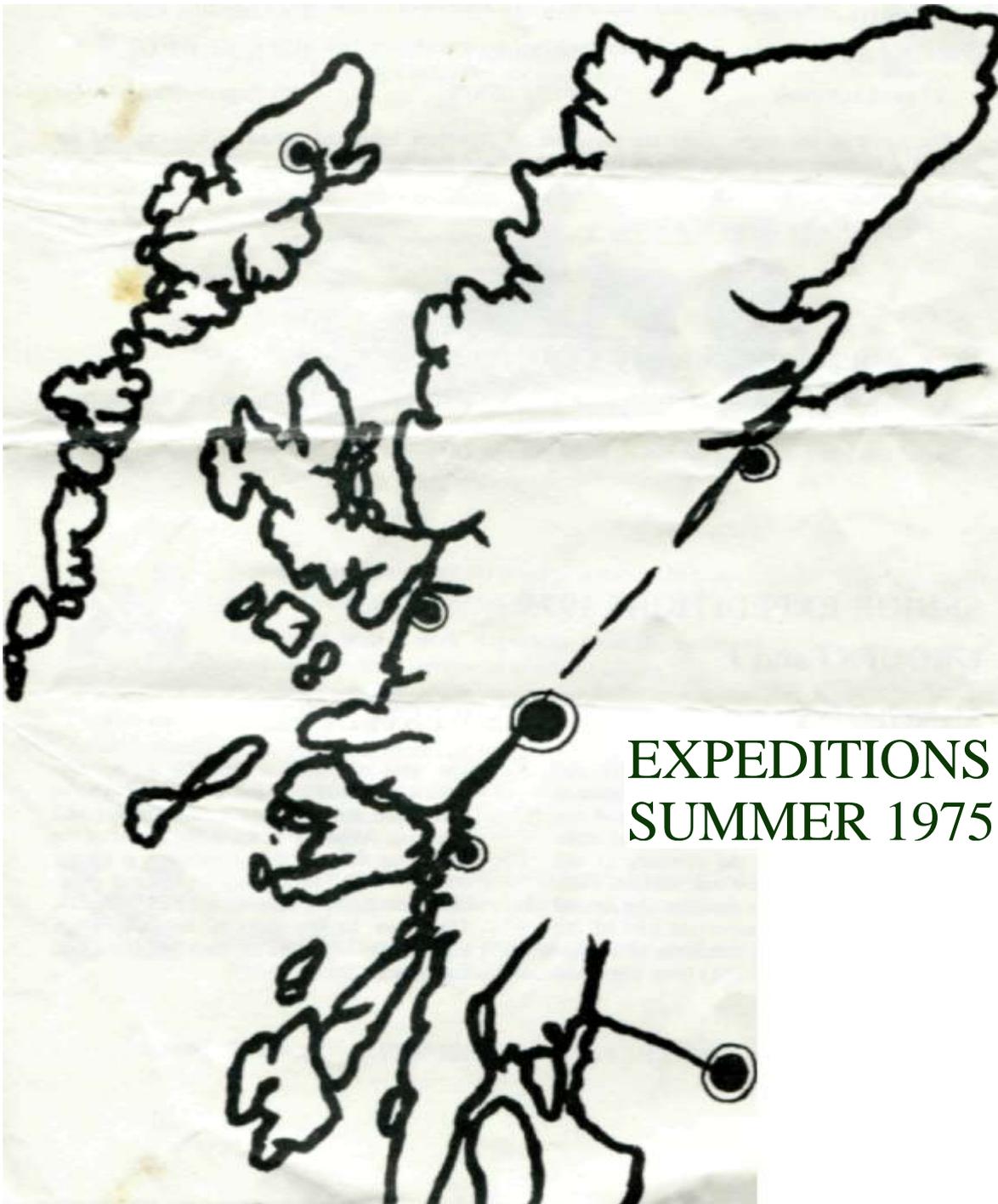


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**EXPEDITIONS  
SUMMER 1975**

# 1975 EXPEDITIONS

GROUP N(12*-14 years)*	COLONSAY	12th-27th August
GROUP M( 14-15 years)*	JURA	22nd July-7th August
GROUP L (15-16 years)*	RAASAY <sup>0</sup>	12th-29th August
GROUP K (16-17 years)*	RHUM	22nd July-9th August
GROUPS I & J (17 years and over)	MINGULAY WEST LEWIS	23rd July-13th August 14th August-4th September

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

\*Age on 1st August 1975

<sup>0</sup> Provisional sites at time of printing.

## Eleventh Annual Society Conference

The Eleventh Annual Society Conference will be held at Wantage Hall, University of Reading from 3rd—5th January 1975, Full details may be obtained from the Conference Organiser:

David Bradshaw, \*\* Seymour Street, Hollingswood, Oldham,.

## SENIOR EXPEDITIONS 1975

### GROUPS I and J

#### MINGULAY

The west coast of Mingulay is lofty and precipitous, the sea cliffs reaching heights of 750 feet. The east coast is lower, and the campsite is set beside a beautiful bay of white sand. The island, once the territory of the MacNeils of Barra, is now uninhabited. Field work in archaeology (Iron Age) and the natural sciences will form an important part of the expedition. We are very fortunate to be able to visit such an island, set aside from the world in which most of us live.

#### WEST LEWIS

The west of Lewis is ideal for an activity-orientated expedition and it is to be expected that there will be plenty of climbing and canoeing. Although Lewis is the largest of the Hebridean Islands, the population is mainly clustered round Stornoway on the east coast, or in the crofting communities in the north. There can be few parts of Scotland which surpass the Uig Hills in their beautiful and lonely grandeur.

## JURA EXPEDITION 1975

## GROUP M

"The distant view of Jura's long, grey shape dominated by the pyramids of the Paps led to expectations which were fully realised..... An island full of contrasts, a walk of a few miles might pass through several landscape types, from the exposed and broken coastline of the west, across rocky mountains with swift streams flowing peat-brown from hidden lochs, to the softer environs of the east with it's farmlands and woodlands. It is easy to get carried away when describing Jura." (1973 Report)



## RAASAY EXPEDITION 1975

## GROUP L



FRED THE FULMAR

Raasay lies between Skye and the mainland, an island twenty miles long by four miles wide. It is geologically one of the most interesting parts of the British Isles, and this geology gives rise to a wide variation of scenery within the island, including it's table top mountain. Dun Caan.

The island's population lives near the south end. but our camp site is further north, under the shadows of the ruins of Brochel Castle. It is a fine centre from which to explore the island, and to enjoy the normal activities of an S.H.S. Expedition, whether you are energetic, or scientific, or just like fishing.

## RHUM EXPEDITION 1975

## GROUP K

Rhum is a small but very rugged island lying just south of Skye. Seen from afar, the mountains rise out of the sea to unbelievable heights. It is a place which is full of interest. Part of Rhum is the remnant of a vast volcano. Now, dark jagged peaks mark the root of this volcano. They are covered with rocks and boulders and provide exciting walking and scrambling. At night, the weird shrieks and wails of the Manx Shearwaters echo through the mists and boulders of Trollaval, the 'Hill of Trolls'.

Rhum is a national nature reserve, cared for by the Nature Conservancy, who have given the Society permission to stay there. In the valleys, plantations of young trees typical of the original highland forests are gradually enriching the landscape. Across the hills roam herds of red deer, on the cliff ledges wild goats graze the rich vegetation, and over all this soar the golden eagles. Near the coast are many delightful valleys remote from the main expedition site well worth a visit with a small tent to experience the marvellous~peace and beauty of a Hebridean evening.

There is so much to see and do on Rhum that it is an ideal island for an expedition. It is a place which one longs to visit again and again.



## COLONSAY EXPEDITION 1975

## GROUP N



BIRD NETS ACROSS THE STREAM

• MINGULAY

Colonsay is an ideal island for a junior Expedition. It introduces the lonely beauty of the Hebrides without the isolation of some of the other islands. From sandy beaches to deep caves to standing stones to tropical gardens, Colonsay is full of surprises.

From the moment you step on to the island to the moment you step off it, you will be overwhelmed by the variety of activities available to you, as well as by the hospitality of the islanders.

# 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 50 expeditions to more than 20 different sites in the Hebrides and, lately, Shetlands.

Is, in 1975, 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.

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# 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.** It is anticipated that the cost of each Expedition will be £39.50 plus travelling expenses. However, the Society is a non-profit making organisation, and the fee charged simply reflects the cost of running the Expeditions. At the time of printing it is impossible to accurately forecast the effects of inflation until next summer, and the Company must therefore reserve the right to impose a surcharge in the event of costs rising more than anticipated. 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.** As well as arranging comprehensive insurance for itself and its proprietor, the Schools Hebridean Company Limited, the Society arranges insurance of the personal belongings of all boys and officers against loss or damage by accident or misfortune for the duration of the expedition. The limit of the cover is £100 for boys and £200 for officers, and it is subject to the exclusion of the first £5 in respect of each and every loss or damage and certain other exclusions.

**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 Gavin Macpherson, Magdalens Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

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

**Cancellation.** In the event of a member cancelling his place on an expedition more than four weeks before the Expedition, a cancellation fee of £5 will be retained by the Society. If a member cancels his place less than four weeks before the start of his expedition, the full 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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