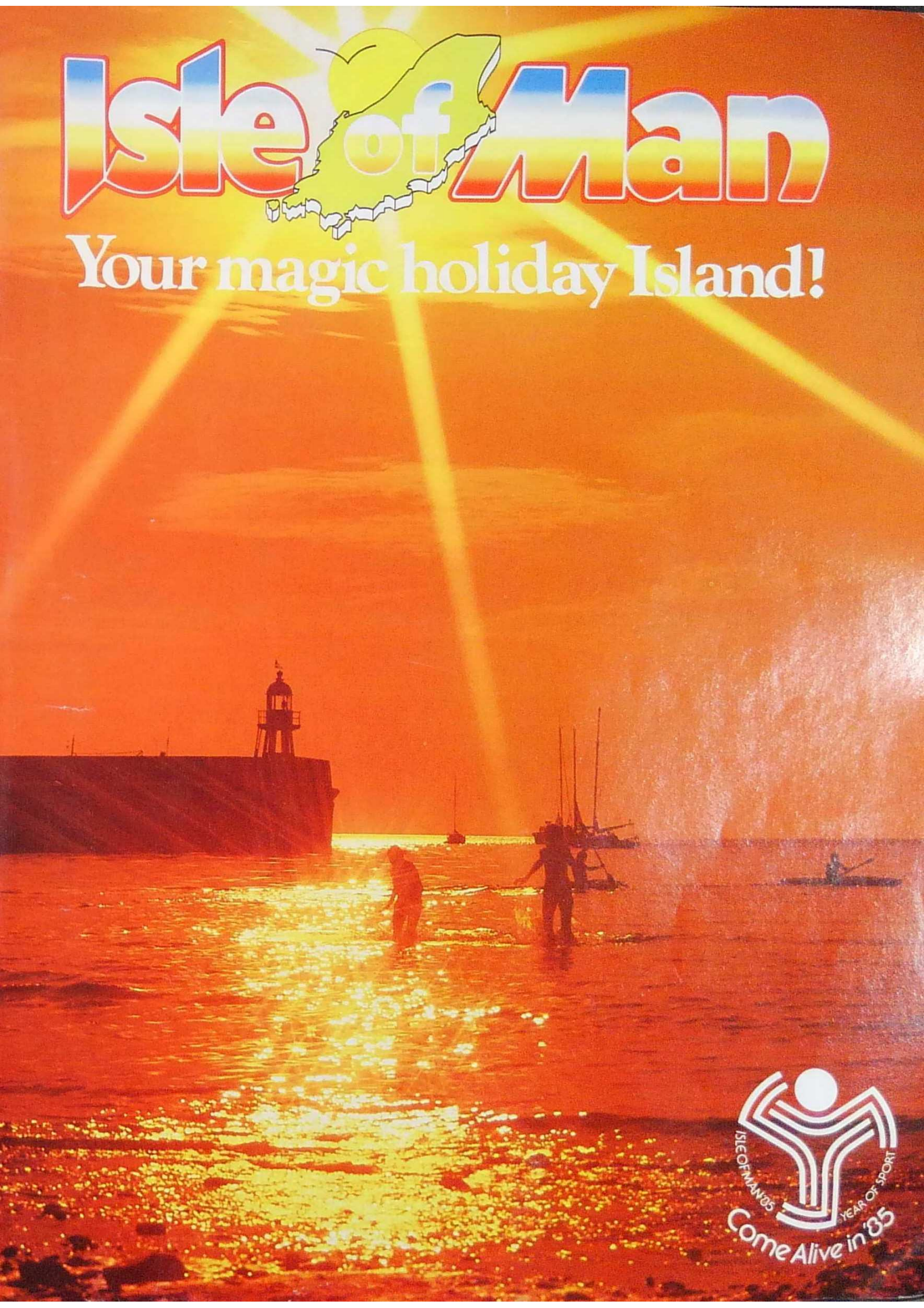


# Isle of Man

Your magic holiday Island!







# WELCOME TO THE ISLE OF MAN

**W**elcome to a holiday in the Isle of Man — whether it's for a few days away from the daily routine or a longer holiday where you can relax and unwind at your own pace.

**M**any holidays can be whatever you wish to make them. Enjoy the excitement of a busy town or the tranquility of a quiet village; stay in a family resort hotel or a cottage in the country. You'll notice a difference as soon as you arrive. For here is an island rich in tradition and steeped in history. An island which is distinctive and different in coastline, countryside and culture. Where life is leisurely and unhurried, and where the people are warm and friendly. A holiday in the Isle of Man is more than just a break, it's an experience you'll never forget.

*Douglas Bay at Sunrise.*



# THIS IS THE WAY TO ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY

Wherever you stay in the Isle of Man you won't be short of things to do. Your holiday days out with a difference. From travelling by bus or car to riding on horse-drawn trams and enjoying the sights and sounds of a busy, bustling resort.

Eating and drinking is another joy, whether it's a romantic candlelit dinner, a glass of Manx whiskey or a pint of real ale. There are specialities and delicacies galore: Manx Lamb, Cheese, Ice Cream, Kippers, Queenies . . .



And where better to enjoy them than in one of the many cosy cafe's, pubs or restaurants scattered around the island.

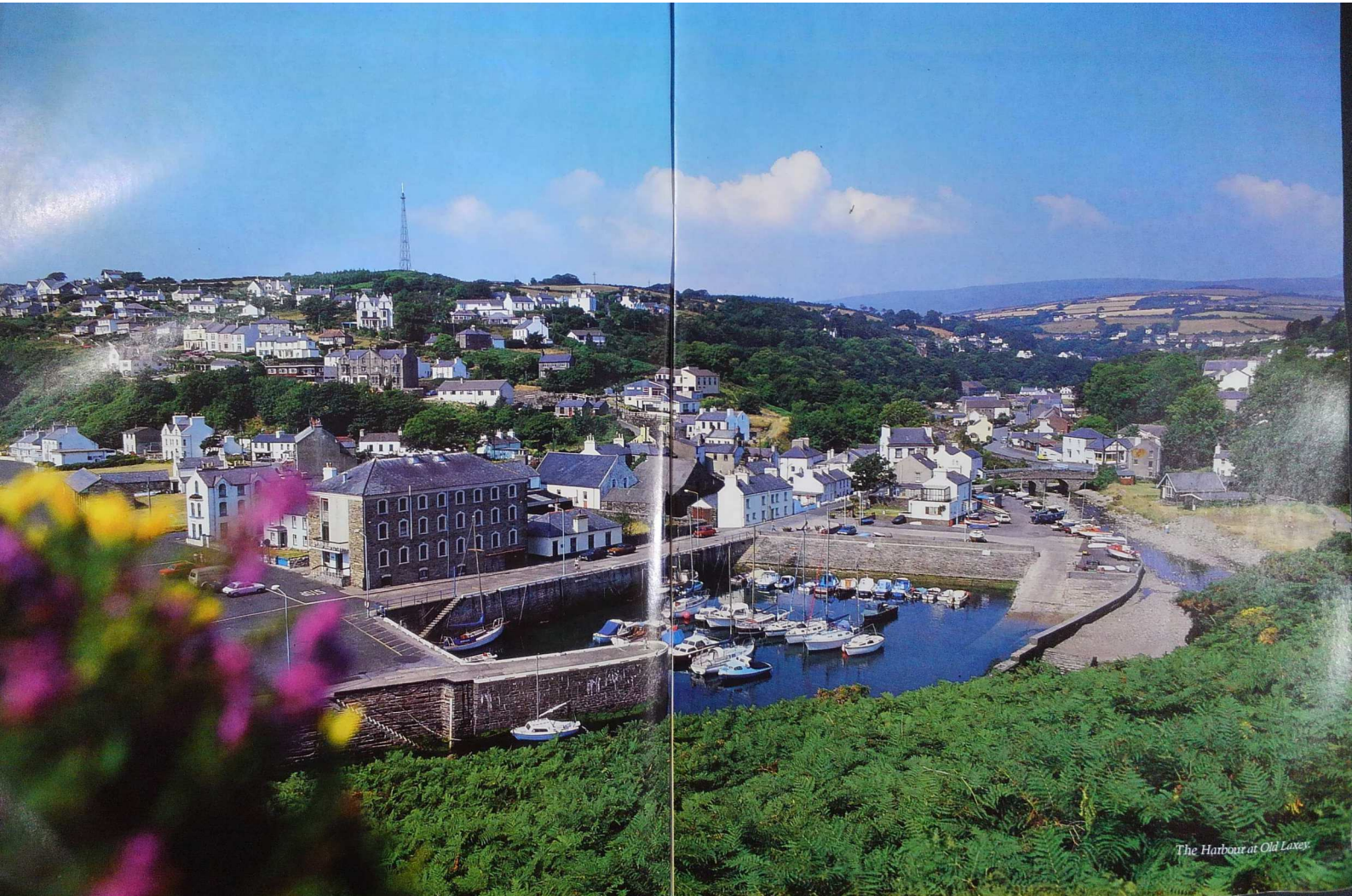
And there's a lot to see beside the seaside. All around the coasts you'll come across miles of sandy beaches alongside quiet, sleepy fishing ports. For a family holiday, the



Isle of Man has a lot to offer. The kids will love the donkey rides, the ice cream and the sand-castles while you laze in the sun.







*The Harbour at Old Laxey*



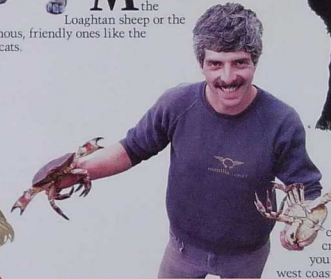


# SEE SOMETHING NEW AND INTERESTING

From the wild beauty of the Ayres in the north to the solitude and silence of the Call of Man in the south, the Isle of Man is rich in variety. Here you'll come across charming little villages like Cregneash, famous for its open air museum. Discover for yourself what life was like for fishing and crofting communities at the turn of the century.



Meet fearsome looking inhabitants like the more famous, friendly ones like the



Along with the traditional seaside, there are coves just made for exploring. Niabyl Bay near the village of Dalby in the west is just such a cove with picturesque Manx cottages and craggy cliffs where, hidden amongst the rocks, you can find edible crabs. Lying on the north west coast, the almost unpronounceable Gob-Ï-Deigan is well worth a visit for its deep dark caves.

If you're looking for something a little less energetic, how about a visit to the archaeological dig at Peel castle? Here you can see an excavation for Viking treasure as it actually happens.

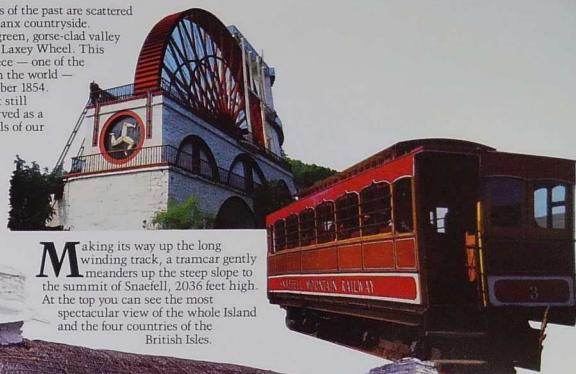


Boating pool, Silverdale Glen





Many reminders of the past are scattered around the Manx countryside. Amidst the green, gorse-clad valley of Agneash stands the Laxey Wheel. This engineering masterpiece — one of the largest water wheels in the world — first turned in September 1854. Today 131 years later it still turns, carefully preserved as a monument to the skills of our Victorian ancestors. Climb the spiral staircase to the top platform and you'll see wonders of a different kind.



Making its way up the long winding track, a tramcar gently meanders up the steep slope to the summit of Snickell, 2036 feet high. At the top you can see the most spectacular view of the whole Island and the four countries of the British Isles.



There's a lot more to discover, too, on and off the beaten track. Wander around the St. George's Woollen Mills in Laxey, the Fynwald Mills at St. Johns with its craft centre of local potters, weavers, and glass-blowers, or, not far away, visit the craft centre at Foxdale House which specialises in calligraphy and illuminated addresses. Elsewhere, Port St. Mary and Ballasalla in the south and Jurby in the north each produce distinctive pottery in earthenware, porcelain and stoneware by traditional methods.





*Port Erin one of the many beautiful resorts.*

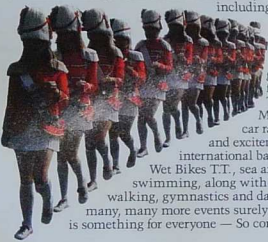


# COME ALIVE IN '85 IT'S YOUR 'YEAR OF SPORT'

Whether you're in sport, a beginner or enjoy watching, you're sure to find something of interest. But here is the chance to 'Do your own thing' — Enjoy yourself with your own leisure pastime or try something completely different. Sports of all kinds, and leisure activities will be organised throughout the year, so why not come and join in all the fun.

The beginning of 1985 brings the opening festivals of the indoor sports plus aerobics, swimming for the disabled, volleyball and indoor tennis. The Commonwealth table tennis championships and a basketball tournament take place in March followed by a bumper Easter sports festival including athletics and rugby.

Summer events offer hockey at Whitsun, crown green bowling, archery, tennis, boxing, golf and the international football tournament. The world famous T.T. Motorcycle races and car rally provide speed and excitement. The international badminton tournament, Wet Bikes T.T., sea angling and swimming, along with climbing, walking, gymnastics and dancing plus many, many more events surely means there is something for everyone — So come alive in '85!







**T**he Isle of Man is the natural sporting centre of the British Isles. It's the obvious place for sporting people to get together: not just for competitions, but also to have a lot of fun in each other's company.

**A**lthough our best-known sporting events are of course the International TT race fortnight (May 27th-June 7th) and the Manx Grand Prix (August 31st-September 5th), there are literally scores of others which certainly create just as much enjoyment for everyone taking part or watching.

**B**ut in '85, we've really come alive — and so will you. Because our year of sport is not just for the leading athletes in major sports, as in the case of the Olympics; it's designed for everyone, either to take part in, or to watch, or to learn about. Yes, there are many "come and try it" opportunities: in squash, badminton, bowls, trampolining, tchouk-ball, rock climbing and other sports and pastimes. There are conferences, lectures, classes, teach-ins and clinics for players, coaches, officials and teachers. There are pub sporting competitions for arm-wrestling — men and women — darts, pool, road relay racing, canoeing, rowing and tug-of-war. There are golf tournaments, yacht races, dinghy regattas, amateur boxing tournaments, archery competitions, marathons, sculling races, horse racing, mounted games and a two day riding event. There are sports for the blind and disabled, as well as for the youngest and the oldest. There's an aqua-show, national sports days and family sports days and exhibition bowls with David Bryant and Willie Wood. In fact, the list is endless.

**W**hy don't you come and join us? For a comprehensive and up-to-date list of the more than 250 fixtures confirmed — some lasting several days — send us the coupon from the back of this guide. There are masses of prizes to be won — and when it comes to fun, you simply can't lose.



# ALL THE FAMILY FUN YOU CAN FIND

Travel around the one hundred miles of coastline and you'll find eight main resorts with all the ingredients of a perfect seaside holiday.

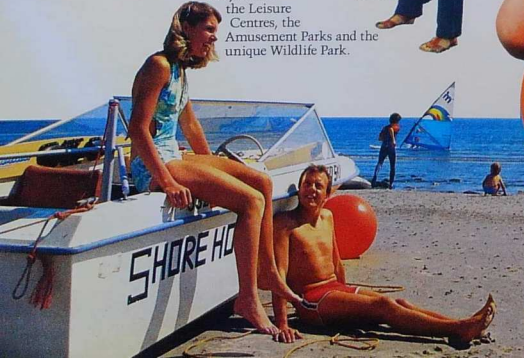
From Douglas, Onchan and Laxey around the rugged coastline of Douglas Bay and Maughold Head to Ramsey. From Peel across to Mirabil Bay to Port Erin, Port St. Mary and Castletown. Here's where you discover the kind of holiday you want, whether its sunbathing, sightseeing or watersports. And you'll find everything from pleasure cruises to rowing boats with plenty of opportunity for swimming, sailing, sea fishing and windsurfing.



Inland from the coast the scenery changes dramatically. Here you can get away from it all and relax at your own pace. As the landscape unfolds with soft undulating hills and winding country lanes there are walks to be taken, picnics to be eaten and cycles to be ridden. If you're feeling energetic the Millennium Way has much to offer the hiker — wild hills, spectacular coastlines and rich bird life — over twenty-one miles from Ramsey to Castletown.

More leisurely pursuits can be found in the towns and villages. Here — summer fayres and festivals, agricultural shows and carnivals — seem to be everywhere. Stroll around the open air markets, the colourful gardens and peaceful glens. Spend a day relaxing in a deck chair listening to a concert or watching a show, try a spot of putting or a round of golf. And the kids!

They'll love the Leisure Centres, the Amusement Parks and the unique Wildlife Park.





One of the most enjoyable ways of discovering the pleasures of the Isle of Man is by Electric tram or Steam train.

Route Glen railway with its steam and diesel locomotives provides a short ride through the glen high above the beach. For a longer train journey, the Isle of Man Steam Railway runs between Douglas and Port Erin passing quiet villages set in the rolling countryside.

A trip to Ramsey on the Electric tram takes you through a land rich in contrast. Beautiful countryside, farmland and dramatic coastlines. Many of the stops are in areas of great natural beauty. Like the glens of Dhoon and Ballaglass with their waterfalls and clear water streams.







the village of St. John's as seen from Slieu Whallian.

# THINGS TO SEE AND THINGS TO DO

**W**ith so many varied pleasures to discover and places of interest to visit, the problem is not what to do in the Isle of Man, but what to leave for another day.

**I**f you like to be close to nature, there are short trails specifically designed to let you see as much of the island's flora and fauna in three different areas — The Ayres, Ballaglass Glen and Scarlett. Just as interesting — but a little more remote is the Calf of Man. Here you'll find a nature reserve and bird sanctuary with over 40 breeding sites including the puffin and rare chough.

**T**here are museums, too — the National and Natural History Museum in Douglas, the Nautical Museum in Castletown and the Rural Life Museum in Ramsey — where the past is vividly brought to life. There are fascinating displays of Manx History, Archaeology, Folk life and Viking treasures including a scale model of a Viking longboat. Steeped in the history are splendidly preserved

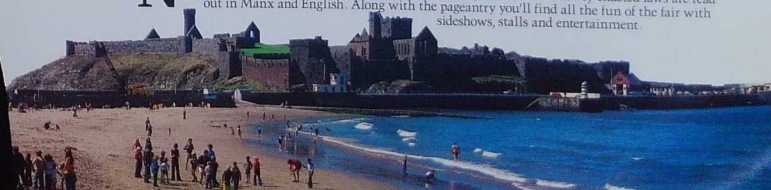


fortresses of Castle Rushen in Castletown and Peel Castle and the partial remains of a monastery in Rushen Abbey.

**A** constant reminder of the Viking warriors past can be seen at Peel. Here is Odin's Raven the longship that sailed 1,500 miles from Norway to the Isle of Man as part of the the Millennium of Tynwald celebrations.



**N**othing, perhaps, better illustrates the history and heritage of the Isle of Man than Tynwald Day. This open-air ceremony is held each year in early July when all the newly enacted laws are read out in Manx and English. Along with the pageantry you'll find all the fun of the fair with sideshows, stalls and entertainment.







*The harbour, Ramsey.*



**I**n many places around the Isle of Man, the local pub is the centre of village and town life. Here you can sample some real ale from one of the two local breweries and enjoy a traditional Ploughman's Lunch.

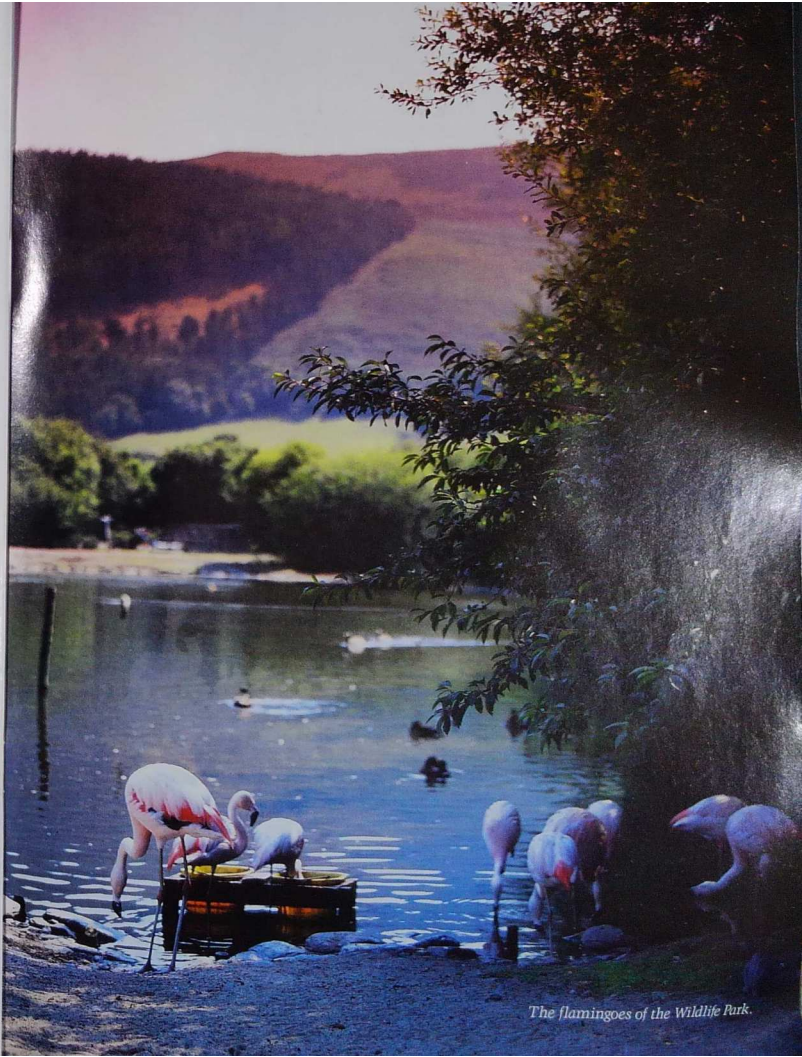
**I**f you're looking for suitable holiday reminders then a presentation pack of Manx coins and stamps could prove very rewarding. Here, captured in miniature is much of the history and geography of the Isle of Man.

**D**on't forget too the many ways you can enjoy the very best smoked herring. And that's a reminder that in many places around the Isle of Man you can try a spot of fishing. The more adventurous can hire boats and fish in the abundant waters above shipwrecks. Less active, but no less rewarding are the well-stocked fish hatcheries and reservoirs with plenty of brown and rainbow trout.

**I**f you want to go up in the world there is plenty of places to visit. If you're feeling energetic you can walk up Snaefell, the highest mountain on the Island. Along the way you'll get an unforgettable view of the Isle of Man. Not as tiring, but still as interesting are the five lighthouses scattered around the coastlines. Some are easily accessible others rather remote but all have a history and a story to tell.





*The flamingoes of the Wildlife Park.*



# HAVE YOURSELF A NIGHT OUT!

After a lazy day on the beach, or busily exploring the countryside, what better way to spend the night out on the island than at Douglas?

For visitors, Douglas is the perfect place of attraction with its Casino, Night Clubs, Discos and Cinemas. There are family shows, too, at the Gaiety Theatre and the Villa Marina. In between are plenty of hotels with cabaret acts and live groups. Folk nights, too, are popular and you'll also find ballroom dancing.



For a more intimate evening, why not sample one of the many local restaurants. All over the Island you'll find excellent and varied dining opportunities. Some are tucked away in little harbourside streets or in cellars rich in atmosphere or perhaps you favour a traditional Manx Farm restaurant set deep in the countryside.

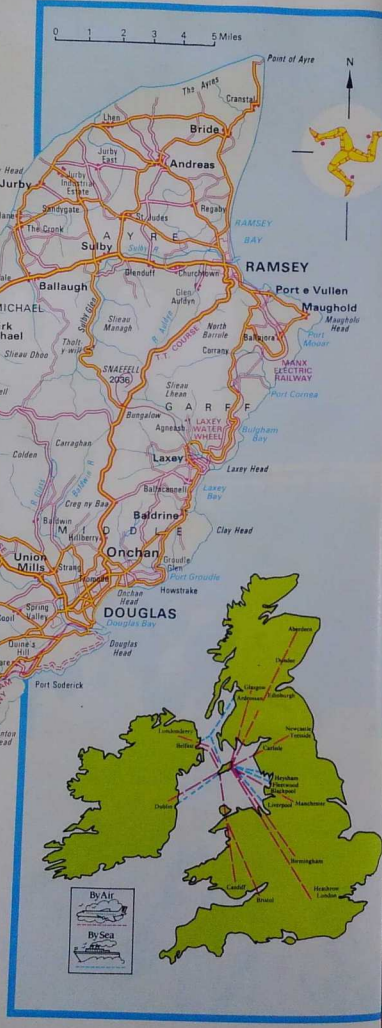


Douglas Bay after dark



# that's the Isle of Man all over

To help you plan your holiday there are four folders, each describing a different area of the Island. There are also thirteen folders on some of the more popular activities you can enjoy in the Isle of Man. If you haven't seen a copy of our "Where to Stay" guide which gives details of all the registered accommodation, from hotels and guest houses to self catering flats and farm houses, please send for one. This also gives you information on air and sea travel to the Island.



The Tourist Board has introduced its own package holidays — Everyman Inclusive Holidays. An advertisement on these excellent bargains and on those offered by other tour operators will be found in the Board's "Where to Stay" accommodation guide. Above is a useful planning map of the Island; but if you would like a large folding map and any of the folders shown opposite, please complete the order form.

All communications should be addressed to: The Isle of Man Tourist Board, 13 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man. Telephone Douglas (0624) 74323. Telex 627793 Maninf G.



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