

General information in Dunvegan

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Police and fire

- The Emergency number for Ambulance, Police and Fire in the UK is 999.
- 999 can be dialled from a mobile phone or telephone booth at no charge.

Medical and dental emergencies

- Regardless of your nationality or your home health care provider or insurance, if you need ambulatory health care or advice you can call the National Health Service at 08454 242424.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- There are two “big” banks in the square in Portree: Halifax Bank of Scotland and Royal Bank of Scotland. Both banks have 24 hour ATM machines.
- In Dunvegan, cash withdrawals can be made from the Link ATM at Fasgadh (village food store) or possibly the Royal Bank of Scotland’s mobile banking unit. (If the mobile unit is available, hours will be posted at the Information Point. Note this is for RBS customers only.)
- Dunvegan Taxis 01470 521560 (within the Village).
- At the time this booklet was published, wireless Internet access was available at the Village Hall. If this service is insufficient, the Information Point will have a list of alternative sites.
- Locations where mobile phone top-up cards can be purchased will also be posted at the Village Hall.
- Mobile phone top-ups with cards can be made at Fasgadh, and without cards at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Portree.
- Registration and event sign-ups in Dunvegan are open in the Village Hall from 12.00 to 18.00 on Saturday 24 July, and after that continuously at our Information Point.
- All event reservations or cancellations must be made at Parliament registration or else through the Information Point.
- A lost and found will be maintained at the Information Point in the Village Hall. Articles left unclaimed after Saturday 31 July will be recycled or else donated to charity.



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Dunvegan programme 2010

A warm and hearty welcome!

Some of our Parliamentarians will be joining us after a memorable trip to Assynt, others will be weary from the midges and mud of the North Room Group service project, but most of us will arrive “fresh” from many hours of travelling.

Whether you are a first-timer at Parliament or a practiced expert, you will find here friends and family that you have never met before, but feel wonderfully familiar. It’s time to take a deep breath and immerse yourself in the very large and complex world of the MacLeods, discover our “Old and New Traditions”, and participate in the many educational and social activities at Parliament.

There are several publications that will help guide you through this process:

- Parliament 2010 Dunvegan Programme
- Parliament 2010 Raasay Programme
- Parliament 2010 Assynt Programme (for those participating in the Assynt trip)
- Parliament 2010 NRG Programme (for NRG participants)
- Parliamentarian’s Handbook

Copies of these booklets will be available to all, indefinitely, from the on-line Parliament pages of the ACMS website <http://www.clanmacleod.org>, and also at the Information Point at Dunvegan Hall.

What’s in this booklet?

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held on Thursday 29 July from 11AM-4PM, followed by the Glendale Craft Fair the following week, on 5th and 6th August, with stalls open 10AM-5PM each day. Information is available at <http://www.glendaleskye.com>.

SKYE HIGHLAND GAMES

The Skye Highland Games will be held in Portree on Wednesday August 4th 2010. Tickets can only be purchased at the entrance to venues on the day. An all day ticket to the Wednesday games, including admission to the final piping competitions, will be £8 for adults and £4 for children. The events include traditional highland athletics, judged dancing competitions, and a sailboat race in Portree Harbour.

The Games are one of the highlights of the Skye calendar and are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year as well as the local population who come from all corners of the island, and beyond, to witness or to participate in this authentic expression of Highland tradition and culture.

Although the Skye Games in their present form were inaugurated in 1877, the tradition which they represent goes back hundreds of years before that, with clan celebrations that included fiercely-contested feats of strength and endurance, together with piping and other forms of entertainment similar to those that can be enjoyed at the games today.

More information about the Skye Highland Games can be found at <http://www.skye-highland-games.co.uk>.

THE NORTH ROOM GROUP

During the week prior to Parliament in Dunvegan, a valiant band of NRGers performed service projects for three community groups in Assynt: the Assynt Foundation, the Culag Woods, and Historic Assynt. The North Room Group consists of Clan members aged 18-25 who wish to form a stronger bond with fellow Clanspeople and learn how the Clan operates.

They will be reporting back to Parliament on their accomplishments. Date and time when their report will be delivered will be posted at the Information Point.

Dunvegan area events, before and after Parliament

There are a number of area events taking place before and after Parliament, which we would like to encourage you to attend.

DUNVEGAN SHOW

The Dunvegan Show is a local agricultural fair, held on the fields behind the Dunvegan Primary School. It is always held on the last Saturday in July, and in 2010 it will be 31st July. We will be welcoming the fair in with our Parliament fireworks on the previous evening.

The Fair is a great opportunity to see the finest of North-West Skye's livestock and agriculture.

SILVER CHANTER

The Silver Chanter MacCrimmon Memorial Piobaireachd Competition was founded in 1967 by Dame Flora MacLeod, 28th Chief of MacLeod, with John MacFadyen and Seumas MacNeill for the purpose of encouraging top class pipers to compete at the Skye Gathering.

Silver Chanter week begins on Saturday 31 July and runs through Saturday 7 August, 2010. The actual competition will be held on Wednesday 4th August, and is always held in the drawing-room of Dunvegan Castle. The event is presently organized by the Isle of Skye Piping Society with the support of William Grant & Sons Ltd. Tickets are from Sheila Beaton (0)1470 592 212. The price is £17.50 each.

The Silver Chanter is an invitational competition, but each player will have won one of the major awards for piobaireachd during the previous year. Six pipers in total are invited to the event. The legend of the Silver Chanter, said to have been given by a fairy to the first of the MacCrimmon pipers to MacLeod, links the competition with the MacCrimmons. All the tunes played in the competition must be compositions of one of that famous dynasty, who are said to have been the greatest of the exponents, both players and composers, of the music of the Great Highland Bagpipe.

IN GLENDALE

The Glendale Trust is pleased to announce that The Glendale Heritage Exhibition together with a community cafe will open Monday-Saturday from 11am-4pm from the 28th June until the 18th September. The Trust will further host the Glendale Homecoming on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 July. The events include a Heritage Exhibition, fishing content, historic walk, sheep shearing demonstration, and an evening ceilidh.

At the Glendale Community Hall there will be a free craft "taster" workshop will be



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A true Parliament in 2010

The original Parliaments convened by Dame Flora were truly an opportunity for delegates to sit down and talk about the Clan, face to face. In more recent years, Parliament has also become a valued time for the Management Council of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies to conduct their regular business meetings in view of the assembled Parliamentarians, as well as a time for the Annual General Meetings of various National or Regional Clan MacLeod Societies.

ACMS MEETING SCHEDULE AT PARLIAMENT

In the Norman Magnus Room, Dunvegan Hall:

- Monday 26 July from 10:00 to 11:00AM,
- Friday 29 July from 10:00 to 11:00 (Elections),
- Friday 29 July from 11:00 to 12:00 new Management Council meets (privately).

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

In the Dame Flora Room, Dunvegan Hall:

- Tuesday 27 July from 10:00AM to 11:00AM: CMS USA AGM
- Tuesday 27 July from 11:00AM to noon: USA Dunvegan Foundation
- Thursday 29 July from 05:00PM to 06:00PM: CMS Canada AGM

PLENARY THEMES, BREAKOUT GROUPS, "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"

In 2010, we will additionally create opportunities for Clansfolk to sit down and discuss, face to face, the issues that may be facing our clan today. This process will begin on Monday 26 July, following the ACMS Management Council Business meeting in the Norman Magnus Room. Dr. Malcolm MacLeod, OBE, current President of ACMS will introduce the theme for our breakout sessions, "What can the Clan do today to become more relevant?" This is an opportunity to take advantage of the huge level of interest in clan affairs, talent, and breadth of experience of Clansfolk assembled at Parliament.

After identifying general areas of interest, we will break out into workgroups who will meet separately over the next couple of days to discuss our many achievements and consider what may lie ahead for the Clan MacLeod. The meeting times, durations, and objectives are up to the participants themselves. The NRG will be distributed among the groups to help as facilitators or scribes during this process. These discussions may also continue ad hoc at "birds of a feather" seating during lunch in Dunvegan Hall.

On Thursday morning, the groups will reconvene in the Norman Magnus Hall and present their findings. If follow-up actions will be taken by individuals or organizations, this will be determined at that time.



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Saturday 24 July, Dunvegan arrival

TIME	EVENT
noon - 18:00	Registration is open in Dunvegan Hall.
15:00 (approximately)	The minibus will arrive from Inchnadamph with the Assynt party and the North Room Group.
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner on your own.
20:00 – 22:00	Wine and cheese reception, hosted by Clan MacLeod England in Dunvegan Hall. There will be a raffle to defer costs.

NOTES ON REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN – IMPORTANT!

Although we have all registered for Parliament beforehand, this is the time to collect your identification badge (which is required for free admittance to Dunvegan Castle), hospitality gifts, programme information, and to sign up for events and services. Please try to complete these tasks on Saturday if at all possible.

Parliamentarians are requested to visit the Castle as individuals, due to the ongoing construction and other safety issues. This means that there will be no formal or informal Clan tours. You are warmly welcomed at the Castle anytime during normal opening hours. Note that the Castle and Gardens close at 5:45PM.

We have a smaller than usual Parliament, which means we have a little less money for some of the services we would otherwise completely underwrite. If you have no car and need to use the motor coach or minibus transportation, please sign up for it in advance. If you have your own car, you may have to use it for your own transportation.

Previously, there were a number of “little” afternoon excursions on the Dunvegan programme. In addition to providing some alternative activities, these were intended to be easier on families with younger children. Due to the very low enrollment of children and our overall budget issues, these little trips have been eliminated.

The motor coach company with which we have booked our buses in the past has been purchased by a larger UK carrier and no longer provides extensive private hire service on Skye. Due to the shortage of equipment in the area, we have had to reschedule some of our afternoon excursions. Please note carefully the itineraries for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Also, because of cost considerations we were not able to charter a ferry for a very late evening return from Raasay. Therefore our original plans to have dinner and a ceilidh on Raasay have been cancelled. You may either have an early dinner on Raasay on your own, or return to Dunvegan for dinner (also on your own). However, there WILL be a Parliament ceilidh in Dunvegan Hall Wednesday evening (see schedule on page 13).

After 18:00PM on Saturday, the information Point will handle all badges and sign-up activities.



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EUAN MACCRIMMON

Euan is a familiar face at Parliament, as we are very fortunate that he has played for us many times. He works as a Chartered Surveyor in Edinburgh but was brought up in Inverness. He has very strong connections with Borreraig in Skye and is a direct descendant of the famous MacCrimmon piobaireachd composers.

Euan's main successes in solo piping are The Dunvegan Medal in 1999, The Highland Society of London Gold Medal at the Argyllshire Gathering in 2005, the Silver Chanter at Dunvegan Castle in 2006, 3rd in the Piobaireachd at the Glenfiddich Championships 2006 and runner up in the Piobaireachd competition at the Donald MacLeod Memorial Competition in 2006.

Euan will be performing for us at the open air concert at the Borreraig Cairn on Thursday 29 July. More information about Euan can be found at <http://www.spiritofscotlandpipeband.com>.



UTA STRÄTLING AND NICOLE WASSYL

Uta Strätling and Nicole Wassyl are members of the Clan MacLeod Society Germany, and Nicole is an accomplished harpist. Their re-telling of the tale of the Fairy Flag was originally written in German, and is translated and performed for us in English for the first time as a personal gift and memory to our late 29th Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod.

SEAMUS CAMPBELL

Seumas Campbell, born on a croft on Skye, is a member of the same musical family that produced Kenna Campbell, revered singer and teacher. Along with their sister Ann and guitarist Ian Young from Kintail, they formed a group, Na h-Eilthirich – or The Exiles. They have performed in Ireland and France as well as throughout Scotland, broadcasting regularly and releasing an LP.

ARTHUR CORMACK

Arthur Cormack is one of the finest Gaelic singers of his generation. Since winning the Mod Gold Medal in 1992, he has sung world-wide with fellow Skye musician and former Clìar member Blair Douglas and with the highly-acclaimed MacTalla. He runs the Macmeanmna record label and is known as the busiest man in Skye, also running the youth tuition festivals organisation, Feisean nan Gaidheal and The Aros Experience, a tourist centre, theatre and restaurant in Portree. He has also made 2 CDs with Clìar. More information about Macmeanmna is available at <http://www.gaelicmusic.com>.



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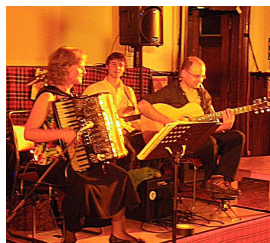


Our guest artists in Dunvegan

THE DEREK MCLEOD DANCE BAND

For many years Derek McLeod “of Frogston” (Edinburgh) has directed the music for our events at Parliament. We thought this year we’d tell you a bit more about the band!

In another life **Derek McLeod** was Joint Business Manager (along with his wife Pat) for ACMS, and also served as ACMS Secretary for a number of years. On reflection, he feels a great sense of relief that he was never tempted to combine the posts of Secretary and Parliament Organizer! In retirement he has concentrated on fiddling and calling for ceilidhs and country dances in Scotland, with occasional forays into England for Caledonia Society Balls and Burns Celebrations, and even more occasional appearances at European folk festivals and the like. In addition, he spends a fair amount of his time giving concerts throughout Scotland for Music in Hospitals and a similar charity on the Borders called Harmony.



During Parliament week on Skye, Derek and Yvonne will be giving short concerts for M in H at care homes and day centres in Portree and Uig, in between Clan Ceilidhs and the ball - not to mention the early morning ceilidh dance workshops, from which he derives such fun. In 2010, Derek will be joined by Yvonne MacLeod and Donald John Campbell.

Yvonne MacLeod lives in Glenfarg, Perthshire, and plays accordion for dances and concerts throughout Scotland. She has played with many artists including Andrew Rankine, Jim Reid and Pete Clarke and toured extensively in the USA, Australia and Europe. Yvonne now plays regularly in a band with her son, Alisdair (who plays guitar and bass), but also collaborates with a variety of other singers and musicians.

Ask her to play a reel, you won't regret it!

Donald John Campbell of Bernisdale, whose mother's maiden name is MacLeod (from Portnalong), will be playing the drums in the band for the Ball as usual. He has been playing in Scottish dance bands since he was 16 years old, principally with old friends of the Clan, the late Iain (Cordovox) MacDonald and the late Alasdair Henderson, and presently with Ross MacPherson's band. Throughout his career he has also played with top Scottish bandleaders including John Carmichael and the late Bobby MacLeod. He is a long-time stalwart of the Skye Accordion and Fiddle Club, of which he is now a Committee Member.

Donald John has lost count of the number of times he has played at our Parliaments and is keenly looking forward to this one.



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Sunday 25 July, Opening of Parliament

TIME	EVENT
10:30 – 11:30	Worship service at the Duirinish Church, Church of Scotland.
11:30 - 14:00	Clan luncheon at Dunvegan Community Hall.
14:00 - 15:00	Opening of Parliament in the Sports Hall, Dunvegan Hall.
15:00 - 16:00	Stanley McLeod Memorial Lecture, Dunvegan Hall.
16:00	Group photo, to be taken in the public parking lot across the street from Dunvegan Hall, with MacLeod's Tables as a backdrop.
17:00 – 18:00	Piping workshop, hosted by JDK, in Dunvegan Hall (<i>tentative</i>)
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner on your own.
19:30 – 21:00	Strubag (informal evening tea and pastries) for Clan and Village leaders, in Dunvegan Hall, hosted by CMS Scotland.

“REMEMBERING SCOTLAND AT WAR”, THE STANLEY MCLEOD MEMORIAL LECTURE

At Parliament 2010, we are hosts to a presentation and exhibit that is part of a pioneering online and social networking initiative by the Museums Galleries Scotland. This consortium represents 350 museums and galleries across the length and breadth of Scotland. The sector welcomes over 25 million visitors a year, earning over £800 million to the Scottish economy.

“Remembering Scotland at War” is part of a UK initiative, “Their Past Your Future”, which is led by a partnership of: the Imperial War Museum; Museums, Libraries and Archives England; Northern Ireland Museum Council; National Library of Wales; and Museums Galleries Scotland. The programme is supported by the Big Lottery Fund.

13 museums and galleries created projects for this exhibit. The project for the Museum of the Isles was “The Crofters and the Second World War”. Andrew Salmond, Maggie Macdonald, and Mary Carmichael will lead us through the process and results of creating this important archive.

To explore the exhibition or to add a memory, visit the museum at <http://www.RememberingScotlandAtWar.org.uk>.



From stories told on your grandfather's knee to emotive images you see on today's news, this free, pioneering online museum ensures that our personal stories are never forgotten.

Share in the experiences
Add your own memory
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Overview of Dunvegan weekday programme

The daily schedule for Dunvegan activities generally consists of morning workshops and meetings, followed by lunch on your own. In the afternoons there will be group outings, dinner on your own, and entertainment in the evenings.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

There are four workshops in which you may participate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, from 9:00 to 10:00AM. There is no fee.

- Ceilidh dancing, in the Sports Hall. Our Music Director Derek McLeod will instruct you in the dances that will be played during our evening ceilidhs.
- Introduction to Gaelic, in the Dame Flora Room of Dunvegan Hall. This will be facilitated by Pam Talbot and give you a sense of Gaelic language history, pronunciation and grammar, and a chance to practice simple conversation.
- Crafting, in the upstairs Games Room of Dunvegan Hall. This is a *tentative* activity as we have no formal leader for this workshop. Some supplies and tools will be available for participants.
- Music sessions, in “Rory Mor’s Cafe” (Duirinish Lounge) or thereabouts. If you have an instrument, you are welcome to bring it to Parliament and play informally with fellow Clansfolk, or perhaps rehearse a ceilidh performance.

TEA AND HOSPITALITY

Throughout the week there will be self-service coffee and tea available in “Rory Mor’s Cafe” (Duirinish Lounge) at approximately 10:00AM and again in the late afternoon.

LUNCH IN DUNVEGAN HALL

Again in 2010, we have invited various community groups to serve a simple lunch – typically soup and filled rolls – in Dunvegan Hall, for the convenience of our Parliamentarians. The groups who participate are able to raise funds for different projects. The results of these fundraising efforts will be reported in Clan MacLeod Magazine.

CASH BAR IN “RORY MOR’S CAFE”

During our evening activities in the Dunvegan Village Hall, there will be a cash bar in “Rory Mor’s Cafe” (Duirinish Lounge), hosted by the Dunvegan Hotel. Local beer and spirits will be available for sale. Please note that while our bar service is not open to the general public, all legal requirements for the serving of alcohol will be observed.



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MacLeod Bheag and Mor programme

The MacLeod Bheag and Mor programmes are for Clan youth (approximately aged 7-12 and 13-17 years, respectively). Any fees for these activities must be paid for separately at Dunvegan check-in, and include transportation and adult supervision. Parents may join children on these excursions, if space is available.

Below is a *tentative* schedule, which is VERY LIKELY to be revised prior to the start of Parliament.

Day	Date	Event	Cost
Monday	26 July	Outing to Portree. May include public swimming, a trip to the Aros Centre, and/or lunch by the pier.	To be posted at Dunvegan check-in, based on cost of admission to this event.
Tuesday	27 July	Quick trip to the Coral Beaches , we need to hurry back to the Hall to leave on the buses for Sleat at 12:30PM.	No charge.
Wednesday	28 July	Ceilidh practice! The group will plan and practice a ceilidh performance for Wednesday evening in Dunvegan Hall.	No charge.
Thursday	29 July	Pony trekking. A wonderful opportunity to see Skye from the back of a trusty highland pony.	To be posted at Dunvegan Check-in, based on cost of admission to this event.
Friday	30 July	Local excursion. We will visit either the Toy Museum or see a Sheep Dog Demonstration.	(To be based on cost of admission, if any, to this event.)

SPECIAL OFFER FROM DUNVEGAN CASTLE SHOPS!

Show your Parliament badge and receive 15% your purchase.
This year the Shops feature new and unique merchandise, with historical themes, produced using high quality materials.

(Please note you may be asked to also show a picture ID.)



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Between the people and the great chiefs;
And the ties that had bound them loosened.

But though laments often grieve for that time gone
And many ruins lie full of nettles,
Which today recall the time of the clearances-
We must now resolve to be hardy.

For we are here today at the beginning of an era,
Which stretches far ahead of us, over hundreds of years
And although we will only see a few of them,
The Parish of Duirinish will be there for our descendants.

For Heleaval will last and Suardale will last,
And Eilean Isaidh and Cnoc-na-Cuagaich, (in Roag)
Glendale of the brave-men and the white beaches
And every green islet from off-shore Harlosh.

And in the days that we will not see, our hope is,
That our language will be alive there for a long time
And that throughout the Parish, Gaelic will be heard
In the mouths of the people there.

And on Druim-na-Creige that there will be erected,
As an emblem of memory and an emblem of hope,
A noble pillar in which we will take pride,
That is, the High Duirinish Stone, so beautiful.

That all who see it in the hopeful times,
That will come and yet lie ahead of us,
Will understand, that it was erected by the people of the Parish,
To be an example to each generation.

The High Stone of Duirinish, the High Noble Stone,
This is our wish, and this is our message to you-
That you should be faithful and vigorous in your ways
Throughout the Parish of Duirinish together.



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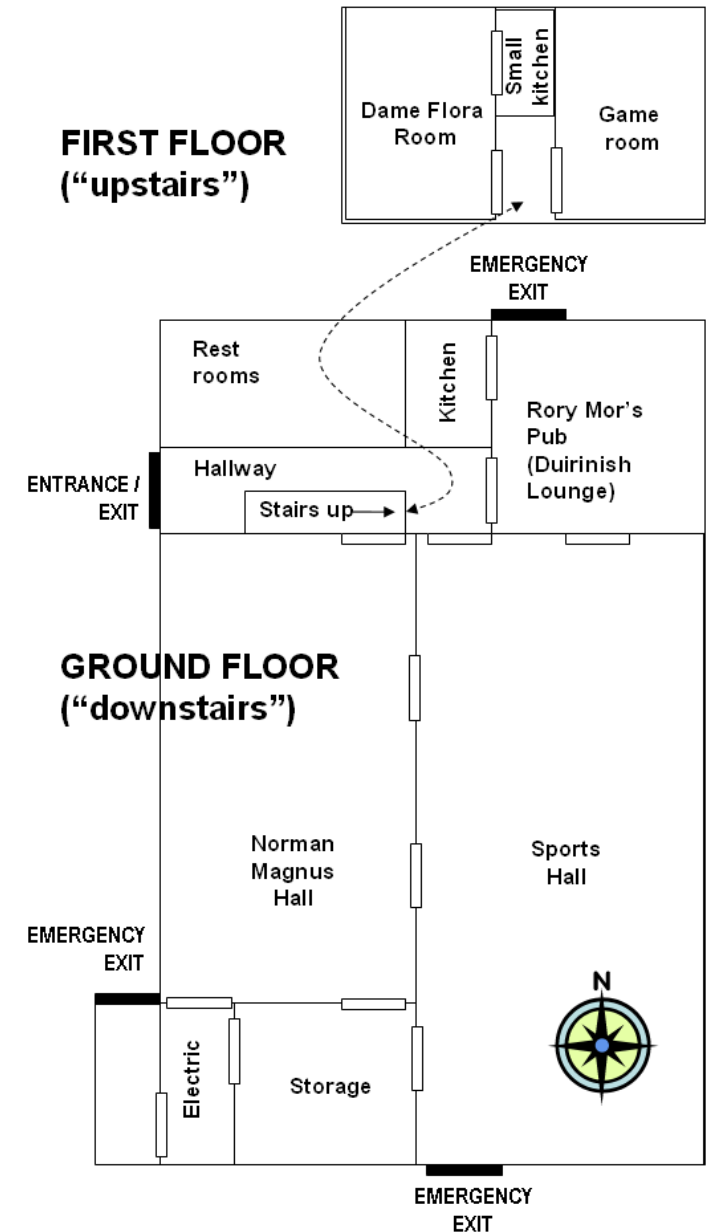


LAYOUT OF DUNVEGAN HALL

To the right is a sketch of the layout of the Hall, on two floors. The ground floor and restrooms are handicapped accessible. There is no elevator to the first (“upstairs”) floor. If you require access to activities on the first floor, please do not hesitate to make your needs known at the Information Point. We will do our best to accommodate you, which may require relocating the activity.

DUNVEGAN HALL INFORMATION POINT

You will find the Information Point at a table inside and near the entrance to the Hall, which we will try to keep staffed continuously. There you will find information about Dunvegan and Skye, Parliament events – including available tickets and sign-ups, and a friendly face should you feel overwhelmed.

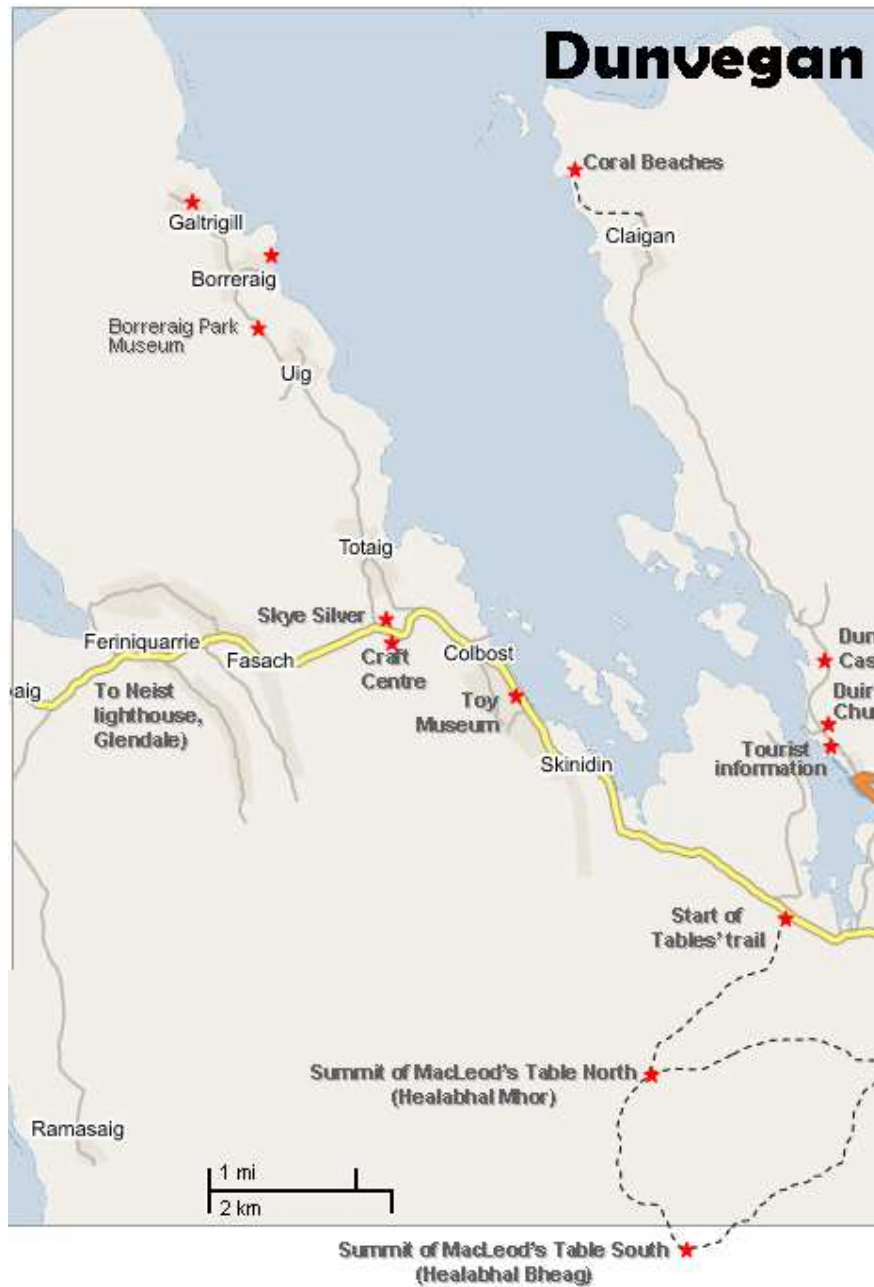


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See this hill?

From her bones men built a castle that defied the world,
Until the world grew tired and broke them on the wheel
Of laws and debt and dreams and foreign gold.
Leaving only myths.

Standing by this stone we are above them.

See this hill?

In its churches men worshipped God, preached his word
And are buried; bard and chieftain, minister and crofter,
Their wives and children. All slumber in peace,
Companions in the green turf.

Standing by this stone we must remember them.

See this hill?

Can you see the kelp burning on the shore, the blighted crops,
Old ships loading for America, black cattle moving southward
And the soldiers hunting through the peat stacks?
There are songs for all these. Many songs.

Standing by this stone we should sing them.

TRANSLATION OF THE GAELIC POEM, "THE DUIRINISH STONE"

This may be sung to the music of the song. "O'stu'sgurath'airm'aire"

Written by Angus MacPhee

Winner of The Duirinish Stone (Gaelic) Poetry Competition

At the beginning of an age, it behoves our heritage,
To look ahead, but also to look back;
For this is our country and this is our parish,
What becomes of it.....is up to our efforts ?

History will relate of the strengths shown,
By the people who dwelt here over the years;
They were a skilled and musical community,
Who showed loyal support to the seed of the MacLeods.

But the music and the poetry declined,
And the support broke, as the amity dissipated

THE STORY OF THE MILLENNIUM STONE

In September of 1999 John MacLeod of MacLeod gave permission for the stone to be erected on the panoramic site of "Drum na Creige". Members of the community began working on the project immediately. They spent a great deal of time searching around an area of Sleat in the south of Skye for a suitable stone. After days walking the shoreline, they found a tall, narrow monolith near Dun Ringill at Strathaird which proved to be the perfect specimen. Beginning in January 2000, it took several months to move and erect the Stone using traditional methods. The Stone had to be moved from the riverbed in the winter, to take advantage of the tides. It then waited on the summit of Drum na Creige until weather conditions were favorable for building the foundations.

The pipe tune, "The Duirinish Stone" was composed by Pipe Major Jim Brown. It was the winning entry in a competition held to commemorate the Stone's erection in 2000. There were also two poems chosen to commemorate the stone, in Gaelic and English.

THE DUIRINISH STONE

John Bidwell

Winner of The Duirinish Stone (English) Poetry Competition

See this hill?

From it you could see six stone towers, each now a heap of stones.

They mark the homesteads old Cuchullain knew
When the hills rang to the baying of his hounds,
And the world was very young.

Standing by this stone we can look back to them.

See this hill?

See the men from Iona; brave, lonely, holy men
Walking the track to Annait from the shore.
Heads full of the wonder of God
And the wisdom of Columcille.

Standing by such a stone we should think of them.

See this hill?

Beneath it they sailed the long black ships on to the strand
Chased the farmers to the hills and burnt their huts,
Took slaves and swept on to Dublin, Iceland
Or Vinland the Good.

Standing by this stone we should keep watch for them.



Monday 26 July

TIME	EVENT
09:00 - 10:00	Morning workshops, Dunvegan Hall (see page 6)
09:00 – 12:00	MacLeod Bheag and Mor Programme (see page 19)
10:00 – 11:00	ACMS Council Meeting in Norman Magnus Room
11:00 – 12:00	Plenary presentation: <i>What can the Clan do today, to become more relevant?</i> Followed by the formation of our breakout groups.
12:00 – 14:00	Light lunch available for sale in Dunvegan Hall, to benefit Community organizations.
14:00 - 19:00	Minibus shuttle runs between Dunvegan Hall and Orbost.
14:00 – 18:30	Open day in Orbost (see below).
17:00 – 18:30	BBQ at Varkasaig Beach, Orbost. Purchase tickets <u>in advance</u> , during check-in or from the Information Point at Dunvegan Hall.
20:00 – 23:00	Ceilidh at Dunvegan Hall, cash bar.

ABOUT OUR VISIT TO THE COMMUNITY OF ORBOST

Contemporary Orbost is a working example of a sustainable mixed use, rural island economy. While there are some tourist-oriented enterprises, Orbost residents today are employed in a variety of artisan and agricultural interests, as well as in traditional trades.

There will be a local produce/crafts market on the lawn in front of the farmhouse between 2:00-4:30PM. Stalls will include Isle of Skye Bakery, natural local meats from Early Bird Enterprises, stone and woodwork, elderflower cordials Jams and preserves, arts and crafts, and possibly take-away salads and herbs, veggies etc.

There will also be an archaeology table set up within the market area, with George able to show some of the more important artefacts that have been found on the estate. George will also be able to speak with individuals who are interested in the archaeology of the Estate.

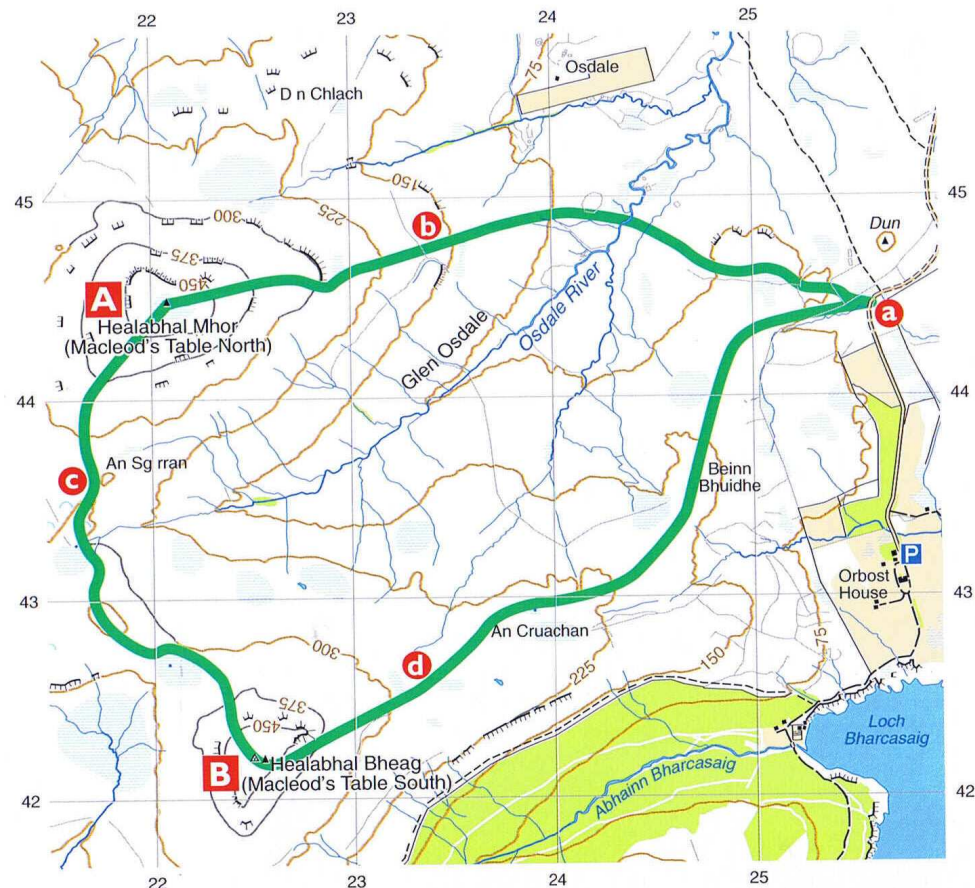
At 3:00PM, our host Rachael Jackson will make a short presentation on new developments - now that they have leased the Estate farm - and future plans, including woodlands and possible location for the proposed Clan MacLeod memorial wall.

Following the presentation, everyone will be given a 'places of interest' map, and we can, at our leisure, walk around the Estate. Those who have purchased barbeque tickets will be asked to finish their walk in Varkasaig Beach where the barbeque will take place. Note that there is no alcohol service, but you can bring your own.

There will be a parking plan available for Orbost, but due to limited space car pooling is recommended. We will also have our own minibus shuttle going back and forth between Orbost and the Dunvegan Village Hall, until we have gotten everyone back.

Once on the summit, if you walk along the edge of the plateau that forms the “table” you can see the Cuillin, the islands of Eigg and Rhum, the Outer Hebrides, Waterstein Head, Neist Point on the far said of Duirinish, Trotternish, and Dun Cann on Raasay.

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Trail to the summits of Healabhal Mhor and Healabhal Bheag

Friday 30 July

TIME	EVENT
09:00 - 10:00	Morning workshops, Dunvegan Hall (see page 6)
09:00 - 12:00	MacLeod Bheag and Mor Programme (see page 19)
10:00 - 11:00	Election of ACMS officers and other voting matters.
11:00 - 12:00	First meeting of the new ACMS Council, in private.
12:00 - 14:00	Light lunch available for sale in Dunvegan Hall, to benefit Community organizations.
14:00 – 18:00	Minibus shuttle will run between the Dunvegan Village Hall and the trailhead for our traditional climb up MacLeod’s Tables.
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner on your own.
20:00 – midnight	Cash bar open in “Rory Mor’s Cafe”
20:00 – midnight	The Clan MacLeod Ball, an evening of dancing in your finery. Please note that this event is open to persons with Parliament identification badges or Parliament guest badges, only.
22:00 - 22:30 (approximately)	Millennium Stone programme, with the commemorative English and Gaelic poems broadcast (by loudspeaker) from the Stone site, followed by the piping of “The Duirinish Stone”.
22:30 – 22:45	Fireworks display, celebrating the end of Parliament, the beginning of the Dunvegan Show (on the next day), and the tenth anniversary of the erection of the Millennium Stone (see The Story of the Millennium Stone on page 16).

CLIMBING MACLEOD’S TABLES

The Tables are teasingly accessible but the climb is deceptively difficult. While there isn’t an especially steep incline or rocky footing, it is a long trail over a consistently demanding path. And while the surrounding vegetation is low to the ground, the trail descends into ravines that can cause you to lose your bearings when you re-emerge. Also, the trail itself is not maintained, and it is not always well marked.

All that being said, it’s a great experience and something all MacLeods should do at least once. Make sure to bring drinking water, something to eat, water resistant clothing, a flashlight, and your cell phone. We typically climb “Healabhal Mor” which at 1,538 feet (469 meters) is actually the smaller of the two tables. The whole 6 mile route illustrated in the map below typically takes 4-6 hours, but if after you’ve reach the top of Healabhal Mor you should turn around and come back the way you came. It takes less time.

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Map of Orbost area

Tuesday 27 July

TIME	EVENT
09:00 - 10:00	Morning workshops, Dunvegan Hall (see page 6)
09:00 – 12:00	MacLeod Bheag and Mor Programme (see page 19)
10:00 – 12:00	Breakout groups may meet now or at other times. AGMs of CMS USA followed by Dunvegan Foundation meet in Dame Flora Room.
11:30 – 12:30	Light lunch available for sale in Dunvegan Hall, to benefit Community organizations. <i>(Please note change of time!)</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Motor coach travel to the Clan Donald Centre in Sleat.
14:00 – 17:00	Visit to the Clan Donald Centre.
17:00 – 18:30	Motor coaches return to Dunvegan Hall
18:30 – 22:00	Dinner on your own
20:00 – 23:00	Cash bar open in “Rory Mor’s Cafe”
20:00	Silent auction bidding opens
20:30 – 21:15	Whisky tasting hosted by Clan MacLeod Germany.
21:30 – 22:00	The “Tartan Challenge”, where Clan members share their traditional, historic or contemporary uses of tartan.
22:00 – 23:00	Closing of the tables for the Silent Auction.

EXTRAORDINARY OBJECTS IN THE SILENT AUCTION

While the Silent Auction is typically a great place for small bargains as well as well-loved MacLeod objects, this year we have two extraordinary objects on which to bid:

- Ruari Halford-MacLeod has offered TWO periods of a week in AUGUST at his house in Umbertide, Umbria. Bidders must also purchase their own tickets to Italy; low cost fares are available from RyanAir or EasyJet.
- Ian MacLeod & Co., Ltd., who have generously contributed to Parliament by donating individual whisky samples and bottles for us to pour, has further donated a bottle of “Isle of Skye, 50 year old” to the Silent Auction. This is an extraordinary whisky, of which only 400 individually numbered limited edition bottles are available. Note that the RRP is £900 per bottle, and this whisky is not available in the USA.

WHISKY TASTING, HOSTED BY CLAN MACLEOD GERMANY

This activity was very popular during last Parliament’s “Dunvegan Day”. Seating is limited to 35 people; tickets cost £5/each and are available at Dunvegan check-in, or later at the Information Point.



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Wednesday 28 July

On Wednesday, we depart in the morning to visit the Isle of Raasay, and return to Dunvegan for the second of our evening ceilidhs. Please refer to the Parliament 2010 Raasay Program for a full description of the day’s activities, including available transportation.

Thursday 29 July

TIME	EVENT
09:00 - 10:00	Morning workshops, Dunvegan Hall (see page 6)
09:00 - 12:00	MacLeod Bheag and Mor Programme (see page 19)
10:00 - 12:00	Reports delivered back to Parliament from the breakout groups.
12:00 - 14:00	Light lunch available for sale in Dunvegan Hall, to benefit Community organizations.
14:00 departure	Motor coach travel to Borreraig path, continue to cairn on foot.
When group is assembled	Story of the cairn and the MacCrimmon legacy, led by John Davidson Kelly. Open air Piobaireachd performance by acclaimed piper Euan MacCrimmon (see page 21).
16:00 (about)	Walk back to the coaches to return to Dunvegan Hall
17:00 – 18:00	AGM, CMS Canada (Dame Flora Room)
18:00 – 20:00	“A Taste of the MacLeods” (note these are <i>small finger foods</i> , and this is not a full meal! “Ye’ll have had yer tea.”)
20:00 – 23:00	Cash bar open in “Rory Mor’s Cafe”
19:00 – 19:45	The story of the Fairy Flag, by Nicole Wassyl and Uta Strätling.
20:00 – 21:30	Memorial Concert for Chief John, featuring Seamus Campbell, Arthur Cormack, and Euan MacCrimmon (see page 21).

THE CAIRN AT BORRERAIG

The Cairn was erected in 1958 to commemorate the famous piping school of the MacCrimmon family, hereditary pipers to the MacLeod chiefs of Dunvegan, which flourished on this spot from the 15th to the 18th century.

THE LEGEND OF THE FAIRY FLAG

This powerful tale continues to renew itself. We will hear a musical version of the story. This programme is highly recommended for our young MacLeods.



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