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The 15th Clan MacLeod Jubilee Parliament

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26 July ~ 5 August 2006

Parliament programme supplement

This leaflet includes the important bits about Parliament that we couldn't fit in anywhere else, including background information on speakers, authors and guest artists. Please make note of the people and organizations that have supported us. Thank them with your patronage!

The Dunvegan Agricultural Show

When you arrive in Dunvegan on Saturday 29 July, the Dunvegan Agricultural Show will be taking place at the Dunvegan Primary School, down the street from the Village Hall. This "show" is a lot like a "county fair" in North America. It is not a big show like the Black Isle Show or even the Portree Show, but it is a nice friendly country show with a lot to offer, including teas and inside classes.

The Show includes traditional agricultural competitions, with awards made to the best artifacts, farm animals, and skills such as horseback riding. The handicraft, horticulture, art, photography, flower arranging and baking judging takes place inside the school which is closed to the public from about 10.30 until judging is over (sometime between 12.00 and 12.30).

Livestock judging will include all types of sheep and cattle and will be over about 13.00. There will probably room for spectators at the judging pens. The horses are in the "top" field and judging is ongoing there all day, different riding classes etc. There is a dog show at 14.00, informal but well attended and fun.

There are some sports in the afternoon, usually shot put and tug of war. There are various stalls dotted around outside the school, mainly agricultural themed but there are some charity stalls and games. There may be some young pipers and a sheepdog demonstration. The Dunvegan Show is always looking for entertainers for the crowds, so any Parliament group willing and able would be welcome!

All day teas are sold in the school canteen, usually sausage rolls, sandwiches and home baking. Ice creams and soft drinks are sold outside and there is a bottle stall and raffle for show funds. Prize awards are made about 16.00.

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Speakers, authors, and guest artists at Parliament



**Dr. Anne Lorne Gillies, Stanley R. McLeod Memorial Lecture
15.00 – 16.00 Sunday 30 July, at the Village Hall**

Anne Lorne Gillies has been deeply engaged in Gaelic culture all her life. Singer and song collector, writer and teacher, University lecturer and television producer, political activist and raconteur, this thoroughly modern Gael will use her intellect, humour and golden voice to take us on a magical, musical exploration of Clan MacLeod history. Included will be extracts from her book "Songs of Gaelic Scotland", which has just been awarded the prestigious Ratcliff Prize for a work of importance in the field of folkloric studies in the UK and Ireland.

**Dr. James Hunter, author of "Scottish Exodus"
17.00 – 18.00 Tuesday 01 August, at the Village Hall**

Professor James Hunter is the author of "Scottish Exodus", a gripping account of Scotland's worldwide diasporas. In this book, he follows a single clan – the MacLeods – over hundreds of years and thousands of miles. It is an inspiring story of how people who are separated from Scotland continue to identify with the small country from where their global journeys began. At Parliament, Professor Hunter will lead an informal session inviting a discussion on the ways in which the themes of the book affect all those present.

**Eilean and John Malden, publishers of "Dunvegan Armorial"
17.00 – 18.00 Wednesday 02 August, at the Village Hall**

Among its major treasures, Dunvegan Castle holds the finest Armorial in Scotland. The Dunvegan Armorial was a presentation gift, prepared in 1583 with very high quality coloured illustrations. Eilean and John Malden, through the Heraldry Society of Scotland, have now prepared a new description with full colour illustrations of the Armorial. The project started twenty years ago at the suggestion of the late Norman Macleod of Suardal and has had continued support and encouragement from Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod.

**Chef John Kelly, of the Bosville Hotel, Portree
14.00 Cookery demonstration, "Dunvegan Day" at the Village Hall**

John has become extremely well known throughout the country for his skill and expertise with food. This talent has been rewarded as he has won several awards - most recently winning Scottish Restaurant of the Year 2004/05 and being a finalist in the prestigious Thistle Awards for Flavour of Scotland in 2005. John is passionate about the excellent locally grown produce, cheeses, meats and game that form the basis for his outstanding dishes.



**Dr. Ian MacLeod, "Away for A while", invited lecture
20.00 Thursday 27 July, at An Lanntair, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis
14.00 Thursday 03 August, "Dunvegan Day" at the Village Hall**

Dr. Ian MacLeod is an internationally acclaimed conservator who has specialised in the preservation of shipwrecks, including the Cromwellian gunship "Swan" off Duart Castle in Mull. During the 1970's Dr. MacLeod traveled the length and breadth of the Inner and Outer Hebrides on bicycle and foot. Its sounds, smells and magical light enabled him to re-connect with his Raasay roots from 150 years ago.



**Euan MacCrimmon, acclaimed piper and winner of the Silver Chanter
15.00 Tuesday 01 August, at the MacCrimmon Cairn, Borreraig**

Euan is a direct descendant of the famous MacCrimmon Piobaireachd composers. Tutored by Alastair McAffer and Iain MacFadyen, Euan won the Dunvegan Medal in 1999, and has played twice in the Silver Chanter. In 2005 he won the Highland Society of London Gold Medal at the Argyllshire Gathering.



**Sarah Burrell, in concert featuring music from her new CD
13.15 Thursday 03 August, "Dunvegan Day" at the Village Hall**

Sarah has studied classical violin and Celtic fiddle, plays the bodhran, possesses a lovely mezzo-soprano voice, and is a Premier-level highland dancer. Her energetic fiddling incorporates influences of Scottish, Cape Breton, and Irish styles. She has studied fiddle at the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and at the Celtic College in Goderich, Ontario, working with a number of respected teachers and popular performers.



**Coisir Sgìre Phortrigh (Portree District Gaelic Choir)
17.00 Thursday 03 August, concert performance at
"Dunvegan Day" at the Village Hall**

Coisir Sgìre Phortrigh has been in existence since at least the 1920s. It has enjoyed considerable success over the years in Mod competitions and also tries to contribute to the local music scene as much as it can. Coisir Sgìre Phortrigh exists to promote Gaelic choral singing and the Gaelic language culture.



**Robert Bruce Campbell, piper and author of books on piping and piping lore, including two featuring the heritage of the MacCrimmons
17.00 Monday 31 July – Mr. Campbell will sign copies of his books on sale through ACMS merchandising, alongside John Davidson Kelly's workshop "Introduction to Piping".**