

## **KERRUISH, The Hon Sir (Henry) Charles, OBE LLD(hc) CP (1917 – 2003)**

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### **Personal details**

B 23 July 1917; ed at Ramsey Grammar School; m (1st) Margaret (d 1970) *dau* of Thomas Radcliffe Gell; 1 s 3 *dau*; m (2nd) Kathleen (Warriner); OBE 1964; Kt 1979; d 2003.

### **Career**

Farmer, author, papers in *The Parliamentarian* etc.



### **Local Authorities, Public Bodies, charities etc**

Former *Member* Ramsey Town Commissioners; CP (Maughold) 1960; *Former President* Royal Manx Agricultural Society, Manx National Farmers' Union, Isle of Man Farmers' Club, Church Commissioner, *President* Peveril MC and LC Club, Manx Loaghtan Sheep Breed Society, Maughold Social Club, Laxey Rifle Club, Laxey Working Mens' Institute; *Patron* IOM Branch of Celtic Congress, Junior Mananan Trophy Award, Manx Music Festival, Laxey AFC, TT Races, Yn Cruinnaght, Manx Heritage Foundation.

### **Parliamentary Career**

MHK (*Garff*) 1946-90 (*Ind*); *Speaker of the House of Keys* 1962-90; *President of Tynwald* 1990-2000; *Tynwald Representative* Court of University of Liverpool 1965--90 (*ex officio*), Council of University of Liverpool 1974-90, Court of University of Lancaster 1964-76.

*Government posts*: *Chairman* Health Services Board 1955-66; *Member* Publicity Board 1946-49, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries 1949-54, Health Services Board 1951-55, Tourist Board 1954-62, Manx Museum and National Trust 1962-90, Manx Heritage Foundation 1987-90, *Chairman of Executive Council* 1962-66, *Member of Executive Council* 1955-66;

*Committees of Tynwald*: Standing Orders (Public Petitions) 1950, Standing Orders 1951, Defence Regulations 1951, Development of Industry 1952, Selection 1954-81, 1982-84, Whitley Council 1955, Manx Electric Railway Purchase 1956, Constitutional Development 1957, Representation of the People Acts 1962, Advocates' Fees 1962, Relations with UK Government 1967, Douglas Boundaries 1968, Flood Damage 1968, Postal and Telecommunication Services 1968, Common Market 1970, Governor's Powers and Duties 1970-80, Ramsey Yacht Village 1969, Postal Strike 1971, Civil Aid Corps 1971, Town and Country Planning 1972, Printing 1971-73, 1985-87, Advocates' Fees 1973, Constabulary 1973, Constitutional Issues 1973, Laxey Fire Station Site 1974, Future of Manx Radio 1975, Self-Employed Contribution 1975, Standing Orders 1975-2000, Mint 1976, Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements 1962-2000, Advocates' Fees 1980-86, Indigenous Power Sources (Energy) 1977-81, Millennium 1977-79, Petition of Redress 1978, St. Mary's, Castletown 1977, Clerk of Tynwald's Department Management 1976-2000, Remuneration of Crown Officers etc 1965-90, Declaration of Members' Interests 1976-90, Petition for Redress 1980, Unemployment 1980-81, Members' Pension Scheme 1975-90, (*Chairman*) Public Accounts 1983-90, Petition for Redress 1985-

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86, Standing Committee on the Common Interests of the IOM and the UK 1971.

*Delegations:* re Financial Relations with Imperial Government and Constitutional Reform 1954, deputation re Constitution 1954, re Kipper Curing Industry and Sea Fisheries 1959, re Radio Manx 1962, Stonham Working Party 1967.

*Keys Committees:* Consultative 1962-90, Keys Standing Orders 1962-90, Keys Select Committee on Unemployment 1977.

#### **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**

Conferences of Commonwealth Speakers 1965, 1976; presented replica of Sword of State to USA Congress 1976, attended 700th Anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament celebrations 1976, *Vice-President* Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 1982-83, *President* CPA 1983-84, *Joint President* IOM Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, attended CPA Plenary Conferences India 1957, Trinidad and Tobago 1969, Mauritius 1976, Ottawa 1977, Jamaica 1978, New Zealand 1979, Kenya 1983, Isle of Man 1984, European Island Regions Conference, Tenerife 1981, Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers, Cyprus 1996, Trinidad and Tobago 1998 (received Commonwealth Presiding Officers Award for services to Commonwealth), alternate UK and Mediterranean Regional Representative, Canada 1971, CPA Regional Councillor British Islands and Mediterranean Region 1975-77 (St Lucia 1976, Sierra Leone 1977); recipient of acknowledgement of services to the Commonwealth.

#### **Interests**

Reading, motor-cycling and horse breeding.