

## SCREENING OF LOCAL MANX GAELIC FILM "SOLACE"



**Locally-funded and produced film "Solace" was screened at Noa Bakehouse in January, with opportunities for chatting with the film's director Andy North and learning about social media.**

The film, funded by the recently renamed Culture Vannin, is based on the last

days of alleged witch Margaret Quaine. Locally-recruited actors and crew helped make the film an engaging and at times emotional representation of Margaret's last days. Andy North recounts how they found their leading lady, "We asked all the actresses for a blood curdling scream; however, being a really hot day, we had all the windows

open, only to find the building surrounded by police, who had been alerted by a concerned member of the public!"

Attendees to the evening's showing were also invited to learn about how they could use social media tools such as Twitter to show their support for the film and the Manx Gaelic language. Experts were on hand to support users as they registered and sent their first tweet into the Twittersphere.

If you missed the evening's Twitter experts' support, you can download a copy of our flyer which will introduce you to all you need to know to get started. Browse to the URL <http://1drv.ms/1mPFzjz> for more information.

### Caption contest

Pobble have been given some charming illustrations for promoting the language on clothing, phone cases and other products still to be planned.

We would like to invite you to join the fun: surely you can come up with more and better examples - send your ideas to [post@pobble.im](mailto:post@pobble.im), stating which illustration, "Cabbyl", "Booa", or "keyrrey".



Cabbyl



Booa



Keyrrey

We like "Vel oo loayrt rhym?" based on the famous line from the classic Taxi Driver film. De Niro's delivery of the phrase would be Oscar-worthy!

## CONVERSATIONAL MANX OVER PASTA

**Manx Gaelic speakers of various skill and background enjoyed a lovely meal at the Mona Lisa restaurant, Laxey in March.**

The meal was a themed Italian menu with a distinct

Manx flavour, including Manx-themed menu and a specially prepared quiz. This was the first of a number of planned meals which allow speakers of all ages and abilities to come together and try out a bit of Manx

Gaelic in a friendly setting. Organiser Clare Crellin invites speakers of all ages and skill, "We want to encourage learners and improvers to take up these opportunities to use the language."

### POBBLE

Pobble is a registered Isle of Man charity created to promote the use of Manx Gaelic as a community resource. For more information about our work, our events, or to enquire about supporting the charity through membership, please email us at [post@pobble.im](mailto:post@pobble.im). You can find more information by following our Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/PobbleIOM> or follow us on Twitter at @PobbleIOM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL NEW BEGINNERS' COURSE

The successful Manx Gaelic course for beginners will be starting on Saturday afternoons from 26th April.



The course, run by Manx Language Officer Adrian Cain, is aimed at everyone wanting to discover the Manx Gaelic language and is suitable for both casual and serious learners.

Classes will run in St. Johns between 1-4pm.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Adrian Cain by email at [adrian@culturevannin.im](mailto:adrian@culturevannin.im).

### APRIL DAY COURSE

Caarjyn ny Gaelgey will be holding a day course for learners and improvers of Manx Gaelic on Saturday, 26th April at St. Johns. The class will start at 10.30 and will include a trip to Greens for lunch.

If you're interested, please email Joan Caine at [joanaine@manx.net](mailto:joanaine@manx.net) for more information.

### MAY CASTLETOWN CURRY AND MANX

The second Pobble meal has an Indian theme and is at the Curry Club restaurant, Castletown. Mohammed Hoque has provided one of his excellent value and quite delicious Curry Club special banquet menus for us.

The meal includes three courses (two mains), poppadums and chai, and costs £22 per person. The restaurant is not licensed but you are welcome to bring your own

drinks.

As at our previous meal in March, there will be a themed quiz ayns Gaelg. There will also be simple conversation prompts on the table to help keep the conversation flowing.

To download a copy of the specially created menu, go to

<http://drv.ms/1eIQmSO>

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### FROM OUR SHOP

#### MANX GAELIC T-SHIRTS

Our successful T-Shirts featuring the island's place-names in Manx Gaelic are now available in children's sizes.

With a glorious summer in prospect, now you can show your support for the language with our high-quality range of T-shirts.

The T-shirts feature an intriguing design featuring local towns in Manx Gaelic. The design was created by Gary Myers and is available in blue, red and black variants. T-shirts are available in children's, S, M, L and XL.

The T-shirts are priced at £10 per shirt. Please email [shop@pobble.im](mailto:shop@pobble.im) for more information and to register your interest.



#### PHONE CASES

Users of iPhones and the latest Samsung Galaxy mobile phones will be pleased about our next range of Manx Gaelic-themed products.

We will shortly be introducing covers for most iPhone models and Samsung Galaxy S3 and S4 phones. Protect your smartphone and support the Manx Gaelic language using unique designs created on-island by a local artist. Email [shop@pobble.im](mailto:shop@pobble.im) for details.

### Calendar

#### April

**21st** “Possan babban” group for preschool children at the Bunscoil, St. Johns at 2pm. Contact Adrian Cain at [adrian@culturevannin.im](mailto:adrian@culturevannin.im) for details.

**23rd-27th** Pobble language trip to Belfast, visiting Titanic and local landmarks. Contact Frauke at [frauke@watson-works.com](mailto:frauke@watson-works.com) for pricing and to book your place.

**26th** Beginners' course with Adrian Cain. (See main text)

**26th** Day course with Caarjyn ny Gaelgey. (See main text)

#### May

**5th** “Possan babban”

**9th** Curry Club with Manx Gaelic at Castletown. (See main text)

**19th** “Possan babban”

**31st** An afternoon at the races with Pobble. Email [post@pobble.im](mailto:post@pobble.im) for information.

#### June

**19th** Ned Maddrell lecture with Finbarr Bradley discussing language, culture and creativity (in conjunction with Culture Vannin and yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh)

**29th** Wildlife park trip. Email [post@pobble.im](mailto:post@pobble.im) for details.