

Circular Two

Hullo Again,

Circular Two is going to involve quite a lot of form filling I'm afraid. Here's what you should find in the envelope:-

- 2 Copies of this circular (one for your parents)
- 2 Copies of the Safety Rules (one for your parents)
- A letter about safety from Paul Caffery - the Director of Safety
- A safety declaration form
- 2 copies of an address form for your parents' holiday addresses.
- Names and addresses of all the members of the expedition.
- Duty Section Rota

Phew!

What I want you to do is read the lot and send me both copies of the form for your parents holiday addresses and the safety declaration form.

Rules and Regulations

There are two sorts of rules on SHS expeditions. There are safety rules and camp rules.

These are the camp rules:

1. Please do not bring radios or pre-recorded cassettes
2. Do not smoke in tents, or by petrol containers
3. Do not drop litter anywhere on the island
4. Do not disturb the leader before 9am as he will be asleep.

The safety rules are printed separately. Please read them carefully. In particular:-

1. You may not leave dry land without a life jacket either in canoes or in the inflatable boats.
2. If you leave camp you must sign out in the signing out book.
3. You may not visit the cliffs without an assistant leader.

There now, that wasn't so bad after all was it? I think you will agree there aren't many rules and the ones we have are pretty sensible. But you will find that we enforce the safety rules rigorously.

Travel

Once again British Rail are causing us some difficulties. However we have now bought all the tickets and final details of travel will be sent out in Circular Three, a week before the expedition.

Duty Sections

There are lots of really great jobs to be done on the expedition which I know you are all going to enjoy (Washing up, emptying the toilets, scraping the burnt egg off frying pans etc etc) so we have arranged a duty rota which is enclosed with this circular. Everyone (ie Me, you and all the Assistant Leaders will be on duty just four times throughout the expedition. On duty days you will have to cook for the whole camp,

the washing up, tidy up, and all the other chores needed. On those days when you are not on duty you will have no chores at all and you can do exactly as you like.

You will be able to swap duty days with other people if you like, but you must see me first and write on the form what changes you have made.

The Assistant Leaders

- Nick Deeley I'm a Biology teacher and this is the 8th SHS expedition I have been on and the fourth that I have led, and I am convinced Mingulay is the best place in the whole world.
- Ben Buxton Ben is an archaeology student at Durham University and he will be interested in the past settlements on Mingulay.
- Vince Giavarini Vince is a Geography and Geology and Botany enthusiast who is also interested in marine biology and ornithology.
- Alan Howard Alan will be deputy leader (ie on days when I'm asleep) and is a geography teacher. The form in front of me says he likes singing camp songs, but I'm not sure what to make of that. He will also be doing a little climbing and is good at 'Hebridean Beach Cricket'.
- Graham Kramer Graham seems to have been in Norway for the last two months; but he is a hardened expedition goer and interested in all Hebridean wild life and scenery.
- Hugh Lorimer Hugh is the resident ornithologist on the island and in addition will be the Camp Administrator - ie he is the man who decides what we eat each day and runs the camp.
- Peter and Anne Stevens Fishing, canoeing, birdwatching, building camp fires, flying stunt kites - you name it and they'll do it.
- Matthew Thomas Matthew also seems to have been in Norway for the last two months, but on the expedition he will be interested in the birds and animals of the island, and be in charge of the climbing.

Activities on Mingulay

In the last circular I told you of the canoes and climbing equipment we were taking and of the project equipment. Since then I have developed a passion for kite flying, especially the two line stunt kites and I shall be bringing materials along so we can make kites. In addition I have some mammal traps so we can trap the field mice of the island and do a count of the population. Ben is planning a survey of an iron age site on the island and a survey of the old village.

As you can see there will be a lot going on and its up to you to join in!

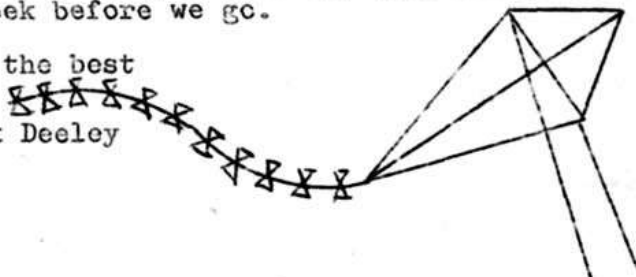
Contact with the island

Mail will be delivered to the island once a week if you have it sent to: Schools Hebridean Society Mingulay Expedition, via The Post Office, Castlebay, Barra, Western Isles.

That's all from me for the moment. Please return your forms pronto, and write if you have any questions. The next circular will arrive about a week before we go.

All the best

Nick Deeley



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