

INFORMATION REQUIRED

*I am starting to research material for a book about the history of the **Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra**, formerly the **Manx Sinfonia**, the **Swarthmore Players**, the **Isle of Man Philharmonic** and in the 1950s, the **Manx Amateur Orchestral Society**. I am also anxious to find out more about some of the wonderful personalities and musicians associated with the various orchestras on the Isle of Man in order to build up a picture of a vibrant part of the story of our Manx musical heritage: the violin teacher, performer and conductor **Kathleen Rydings**, for example, and the violinist **Emily Magee**, who led the **Swarthmore Players** and then the **Manx Sinfonia** for more than 25 years.*

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who has memories of 'Classical' music-making on the island, memorabilia, photographs, programmes, press cuttings, letters etc. Be assured that any such material kindly loaned to me will be scrupulously cared for. Thank you.

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