

SCHOOLS  
HEBRIDEAN  
SOCIETY



EXPEDITIONS  
SUMMER 1974

# 1974 EXPEDITIONS

GROUP M (12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -14 years)*	RAASAY	19th August-3rd September
GROUP L (14-15 years)	NORTH UIST	23rd July-8th August
GROUP K (15-16 years)	HARRIS	22nd July-8th August
GROUP J (16-17 years)	SOUTH UIST	14th August-28th August
GROUPS I and H (17 years and over)	MINGULAY OUTER ISLES	22nd July-11th August 14th August-4th September

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 1st August 1974.

## Tenth Annual Society Conference

The Tenth Annual Conference will be held at Wantage Hall, The University of Reading, Berkshire from the 4th-6th January 1974. Full details are available from the Conference Organiser:

Peter Forsaith, Reading Y.M.C.A., Parkside Road, Reading, Berkshire.

## SENIOR EXPEDITIONS

### GROUPS H and I

Each of the two senior expeditions will consist of fifteen people who will undertake almost all the planning and organisation themselves. The fee will depend upon the final arrangements made, but is very unlikely to exceed the £35 for the other four expeditions. Application should be made by filling in the form in the usual manner.

### MINGULAY 1974

This will be a project-orientated expedition to the remote and beautiful island in the far south of the Outer Hebrides. It will continue the project work begun on previous expeditions, most especially in archaeology and ecology.

### OUTER ISLES 1974

This expedition will visit sites as yet to be decided. It may be a mobile expedition. Activities will include long-distance sea-canoeing, surf canoeing, rock climbing, sailing and hill-walking. It will be almost entirely activity-orientated. Members will need to be physically fit, but no previous experience of these activities will be required.

## RAASAY EXPEDITION 1974

## GROUP M

The island of Raasay is a small island to the east of Skye. It has been used by previous expeditions who have found the site at Brochel Castle to be an excellent one for the junior expedition, and a delightful introduction to the Hebridean way of life. The island offers much in the way of activities and the last expedition to visit the site, in 1972, found time for geology, ornithology, ecology, archaeology (the site itself is of considerable interest), bivouacking, and also enjoying the fine weather that the Society has now come to expect from Raasay.



## NORTH UIST EXPEDITION 1974

## GROUP L



“The island presents a surprise at every turn for it seems to contain within its boundaries every variety of island scene. On the east coast the landscape has a wild beauty with literally hundreds of trout-filled lochs glinting among dark, rolling hills. On the west coast the scene is utterly different... a more smiling land of rich meadows, a green and pleasant place fringed by long beaches of silver sand where the Atlantic rollers beat in. It is an island rich in reminders of the ancient past...prehistoric forts, chambered cairns, wheelhouses and stark monoliths.

Ben Eaval is the highest peak in North Uist and the expedition will use a site at its foot. In the south-east corner of the island the site is close to the sea and water activities are likely to be prominent. In addition there are opportunities for sketching and drawing, fishing and excavating some of the nearby sites of archaeological interest.

## HARRIS EXPEDITION 1974

## GROUP K

The site for this expedition is the very small crofting village of Rhenigidale at the south-west end of Loch Seaforth, accessible by mountain track, but more easily approached by sea. Apart from a small senior expedition in 1973, the site has not been used since 1966 when the expedition found that the contact between the local community and the members of the expedition was one of the most fruitful experiences.

“... the basic truth is that to be a part of a community added much to our life: all the time there was the contact between two very different cultures both of whom respected and wanted to like the other. The result was that for two weeks we received every imaginable help and kindness from the crofters and learnt much in helping them with hay cutting, peat carrying and all the other tasks of their near-subsistence existence.’ (Leader’s Report 1966)



## SOUTH UIST EXPEDITION 1974

## GROUP J



‘It was a cool clear evening as we sat on the heather staring out from our idyllic, thousand-foot campsite over the barren wastes to the northwest—a random scatter of lochs separated from the endlessness of the Atlantic by a narrow strip of machair; and further north another range of mountains, their peaks soaring up towards the softly coloured striations of cloud and sunset. ... Indeed this was a weird contrast to the drama of the afternoon on the summit of Hecla, watching the foaming, billowing clouds spill over the unnamed mountain before gathering again in the glen to come racing at us and finally evaporating into thin air. We felt like real explorers (Report 1969).

The contrasting moods of the Hebrides, in weather and in scenery, are as evident in South Uist as elsewhere. The site for this expedition is in the Loch Eynort area on the east coast of the island.

# 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 1974**, 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 towards 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.

*Proprietor:* THE SCHOOLS HEBRIDEAN COMPANY LIMITED (Registered as a charity)

# INFORMATION

**How to apply.** Fill in the application form attached to this prospectus and send it to Mrs. M. Jones, Moss Lane, Timperley, Cheshire. Once the formalities have been completed, successful applicants will be put in touch with leaders.

**Cost.** The cost of each expedition is £35 plus travelling expenses. In the past certain Local Education Authorities have been prepared to help with the cost of sending boys 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 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 injections for all expedition members.

**Insurance.** The Society arranges comprehensive insurance for itself and its members against claims made for bodily injury and 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 15 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.

**Membership.** All new applicants who are selected for an expedition are required to become members of the Society. The fee for three year membership is £3.

**Report.** Anyone wishing for more detailed information about the Society, or wishing for a copy of the latest Report should write to A. K. Fowler, 74 Adelaide Street, Norwich, Norfolk.

**Officers.** Anyone wishing to be considered as an officer for one of the 1974 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 that 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.

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