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We hope all our readers are managing to stay well and cheerful in these interesting times

STONE CROSSES AND MILESTONES

Crossings out

Our new title, *Cross Purposes: an introduction to mediaeval Manx crosses* is now available. But it almost wasn't!

The British Isles has been suffering from rather a lot of storms of late and our book consignment got up close and personal with three of them. At one stage our pallet of books spent something like a fortnight in a dockside English warehouse, waiting for the sea to calm down a bit, so that boats could make the crossing to the Isle of Man. When the ferry service did resume, goods such as medical supplies and food of course took priority. While all that was sorted out, we - and our customers - had to wait. And wait. And wait some more!

The book ended up being delivered about four weeks after it was expected, but it was worth all the worry. We are obviously biased but think this short introduction to the history and meaning of the ancient stones looks very well.

Below is one of the photographs we *didn't* use in *Cross Purposes*. Keeill Woirrey, in the Upper Cornaa valley, was the original home of one of the Manx cross slabs.



A millennium milestone

When Loaghtan Books first set up in business as publishers, David Ashworth, owner of Lexicon Bookshop in Douglas, Isle of Man, was extremely helpful with advice about what bookshops need from publishers. He also bought our very first consignment of published books, including the first edition of *A Brief History of the Isle of Man*. Invoice number 1!

They say that history doesn't repeat itself, but it does sometimes. In March Lexicon ordered, among other titles, *A Brief History of the Isle of Man*, now in a revised edition. The invoice number? 1000!

SALE!

As some of you know, Loaghtan Books acts as the distribution agent for *Tim's Wars*, published by Burlington Press. The diary of Tim Elliott's experiences in both the First and Second World Wars, *Tims' Wars* is now on sale for £6.00 (down from £14.95), including postage and packing for addresses within the British Isles. For the cost of Europe and international postage please see the website.

Goodbye

Our publication *By Whing to Port Soderick; the story of the Manx Marine Drive* is now out of print. If anyone does want a copy, then bookshops on the Isle of Man still have a few left.

But they're selling fast...

Keep well, Sara

Quote of the day

During the Second World War, Port Erin with Port St Mary became a giant internment camp, Rushen Camp, for female aliens and their children. For a short time Collinson's [café] became the camp's school until it could find premises where classes could be held in separate rooms.