

### **APRIL LUNCH AT PEEL GOLF CLUB**

The April lunch was held at Peel Golf Club with a good attendance and the usual high standard of food. Ably chaired by Barbara in the absence of our director, our speaker from the Islands Coastguard service gave an informative illustrated talk on the service with some examples of the work they do illustrating how stupid some people are such as tombstoning off rocks, sailing boats with no safety equipment and getting stranded by the tide. All delivered with a dry sense of humour and a useful tip if you need emergency help when in the wilds to use the what three words app which gives a location within a few metres for them to find you.

**Alan Franklin**

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### **VISIT TO THE MANX AVIATION AND MILITARY MUSEUM**

Following the excellent presentation by Ivor Ramsden at the March luncheon on the subject of the Manx Aviation and Military Museum, a visit was arranged for members. There was such a keen interest in attending this museum that two groups were formed, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. I attended the afternoon session and after initial introductions we were divided into two groups. I was in Mr. Ramsden's group and we spent the next 2 hours being shown round this compact but fascinating museum, one suitable for all ages and which is rated very highly on Trip Advisor. He told so many interesting facts and tales that I will be returning to look round at my leisure and recall some of the tales told of the contribution of the manx people and its institutions in both World Wars. This was a really good visit and I only wish I had visited before now! Well done Barbara and thank you MRA.

**David Farrell.**

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### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Stephen Gilfoyle - Central

Christine Coates - North



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### **APRIL 2022 – 200 CLUB WINNERS**

Jean Cowin (6) - £30

Peter Saunders (76) - £30

Jeff Nutter (167) - £30

New members are always welcome

**Remember you have to be in it to win it!**

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### **200 CLUB NUMBERS**

Here is a list of available numbers on a first come first serve basis:

47, 48, 56, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 89, 94, 97, 103, 109, 110, 113, 115, 120, 121, 124, 126, 127, 128, 131, 133, 135, 136, 138, 142, 143, 146, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 174, 176, 177, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 194, 195, 197.

Joining gives you three chances every month to win a cash prize and helps support MRA activities. If you would like to take up a number, please contact me; mobile 413767 email [frankja@manx.net](mailto:frankja@manx.net) or via the MRA office. As we are currently part way through the financial year the June to September fee is **£5.00** per number.

**Alan Franklin**

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### **SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES - MRA DISCOUNT BOOKLET**

A number of Manx businesses offer discounts to MRA members showing their membership cards – from carpets to car servicing, from electrical goods to books, hearing aids to dry cleaning, books to garden plants and shrubs. Full details are on the MRA website – BUT you must carry your MRA members card and show it at check-out to gain the discounts.

**MRA SUMMER BREAK 2023 to EDINBURGH INCLUDING THE TATTOO**

In August 2020 the trip to Scotland with Tours, which included the Edinburgh Tattoo, was cancelled due to Covid. It has now been rescheduled for August 2023. The coach will depart from Douglas on Tuesday 22 August on the 8.45am ferry to Heysham. Our accommodation for 5 nights will be at the Barony Castle Hotel, Peebles, to include DB&B. The visit will include 3 tours, time in Edinburgh and tickets for the Tattoo. The coach will return on Sunday 27 August at 2:15pm from Heysham.

More information, including the cost, will be available in a few months' time when we will send out a flyer. However, if you are at all interested in this trip, **PLEASE CONTACT TOURS on 822611** and they will take your details. Priority will be given to those members that booked for 2020. **Barbara Mason**

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**"THE RAT PACK" – VISIT TO THE GAIETY THEATRE**

The Rat Pack group of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davies Jnr were renowned for their wild lifestyle and entertainment in the casinos of Las Vegas in the 60's. So when nineteen of us went to the Gaiety to watch the tribute band we did not really know what to expect. We were treated to a gentle evening of warmth and nostalgia with the singers performing all their old classics around the impressive grand piano. There were jokes about Frank Sinatra's womanising, which were probably true, and about Dean Martin's alcoholism, which was in fact all just an act. In the second half they encouraged audience participation and got us all to sing along. The couple of chorus line girls certainly worked hard, with a new costume for every song they accompanied. The group were joined by Marilyn Monroe who made the night for birthday boy Giovanni from the audience. She set him up as JF Kennedy and sang Happy Birthday to him. It was a birthday made in heaven for him and his friends! All in all a great evening of escapism; just what we need at the moment!  
**Celia Marshall**

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**INDOOR BOWLING ANNUAL REPORT**

The latest indoor bowling season, running from October 2021 to April 2022, went very well with a better than normal average turn out of members with 22 per session.

The end of season prize giving and lunch was held at the "Ocean Views "in Onchan Park. The ladies first prize was won by Jean Taylor, gaining the Trophy and an M&S voucher for £25. In second place was Pat Mudie, winning a £20 voucher, whilst in third place came Maureen Stewart who gained a £10 prize card. Martin Day proved the leading men's player for the third time, earning the Trophy and also a £25 voucher. In second place was a very competitive Ken Horsley winning another £20 voucher whilst David Farrell came third, also winning a £10 M&S voucher.

Finally a big thanks to my wife Gerda, for doing the register and scores and to Barbara for her efforts to find a place for the Lunch and prize giving. See you on the 6 October 2022. **Peter Maillard**

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**VISIT TO THE CALF OF MAN - MAY**

21 MRA members were privileged to visit the Calf of Man in May, requiring two trips on board the very speedy "Shona". The Calf is owned by Manx National Heritage and is a site of international importance for wildlife, housing a bird observatory together with a team of wardens and volunteers to observe and record the bird life". Dessie, our guide, was previously a warden, so well able to regale us with lots of information about the isle and the activities thereon.

After the observatory, the 3 non-working lighthouses on the Calf provided the next area of interest, together with the fully automated and operational light on the Chicken Rock. The two oldest lighthouses on the Calf were built in 1818, and positioned such that if in line, ships navigators knew their vessel was about to hit the Chicken Rock! It was here that we ate our lunches, relaxing in the sun and enjoying the peace and tranquillity. The weather was perfect and a lovely day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Dessie, the crew of the "Shona" and especially Barbara for organising the trip. **Lesley Nicholl**