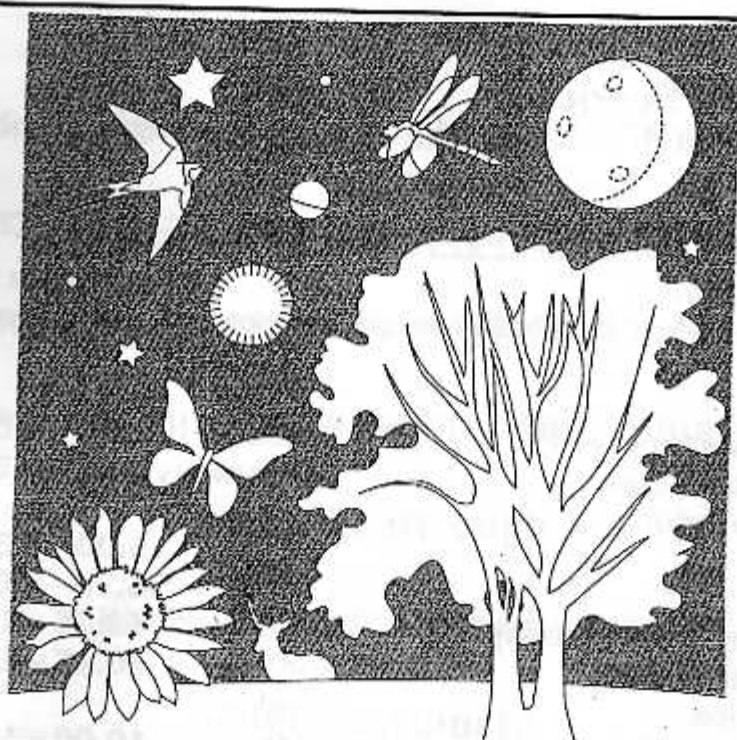


THE BRIDGE

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THE ABBEY CHURCH, BALLASALLA
MALEW PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH BENDS
ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ST. MARKS

OCTOBER 2009AD

AT YOUR SERVICE!

Regular Sunday Services:

St. Mark's Church	8.00 am	Holy Communion (traditional)
	6.30 pm	Evensong (traditional)
		1st Sun. in month
Malew Parish Church	9.30 am	Holy Communion (traditional)
		2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday
		Morning Prayer (traditional)
		3rd Sunday
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (traditional)
		1st Sunday
The Abbey Church	11.00 am	Holy Communion (modern)

Wednesday Services:

The Abbey Church	7.00 pm	Holy Communion (modern)
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Tuesday 11.30 am - 12.30 pm & Thursday 6 - 7 pm:

The Abbey Church Vicar available in Vestry
(Please telephone – 822469 - to make your personal appointment!)

Activities:

Abbey Acorns (age 4+)	Tuesday	3.30 - 5.00 pm
Little Sunbeam Club	Wednesday	2.00 - 3.30 pm
(under 4's + adult)		
Rainbows	Thursday	5.00 - 6.30 pm
Brownies	Thursday	6.30 - 8.00 pm
TASK (Abbey Sunday Kids)	Sunday	10.45 - 12.15 pm
Double Figures Club	Sunday	10.45 - 12.15 pm
Prayer Groups	Weekly	
Drop-In-For-Coffee	Friday	10.00 - 11.30 am
ALL - Abbey Ladies	Monthly	
Malew Mothers' Union	Monthly	
Men's Fellowship	Bi-Monthly	
Friendly Group	Monthly	

WATCH OUT FOR!

TT Café: The Hall, Abbey Church, 30 May - 13 June inc.

Flower Festival: Abbey Church, 5 - 11 July inc.

**An Evening of Manx Music and Verse
followed by wine and canapés
in aid of a new audio system**

**on - 7pm Friday 30 October
at - The Abbey Church, Ballasalla**

Performers

MC - Geoff Corkish, MBE MHK

John Kennaugh

Hon. Noel Cringle, DBE MLC and The Farmers' Quartet

Terry Qualtrough - Cleveland Medal winner

John Qualtrough - Cleveland Medal finalist

Jayne Mayne - Cleveland Medal finalist

Sarah Qualtrough

Abbey Church Guitar Group

Helen Ainsworth

Sarah Elder

Gareth Moore & members of KWC choir

Tickets £10.00

Ring Jo or Roy on: 823126

**WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH...
AND WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH...
AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE...**

Bishop Robert recently began a letter with the words, "It's amazing..." and I'm going to do the very same!

It's amazing how all our many and varied activities and groups have developed over the years, which is right and proper of course; but what I am most pleased about is that (if you like), with the experience of past years, each and every one of you is now automatically taking responsibility for your own interest.

In, what I shall call, 'the bad old days', the Vicar and the Church Wardens and the Parochial Church Council had to oversee everything, but now, thanks to your good sound common sense - don't let me down! - I am delighted that we can leave it to you. All that many of you wish me to do is simply tell you what happened, and what is going to happen. So here goes!

I've just had a telephone call from the new headmistress at Ballasalla School and, as well as a traditional Harvest Festival Service which they have already booked for this month (see Dates for your Diaries), they have now also booked the Abbey Church and Church Hall for the evenings of 9th and 10th December, and they will be organising two evenings of traditional 'Nine Readings and Carols' in Church, followed by 'mince pies' in the Hall...and all I have to do is remember to turn the heating on!

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

On the last Saturday of September the 'SOCIAL' Group had their first fund-raising DINNER of the new season, and something in the region of £500 was accrued for Church Funds. Accordingly, my sincere thanks to all involved, both those who 'served' and those who 'were served'. I have to say that, in my opinion, it was one of the very best dinners that we have arranged - the camaraderie between all present was wonderful - and that was in no small part due to Derek and Helen and Sarah. / over

I'm also delighted to inform you that it was only the latter two who performed the Can-Can!

On the last Tuesday of September, ALL (Abbey Ladies: Let-loose) also held their first Meeting of the new season - and the men were invited too! Twenty-five of us were held in awe as Maura Mitchell showed us some amazing pictures of marine life...right here under the waters of the Isle of Man. Look out for their full Autumn Programme, which you will find elsewhere in this month's edition of THE BRIDGE.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

In fact, by the time you read this, the T. T. CAFÉ Meeting will have already taken place...but please see my 'P. S.' if you wish to be involved!

A reminder, too, that the BALLASALLA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - I'll tell you the 'winning' title for this, next month! - Meeting takes place on 6th October in the Hall.

The 'YOUTH' Group are looking forward - yes! You really are! - to the first Tuesday and Wednesday of October, when we welcome back the ABBEY ACORNS and the LITTLE SUNBEAM CLUB! Remind everyone you know who has 5 - 11 year olds at school; or pre-school children. They are all most welcome.

Personally, I'm really pleased that the FRIENDLY GROUP have arranged a Meeting on 13th October. Senior citizens, please support Marjorie and Edna.

The 'WORSHIP' Group are encouraging you to sing the B. B. C's Top Ten Hymns of 2009 on Sunday, 18th October - we haven't done this for a couple of years - and, of course, it is always good to get one's 'teeth' (?) into well known hymns! As ever, on such occasions, there will be a cuppa and a piece of cake afterwards, in the Hall.

(In addition, Ellen has asked if she can arrange the 'Taize Service' in November and, needless to say, the answer in "Yes!")

P. T. O.

