



## *Faill erriu dys Gaelg Vio -Welcome to living Manx*

### *Naight as skeet - News and skeet*

First an apology that my newsletters have become a little rare of recent. This partly reflects the way in which we have, of recent, developed a wider variety of means of keeping people informed of Gaelic developments. These include our text messaging service, the greinneyder twitter account and a number of different and very specific e-mail mailing lists; nevertheless, I'm aware that I need to keep as many people as possible up-to-date on the broader language situation: so here goes!

### *Teaching Manx Gaelic*

Many people may already be aware that over the next few years I am committed to develop the adult Manx Gaelic sector. With this in mind we have recently held a number of very successful training sessions for adult tutors.

A big 'gura mie ayd' must go to **Elwyn Hughes** from the Department of Life-long Learning at the University of Wales, Bangor, for his excellent day-course held in Ballabeg.

The teaching materials that complement our new course (which thanks to JJ Kneen I have christened **Saase-jeeragh**) seem to have been well received too.

We are now working towards a well-managed network of trained tutors running

an Island-wide programme of classes and events for learners.

### *Belfast trip*

An excellent example of the events programme we are developing was our recent day-trip to Belfast. The Steam Packet generously provided us with some



discounted tickets that enabled us to have a great time in **Nerin Twoaie** (Northern Ireland). We didn't spend the whole time in pubs (even if my photos suggest that) but headed straight for the Ulster Folk Museum at Cultra and then, to what must be the best



language and cultural center in the Gaelic world, the Culturlann. It was a long but very rewarding day. We are now looking into the possibility of a 4-

5 day trip to Ireland next year.

## *Eary Cushlin*

The Belfast trip was followed up with a fantastic four-day course at Eary Cushlin.



We ran a series of classes during the day and evening and finished the week off with a trip around Cregneash and the Sound on the Friday morning. A big thanks to everyone who attended including our visitors from Scotland and the Manx Gaelic speaking community in North America!



The Eary Cushlin language week (**Shiaghtin ny Gaelgey**) will now be a regular summer event, with next year's week being scheduled for the week of the **26<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> July**. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## *Manx for Businesses*

Apart from our regular language classes (see page 3) we have established a number of lunchtime classes in workplaces that are proving popular. More information on these will follow but if you might be interested in establishing a workplace Manx Gaelic class

then please get in contact and we'll see what we can do.

## *Cooish 2009*

Just an early reminder of this year's Manx Language Festival, Cooish, which will be held from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Our Keynote speaker this year is Jenefer Lowe from the Cornish language Partnership; again we will have some fantastic music from around the Gaelic speaking world. As part of this year's festival, and in conjunction with our Adult Language Programme, I'll be running a couple of language days at **Eary Cushlin on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November**. This will be a great opportunity to practice and use your Manx.

## *Manx Gaelic Youth Group*

Many of you will now be aware that in conjunction with the Isle of Man Youth Service we shall shortly be establishing a Manx Gaelic Youth Group which will initially be based in Peel. This is a great step forward and is really encouraging news for all those who have been involved with the language in recent years.

## *Bunscoil Ghaelgagh*

Further good news has been the appointment of a new teacher to the ever-growing Manx Gaelic medium school in St John's. With a Head, four teachers and 16 new children starting this September bringing the total number of students to 65, the school's success continues to reflect well on the commitment and skills of its staff.

## *UNESCO*

Finally, It's good to see that UNESCO has updated the status of Manx from 'extinct' to 'critically endangered'. I look forward to achieving the position of 'doing extremely well but susceptible to occasional bouts of melancholia'.

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# Manx Gaelic Classes for beginners



Starting September and October courses using saase-jeeragh

## Ynsee Gaelg - Learn Manx

### Classes in Douglas

**Friday from 12.00-1.00 at the Manx Museum.** Tutor: Adrian Cain (ph: 838527)

There is already a class at the Museum from 1.00 - 2.00 which might be suitable for those with a good grasp of the basics

**Tuesday from 1.00-2.00 at the Rovers: conversational class.** Tutor: Adrian Cain

**Tuesday from 7pm - 9pm at the IOM College.** Tutor: Brian Stowell (ph: 623821)

### Classes in St Johns

**Wednesday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at St John's House.** Tutor: James O'Meara

There are already a number of different classes for various levels of ability in St Johns. For information on all of these classes contact **Joan Caine** on 843436

### Classes in Ballabeg

**Thursday from 7.30pm - 9pm at Arbory Commissioner's Hall.** Tutor: Cathy Clucas  
Contact Adrian Cain (838527) for information on this and other classes at Ballabeg

### Classes in the North

There are a number of different classes held in the North of the Island.

Contact **Fiona McArdle** at [fmcardle@manx.net](mailto:fmcardle@manx.net) or **Paul Salmon** on 245343

For more information about how to learn Manx contact Adrian Cain at:  
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**Saase-jeeragh** is a methodology which uses best practice from elsewhere, in particular Wales, and applies it to the learning of Manx Gaelic.

Suitable for adults, classes focus on speaking the language and involve little writing.

Classes are fun, involve a great deal of student participation, and are a great introduction to the spoken language.

Gaelg jiu, jea as mairagh