

Manx Notes 603 (2023)

“THE UTMOST DECORUM WAS
OBSERVED IN THE PROCEEDINGS” *

(1866)

Some of the Northern parishes are resolved to emulate Maughold in holding Oiel Verreys, but with the difference that the utmost decorum was observed in the proceedings. On Wednesday evening last an Oiel Verrey service took place at Ballakaneen Wesleyan Chapel, when four English and two Manx carols were sung. On the following evening Oiel Verreys took place at St Jude’s, Andreas, and the Wesleyan Chapel, Jurby East, and on Wednesday at Jurby West Wesleyan Chapel. The audiences were large, and good order was observed.

Anon. “[Ramsey and the North] Oiel Verreys.” *Mona’s Herald* 10 January 1866: [3]a.

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Reports here of the Oiel Verrey held in Andreas and Jurby, no longer held in Church but in Chapel, no longer on the Eve before Christmas, and with *carvals* heard now only at Ballakaneen. As regards those services, “the utmost decorum was observed in the proceedings,” and equally, “good order was observed.” Licensed disorder, once a feature of the Oiel Verrey, was no more.

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