

*The Friends of*  
Manx National Heritage



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Dear Friend,

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I hope you like the new look Members Events Programme / News for 2009. I thought a little booklet would be more "user friendly" than all the separate pieces of paper. In future editions I will be trying to bring you not only the list of events and volunteer opportunities, but also some news.

As usual I have tried to come up with a variety of members' events for the forthcoming year. The monthly Manx Museum visits with a different topic from MNH curators each month will be continued, as these have been very popular. The Balthane tours are still the same for now, but new visits will be organised for the next events programme. I'm afraid trips to the Calf are off the list for the time being, though, because they are so difficult to fit around the weather and too many people had to be disappointed last year.

We have a treat in store for those TE Brown enthusiasts amongst you! John Kennaugh, John 'Dog' Callister, Carol Little and Pam Evans will join us at a celebratory dinner in Ramsey. Between courses we will be entertained by them with readings and recitations from TE Brown's works.

The owners of Kentraugh Mill have been very generous in letting us have a couple of dates so that we can visit this working Mill and have a look at this fascinating piece of our heritage.

Lastly, for those who enjoy stretching their legs and getting out in the beautiful Manx countryside we have two exclusive walks on offer. I hope we have better luck with the weather than last year!

Our volunteers this past year have worked tirelessly on many new projects which has made a big difference to the support FMNH gives MNH. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time. We could not have achieved so much without all your help. You will find the Volunteers programme at the back of the booklet with a 'cut off line' for the page. Do please fill in the page if you are interested.

And finally, my usual plea! If you change your e.mail address (or your mailing address), do please let us know your new one. It can save a great deal of returned e-mails and wasted postage and ensures that you do get your new cards etc on time. I am always pleased to hear from any member by telephone in the FMNH office on (01624) 824137 or E.mail [fmnh.njp@manx.net](mailto:fmnh.njp@manx.net)

Many thanks for your continued support.

With best wishes,

*Nicola*

PS. If anyone has experience with desk top publishing and would like to be involved with the production of this booklet in future, please let me know.