

FESTIVAL

28 April – 7 May 2007

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WESTERN ISLES
EVENTS PROGRAMME

Saturday, 28th April & Saturday 5th May - meeting at Carloway Church of Scotland at 11.00am (both days)

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - Exercise and fellowship

Contact: Lucy Lawrence, 01851 643 412, lucy.lawrence1@btopenworld.com.

Saturday 28th April - meeting at Dell Hall, Lewis at 11.00am (Booking essential)

CUAIRT OIRTHIR NIS, THE NESS COASTAL WALK – (about 5 hours) Urras Oighreachd

Ghabhsainn is hosting a walk from North Dell to Eoropie. Bring along a picnic lunch.

Contact: Julie Sievewright, 01851 810 825 Mobile 07979 947664 julie@uogld.com to reserve a place.

Monday 30th April - meeting at Galson Farmhouse, South Galson, Lewis at 12 noon

EXPLORE the SHORE AT GALSON – (about 1 hour) Guided walk

Contact: Julie Sievewright, 01851 810 825 Mobile 07979 947664, julie@uogld.com to reserve a place.

Tuesday 1st May - starting at 1.00pm at the YM Bridge

MAIN CREED LOOP - (about 2.5 hours) Guided walk

Contact:- Chris Ryan, 01851 702712, Chris.Ryan@wihb.scot.nhs.uk for more information.

Tuesday 1st May - starting at the RSPB Visitor Centre, Balranald Nature Reserve, North Uist at 10.00am

GUIDED NATURAL HISTORY WALK – (about 1.5 hours) Easy walk around the Reserve.

Charge: members £1/non-members £2.

Contact: Jamie Boyle, RSPB Warden 01876 560287, Jamie.Boyle@rspb.org.uk

Wednesday, 2nd May - meeting at Langass Lodge Hotel at 10.00am

OTTER WALK – (about 3 hours) Learn about the wildlife of North Uist.

Charge: members £2, non-members £4. Please book in advance

Contact:- Jamie Boyle, RSPB Ranger 01876 560287, Jamie.Boyle@rspb.org.uk

Wednesday 2nd May - meeting at the Community Hall, Bernera, Lewis at 10.30am

CUAIRT OIRTHIR BHEARNARAIGH, BERNERA COASTAL WALK – (about 3.5 hours)

Picnic lunch at Bostadh Sands, bring a packed lunch

Contact:- Chris Ryan, 01851 702712, Chris.Ryan@wihb.scot.nhs.uk for more information.

Friday 4th-6th May - meeting at Sollas, North Uist at 11.15am (Booking essential)

SEALL BHALAIGH-COMMUNITY FIELD TRIP TO VALLAY - As part of **Show Scotland 07**,

Comann Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath, Museum nan Eilean, Sgoil Lionacleit and Taigh Chearsabhaigh are hosting a weekend field-trip to Vallay. This tidal island will be “open” for visitors to learn about the history of the island and to visit sites of archaeological interest. A shuttle “Bus Bhalaign” service from Sollas to Vallay will run at set times. There is no fee but donations can be made to CEUT & Access Archaeology.

Contact:- Norman Macleod, Taigh Chearsabhaigh Manager, 01876 500293, norman@taigh-chearsabhaigh.org

Saturday 5th May , meeting at Uig Sands at 10.30am to 3.00pm

COME & TRY POWERKITING - Try the latest kites, get advice, watch professional demonstrations.

Contact:- Dave Hepworth, 01851 672771, www.kikc.co.uk

Saturday 5th May - meeting at Reinigeadal, Harris at 11.00am

REINIGEADAL TO URGHA - (about 3.5 hours) Participants will walk from Reinigeadal and be driven back to collect their vehicles. The walk covers steep terrain and participants should have a good level of fitness. Bring along a packed lunch as we plan to have a picnic at the highpoint of the trail.

Contact Chris Ryan:- 01851 702712, Chris.Ryan@wihb.scot.nhs.uk to reserve a place.

Saturday 5th May - meeting at Loch na Morcha, North Uist at 12 noon.

NORTH UIST OUTDOOR ACCESS DAY - A day dedicated to celebrating outdoor access and enjoyment, hosted by North Uist Estate, co-ordinated by North Uist Angling Club and collectively featuring local clubs and organisations. We hope to offer a wide range of activities.

Contact:- Philip Harding, 01876 580341, pharding1a@fnes.net

Saturday 5th May - meeting at gate by telephone kiosk at 2pm

TANGSDALE TO DUN BAN – (About 2.5 hours) Guided walk

Contact:- Jonathan Grant 01871 810007

Sunday 6th May - meeting at gate leading to site at 2pm

ALLT CHRISAL (About 2 hours) Guided tour around archaeological site

Contact:- Jonathan Grant 01871 810007 jgrantbarra@aol.com

Thursday 10th May - meeting at the Camach car park, North Tolsta, Lewis at 12 noon.

CUAIRT MUN ARD, TOLSTA HEAD WALK (About 3 hours) - Comann Eachdraidh Tholastaidh

Bho Thuath, are leading a walk round the Ard Peninsula.

Bring a packed lunch along to one of the most spectacular picnic spots in the islands.

Waterproof jackets and walking boots are advisable on all walks. It is also a good idea to bring water and a snack along with you. Children over seven are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All events are free of charge unless otherwise stated.