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Loaghtan Books on the move

Although we don't think of Loaghtan Books as being purely a publisher of Manx-related material, it can be no secret to anyone who knows us that we have a great fondness for the Isle of Man. During June we were lucky enough to relocate here.

Anniversary?

A June relocation also marked a major shift in Adelaide Lubbock's life. In June 1946 her work for the Allied Commission for Austria, described, often caustically, in *A Cog in the Wheel*, came to an end. Before the war she had been a professional singer and entertainer, but didn't go back to showbusiness, nobody seems to know why.

Despite her anger at the neglect of refugees, and her irritation at all the red tape Adelaide had a genuine love of the country she was trying to rebuild: 'I love Austria as much as anywhere I have ever been... Vienna, although destroyed both physically and mentally still has tremendous charm... I love the Wienerwald... All this I love passionately and it can never be spoiled for me by the stupid and wicked world.' *Cog*, page 163

Doing his own thing

This month sees the publication of *Tim's Wars*, the diaries of a young man who served though the First World War and lived through the Second.

Although not one of our publications - it's published by Burlington-Hub Press - Loaghtan Books has been responsible for the typesetting, and you will be able to purchase the book through our shop.

Slow, slow, quick, quick, slow...

It's long been our dream to move to the Isle of Man, but we didn't expect to do so quite so quickly. As suitable property on the island became available just as we found a buyer for our own, a move which was intended to take five to six months was telescoped into two. Thanks are due to Manx removers Callisters, and specialist vehicle remover Blue Thunder who were both excellent and endeavoured to make the move as trouble-free as possible. We still worried of course!

And the significance of the photograph? It *almost* shows our new premises. The tall monument in the centre is in Maughold



churchyard, and is designed by Archibald Knox, Manxman and *art nouveau* designer. The new hub of Loaghtan Books' activities is on the opposite hillside hidden behind the monument's upright. We like to keep people guessing! The complete photograph can be seen on page 136 of *A Brief History of the Isle of Man*. Best wishes Sara

Quote of the day

You will forgive me, Phyllis, I am sure: / My hands are filthy, but my heart is pure.

I know how often I have worn this shirt; / But, please recall, it's patriotic dirt...

Humorous Second World War poem by A.P. Herbert, quoted in its entirety on page 66, *Dear Ray...*