“Manx folklore is a curious mixture of that of various races. The population, based on a Gaelic and Pre Celtic stock, but crossed with Scandinavian and tinged with Lancashire and Derbyshire followers of the Stanleys with an infusion... of the Galloway Scots.. would necessarily inherit customs from its component parts”

C.I.Paton - Manx Calendar Customs p.vi 1939

The following is by necessity a selection of the material available in the Library. Researchers who require access to other material should consult the Library Catalogue, primarily at class E 244.

MAIN SOURCES

BRODERICK, GEORGE
Manx Stories and Reminiscences of Ned Beg Hom Ruy (Edward Faragher of Cregneash 1831-1908).

Library Ref H140/A155

CASHEN, WILLIAM (1838-1912).
Manx speaker, fisherman, Assistant Harbour Master and custodian of Peel Castle, he assisted collectors of folklore material such as Moore and Morrison.

Manx Folklore.

Library Ref E244/32

William Cashen’s Manx Folk-Lore (1912).

Library Ref E244/92

CLAGUE, JOHN (1842-1908).
Dr Clague was a medical practitioner in the South of the Island who collected music and sayings.

Manx Reminiscences.
Castletown: M.J.Blackwell, 1911 In this volume the text is in Manx and English on opposite pages.

Library Ref E244/30 and H140/K9-10

Manx Text reprinted P.Kelly: Kirk Michael, 1994 Library Ref H140/L8q
CRELLIN, A.M.
Manx Folklore: Fairy Legends, Customs and Superstitions.
Onchan: Chiollagh Books, 1994 ISBN 1 898613 06 0
These are the collected reports of the IOMNHAS Folklore Section as published in Yn Lioar Manninagh 1893-1900, edited by Stephen Miller.

GILL, W. WALTER (c.1876-1963).
William Walter Gill was a poet, folklorist and scholar. He worked with William Cubbon, first librarian of the Manx Museum and later compiler of the Bibliography of Manx Literature and was a one time joint editor of the Manx Museum Journal.

A Manx Scrapbook.
London: Arrowsmith, 1929
Contents: Well names and well lore, coast names of Rushen, old roads and road lore, place names and place lore.

A Second Manx Scrapbook.
London: Arrowsmith, 1932
Contents: Second sight, divinations and observances, witchcraft and charming, fairies and spirits, animal and vegetable kingdoms, songs and rhymes, Hunt the Wren, sundry traditions.

A Third Manx Scrapbook.
London: Arrowsmith, 1963
Contents: surnames, place names, dialect words and phrases, customs and traditions, cures and charms, fairies and phantoms, visions and dreams.

N.B. A card index to these scrapbooks is kept in the library.

Customs and Traditions, Cures and Charms, Fairies and Phantoms.
Selective reprint of material from the Third Manx Scrapbook.

KILLIP, MARGARET I. (died 1995).
Part time administrator and collector for the Manx Folklife survey from 1957-1984, she gathered a wealth of material.

The Folklore of the Isle of Man.
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See also extensive references in the Journal of the Manx Museum

MANX MUSEUM JOURNAL (1924-80).
This contains references to folklife: an index is available at the library counter.

MANX SOCIETY.
33 volumes published between 1859-1894. These contain many references to Manx Folklife. (see Cubbon vol 1. pp 496-504 for summary of volumes)

v Vestigia Insulae Manniae Antiquiora - includes customs of Manx people in chapter 3 pp 103-156.
xi Description of the IOM by George Waldron edited by William Harrison includes stories of Fairies and pp 48-50 dancing, sport, festivities as described by Waldron pp 105-6 Fairy cup of Kirk Malew and the Ballafletcher drinking glass
xv Antiquitates Manniae, edited by J.G.Cumming pp 119-140 Mananan Mac Lir - connection with IOM by Richard Brash
xvi Mona Miscellany, a selection of Proverbs, Ballads, Customs, Superstitions and Legends collected and edited by William Harrison.

xxi Mona Miscellany, second series.

Member and subsequently Speaker of the House of Keys, prolific author and historian.

Folk-Lore of the Isle of Man.
Llanerch Publishers, 1994 ISBN 1 897853 42 4
Facsimile reprint of 1891 edition. This is the standard work on Manx Folklore.

Further notes on Manx Folklore.
In The Antiquary vol 31, 1895. 11 short pieces adding to his work on Manx Folklore above.

See also IOMNHAS proceedings index.
MORRISON, SOPHIA (1859-1917).
Sophia Morrison was prominent in the Manx Society, an authority on Manx folklore and editor of ‘Mannin’.

Manx Fairy Tales.
Douglas: Manx Experience, 1991
ISBN 1 873120 01 X
The second expanded edition of 1929 illustrated by Knox contains over 50 local tales.

Library Ref E244/33

PATON, Cyril Ingram. (1874-1949).
Primarily a naturalist but he was also interested in entomology and the Manx language.

Manx Calendar Customs.
Useful guide which includes Manx Gaelic names.
Library Ref E244/41
Library Ref E244/41A

Born and raised in Lezayre, a leading member of the IOMNHAS, a naturalist with a love of folk life and lore.
Legends of a life time: Manx folklore.
Privately published: 1973 (and later reprints).
Mainly about the north of the Island.
See also IOMNHAS proceedings index
Library Ref E244/64

RHYS, SIR JOHN (1840-1915).
Celtic scholar, first Jesus Professor of Celtic at Oxford, prolific writer who visited the Island to study Manx language and folklore.

Celtic Folklore, Welsh and Manx.
see vol 1, chapter 4 Manx Folklore, chapter 5 The Fynoderee and his friends pp 284-353
Library Ref E244/25-6

ROEDER, CHARLES (c.1848-1911).
Born in Germany he moved to Manchester and whilst visiting the Island collected folklore in the south with theassistance of Edward Faragher of Cregneash.
Contributions to the Folk-Lore of the IOM.
In Yn Lioar Manninagh vol III part IV pp 129-191, 1897
Library Ref L6

Manx Notes and Queries.
Douglas: S.K.Broadbent, 1904
Library Ref E244/27 and H140/A52
These notes are based on his column published in the IOM Examiner newspaper.

Manx Folk Tales.
Onchan: Chiollagh Books, 1993 ISBN 1 898613 02 8
This is a selection of folk narratives originally published in Yn Lioar Manninagh vols 1 & 3 and republished with an introduction by Stephen Miller and an annotated bibliography.
Library Ref E244/94
See also IOMNHAS proceedings index and joint publication with Morrison above.

TRAIN, JOSEPH (1779-1852)
History of the Isle of Man.
Douglas: M.A.Quiggin, 1845
Includes the following:
Mananan Beg - i, pp 50-55; Spell bound giants and black lady of Castle Rushen - i, pp 303-304; Fairies, witches, customs etc, - ii, pp 61, 102-184; Holy Wells and popular superstitions, - ii, pp 121, 142-184; Suit service of strewing rushes, - ii, pp 262-3
Library Ref F64/30

WALDRON, JOSEPH (1689/90 -1726)
A description of the Isle of Man.
London: 1744 reprinted as Manx Society Vol XI (1864)
Resident here as an official of the British Government c.1720-1730.
see Manx Society above.

YN LIOAR MANNINAGH (1889-1905).
The first series of proceedings of the Isle of Man Natural History and Antiquarian Society, these contain some folklore articles and have been reprinted in Manx Folk Tales (above) E244/94 and Crellin Manx Folklore (above) E244/95.
See Index to IOMNHAS Proceedings at the counter.
Library Ref L6

SECONDARY SOURCES

CALLOW, EDWARD
The Phynodderree and other Legends.
London: J.Dean & Son, c1882
Contains:
1. The Phynodderree
2. Fairy cup of Kirk Malew
3. King Olave the second and the great sword Macabuin.
4. The Buggane’s vow: a legend of St Trinian’s Church.
Library Ref E244/10

CRAINE, DAVID (1878-1963).
Teacher, Linguist and scholar he was asked to compile this volume by the Trustees of the Manx Museum. It provides useful background details.
Manannan’s Isle: A collection of Manx Historical Essays.
Douglas: Manx Museum, 1955
See also Indices to Manx Museum Journal and IOMNHAS Proceedings.
Library Ref F64/121

CUBBON, WILLIAM (1865-1953).
Former Director and Librarian of the Manx Museum.
A Bibliographical Account of works relating to the Isle of Man.
Volume 1
Douglas: Manx Museum, 1933
see pp 397-410 for listing of items relating to Mythology and Folklore, pp 496-504 for summary of Manx Society volumes.
Library Ref H364
DOUGLAS, MONA (1898-1987).
This prolific author spent most of her long life collecting or working with folklife material particularly music and dance and was a key figure in establishing the modern Yn Chruinnaght. The following items are more collected anecdotes:

**This is Ellan Vannin: A miscellany of Manx Life and Lore.**
Douglas: Times Press, 1964
Collected articles first published in the IOM Weekly Times newspaper. Library Ref E244/54

**This is Ellan Vannin Again.**
Douglas: Times Longbooks, 1966
Library Ref E244/61

**We call it Ellan Vannin.**
Douglas: Times Longbooks, 1970
Library Ref E244/99

**Manx Folk-Song, Folk Dance, Folklore: Collected Writings.**
Onchan: Chiollagh Books, 1994
ISBN 1 898613 05 2
Collection of articles written outside of her activities as a journalist for the Manx press. With an introduction by Stephen Miller. Library Ref E244/96

FRASER, MAXWELL (died 1980).
Pseudonym of Mrs Dorothy May Phillips, Bard of Welsh Gorsedd, who had a strong interest in Celtic topics.

**In Praise of Manxland.**
London: Methuen, 1948
See the index for folklore references. Library Ref F65/119

GARRAD, LARCH S. (1936-2005)
Former Assistant Keeper at the Manx Museum and prolific author.
See Manx Life Index and Library Catalogue.

HARRISON, STEPHEN
Former Director of Manx National Heritage (retired 2009)

**Voice of the People: The work of the Manx Folk Life Survey.**
In 100 Years of Heritage pp 190-205
Douglas: Manx Museum & National Trust, 1986
ISBN 0 948308 04 4
An illustrated account of the origins and work of the Manx Folklife Survey from its origins in the 1940s. Library Ref A365

KELLY, I. M.
**Twas Thus and Thus they Lived.**
Castletown: the author, c.1989
Basically a history of a Manx farming family but contains some oral traditions. A secondary source without an index. Library Ref G4/12

KILLIP, KATHLEEN (died 1991).
Sister of Margaret, sometime teacher and radio broadcast scriptwriter, a native of Lonan, who was also involved with Yn Chruinnaght.

SAINT BRIDGET'S NIGHT.
Stories from the Isle of Man retold for children. Library Ref E244/65

**Twisting the Rope and other folktales from the Isle of Man.**
Library Ref E244/72

KINRADE, THOMAS
**Life at the Lhen.**
Based on manuscript notes dated 1945 on the Lhane Mooar & Largagh district of Kirk Andreas edited by Stephen Miller.
Library Ref E244/9

**MANX FOLKWAYS: A GLEANING OF WRITINGS NO 1.**
Includes: Roper, C. IOM Superstitions, 1894; Wentz, W.Y. Taking of Evidence in the IOM, 1911 Morrison, S. Manx Folklore Notes, 1904.
Library Ref E244/97

**MANX LIFE (1971-1996).**
See card index in Library especially under Folklore and Garrison.

PENRICE, HARRY
**Fables, Fantasies and Folklore of the Isle of Man.**
Retold versions of folk lore
Library Ref E244/100

RYDINGS, EGBERT (c.1832-1912).
Founder of St George’s Mills, Laxey and friend of John Ruskin.

MANX TALES.
London: John Heywood, 1895
A collection of four stories in Anglo Manx dialect set around Lonan and Laxey with a foreword by T.E.Brown.
Library Ref K12/R2/1

WENTZ, W. Y. EVANS (1878-1965)
**The Fairy Faith in Celtic Countries.**
London : OUP, 1911
pp 117-135 Taking of evidence in Man with introduction by Sophia Morrison. Based on research submitted for BSc at Oxford in 1910 with additional material.
Library Ref E244/29

WENTZ, W. Y. EVANS (1878-1965)
**The Fairy Faith in Celtic Countries.**
London : OUP, 1911
pp 117-135 Taking of evidence in Man with introduction by Sophia Morrison. Based on research submitted for BSc at Oxford in 1910 with additional material.
Library Ref E244/29

WOOD, G. W. (c 1852-1927).
He built up a large library of Manx related material which was sold to the Museum in 1923.

On the classification of proverbs and sayings in the IOM, with a collection of proverbs in Manx and English.
From: Folklore Sept 1894 pp 229-274
Library Ref E244/12