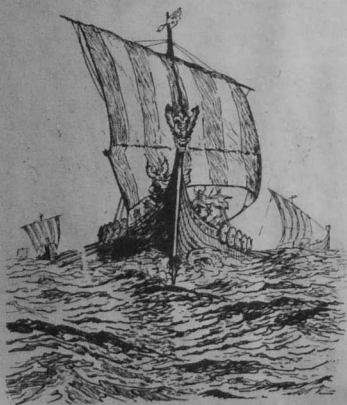
The title descended through the Derby and the Athol families until 1765 when the British Government incensed

at and determined to put an end to the loss of customs revenue through the profitable smuggling activities of the Manx, re-vested the Island to the British Crown compensating the Stanleys for their loss of regal rights.

The independence the Island enjoyed was encouraged to continue after reforms in Manx Government and that is



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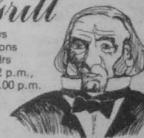
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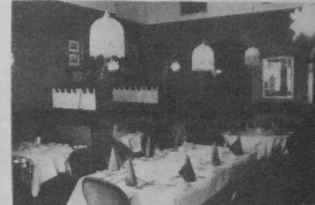
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To this day, the combination of Tynwald and Governor continues to rule the Island, which is financially self supporting except in foreign and defence policy, for which payments are made to the UK on the Island's behalf. Many relics and records of the customs and eras long past are still preserved and a fine museum safeguards a wealth of Manx history for future generations to study.



Three Legs of Mann



Mann (or Mannin) derived its name, one romantic legend records, from a Celtic Sea God of magical powers. Manannin McLir, who could summon at will a cloak or mantle of sea mist which lay out to sea encircling the Island making it invisible to enemies and unwanted intruders.

To this day, Manannin's mantle is occasionally seen out at sea on hot summer days, perpetuating this legend. However, many theories based on facts suggest other origins of our name, though none have universal approval.



Electric Railway climbing Snaefell Mountain

The Manx National emblem is the famous Three Legs of Mann, which has the motto encircling it "Whichever way you throw me I stand" perhaps meaning a Manxman always lands on his feet no matter what!

The Isle of Man has many unusual and famous features like the horse tram service along Douglas Promenade, which celebrated its centenary last year.

There is also an electric railway from the Victorian era still operating from Douglas to Laxey and to the top of Snaefell Mountain — the only electric railway from the era still operating in Britain.

The Isle of Man Steam Railway is also as interesting and unusual, although in the past it was a profitable concern it now only operates during the season between Douglas and Port Erin. This railway, which began in 1870, still runs the original engines and coaches.

The Isle of Man in many ways is ideal for a motoring holiday. The roads are modern and free from bottlenecks, traffic jams and overcrowding. You will find motoring in Manxland safe and enjoyable and with your own transport you can go anywhere you please — so take advantage of your chance to visit as many parts of the Island as you can, particularly off the beaten track, and get to know the towns and villages which are so different from each other.

You will find many legends and lots of folk lore around the Island, particularly about the Little Folk. Fairies to you, but never called this in the Isle of Man.

They are usually seen playing around on hot summer days in the glens, especially under water falls — but being of only three feet tall they are particularly hard to spot, so keep a sharp look out for their little red caps and green suits.

The "Mooijer-ny-gione-veggey", the Good Little People, are particularly kind, but the "Phynnodderees" cause much mischief, as do the "Glashen". The "Buggane" is a fearful and malevolent Manx giant who uproots trees and buildings.

The Isle of Man being surrounded by waters warmed as they are by the Gulf Stream abound with fish and shellfish of many varieties, even those often associated with Mediterranean and sub tropical. It is therefore hardly surprising to find two restaurants specialising in fish and seafoods. Both the Inner Mann (see map on page 21) in Douglas and the Lively Lobster in Peel have justifiably high reputations as diners attempting to feed without reservation often find out. Owned and managed as a family concern both restaurants operate substantial a la carte menus. Do not fear, though, if some members of your party are not fish oriented there will be plenty on the varied menus to tempt and satisfy their palates.



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You will find both restaurants referred to in most gazetteers and food guides which is not surprising when you learn that they have the coveted British Tourist Authority award and even Fanny Craddock had nice things to say of them. These accolades have not gone to their heads, I am pleased to say and you can expect a warm welcome whether you are a modest diner or one of the world's biggest spenders — but don't expect the Paramours to bow and scapel. In the Inner Mann and the Lively Lobster you pay for good food and you get it, there are no pretensions.

For those wishing to eat out there are many restaurants, cafes and 'pubs' such as: The Clarendon Grill, The Crow's Nest, The Tudor Inn, The Ravensdale, The Gladstone Grill at Hotel Metropole, The Sartfield Farmhouse, The Mill at Sulby, Ballacallin Hotel, Niarbyl Bay Restaurant, Ye Olde Tynwald House, The Foxdale Hotel, The Sound Cafe, the Harbour Bistro in Ramsey, John's Diner at the Queen's in Douglas, and the Eagle Hotel in Port Erin. These popular eating establishments who advertise in this publication look forward to being of service to you and offer you a real Manx welcome together with their individual specialities. Indeed you will find advertisers in this magazine will welcome you warmly.

The mild climate of the Island and peaceful way of life encourages many people to come here to live and there are several well established building companies of high repute who have developed estates and

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In your travels on and off the beaten track you will find many reminders of the Island's ancient history; the Celtic crosses; Viking forts and strange placenames — but, as with every modern tourist centre, you will find in each town businesses catering and specialising for visitors.

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Mick Grant

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Again I ask you to ride safely on the busy and rather narrow roads of the Island. Remember to brake and corner correctly. Use speed wisely, and concentrate at all times. Make this the safest ever T.T., and leave the speeding to us.

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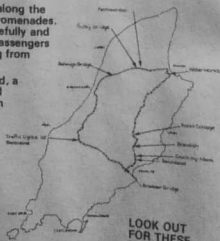
Chief Constable

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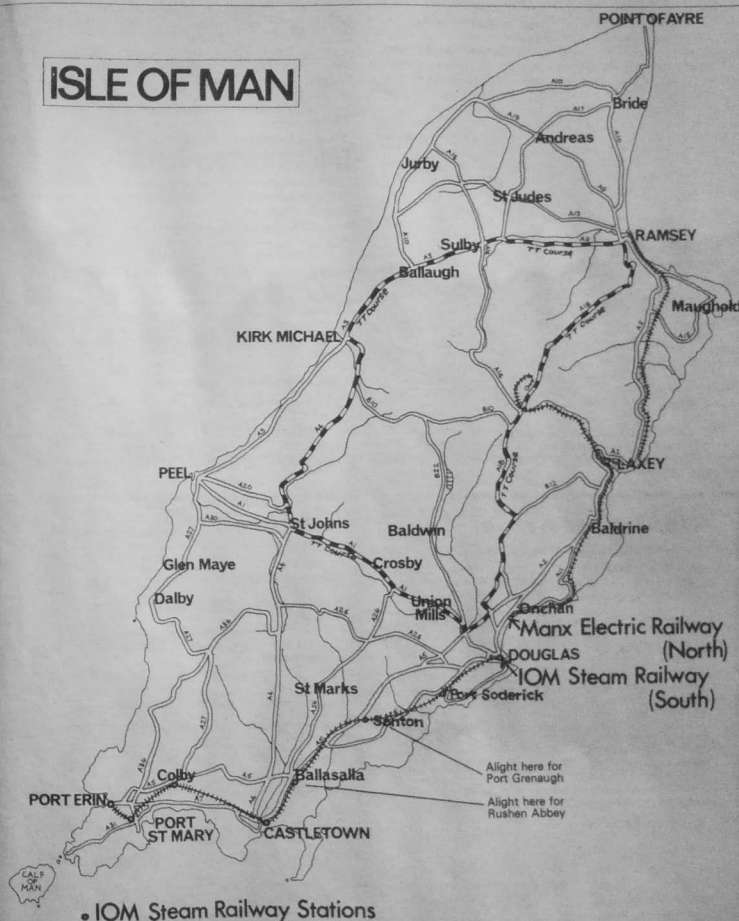
To our other seasonal visitors, enjoy your motoring. The roads are comparatively quiet and the scenery is delightful. The police want you to enjoy your holiday and I hope we shall respond cheerfully if you need our help. What you do not want is a holiday marred by accident involving police action. Take your time, drive safely and enjoy it all.

Some points to watch

- * Speed limits in towns and villages must be obeyed.
- * There are some railway crossings on roads between Douglas and Ramsey.
- * Show consideration to pedestrians, especially on Douglas promenades.
- * Horse trams travel along the centre of Douglas promenades. Pass the horses carefully and quietly. Watch for passengers boarding or alighting from the trams.
- * On Sunday, June 3rd, a one-way system will operate on a section of the Mountain Road. Its purpose is to reduce accidents. Travel carefully.
- * Make 1979 the safest ever T.T.



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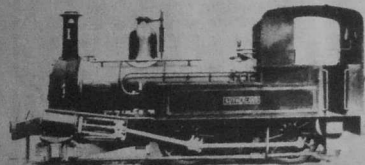
ISLE OF MAN RAILWAYS

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The Isle of Man Railway, with its now very rare 3 ft. gauge, first ran trains in 1873. The fifteen and three eighths miles long Douglas-Port Erin line, now the longest narrow gauge steam railway in the British Isles, has seen public services since 1st August, 1874. At one time there was a total of 46 miles of track, 16 locomotives, 75 carriages, and over 100 waggons. Nearly 100 passenger trains a day were operated in the peak weeks of the season, but the growth of alternative forms of transport meant less and less support for the railway. Trains are now run as a tourist attraction, obtaining their passengers from many parts of the world and serving as a subject for thousands of photographs each year. The railway is owned by the Isle of Man Government.

There is plenty of history to be seen along the line. Santon and Ballasalla stations are examples of the earliest buildings, while the more substantial premises at Castletown indicate the importance of the town in island affairs in bygone years. The terminus at Port Erin with its Ruabon brick facings and red tiled roof is an example of the later Edwardian era, while Douglas station must rank as one of the finest stations ever provided on a narrow gauge system.

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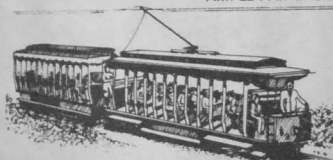
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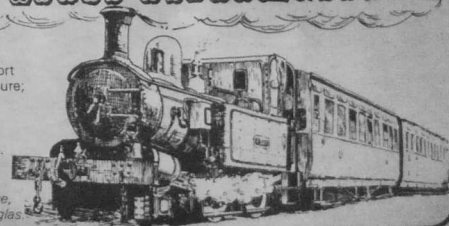


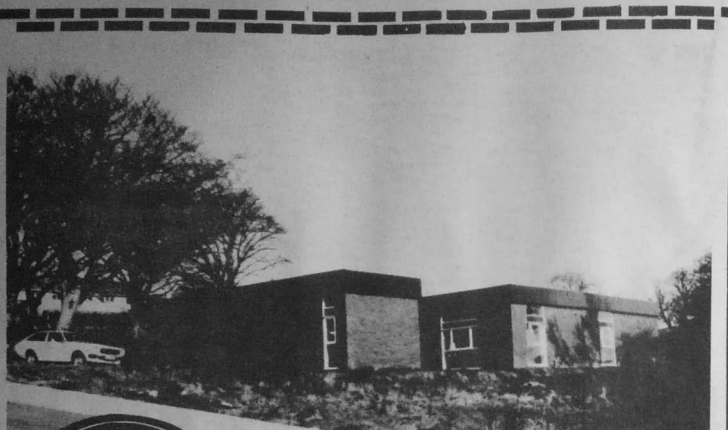

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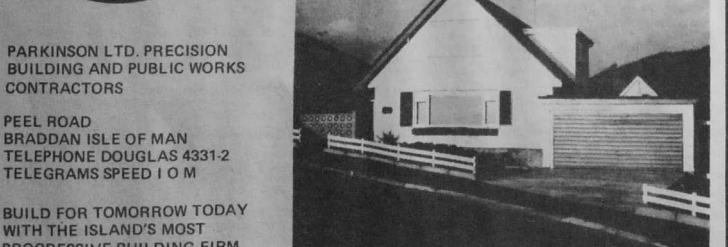
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In 1976 new designs were introduced on each of the six coins and these are also now in general circulation, so that in your change in the Isle of Man you may well find two different designs on the same value coin.

Although these coins are legal tender in the Isle of Man and are interchangeable with English coins, they will, however, be accepted by most banks at face value if by chance you still have any with you when you return home which you do not wish to keep as souvenirs. Of course, you can spend them on the vessel crossing back from Douglas if you so wish.

The Isle of Man also has its own banknotes, and these were first introduced by the Isle of Man Government in July 1961. There are now four denominations in general use, 50p, £1, £5 and £10, whilst a £20 note is being introduced this year. This is the only 50p note in existence and is used alongside the 50p coin. As with the coins, these notes are acceptable in the Isle of Man and are used together with English and Scottish notes, but are not legal tender outside the Island. Again most of the clearing banks will accept them at face value.

In addition to the coins in general circulation, the Isle of Man Government has issued a number of commemorative

crowns in recent years, including the Horse Tram Centenary crown 1976, the Silver Jubilee Appeal crown 1977 and the Coronation Anniversary crown 1978. In 1979 a crown was issued to commemorate three hundred years of legal tender coinage in the Isle of Man, and also a set of five crowns to commemorate the Millennium of Tynwald. All of these coins are available in proof silver, brilliant uncirculated silver and cupro nickel. The Millennium crowns are sold only in sets of five crowns and are not available individually.

In 1978 the Isle of Man Government introduced the first £1 coin which is struck in virenum and is the same size as the sovereign. This coin is legal tender in the Isle of Man and is intended to circulate alongside the £1 note and not to replace it.

All of the coins dated 1979 from ½p to £1 have the Millennium symbol on the reverse.

If you wish to take any of these coins or notes home with you as souvenirs you can obtain them from the Isle of Man Treasury, Government Buildings, Buck's Road, Douglas, or from shops on the island. Bank notes in uncirculated condition may be available from some of the banks on the island.

You may be interested in the more expensive issues of coins, and to meet this market we have issued in platinum, proof silver and brilliant uncirculated silver. If you wish to know more about these coins, please call at, or write to, the Treasury indicating your interest, and then further details can be given to you.

ISLE OF MAN CURRENCY

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DECIMAL COIN SETS

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- 10p Three Legs of Man** Known from Heraldic rolls of the late 13th century the 'Three Legs' formed the Heraldic Arms of the mediaeval Kings of Man, later becoming the official arms of the Island.
- 5p Laxey Wheel** Built in 1854 to pump water from the Laxey Mines, it was said to be the largest water wheel in the world (diameter 72½ feet, breadth 6 feet). Now preserved as a tourist attraction.
- 2p Manx Shearwater** A member of the 'puffinus' family, this bird was formerly common in the Isle of Man and the Calf of Man but later declined. It now appears to be gradually re-establishing itself.
- 1p Loghtan Sheep** The native Manx sheep, it is an ancient breed of uncertain origin. Small and finely-built, the rams usually have four, and can have up to six horns. The wool is a distinctive warm brown colour and is always used undyed.
- ½p Herring** Together with farming, herring fishing is the oldest Manx industry. Manx kippers — produced from herrings — are famous throughout the world. All designs are superimposed on an outline map of the Isle of Man. Portrait of H.M. The Queen by Arnold Machin. Designs by Pobjoy Mint Ltd.

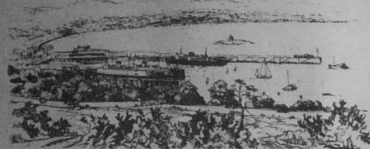
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- 2p Two Falcons** The early statutory tribute paid on the occasion of the coronation of the King of England.
- 1p 'Ring Chain' Pattern** Based on characteristic decorations from 10th or 11th century Norse cross-slabs.
- ½p Cushag** The distinctive yellow bloom of the common Ragwort long regarded as the national flower.

Designs by Christopher Ironside
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Douglas

Douglas (Gaelic "Black River") is the sea terminal of the Isle of Man Steam Packet and capital of Mann, taking its name from the rivers Dhoo and Glass which flow into the harbour.



Douglas Bay
From the quayside salmon can be seen waiting for a river flood to swim to their spawning grounds up the rivers.

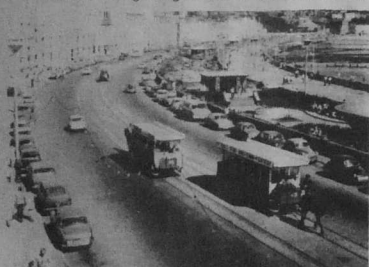
As the seat of government which it became in 1869 after replacing Castletown as capital, Douglas is naturally the centre of business, with a population of nearly 23,000, and is where most visitors stay. In this concept Douglas joins the league with Blackpool, Southport and Scarborough as a traditional British holiday resort.

The beginning of Douglas as a prosperous town lies in its history of smuggling during the 18th century and the extensive harbour development.

The middle of the century with great masses of industrial Britain beginning holiday leisure for the first time, it attracted thousands of tourists — and so a new era.

The ranks of hotels overlooking the sea wall of Loch Promenade, built in 1867 bear witness to those days. They stand on what was once a beach. The original tide line is under their cellars but the building of the promenade, pushing back the sea, which King Canute could not do, created Douglas as one of the first British holiday resorts.

The arrival by sea is a rewarding sight on a clear day. As the island appears over the horizon travellers first see the mountains behind Douglas Bay, then the sea front itself and the shore linking Douglas Head to Onchan Head in a



Loch Promenade & Douglas

wide sweep challenging the Bay of Naples for breath taking splendour.



The Sunken Gardens, Loch Promenade

Opposite the sea terminal is a well-known hotel, the Peveril. Ideally situated for shops and amusements, where one can eat excellent buffet lunches. Adjoining the hotel being part of the same premises, is the Grunhalla Bier Keller. In authentic Bavarian atmosphere, the UM-PAH band play lively and traditional music and encourage audience participation.

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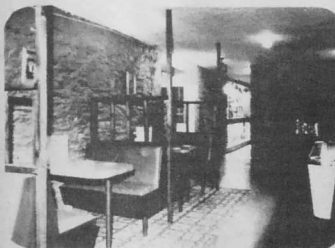
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The hotels today are up-to-date and modernised, offering the visitor comfort and value. One such hotel is the Villiers, where over 200 guests can be accommodated in single, double, twin or family rooms. Overlooking the Loch Promenade gardens, it is near to shops and entertainment. All the rooms are centrally heated and fitted out to a high standard. There are a number of bars each with its own special appeal and atmosphere and a wide selection of food from buffet lunch in the Clock Inn to a la carte in the Clarendon Grill. In this friendly and comfortable hotel you can be sure of a memorable stay.



Central Promenade, Douglas

Douglas offers a variety of eating places the most prominent being the first building you see when you land from your Isle of Man Steam Packet Company ship. With its striking crown-shaped tower you will find the comfort and quality of the recently refurbished Crow's Nest Restaurant. Here, in fine surroundings, manager Carlo Bagassi and his staff offer genuine

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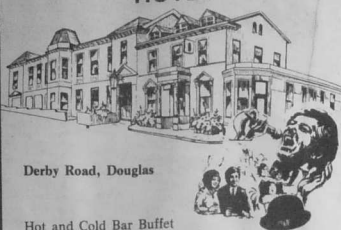
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LOCH PROMENADE, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN

naute cuisine — plus the finest view of Douglas you'll find anywhere, whilst hidden away just off the Promenade is the renowned Inner Mann. Yet further along the Promenade at the Queen's Hotel, 'John's Diner' offers you 'country-style' hospitality and good food, unexpected in a town pub. Nearby, at the Hotel Metropole, the newly created Gladstone Grill offers a superb a la carte menu. The Hotel Metropole has been completely refurbished and now challenges other hotels on the Island for comfort, service and cuisine.

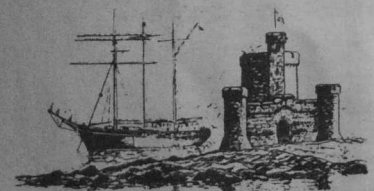
Douglas, in keeping with any ancient seaport, has much historical interest and to delve deeper into its history a visit to the Manx Museum at the top of Crellin's Hill is a 'must'. Here in the Museum the finest display of ancient Mann, photographs and books will intrigue you all day. As you walk along the promenade or travel by horse-tram, you will notice just outside the harbour entrance on a treacherous rocky island, a small granite built castle. This is the Tower of Refuge, erected in 1832 by Sir William Hillary — founder of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and ancestor of Mount Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary.

Sir William lived in Douglas, in what is now the Fort Anne overlooking the harbour, and started a lifeboat service in which he sailed himself to rescue many sailors from shipwreck. The Tower of Refuge, aptly named, was built on Conister Rock, a notorious menace to ships in the 18th century, after the *St. George* foundered on Conister and the screams of the crew, stranded there without shelter against the waves would be heard by people on land — including Sir William — whose heroism rescued the trapped sailors.



The Fort Anne

Sir William's old home, the Fort Anne, has a tale of its own. In the 18th century Irish rake Buck Whaley married a lady who inherited a fortune providing that she always lived on Irish soil. Buck Whaley, wishing to live on the Island without losing his wife's fortune, shipped soil from



The Tower of Refuge with the *TS 'Captain Scott'* at anchor Ireland and spread it under the foundations of Fort Anne, thereby complying with the will under which his wife gained her fortune.

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Although Douglas cannot claim to be the home of Manx kippers, one of the two most evocative symbols of Manxland, it is now, however, the home of Manx cats.

A few years ago, when it became apparent the famous tail-less breed was dying out, the Government set up a "cattery" on its Experimental Farm near Peel to stop the species becoming extinct. The cattery is now operated by Douglas Corporation and is a purpose-built building in Noble's Park and is open to the public.

The unique Manx cat has been encouraged to breed so purely that Manx kittens are now one of the Island's export

industries, mainly channelled towards America but reaching many other corners of the world.

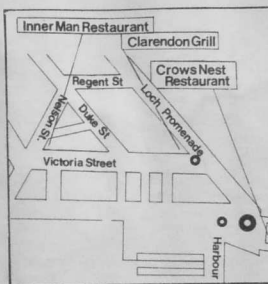
Also in Douglas is the head post office which provides another symbol of Manx national identity, the Manx postage stamp. On July 5, Tynwald Day in 1973, the Island took over its postal services from Great Britain and



Manx cat and kittens at play.

has since launched a highly successful series of Manx stamps attracting the attention of collectors throughout the world and raising additional revenue for the Manx exchequer.

The shore of Douglas is one of its crowning glories, not only because of the long beaches but also for its safety record. Protected on either side by headlands, the bay is



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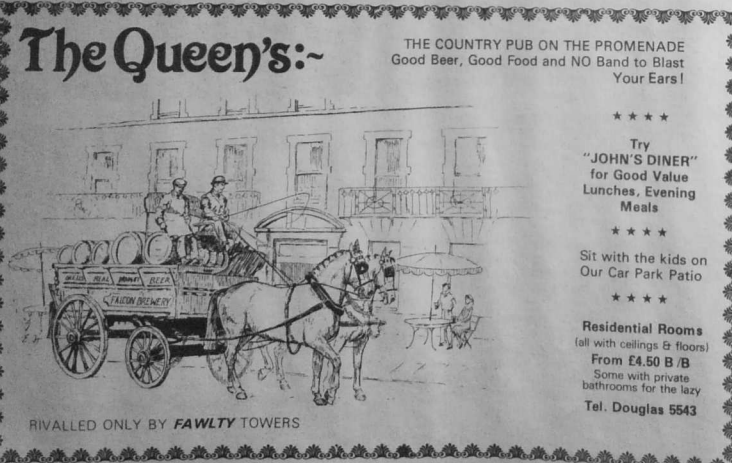
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There are many places to visit in Douglas, particularly the Manx Museum which displays, most attractively, the history of the Island.

A visit to the lighthouse on Douglas Head is of particular interest to those who live inland, for, at the discretion of the lighthouse keeper, visitors may ascend the spiral stairway to the top and inspect the lantern and lenses of this powerful lighthouse.



MV "Mona's Queen" entering harbour past Douglas Head

In the harbour area you can take the opportunity of looking over the lifeboat station and inspecting the lifeboat itself. Notice how immaculate it is kept, ready for instant use, as are all lifeboats.

You may visit the House of Keys on Prospect Hill when it is in session, applications to be made to the enquiry office in the same building, where the 13th century Manx Sword of State is displayed.

At the Northern end of Douglas Promenade is Summerhill Glen, a Corporation developed garden, which has a beautiful display of sub-tropical flora. Illuminations at night transform it into a "fairylnd".

Noble's Park next to the start of the TT races is another pleasure centre run by the Corporation, with tennis courts, bowling greens, park and kiddies playground.

As the biggest town in the Island, Douglas offers the most extensive social and shopping facilities with most of the evening entertainment available on the Island. One of the more interesting pubs is the British Hotel on the North Quay, mentioned in the Steam Packet history.

Douglas sports the only public casino in Britain where immediate membership is available at the door. The Island's gaming complex at the centre of Douglas seafront has something for just about everyone who likes a flutter — and much more besides.

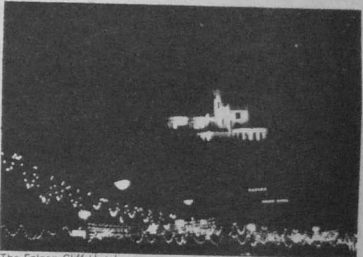
In the centre of Douglas promenade the imposing building Villa Marina with its colonnade and sheltered gardens offers a variety of entertainment throughout the season with appearances by top Stars. Similarly, at the southern end of the promenade the Villiers Hotel offers the holidaymaker a sophisticated Summer Show each evening, excluding Sunday.

Rising above the Sea Terminal, in the distinctive tower of the Crow's Nest Restaurant one may enjoy the

superlative a la carte meals, and admire the unequalled panoramic vista of Douglas Bay and Harbour.



Relaxing and sunbathing in the Villa Marina Gardens

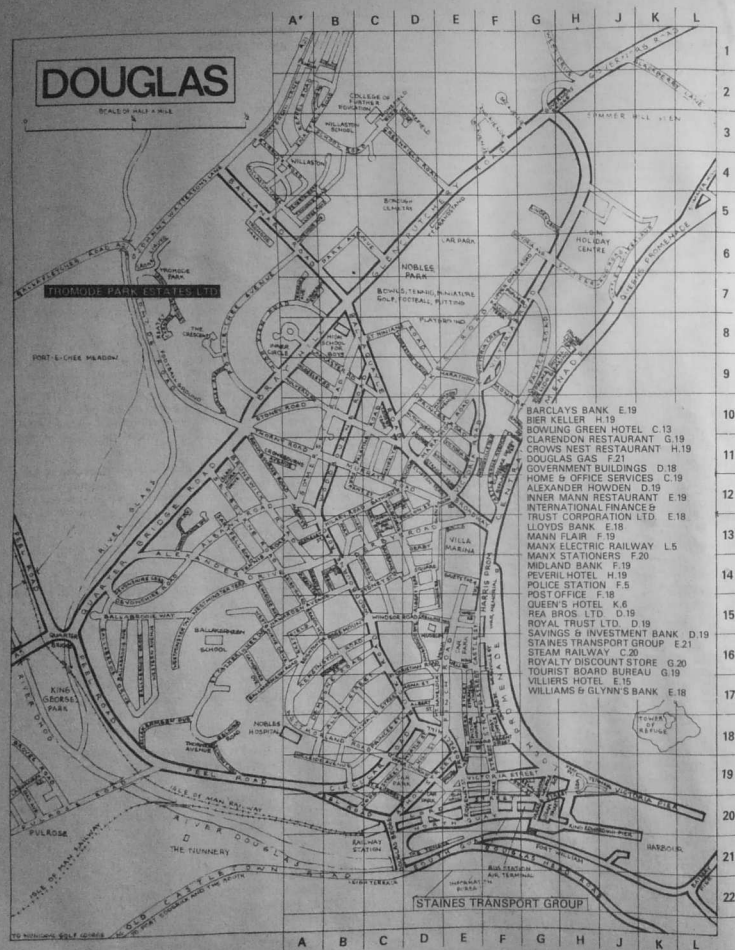


The Falcon Cliff Hotel



The new sea terminal

As we said earlier, people think Douglas is the Isle of Man, but for the motorist in Mann it serves as a central base to explore the inner beauty of the island which this magazine and maps will try to make easy for you to discover.



The East

Since the mid 19th century the business and commercial world of the Island has been centred in the east, Douglas and nearby Onchan accounting for nearly half of the Island's population. But commerce has not spoiled the scene and even here in the east you are never far away from something new and interesting.

Some of the finest coastal scenery in Britain, let alone the Isle of Man, is barely two miles from the town centre. A truly magnificent road winds its way along a rugged cliff face from Douglas Head to Port Soderick.



The entrance to Marine Drive — the old Toll Gate still stands

The magnificent Marine Drive, literally blasted out of the sheer cliff face, follows twists and turns on precipitous cliffs to Port Soderick, a Corporation owned and developed resort. Port Soderick is noted for its cliff walks, its glen, caves, children's playground, and, of course, a cafe and pub which make this a favourite family centre.

The country is never far from Douglas and a very



Port Soderick

interesting drive is the road out to Baldwin Valley, where the main reservoir of the Island is situated, surrounded by plantations and mountains, scenic as any loch in Scotland.

You may fish in this reservoir (a licence is required from the warden's house opposite the reservoir gates). The Island's Board of Agriculture and Fisheries stocks the reservoir with rainbow and brown trout each season.

Continuing to take you into the countryside, follow the A24 road into Foxdale, where just past the Cool, the valley on the right — separating you from Greeba Mountain to the North — is known by the Manx as "The Plains of Heaven". This rich green valley, from Douglas to Peel, is so peaceful that it is easy to see how its name originated.

Before you reach Foxdale take care approaching the Fairy dam, as there is a sharp hairpin bend and the road drops sharply. On the eastern side of Foxdale is Mannin-Gael, a cottage industry run by John and Sheila Churchill who specialise in hand-finished Fair Isle knitwear for ladies and men. All their garments are knitted in the finest Scottish spun Shetland wool in a range of over 25 colours.

Foxdale takes its names from the Viking "foss" meaning waterfall and "dal" meaning valley, and it was from Hamilton Falls in Lower Foxdale that the name originated. Foxdale was one of the main mining centres of the last century, and many ruins on the mountainside round the village remain. Old rough stone mine shafts and chimneys dot the landscape with mounds of "spoil" deposited by the miners.

Foxdale produced some of the finest silver ore in Britain in its heyday and a railway was built from Douglas to carry this important export mineral in 1886. Though it is hard to imagine now, Foxdale fairly buzzed with activity in those days.

The large labour force in the mines created a demand for a pub, and a small cottage was bought by a Castletown hotel keeper in 1872 and converted into a public house. According to legend this house was called "The Baltic" on account of the harsh conditions, cold weather and poor pay of the miners who likened it to Russia.

Officially, the Foxdale Hotel was licensed in 1887 and was the only hotel in the village.

The Foxdale Hotel, run by Don and Margaret Elliott, has undergone great transformation and Don and Margaret have made this historic pub into a lovely country inn where the best of food and drink is available.

There is a beer garden at the rear where parents may sit and drink in comfort while their children play.

Nearer to Douglas is Kirk Braddan, where every Sunday during the summer, thousands of holidaymakers make their way to a field on the slopes behind the church for a unique open-air service. This has been happening for generations, certainly well before the existing church was built.

In those days the congregation gathered in the churchyard of the Old Braddan Church, still standing but unused, and the clergyman had to stand on a tombstone to take the service!

You should spare some time to explore the old church, built on a site that has religious associations since Viking

days, and where Runic crosses, whose inscriptions you can still see, abound.

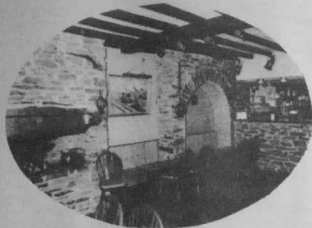


Kirk Braddan Church
One curiosity near the south door of the church is a tombstone erected by a vicar of the church 11 years before he died "Here underlyeth" it says "the body of the Rev Mr Patrick Thompson, Minister of God's words 40 years, at present vicar of Kirk Braddan, aged 67 years anno 1678, Deceased ye 24th April, Anno 1689".

You will notice that this church has no steeple, although one was built originally but was blown off (shades of the Buggane of St Trinian's) and never replaced.

Between Braddan and Quarterbridge is a large mansion house called Kirby, its grounds coming down to the riverside on the right hand side of the main road. This house was once the home of a Colonel Wilks, the Governor of St Helena when Napoleon was prisoner there.

The Foxdale Hotel

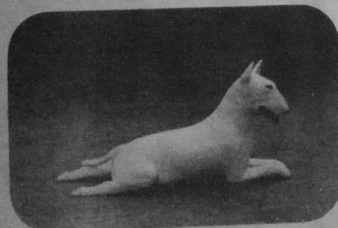


John and Margaret welcome you to the Foxdale Hotel. Morning coffee, snacks and grills specialities beer from the wood, chicken, scampi and sausage baskets
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BAHATI POTTERY

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The pottery is situated right in the middle of the island, on the road between St. Luke's Church and Injebreck reservoir, and is open 8 days a week, all the year round. A warm welcome is given to visitors and Michael and Angela Woods are always pleased to answer questions and show you their work. "The Figurines" are the original hand work of Bahati and are of a high quality and individuality.



From Quarterbridge to Douglas along the banks of the River Glass there is a conglomeration of light industries and the cooling towers of Douglas Power Station loom large over this Manx industrial scene.

A drive to Injebreck through West Baldwin valley not only provides you with an insight to the rugged mountain scenery of the island, but also takes you past St. Luke's church which is close to the site of an ancient Tynwald (circa 1429). In the West Baldwin valley you will discover Bahati Pottery, on the road between St. Luke's church and Injebreck Reservoir. This is where Michael and Angela Woods offer a welcome to all visitors and are always willing to have a chat and show you their work. Each piece in the pottery is individually worked on by hand, and great care and attention is paid to detail and character, with no two figurines looking exactly alike. Visitors to the pottery recognise the high quality and superior artwork present in even the simplest models, and appreciate the time spent on each figurine. Michael and Angela have spent their lives working with animals, both domestic and wild, and this understanding and love of animals shows in their work.

So, whilst on your scenic drive in this magnificent part of the island, call in at the pottery where you are always welcome. Have a look around and meet Michael and Angela Woods and see the Animal Figurines being made and hand painted.

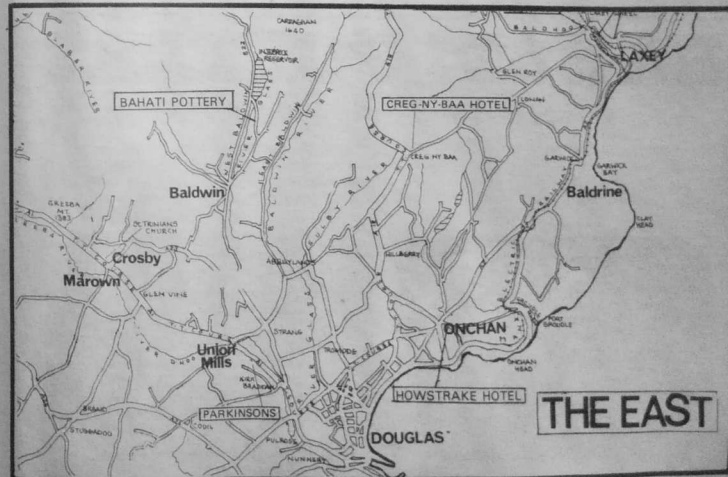
Once inside the pottery you will immediately notice the great character and individual expressions that are

in the animals. This is achieved with painstaking care to detail and craftsmanship throughout the whole process. These figurines are exclusive to Bahati and are the original work of Michael and Angela and you will be impressed by the variety of animals produced.

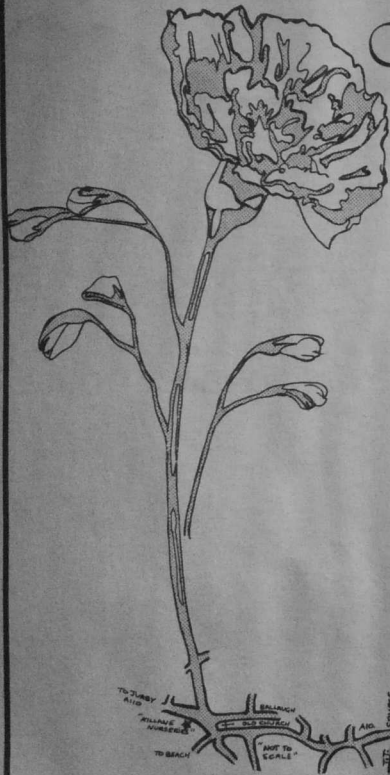
The pottery is open every day of the week all the year round in order to accommodate visitors and help to make their visit to the Isle of Man a happy and interesting one. Private orders are accepted and personal attention is paid to visitors requirements. Another excellent feature that Bahati will do, free of charge but requiring a few days notice, is to put simple inscriptions on personal gifts for Weddings, Christmas or Birthdays, etc.

At the head of West Baldwin valley set in breathtaking mountain scenery you will find Injebreck Reservoir, which was built in 1905. This beautiful lake has a capacity of three hundred million gallons of water and is 480' above sea level. The deepest section of the reservoir is 71'. The reservoir is stocked with trout and by obtaining the necessary fishing licence from angling shops, or indeed from the Warden at the reservoir, you may enjoy a peaceful picnic whilst angling for these delightful fish.

Returning from West Baldwin you may travel along the Quarterbridge Road where you will see along the banks of the River Glass a conglomeration of light industries and the cooling towers of Douglas Power Station loom large over this Manx industrial scene.



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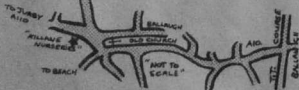
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The North

There are two routes to the North, over the mountains or along the coast. The latter begins from Douglas Promenade, skirts Onchan Head and gives you a panoramic view of Douglas from the North, following rugged cliff scenery, before dropping down to Groudie Glen where we suggest you stretch your legs and enjoy the secluded beach.

From Groudie Glen, the road twists and turns alongside the Manx Electric Railway until it joins the inland route from Onchan, which having passed through Laxey, descends the long Sliu Lewaigue Hill into Ramsey.

The most direct and quickest road to the North is over the Mountain Road, in the reverse direction to that followed by the TT riders. This begins at Governor's Bridge and gives a magnificent view of the Island's mountains and skirts only a few hundred feet below the summit of Snaefell.

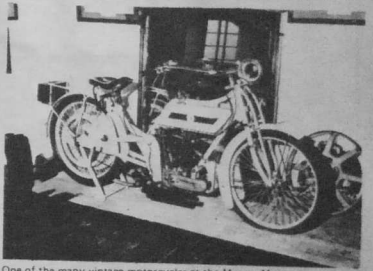
If you should take this road, you will eventually arrive at Guthrie's Memorial (to a famous TT rider) on the edge of the Mountain Road before it descends to Ramsey, nearly 2,000 feet below you. Here you can see nearly all of the North-West and North of the Island in one enveloping glance.

From Michael in the North-West to Ramsey in the North-East, the land levelled by glacial action was once

covered by a lake and provides the setting for the second largest town on the Island, Ramsey, and eight villages.

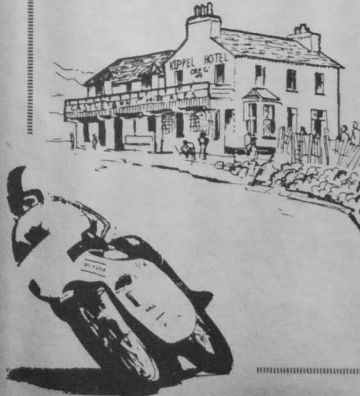
In this almost triangular piece of land just a few feet above sea level that was joined on to the more mountainous regions, almost as an afterthought by nature, in the ice age, are miles of unspoilt sand dunes and moorland where heather and rare botanical flora abound.

You can drive to the Point of Ayre, the most northerly tip of the Island only 16 miles from Scotland (which is visible) and wander for miles on the sands or moorland with sea birds crying overhead and the spectacle out to sea of tidal currents clashing in dangerous cross-flows known



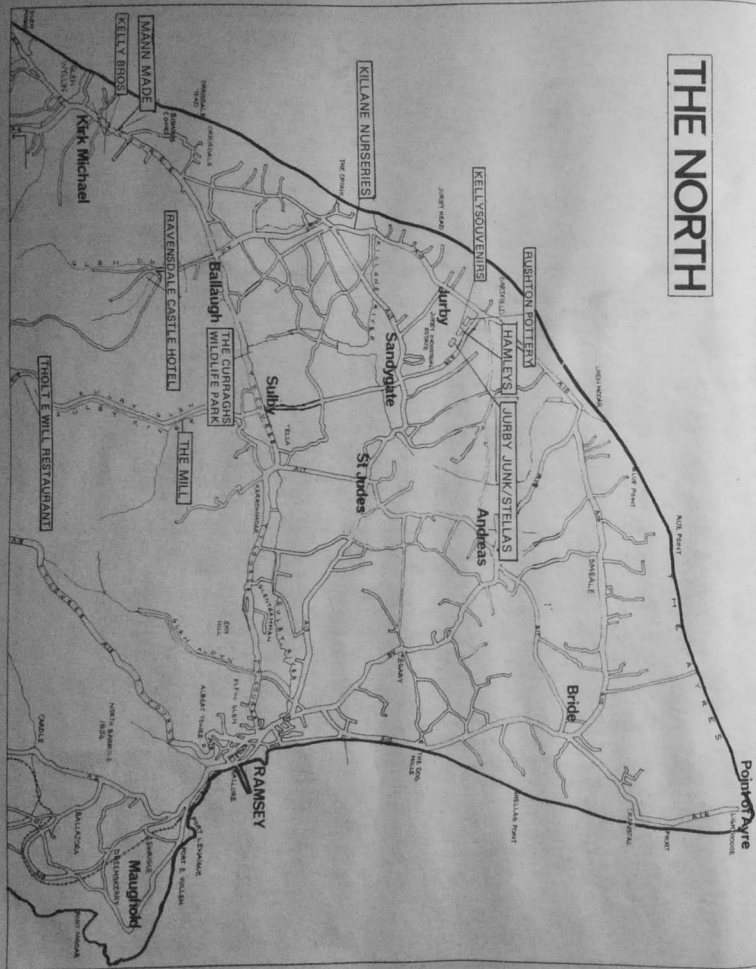
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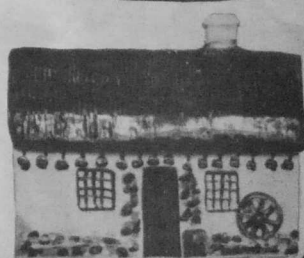
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to the locals as "The Streus", Manx for strife or contention.

To warn shipping of these dangerous currents, a lighthouse was built at the Point in 1818, though today it is further inland due to the currents extending the shoreline outwards.

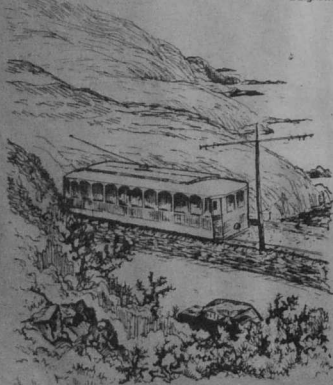


At the discretion of the lighthouse keeper, you may visit the top of the most Northern Manx lighthouse and enjoy the panoramic view to the South from the lighthouse balcony (159 feet high).

This is an area where you can well and truly get off the beaten track and turn your back on the busy beaches of other resorts.

All along the A10 there are minor roads that take you to secluded beaches — Rue Point and Blue Point near Smeale are among the best and have the added excitement of free flying displays by jet fighter bombers operating from bases as far away as Germany to the Jurby ranges.

Bulgham Bay



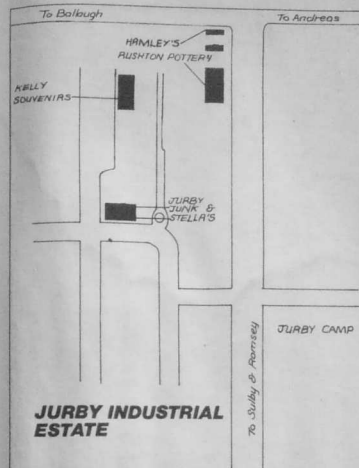
Turning inland off the A10 onto the A14 (which takes you to Sulby) you arrive at the Jurby Industrial Estate. However, industrial hardly applies here as there are no smoking chimneys and factories polluting the atmosphere. The Estate is situated on a former RAF station and is a small complex unit of local firms producing localised craft products, one of which is Kelly Souvenirs, manufacturers of all kinds of hand-made Manx gifts, such as Thatched Cottage musical boxes playing many Manx tunes. Visitors are made very welcome and one can see (and hear) so much of traditional Manx interest such as wood-carving of spinning chairs and stools. As sole distributors of the Manx National Tartan, one may purchase this lovely cloth by the yard. For the convenience of their visitors Kellys have cafe facilities on their premises for light refreshments, so that a few hours may be passed very pleasantly.

Here also in the Jurby Industrial Estate you will find a building which merely says 'Stella's — Jurby Junk'. The unpromising appearance of this building belies the fascinating collection of objects ranging from antiques to plain useful items which you can buy. In fact, this 'Aladdin's cave' has so many items it is impossible to elaborate. An interesting fact about Stella (and her sister Vivian, who runs Hamley's of Jurby) is that their father, Howard Pixton, in 1914 put Britain aerodynamically ahead of the rest of the world by winning the Schneider Trophy for Britain for the first time. In 1919 he made the first deliveries of newspapers by air to the Isle of Man in a sea plane, landing in Douglas Bay. It is a strange twist of fate that Stella's is situated on this former RAF airfield. Stella's is now run by her son, Nigel Pixton, obviously grandson of Howard Pixton, and his wife Hazel.

Close by you will discover Hamley's of Jurby, run by Vivian. This interesting and unique 'shop' offers an unbelievable range of old and new items and in particular Vivian is especially interested in the occult and has selected books on this subject which she feels are relevant to today's enquiring spirit. Included are books on present day phenomena as experienced by Matthew Manning and others, teachings in meditation and yoga, numerous paperbacks on UFOs and for those of you preferring fiction, some Rider Haggards, John Wyndhams, etc.

On the Estate, and helping it to develop into a craft centre, is Rushton Pottery. This five year old business — steadily increasing its range of pottery and ceramics — has been particularly famous for its magnificent Shire horses. But, Rushton Pottery also make a wide variety of wine goblets, mugs, household jars, Manx cats and hand-thrown pottery. Their unique three-legged Manx Teapot has been particularly popular and they have added to this range a miniature three-legged Manx Teapot. John Liddle, the proprietor, has designed especially for Millennium the Viking Toby Jug and also produces the only locally made mug depicting the Millennium symbol. Only by visiting his showroom will you be able to see the wide variety of pottery and ceramics which you may purchase.

Turning off the T.T. Course at Ballaugh and proceeding towards the coast following the A10 you will arrive at Killane Nurseries where thousands upon thousands of flowers are grown. For a small admission charge (children



JURBY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE



Rushton Pottery Showroom

free) you can wander around and see this glorious colourful array. Included in the small admission charge is tea, biscuits and a carnation buttonhole. Killane Nurseries provide a postal pack of selected carnations service all the year round, which could solve a lot of your gift problems — for the arrival of a box of beautiful Manx carnations would delight anyone.

Killane Nurseries are often open in the evening — however, this depends on the number of evening coach tours expected, so to avoid disappointment it is best to phone first to make sure they are open on the evening that you are deciding to drive there.

Continuing towards Sulby to the TT Course and turning right and driving a few miles down the road, will bring you to the Wild Life Park, which was once all marshy land and undeveloped. However, in January 1964 the Manx Parliament acquired some 211 acres of the Ballaugh Curraghs as a nature reserve and later 26 acres were developed as a wild life park.

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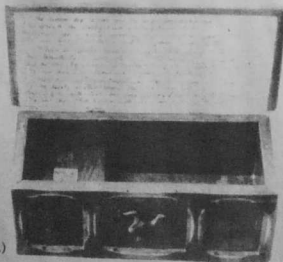
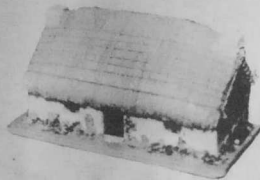


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The park, officially opened on July 23, 1965, has proved to be one of the most popular Manx tourist attractions ever since and has been planned to blend into the natural surroundings.

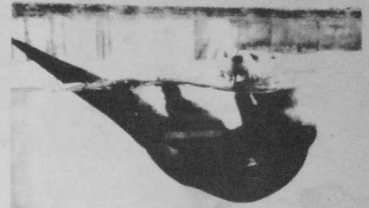
Exotic inhabitants (penguins, llamas, monkeys, pumas, Californian sea lions, etc) are quickly at home amongst the tropical looking plants and trees which grow in profusion in the Curraghs.

A walk-through aviary lets visitors wander freely among many colourful birds gathered from the world over, strutting about are purple gallinules, white-eyebrowed guans, golden and silver pheasants. In another aviary there are wading birds, the sacred ibis, night herons and cattle egrets to name but a few.

Sharing a paddock with the Australian wallabies, is a small herd of Manx Loghtan sheep (only a few of these native sheep survive today).

On the main lake over 30 different species of water fowl have made their homes with long-legged flamingo which gather by the cafe terrace where visitors may take tea and refreshments. They create a colourful contrast to the dark towering mountains in the background.

To the North of the wild life park is the tiny village of Sulby with an extensive picnic area called the Claddaghs



One of the playful otters

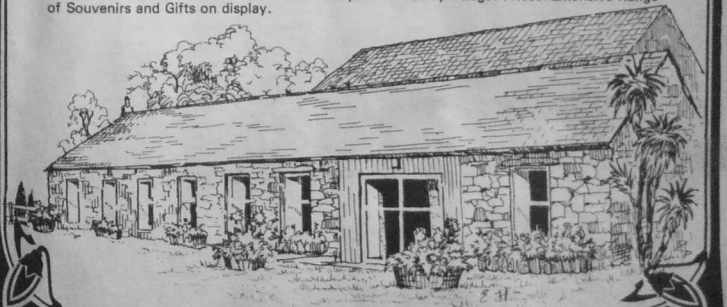
bounded on one side by the Sulby river and sheltered on the other side by steep mountains.

Sulby Glen Hotel is a must for this was once the home of the biggest man in Britain, the 44 stone giant, Arthur Caley, born in 1819 and so big that doors of his home had to be enlarged to allow his 8ft 2in frame to pass through. They can still be seen in the bar of the hotel today. The famous gentle giant's wife was a midget in comparison — she was 6ft 2in tall.

From here you can divert off the main road (TT Course) and drive through the deep cleft of Sulby Glen through which the Sulby River flows. In what was once the old Woollen Mills an added attraction has

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Pere David's Deer, notice the velvet still on his antlers



Pumas keeping a watchful eye on you

been created to the breathtaking scenery by the opening of a delightful cafe/mini market in the old mill building.

Mr and Mrs Ally Starky have pleasantly decorated the mill with wood panels and ample quantities of white paint. The room's ceiling is attractively crossed by traditional oak beams, dark stained for effect and extra light is let into the building through a number of glass skylights.

A large variety of snacks and light meals can be ordered in the cafe including tea, coffee, soft drinks,

ice cream and sweets, and they now also have a table licence for you to enjoy your favourite drink with your meal.

In the same building a selection of pottery and craftwork by local people is on sale, along with souvenirs, ladies skirts, Manx rock and toys for the kiddies.

Ascending Sulby Valley towards the mountain region you will come to Tholt-e-Will where in a magnificent forested valley two rivers meet is Tholt-e-Will Country Inn, owned by the Honourable Mrs Currey and run by her and her husband, who recently retired from the Royal Navy.



The elegant flamingoes beside the park lake

Tholt~E~Will Country Inn - Sulby 237



THOLT-E-WILL is a small Inn in the heart of the country, yet each bedroom has its own bathroom. You can dine by candlelight among antiques in a private Dining room (Minimum 4, advance booking essential). You can also stop here for a light lunch, tea or bar snacks or just sit in the sun with a drink while the children feed the fantail pigeons or play beside the river.

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A charming picnic spot at Sulby Claddagh

Mrs Currey is a daughter of Lord Strange and is thus descended from the Lords of Mann. Mr Currey is descended from another of the Island's famous families, the Christians of Milntown and related to Fletcher Christian of the Mutiny on the Bounty.

Tholt-e-Will Inn has a simple old-fashioned bar where Folk Singers and other musicians often gather to play in the evenings. One can also sit outside in the sunshine beside the river while the children play or take the family into the adjacent Tea House/Cafe for refreshments or a light meal.

The Inn is furnished with many interesting antiques which can be enjoyed by residents for whom a limited number of rooms are available or those dining in the private dining rooms which have to be reserved in advance and the meal ordered.

Ballaugh was once a prosperous village (the name Balla means town and laugh lake). The church, a little to the north of the village, has the oldest register, dated 1598, on the Island and is within a mile of an ancient Viking burial ground.

If you turn inland at Ballaugh Bridge and follow the winding glen road, you will arrive at the beautiful Ravensdale Castle Hotel set in its own grounds. The Hotel has recently been renovated in a most elegant fashion and here you may relax over a drink, or enjoy the extensive Bar Lunches which range from sandwiches, scampi and chips in a basket to garnished steaks. After discovering this enchanting place you will surely want to return again.

Returning to Ballaugh Bridge and proceeding along the TT Course southwards, a mile or two down the road below Orrisdale set in an attractive area of woodland, until

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Fully licensed and open all year, the elegant Ravensdale Castle is situated in its own grounds, offering a peaceful setting in the enchanting forested Glen Dhoo. The perfect location for a Residential Hotel. The hotel is open for Morning Coffee, Bar Lunches and à la Carte, Evening Dinners, Hot and Cold Bar Lunches from noon-1.45 p.m. every day. A la Carte Dinner from 7.00 p.m. The main road route by car is along the T.T. Course via Ballacrine.



The Lounge Bar with its beautiful stone fireplace.



The Dining Room.

recently, was the historical residence of the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Mann, called Bishop's Court and opposite is the wooded walk of Bishop's Glen, an attractive spot to stretch your legs.

Bishop's Court has been an episcopal Palace for over 700 years and is one of the last surviving links with the Viking Kingdom that included Mann and the Southern islands of Scotland (hence the word Sodor) which is still included in the Bishop's title today.

A part of Bishop's Court, probably a fortress in times gone by and now called King Orry's Tower, has walls 12ft thick.

A short distance to the South is Kirk Michael, a village which grew around the parish church, where many ancient Celtic crosses can be seen.

In Kirk Michael is the headquarters of one of the Island's well-known building companies, Kelly Bros., who have developments under construction throughout the Island.

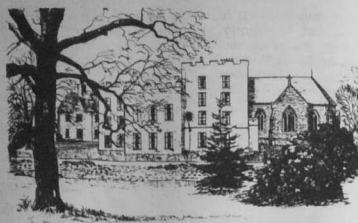
Kirk Michael also has an existing hostelry, the Mitre Hotel, which still caters for travellers' hospitality as it did in the coaching days of old. Tradition asserts that the first licence was held by this hostelry in 1786, which would make this the oldest inn on the Island.

A certain Colonel Townley visited the Mitre in 1789 and left an interesting picture of an hospitable inn of the coaching age *'We arrived before noon at a house that announced good entertainment for both man and beast. I believe our horses fared well and we met with a loaf of good bread and tolerably good wine'*. You can be assured of just as an hospitable welcome today though your horsepower left outside will have to fend for itself.

Today modern technology offers you the wonderful sight of jet fighters skipping the waves almost daily to make practice runs on the NATO bombing range just off the coast. Sometimes the jets are so close to the shore that you can actually see the pilots.



The Mitre Hotel, Kirk Michael



Bishopscourt

Situated on the main Peel-Ramsey road at the north end of the village, Mann-Made is the latest venture of husband-and-wife team, John and Betty Grimson, whose homely licensed general store stands right next door. Mann-Made carries a large stock of all manner of products by Manx artists and craftsmen. John Grimson himself is a writer and photographer, and his own books (as well as those of other Island authors) and his photographs of Island scenes are all on display. This makes Mann-Made an ideal place in which to browse and ponder on that special gift or souvenir from the Isle of Man.

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Continuing South from Kirk Michael, you can take a right-hand fork along the coast to Peel or, follow in reverse, the TT course inland. Just below this junction is Glen Wyllin and from its beach a fine panoramic view of the East coast of Ireland can be seen. The beach is a very attractive picnic setting.

If you have taken the road inland, you will find an excellent diversion a few miles ahead of you when you come to a crossroads with Sartfield Farmhouse Cafe sign posted on the left. Having turned left after a short, sharp climb, you will come to the Island's best-known Manx farmhouse cafe where an extensive menu in Manx and English caters for all tastes.

Manx ham and eggs top the popularity list and the tea is a little different, made of water drawn from a clear fresh mountain spring. Kath and Gerry Bowler, continuing the traditions of a farmhouse cafe, also offer an a la carte menu in the beautiful oak beamed licensed grill room.

However, if you have decided to continue straight on, but with a mental reminder to try the farmhouse cafe at a later date, you will arrive at Glen Helen, an enchanting glen with an impressive waterfall fed by three streams.

The road continues to Ballacraigne where, turning left, you head for Douglas.

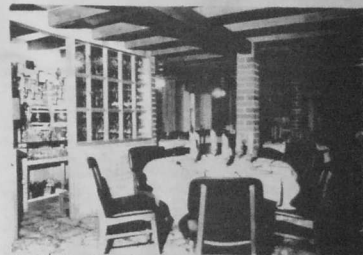
The coast road to the North, from Douglas takes you through Laxey, past the Dhoon Glen, which has a waterfall plunging 130 feet to reach the sea at a lovely unspoilt beach. It's a leg stiffening walk but the scenery is worth it.

Before Ramsey and one and three-quarter miles after the Glen Mona Hotel, you can turn right across the electric

railway lines, down towards Port Cornaa and after fording a river make your way through a narrow road towards Ballaglass Glen. Deep in the valley, it is a really enchanting spot; do try to include this glen in your travels.

Continuing onwards, rising from the valley, turn right at the junction and follow the road on a scenic route into the hinterland of Maughold, a village renowned for its ancient church and a collection of runic crosses.

Leaving Maughold northwards, you will, after a few interesting miles, rejoin the main road and descend into Ramsey.



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Onchan

Onchan, once a tiny village known as Kiondroghad (meaning Bridge End), is a fast developing dormitory town for neighbouring Douglas and straddles the main road to Laxey and the North.

Within its boundaries lie Government House (on the main road leading into Onchan from Glencrutchery Road) which is the Island residence of the Lieutenant Governor.

The building was once the home of Peter Heywood who, as midshipman on board HMS *Bounty* joined that infamous mutiny and was later sentenced to death. Fortunately for him however, an appeal by his sister resulted in the granting of a Royal Pardon and he was reinstated to the Royal Navy.

Also intertwined with the history of HMS *Bounty* is the Parish Church of St Peter where William Bligh, later to become Captain of HMS *Bounty*, was married in 1781.

He was a sea captain of great severity who cast adrift with some of his crew by another Manxman, Fletcher Christian, who led the mutiny on the *Bounty* and together with his fellow mutineers sailed to Pitcairn Island where they settled and, mixing with the natives, have left descendants who live on Pitcairn to this day.

One of the biggest attractions in Onchan is Onchan Park and Stadium, operated by the Onchan Commissioners which includes Bowling Greens (one being a new Flat Bowling Green — the first and only one on the Island to date), an 18-Hole Miniature Golf Course, Crazy Golf, Putting, Tennis, a Motor Boat Lake, and new Radio Controlled Model Boats which should appeal to fathers and sons alike. At night it holds events such as "It's A Knockout" and stock car racing.

Also within the Village District of Onchan is Grouldie Glen with its pleasant approach road by foot, car, or the Manx Electric Railway.

The feasting of the Tudors made so famous by Henry VIII and friends can still be enjoyed in its traditional ways at the Tudor Inn Steak House. Succulent chicken joints cooked in cider, roast meat joints and grills, jacket potatoes and fresh Tudor vegetables are served in comfortable and friendly surroundings. Wines and mead are also served by the glass.

Onchan has become one of the foremost shopping places on the Island with the recent development of the Precinct Shopping Centre, which has a large free car park.

In the Precinct one will find a wide variety of shops ranging from the expected and unexpected. Into the latter category falls "This 'n' That" — at first glance it is only a toy shop, however, where one ventures beyond the door one will see a range of great gifts, fantastic toys from all over the world and absorbing games for all ages.


They are hoping to have for the season the latest American craze "Happy Hermits Grand Prix Crab Race". The Happy Hermits are racing Land Crabs



Stock Car racing at Onchan Stadium



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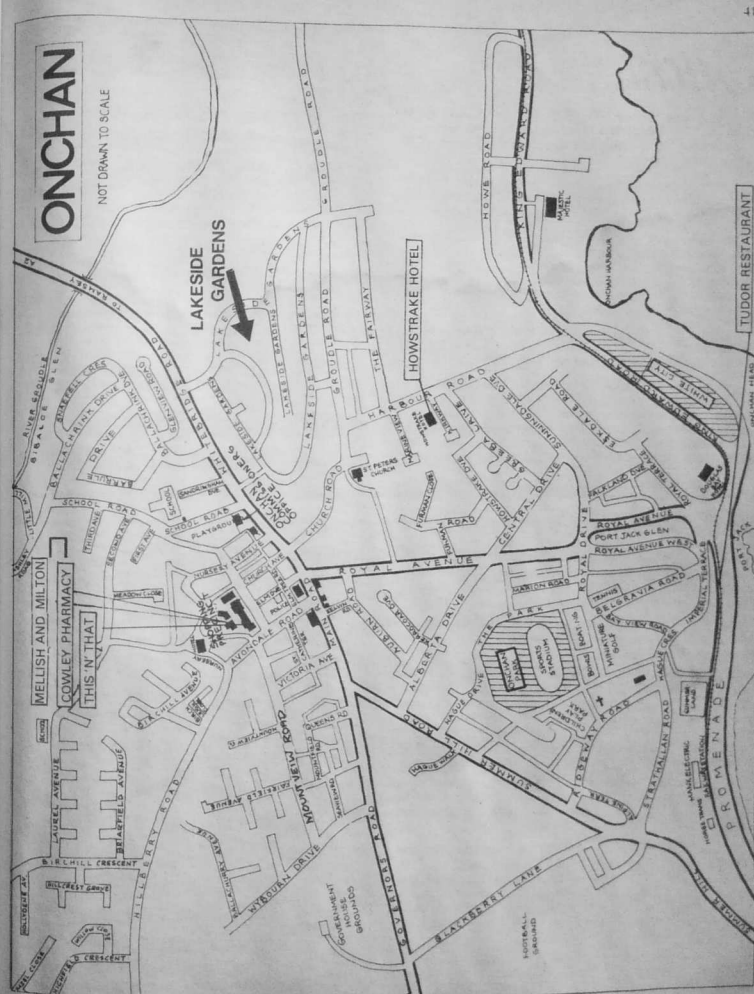
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originating from the Caribbean, where for centuries, local people congregate on the beach at evening times and compete their racing crabs against rivals. The track is usually a simple circle drawn in the sand, the competing crabs are placed under a hat in the centre, and on the word 'go' the hat is lifted and the crabs hurry across the track to the outside perimeter. Wagers are placed beforehand on the outcome and thus this is even today a very popular night out for the local people. So, pop up and see the Happy Hermits and take a game home with you. (Never challenge a Manx Crab for they will never be outdone in anything!)

Here too in the Precinct are Mellish & Milton, Estate Agents, who will be only too pleased to offer their services in helping you to find a home, business or plot of land should you be desiring to reside on the Island.

Also in the Precinct is Cowley Pharmacy and they offer a diverse range of quality make-up from some of the best cosmetic houses. In addition to cosmetics they present a large selection of quality toiletries for both women and men; toys, games and puzzles for the young and not so young; stationery items including cards and wrapping paper for all occasions; records; Scholl sandals; Jewellery; books and even spices. There are many more items too numerous to print, so call at one of our shops in Castletown, Onchan, Peel and Ramsey.



The Onchan Park and Stadium

In Onchan, ramblers have chance to stretch their legs at the foot of Whitebridge Hill, the steep incline which takes you out of the village towards Laxey where wooded Molly Quirk's Glen, named after a woman who was murdered there in years past, affords a very attractive walk through leafy surroundings. This glen is one of the many cared for in the Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board.

ONCHAN PARK & STADIUM

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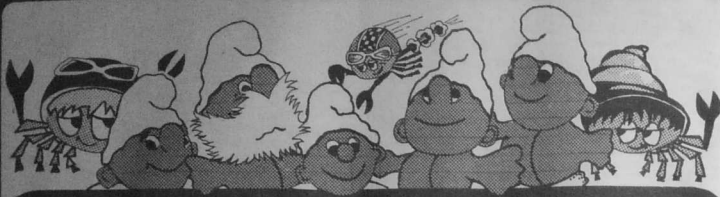
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Towards the coast from Onchan is a small but pleasant glen, which brings you to the headland of Onchan and Port Jack, a small sheltered and natural sun trap popular for those seeking a tan. Around the headland you will find another exciting amusement complex. White City, which has no entrance fee and sports outdoor funfairs, go-karting, the latest Continental dodgems and the largest variety of slot machine amusements on the Island.



St Peter's Church, Onchan, where Captain Bligh was married



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Laxey

The Vikings in times long past, settled at the mouth of a river and called it Laxvoe, meaning Salmon River, and this name became Laxey.

Today, Laxey's claim to fame is the Lady Isabella, a majestic and impressive water wheel, the largest in the world, with a width of 6ft and a diameter of 72ft 6in. It was used to pump water from the old lead mines which once made Laxey a very prosperous village.

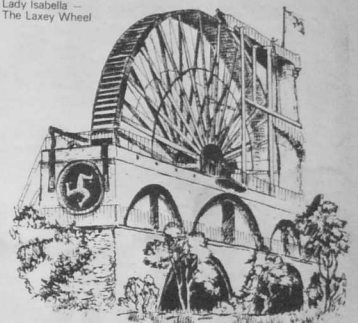
She revolves once every 30 seconds with 168 buckets scooping water from rivers that cascade down the mountain slopes providing her with power to pump the water from mine shafts 300 fathoms below, where teams of miners used to hack their way through seams of lead and silver.

The mines closed in 1929 but the Lady Isabella has been retained by the Manx Government as a national monument and earns her keep from the tourists who pay to climb the winding staircase to the top of the wheel to enjoy a view overlooking Laxey Village below.

In the lower village, which has tiny harbour and stony beach, are St George's Woollen Mills, founded in 1881 by the Oxford scholar, John Ruskin. The St George's Guilds were formed by Ruskin and are still active organisations today; one of the standards of St George's currency was one square yard of Laxey homespun.

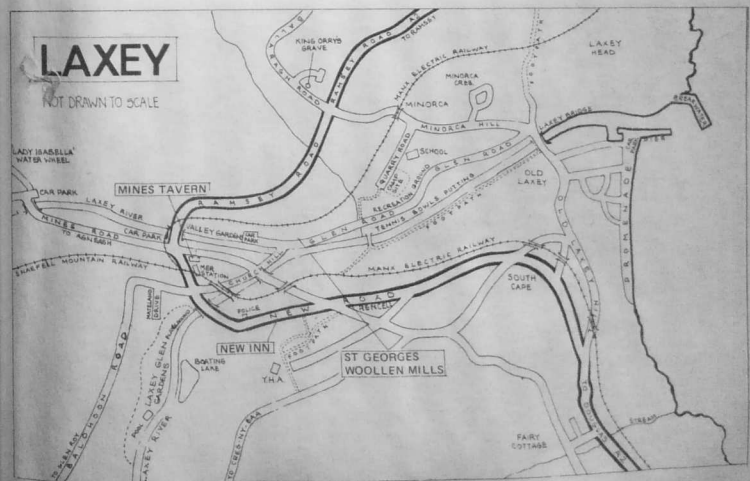
In the early days, the Mills operated by collecting wool

Lady Isabella —
The Laxey Wheel



from the local farmers for processing at the works. They received payment in kind. Ruskin abhorred any unnatural process such as steam or mechanical manufacturing and all dyeing and finishing was by natural dyestuffs and open air natural drying. Ruskin's dreams are perpetuated at St George's Woollen Mills, and all inquiries at the factory or their branch in Castle Street, Douglas, are welcome, from a one yard skirt length to a 60 yard piece.

Laxey Glen Gardens in the centre of the village provide



attractive walks through ornamental gardens which were once part of the old lead mines. There are swings, roundabouts and a boating lake, sheltered by high trees, where children can enjoy themselves.

Another important feature of Laxey is that it is the terminus for the unique Snaefell mountain railway which is the only means of transport to the summit of Snaefell, one place where you can't take your car.

Depending on the weather, from the summit you can see the mountains of the Lake District, the Mull of Galloway, the Mountains of Mourne, Anglesey, Snowdonia and, on the Cumberland shoreline, the outline of the Windscale Atomic Power Station.

Just off the Laxey back road from Creg-ny-Baa, at Glen Roy in the quiet of the Manx hills, a small rocky glen hides the gardens and nursery of Ballalheannagh Gardens.

In this peaceful spot visitors are welcome and encouraged to wander at their leisure in the glen where a mile of paths follow the streams and waterfalls and at each turn open up new vistas, each breathtakingly beautiful.

In these surroundings plants from all over the world can be seen growing in natural settings to give potential customers an idea of what to expect from the smaller specimens in pots in the selling areas.

The New Inn offers visitors and regulars alike the sort of welcome that makes customers want to come back for more. Here, in a relaxed atmosphere, you can enjoy a quiet drink at any time, as well as bar snacks, which

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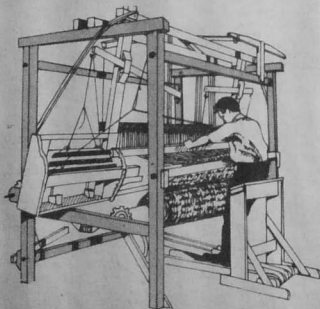
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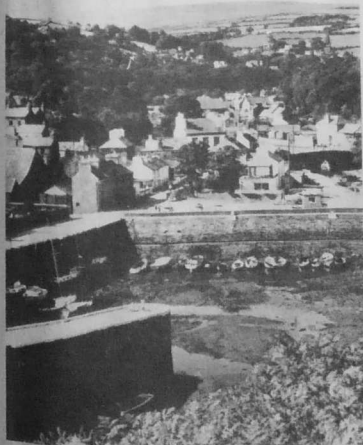
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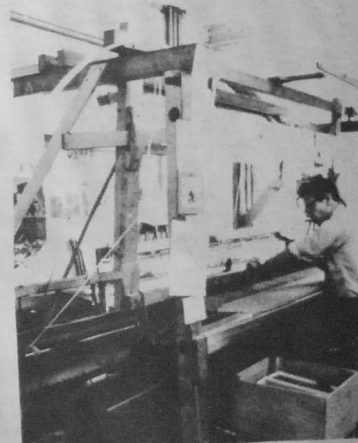


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The handloom in St George's Woollen Mills

48 somehow seem to taste even better in the Inn's beer garden.

On music nights come and join in the old singalong to old time music, accompanied by the Inn's organist.

King Orry's Grave — north of Laxey



Before leaving Laxey, enjoy some refreshment at the Mines Tavern, a country pub which has much history attached to it. In the great days of mining, the Mines was the home of the Captain of the Mines, a very important man, but after the mines closed and when the mountain railway was being built, the mansion was neatly cut in half to make way for the railway lines. Even today there are doors which open only to face you with a brick wall.

Families are welcome to sit in the sun garden to enjoy the view of the railway station, probably the prettiest station in the British Isles.

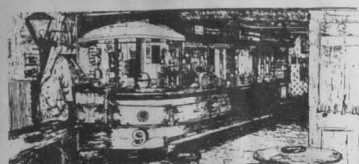
The comings and goings of the Victorian electric trams (on which the tramway bar is modelled) provide a scene unrivalled elsewhere in the U.K.

The Mines Tavern has many mining and tram relics in the bars which will intrigue all age groups — one of the many reasons why the Mines Tavern was voted the Pub of the Year by the 1974 holidaymakers.

Leaving Laxey Northwards on the coast road you come to a crossroads and, turning left up a sharp hill, to the reputed last resting place of one of the Island's most famous kings — King Orry — still marked by upright stones bordering a small council estate on the Northern headland of Laxey.

The road passes directly through the once 200ft wide burial ground where, during excavations, a 15ft square vault was discovered in which lay the skeleton of a man, his iron sword and a horse beside him.

This road rejoins the coast road a few miles further on at the Dhoon Glen.



The replica Electric Railway Bar in Mines Tavern

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Ramsey — the name comes from the Norse Rumsa, meaning "Gaelic River" — has inherited the prefix Royal from the day in 1847 when Queen Victoria with Prince Albert were due to have put into Douglas, where the Island's leading dignitaries were waiting to welcome them.

Bad weather at Douglas diverted the Royal yacht to Ramsey where the Queen and Prince came ashore. The Prince walked to Ballure Glen and nearby Lhergy Frissel, a hill giving an extensive panoramic view of the Northern planes, and was greatly impressed.

By the time the messenger on horseback arrived at Douglas to tell the waiting dignitaries of the Queen and Prince's arrival, they had returned to the Royal yacht and the dignitaries, having journeyed to Ramsey, missed the Royal occasion, but commemorated it by building a handsome granite tower near the spot where the Prince stood on Lhergy Frissel, calling it the Albert Tower.

Ramsey has been visited many times by Royalty, a habit begun by Godred Crovan (King Orry) in 1075. In keeping with this Royal theme look with respect at the swans in Mooragh Park, as they have Royal blood in them. King Edward and Queen Alexandra presented a pair of royal swans to Ramsey when they visited the Island in 1902.

Today, Ramsey is one of the biggest growth areas on the Island and provides a home for many retired people and has an excellent shopping centre where one will find a


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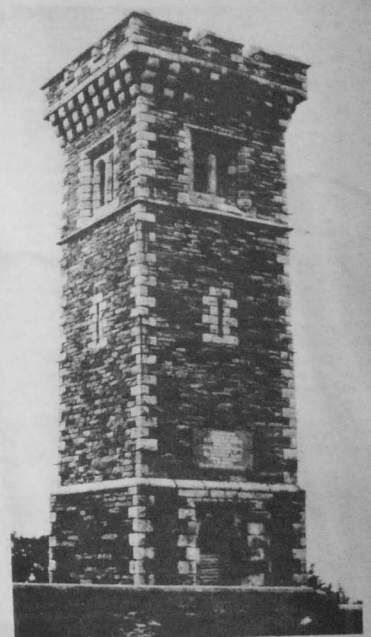
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In the centre of Ramsey's Parliament Street, down Collin's Lane, one of the several passages leading from the main street to the Quay side, you come upon a barn-like building of Stella's of Ramsey, a veritable Aladdin's Cave of antiques, oil paintings, uniforms and selected items. The old stone building provides a perfect setting of character and charm for the older article. Stella first opened a business in the Isle of Man in 1976 in a small way at Jurby, but now has branched into the more expensive goods of not less than £10 here in Ramsey, leaving her other well-known businesses of second-hand goods to her son and his wife to manage. Read about 'Stella's of Jurby' and 'Jurby Junk' and Stella's famous father on page 32. Part of the family business is also 'Janek of Ramsey', a smaller shop divided off from 'Stella's'.

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is also known as the Odd Spot for you will find other unusual books and items appertaining to the mysteries of occult and religions.

Close by Collin's Lane, overlooking the harbour, opposite the swing bridge, Quayside Pottery and Crafts Centre, the newest of the Island's potteries has now opened. This is a joint venture between Roger McDonald and John Liddle of Rushton Pottery at Jurby. In this new shop they are producing a new range of pottery in high-fired stoneware, bearing the name 'Rushton Stoneware' which incorporates traditional Celtic patterns in the design, together with a collection of animal and bird figures typical of the island. All these figures have been specially modelled by the well-known sculptor Maurice Day. This new stoneware and pottery is on sale together with a carefully chosen selection of the best quality locally produced craftwork. Specially featured is a wide range of beautiful soft-toys, jewellery made from semi-precious Manx stones, copper finish etchings by David Downie and fine quality knitwear in Arran and Fair Isle styles.

So, if you are looking for a locally produced gift you are more than welcome to wander around the Pottery and Craft Centre without obligation and watch the stoneware being produced.

One of the new attractions of shopping in Ramsey is Ramsey Newsmag, a large walk-around stone which has a wide range of toys, souvenirs, beach accessories, over 5,000 paperbacks in stock — practically nearly everything you could want in the gift line. Plus toys and games to keep the children happy.

In the small road leading from Parliament Street to the harbour, East Street, a delightful restaurant is situated called 'The Harbour Bistro'. You will enjoy a superb lunch or evening meal here with wines chosen by the proprietor to compliment your food. The menu varies from exclusive and unusual to normal English dishes, all present with the same perfection.

The town's tourist heart, however, is centred on what was once an unsightly tidal area of sand and shingle. Thanks to the enterprise of Victorian businessmen, it was developed into the picturesque park encompassing a 12 1/2 acre marine lake with beautiful gardens, where palm trees and other sub-tropical flowers grow.

This, the Mooragh Park, is so attractive that is hard to imagine it being the most historic battle site on the island.

Nearly 900 years ago, the Kingdom of Man reached a turning point in history when it succumbed to an invading force of mercenaries from Norway, led by the legendary Godred Crovan, son of Harold the Black of Iceland, known among his followers as "Godred with the white hand" through his habit of wearing white gauntlets in battle. He was an expert tactician and his strategy, more than anything else, defeated the Manx.

One moonlight night in 1079 he put ashore 300 men and concealed them within the forested Skye Hill that dominates the southerly aspect of the town. Next day, his remaining attack force stormed the beaches. After an initial advance, they made a tactical retreat from the Manx Army.

The Manx were drawn between the retreating Vikings, the Sulby River, in full flood, and the concealed Viking force on Sky Hill.

At the decisive moment, the concealed Vikings struck from the rear, throwing the Manx into disorder, Godred Crovan spared their lives and established himself as one of the most famous kings of Mann.

His conquests in Ireland and the outer isles of Scotland created a miniature empire with the island as its capital and he was responsible for the institution of many of the island's parliamentary processes. It is through tradition that he became known as King Orry, but historians are divided over this point where legend and fact became confused.

Whether or not he was King Orry, the fact remains that the golden sands of Ramsey, stretching uncrowded for miles in the North tip of the island, witnessed one of the most crucial turning points in Manx history.

For the sportsman the 40-acre Mooragh Park offers yachting, rowing, bowls, tennis, miniature golf (elsewhere at Ramsey there is an 18-hole championship course).

Swimmers are well catered for with a modern indoor heated swimming pool on the town's South promenade. Also on the South promenade is the exciting new shopping complex at St. Paul's Square overlooked by the new Viking Aparthotel whose dining room and bars are open to non-residents.

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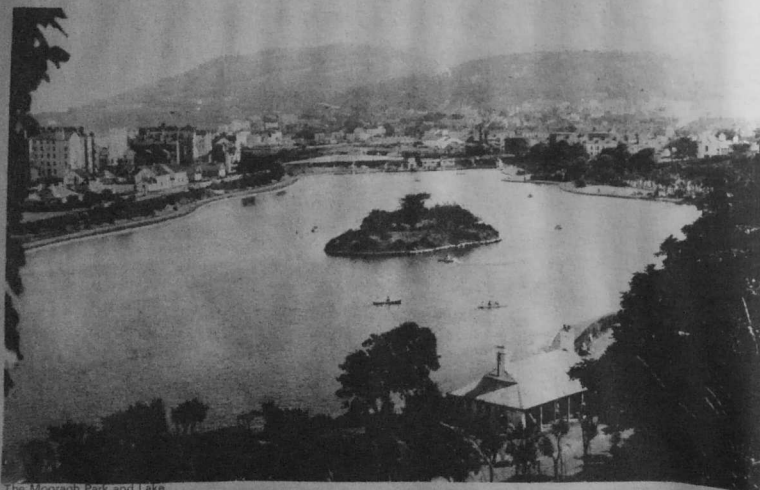


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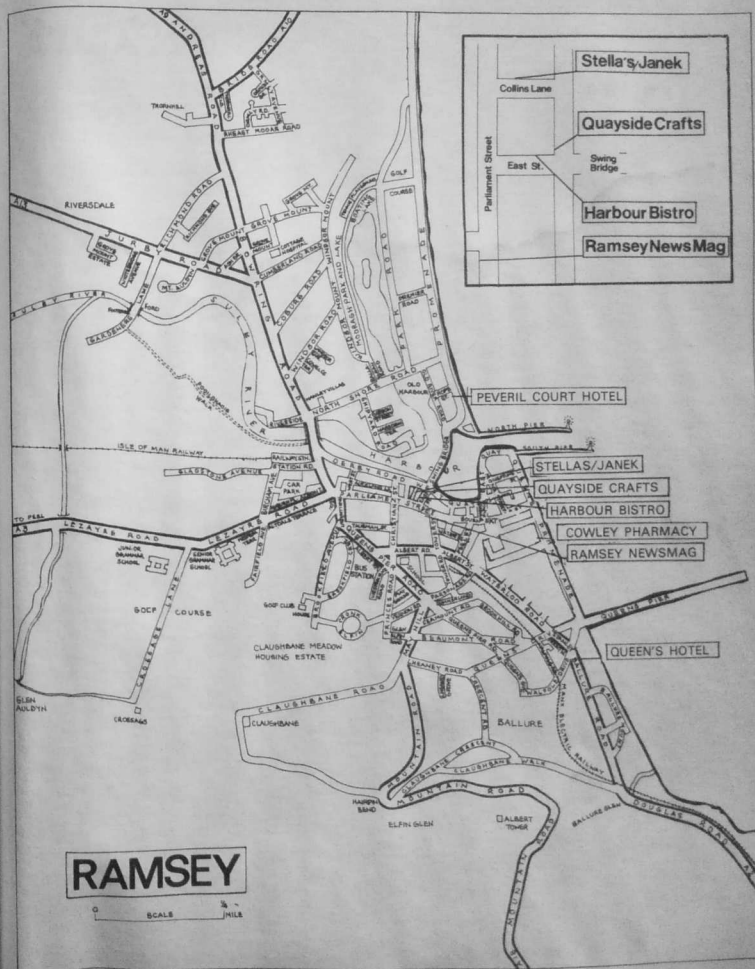
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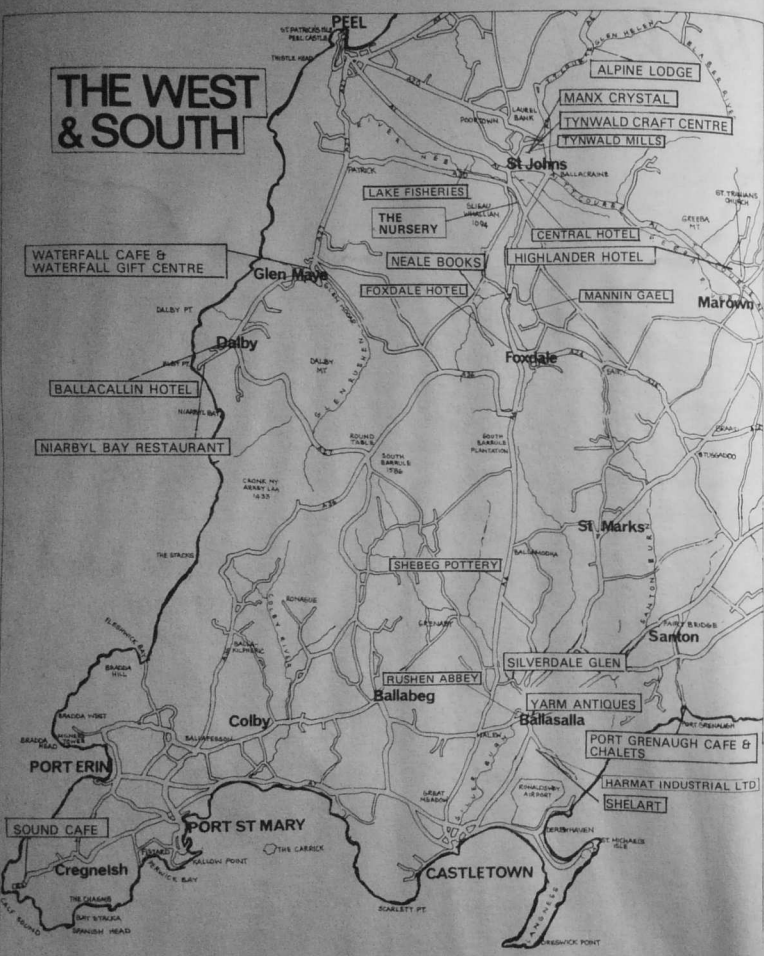
Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey



The Mooragh Park and Lake



THE WEST & SOUTH



The West

The road West from Douglas follows the TT Course through a prehistoric ravine, which divides the mountainous central spine of the Island. This was probably formed by two rivers flowing east and west in years long past.

Just over the hill from Greeba on the right-hand side, in an open field under the shade of Greeba Mountain are the ruins of St Trinian's Church.

When built many centuries ago it incensed the Buggane of Greeba, who had no desire to be disturbed by church-going on his domain, and with a mighty roar blew away the roof.

Undaunted, the locals re-roofed the church, but to their dismay the Buggane blew off the roof once more. It was then suggested that the local tailor could prevent these evil doings by sitting in the Chancel on the first night the roof was rebuilt and tailoring a pair of breeches by dawn.

All night long he tailored away and just as he was putting in the last stitches, the Buggane appeared with a mighty bellow and the tailor dropped everything, fleeing to Marown Churchyard where the Buggane feared to tread.

In the morning the locals found the church was roofless once more, and so it remains to this day.

In the nearby "Highlander Inn" are the scissors and

thimble the tailor used that night, and the key of the church door.

A few miles further on towards Peel, you will catch a glimpse, through the copper beeches, of Greeba Castle, nestling on the side of Greeba Mountain, once the home of the famous Manx novelist, Sir Hall Caine.

The TT Course swings North at Ballacrine but our road



is straight on towards St John's Village where on July 5 Tynwald provides a setting for a fair after the serious ceremony has been enacted.

Overshadowing St John's is Sleaau Whallian Mountain, down whose slopes in the old days women, accused of

THE HIGHLANDER



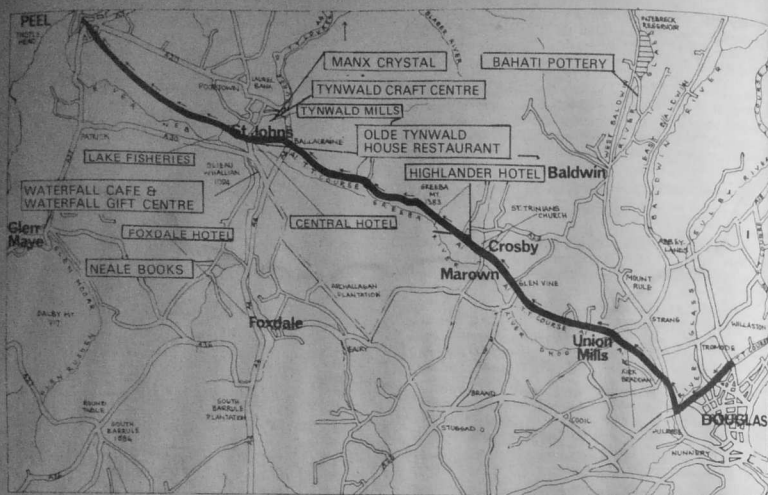
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The Neales have both had extensive experience in the handling and selection of books. Both were former employees of a world famous Oxford University bookshop for 26 years. Catalogues are issued at regular intervals and the Neales do a lot of business through mail order - selling to libraries, universities and academics. Neale books can be reached by turning off on the St. John's-Foxdale road for Gleneedle Ford - the farmhouse, Lower Gleneedle Farm, is just before the ford.

Continuing to St. John's, opposite Tynwald Hill, is a delightful restaurant, The Olde Tynwald House Restaurant, where one can wine and dine in an old world atmosphere. The building, of which the restaurant is part, is over 200 years old.

Every Wednesday, St John's bustles with activity with the weekly cattle mart behind the Central Hotel, and a drink and chat with the farmers can give you an insight to the Island.

At the base of Slieu Whallian about half a mile along the Patrick Road is a new attraction in the Island. Lake Fisheries, whether you are a trout fisherman or not, is where you find the ones that did not get away. In this trout farm with nine ponds holding over 100,000 trout, you may, for a small fee, wander round and see trout during all stages of growth.

The largest pond is, in fact, a small lake covering three acres where you can hire a rod and line and catch as many trout as you can, being allowed to take home with you two of your catch. No licence is required and should you not catch anything Lake Fisheries will still let you have trout for tea.

While you are trying your hand with rod and line, the rest of the family can watch the exciting swirling and leaping of the trout at feeding time, and buy small packs of special food to feed the trout themselves.

These pleasant surroundings offer an ideal picnic setting for a day out and refreshments are available from the kiosk by the lake. Special arrangements for Angling Clubs can be arranged with the owner by writing or telephoning Peel 2701.

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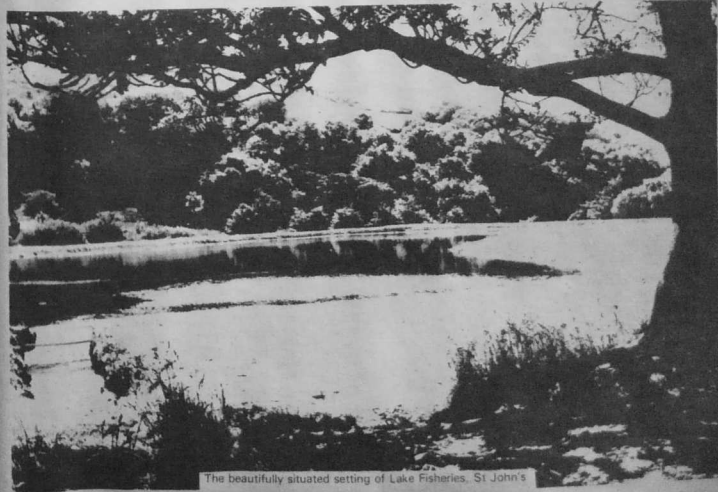
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Returning to St. John's you will find the site of Tynwald — the Manx Parliament founded by the Vikings 1,000 years ago.

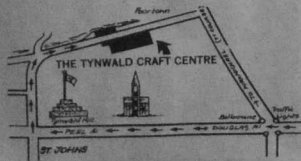
Driving down a small road past Tynwald Hill and travelling a tree-lined lane, past the burial site of a Viking Warrior you will come to a picturesque valley. Situated in this valley beside the River Neb is the Tynwald Mills Craft Centre. Here in an idyllic location stands the Woollen Mill which has been weaving its famous Manx Tweeds for over 150 years. Recently, other crafts have been introduced to expand this as a Craft Centre, so that today the visitor to the centre can see a wide selection of Manx craft products being produced and buy the products from



Try your hand with rod and line on the fishing lake at Lake Fisheries

the factory shops. The Mill shop is open from 9 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and the Cafe from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. There is free Car Parking available at the Craft Centre.

THE TYNWALD CRAFT CENTRE



One thousand years ago, the Isle came under the domination of the invading Norsemen from Scandinavia — the Vikings. They set up their Kingdom of Man and the Isle with a form of government based on the principle of freemen knowing the Law and observing it. The promulgation of the Law took place on occasions like the pagan feast of the summer solstice, usually to an assembly in an open field.

This tradition is upheld, and according to the Constitution and custom, on the 5th July — old Midsummer's Day — Tynwald meets in the open air

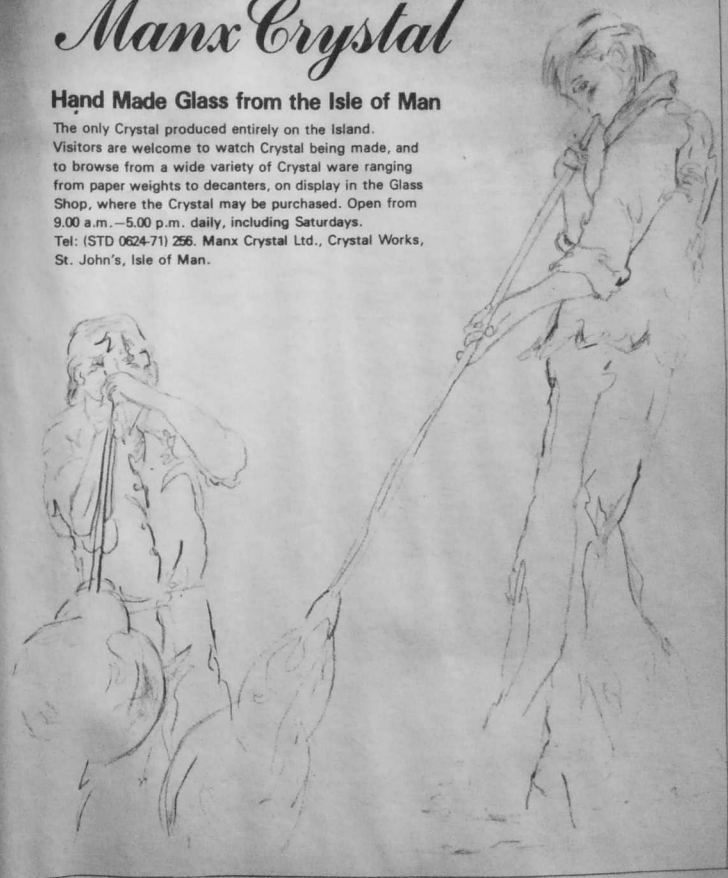
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MILL SHOP OPEN
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MILL CAFE

After your tour of the Woollen Mill and Crystal Works you can relax in the Mills Cafe which provides drinks and light refreshments for our visitors throughout the day.

The Cafe is open from 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

THE TYNWALD MILLS Craft Centre



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Dressed in the Isle of Man Tartan from the Mills the Millennium Manx Doll provides an ideal gift for visitors during Millennium Year. The Doll together with many other Millcraft products can be seen in the Tynwald Mills shop.

MANX CRAFTS

Many other Manx products and gifts are available from the Craft Centre. We look forward to seeing you at the Mill during your holiday when we will be pleased to show you our full range of products.

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assembly place of the Vikings, the parliament field (in old Norse Thing-Vollr) on Tynwald Hill at St. John's. Here the new acts of Tynwald are promulgated, being briefly explained in the Manx and English languages.

Constitutionally, the position of the Isle of Man is unique. It is not, and never has been, part of the United Kingdom. It is a possession of the Crown and has a very large degree of autonomy.

During the last century or more, the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man has developed and the independence of Tynwald in the control of the Island's affairs had expanded.

Tynwald also gives its name to the Tynwald Mills, just half a mile away; for years the centre of Manx Woollen Industry, and with a long-standing export trade. The Mills nestle in a secluded valley where the crystal waters from Glen Helen combine with the rich wool of the Manx mountain sheep, and the dexterous fingers of the Manx weavers to produce world famous tweed.

Today the Mill continue the traditions of tweed products and exports material the world over, being in great demand by many leading fashion houses.

Much change has taken place over the past few years and various other crafts are now being carried out in the buildings surrounding the Mills. Numerous types of beautiful and interesting toys are made in the Old Mills

premises and the production of Mitzi Bell herbal cosmetics has been commenced to cater for the ever-increasing demand. There is a large showroom for visitors to leisurely browse around where they can buy woollen tweeds by the yard or as ready to wear hand-made garments. A resident master tailor is on hand to cater for your needs. Particularly for men is the famous range of heather-soft suitings expertly cut and tailored on the premises. All the locally produced craft items are well displayed and available for sale in the shop. New this year is the excellent tea shop for the convenience of visitors where snacks and traditional teas can be taken in comfortable surroundings.

Also available from Tynwald Mills are Mitzi Bell Herbal Cosmetics. The secret of Mitzi's success is experience. Years of research and development have fashioned a range of perfumes and skincare products that are unique. Working from age old formulae and natural ingredients Mitzi's range of creams and toners have won acclaim from a small but increasing band of discerning customers. So sure is Mitzi that you will be delighted by her product that she guarantees that if you are disappointed by your purchase from her little shop at Tynwald Mills then she will be happy to refund the cost of your purchase.

New to the Island is Manx Crystal Limited manufacturers of hand-made glass using the traditional methods of producing crystal and glassware. This is a

particularly specialised industry and for the first time the Isle of Man has its own Crystal Works.

The raw materials used are sand, soda ash, limestone, potash and other chemicals. These ingredients are carefully weighed and thoroughly mixed, and this mixture is called 'The Batch'.

'The Batch' is then put in a pot, which is placed in a furnace and melted overnight at a temperature of 1,400°C. During the early morning the temperature is reduced to around 1,000°C and the molten glass is then ready to be 'worked'.

The molten glass is gathered on the end of a hollow metal tube called the 'iron', the glassblower blows through the 'iron' to form the basic shapes of the product. Further blowing takes place with the glass held in a mould.

The article is taken from the 'iron' and placed in a stress relieving unit called Lehr, on a slow moving conveyor. In the Lehr the temperature is carefully controlled to allow the glass to cool down slowly to room temperature. The article then goes to the Finishing Department.

In the Finishing Department the glass is inspected and any article which does not come up to standard is rejected to be re-cycled. The article then passes to the finishing stage where the rim is cut, ground and polished.

At the end of the Finishing Department is the final inspection, products that pass this stage are then packed ready for despatch.

Visitors to Manx Crystal are welcome to watch glassblowing and the forming of crystal and at the same time peruse the products made here. The products range from paperweights, animals, decanters, wine goblets, etc., and can all be purchased from the adjoining showroom called, obviously, 'The Glass House'.



Another attraction to this Craft Centre is Millcraft Industries Limited who have been producing toys for two years under the trade name of The Gingerbread House. The toys they produce are of original character and design. There is the Manx Witch called 'Abigail Bloomer' and the Manx li'l Fella called 'Spikekey Gnome' who lives at the Fairy Bridge.

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Glen Helen

Since the Isle of Man first entered into the Miss World Contest, Millcraft has designed and made the National Costume for both entrants. One being the traditional National Costume incorporating the Manx tweed woven at Tynwald Woollen Mills and the special Viking Costume to commemorate the Millennium celebrations. The costume designs have been produced for souvenir dolls, all are handmade and can be purchased at Tynwald Mills, and many shops throughout the Island.

Millcraft also had the pleasure of presenting to the First Lady of the White House, one of their souvenir Millennium dolls as a gift from the Island.

There will also be a special range of dolls authentically designed and handmade in old world costume that many little girls (and big girls) will love to have.

Leaving the Tynwald Craft Centre and joining the TT Course and proceeding northwards along the Course you will come to one of the Island's famous glens - Glen Helen. Set in a forest of one Million trees, oak, fir, spruce, etc. the New Alpine Lodge, where morning coffees, teas, snacks and country lunches are served in a setting unequalled anywhere else on the Island. In the evening the Alpine Bistro Wine Lodge provides a romantic setting for enjoying your favourite wine, whilst in the ballroom opposite, a new star-studded cabaret offers a livelier evenings entertainment.

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To the North of Peel, the only town on the West coast, long stretches of sandy beaches run all the way North to the Point of Ayre, though not many are accessible by car until you reach Glen Wyllin and Kirk Michael.

The inaccessibility — though footpaths lead to them — means that they are even more attractive if you want to get away from it all.

To the South of Peel the coastline is rocky and ragged, full of grandeur, with many rocky inlets. Just South of Peel, passing through, is the Manx Government Experimental Farm, Knockaloe (First World War POW Camp) and in a grassy slope to the South of the buildings you can see the gigantic Three Legs of Mann, sown by the First World War internees, with different types of grass to distinguish their design from the natural greenery of the field.

Slightly further south you will arrive at the enchanting village of Glen Maye where the river flows to a magnificent waterfall which cascades down into rocky

trout pools. It continues to tumble down through the picturesque and unspoiled glen to a fine sheltered shore. This secluded cove and sunny beach is surrounded by various panoramic cliff walks and the views and sunsets here are some of the most beautiful on the Island. In fact, there is an unforgettable and breathtaking walk from Glen Maye along the cliff tops, all the way back to Peel Castle.

If you are too lazy to enjoy the splendour of the glen you can drive direct down to the beach where, with a crab hook, you can spend exciting and rewarding hours exploring the rocks at low tide where crabs and lobsters can be caught. For the much less energetic, a most pleasant way to pass the time is just to sun oneself on the secluded shore.

At the entrance to both the glen and beach are the long established and ever popular Waterfall Cafe and Waterfall Gift Centre. The cafe is renowned for its extensive range of fresh home baking, cooking and snacks which are served all day and evening — 7 days

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a week. The celebrated 'Specialties of the House' number along them locally caught crab, the famed Manx Kipper and a variety of superb pastries, cakes, pies and farm fresh produce. The cafe also provides the added benefit of a takeaway picnic and beach service. Many new facilities have been added, the most noted being the very colourful Arbour Patio with additional seating for 24 (thus increasing the 'covers' to 130). Here we have an abundance of plants, flowers and flora in most attractive and decorative surroundings. At the rear of the cafe can be found a new childrens playground where parents can watch their young ones play in safety on the swings, slide, climbing frame, see-saw and sandpits.

In the Gift Centre can be found a very wide and unusual range of traditional and varied unique 1979 Millennium gifts, together with many other splendid examples of international hand-made presents and wares. There is also a wide variety of pottery, jewellery, carvings, badges, T-shirts, leather goods, hats, childrens' toys, photographic accessories, soft toys, etc., etc.

The Gift Centre is further noted for its very own unmatched copper etchings and scenes depicting those unique features synonymous only to the Isle of Man. Or, display at any time can be found well over 10,000 items of interest to please people of all ages.

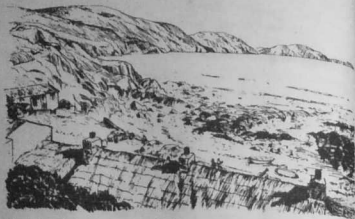
Opposite both the Cafe and the Gift Centre is, of course, the Waterfall Hotel which serves a wide range of drinks and beverages. During the 'season' — like all Manx Hotels and Inns — they are open from mid morning right through until 11 p.m. An excellent drink is therefore guaranteed whenever required.

Both the Cafe and Gift Centre are family concerns where quality, customer satisfaction and service matter above all else.



The next village after Glen Maye is Dalby (Viking for Farm by the Glen), with its unrivalled views of the majestic cliffs to the south and of the sun setting over the Mountains of Mourne in Ireland, which are clearly visible on a fine day.

It is here that the Ballacallin Hotel is situated and the hotel has taken for its insignia the famous talking mongoose, Geff. In a nearby farmhouse 'Doarlish



Niarbyl and the South from Dalby

Cashen' Geff took residence with the Irving family, calling himself an 'Earthbound Spirit'. His fame spread far and wide. In 1931 the National Laboratory of Psychological Research sent the first of many investigators to ascertain exactly what Geff really was. Legend claims one of the investigators, Captain MacDonald, communicated with Geff and the Laboratory of Psychological Research eventually came to the conclusion that the Dalby Spook really existed.

In the fields above the Ballacallin, should you be lucky enough to see the magic pig 'Muc Leirrey, with one red ear, you can ask for three wishes.

Dalby has many strange legends, for example, Mannan's horse galloping at night through Dalby Lag and a monk ringing a bell throughout the village as a storm warning.

Dalby is full of beautiful sights and strange legends although perhaps not so strange if you know that less than a hundred years ago there were more than 25 houses between Niarbyl and Glen Maye selling the potent Mountain Dew. We wonder if it is still being brewed today? — should you be offered some, don't drive but walk home. However, there is nothing spooky about the Ballacallin Hotel despite its spook emblem, for it has been completely redecorated and refurbished and offers its traveller a peaceful place to rest, with extensive bar snacks which have to be seen to be believed (for this is no legend), plus there is a charming a la carte restaurant. While you are relaxing, enjoy the unrivalled view of the Irish Sea and west coast through the lounge windows.

Another small road leads you from Dalby to Niarbyl which is a small rocky inlet. Niarbyl is Manx for 'tail end of the rocks'. At one time Niarbyl was a thriving fishing community. The large fishing vessels were similar to an ancient coracle, but had a single sail. So plentiful there were the fish that Niarbyl had a thriving fish market. However, as Peel developed into a port the fishermen moved their base further north and the only remnants of this thriving time are the two remaining thatched cottages still preserved.

Here at Niarbyl, in the now licenced restaurant, one can have morning coffee and afternoon teas, luncheons and evening grills in a most delightful area with panoramic views of the cliffs to the Calf of Man.

The main town of the west is, of course, Peel, which is well renowned for its fishing industry apart from its

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world famous castle. The west of the Island is not as populated as the east due to the terrain, and this offers the motorist many off the beaten tracks to drive or walk down, with superb views, particularly in the evening, to see the glorious sunsets for which the west is famed.

The south-west coast of the Island, and indeed the inland countryside offers the tourist wonderful views from the high mountains of the low plains of Castletown and Port St. Mary areas.

The cottages at Niarbyl



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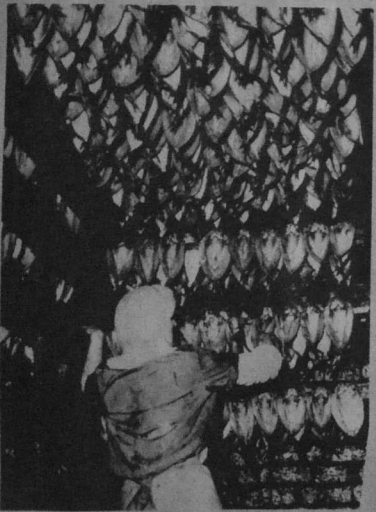
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A sketch of a harbor scene. On the left, a stone wall or quay runs along the water. A large, multi-masted sailing ship is docked at the quay. In the foreground, a smaller boat is visible on the water. The background shows a hilly landscape with some buildings. The sketch is done in a simple, expressive style with visible lines and shading.

Peel lays rightful claim to the title of Mann's only city being guardian of the ruins of St German's Cathedral, the ancient seat of the Bishop of Sodor and Mann and affectionately called the "Sunset City."

Peel is the principal home of Manx kippers. On the quayside lie the smoke houses of the red sandstone, which characterises so much of Peel. The ancient smoking



A black and white photograph showing a row of traditional stone buildings in a village. The buildings are constructed from light-colored stone, possibly Cotswold stone, and feature steeply pitched roofs. The architecture is characterized by small, narrow windows and a mix of stone and plasterwork. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the height and texture of the buildings. The lighting creates strong shadows, highlighting the textures of the stone and the architectural details.

process (strict Manx laws govern the curing of kippers) still followed — dyes are never used to colour or flavour the kippers.

The Manx Government guarantees the boat owner against loss in this early search for herring.

The Raglan Cafe

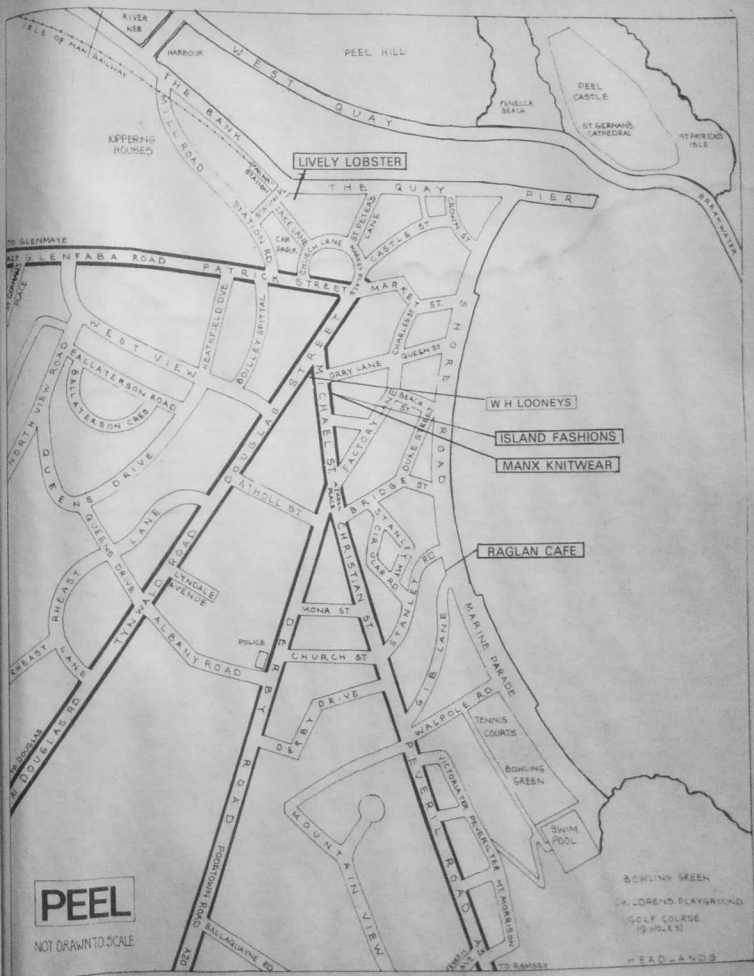
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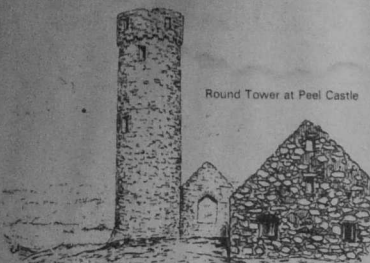
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The seven acres of St Patrick's Isle are mostly covered by the buildings of the Castle. The tall red sandstone ramparts completely encircle the Isle making a very strong citadel and many famous people have been held prisoner within the walls.



Round Tower at Peel Castle

Legends, of course, exist about the Castle. One is about the Maute Dhoo, a large black dog which haunts the Castle Grounds. Those who see this apparition are reputed to die soon after. Another interesting legend is that a giant's grave over 90 feet long can be seen on St Patrick's Isle.

The Vikings are still reputed to climb on the top of Peel Hill on May Day eve and to sound their horns into the night to frighten away the evil spirits of the spring.

The castle was probably created as a minor fort to begin with by the Vikings and the people of Peel enact a Viking invasion every summer, followed by a carnival at night for the entertainment of tourists.

For this Viking Festival the men of Peel grow beards well in advance to make their appearances as authentic as possible, and after the Festival they stride around the Town in full regalia.

On the hill overlooking Peel Castle is Corrin's Tower, called after an eccentric Manxman who was a staunch non-conformist.

To prove that one did not have to be buried in consecrated ground, he had his wife and children interred near the Tower, which he had built for this purpose in 1814. He was also later buried there himself, and today the tower, locally known as Corrin's Folly, provides a landmark seaward and landward.

On the quayside at Peel, overlooking the water, you will find the now internationally recognised Lively Lobster Restaurant where the fish and shell fish are literally straight off the boats.

At the corner of the promenade and the harbour, known as Weatherglass Corner, a traditional meeting place for Manx seamen, two memorial tablets commemorate the fishermen who lost their lives in war and peace.

An unusual sight can be seen here, this being the White Ensign. Permission to fly this flag, normally only flown by the Royal Navy, was recently granted by the Admiralty in recognition of the contributions made by Manx in both the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy on war service.

In the Market Place the old Parish Church of St. Peter is believed to be the oldest building in the town centre. It was used as the parish church until 1893 but has been unused since and there is little left of it now. There are gravestones in the interior churchyard which have dates on them from as long ago as the 17th century.

The shore is composed of soft sand and has a good safety record, like all Manx shores.

At Island Fashions, further along Michael Street, personally run by Terry and Pauline Bennion, who have brought their wealth of experience in the London Fur trade to the Island you will be delighted to see on display the finest of Fur coats available — Wild Mink, Ranch Mink, Ocelot, Musquash, Red Fox, Blue Fox, Russian and Canadian Sables to name but a few. A variety of coats and jackets in different styles is always in stock — although coats can be made to your own specifications. Island fashions also stock top grade sheepskins for ladies and gentlemen by Richard Draper and Fink of Northampton as well as suede and leather jackets. They also have a wide and many exclusive range of evening dresses, cocktail dresses, swimming gowns and suits. The prices will please you for they fall into the "medium price" bracket though, of course, the more exclusive lines are a little more expensive.



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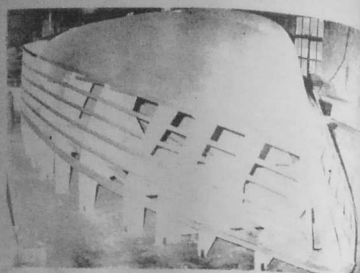
St Patrick's Isle



St German's Cathedral, Peel

Contrasting, yet complementing the olde world streets of Peel is Looney's, a most modern shop. Step into the olde world courtesy of Looney's store in Peel. Here in the beautiful, historic sunset city, this modern department store offers a welcome and gives the shopper time to browse. Smiling assistants are there to help in the varied departments of this unique shop, who offer the largest selection of millinery in the Isle of Man; summer dresses and smart separates; swim-wear and every accessory for the beach; a baby department and complete range of children's wear; lingerie; an extensive department for boy's and men's wear; knitting wools and sewing aids; a household section for bedspreads, sheets and table linen. Whether it is gifts or holiday wear, a peep at the new autumn fashions which will arrive throughout the season, or a study of the latest Sanderson fabrics and matching wallpapers — Looney's stock everything from a handkerchief to a Continental Quilt. And they have time to give that friendly attention and a caring service which is part of Manx life.

Right in the centre of Michael Street, Peel, is a place to visit, which is of particular interest. It is the old sandstone built factory where Manx Knitwear is made. The front of the building has been converted to make a beautiful factory shop. Here you can see and buy the very best of local knitwear. When you enter the shop you'll be impressed by the way in which the old world beauty of the building has been preserved and enhanced. You'll also find that a charming coffee house is included in the facilities and when you look through the large picture windows at the back you will be able to watch the garments being knitted.



An "Offshore Man" pattern at West Marine



Cellar Boutique at Island Fashions

Manx Knitwear is made from traditional wool that has been carefully washed to bring out its softness. The colours have been blended to capture the spirit and the beauty of the Manx Glens and the way-side tints. The garments themselves have a number of special features which put them in a class of their own and amongst these is a Celtic cable design, which is a feature of many of the styles.

One day is not enough to enjoy Peel, the first Viking stronghold on the Island. Wandering around the kipper curing houses, quaint streets, busy harbour and Castle takes many days to enjoy to the full.



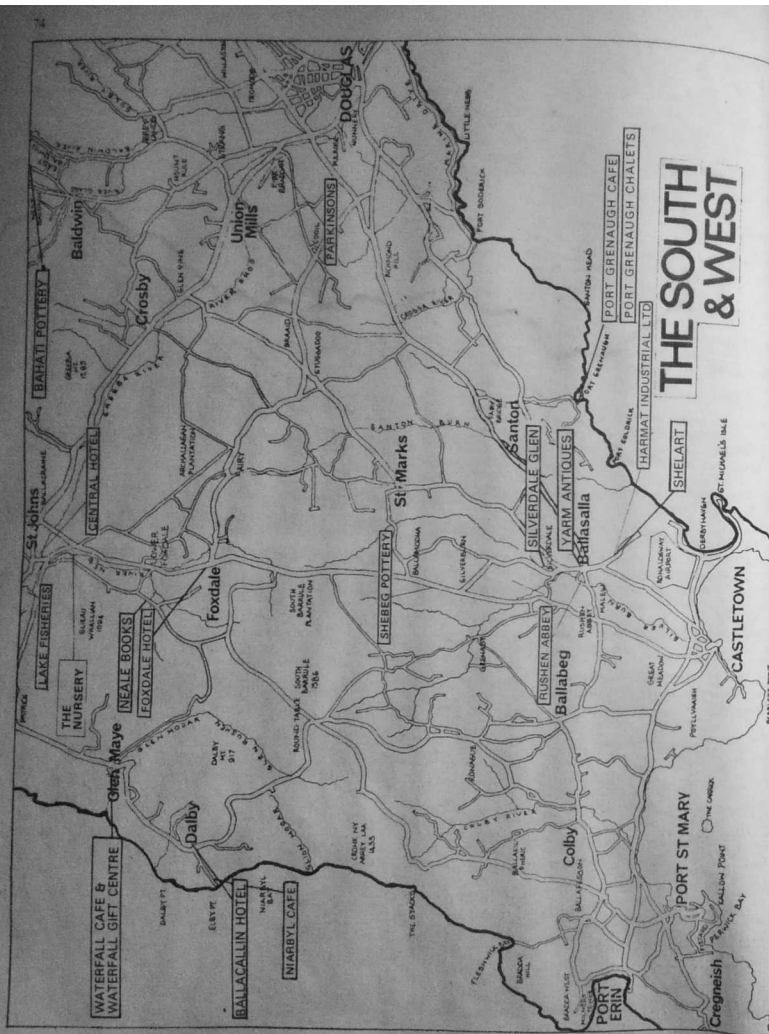
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The South

The Old Castletown road starts off from the top of Douglas Harbour, passing the Nunnery, which was formerly the home of many distinguished Manx families. It retains its name even though the old Nunnery was dissolved by Henry VIII centuries ago. Shortly after passing the Nunnery take the left fork to Castletown.

The Old Castletown Road takes you past the access roads to Port Soderick and Port Grenaugh, and those of you who are archaeologically minded will find on the northern headland of Port Grenaugh the remains of a promontory fort and house dating back to the Iron Age.

The cove at Port Grenaugh with its shingle beach is sheltered by massive headlands which create a wind free sun trap. For those too active to just sit in the sun all day, there are caves on the northern side well worth exploring, rocks to scramble over at low tide when crabs are to be found, rock pools to investigate or, for the really energetic, magnificent cliff walks both to the North and South of the cove.

Port Grenaugh offers not only beautiful coastal scenery but has a fully licensed cafe/restaurant and 14 self-catering chalets, sheltered between the two headlands. It is a splendid place to spend the day while your children play on the beach or in the children's playground and you relax in peace over coffee or a drink, or have lunch in the cafe.

The old Castletown road rejoins the new road to Castletown at Blackboards railway bridge. A strange name, you may think, for a bridge that has whitewashed walls. The Manx, never at a loss to give a name to something or someone, named this bridge because during the age of steam, and prior to the motoring era, this bridge had large boards along it to stop the steam from railway engines scaring horses drawing carriages.



Ballagorney River where the "little folk" play

If you decide to take the new road south from Quarterbridge up the Richmond Hill, you will find the Isle of Man Home of Rest for Old Horses, a charitable enterprise which buys many retired tram horses so that they may spend the rest of their lives in the tranquillity that they so well deserve.

Shortly after the crest of Richmond Hill you will pass a dilapidated building lately known as the Alex Inn, but 150 years ago this was the home of Lord Henry Murray, brother of the Duke of Atholl, Lord of Mann. The area was known as Mount Murray.

You will also notice here the road widening scheme, and the new wall which has been built only recently, has been carefully designed to blend into the scenery. A fine view of the south appears in front of you and after a few twists and turns you find yourself confronted by a traffic sign saying "Fairy Bridge". Woe betide any traveller who does not



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After an S-bend you join up with the Old Castletown Road at Blackboard's Bridge and a few miles on descend to Ballasalla (Village of the Willows — which grew around the nearby Rushen Abbey).

In Ballasalla, visit Yarm Antiques, dealing generally in antiques but also specialising in reproducing some very fine quality hand-coloured prints of the Isle of Man. These are copied from original prints, circa 1170-1780, and are produced exclusively for Yarm Antiques by an acknowledged world authority.

They are also offering a Millennium limited edition of 10 Grandfather Clocks, cased in English walnut, bearing the Millennium symbol and the Eagle and Child motif of the Derby family. Permission has been granted by the Earl of Derby to use this original motif which was depicted on the original clock, circa 1720, from which these superb copies are being craftsman made.

This ancient Abbey has many claims to fame. It was built by the Cistercian Order and was the burial ground of some of the most famous Kings of Mann.

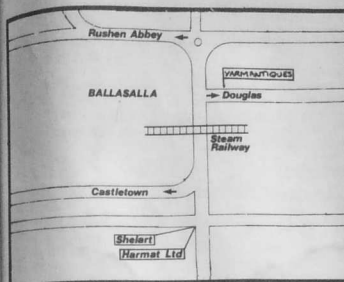
It is believed it was founded by King Magnus of Norway in 1098 but not completed and consecrated until 1134. The time between start and completion reflects not only the turbulent times, when the island was torn apart by wars, but also the small number of monks who had the task of building Rushen Abbey.

The fact that so much of their work remains today is a testimony to their skills. This great Abbey was the bastion of Manx Christianity and the seat of learning. For example, the Monks composed the 'Chronicles of Mann and the



Part of Rushen Abbey Gardens

The Crossag or Monk's Bridge upstream from Rushen Abbey



Isles" the first written history of the island. The Abbots were powerful and influential men, not only were they the biggest land owners, but they were barons and for a time had the right to appoint the Lord Bishop.

Another example of the monks' craftsmanship is the Pack Horse Bridge, the Crossag, 200 yards upstream from the Rushen Abbey Hotel. This lovely stone bridge, built in 1134, crosses the Silverburn river, and is the best example of a medieval bridge, not only in the island, but in Britain. This bridge is the beginning of the old pathway to the Bishop's residence at Bishops Court, Kirk Michael, and from old maps you can trace the course, and even follow its meanderings to the north as the monks did, bare foot, leading their pack horses.

The decline of the Abbey began when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries, and though it was the last monastery to be dissolved and pillaged of its treasures, it quickly fell into a dilapidated state, and as early as 1660 was

Port Grenaugh

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Extensive restoration throughout has been carried out since the new owners purchased the land and buildings in March 1977; the chalets are fully redecorated and considerably refurbished and the cafe restaurant and shop were re-opened with completely new exterior and interior decoration and design.

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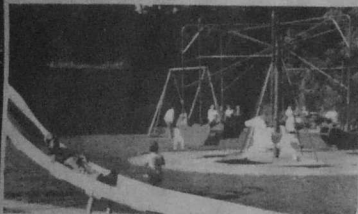
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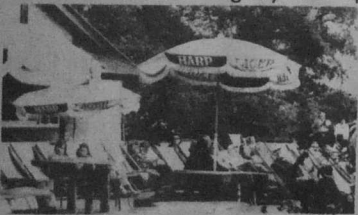
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In modern times Rushen Abbey has become a tourist attraction and now offers the tourist many amenities such as afternoon talent shows, model railway display, aquarium, amusement arcade, swings and roundabouts and Viking Feasts in the Viking Hall during the evening. Also in the evening, the Abbots Inn Cabaret offers family entertainment in an intimate and modern setting. The Museum, with its own relics will interest you for hours, in fact, under the auspices of the Manx Museum, an archaeological dig is being undertaken to try to discover more artifacts.

The newly modernised and fully licensed Rushen Abbey Hotel with its Monk's Bar, provides a very favourable setting for a pleasing drink beside the gentle waters of the Silverburn.

Nearby, in one of the loveliest areas of the Island you can drive to the Silverdale Glen, serenely situated on the Silverburn River in a secluded valley surrounded by trees. You will find it as peaceful as the Monks did, and we suggest you take the Monks' walk following the meandering river past the waterfalls to the Monks' Bridge and back. Stop, if you wish, at the old wishing spring where the monks drank from the health giving waters.

There are many things to interest you here — the Creg Mill built in 1508 has old mill stones, now used as tables, and large wooden wheel patterns used for casting different sized mill wheels, which normally are kept at foundries.

Silverdale Glen

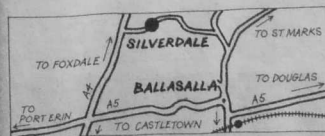
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Shebeg Gallery is an unusual place. John and Patsy Harper of Shebeg have, as regular visitors will know, made so many improvements to their premises and increased the variety of hand-made figurines so much since 1968 that they have changed the name to Shebeg Gallery.

The range of models made entirely at Shebeg, of rural and agricultural people and animals, now extends into porcelain. The gallery at Shebeg is open every day (see opposite page for times of opening) and also, from Monday to Friday you are welcome to go into the workshop free of charge to ask questions and watch our work in progress, as visitors have been doing for 10 years.

Once nestling alongside the upper reaches of Castletown harbour, Shelart, a true Manx craft industry, have moved to Balthane Industrial Estate in Ballasalla. Created by Sheila Rowse in a Manx country cottage seven years ago — designing and creating some of the most beautiful paper weights available anywhere. During these years large export orders resulted in Shelart once again requiring larger and more efficient premises and so one will find this craft industry still run by Sheila and her team of skilled girls in their new premises where you are most welcome to browse and admire the colourful and creative designs available for purchase.

South of Ballasalla, past Ronaldsway Airport, lie Derbyhaven and Langness. Again the Viking influence is here in this modern day and age. Ronaldsway is named after the Viking King Ronald, who, to avoid the treacherous currents off Langness, had his longboats pulled across the narrow strip dividing the two bays.

Derbyhaven, the landing point favoured by Earls of Derby, when they ruled as Lords of Mann, is a beautiful sheltered bay, very popular with boating enthusiasts.

Langness peninsula has an excellent golf course, open to visitors, with its headquarters at the Castletown Golf Links Hotel on the edge of the bay. This hotel has one of the highest reputations in the island for cuisine and comfort, and one of the longest seasons. It is a great favourite with golfers and non-golfers alike.

Langness is famous for another sport besides golf, for it was here over 300 years ago that the Lord of Mann, the seventh Earl of Derby, began holding horse races to improve the local stock. So started the first Derby horse race over 150 years before it was moved to Epsom Downs in 1780.

There are two towers on Langness, one is a mysterious looking stone tower, built as a Napoleonic war watch tower and later used by Manx fishermen as a signal post to direct boats to the glistening shoals of herring, giving it its present name "The Herring Tower". The other tower, of more recent vintage, is the lighthouse.

At the northern end of Langness, past the Golf Links Hotel, stands a circular fort built by the seventh Earl of Derby in 1645, and a tiny ruin of the chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael is even older, dating back to the fifth century.

Along the coast towards Port St Mary are the Poolvaish volcanic outcrops; the black marble from these quarries formed the original steps of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Beyond Castletown the tremendous sweep of Gansey Bay provides a perfect setting for swimming, boating and sun-bathing.

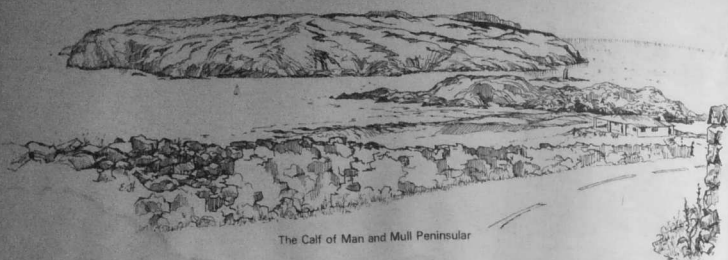
If you take the inland road via Ballabeg you will find at Colby another beautiful Manx Glen, with a lovely cascading waterfall.

The South of the Island is most rewarding from the motorist's point of view with the roads from Port Erin up into the mountains like Cronk-ny-Iree-Laa (Hill of the Breaking Day) where there is a purpose-built picnic area and a path to the cliffside where you can see The Stacks. Cronk-ny-Iree-Laa was once the look-out for spotting Viking marauders. The views from the mountain roads along the side of Round Table and South Barrule are breath-taking.



The 'lil' folk hard at work in Crag Mill

The twin resorts of Port Erin and Port St Mary are similar to each other, both unexploited by commercialism, and are the other two main towns of the South, lying on either side of this interesting tip of the Island.



The Calf of Man and Mull Peninsular

The tip of the Island, as it were, is in fact the Calf of Man and the Mull peninsular. The cliffs around this coastal region are most spectacular, though dangerous. On the way to the Sound you will pass through the old Manx village of Cregneish — now preserved by the Manx National Trust. The road through Cregneish eastwards takes you to the Chasms — yawning fissures of great depth, caused, according to tradition, by earthquakes. Take care exploring this area as the Chasms are concealed by evergrown gorse and loose stones.

The Calf of Man is separated from the Isle of Man by a narrow strait called 'The Sound', often referred to as the Sound of Kitterland is derived from the name of a Viking raider, Kitter, who constantly attacked the

Manx. However, his demise occurred when his Viking ship was wrecked on this islet between the Calf and the Mull peninsular and he and all his men were drowned. The Calf of Man rises to 300' and has approximately 600 acres in area and is about five miles in circumference. Its rocky cliffs and swirling currents have prevented colonisation of this island except for the warden who acts on behalf of the Manx National Trust in protecting the wildlife.

Here, set in the grandeur of the sheer cliffs on either side of a flat promontory lies the Sound Cafe. A perfect place to end an afternoon's drive and have refreshments either in the cafe or on the surrounding lawns.

The Ale of Man

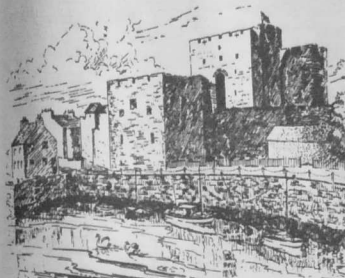
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Castle Rushen, Castletown

The old capital at Castletown holds all the Island's history, not only the ancient and misty past but also the history of the last few centuries. Only last century did Castletown surrender the role of capital to Douglas, though in spirit it still believes it is the capital of Mann. The presence of the

impressive Castle Rushen, which dates back to the eleventh century, gives Castletown its air of dignity.

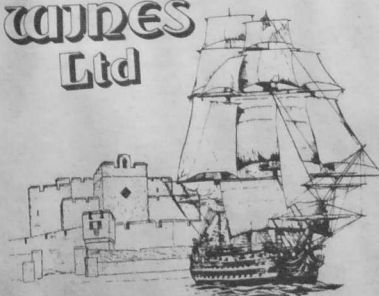
Dominating the town which grew around its walls, it is one of the finest examples of a mediaeval castle to be found in the British Isles. The grey stone with which it is built is characteristic of many buildings in Castletown.

For a long time it was the royal residence of the Lords of Mann, the Earls of Derby, and has the distinction of being the last royalist held castle to surrender to Oliver Cromwell's parliamentary forces. One of the most famous features of the Castle is Queen Elizabeth's Clock which overlooks the Market Square and is claimed to have been presented by the Queen in 1597. The unusual face of the clock has only one finger.



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Captain John Quilliam's old residence in Market Square, Castletown

Just off Market Square is a house with an iron railed balcony once the house of Captain John Quilliam who steered HMS *Victory* at Trafalgar and whose grave is at Arbory Churchyard. Castle Wines now occupy this building of historical interest. It is reputed that an old tunnel from the cellars to the sea at the harbour entrance was used by smugglers to evade the customs men. Today wines and spirits are stored in these cellars (but the tunnel of course has been blocked off!).

However, Castle Wines can offer you a superb range of wines from the best vineyards of Europe, by case or individual bottles. You will find they take a personal interest in your requirements and will be more than pleased to advise and recommend the various wines, sherries, ports and spirits which they stock.

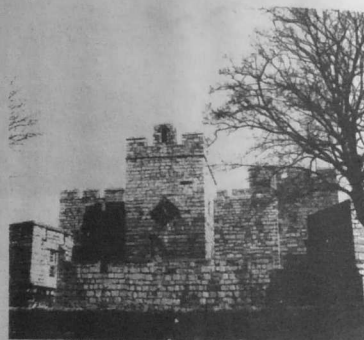
Castletown, although a charming and old town, has some very up-to-date shops. In Arbory Street one will find Castletown Sports where the very latest in sports equipment can be purchased. They also have bicycles for hire, so that you can get off the main roads and enjoy some of the pathways and country lanes and go picnicking in the peace and quiet of the surrounding countryside.

Slightly further along Arbory Street is Casa Mimosa, and International Gift Shop and Coffee House, which is a must for visitors and is fully recommended. A delightful and unusual shop, Casa Mimosa carries a superb range of china, glassware, porcelain, jewellery, leather goods, souvenirs, toys and local crafts at prices to suit all. The aim is 'quality' at the 'right price' with the emphasis on items just that 'little bit out of the ordinary'. Browse around. The management and staff

are extremely friendly and are always delighted to help in any way possible.

Opposite Casa Mimosa, J. & H. Bell, Antiques, offer the discerning buyer a large selection of collectors' items. They have a special collection of Victorian jewellery. The silver items on display date from the seventeenth century onwards and should you be looking for something special for your home, one feels sure you will find it here.

A new venture in Malew Street is 'Best Wishes', aptly named for they invite you to spoil yourself by purchasing from their lovely range of Denby tableware, Coalport, Aynsley and Caverswall. Their china, stoneware, glassware, crystal and ceramic works of art range from small figurines and sculptures to complete dinner sets. Many of the examples on display will probably be unobtainable in the United Kingdom.



Castle Rushen.

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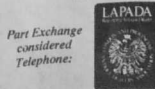
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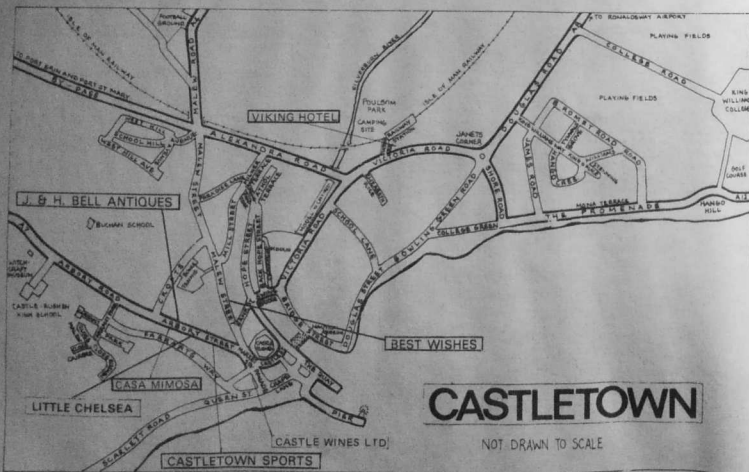
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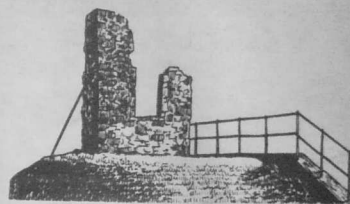


Castletown was the capital. Towards the harbour on the right of the old Keys is the old Castletown Grammar School, built in the thirteenth century and today an ancient monument officially protected and preserved.

Along Castletown Promenade towards Langness, in front of King William's College is Hango Hill, a small grass-covered mound and a reminder of the island's turbulent past.

Here the execution of William Christian the Commander of the island's militia, took place in 1662. Christian, who was commanding the royalist forces of the Countess of Derby, negotiated an honourable surrender with Cromwell's parliamentary forces rather than let the island be ravaged by such a mighty force, in complete defiance of the Countess.

The Earl of Derby, was captured by Cromwell and sentenced to death and to save him the Countess was quite prepared to give the island to Cromwell unconditionally. This so incensed the wealthy Manx land-owners that William Christian, on their behalf, seized the main stronghold of the island, obtained a promise from the parliamentary forces that the island would retain its ancient rights, laws and liberties and surrendered Castle Rushen and the island to Cromwell without consulting the Countess. She, upon hearing her husband had been executed, formally relinquished her rights and titles to



Hango Hill

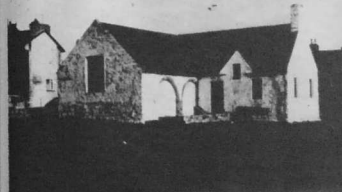
Mann on the condition that she be allowed to go free. Thus she is honoured, though in dubious circumstances, with being the last royalist to surrender to Cromwell's Parliament.

History is divided over whether William Christian was a patriot or a martyr, for when the crown was restored in England to Charles II, who immediately returned the Lordship of Mann to the Stanleys, revenge was swift for the Stanley's and the trial and execution was rushed so that the reply to a plea by leading Manxmen to Charles II for Christian's pardon would arrive too late. The pardon did arrive but far too late to save Christian. Charles II to amend this wrongdoing ordered all the estates of Christian to be returned to his wife and children and arrested the Deemsters who had passed the sentence of death.

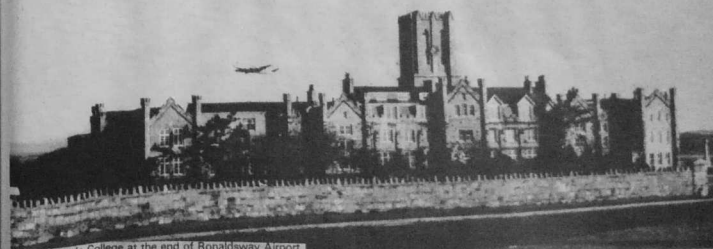
King William's College, a famous public school, was founded in 1663 by Bishop Barrow and today, stands majestically at the edge of Ronaldsway Airport in its own extensive grounds.

Castletown would still today have been the seat of Government had not the harbour silted up diminishing its value as a port. This, combined with the growing commerce between England and the island led to the development of Douglas as a port and centre of commerce, followed soon by the seat of Government.

However, Castletown today has a dignified atmosphere that befits its former glory and you will find much of interest in the shops and walks around the town.



The old Castletown Grammar School



King William's College at the end of Ronaldsway Airport

Port St. Mary

Port St Mary Harbour



People who dislike crowds and the pace of modern holiday resorts will find a welcome retreat in Port St Mary where there is none of the noise and clamour associated with tourist centres; it still retains the fishing village charm of its origins.



Spanish Head and the galleon that was reputedly wrecked there

The main feature of Port St Mary is Chapel Bay, a semi-circle of golden sands which takes its name from the Chapel of St Mary, an adjunct of Rushen Abbey which stood on the cliff overlooking the Bay.

Around the headland in Bay-ny-Carrickey there is always something of interest going on, for the harbour, besides being the ideal base for boat trips to the Calf of Man, has the comings and goings of yachts. Although active cruising clubs exist in both Douglas and Ramsey, it is in Port St Mary that the Isle of Man Yacht Club have made their base.

The Anchorage Restaurant — just a minute away from the Harbour — is recommended for lunch or dinner and light snacks during the day. There is a wide choice in the set menu and a la carte in the evening.

Patchwork, who's motto 'A little old fashioned but never out of date' is even more appropriate this year. Having been appointed by Caithness of Scotland as sole worldwide agents of the official Millennium Engraved Bowls they have also an exclusive line of views of the south of the Island made from the original photographic plates of Francis Frith. The scenes have been incorporated in tasteful melamine placemats and coasters in sepia tones. Patchwork, a true turn of the century emporium, with a deceiving shop front that does not reveal that it is in fact one of the largest shops on the Island. Patchwork, the original and most unique shop of its type.

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The beautiful beach at Gansey

treacherous currents, and is a bird sanctuary owned by the National Trust.

It can be visited by boat from Port Erin or Port St Mary.

"Calf" is an old Scandinavian term meaning "little Island near a larger one."

Standing at the very tip of the Island looking North along the East coast are some terrifying jagged headlands. Spanish Head is named, according to tradition, from a Spanish galleon that was wrecked there, fleeing from the defeat of the Armada. The survivors of this wreck supposedly intermarried with the local people, giving the dark complexions of many southern Manx people.

Near the Calf of Man is Cregneash, a village so old and so truly reflective of Manx history that the Manx National



The Chasms



Sugar Loaf Rock and Neolithic burial circle, Cronk Karran

A Manx thatched cottage at Cregneish



Trust has taken this area over to preserve it for posterity. This little village of typical Manx fishermen-crofters cottages, thatched in traditional style, is so important that even the modern utility services in the area are underground to preserve the natural setting.

The small road leading East and up the hill from Cregneish takes you to the Chasms, a series of tremendous fissures in the cliff tops at Bay Stack. Down below the precipitous cliffs is the strangely shaped Sugar

Loaf Rock. Take care, of course, exploring the area around the Chasms, as these great holes in the ground are very, very deep with only the narrowest of openings.

A small road to Port Erin from Cregneish takes you over the Mull hills past the Meayll Circle (a prehistoric burial site unique in Britain) and drops sharply down into Port Erin giving you a panoramic view of Bradda Head and the wide sweeping bay of Port Erin.

For the less adventurous, the South of Port St Mary has among its attractions a municipal nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and bowls, and a promenade with a boating pool.

Every Tuesday, from May to September, Port St. Mary will turn back the clock to another century. Dressed in the clothes of yesteryear, the villagers and traders will revert back to those unhurried times. During these Manx Costume Days the shopkeepers will extend their shops onto the pavements, creating the atmosphere of village market days.

Puirt le Morrey is probably the most Manx of the island's smaller ports. Its harbour almost intact from the last century, but still a very busy port. Surrounded by Manx cottages and old world streets it remains as a living museum.

The sheltered bay, once the outpost of smugglers, is now the home of the Isle of Man Yachts Club, continuing on with the Manx heritage and love of the sea.

Port St. Mary, unchanged, unhurried, is in the right mood to celebrate 1,000 years of history.

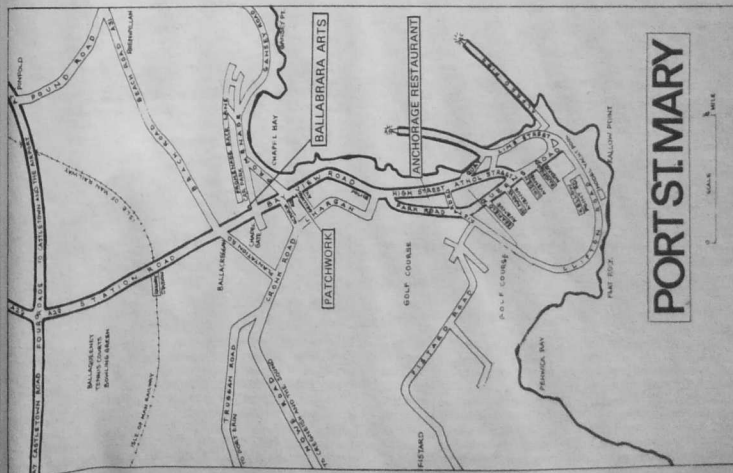
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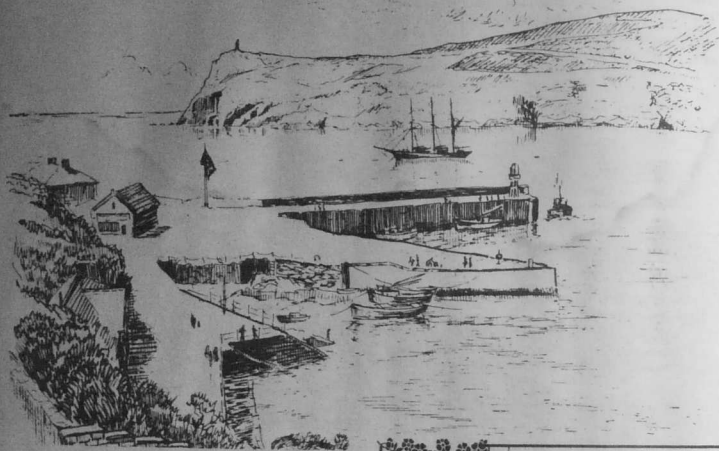
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Port Erin



Port Erin (Purt Chiarn which means Lord's Harbour) is a popular holiday resort with many visitors who return year after year enjoying the contrast it offers with Douglas. The lack of commercialised amusement and entertainment gives Port Erin a natural charm of its own.

The bay, dominated by Bradda Head rising vertically to almost 1,000 ft to the North and Castle Rock to the South, has few equals for bathing with its smooth sandy shore sheltered by the headlands. On the summit of Bradda Head is a tower built by public subscription in 1871 to the memory of William Milner (who gave his name to the famous safe building company) for his charitable acts in the Island, particularly for the benefit of Manx fishermen. Milner's Tower is reputed to be built in the shape of a key to a Milner safe. You can drive up to it on a very narrow track — the whole vista of the Island lies before you and the view is truly breath-taking.

In the last century work was started on a mighty breakwater of huge concrete blocks weighing up to 17 tons each but when work had reached an advanced stage in 1884 a storm smashed the great concrete rampart, leaving the jagged lines of ruins which can still be seen jutting from the southern headland today.

Port Erin started as a fishing village and is still the home port of many shell-fishing boats.

The waters of the Isle of Man, uncommonly deep and clear from pollution, lure nationally known skin divers, and Port Erin with its crystal clear waters is one of the more favoured areas for diving. For those who want to pursue an adventurous course, Mr Henry Crellin, founder of the Isle

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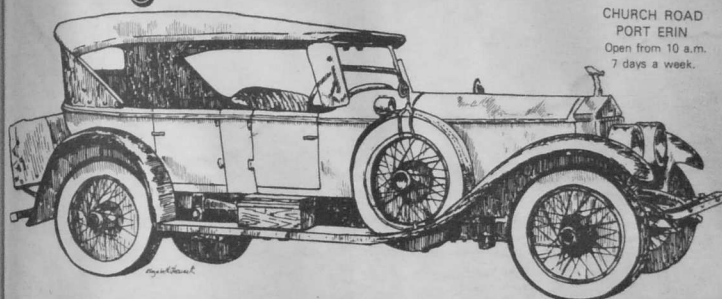
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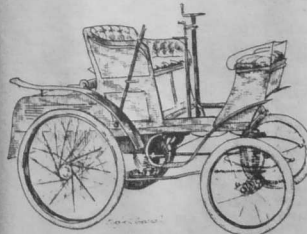
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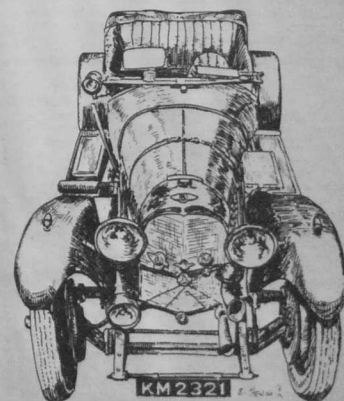
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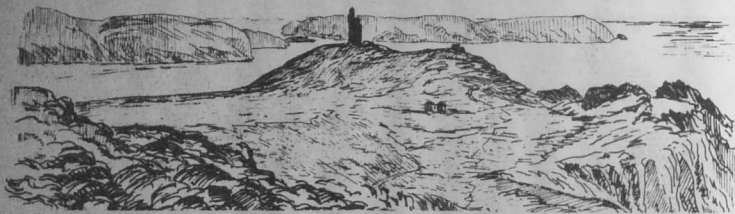
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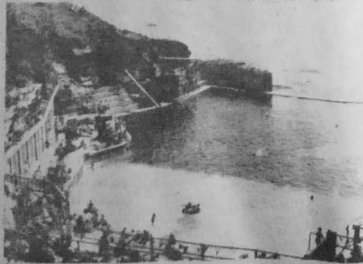


Milner's Tower on Bradda Head with the Calf of Man in the distance

experiment in sea farming and study aspects of marine biology. The public are admitted to the aquarium and, for a small fee, can inspect its extensive and colourful collection of creatures found in Manx waters.

For the explorer on foot Port Erin offers many rewarding discoveries. At the northern end of the bay an open air swimming pool set into the cliffs can be reached by a small path descending the grassy slope and a little further on almost hidden until you stumble across it, is tiny Spaldrick Bay, a gem of a place in its own right.

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Examples of this are shops such as: The Spinning Wheel, a charming antique shop with a beautiful variety of objets d'art in silver, glass, porcelain, including furniture and old linen. Similarly, She Fashion Boutique will intrigue the ladies with the range of individually screen-printed designed clothes and selected fashions, whilst Shoppers Fair

Although Port Erin is well served with restaurants, the Eagle Hotel excels with its a la carte menu of the Eyrie Grill and choice of bar buffet lunches.

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Of particular appeal to the main in the family will be the Port Erin Motoring Museum which was created to exhibit vintage cars in 'mint' condition. The proprietors have travelled widely to find cars of rare and exceptional quality. It is the museum's policy to maintain all vehicles in full working order, knowing that they may be used from time to time in vintage rallies. Although most of the exhibits form a permanent collection it is the aim of the proprietors to have a changing display of cars. Exhibits give you the opportunity to glimpse into the past with cars dating from 1899 — the Star.

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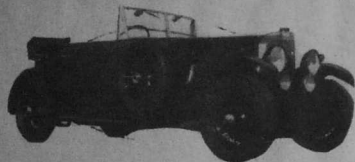
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Two of the fine examples of Motor Vehicles displayed in the Port Erin Motor Museum.

In Port Erin you will find the Erin Arts Centre situated in Victoria Square. The Centre has a seating capacity of 200 and is open two evenings a week during the Summer for films, illustrated lectures on Manx life, concerts and displays of Manx arts and crafts.



Port Erin shore



Erin Arts Centre

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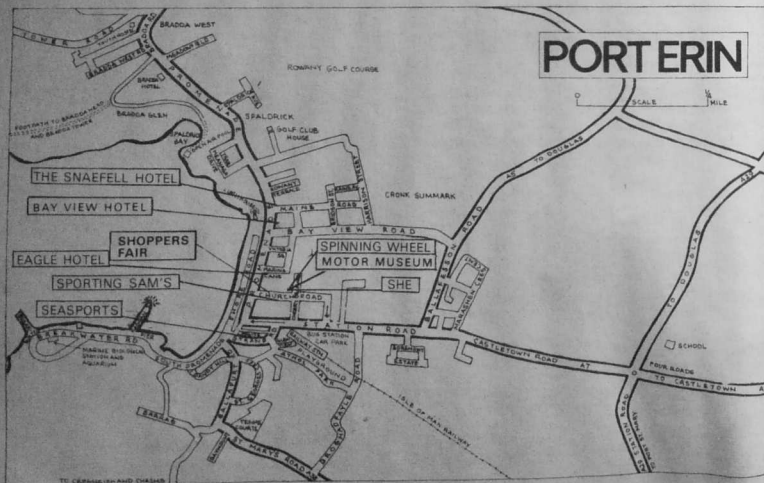


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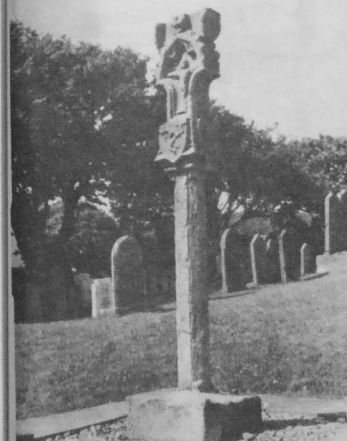
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Cashtal-Yn-Ard, Maughold



Cronk Sumark

The Isle of Man is steeped in history and throughout the countryside the Celtic forts, Viking graves and medieval battlement are constant reminder of the past. Along the sides of Snaefell and Tholt-y-Will you can see, if you look carefully, the battlement lines that used to mark the division between the warring Norse and Celtic communities of the South and North of the Island.

On the winding road to Ballaglass Glen is a burial ground of the ancient chieftains who ruled the Isle of Man four thousand years ago. Cashtal-Yn-Ard (Celtic: Castle of the height) a megalithic burial tomb. Further North at Maughold Parish Church you will find over thirty pre-Norse crosses; there was probably a Celtic monastery here before the Viking invasions. A path from the parish church (where the old market cross still stands) towards the lighthouse brings you to St Maughold's Well.

The Andreas Church graves also have a magnificent display of Norse crosses depicting many legends of those times.

To the West of Ramsey at Cronk Sumark is a tribal fortress from the Iron Age. A remarkable feature of this is that the stones used to build the ramparts were fused together by intense heat to form a solid, vitrified wall.

Kirk Michael also has a church with many crosses and in this area, a little further South at Spoozt Vane, is the keill of St Patrick, near a charming little waterfall in Glen Moor on the Peel to Kirk Michael road.

In the South of the Island the unique Cregneish Village the first open-air folk museum in Britain, has many relics of the Island's past.

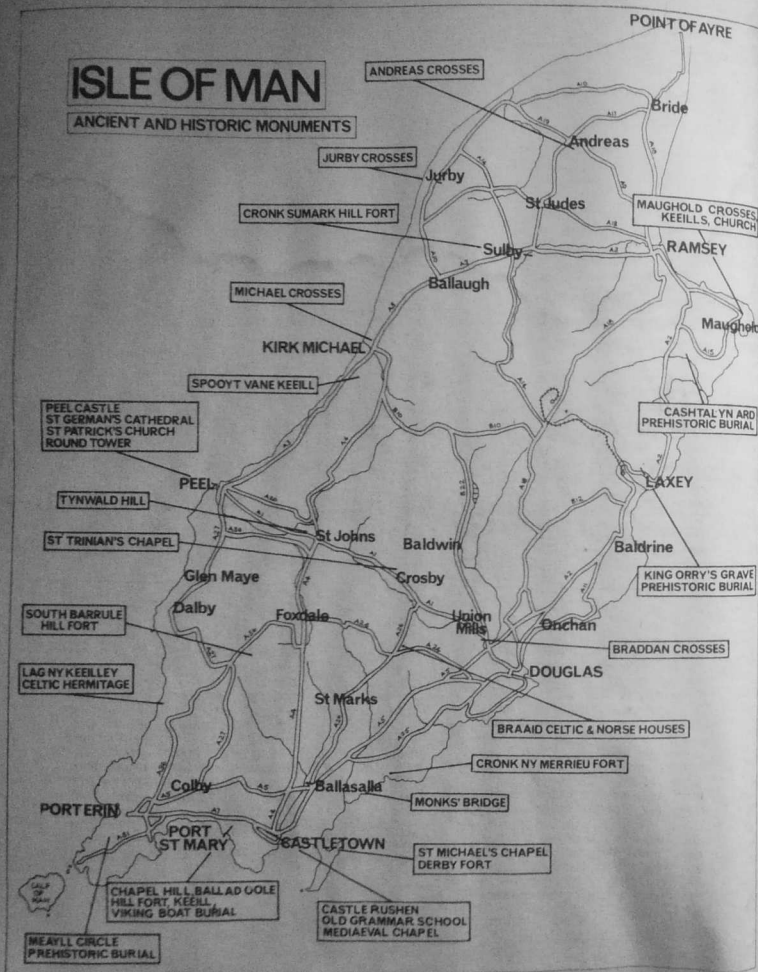
Nearby on the narrow road to Port Erin is the Maeyll



A cottage at Cregneish



Looking south from Cronk ny Merriu (the hill of Death) Port Grenaugh



Circle also unique in Britain. This stone circle prehistoric burial ground has large slabs of slate seven to eight feet long, three to four feet wide and approximately six inches thick, embedded in the earth to make a chamber below the surface. It dates back to 2000 BC.

At Cronk-ny-Merrieu (Celtic: Hill of Death) on the cliff top at Port Grenaugh is a ruined promontory fort, the remains of a Viking Longhouse.

These are only a few of the historical places of interest



St Michael's Chapel and Derby Fort on Port Island



Meayll Circle on Mull Hill



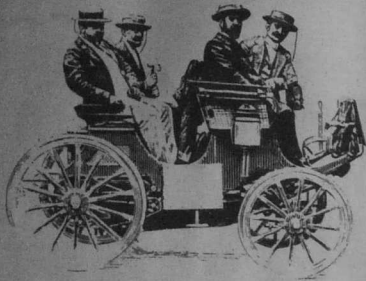
A panorama of Cregneish Village

One of the most precious legacies handed down to the modern Manx nation is the large collection of Celtic and Viking stone carvings found in many parts of the Island. Most of the older churches shelter one or more of these fascinating stone crosses or slabs, found in the vicinity and moved to the church for safety. Much of the carving is still incredibly clear after 1,000 years and many tell a story of some Viking legend. Pagan legends became entwined with the newer Christian beliefs, and the result shows an absorbing mixture of the two. Many of the Celtic designs show the "Knotwork" type of interlacing



decoration usually taken in the context of "Life eternal" as the pattern has no end. The Viking ones generally are more "free style", having figures and action, such as the famous cross at Jurby Church showing the Viking hero Sigurd slaying the dragon Fafnir. Our illustration shows this design faithfully reproduced in wood in the form of a Spinning Chair by the well-known firm of wood-carvers Kelly Souvenirs Ltd of Jurby Industrial Estate, where you may see this skilled craft being carried on.

Off the Beaten Track



There is plenty of rugged scenery on this run.

Following the mountain road from Douglas, take the first left after Creg-ny-Baa a Beinn-y-Pott — keep a sharp lookout for the hardy mountain sheep — and on your left you will see the Island's peat workings, dug by amateurs under licence from the Manx Government.

The best section of this run is over Druidale, a wild and remote area where shaggy, long-horned Highland cattle may wander up to your car. The narrow winding road descends eventually to Ballaugh, giving you splendid panoramic views. At the end of this road turn left for the beautiful Ravensdale Castle Hotel set deep in the enchanting Glendhoo at the foot of the wooded mountain slopes, alongside a clear sparkling trout stream it stands in five acres of land fragrant with the scent of native and tropical flowers. Ravensdale Castle has an interesting association with Lord Nelson, being built by one of his captains with bounty money. Your visit here will be a pleasurable occasion whether for dinner or for a drink during the day or a bar luncheon.

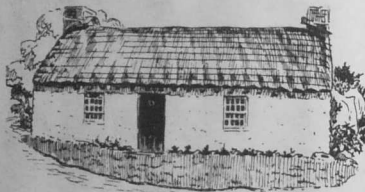
At Ballaugh on the TT Course, turn right to Sulby Glen Hotel where you turn left for Sandygate and Jurby. When you get to Jurby the road crosses a runway used during the war when the airport was an operational military airfield and the road had to be closed to allow aircraft to use the runway. Kelly Souvenirs Limited are here on the left opposite the gates to the army camp.

Also at Jurby Industrial Estate is the factory of Rushton Ceramics, makers of magnificent Shire horses and a wide range of other fine pottery.

The coast road from Jurby takes you back to Ballaugh where you turn right and, following the TT Course in reverse to the way the riders go. Turn left a few miles after Kirk Michael, climb up the side of Sartfell past Sartfield Farmhouse cafe and you are on the way home.



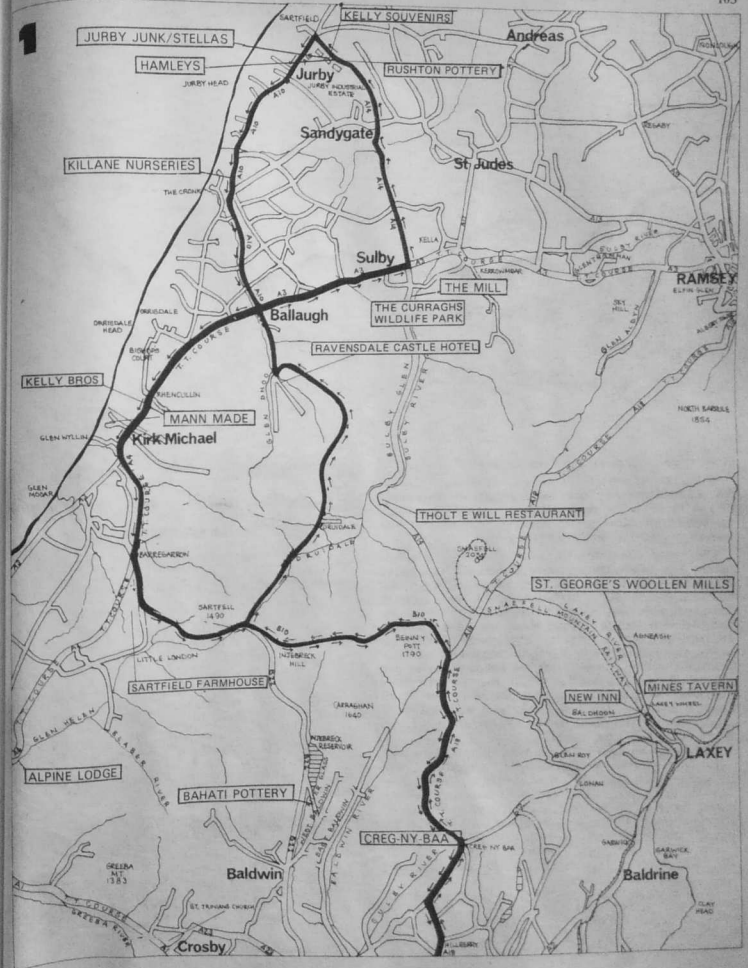
The valley of Druidale

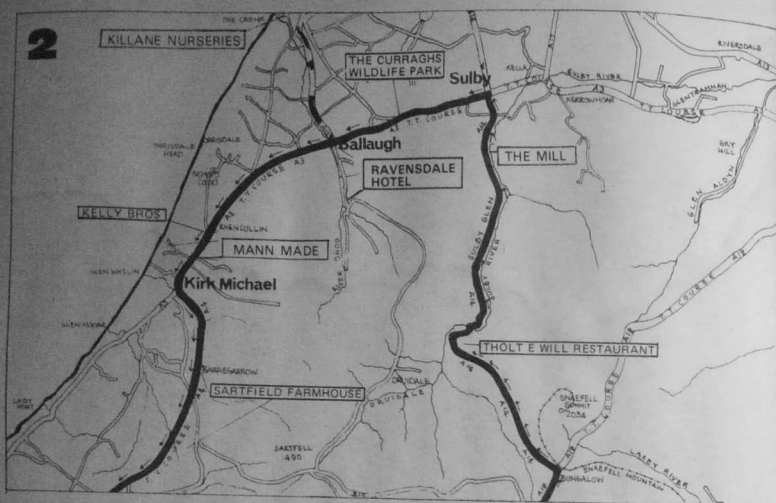


A Manx Crofter's cottage



A little cottage resting in Sulby Glen





Overlooking Tholt-e-Will

This road takes you through the beautiful Tholt-e-Will and Sulby Glen valleys and is another gateway to the peaceful and remote areas of Manxland. It is down this road that you can see the ancient ramparts that used to divide the Norse and the Celts.

At Sulby follow the TT Course in reverse to the TT riders, go again down the West side of the Island and back to Douglas.

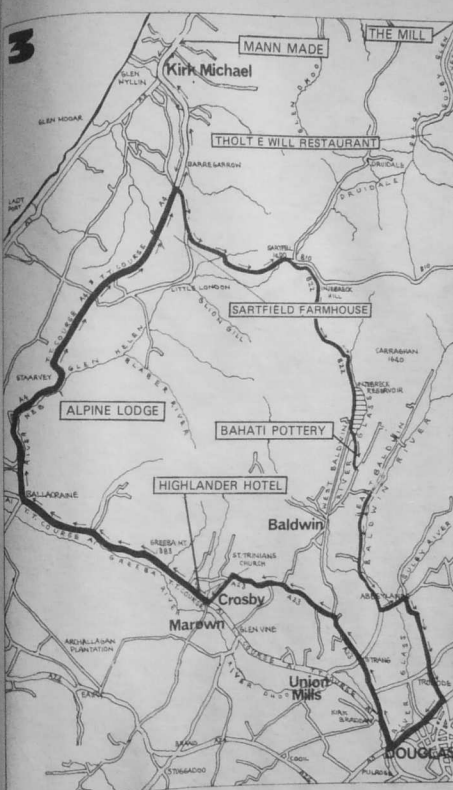
Descending to the Sulby Valley you will arrive at the Tholt-e-Will Country Inn set in the seclusion and carefree woods of Sulby Glen. Pause awhile for a light meal in the bar or tea house and relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Cordon Bleu and oriental cuisine may be ordered but reservations must be made in advance.

"If you take the trouble to book in advance you can dine by candlelight in a private room at the Inn or have lunch in the Tea House overlooking the river."



A long-horned Highland bull on the Druidale Road



Looking down on Injebreck



THE ISLE OF MAN CRAFT ASSOCIATION

There is a large variety of articles produced on the Island by members of the Isle of Man Craft Association and in order that you can be assured of a really high standard of craftsmanship, all our members must submit their products to a rigorous inspection and assessment before they are allowed to use the Craft Association Label. Displayed in our shop adjoining the Sefton Hotel for your perusal are many Manx made items such as pottery, woodwork, jewellery, sculpture, rushwork, crochet, embroidery, knitwear — the list is endless but you can be assured that whatever you purchase is of the highest quality.

This takes you again into the Manx mountains and their magnificent vistas and silent beauty. At Injebreck Reservoir, the scenery matches the Scottish lochs. One of the problems of following this route is coping with the temptation to follow the interesting side roads off it.



Take care on these winding roads

*Beauty Dies
where
Litter lies*



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This is the Marine Drive road we have already mentioned to Port Soderick. The return route inland takes you past the grounds of the Nunnery, the island's most distinguished stately home. Due to rock fall Marine Drive is closed at date of publication.



Port Soderick

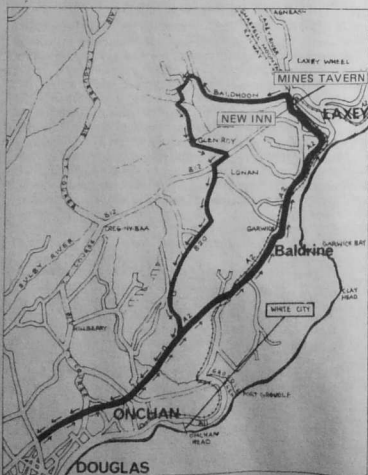
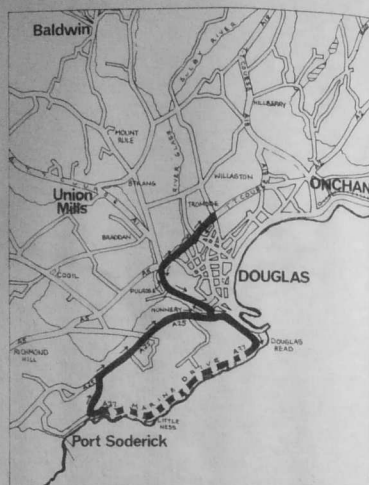


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The trip out from Douglas is along the road to Laxey, through Onchan and up Whitebridge Hill to Baldrine.

The bridge at the base of the hill is painted white in keeping with the name of the hill. According to tradition, it was built by an Onchan vicar 350 years ago as a penance for having an illegitimate baby to a parishioner. The deed cleansed his character (or "whitened" it as historian Neil Mathieson remarks in his booklet on the village) and ever since it has been known as Whitebridge.

In the centre of Laxey take the sharp turning left at the crossroads immediately after the Laxey Glen. (The road to the right dips sharply to the lower village). This is the narrow Balldoon road which takes you on a meandering route round Glen Roy — the westerly fringes of Laxey Glen Gardens. There are a few 90 degree bends so blow your horn in advance as a precaution. The route passes through a ford and at one point brings you to a bridge so narrow that many motorists fear they cannot negotiate it. But don't worry, it will take the widest car. There are some steep hills to descend, as well, but there are lay-bys every so often to allow ascending motorists to pass.



Manx National Glens

These are Glens maintained and preserved, largely in their natural state, by the Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board under the Manx Government

To get right into the heart of the Isle of Man and relish its superb countryside make a point of seeing the Manx Glens, the Island's pride and joy.

THE Board is a department of the Manx Government. Its responsibilities include the management of plantations throughout the Island, totalling 4,500 acres and of open hill land, totalling 20,000 acres, most of which is leased for sheep grazing. In addition, the Board has control over the development of mineral exploration and extraction.

One of the Board's primary duties is the promotion of trees and shrub planting throughout the Island, with a view to improving the environment and enhancing the beauty of the Island. The Board undertakes amenity planting schemes and encourages local authorities and private individuals to carry out such work. One scheme of particular interest to tourists is the Personal Tree Planting Scheme which the Board operates in conjunction with the Tourist Board, whereby a person may pay for a tree to be planted and maintained by the Board at an area of land set aside for this purpose — further particulars of this scheme may be obtained from the offices of the Tourist Board in Douglas.

The sixteen National Glens, which are owned and maintained by the Board, are described elsewhere in this book.

At St. John's are located the Board's offices and its Nursery. A wide variety of trees and shrubs is raised at the Nursery — for use by the Board in its various planting schemes and for sale to the general public. The Nursery is located in a most attractive setting at the foot of Slieu Whallian and within an area of approximately five acres a wide selection of specimen trees and shrubs may be viewed from the many well maintained paths on both sides of the river which flows through the Nursery. Adjoining the car park, across the road from the main Nursery, there is situated a Maze, the design of which was based on that at Hampton Court.

A variety of rustic products (ranging from plant boxes to fencing) are made by craftsmen employed by the Board and these may be ordered at the National Glens or the St. John's Nursery and residents alike are encouraged to visit them and enjoy the facilities which are provided.

Molly Quirk's Glen

We can't promise you will see Molly Quirk, but you will find yourself in a small pleasant glen on the banks of the quiet Groule stream. Within easy walking distance of Douglas and Onchan it has about five acres of woodland



Molly Quirk's Glen

with paths leading on to a by-road at the Little Mill from which you may return leisurely to Onchan.

Next to the Glen is the attractive glade of Bialoe Walk, entered from Whitebridge Hill. This woodland was donated by the late Ramsey G. Johnson, a former Deemster.

Glen Helen

Glen Helen is in the western side of the Island, eight miles from Douglas, four miles from Peel and 14 miles from Ramsey. It is a favourite call on the Island's motor coach tours. Romantically named after Helen Marsden, daughter of its founder who owned Liskeard Castle near Liverpool, it was planted in 1850 with a million trees including sequoia, thuja, spruce, Douglas fir, oak, sycamore and beech. Paths cross the Glen alongside the rivers Neb and Blabaa and visitors can travel over a mile through the beautiful scenery to the lovely Rhenass Waterfall, the crowning feature at the rear of the Glen. A wishing chair in the Glen is much patronised by visitors.

Elfin Glen, Ramsey

Elfin Glen takes the form of a gill, lying almost due north and south. The northern boundary is the main Douglas to Ramsey Mountain Road at the Hairpin Corner, a famous section of the TT Course. The actual Glen area is about 14 acres of fairly steep embankments divided by a central stream. Many tales and stories are told of the carryings on of the fairies and elves who once reigned amid its solitude. Adjoining the western embankment in its lower reaches is Claughbane Plantation, with Lhergy Frissel on the eastern side.

Tholt-e-Will (Sulby Glen)

In the centre of the northern part of the Island amid the grandeur of the mountains — Snaefell, Slieu Managh and Karrin — lies Tholt-e-Will, next to which the present Lord Strange has a charming resort to attract anglers and others. The 28-acre Glen has a type of beauty contrasting with the coastal glens. Branching off the Mountain Road and TT Race Course the Glen descends in winding paths alongside a tributary of the Sulby River until it reaches the foot, where it joins the main Sulby Glen Road. Next to the Glen is one of the Forestry Board's finest plantations in a marvellous setting which adds to, yet softens, the wild mountain scenery. For those on foot, cycle or scooter, Tholt-e-Will is well worth a visit.

The Nurseries St. John's



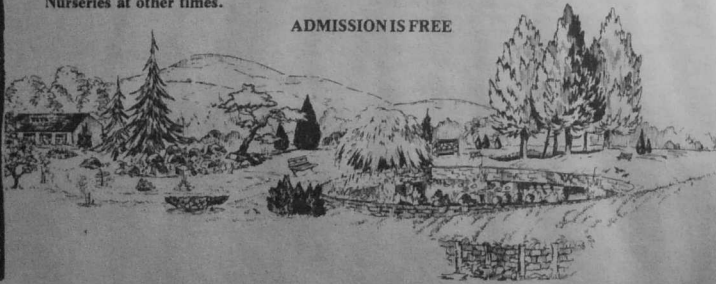
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A wide variety of shrubs and trees (including container grown shrubs) may be purchased at the Nurseries for you to take home — and remember to ask about the Board's timber products (plant boxes, fencing, etc.)

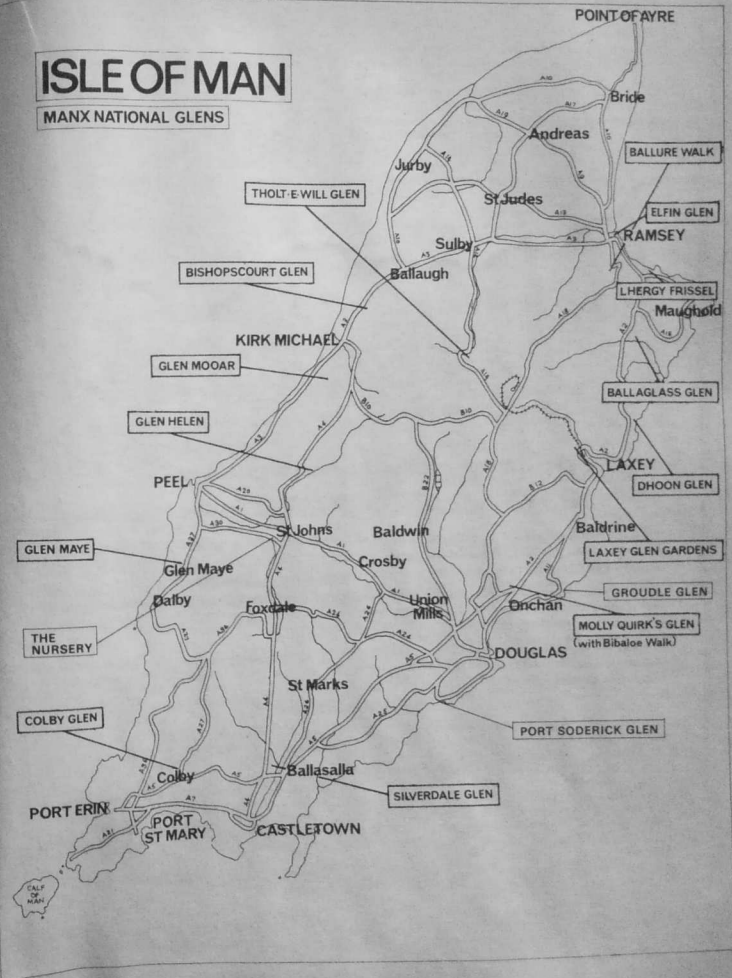
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Silverdale, near Ballasalla

A very popular place as a family rendezvous, the Glen has a children's playground with swings, a slide, water-driven roundabout, boating lake, cafe and car park.

Roads lead into the Glen from the Cross Four Ways to Foxdale Road (A4) and also from the Ballasalla Crossings Road past the old corn mill where the water wheel has been renovated and is driven by the overflow from the boating lake.

Spanning the Silverburn half a mile downstream from Silverdale is the "Crossag" of Monks' Bridge, still in good condition though built in the fourteenth century.

About 250 yards away are the grounds of the famous Rushen Abbey.



The Silverburn

Laxey Glen Gardens — for family parties

Here, some seven miles from Douglas, is a resort of a more ambitious nature, partly man-made and partly natural, but blended ideally in with many exotic trees while much of the Glen is steeply banked and well wooded. The gardens are laid out to appeal to all ages amid lovely surroundings.

Near the Glen is the great Laxey Waterwheel, the Lady Isabella, erected in 1854, and the largest in the world. On the south side of the Glen, rising to 500 feet is Axenfell Plantation.

Dhoon Glen

Dhoon Glen, with its waterfall, has long been one of the outstanding Manx Glens and a mecca for amateur photographers. On the main Douglas-Ramsey coast road it is about 12 miles from Douglas and five miles from Ramsey. A beautiful natural glen, Dhoon stretches from the main road for about three-fifths of a mile towards the sea. It covers about 44 acres of wooded slopes with a stream which, in full spate, becomes a flood rushing down to the sea, the waters merging at one point in a majestic waterfall. The fall makes two leaps, the first one 60 feet and the lower 70 feet. Several excellent varieties of ferns are found in the vicinity. Paths cross and re-cross the river by rustic bridges. These winding pathways open up changing vistas until you reach the beach with its impressive views of the rocky coastline. The return ascent is steep, but there is an easier alternative path on the south side.



Glen Helen

GROUDLE GLEN

Situated only 2½ miles from Douglas along the northern coast road to Laxey and Ramsey this is one of the most recent acquisitions in the total of sixteen Manx National Glens. The glen itself is of a deep, and in places, rocky nature and has a lively bubbling stream running throughout its length. Excellent specimens of beech grow in the upper section of the glen while in the lower, pines and larch are more abundant. A small water-wheel is situated in the lower glen.

Reached by Manx Electric Tram or car via coastal road.

PORT SODERICK

This small glen with its large central grass paddock is approximately 4 miles south of Douglas at the end of the Marine Drive. Although lacking the rugged nature of a number of the other glens it is very sheltered with a small stream adding to its overall beauty. Amusement facilities, cafe, public hotel and small shops at the shore end add to its attractiveness for visitors and locals alike, and with the Marine Drive joining it to Douglas it makes an excellent stop on a drive or walk.

Reached by bus, car, or an exceptionally panoramic walk along the Marine Drive though this season Marine Drive may be closed for traffic owing to damage to the roadway.

Editorial courtesy of the Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board.

Glen Mooar (Spooyt Vane) near Kirk Michael

Spooyt Vane (Manx for White Spout) is one of the highest waterfalls in the island. Above the west bank of the river near the path are the remains of an early Christian Chapel (Keill) and a hermit's cell. The chapel was dedicated to St Patrick, hence its Manx name Cabbal Pheric (Patrick's Chapel).

Access is from the main road at Glen Mooar Bridge or from the side road above the Waterfall.



Glen Coan at Groudle Glen

Ballaure Walk, near Ramsey

On the southern outskirts of Ramsey on the main Ramsey-Douglas road, overlooking the sea and beach, lies a pleasant walking area and amenity to Ramsey. Crossing a footbridge there is another path leading to an attractive bathing beach. The stream adjoining the walk flows down from North Barrule, the second highest mountain on the island.

Colby Glen

This Glen, in the village of Colby in the south of the island, is an attractive glade of some five acres, through which runs the Colby River and a public footpath. Not perhaps of such wild beauty as some other glens, it has its own charm, especially in the spring and early summer when it is full of wild flowers, including bluebells and primroses. This Glen provides a pleasant walk away from the traffic of the main road.

Bishops court Glen, Kirk Michael

This Glen is situated off the main road opposite Bishops court, the traditional home of the Bishop of Sodor and Man. It is a narrow Glen stretching from the high road about half a mile towards the hills. It contains about 13½ acres and a stream runs through the centre. It is heavily planted, mainly with mixed hardwoods, and rhododendrons and laurels abound.

A lake at the top of Bishops court Glen forms an excellent feature. Just in from the entrance is an artificial mound named "Mount Aeolus" erected by Bishop Hildesley to commemorate the victory of the English under Captain Elliot over the French off the Manx coast on February 28, 1760. Two small cannon from the French ship *Belle Isle* are on top of the mound.

Another feature is a small cave with a carved stone seat. The cave itself is thought to have been used by Bishops for rest and meditation. Nearby is a stone inscribed "Creg-ny-Ushag" (Manx Gaelic meaning "Rock of the Bird") — "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I," probably dating from about 1880.

Lhergy Frissel

This next door neighbour to Elfin Glen has a mixture of naturally regenerated hardwoods over an area of 16 acres which is divided into two parts by the TT course. A winding path leads to Albert Tower.

Glen Maye

Some three miles south of Peel on the main road to the south of the island is this well-known natural and picturesque Manx Glen of about 11½ acres. Glen Maye contains a waterfall and deep gorges. Walks have been constructed and the stream is spanned by bridges. The river flows at the base of high cliffs to the secluded and charming beach.

This Glen can also be reached by a path along the coastline from Peel.

Ballaglass

Beautiful Ballaglass has a reputation for its charm and picturesqueness. It consists of about 17 acres of heavily foliated land with a lovely rock-bedded stream, which cascades over several small but extremely pretty waterfalls. Near the falls on the summit of a hill is a stone circle, known as Castle Chowy, which, it is generally supposed dates from the 10th century. A feature of this Glen is a nature trail established by the Manx Conservation Council. From the Glen a detour can be made by foot to the Corna beach, a favourite cove with visitors in the summertime.

Ballaglass Glen



Living in the Isle of Man

THE feeling most people coming to the Isle of Man for the first time admit to — is one of surprise — Surprise that the island is as big as it is — (227 sq. miles); that the scenery is as beautiful and varied as it is, and — that there is still somewhere where the quality of life is as they remember it and feel it ought to be — where you're not in danger of being run down by juggernauts or asphyxiated by exhaust fumes — where, as yet, parking meters are unknown and where people still have time to talk to one another. It's so near to Britain and yet that stretch of water ensures that it stays so different. Different, and yet up with the times — thanks in many ways to its historic independently-elected Parliament Tynwald — one of the oldest assemblies in the world — where members vote according to conscience and not under duress of 3-line whips or party labels.

The differences extend of course also to the Island's tax structure — a point which hasn't escaped the notice of the adjacent isles, bowed down under the weight of some of the heaviest taxation in the Western world. With income tax levied at a rate that's stayed the same for many years — 21% — and with no death duties, Surtax, Wealth or Gift taxes the Isle of Man's attractions in purely money terms to the wealthy are obvious. And while talking money, there's the distinctive Manx coins and notes circulating in the Island — including the unique 50p note — not to mention its own decimal coinage and the recently issued commemorative crowns that are eagerly sought by the world's collectors.

But while the favourable tax climate is undoubtedly exerting its influence in increasing the Island's importance as a financial centre, and banking and finance are rapidly overtaking more traditional contributors to the Island's gross national product, those people, the rising young executives, who have moved to the Island in order to run the newly-opened banking houses and associated enterprises find themselves rapidly getting "hooked" on this different environment. The "rat-race" syndrome is quickly forgotten; in its place is a quality of life believed by most to be extinct.

Here you find that special "something" that goes with Island life and yet you can enjoy the comforting feeling of security that even in this "different world" all the familiar advantages of social benefits available in the UK apply also in the Island — pensions, medical services, educational facilities; all are harmonised to keep in step with those prevailing across the water. Your favourite TV programmes are still available to you too — yes you can get "Crossroads" in colour — and for the Hi-Fi sound man BBC stereo radio is here. And let's not forget that from Douglas the first legally-licensed commercial radio station in the British Isles broadcasts. The Studios of Manx Radio stand prominently above the harbour on Douglas Head.

For long the Island has been keen to attract suitable non-labour-intensive industry — non-labour-intensive because generally full employment has existed on the Island for some years and for firms to bring over a large work force could create accommodation problems, with housing being at a premium as it is.

New legislation in the shape of the Control of Employment Act 1975 was brought into effect from 1st June 1976, in order to control employment and self-employment of persons who are not "Isle of Man Workers". The intention is to safeguard employment opportunities of "Isle of Man Workers" in preference to the employment of imported unskilled labour. In fact, to help establish those industries it's thought desirable to attract, the Government, through the Local Government Board, offers very assistance to firms in the housing of their key workers by allocating land and building houses to make available to these companies for just this purpose.

Additionally, considerable industrial incentives are held out to the firms themselves — for instance 40% grant towards the cost of new buildings, plant and machinery, costs 40% of relocation expense, low-interest loans for working capital, etc. Currently both Government and private industrial estates are in course of development.

The educational facilities available in the Isle of Man span the range of those available in the U.K. — with the exception of a University that is. However, students who gain places at higher educational establishments across the water qualify for grants from the Manx Government and

similar terms to their English counterparts. Anyone bringing a young family to live in the Island need have no qualms about standards of learning. From the many primary schools, with the personal attention that smaller classes allow, children progress to the comprehensive type schools where "O" and "A" level GCE and CSE courses are taken up. Additionally for those parents who wish to opt for independent school education King William's College and the Buchan School for Girls provide for both day pupils and boarders at their establishments at Castletown. There is a College of Further Education in Douglas and a wide range of full and part-time courses are available there, and also at evening classes held at some of the other educational centres in the Island — especially Ramsey.

As a result of the popular press "Shopping Clock" exercises, together with research carried out by the Manx Treasury, it's been authenticated that the cost of living in the Island is generally higher than in the U.K., principally because of the drastic effects of the fuel charge escalation on the cost of transporting goods here. However, there are compensations — the Road Fund licence for your car is cheaper, as is insuring it, rates on property are generally lower and interest rates on mortgages granted under Government schemes for house purchases are more favourable, currently running at 9% for anyone taking up to the maximum amount of £15,000 and going as low as 7% for those whose income is less than £3,000 p.a. The Government assistance is only given to those in full-time employment or operating an all the year round business.

The Building Societies, so many prospective house buyers turn to in the U.K., do not operate on the Island. The inhibiting factor having been the Manx Usury Acts which effectively limited interest rates to a level below free market rates. The present limit recently revised upwards to 12½% is still below what many of the money men feel is an appropriate level. However, a Bill has just been passed through repealing the Usury Act and is expected to become law during 1979. Certain local banks, though, are prepared to offer long term mortgages for house purchases.

Another change in the offing is the possible renegotiation or abrogation of the Common Purse Agreement by which, broadly speaking, custom duties in the Isle of Man are held at the same rates as in the United Kingdom, thereby avoiding only necessity for travellers or goods arriving or going to the UK to pass through custom controls. Under existing arrangements these, and other goods attracting Customs duty and VAT, are priced at near enough the same figure as in the UK and the revenues thus collected go into a "Common Purse" together with those raised in U.K. From that total amount the Island is then refunded an agreed share based on figures worked then refunded at intervals by the seasonal tourist influx. Currently the Island's share under this Common Purse Arrangement amounts to over £15,000,000 per annum — a hefty sum which many are reluctant to gamble on giving up in favour of possible greater returns by becoming like the Channel Islands and abolishing VAT and offering duty-free or duty-reduced goods.

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MANUFACTURING IN MANN

From the mid-nineteenth century the natural resources of the Isle of Man provided its indigenous population with a living based mainly on agriculture, fishing, construction and mining, and certain industries dependent on these. Apart from the output of the mining industry, the majority of goods produced were utilised within the Island.

A factor which had a profound effect on the Isle of Man was the establishment of a regular and dependable steamship service between the Island and North-west England by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company in the 1830's. This, when added to the then novel and growing fashion of taking a holiday by the seaside, gave birth to the Island's tourist industry which had grown rapidly by the late nineteenth century.

The tourist trade brought with it a multiplication and diversification of service industries, gave the traditional manufacturing industries a boost, and to a major extent dominated the development of the Isle of Man until the late 1940's when it declined sharply, leaving in its wake chronic unemployment.

The Government of the day thus had a two-fold problem; first, to provide employment, and second, to find a replacement in economic terms to supplement the dwindling earnings from abroad being brought in by the tourist trade. The solution in these two problems was then considered, and in retrospect correctly so, to lie in the establishment of export orientated manufacturing industry.

The policy of encouraging suitable manufacturing industry to establish in the Isle of Man continues today, though the circumstances in which this is taking place are nothing like as dire as during the early days of the programme. Now the Isle of Man enjoys a substantial income from goods manufactured here and exported, while unemployment has declined markedly.

The Isle of Man Government currently offers generous financial assistance on a discretionary basis to the right type of manufacturer, who wants to establish an operation here and also to local businesses wishing to expand. Encouragement is given to manufacturers who have high potential profitability, a high added value per employee and whose manpower requirements are reasonable in relation to the available labour market.

According to recent statistics, about 3,000 people are now employed in manufacturing industries in the Island, which represents about 13 per cent. of the working population. There is a good geographical spread of manufacturing throughout the centres of population, although nowhere could its presence be said to intrude on the environment. There is an important consideration when the establishment of a new industry is being planned.

During the last few years the Government's Industrial Development Programme has encouraged the expansion of existing companies and the introduction of over 20 new ventures into the Island. The result has been that there is now a well-diversified mix of industry.

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industries being typical of the items produced. There are also some interesting developments in the electronics field.

Textiles and allied products are still an important part of the manufacturing section, with the manufacture of tweed, knitwear, denim garments and transfer printing paper.

There has been good growth in the plastics sector producing extrusions, mouldings and acrylic sheet.

Other products manufactured on the Island include optical components, hand-blown glass crystal, Meerschmum pipes, shaving brushes and pleasure yachts.

The food processing industries are thriving on the Island. Cheese, butter and ice-cream of high quality are manufactured for local and export consumption. Unlike the United Kingdom the processing of fish on the Island has shown growth in recent years. Due to the Government's enlightened policy of conservation, increased landings are being made on the Island and processing is also being expanded. The superb Manx kippers continue to be produced and processed herring are exported to many countries in Europe. Sea-food in the form of the scallop, the "Queenie" and prawns are exported in large volumes mainly to the U.S.A., and there has also been increased landing and processing of white fish. Locally brewed real ale is well known, enjoying a good reputation and considerable popularity among residents and visitors alike, while minerals and soft drinks are also made for the home market.

A further aspect of manufacturing in the Isle of Man which looks both backward to the origins of manufacturing itself and forward to an ever-growing market is the Island's craft industry. Dotted about the Island in cottages and small workshops, the craftsmen of the Island are busily engaged in jewellery, pottery, ceramics, glasswork, metalwork, woodwork, knitting, weaving and soft toy making and myriad other activities to produce original and high quality goods to delight the visitors and provide a holiday memento. A Craft Index booklet can be obtained at the Tourist Office, the Industrial Office and the Craft Shop in the Sea Terminal where a representative selection of the craft products may be viewed and purchased. Many craft workers also sell their produce at their workshops where the purchaser is welcome to call and see the articles being made.

The manufacturing sector in the Island is showing a steady growth. As far as manufacturing is concerned the "three legs" of encouragement — attractive grants and loans; low taxes, and good industrial relations, more than offset the minor disadvantages of slightly higher transport costs. Great care is taken to ensure that industry does not spoil the environment of our Island, with strict regulations about the emission of fumes and the disposal of waste.

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THE ISLE OF MAN AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

Over the last decade and a half, the Isle of Man has developed from obscurity into an internationally known financial centre. The development began in the early nineteen sixties as a result of a deliberate policy of the Manx Government. The development was given a great boost in 1972, when the Sterling Area shrank, thus removing the competition from the Caribbean area in a stroke. And finally, the increasingly onerous burden of tax and legislation in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland made the Isle of Man into an increasingly attractive place to do business from.

The growth of the Manx finance industry has, however, been slow. Unlike other tax havens which have experienced explosive growth with the resultant social problems, the Manx industry has grown slowly and with the minimum immigration of foreign workers. Consequently, the Manx business establishment has gained experience slowly, and has had time to experiment, to adapt and to develop its own expertise without having to import outside expertise to any appreciable extent. Indeed, most businesses operating today in the financial industry prefer to recruit and train Manx staff rather than import outsiders since the Manx business community has itself developed an expertise and ability which is at least the equal of anything that can be imported. Whereas the finance industry in many tax havens is situated in, but is not of that haven, we can truly say that the Manx finance industry is Manx.

What does the industry do? Most visitors to the Isle of Man will not be familiar with the ramifications of international finance. Perhaps the simplest way to start is to explain that the Manx finance industry is truly international. Although, obviously, much of its work derives from the surrounding islands of Ireland and Britain, it is now arguable that at least as much of its business derives from outside these islands. Scandinavia, Germany, France, North America, the Middle and Far East, Africa are all regions of the world are well-known to Manx financiers.

The type of business also is varied. Insurance, Banking, Trust Corporations, Import-Export Merchants, Pension Funds, Unit Trusts, Commodity Brokers, Investment Managers — all are represented. It is, of course, true to say that a great deal of the business derives from the fact of the low Manx taxation. However, it is probably more accurate to say that the low taxation is today a product of the same climate of opinion that makes Manx businesses so successful. Incentive, initiative, effort and expertise are needed to attract business. And those qualities are certainly to be found in the Manx finance industry. And it is those qualities that attract much of the business, quite apart from the low tax rates.

In many ways, however, the Manx finance industry may strike the outsider as old-fashioned. The business community is small. News spreads fast. Crooks come unstuck rapidly. Great store is put on the old virtues of honesty, integrity and truth. Newcomers who try to be "sharp" eventually find themselves frozen out. In many ways, the Manx business community works like the City of London did 20 years ago before the age of the

"whizz-kids" and the consequent undermining of traditional standards of correct behaviour.

Some basic facts of the Manx financial scene:

1. The Isle of Man enjoys complete independence in taxation matters, amongst others. Its taxation system is totally independent from that of the United Kingdom, and this is recognised by the Double Taxation Treaty that exists between the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man. Further, the Isle of Man is totally self-supporting financially, receiving no subsidies, or other such payments from the UK. The Manx Health Service likewise is totally separate from its UK counterpart. Thus the Isle of Man is immune from the rigours of the Inland Revenue, who do not even have power to obtain information from the Customs and Excise on VAT collected in Mann. (The Isle of Man is in a Customs Union with the UK and thus maintains identical rates of VAT, excise duty, etc.).

2. The Isle of Man has its own totally indigenous legal system. The basis of Manx law is Manx Customary Law, which in many ways is similar to English Common Law. But, equally, in many ways it is very different. Manx land law, for example, is derived from Norse law, and not feudal English law. But in commercial law, company and trust law, the Isle of Man is very close to England. Unlike the Channel Islands, Trust Law in the Isle of Man is historic, statutory and definite.

3. The Isle of Man has its own status in the Common Market. When the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland negotiated their way into the Common Market, the Isle of Man also negotiated, and obtained a very special status of being able to choose. As a result, it is in for some purposes, such as trade and tariffs, but out for others, like the freedom of movement of labour or agricultural subsidies.

In the banking field, the big English clearing banks are all represented. But the Isle of Man Bank although wholly owned by the National Westminster Bank is the largest Manx Incorporated Bank with twenty branches throughout the Island. Savings and Investment Bank was founded in December 1965. From England we have Barclays, Lloyds, Midland, National Westminster and Williams & Glynn.

On the merchant banking scene, the first to open was International Finance & Trust Corporation Limited which is a completely independent Manx Merchant Bank operating directly in the international field with connections throughout the world and the first in the Island specialising in this side of banking.

Other banks soon followed being represented by Singer and Friedlander, Julian S. Hodge and others, however. All banks on the Island are required by Government legislation to hold a current banking licence. In the hire purchase and industrial finance sector, the local Conister Trust Ltd is the largest in operation.

In recent years Rea Brothers (Isle of Man) Ltd, Royal Trust of Canada, and Allied Irish Banks (Isle of Man) Ltd, Anglo Manx Bank Ltd and Commercial Bank of Wales (IOM) Ltd have opened.

In the stock broking the two Manx firms of R. L. Stott & Co., and the smaller Ramsey Crookall & Co. have virtually all the market.

In the insurance field most of the big British companies are represented, but again we can single out the Tower

Insurance Co. Ltd., which although a subsidiary of the Royal is also by origin a Manx insurance company.

In the accountancy profession there are a number of international firms represented, as well as many smaller local firms.

Looking to the future, the way seems clear for steady growth and increasing prosperity. There will, however, be problems. That is certain. But if the past is any guide, the problems will be overcome with the usual quiet persistence that is one of the basic characteristics of the Manx people.

UNIT TRUSTS ON THE ISLAND

In the past decade or so offshore fund management companies have at different times been the heroes and villains of the investment world.

One of the reasons for this was that "off-shore" has a variety of meanings according to the intentions of the user. Managers of off-shore funds operating from tax havens and low tax areas used the tax advantages to the investor as a means of attracting funds which, in most cases, had no other advantages over the traditional on-shore based Unit Trusts.

Even more important, was that whilst being able to attract investors on the basis of these tax advantages, the managers of certain offshore funds neglected to say to would-be investors that as managers they were not bound by the stringent regulations which apply, for example in the United Kingdom and the United States. These regulations lay down strict rules as to charging, valuation, investment powers, borrowing powers, advertising and numerous other details which have been regarded as necessary for the protection of investors.



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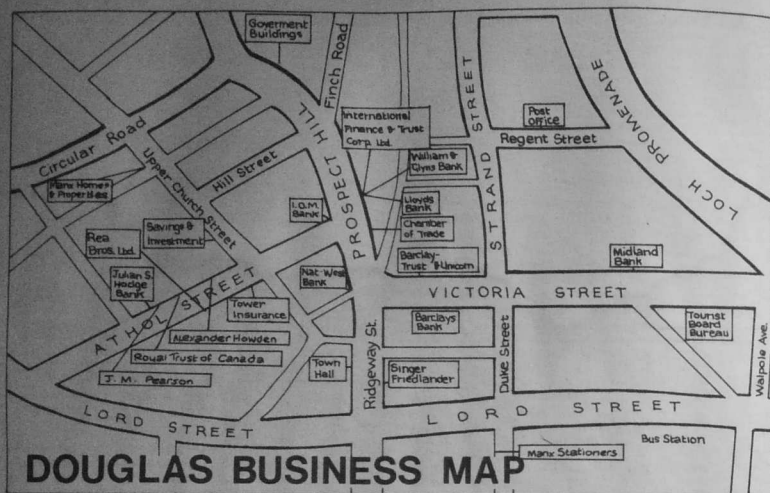
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There is no Capital Gains Tax (except the Land Speculation Tax) payable in the Isle of Man and consequently managers are able to switch investments and realise capital gains without any tax loss. Moreover, the Island does not levy any death duties. On the tax side it should be noted that for Isle of Man residents, Isle of Man tax may be payable by direct assessment on the income they receive from the trust and details should be included on tax returns. Allowance would be made for any Manx Tax already deducted.

The attractions of investing in an Isle of Man based authorised Unit Trust are substantial and the control and respectability of the Isle of Man has meant that there are a number of managers on the Island and, indeed, one of the big London Clearing Banks has set up a subsidiary company. Additionally, there are a number of unauthorised Unit Trusts managed on the Island, but these are not subject to the same legislative safeguards as are the authorised Unit Trusts.

The Isle of Man enjoys the situation of being a self-governing Island still in the scheduled territories with the United Kingdom. It is inaccurate to describe it as a tax haven and it is more appropriate to call it a low tax area, particularly in these times when the European Community look somewhat sceptically at the role of tax havens.

The 1972 Bank of England Exchange Control Regulation reduced the size of the Sterling Area to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland. Gibraltar was added on January 1, 1973. The result of this move was that the most popular of

the Sterling area tax havens operating up to then suddenly found themselves out in the cold and investors from the United Kingdom found that they could no longer invest through these tax havens without paying for the privilege by buying investment currency or arranging "back to back" loans.

It is largely thanks to this situation that the increase in unit trusts based in the Sterling Area has taken place and the effects must be that the investing public are better safeguarded and investment is now attracted to and managed within the reduced Sterling Area.

TAXATION IN THE ISLE OF MAN

The two main forms of taxation in the Isle of Man are

1. *Income Tax* — which is levied on both individuals and companies alike and limited to a maximum rate of 21%.
2. *Customs and Excise Duties* — which are identical to those levied in the United Kingdom with the exception of locally brewed beer.

There are no Capital Gains Taxes (with the exception of the Land Speculation Tax at 21% on profits arising from certain sales of land in the Isle of Man), estate duties, stamp duties except on the registration of documents, gift taxes, payroll taxes or capital or wealth taxes.

Under the terms of United Kingdom legislation a person domiciled in the United Kingdom who relinquishes that domicile consequent upon becoming domiciled in the Isle of Man after 10th December, 1974, is to be deemed to have remained domiciled in the United Kingdom. Therefore, as a person domiciled in the United Kingdom, such an individual remains liable to the United Kingdom's Capital Transfer Tax in respect of his property wherever it is situated. This legislation has been modified by the U.K.'s Finance Act 1977. The Manx Treasury operates a system of PAYE which is known as (TIP (Income Tax Instalment Payments) in the Island.

Taxation is levied on Taxable Income which means total income from all sources less the allowances to which the individual may be entitled. No relief from taxation is given where income is not remitted to the Island, though by

concession relief may be obtained where the income is not available, for instance, where the payment of dividends is blocked, e.g. the dividend on Rhodesian stocks.

Income tax is not payable on owner/occupied houses. **SURTAX IS NOT CHARGED IN THE ISLE OF MAN**

DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF

The only Double Taxation treaty entered into by the Isle of Man is with the United Kingdom Government (UK Statutory Instrument 1955 No. 1205).

An individual resident in the Isle of Man who derives income from sources in the United Kingdom may be entitled to "non-resident" relief from the United Kingdom tax in respect of part personal allowances. To obtain the relief which may be due, the claimant must make a Return of Total Income to the appropriate Chief Inspector (Claims) in the United Kingdom.

Dividends and debenture interest from Companies in the United Kingdom are liable to Manx tax, but a claim for further relief (Unilateral) may be submitted to the appropriate Chief Inspector (Claims) in respect of the Manx tax paid on this source of income. This relief applies only to individuals' assessments.

Relief from Manx tax is given in a Manx assessment in respect of United Kingdom tax paid on income OTHER THAN dividends and debenture interest. Because the standard rate of Manx tax is lower than the UK basic rate of tax, the amount of relief is invariably equal to the Manx tax charged on this type of income.

Overseas Income (i.e. income from all sources outside the Island, except the United Kingdom) is assessed on the

gross amount before deduction of overseas tax. The amount of double tax relief is computed on this gross amount at the lower of the Manx rate or Overseas rate or tax on that income.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Interest on certain British Government securities which are beneficially owned by Manx residents is liable to Manx income tax, but is not liable to United Kingdom tax.

Companies are regarded as resident in the Isle of Man for taxation purposes if the central management and control of that company is exercised in or from the Isle of Man and the taxable profits of the company are taxed at the standard rate.

In arriving at the taxable income of a company, expenses are deductible on much the same basis as in the United Kingdom and there is a free rate of depreciation in respect of capital assets.

In addition, the Dividends paid by Manx companies to Shareholders are allowed as a deduction in computing the taxable profits. The Dividends are assessed directly on individual resident Shareholders. When paid to non-resident Shareholders, the Dividends are paid after deduction by the payer of tax at the standard rate.

From 1974/75 every company incorporated in the Isle of Man will pay a Company Registration Tax of £200 per annum. Exemption from this tax applies to companies which carry on a trade or business in the Island assessable to income tax or to companies controlled from within the Island. A company's liability to the tax will be abated by the amount of any liability that it has to Manx Income Tax for a year of assessment.

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- Open all year
- Central heating in all rooms
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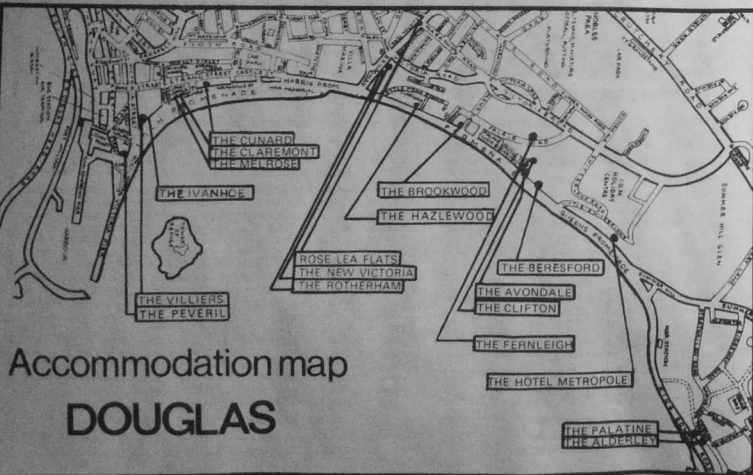
TERMS: Evening Dinner/Bed & Breakfast from £5.50 + VAT

Ask for details of Christmas Special

Tel. Douglas 0624 6269 Proprietors
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Colour Brochure from Gordon & Anne Maule

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Accommodation map
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★ Coffee shop available for lunches and suppers ★ Full Board early and late season ★ Open Easter to end of October ★ Fully licensed cocktail bar for residents ★ Accommodation for 160 guests ★ Families welcome ★ Children welcome at reduced rates ★ Passenger lift to all floors ★ Driving coach tours, shows, pony trekking and car hire (when available) can be arranged ★ Heating on all landings and in public rooms ★ Automatic fire alarm and emergency lighting system ★ Radio and room call (including baby-listening service) ★ Varied menus and first class cuisine ★ Packed lunches on request ★ Bathrooms and showers are freely available to guests at any time ★ Day and night porters ★ Reduced rates for large parties (over 20 persons) ★ T.T., M.G.P., cycle, scooter, bowling, golf and sports enthusiasts welcome ★ Midweek bookings accepted early and late season ★ Free outside parking on Promenade ★ Well decorated and furnished throughout ★ Early morning teas available ★ Newspapers, post cards, souvenirs, toiletries, etc. are available at Reception ★ Early morning calls and breakfasts available on departure days ★ Ironing, hairdressing, washing and drying facilities ★ Cots and high chairs available ★ Reading and writing area ★ Colour TV lounge and sun lounge.

Please write or phone for free Colour Brochure

Terms: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast from £4.90 per day
Proprietors: John and Sue Thompson

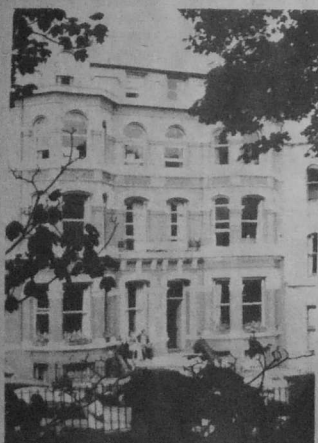
Claremont Hotel

18 Loch Prom Douglas
Tel Douglas (0624) 4751

- *Fully licensed bar lounge
TV & coffee lounge
- *Bath & shower facilities and bedrooms with private
bathroom suites, or private showers
- *Lift to all floors
- *Ideally situated near air & sea terminals and
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- *Spacious dining room overlooking sea

TERMS Evening dinner/bed/breakfast from £4.75 + VAT

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TERMS Evening dinner/bed/breakfast from £3.70 + VAT

Personally supervised by Sheila Cowell

HOTEL ALDERLEY

IMPERIAL TERRACE, ONCHAN
TELEPHONE 0624 3717

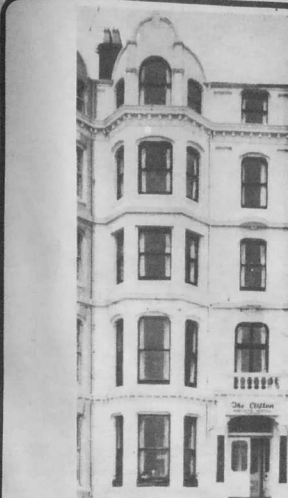
One of the largest licensed private hotels in Onchan
with unrestricted parking, colour TV lounge,
lounge bar, radio/baby intercom/baby listening
in all bedrooms

Families most welcome

Evening Dinner, Bed and Breakfast from £3.75

Lunch packs and bar snacks available daily
Midweek bookings accepted

Resident proprietors: Mr and Mrs H. H. Deakin



CLIFTON HOTEL

Queen's Promenade, Douglas
Telephone 0624 6595/5636

Facilities include —

- Colour TV Lounge
- Residential Licence
- Radio, Baby Listening Service, Roomcall
- Intercom, Emergency Lighting,
- Ironing, Hairdrying, Tumble Drying,
- Bathrooms and Shower Room,
- Parking at Hotel front
- Terms from £3.85 plus VAT
(Packed lunch optional)
- Bed, Breakfast and Evening Dinner or
- Bed and Breakfast also available
- Reduced terms for children

Personally supervised by resident proprietors
John and Hilary Tickle



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12 CLIFTON TERRACE, BROADWAY,
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John and Myra Smithers
welcome you to their new
Holiday Flats at Rose Lea



Rose Lea is centrally situated, just a short walk to the centre of the Promenade and very handy for shops. Holiday Flats are the perfect way to spend your holiday. Complete freedom is yours the whole time. You have your own flat keys.

All flats are fully furnished and have fridge, cooker, TV, fire, table, chairs, H.&C. water, etc.

Everything you require is provided — saucepans, crockery, cutlery, sheets, blankets, pillowcases, towels, etc. Phone or write for further details.

We can supply certain food products if ordered in advance.



*I would like
to meet you*

"You find me on the promenade near the Sea Terminal.

I can offer you many delights (such as a bedroom with a private bathroom, radio/intercom, and a sea view (though extras like these cost a little more, of course).

I will entertain you every night with my cabaret, or you can enjoy a quiet drink in one of my many lounge bars.

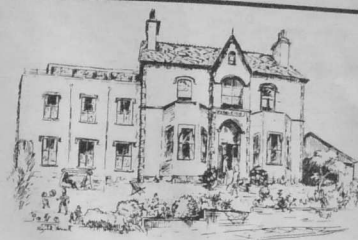
You will enjoy the finest food in my Clarendon Grill Room and Table d'hôte restaurant, or buffet lunch in the Clock Inn.

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telephone 0624 5553

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Amenities include a large garage and a spacious roof top sun lounge and central heating

Room call/radios in all bedrooms

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EASTER TO OCTOBER

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Queen's Prom, Douglas Tel. (0624) 4894

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- ★ Children at reduced rates
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- ★ Colour TV lounge
- ★ Sunbathing on beach opposite
- ★ Dining room overlooks shore and sea
- ★ Modern Bar with Games Room
- ★ Bathroom and Showers

TERMS — Evening Dinner B&B

Low Season: £5.00 + VAT

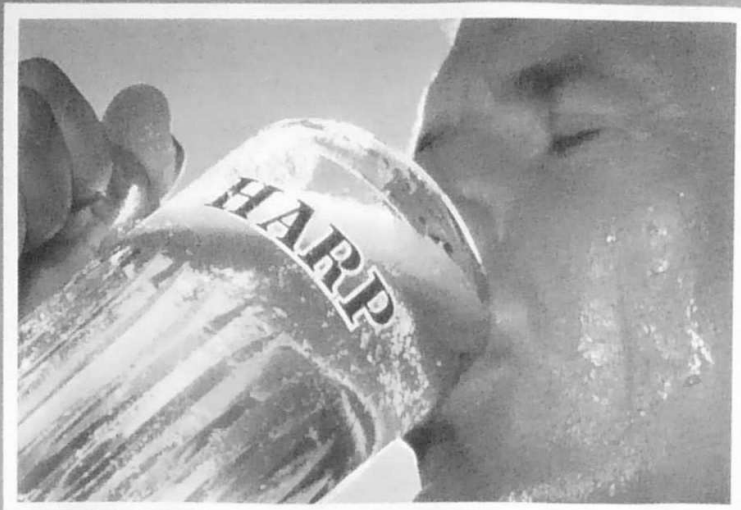
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