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“THE FUSCHIA GIRLS” (1956)



“[Photograph Caption] A scene from ...,” *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 20 April 1956, 7b–e.

I. ISLE OF MAN WEEKLY TIMES (20 APRIL 1956)

It was Ladies Night for the Manx Society and Choir, Liverpool, last Wednesday when 125 members and friends enjoyed an excellent programme provided by “The Fuchsia Girls,” comprising Mesdames M. Anderson, A. Cochraine, G. Corrin, E. Edwards, A. Greenland, M. Kirby, R. Knight, and F. Loew, together with the Misses J. Bell, L. Callister, L. Clague, D. Corrin, N. Corris, G. Jones, M. Watterson, P. Whitehead and A. Williams, with Mrs D. Robinson at the piano. They gave choruses, sketches, solos and monologues. The hall adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Wavertree, was decorated for the occasion. Mrs L.E. Palin presided.

The next meeting, a Celtic reunion, will be held in the same place on May 9th, when the Society will be hosts to Irish, and Welsh kinsmen.

The Society will repeat their “Ladies’ Night” programme when they visit the Blackpool Manx Society on May 17th.

“A Manx ‘Ladies’ Night’,” *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 20 April 1956, 5g.

2. PEEL CITY GUARDIAN (28 APRIL 1956)

The monthly meeting at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wavertree, on April 11th and about 125 members and friends attended, among them being Mrs J. Coupe from Douglas and Mr Geo. Corris, one of the past secretaries, who now resides in Ramsey and the president gave a hearty welcome to all.

It was Ladies Night once more and knowing their previous good plays and shows we settled down full of expectation of another good evening, and this was fully realised in the show that followed.

Under the chairmanship of the President's wife Mrs L.E. Palin, a party of lady members, totalling 18, and very aptly styled "the Fuschia Girls" proceeded to entertain us with one of the best shows to date.

The opening chorus, given by all the party, comprising: Mesdames M. Anderson, Cochraine, G. Corrin, E. Edwards, A. Greenland, M. Kirby, R. Knight, F. Lowe; Misses J. Ball, L. Callister, L. Clague, D. Corrin, N. Corris, G. Jones, M. Watterson, P. Whitehead and A. Williams, with Mrs D. Robinson pianist, was a delightful affair, well blended and costumed in an equally well blended manner which showed much colour and gaiety that captured their audience's attention at once and held it throughout the evening.

They were further entertained with a series of sketches, solos and monologues in a manner which left nothing to be desired and revealed much good thought, ingenuity and energy, and all given by a splendid company of artistes who really excelled themselves this evening.

The whole production alternately sparkled with wit, humour, and all the ingredients that go to make a good show and to coin a phrase even the pathos had a touch of humour in it.

It would be hard indeed to single out any one artiste or item for special mention, they all pulled together as a team and succeeded beyond measure in their efforts and will be well worthy of reproduction over and over again. The continued applause was sufficient answer and this was again unanimous when our president rose to thank the ladies for giving such a wonderful evening's entertainment.

The hall was well decorated with the usual Manx poster views but in addition to and attracting much attention we had the privilege of having the loan of many enlargements of photographs which won prizes in the 1955 IOM photographic competition: these latter were loaned by the IOM Publicity Board, to whom our thanks are expressed.

The audience heard with regret that the treasurer, Mr A.C. Hutchinson, will be entering hospital for an operation and our best wishes were conveyed to him for a speedy and successful restoration to health. His energetic and successful endeavours on the Society's behalf are very much appreciated

The meeting closed with all singing Ellan Vannin and The Queen.

The next meeting, Celtic Reunion, will be held on 9th May, when we are hosts to our Irish, Scotch and Welsh kinsmen, and a hearty welcome is extended to all Celts to attend and have a social evening with us.

The Society are giving Ladies Night programme at Blackpool Manx Society on May 17th and look forward to a trip there also.

“Manx Society & Choir, Liverpool,” *Peel City Guardian* 28 April 1956, [4]d.

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If ever a revival was called for, one feels the Fuschia Girls will head the list...

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