

MINCE PIES AND THE
BALLAUGH CRUINNAGHT OF 1938 *



The 3 November 1938 saw the holding of the Ballaugh Cruinnaght in aid of the restoration costs of the Ballaugh Village Methodist Church. Such events, frequent and popular in the Island, featured besides competitions such as recitations and needlework for children, displays of home-made cakes, jams, jellies, and toffees and sweets of all kinds—including Manx Knobs, as well as farm produce. All were later sold in aid of the event itself. Besides the lists offering such mouth-watering delights as already recounted, as ever the names themselves add now to the history of the

* Originally published as Stephen Miller, “Mince Pies and the Ballaugh Cruinnaght of 1938,” *Ballaugh Heritage Trust Newsletter* 14 (2016), 10b.

parish. Interlopers from across the border were also in attendance—Mrs Corjeag from Michael came bearing a plate of mince pies, which featured in a photograph of their inspection by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Mark Collet and Lady Collet, whether pointing or prodding at them is unclear. The Parochial Surveyor is now gone from Ballaugh and the other parishes of the Island, perhaps it is time now for a Parochial Surveyor of Mince Pies to be appointed for the parish of Ballaugh?

STEPHEN MILLER, 2018

