

**SCHOOLS
HEBRIDEAN
SOCIETY**



**1978
EXPEDITIONS**



What is an expedition?

- **** A group of 25 - 30 young people and 8 leaders who camp at a remote and beautiful site amidst the islands, cliffs, mountains and moorlands of the Hebrides for a period of between fifteen and eighteen days.
- **** Activities on expeditions include rock climbing, canoeing, boating, exploring and field studies such as marine biology, ornithology and geology.
- **** Equipment such as canoes, tents, boats, camping equipment and all food is supplied by the society, although each expedition is independent and even builds its own furniture from driftwood.
- **** Aims to be exciting, challenging and stimulating.

What is the Society?

- **** Since 1962 the society has successfully organised 75 expeditions to sites in the Hebrides, Shetlands and on the mainland.
- **** The society is run by a Board of Directors all of whom regularly go on the expeditions.
- **** The society tries to ensure the highest standards of equipment and safety on all its expeditions.

1978 Expeditions

- Group Q** (12£- 14yrs) RAASAY (Brochel Castle) 13th - 29th August.
- Group P** (14 - 15yrs) NORTH UIST (Eaval) -14th - 31st August.
- Group O** (15 - 16yrs) SOUTH RONA (Dry Harbour) 24th July - 11th August.
- Group N** (16 - 17yrs) *SOUTH UIST (Loch Eynort) 24th July - 13th August.
- Group M** (17yrs +) RHUM (Salisbury's Dam) 13th August-1st September.
- Group L** (17yrs +) *KNOYDART (Samadalen) 25th July - 13th August.

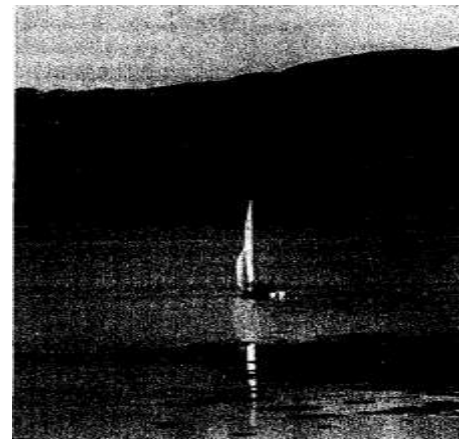
*These expeditions will be mixed. All others are for boys only.

The ages referred to are taken as at 1st August 1978.

Dates of the expeditions are the days of departure from and return to London, and are subject to alteration on publication of final train and steamer timetables.

Raasay

Sited beneath the ruined walls of Brochel Castle and looking out eastward toward the mountains of Applecross, the expedition promises to be both stimulating and exciting. The population of the island live mainly in the south and the isolated camp site offers excellent opportunities for exploration, canoeing, fishing climbing and field studies.



North Uist

Nestling beneath bare slopes and surrounded by peat bogs and lochs, Eaval Cottage offers a superb setting for this expedition. Fishing is excellent and the climbing good, while the opportunities for exploration by boat and canoe are unequalled.

For those interested in walking, the ancient duns, shellsand beaches and bird reserve of the rest of the island are within, easy reach.

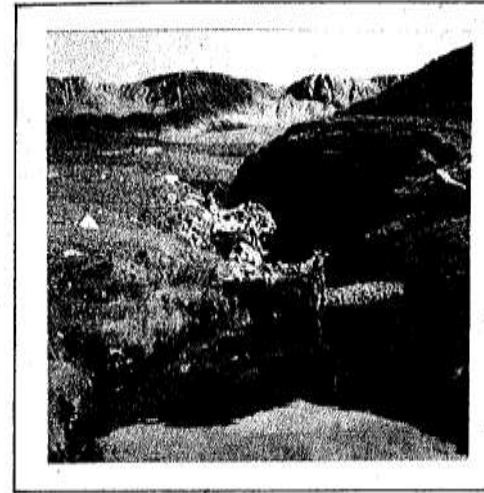
South Rona

This is an island few people have the opportunity to visit. It lies north of Easay .close to the deepest stretch of coastal water in the British Isles and is uninhabited except for the lighthouse keepers at the north end. The camp will "be at Dry Harbour near to the ruins of a settlement established in the 19th century when a Raasay landowner expelled his crofters to this rocky exile. The scope for exploration and settlement study is boundless while there is plenty of opportunity for Ornithology, sea-shore studies, boating and canoeing.



Rhum

This island has all the best features of the Hebrides. High mountains and heather-covered moorlands overlook magnificent sea cliffs and expansive beaches. Rhum is owned by the Nature Conservancy Council and few people normally camp there, especially at the remote site of Salisbury's Dam. The island is populated by thousands of red deer ,birds of prey, and a large variety of moorland and woodland birds as well as the Manx Shearwaters which inhabit the highest peaks. The climbing is also excellent. The expedition will be smaller than usual having only 20 members .



South Uist

Situated in the south of the Outer Hebrides, South Uist is perhaps the most rugged and wild island that the society visits. Yet this will be our tenth visit to this splendid island, and the reasons are not difficult to see, for the area around Loch Eynort is unrivalled for opportunities in walking, climbing and canoeing, while the opportunities for wild -life study are also excellent. This will be a mixed expedition and will have both male and female leaders.



Knoydart

Although on the mainland, Knoydart offers many of the advantages of the Hebrides but on a larger scale. Here are 3000' mountains with superb climbing and walking, magnificent rivers and excellent fishing, and all this in what must be one of the most remote areas of all Scotland. The camp site is at Samadalen, north of Airor, where the deserted house makes an excellent base for this mixed expedition of about twenty members. Although this will be only the second expedition .to this site, Knoydart seems already established as one of the best sites we visit.



Information

HOW TO APPLY Fill in the application form and send it together with a deposit of £7-00 to Mrs. M. Jones, 'Alt.ona', Station Road, Totnes, Devon. Cheques should be made payable to the Schools Hebridean Company Ltd. Once the formalities have been completed you will be put in touch with your expedition Leader.

EXPEDITION FEES It is anticipated that the cost of each Expedition will be £69-50. However the society is a non profit-making charity and the fee simply reflects the cost of running the expeditions. At the time of printing it is impossible, to accurately forecast the effect of inflation until next Summer, so the Company must reserve the right to impose a surcharge in the event of costs rising more than anticipated. In the past certain Local Education Authorities have helped with the cost of expeditions. If you consider you might qualify for such grant aid, you are advised to contact your Headteacher or LEA. The balance of the fee will be requested not later than twelve weeks before the expedition departure date, but travel costs and any surcharge necessary will be invoiced after the expedition returns.

TRAVEL The expedition fee does not include travel costs. However the society will arrange a member's travel, taking advantage of special party rates offered by British-Rail and the ferry companies. Travel costs vary between expeditions, but in 1977 the return rail fare for an under 18 year old travelling from London was £21.00 to Mallaig, £22.50 to Kyle of Lochalsh, or £20.79 to Oban, including sleepers. Ferry and coach costs are additional and vary according to the site.

INSURANCE As well as arranging comprehensive insurance for itself and its proprietor the Schools Hebridean Company, the society arranges insurance of the personal belongings of all expedition members against damage by accident or misfortune for the duration of the expedition. The limit of cover is £100 for members and £200 for leaders, and is subject to the exclusion of the first £5 of each and every loss or damage, and certain other exclusions.

MEMBERSHIP All expedition members are required to become members of the society. The fee for this is £5.00 for three years, and if you are not already a member of the society you will be invoiced for this sum with the request for the balance of your fee. Members receive Newsletters, Conference details, the prospectus and the Annual Report.

CANCELLATION In the event of a member cancelling his or her place on an expedition, the following cancellation charges will apply:

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| 12 weeks or more before the expedition departure date | £ 7-00 |
| 8 - 12 weeks before the expedition departure date | £ 23.00 |
| 4 - 8 weeks before the expedition departure date | £ 46.00 |
| 4 weeks or less before the expedition departure date | £ 69-50 |

Cancellation charges will be based on the date the cancellation is received by Mrs. M. Jones of the above address. In the event of cancellation, the membership fee cannot be refunded.

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 or any other Company or society publication.

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Application Form

- Surname (block capitals please).....
- Forenames (underline your usual name)
- Home address.
- Home telephone number.....'
- School address
- Father's or Guardian's name
- Your date of birth.;..... Age on 1/8/78
- Expedition for which you are applying
- Name "and address of Formteacher/Housemaster/Headteacher who has stated that he or she is willing to give you a reference:

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(This section need only be completed if you have not been on an expedition with the Society before.)

- Have you been on an expedition before? ,.....
If so, which ones? ;
- If you have not been on an expedition before, how did you hear about the society?.....
- Applicants signature..... •
- To be signed by Parent or Guardian:
I agree to my son/daughter taking part in the Schools Hebridean Society's..... Expedition, and I agree to hold the Company harmless and indemnified in respect of any bodily injury to my Son/Daughter and in respect of loss or damage to his/her effects.
Signed..... " -..... Date.....

This form when completed should be sent, together with a deposit of £7.00 to Mrs.- M. Jones,- Totnes, S. Devon

14-. Please state below any medical information of which you think the expedition medical officer should be aware. Naturally any such information will be treated in confidence.

15- The society strongly advises anti-tetanus injections for all expedition members and leaders.

Has he/she had or will have an anti-tetanus injection?.

16. Please note below your interests and experience: .

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