



# Press Release

## **Tynwald Day 2008 – A Great Day for all the Family!**

President of Tynwald, Hon Noel Cringle OBE MLC, Chairman of the Tynwald Setting Enhancement Sub-Committee, has announced plans for enhancements to this year's Tynwald Day 2008 and, as in the past, promises there will be entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

Following the success of previous years, the Committee has been arranging events and displays to add to the formal proceedings of the open air Tynwald Ceremony, which takes place this year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

The Department of Tourism and Leisure is seeking information about all events being staged during National Week, between July 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, for free publicity and inclusion in the information leaflet. Event organisers can email [tourism@gov.im](mailto:tourism@gov.im) or telephone 686801 to register their event.

President of Tynwald, Hon Noel Cringle OBE, MLC said:

*'Tynwald Day is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and family and enjoy the many activities on offer throughout the day, which range from a showcase of dancing and bands playing on the front green and Arboretum to model flyer, boat and railway displays at St John's Old School.'*

*'The success of the day is due to the enthusiasm of our many local exhibitors, schools, associations and members of the community who attend each year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their on-going support.'*

Laurence Skelly, Tynwald Day Events Co-ordinator, said:

*'This year is extra special as we have more events than ever. The dog agility show in the afternoon is a new event and promises to be great fun, Manx falconers are returning with their stunning display and we're hoping to stage an open-air rock concert in the evening. There truly is entertainment for everyone from morning to night. A great way to enjoy and celebrate our national day.'*

The day will culminate with the Beating of the Retreat by the RAF at 8.15 pm plus the Ellan Vannin Pipe Band at 10.30 pm followed by the Fireworks finale.

Details of the full programme of activities will be published in the Tynwald Day leaflet to be distributed with every *Isle of Man Courier* shortly. It will include the ever popular competition and further copies will be available on the day from the tourist information marquee situated at St John's School.

ENDS

Contact: President of Tynwald Noel Cringle OBE MLC on 685500