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Isle of Man
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
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FOOTBALL / ANGLING
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DANCING


1988

WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ISLAND

Happy Birthday to Dad!


<p>A P R I L</p> <p>1st-4th EASTER FESTIVAL OF SPORTS</p>	<p>M A Y</p> <p>7th Manx National Singles Rally 28th-29th Brass Band Festival 27th-31st Whitsun Hockey Festival</p>
<p>J U N E</p> <p>4th-10th T.T. Races 13th-17th Crown Green Bowling Festival 19th-25th International Cycle Week 18th National Sport</p>	<p>J U L Y</p> <p>8th Laxey Fair - 5th Tynwald Day 11th/12th/13th/14th Southern 100 Motorcycle Road Races Yn Chruinnaght Festival of Music & Dancing Oxley's Brewery International Football Festival 31st-7th Aug The Manx Golf Classic Week</p>
<p>A U G U S T</p> <p>13th-19th I.O.M. World Championships for Carnival Dance Groups - 21st Marathon Championship & Half Marathon Rugby League Charity Shield (date to be arranged) 27th-3rd Sept. Lionel Trinis International Vocal Competition & Workshop</p>	<p>S E P T E M B E R</p> <p>3rd-4th Manx Two Day Motorcycle Trials 3rd/6th/8th Manx Grand Prix Races 8th-9th I.O.M. Crown Green Bowling Festival 14th-17th Tudor Webasto Manx International Car Rally</p>

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VAGABONDS
(Isle of Man)
R.U.F.C.

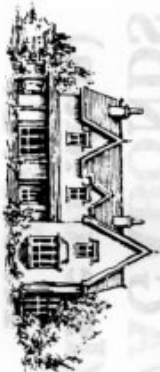
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Springfield Club Hotel

Sit in the peace and tranquillity of secluded country gardens, Springfield Club Hotel offers a haven of relaxation from the rigours of business, yet is conveniently situated within close proximity of Douglas and easy travelling distance of Ronaldsway Airport.

The splendid Victorian mansion house retains an air of elegance and grace while embracing all the best features of modern comfort. All rooms are en suite, with central heating, double glazing, remote-controlled teletext, colour televisions, and tea and coffee making facilities. We also have function rooms for business conferences, seminars and exhibitions.

The Springfield Restaurant is noted for the excellence of its cuisine. The restaurant, which is open to non-residents, has a reputation for first class traditional English dishes cooked to perfection and served with flair.

Lunches are a particularly popular feature, and special prices apply throughout the week and on Saturdays and Sundays to the exceptionally varied lunchtime menu. Springfield's proximity to town and spacious parking facilities make it the perfect lunchtime venue for businessmen, while its pleasant country setting lends itself well to relaxed weekend lunches which the whole family can afford.

Visit Springfield Club Hotel soon and find out why it's fast becoming the Island's favourite eating place.

If you wish to stay at the Hotel, use our courtesy telephone at Ronaldsway Airport and arrange for our car to bring you and your luggage - within twenty minutes of your call - to the Island's unrivalled apex of comfort, quiet, and good eating.

Please send me more details of Springfield Club Hotel.

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Address _____

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Douglas,
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On behalf of Vagabonds, may I thank our opponents for today's fixture. Manx Rugby is thriving and no more so than at Vagabonds who are currently the Island Champions. We are always keen to offer fixtures on the Island and whenever possible to travel to meet the teams that so regularly support us.

This year has seen another step forward for the Vagabonds. We have after many years living up to our name set down our roots in our own clubhouse.

The official Opening Day has not been decided upon but an announcement will be made in the Rugby Press and we hope that as many of our friends as possible will attend.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the club members past and present who have worked so hard to bring the club to its present position. Keep up the good work. Also may we thank all those advertisers who have been so generous.

GEORGE RAE,
President of Vagabonds R.U.F.C.



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Before leaving the Isle of Man why not visit some of the more interesting sights the Island has to offer

For example:-

The Curraghs Wildlife Park and Nature Trail is open throughout the Easter period and can be reached by either Bus, Coach or Car. Situated a mile East of

Ballaugh Bridge on the famous

T. T. Course the Park offers wildlife from around the World.

Visit the Laxey Wheel, or more commonly known as the "Lady Isabella", the largest working water wheel in Europe. Built originally to pump water from the Snafell Lead mines the wheel stands some 72ft in diameter.

The Manx Museum in Douglas houses much of the history of the Island within it's walls, from the earliest settlers, the Vikings, to a typical Manx Crofters Cottage depicting life during the early part of the Century when the Island depended mainly on agriculture and the sea.

Travel back to the Victorian age of steam and electric trams. Take a ride on the Steam Railway to the South of the Island, visiting Castletown with its Castle and the beautiful fishing villages of Port Erin and Port St. Mary. Alternatively travel to Laxey and the North of the Island by Electric Tram through beautiful glens and spectacular cliffs.

For further information on the above and any other Event or Attractions contact the Information Bureau, Salfon Buildings, Harris promenade, Douglas, Tel: 74323

VAGABONDS RUGBY CLUB (White, Yellow & Black)

Vagabonds Rugby Club was formed in 1965. We were at this time known as Douglas High School Old Boys. We got our name Vagabonds because we had no ground or clubhouse. After playing our fixtures at several different venues we finally got our own ground at Glencrutchery Road in 1980. After lots of hard work and fund raising we moved into our Clubhouse this season.

Vagabonds run 2 XV's and have been for the last two seasons Isle of Man Champions. Next season will prove to be busy as we have entered the Courage Leagues and as Manx Champions we will also be competing in the Cheshire Cup.

One of the highlights this season was playing a match in Northern Ireland as part of Ballymena Rugby Club's Centenary Celebrations.

So it is with great pleasure that we welcome our guests to Vagabonds first ever Easter programme.



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THORNENSANS R.U.F.C. (Blue, Black & White hoops)

The Club was founded in 1939 as an 'old boys' team by ex-pupils from Thorne Grammar School. The 'old' was dropped in the 1970's, the club moving to its present site in 1980 after the new clubhouse was built by the members.

Thornensians are one of the strongest 'junior' sides in Yorkshire. Club honours have included - Winners Yorkshire Cup, Runners-up Yorkshire Cup in the 1960's and 1970's. The other teams in the club have also won their share of the 'silver', the 2nd team having been South Yorkshire Trophy winners for seven consecutive years for 1979 - 1986, they are also the present Goole Floodlit Shield holders. The 3rd team have also been keeping up their very good record this season becoming Ionian Floodlit Cup winners during March this year.

With the onset of leagues this season the Club found itself in the Courage North East League Division One, at present we are in joint third place.

The Club has a strong policy of development and it has a very strong mini-rugby section that ranges from Under 8's to Colts age groups.

This being the first tour of the Isle of Man for the Club we are hoping to have a good time and play some enjoyable rugby.

LLANDOVERLY R.U.F.C. (Red & White)

The history of the Welsh Rugby Union will show that Rugby Football was first played at Llandoverly well over a hundred years ago. Old residents used to recall how a drover gave vivid descriptions of the game as it was played at Blackheath, and these drovers used to move cattle from all parts of West Wales through Llandoverly. It is clear however that the game was not welcomed with whole hearted enthusiasm - a strong Puritan element within the town objected to this "barbaric pastime". So as not to offend the town inhabitants the game was often played by moonlight in a field adjoining the town.

However sufficient interest in the game continued in Llandoverly to be represented at the inaugural meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union held at Neath on March 12th, 1881.

Llandoverly R. F. C. was granted the status of a W. R. U. club again in 1957 and later the Club was admitted to the West Wales Rugby Union (in 1965). Since then Llandoverly has performed with increasing success, climbing through the league to Section A (in 1983 - 84).



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BARNSLEY R.U.F.C. (Red, White & Blue hoops)

Barnsley were founded in 1902. They have five teams, four senior sides and one colts.

The best season they ever had was 1985/86 when they won the Yorkshire Shield.

With their new clubhouse being built next season they are looking forward to further successes.

BILLINGHAM R.U.F.C. (Green & White)

Billingham is situated in Cleveland on the North East coast of England in an area dominated by chemical giants I.C.I. The Rugby Club was founded in 1923, as an I.C.I. works team and progressed to become a driving force in Northern Rugby. This was due in part to the fact that I.C.I. employed not only the best brains but the best rugby players. During this time many of the players in the Club represented County Durham and one, Bruce Neal, played for England. During the 1950's Billingham played and beat all the top sides Gosforth, Roundhay, Heatingley etc. and appeared in many County Cup Finals. During this time the Club ran five sides plus colts and junior sides and boasted an excellent Clubhouse and playing facilities. Towards the end of the 1960's I.C.I. altered its recruiting policy and the Club went into decline. Many other local clubs benefitted by snapping up the better players. In the 1970's, although running three sides the Club struggled badly and many of the good fixtures were lost. During this time I.C.I. closed the clubhouse down, this hastened the downfall.

However, the Club did not die and emerged in the 80's in reduced strength but capturing back some of the better fixtures. The current first XV has just gained promotion into Northumberland and Durham Division II, winning one fixture 146-0, possibly a world record!

This is Billingham's 4th tour having been to Scotland, South East England and South Wales. The tourists are a mixture of all three teams and are hoping for a great time in the Isle of Man, both on and off the field.



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Friday 1st April	Vagabonds v Thormensians 11am
	Referee: G. Holland Manchester & District Soc. I. O. M. District
Saturday 2nd April	Ramsey v Barnsley 11am
	Referee: P. Dougherty Ulster Society & I. O. M. District
Sunday 3rd April	Ramsey v Billingham 11am
	Referee: A. Pilling Manchester & District Soc. I. O. M. District
Monday 4th April	Ronaldsway v Llandoverey 11am
	Referee: P. Dougherty Ulster Society & I. O. M. District

RONALDSWAY R.U.F.C. (Sky Blue)

A highly competitive, junior club side, celebrating their 21st Anniversary. Runners-up in last seasons Manx Shield.

RAMSEY R.U.F.C. (Red & Black hoops)

In 1973 Ramsey Grammar School started playing Rugby Union Football and by 1979 a need had arisen for a team in the North of the Island. The first fixtures were played in September, 1979 by senior pupils of Ramsey Grammar School and young men living in the North of the Island.

Friday 1st April	Vagabonds v Billingham 2.30pm
	Referee: P. Newson Manchester & District Soc. I. O. M. District
Saturday 2nd April	Vagabonds v Llandoverey 2.30pm
	Referee: M. Henthorn Manchester & District I. O. M. District
Sunday 3rd April	Ronaldsway v Thormensians 2.30pm
	Referee: G. Dawson Manchester & District Soc. I. O. M. District
Monday 4th April	Vagabonds v Barnsley 2.30pm
	Referee: H. Volante I. O. M. District

Three years of team building culminated in Ramsey Rugby Union Football Club being accepted in full membership to the Cheshire Rugby Football Union. Following this in December 1983 the Club became a full member of the Rugby Football Union.

In January 1983 Orry Turner played for the full Isle of Man XV - the first Ramsey player at this level. In September 1985 Ramsey also provided 10 players from a party of 45 when three Isle of Man XV's went to Old Parkonians and Wallasey. The Club also has 4 of it's players in the present Isle of Man Under 21 XV.

The Club has already become a focal point for young men returning from work on the U.K. mainland and those in higher education. This season Ramsey were runners-up in the Manx Shield and have a full fixture list of visiting teams to play on return from Peebles.