



Press Release

Tynwald Day programme is announced

Attractions planned for Tynwald Day 2002 will make it more enjoyable for the whole family.

The Tynwald Setting Enhancement Subcommittee has been working hard for months to ensure the day's festivities offer more music, dancing, fun and games than ever.

Subcommittee chairman, President of Tynwald, the Hon Noel Cringle said: 'New displays for our National Day this year include the Yuki Yama Dojo martial arts club giving a display, and more exhibitions than ever in Balladoyne Field marquee. Exhibitors include the IoM Model Aircraft Society and local businesses such as Manx Telecom and the Manx Electricity Authority. Another first is the floral art sculpture provided by the Floreats group.'

Balladoyne field is located opposite the Royal Chapel of St John's, between the Methodist Chapel and Methodist Hall.

Mr President went on: 'The fun elements include the mummer street players Possain Straiddey giving a show from 1.30 pm on the Front Green, plus the Manx Jazz Aces getting things swinging in the Arboretum from 3.00 -5.00 pm.'

Rushen Round Table is staging the Three Legged World Championships for the third year. The contest will commence at 3.00 pm on Tynwald Day and is open to children as well as adults. Also for the children, Punch and Judy will give three performances during the afternoon.

Tynwald Day festivities will conclude with the increasingly popular finale, starting with the Band of the RAF College Beating the Retreat at 9.00 pm followed by the Ellan Vannin Pipes and Drums on a floodlit Tynwald Hill from 10.20pm. The day will conclude with fireworks from 10.45pm.

However, the organisers are pleased to announce that the King Chiallee ceilidh band will take over the Homecomers' marquee from 7.30pm while spud 'n' herring suppers will be served by the St John's and Foxdale Live At Home Scheme throughout the evening.

All the activities are listed in a leaflet to be distributed in the Isle of Man Courier newspaper on 27th June. The leaflet includes a new Tynwald Day word puzzle with a prize of £1,000.

Mr President added: 'Tynwald Day with the Royal Visitors and our own Parliamentary Ceremony, together with the organised entertainment throughout the day will make a wonderful day's entertainment for everyone, and I hope many families will make the trip to St John's to be part of the occasion.'

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