

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ISLANDER



Hello members, Welcome to the October and November Islander

And just like that Summer is over, did it ever get started? It is getting darker in the evenings. But don't be sad we have each other. We have plenty of activities and events from now till the end of the year and beyond. I always like to add more soft lights in the house during autumn/winter months, to brighten even the darkest of days. I do like candles, but be careful, you can get some lovely battery-operated ones now all colours and sizes. Or why not try lovely string lights, that sparkle all winter through. Love this quote *"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on, this their only chance to soar."*

Delia Owens

Silvana Evans

LUNCHES



Milntown House and Gardens

On a gloriously sunny day (that was summer, if you blinked you missed it!) about 60 MRA members met at Milntown, in Ramsey for our July monthly lunch. I believe this was a first for us as previously we have only met there for an occasional afternoon tea or visits to the house. Certainly, from the reports I have heard, and from my table, the meal was excellent regardless of which course you chose and especially for those who had the vegetarian option. Service from the staff was also very good and it was nice to have a plated meal served for a change. Following the meal we had the usual 200 Club draw (which despite it being under new management I still don't think my number is in the bag!) and the raffle. After the comfort break Howard introduced our guest speaker, Capt. Stephen Carter of Laxey Towing Company fame who proceeded to give us a very amusing and entertaining talk about some of his exploits over the years in connection with his experiences in ships and boats. Particularly amusing was some of his experiences as a youngster in his early days in the boating world. I had been asked to give a vote of thanks to him due to my seafaring and harbour mastering background which I was more than happy to do so having known Capt. Carter for 40 years. I hope all members who attended would agree with me that it was a thoroughly enjoyable lunch and would look forward very much to going back there in the not-too-distant future."

Ken Horsley



THEATRES

We Will Rock You

This lively musical was another Taylorian production success. The theatre was packed and very warm and you certainly didn't need any hearing aids!

Briefly, the story revolves round two rebel youngsters who challenge and overcome the AI/computer/mobile age (controlled by Globalsoft Corporation) with the true power of music, especially Rock and Roll and the value of maintaining our right to make our own decisions. As the title suggests it is based on the music of the ever-popular group 'Queen' and includes 24 of their greatest hits including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'I want to break free' and 'Killer Queen', the Devil in disguise - and what a killer queen she was! Throughout there were key phrases in the dialogue using song title words, e.g. 'Don't stop me Now' to great and humorous effect with references to Elvis also often included. A rough outline of the story follows:

Earth becomes 'Iplanet' controlled by Globesoft Corporation with Galileo the dreamer and Scaramouche, the rebel who wants no trouble but to break free. They runaway and find the long-time rebels already in the ghetto which eventually becomes the jailhouse rock safe haven. The rebels believe that a change is gonna come and once they realise that music deserves respect and is the key to success then this gives them courage and realise it's now or never. So, they stand up to the Killer Queen and win! The singing was great and the dancing just wonderful – who were those four young men dancers!! The show finished with the whole company performing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and they were deservedly met with a standing ovation. Thank you to Adele for organising this event for us – it was a great success!

Sally Farrell (so, how many titles did you read!?)



MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our new members Sheila Savitiri Russell, Danielle Lace, Margaret Morby, Huw Warrington, Helen Prescott, Janet Barfoot and Rick & Gill Bellwood. Welcome to the MRA family.

EVENTS/ACTIVITY NOTICES



Coffee Morning – DOUGLAS COFFEE MORNING CHANGE OF VENUE

From Tuesday 29th October the Douglas coffee morning will be held in the recently opened **Looky's Lounge Bar** which is situated in the Best Western Palace Hotel and boasts panoramic views across Douglas Bay. Drinks, cakes and biscuits of your choice will be available to purchase at the counter. We will be holding a raffle and any suitable prizes you may have will be gratefully received. The hotel now has FREE parking. The coffee morning runs from 10.30 until approximately 11.45 so arrive at your leisure and if you would like to bring a friend/friends they would be made most welcome.

Barbara Mason



200 Club

Our Lucky Winners last month were Peter Maillard (59), Celia McArd (128) and Peter Upton-Jones (145). Please note the deadline to renew your 200 Club is the 1st of October. Please complete the Renewal form and send this to the Office. If you wish to join, please contact either Sylvia Evans on 485474 or The Office on 817007. **Sylvia Evans**



BIRTHDAYS

Our fabulous Alan Dougherty had a significant birthday in August-90 years young, congratulations and celebrations. See Photo on the back page of the Islander.

BINGO NIGHT

First off, we easily found a parking space next to the Legion Club so little walking needed to the event. It is also very near the bus station.

On entering we were given a very warm welcome by Jim who gave us our bingo books and pens and explained the evening. We found a table and settled down getting to make new acquaintances. We bought a drink (tea and coffee was also available) and after some time to chat we all settled down to play bingo.

Jim, Ann and their daughter had the evening so well organised, and everything ran very smoothly. Jim was the caller (a fun one at that!) and we played half the games before stopping for a very good supper with vegetable or meat sausages and chips. Then we carried on with prize money for the final game being doubled!!

We had a most enjoyable, fun evening and would like to thank the Cottier family for providing this. **David Farrell**

A NOTE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Office Move: Its official the MRA will be moving office around the 31st of October 2024 to The Commissioners Building in Laxey. We have a downstairs office, Room 4, 35 New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BG. **PLEASE DO NOT POST YOUR BOOKING FORMS TO THIS NEW ADDRESS UNTIL THE OFFICE ADVISES YOU.** I am sure you all fully appreciate their will be a period of transitioning, and the Committee is thanking you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Membership: for those of you who enjoy social media please follow our Facebook Page, Instagram and X, if you can share posts to your friends that would be great. Please share posts.

Southern Agricultural Show - Thanks to everyone who came along and helped with our MRA stand this year at the Southern Ag Show. We had a lot of interest about joining and at least 8 people took membership forms. We ran an Instant raffle of sweets and drinks for the kids to take part in whilst we spoke to the Grandparents, and we made a profit of £110 for our funds.

Coffee Mornings: At our last meeting, the Committee agreed on opening all our coffee mornings to friends, so please let your friends know. They may see how lovely we all are and choose to join.

Raffle Prize Donations: If any members have raffle prizes, they wish to donate they will be welcomed we are running low, search your cupboards, any unwanted gifts, what do they say your unwanted items could be someone's welcomed treasures. Gift and Bottle Bags, baskets, small gift boxes also needed. **Management Committee**

IN REMEMBRANCE - LES HULME

A fond farewell to Les Hulme. We said our goodbyes to Les on the 8th of August 2024. The man was full of fun, laughter and cheekiness, we are going to miss him. "Friendship is a connection that does not weaken in death, but instead grows stronger for those who remember." Sending love and blessings to Pauline and her family.

Deborah Lace