

COLONSAY 1973

SITE

The site of our camp will be that used by the society on the five previous occasions that we have visited the island. It is situated on the west coast of Colonsay, at a bay called 'tobar fuar'. The 1967 report gives a very appealing picture,

"The tents were pitched only a couple of yards from the large beach at the end of a splendid bay. And when the sun set, the rocks in the mouth of the bay became as shadows in a silver sea."

MEMBERS

1.	—	3.
Bill Dickinson (officer)		Michael Prewett (off.)
Jeremy Bartlett		Patrick Biddulph
Benny Buxton		Gary Dunlop
Simon Hardy		Richard Lander
David Morris		Martin Prew
Neil Russell		Anthony Sandford
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Mike Sharp (off.)		Alan Howard (Leader)
Michael Biddulph		Guy Bignell
John Cherrington		Richard Evans
Ian Johnson		Gary Marshall
Simon Prew		Andrew Razzell
Mark Taylor		Michael Sandeman
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	Ed. Mitchell (camp admin.)	
	Ian Bignell	
	David Hallowes	
	Nicholas Marshall	
	Hugh Robinson	
	Connor Wilkinson	

TRAVEL

Please find enclosed a travel form which should be filled in and returned to me by return of post if at all possible. We can then finalise our arrangements. Here is our proposed timetable.

Outward.				
Rail:	Euston	dep.	22-15	Wednesday 15th August-
	Glasgow Central	arr	07-19	Thursday 16th August
Coach	Glasgow Central	dep.	07-45	" " "
	Oban	arr.	11-45	" " "
Boat	Oban	dep.	17-30	"
	Colonsay	arr.	20-00	"
Return				
Boat	Colonsay	dep.	06-00	Friday 31st. August
	Oban	arr.	08-30	
Coach	Oban	dep.	09-00	
	Glasgow Cent.	arr	13-00	
Rail	Glasgow Cent.	dep.	13-40	
	Euston	arr.	20-02	

It will be possible to join the main party which I imagine will be leaving from London at any point along this route.

If you could return the travel form as soon as possible it will help me to sort these details out.

CAMP

In camp you will be sleeping in sections in 5 man Icelandic tents, and the officers will all be herded into a tent of their own. We will also have two large marquees which will act as dining room and project room for the expedition.

SUGGESTED KIT LIST

Below is a list of items recommended for an expedition. Remember above all that it can be very wet and cold in the Hebrides even in the summertime. Plenty of dry clothes are important.

Boots (corps or climbing)	2 jerseys
Gym shoes	Anorak (with hood)
3 pairs of thick socks	Pyjamas
3 pairs of pants	Bathing trunks
shorts	Large towels
2 pairs of old long trousers	Waterproof cape and hat
vest	Hankies
3 shirts	Woollen gloves
Scarf	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Comb	Soap (might not be a bad idea)
Sleeping bag + lilo	Writing materials and stamps.

The following articles are also suggested; notebook, diary, pencils, "books, camera, compass, fishing tackle, telescope or binoculars, cards, musical instruments, personal first aid kit, torch, mending gear (needle thread etc.) penknife, frame rucksack, sense of humour. You would also find any small tents, stoves, cooking dixies etc. that you possess very useful for any bivouacs that you may go on.

All articles should be clearly marked. A stout pair of boots are essential and if they are new, it is a very good idea to break them in before the expedition. I would also remind you the transistor radios are forbidden on SHS expeditions.

ADDRESS OF EXPEDITION

For normal expedition correspondence the address will be

Schools Hebridean Society Expedition
c/o The Post Office,
Scalasaig. Colonsay,
Inner Hebrides
Scotland.

MY ADDRESS

This will remain up to the_ expedition,
**** The Avenue, Sherborne,
Dorset.

FURTHER DETAILS

I will be sending you further details of activities and projects and up-to-date admin, news in about three to four weeks time. Please give one copy of this circular to your parents. If you have any problems or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

TRAVEL FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.

Alan Howard