



Faill erriu dys Gaelg Vio -Welcome to living Manx

Brian Stowell aboo!



We have to start by congratulating Brian Stowell on his recent and highly deserved **Tynwald Award** bestowed on him on *Laa Tinvaal*. I'm sure every one

involved in the Manx Language movement is probably in awe at the amount of material produced by Brian over the years. It is impossible in such a brief piece, to do justice to the contribution Brian has made to the language movement in his over 50 years involvement in it. Suffice it to say, we wouldn't have been so successful in re-establishing a role for Manx in the Island if it hadn't been for his selfless and determined support. On a personal level Brian was the first person to start to really introduce me to the language and for that I am very grateful.

Brian's interview with BBCVannin is available on their website at: <http://is.gd/dy3VR> whilst we have a series of interviews with Brian in Manx on our Learnmanx website at:

http://www.learnmanx.com/cms/video_collection_82161.html

For those who speak Manx they provide a great insight into the recent history of Manx. I've also uploaded a video story of Brian talking about his experiences with the native speakers on to our blog at: <http://cowag.wordpress.com/2010/07/21/brian-stowell-aboo/>

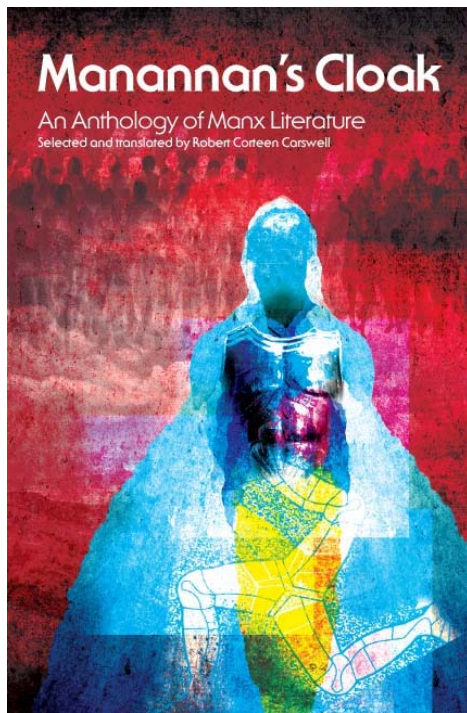
The story was originally produced by the IOM Newspapers.

My thanks to all those at Tynwald in making, what I think was, a very wise choice for this particular honour.

Bob Carswell Aboo!

Someone else who has dedicated a remarkable amount of time to promoting and supporting the language is **Bob Carswell**. His latest contribution to the language is a fantastic new publication about Manx Gaelic, entitled **Manannan's Cloak: An anthology of Manx Literature**.

The book is published by **Francis Boutle Publishers** and supported financially by the **Manx Heritage Foundation**. I have to admit that this book is a must buy for any Manxie regardless of whether they speak



the language or not. Not only are the examples of Manx usage fascinating but it is worth buying alone for the commentary (In English) and potted history of the language. Well done to all involved. The book retails at £16.99 (a bargain) and should be in shops now whilst it is also available direct from Francis Boutle at: <http://is.gd/dy4Nw>

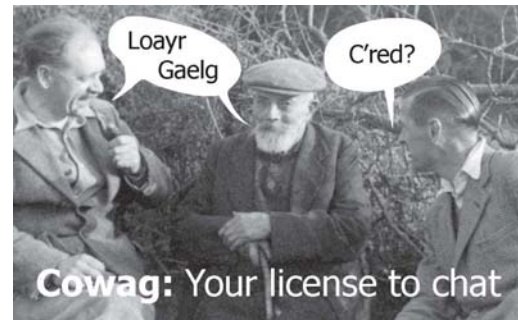
Learners' News

I'm continuing to develop our new blog at:

<http://cowag.wordpress.com/>

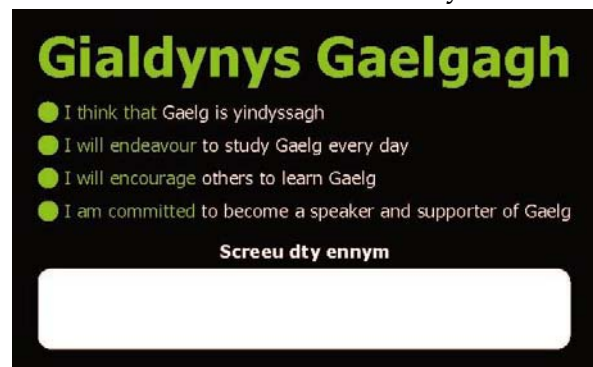
This will hopefully provide a wide-ranging number of activities, videos and educational pieces for those who are either learning Manx or are already fluent in the language. Hopefully, it should be a good companion piece to our **Learnmanx** website; don't be too worried if its appearance changes over the next week or so as we are still working on a layout that we are happy with.

In conjunction with our ever increasing blog presence I'm presently issuing a series of information cards for learners and speakers which you will be able to pick up from me at various gatherings.



The first is a calendar of events guide aimed at providing an instant reminder of all that's going on on the language front; whilst the other card, is very much focused on the committed learner.

Gialdynys Gaelgagh/Manx Gaelic Pledge is available from me but is only suitable



for those who are prepared to handover their Gaelic souls for the benefit of the language.

In return for such a commitment to Manx we will endeavour to ensure that your learning experience is a first class one.

This may seem some kind of stange Faustian Pact but it is one that is definitely worth making; one which can

hopefully focus people's minds on the job at hand: **Learning Manx.**

Watch out for me in my new role of an easy going Manx Gaelic Mephistopheles in search of Gaelic souls.

On a slightly less threatening note I'd like to thank everybody for their support and assistance given to **Antonia Mannette** from the University of Alberta in Canada who has been on the Island of recent carrying out research into adult language acquisition of Manx Gaelic.



This is very important work that should be of real benefit to those learning and teaching the language. As a consequence of her research I hope to further develop the resources available for those adults who are learning Manx. I'm aware that we constantly need to work towards ensuring that material is both relevant and appropriate.

Gura mie moar ayd, Antonia

There are only a handful of places now available on our summer course in **Eary Cushlin** on the weekends of the 7/8 and 14/15 of August so please contact me if your interested in booking a place.

Manx and Business

A big **Gura mie eu** to all those at **Carines**, the fantastic café in Peel opposite the Post Office. Not only do they host a superb Thursday evening Manx Gaelic session each week which



caters for all those learning the language but you can be sure of a **Moghrey Mie, Fastyr Mie** and **Slane Lhiu** on your visit during the day. They also serve excellent food and drink!

This is a great addition to those businesses supporting the language: **Yindyssagh!**

Due to popular demand I've now received some more **Open/Closed signs** which are available for businesses interested in demonstrating their support for the language. The signs are free: we only ask that you display them with pride! Let me know if you'd like one.

