

# 15<sup>th</sup> Clan MacLeod Jubilee Parliament. Lewis and Harris Days.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

A four day tour of Lewis and Harris. Stornoway two nights. The Clan MacLeod Dinner. Visits to Carloway, Callanish and Ui Church; MacLeod emigration lecture at An Lanntair Arts Centre. Visit to North Harris; tour of South Harris to Rodel Church, Seallam Genealogy Centre and the beaches of the west side. Tarbert, one night. Ceilidh and Harris Tweed.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006

pm arrive in Stornoway. Accommodation at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, or elsewhere for two nights.

From 4.00pm Registration for Parliament in the Oak Room, Cabarfeidh Hotel, Manor Park, Stornoway.

6.30pm Gather for drinks in the Oak Room, Cabarfeidh Hotel, for the CLAN MACLEOD DINNER.

This will be the first occasion, in 400 years, that the three Chiefs of Harris and Dunvegan, Lewis and Raasay will all have been in Stornoway together.

7.30pm Company to be piped in to dinner.

Introductions. Welcome to Parliament. Dr Malcolm Macleod, OBE, Vice President of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies.

Welcome from Alex MacDonald, Convener of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, (pronounced *Corley nan yellan she-are*) the Western Isles Council.

Toasts to Chief John Macleod of Raasay; Chief Donald Macleod of the Lewes and Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod. Entertainment and piping.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

8.45am Gather at the Cabarfeidh Hotel with packed lunches. (Lunches may either be pre-ordered at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, cost £5, or purchased at the Co-op Stores, close to the hotel.)

9.00am depart by coach by Leurbost across to the west side.

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## RED AND BLUE COACHES

- 1.00pm Drive through Stornoway to Ui Church, at Aignish. This was the ancient church of Stornoway and it was here that the Chiefs of the MacLeods of the Lewes were buried. Two ancient tombstones survive in the ruined church.
- 2.00pm Return to Stornoway.  
Time for shopping and exploring the bustling capital of the Western Isles, built around a protected bay. Visit the AWAY FOR A WHILE Exhibition at An Lanntair.
- 4.30pm Gather at the Offices of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, the Western Isles Council, for a reception in the Council Chamber. Council members and officers will speak about the work of the Council. Cup of tea.
- 6.00pm Short walk into Stornoway.  
Evening meal by own arrangements. There are several places to eat on Francis Street; the Sunset Restaurant, the Whaler's Restaurant, the County Hotel, as well An Lanntair, the Stornoway Arts Centre.
- 7.30pm Gather at An Lanntair, the Stornoway Arts Centre.
- 8.00pm PUBLIC LECTURE: 'Away for a while – thoughts of a MacLeod on returning to Lewis,' Dr Ian MacLeod, Perth, Western Australia, President of the Clan MacLeod Societies of Australia.  
After the lecture there will be an opportunity to meet local MacLeods and folk from Stornoway.
- 10.00pm There will be a coach to take folk from An Lanntair back to the Cabarfeidh Hotel.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 am For those not travelling by car, all bags to be downstairs at the Cabarfeidh Hotel or brought to the hotel for those not staying there.
- 8.45am Gather at the Cabarfeidh Hotel.
- 9.00am Coach will depart for Harris, driving by Leurbost and Lochs, through Balallan to Loch Seaforth. On a clear day you can see south along this long sea loch to Trotternish in Skye.
- 9.45am Arrive at Scaladale Outdoor Centre. Cup of tea with members of NRG. Introduction to the North Harris Trust which purchased and now runs the 60,000 acre North Harris Estate.
- 10.30am depart by coach by the Clisham Brae and Maruig to Cean nan Ora. On the brae here the North Harris Trust will build wind turbines; visit the site of community housing and the old whaling station. There is salmon farming at Ardhasig.
- 12.00 noon arrive at Tarbert, built on a narrow isthmus between the Atlantic and the Minch. This is the largest village in Harris. Drive to Village Hall. Park in central car park.  
There will be an opportunity to meet local members of community groups and voluntary organisations, schools and social services and to hear about their work and the problems of living on a small island.  
Lunch will be provided at a cost of £5 per person.  
*(While folk are at the Village Hall, bags on the coach will be delivered to the Harris Hotel and other accommodation in Tarbert.)*
- 2.00pm Two coaches depart for a tour of South Harris via the rocky east side, through Geocrab and Manish.
- RED COACH** At Finsbay take the inland road to Leverburgh and Northton.
- 2.45pm Visit Seallam, the Genealogy Centre, with information about the flora and fauna and the people of the Hebrides.
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- 4.15pm Depart Rodel and drive by Leverburgh to Northton.

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5.30pm Return to Tarbert.

7.00pm Dinner at the Harris Hotel for those who booked the accommodation package. Others, who have found their own accommodation in Tarbert, will require to pre-book, if they wish a meal, price £25.

9.00pm Ceilidh at the Harris Hotel. Music, singing and dancing and a chance to meet local folk.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

8.45am All bags. to be ready for collection.

This is Harris Tweed morning. A chance to visit four different Harris Tweed weavers.

*(While folk are visiting Harris Tweed weavers, bags will be collected from the Harris Hotel and other accommodation in Tarbert.)*

*Those will cars, who wish to visit Harris Tweed weavers to park at the ferry terminal.*

8.45am Gather at the Harris Hotel.

BLUE COACH:

9.00am depart by coach. 40 folk to drive into South Harris and down the Golden Road to Plocropol. Visit Katie Campbell. 12 folk will continue on the coach to Scaqabay to visit Willie MacLeod. All return to Tarbert by 11.00am

RED COACH:

9.00am depart by coach. 16 folk to drive into South Harris to visit Donald John and Maureen Mackay at Luskentyre, overlooking the sands. Donald John has made Harris Tweed for Nike shoes. Return to Tarbert by 11.00am.

GREEN GROUP:

9.15am 16 folk, or so, to depart by CAR. to visit Angus Alec and Ina Morrison near to the village, overlooking West Loch Tarbert. Return to Tarbert by 10.30am

11.00am Folk collect their bags at Tarbert Pier.

11.20am The *Hebrides* ferry arrives at Tarbert Pier. Go on board, carrying bags.

11.50am Depart by ferry down East Loch Tarbert to Skye.

Lunch by own arrangements on board.

1.30pm Arrive at Uig Pier.

There will be a coach to take folk by Edinbane to

2.30pm arrive at Dunvegan.

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Co-ordinator,

Lewis and Harris Days.

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