



Dear Friends,

Welcome to your FMNH August newsletter. I am delighted to bring you updates and events exclusive to FMNH members. As always, you can find a full list of Manx National Heritage sites and their opening times on the [MNH website](#).

Volunteer Stewards Needed for Heritage Open Days 2024

Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13



We are looking for stewards to help deliver the hugely popular Heritage Open Days 2024. Your role as a volunteer is to assist Manx National Heritage and partners by stewarding events held within the festival. This volunteering role involves acting as 'back marker/rear steward' for guided walks, talks and/or visit sessions, assisting the tour lead as required and helping to ensure the smooth running of the events to

which you are assigned. Places on these free events get booked up very quickly, so volunteering is a great way to make sure you get to attend!

There will be a training session on Friday 13th September at the Manx Museum for those volunteers who are able to attend, where you can see the programme in advance and Katie King of Manx National Heritage can try and allocate you to events you are interested in.

If you are interested in helping out, **please email Katie King** heritageopendays@mnh.im If you could also copy me in on the email, it would be helpful. My email is emma@fmnh.im

Volunteer Needed for the Little People's Picnic

We also need volunteers for [Little People's Picnic](#), to be held at Rushen Abbey on Sunday 25th August from 11am -3pm. We have a volunteer to help with the crafts table, but another volunteer to assist with keeping the garden games around the site tidy would be very helpful. If you would like to offer help for this event, please contact me emma@fmnh.im

Corporate Memberships

Many thanks to Crowe Isle of Man who have renewed their corporate membership of FMNH and to Hansard Global who are new members. Corporate membership offers companies the chance to support our unique Island heritage and fulfil CSR responsibilities, whilst offering real benefits to their employees. Do you work for a company who might be interested in becoming FMNH corporate members? If so, please get in touch.

Friends Events to Book Now

Illustrated Talk - Isle of Man Shipwrecks Project: Join Jude Dicken to explore how MNH, working with researcher Adrian Corkill, has made centuries of wreck stories available online for the first time in 2023/24 on [the Isle of Man Historic Environment Record](#) and as part of the UK wide '[Unpath'd Waters](#)' project.

Date: Thursday 19th September 2024, **10.30am. Price:** £10

Venue: The Manx Museum

Illustrated Talk – From Harvest to Hollantide: Join former MNH Curator Yvonne Cresswell to discover more about the traditional (and some more recent) Manx customs to be found around the Island in the autumn months - basically how to get good luck, stop bad luck AND have a good time as well!

Date: Thursday 17th October 2024, **10.30am. Price:** £10

Venue: The Manx Museum

To Book: Email info@fmnh.im or call 07624 243806

For those of you who had a place booked on our postponed 'Watch and Ward' talk on 11th July – I still do not have a new date, but I will email or call you as soon as I know. Thank you for your patience.

Manx National Heritage Exhibitions and Events

Labyrinth – All at Sea: A new promenade performance at the House of Manannan. Two hundred years ago, Sir William Hillary founded the RNLI motivated by witnessing losses of ships and lives around the Isle of Man. Around 2,000 shipwrecks have been recorded in Manx waters but their stories have not been lost. Inspired by historical events, come along and hear maritime tales of tragedy, bravery, survival and a little looting! Come aboard and embark upon an immersive and thought-provoking journey through our maritime heritage. 14th November 2024 to 16th November 2024. Tickets £18 – book [here](#)

Manx Olympians: An exhibition celebrating athletes from the Isle of Man who have achieved success at the Olympics – and future rising stars. Manx Museum until 23rd February 2025. Free, donations welcome.

Magical Worlds in Miniature: Discover a magical world in miniature at a special Doll's House display, a place of endless discoveries in which every piece has been designed, developed and assembled by hand. The Grove, Ramsey until 4th September 2024. Open 12-4 Saturday to Wednesday. Free admission to FMNH members.

Tynwald Week: Photos by Martin Parr: An exhibition showcasing photographs captured during Manx National Week 2023 by British documentary photographer Martin Parr. Manx Museum until 6th October 2024. Free, donations welcome

Rods and Rockers Tours continue at the Great Laxey Wheel, offering a behind the scenes look at the second phase of essential conservation repairs at our world-famous waterwheel. Led by contractors at [CCJ Group](#), discover the work taking place on the splendid rod duct, T Rocker and bogies! Building on the success of the award-winning Phase 1 Laxey Wheel [conservation project](#), Phase 2 will fix the broken rod mechanism and re-connect it to the Lady Isabella. This will smooth and balance the operation of the wheel and put less stress on Lady Isabella for years to come. More than 250 litres of lime wash will be applied to the rod duct after repointing in traditional lime mortar. And when works are complete at the end of the summer scaffolding will be removed to reveal the splendour of one of our most popular heritage sites. Tickets are available [here](#).

Don't forget to keep an eye on our [website](#) for the latest events and news.

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