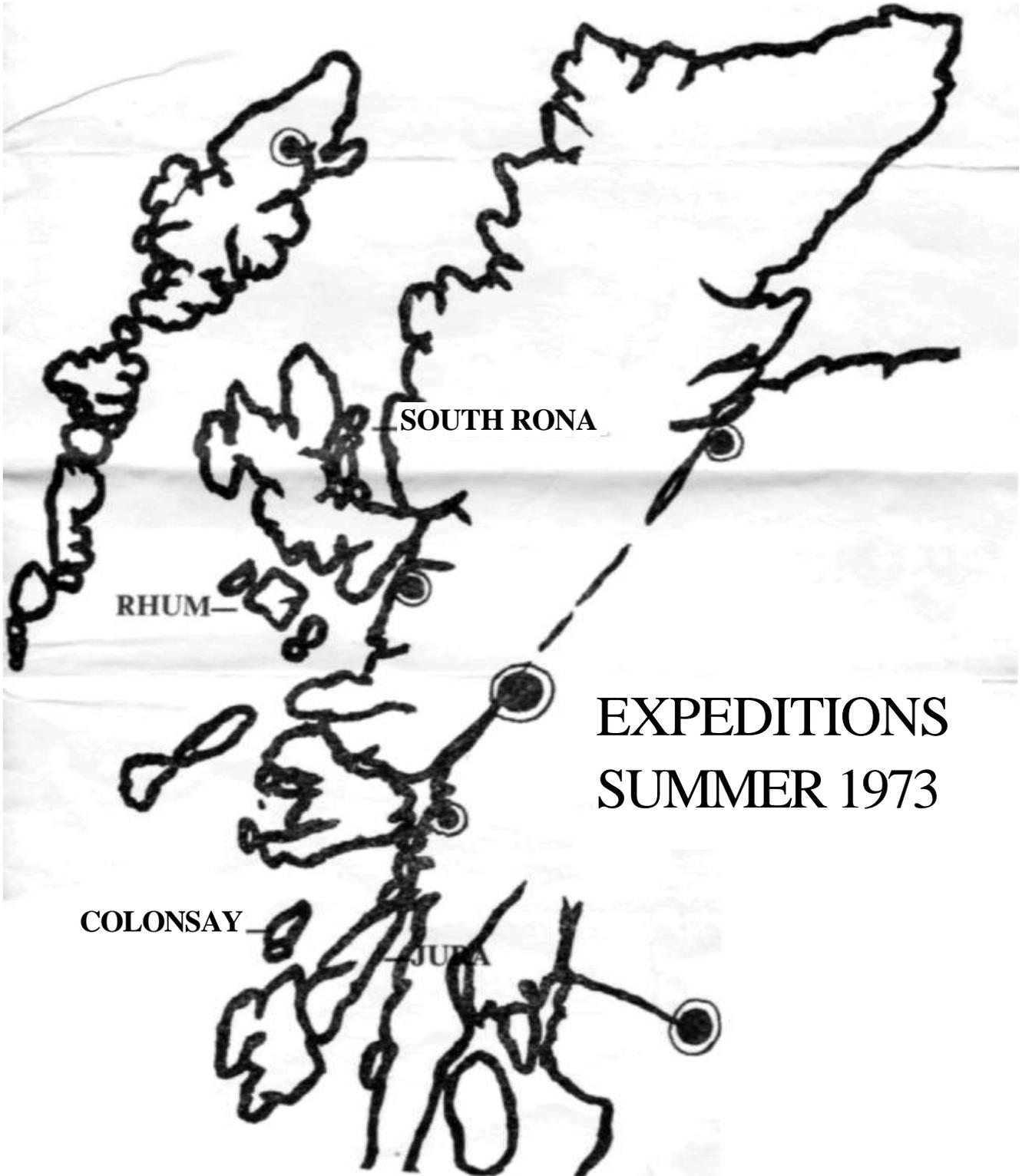


**SCHOOLS
HEBRIDEAN
SOCIETY**



THE SCHOOLS HEBRIDEAN SOCIETY



Was Born after an expedition to the island of Rhum organised by ten undergraduates and schoolboys in 1959.

Has since 1960 successfully organised more than 40 expeditions to more than 20 different sites in the Hebrides and, lately, Shetlands.

Is in 1973, mounting the expeditions shown on the opposite page and providing the opportunity for boys of all ages to experience an unusual and challenging situation.

Believes that the beauty and remoteness of the Hebridean setting contributes toward the value derived from expeditions by the members.



Provides the opportunity for boys to learn the techniques of climbing, walking and canoeing under the instruction of specialist officers.

Encourages project work, depending upon the nature of the island—the study of ornithology usually features in every expedition.

Provides tents, cooking and eating utensils, boats, canoes and climbing equipment—but each expedition builds its own furniture!

Ensures that safety rules are strictly adhered to—it is always possible to obtain a doctor, even on the remotest islands.



Limits the size of its expeditions to between twenty and thirty boys, with a Leader, a Camp Administrator and between six and nine officers.

Welcomes all boys who are prepared to regard their expedition as something more than a "holiday" and work hard for its success.

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COLONSAY EXPEDITION 1973

(Age 12¾-14 years)

In the southern part of the Inner Hebrides, Colonsay is a small island with a remarkably varied terrain which has proved eminently suitable for previous junior expeditions.

POEM: COLONSAY 31st AUGUST, 1969

I showed you the path up the mountain,
I showed you the way to the shore.
Then I lay on my back in the meadow
And I slept my day's sleep in the sun.
When I woke up I watched the day ending
When I thought it had only begun.
Come down from your mountain schoolboy.
Come back from your walk on the shore,
I want you to wander wherever you will
And remember the things that you sec.
I want you to pocket the treasures you find
But come back and show them to me.
I'm blind in the world you're discovering,
I'm deaf to the new sounds you hear
Though once they were mine and mine only
They were strange and sacred and rare.
But now they're all gone from my pocket
Put them back if you can ... if you care.

Chris Gilmore



GROUP L

JURA EXPEDITION 1973

(Age 14-15 years)



Jura is unusual in that its population is very small in relation to its size. The island occupies some 90,000 acres, yet supports a community of less than two hundred people. This means that large areas of totally unpopulated land remain to be explored and wherever the camp is sited there will be plenty of opportunity for small groups to experience the satisfaction of discovering' remote areas in which they can spend a night or two on a bivouac.

The whirlpools in the Gulf of Corryvreckan are a spectacular part of the Jura scene. The tide from the Atlantic is funnelled through a narrow gulf at the north end of the island, and the unevenness of the floor of the gulf causes a whirlpool. When the tide is running small boats find it impossible to navigate the gulf and the movement of the water is fascinating to watch.

The Paps, rising to 2571 feet, dominate the island—but they were conquered by the last expedition to visit the island and will provide a suitable challenge for any expedition!

GROUP K

MANX
SHEARWATERS NEST ON RHUM

RHUM EXPEDITION 1973

(Age 15-16 years)

'The campsite itself is on a flat, grassy piece of land beside a lovely sandy beach. To the front is the sea, with Soay and the Cuillins of Skye in the distance and Canna to the left: a magnificent view whichever way you look.'

1969 Annual Report.

'The island of Rhum is now owned by the Nature Conservancy ... it is an open-air laboratory offering great opportunities for research directed at improving the degraded land characteristic of so much of the Highlands and Islands.'

Darling and Boyd,
The Highlands and Islands.

The Society is indeed fortunate that the Nature Conservancy grants the necessary permission for expeditions to this beautiful island. Expeditions have visited Rhum every other year since 1967 and there can be nobody who has remained unimpressed after even a short stay.

GROUP J

INSIDE WEST HARBOUR



SOUTH RONA EXPEDITION 1973

(Age 16-17 years)

SURVEYING



GROUP I

'All of us found South Rona a superb island. Looking ridiculously small on the map it yielded much project material and many recreational opportunities. There were fifteen different pieces of project work . . . some climbing . . . bathing in the rock pools . . . sketching . . . and the music was very good. Paradise!'

Leader's Report 1971.

There is little more that one can add to such a eulogy save to say that South Rona is one of the uninhabited islands to which the Society sends expeditions. Contact is maintained with the lighthouse by radio-telephone, but otherwise the situation is about as remote from civilisation as one can find in the British Isles.

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Full Name (Surname in BLOCK CAPITALS, please).....

(Please underline your usual Christian name)

2. Date of Birth

3. Home Address

4. School Address

5. Father's (or Guardian's) Name

6. Expedition for which you are applying.....

7. Name and address of Form-master/Housemaster/Headmaster who has stated that he is prepared to give you a reference

8. Can you swim competently?

9. Are there any medical facts that should be given special consideration? If so, please state them in the space provided on the back of this form.

10. Please state (in the space provided on the back of this form) any experience or qualifications which you think will enable the Leader to select you—interests and hobbies should also be included.

11. Boy's Signature

12. To be signed by Parent or Guardian:

I agree to my son.....taking part in the Schools Hebridean Society's....,Expedition 1973, and I agree to hold the Company harmless and indemnified in respect of any bodily injury to my son, and in respect of any loss or damage to his effects.

Signed

Telephone Number

Date

This form when completed should be sent direct to J. E. R. Houghton, 34 Parkfield Street, Islington, London N.I.

1973 EXPEDITIONS

GROUP L (12¾-14 years)*	COLONSAY	15th August -31st August
GROUP K (14-15 years)	JURA	24th July 9th August
GROUP J (15-16 years)	RHUM	14th August-31st Auguu
GROUP I (16-17 years)	SOUTH RONA	23rd July-12th August

The dates of the expeditions are the dates of departure from, and return to London, and are subject to revision on the publication of final train and steamer timetables.

*Age on August 1st 1973.

IN ADDITION TO these expeditions the Society is planning two smaller expeditions for senior boys.

- (1) A training expedition for boys over 17 years of age who are hoping to become officers in subsequent years.
- (2) An Archaeological expedition to the island of South Uist.

At the time of going to press, full details of these expeditions are not to hand, but anyone who is interested in them should write to P. F. Smith, Morgan Hall, The Lawns, Cottingham, Yorkshire, in October when plans will have been finalised.

Ninth Annual Society Conference

The Ninth S.H.S. Conference will be accommodated in Lincoln Hall on the campus of the University of Nottingham. The Hall and University possess fine facilities for this event allowing it to fulfil its functions of reunion and reminiscence and also to provide a forum for members of the Society to comment upon and criticise the Society's activities. The customary slide shows and discussions will take place and there will be time for Conference-goers to make use of the squash courts and football pitches. All members are strongly urged to attend the Conference where they may renew old friendships and discover new ones.

Dates: Friday, January 5th to Sunday, January 7th, 1973.

Details: From the Conference Organiser, Paul Caffery, Southern Crescent, Bramhall, Cheshire.

INFORMATION

How to apply. Fill in the application form attached to this prospectus and send it to John Houghton, Parkfield Street, Islington, London N.1. Once the formalities have been completed, successful applicants will be put in touch with leaders.

Cost. The cost of each expedition is £32 plus travelling expenses. In the past certain Local Education Authorities have been prepared to assist with the cost of sending a boy on an expedition. If you think that favourable consideration might be given to such an application, you are advised to contact your son's Headmaster, or the Local Education Authority.

Travel. Wherever possible this is arranged by the Society taking advantage of special party rates offered by British Rail.

Administration of Expeditions. The collection of fees and travel costs is done centrally by the Board's representative. After a boy has been selected for an expedition all other arrangements should be made through the leader.

Medical Requirements. Any relevant medical information, about which the expedition medical officer should know, must be stated on the application form in the space provided. We strongly advise anti-tetanus vaccinations for all expedition members.

Insurance. The Society arranges comprehensive insurance for itself and its members against claims made for bodily injury or death to persons or damage to property caused during the expedition. In addition to this a member's personal belongings are insured for £ 100 against loss or damage: but in the event of any claims arising the first £5 must be borne by the claimant. The indemnity section of the application form must be completed so that the insurance is effective for the member concerned.

Report. Anyone wishing for more detailed information about the Society, or desiring a copy of the latest Report should write to P. F. Smith, Deputy Warden, Morgan Hall, The Lawns, Coitingham, Yorkshire.

Schools or Youth Organisations who would like a visit from a senior member of the Society who would lecture and show expedition slides are invited to write to P. F. Smith at the above address.

Officers. Anyone wishing to be considered as an officer for one of the 1973 expeditions should write to the Chairman, P. N. Renold (address below).

Cancellation. In the event of a member cancelling his place on an expedition less than four weeks before the start of an expedition, his fee will be retained by the Society and returned only if his place can be filled by someone else.

Alterations. The Company reserves the right to alter in whole or in part at any time all plans and arrangements of whatsoever nature contained in this prospectus or in any other Company or Society publication.

The Policy of the Society is decided by the Board of Directors.

Signed: P. N. Renold (Chairman),

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Oldham,
OL36BA.

J. D. Lace (Secretary).

Sneyd Park,
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