

CONFERENCES

Two conferences on the Gaelic Arts have been arranged for the National Mod and come under the umbrella title, "Gaelic into the 21st Century". Dealing with Media and Literature both conferences are chaired by writer Donald John MacIver and will be conducted in English. These afternoon conferences are open to all and are free of charge. Their aim is to highlight the development of Gaelic as a living language.

Gaelic into the 21st Century Tulloch Castle Hotel 17th and 18th October 2pm.

Thursday 17th - MEDIA 2pm - 5pm

IAN GRIMBLE - Freelance Broadcaster ROY MACIVER - Chairman, Gaelic Television Committee FRANK THOMPSON - Writer/Broadcaster

Friday 18th - LITERATURE 2pm - 5pm

Professor DERICK THOMSON - Lecturer and Writer DONALD MACLEOD - Chairman, Western Isles Education Committee JOHN SHAW - Researcher IAIN CRICHTON-SMITH - Writer

A Right Royal Ceilidh

His Royal Highness Prince Charles will be visiting the Dingwall Mod on Monday the 14th of October. As part of his welcome he will be treated to a short ceilidh, highlighting the diversity and creativity of traditional music in Ross and Cromarty.

Three new compositions have been commissioned for the event - a pipe tune from renowned Highland piper Duncan MacGillivray and a jig from Invergordon-based Dagger Gordon.

Also, to celebrate the 60th anniverary of the Clarsach Society, the talented clarsach player Alison Kinnaird has composed a piece which will be performed by young Ross-shire harpist, Gail Ross.

Under the direction of conductor Hamish Menzies, Dingwall Gaelic Choir will sing the rousing "Cabarfeidh" and in complete contrast, the popular folk-rock band, Wolfstone, will round off the entertainment.

The ceilidh will take place on Monday morning in Dingwall High Street outside the Town Hall. Wolfstone will continue the ceilidh after the departure of our royal visitor.



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE 1991 MOD FRINGE

Friday, 11th October Tuesday, 15th October

Live Band Live Band

Saturday, 12th October Wednesday, 16th October "The Incredible Fling Band" Mod Ceilidh

Sunday, 13th October
Live Band
Mod Ceilidh

Monday, 14th October Friday, October 18th Final Fling, "Avalon" - Celtic Rock Band

Tickets will be available on the door, although Advance Ticket Sales are available from The National Hotel.

Lunches and Bar Meals available throughout Mod Week.

THE NATIONAL HOTEL IS OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND FOR ALL YOUR FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS.
WEDDING AND CONFERENCES FOR UP TO 200 PEOPLE.

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For eight days in October Dingwall becomes the centre of attention for the world of Gaelic culture as the town welcomes the National Mod.

For nearly 100 years the Mod has provided a focus for the finest musical talent in the Gaidhealtachd. In recent years the "official" Mod competitions have been supplemented by a Mod Fringe which provides a showcase for non-competitive Celtic music, literature, dance and the visual arts.

The events listed in this brochure display the strengths and diversity of Gaelic culture. They also show how traditional and contemporary styles can combine to keep the culture alive, relevant and developing in new directions.

There are opportunities to participate in new projects, to hear the best in traditional music, to browse round exhibitions, a sculpture trail, and much more.

More important is the chance to experience the unique, friendly atmosphere that is very much the hallmark of the National Mod and Fringe.

Tha sinn an dòchas gun còrd tachartasan Iomall a'Mhoid ruibh. Feuch's gum bi deagh horo gheallaidh agaibh!

Events in this programme have been organised by both Leisure Services of Ross and Cromarty District Council, and by Billy Kelly on behalf of An Comunn Gaidhealach, copy and typing by Caroline Bowes and Christina Stewart. Production manager for An Comunn Gaidhealach events is John Kerr.









CEILIDHS

In a musical run up to the Mod Ross and Cromarty District Council have organised a series of pre-mod Ceilidhs across the District. The entertainment comes from local singers and musicians many of whom perform regularly in Ross and Cromarty and some of whom are featured on the "Best of Ross & Cromarty"tapes.

NORTH KESSOCK Village Hall, Friday 4th October, 8pm Tickets £3/£1.50

Alick MacRae, Fear an Taighe Iseabail Nicasgaill, Gaelic Singer Leslie Hutt, Piper James Gunn, Learners' Silver Medallist The MacKillops, Ceilidh Band **Highland Dancers** Gordon Fraser, Accordion

ACHILTIBUIE

Village Hall, Friday 4th October, 8pm Tickets £3/£1.50

David Green, Fear an Taighe Duncan MacLeod, Pipes Duncan MacLeou, Pipes
Melanie Christie, Accordion
Mark MacDougall, Keyboards
Dagger Gordon, Mandolin
Duncan MacGillivray, Pipes, whistle, guitar, mouth organ lain MacBeath, Fiddle lain Hardy, Fiddle, Small pipes Highland Dancers

BALINTORE

Seaboard Memorial Hall, Saturday 5th October, 8pm, Tickets £3/£1.50

Gail Ross, Clarsach Vicki Ferguson, Clarsach Melanie Christie, Accordion Mark MacDougall, Keyboards Hugh and Ross Skinner, Singers Uisdean Ross, Singer Hugh MacDonald, Accordion The Ross Sisters, Singers Highland Dancers

LOCHCARRON

Village Hall, Thursday 10th October, 8pm Tickets £3/£1.50

Donald John MacLean, Fear an Taighe Mary Strachan, Clarsach Donald Murdoch and Friends, Band Anne MacKay, *Pipes*Sandy Ross, *Pipes*Barbara Smith, *Gaelic Singer*Members of Kinlochshiel Fiddle and Accordion Club **Highland Dancers**

INVERGORDON

British Legion, Friday 11th October, 9pm Tickets £3/£1.50

Ben Wyvis and the Last Resort, Band Dennis Scott, Fear an Taighe Neil Stewart, Piper Dagger Gordon, Instrumentalist Gail Ross, Clarsach Vicki Ferguson, Clarsach Robert MacLeod, Fiddler **Highland Dancers**

Ocean View Hotel, Friday 11th October, 9pm Tickets £3/£1.50

Alan MacLeod, Fear an Taighe Main MacKenzie, Gaelic Singer Melanie Christie, Accordion Mark MacDougall, *Keyboards* Sandy Ross, *Pipes* Highland Dancers and local musicians

As part of the National Mod in Dingwall Ross and Cromarty District Council have organised a series of fringe projects and Courses to take place in different parts of the district throughout Mod week. Courses include a Hebridean dance course in Alness with Catriona MacKinnon, a Poetry Poster project in Tain which will provide hours of entertainment as the participants work towards producing a Gaelic/ English poster from pictures. In Invergordon there will be a meeting of the Junior Folk Orchestra, which is open to all comers from the age of 14.

In addition to all this, there will be a Visual Arts Adventure in the Cromarty Centre, Cromarty and a Gaelic Youth Theatre project in Dingwall.



14th-18th October, 1pm-4pm Invergordon Town Hall Cost for the week £14

This is another chance for young musicians to come together to play traditional Scottish music with direction and assistance from professional musicians. The orchestra will meet each afternoon from 1pm-4pm at Invergordon Town Hall and the

week will culminate in a concert on the Friday afternoon. All instruments will be welcome.

The Junior Folk Orchestra is open to young musicians in the 7 - 16 age group. Enthusiasm is more important than skill, but some ability to read music would be helpful.

The Junior Folk Orchestra will be directed by Debbie Swanson, ALCM, assisted by Hilary Webster. Traditional music will be arranged by Sue Drever B.A. (Mus. Perf.), Dip. NCOS

For further information please telephone Bob Pegg, Leisure Services, Dingwall 0349 63381 ext. 293.

MOD POETRY

14th - 18th October Duthac Centre , Tain Cost for the week £10

The Mod writing project is open to children and adults alike. The project will be jointly presented and run by writer in residence Thom Nairn and Gaelic writer Maoilios Caimbeul.

The project will consist of five two hour sessions with the option to attend either an evening session from 7-9pm or an afternoon session from 2-4pm The objective of the project is to produce a series of Gaelic/English poetryprose posters incorporating both words and images relevant to diverse aspects of Gaelic life and culture.

Following an introduction discussing various techniques, options and approaches, the project will move on to a series of workshop sessions. The starting point will be the images themselves, of which there will be a wide selection to hand.

From there the intention is to use selected images as a stimulus from which either poetry or short prose passages can be developed both collectively and individually. The works produced will be incorporated in a variety of poster broadsheets. The finished works will be translated into Gaelic.

MMUNITY ECTS



VISUAL ARTS ADVENTURE

14th-18th October 10am-4pm Cromarty Arts Centre Open to 8-15 year olds Cost for the week £5

This short course is led by Cromarty artist Marion Tonkin and will feature many of the characters and beasts from Celtic mythology.

Working primarily in papier-mache, participants will have the opportunity to create and decorate mythological figures.

CONTEMPORARY HEBRIDEAN DANCE

14th-18th October, 7-10pm Brigend Primary School, Alness Secondary school age to adult

Cost for the week £5

Catriona MacKinnon and Caroline Reagh (dance artist in residence) are working together to create a new dance piece. Catriona's classes were thoroughly enjoyed at the Scottish Youth Dance Festival in Dingwall this summer. She returns to the area from Barra where she is involved in preserving and teaching the numerous Hebridean dances.

Catriona and Caroline are combining two different dance styles to produce a contemporary Hebridean dance, using techniques and steps from both dance disciplines. If you have a special interest in Scottish Highland, Hebridean or Contemporary dance, or just want to learn an innovative new dance, come along.

GAELIC YOUTH THEATRE

Rehearsals 15th-18th October Maryburgh Village Hall Perf. East meets West' 18th October, 7.30pm Royal Hotel, Dingwall

Following their hugely successful Summer School projects and growing popularity at the Mod in recent years, the Gaelic Youth Theatre (Drama Naiseanta na h-Oigridh) are now a well established force in the Gaelic Arts scene. Always eager to explore new ground, the Gaelic Youth Theatre join forces with members of the Aberdeen-based Invisible Bouncers Theatre Company, bringing an exciting and challenging project to this year's Mod. "East meets West" is a dramatic exploration of two diverse cultures which share similar problems and aspirations in terms of past oppression and hopes for the future. The project involves a week of workshops and rehearsals which will explore the cultural differences and similarities of the North East of Scotland and the Gaidhealtachd. The participants will start the week using English as the common language, but will move into Gaelic and Doric in order to achieve realism, and to experience, first hand, the problems of communication and its effect on the history of these neighbouring communities. "East meets West" is a unique Doric/Gaelic experience, which will challenge participants and audience alike.

For further information on these courses please contact Ross & Cromarty District Council, telephone Dingwall (0349) 63381.

Highland Dance Competition Maryburgh Village Hall, Monday 14th Oct, 10.30am

OFFICIAL MOD EVENTS

EVENING EVENTS

Saturday 12th October
Fiddlers' Concert, 7.30pm
Games Hall, Leisure Centre
Ceol Mor Recital (Piobaireachd),8pm
Tulloch Castle

Tuesday 15th October Children's Concert, 7.30pm Town Hall

Wednesday 16 October Convener's Ceilidh, 10pm British Legion, Ross Hall

Thursday 17th October Rural Choirs' Concert, 7.30pm Games Hall, Leisure Centre Traditional Ceilidh, 10pm British Legion, Ross Hall

Friday 18th October
Final Concert 1st House 6.30pm
2nd House 9pm
Games Hall, Leisure Centre
Final Dance (late evening to follow concert)
Town Hall

MAIN COMPETITION FINALS

Thursday 17th October
Gold Medal Final 10am
Games Hall, Leisure Centre
Traditional Final 2pm
Assembly Hall
Gaelic Drama Final 7.30pm
Town Hall

Friday 18th October
Margaret Duncan Choral Final 2pm
Town Hall
Lovat and Tullibardine Choral Final 2pm
Assembly Hall

Gaelic Writing Competition

The centenary celebrations at the National Mod at Dingwall provide the perfect setting for the launch of a new Gaelic Writing Competition. The WILLIAM ROSS AWARD For Gaelic Writing is a joint venture by Ross and Cromarty District Council and Grampian Television which reflects the commitment of both organisations to the Gaelic language. The project has also received generous funding from An Comunn, organisers of "Year of Gaelic".

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First second and third prizes will be offered in two categories; these are adults, (16 years and over) and young people (under 16 years). Entries can be poetry, prose or scripted drama and the closing date is November 15th.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Jim Gattens, Ross & Cromarty District Council Leisure Services. Telephone (0349) 63381.

M U S I C HIGHLIGHTS

Dingwall and Strathpeffer will be hosting a musical extravaganza during Mod Week. There will be live music every night with bands and ceilidhs which include names of both local and national renown. Big names to be heard in Easter Ross this week include The Ceilidh Band, Wolfstone and Capercaille. For details of these and other performances read on!

An Comunn Gaidhealach in association with Regular Music present

DINGWALL Legends 10th October 9pm, Tickets £9 A unique sound with celtic undertones set this band apart from mainstream rock and pop. The present line-up of Bruce Watson, Tony Butler and Stuart Adamson, co-founder of the Skids have recently radically overhauled the band's approach. Their contemporary treatment of traditional themes still guarantees a memorable performance from this band who have broken down barriers and forged new cultural links. Their continued production of music of a stirring quality and steadfast integrity has extended the popularity of Big Country beyond the normal pop/rock audience.

INCREDIBLE FLING BAND DINGWALL National Hotel 12th October 8pm, Tickets £3

Purveyors of Traditional & Contemporary Folk, Bluegrass and Rock & Roll, the Incredible Fling Band formed in 1983 and have played to appreciative audiences around the country. They have made radio programmes both at home and in the United States. From Lochcarron to Chicago this is quite the best West Highland Ceilidh Band around.



HAMISH **MOORE**

DINGWALL Tulloch Castle 14th October 8pm Tickets £4\£3
The jazz-folk combination of Hamish Moore and Dick Lee is renowned for innovation and flair as well as technical skill. Hamish Moore who has played the Highland pipes since he was ten, discovered the cauld wind pipes in 1980 and since then he has done more than anyone to promote and popularise this instrument. Dick Lee is an accomplished, classically trained musician, increasingly involved in the contemporary classical music scene in Scotland. He is better known as a jazz player with a penchant for updating the classics of swing. His association with Hamish Moore began in 1983. The innovative style of this duo does not rest solely with their playing but is inherent in their repertoire much of which is self-penned. Exciting, outrageous, wistful, this fusion of jazz and folk is an experience not to be missed.



DINGWALL Leisure Centre 11th October 8pm, Tickets £6/£4 Over the years the Battlefield Band's innovative treatment of traditional music and new material has secured their prominent position in Scotland's musical scene. They mix old tunes with new, playing them on a fusion of ancient and modern instruments - bagpipes, fiddles, synthesizers, guitars, flutes, citterns, and accordion. The band now presents a formidable array of talent in the persons of: Alan Reid-keyboards, guitar, vocals; Alistair Russell - guitar, cittern, vocals; lain MacDonald - pipes, flute, whistle; John MacCusker - fiddle, whistle, accordion, keyboard. A unique blend making a unique band, 12 albums on their live. A unique blend making a unique band. 12 albums on, their live performance remains second to none.





PHIL CUNNINGHAM & MARTIN O'CONNOR DINGWALL National Hotel 14th October 8pm

Tickets £5/£4

Over the last few years Phil Cunningham and Martin O'Connor have been at the forefront of the traditional music scene and have been instrumental in the popularisation of the accordion. Martin's interpretation of traditional music and his own compositions have won him critical acclaim. Phil, currently musical director on several TV projects, also tours with Aly Bain. Martin and Phil first recorded together when Phil was producing Dolores Keane's solo album. This current short tour together will no doubt win them many more friends. Don't miss this chance to see the fastest 20 fingers around.





DINGWALL Legends 16th & 17th October 9pm

An irresistible blend of Gaelic and contemporary sounds with instrumental wizardry from this popular West Coast band. Karen Matheson's beautiful voice combines perfectly with Donald Shaw's virtuosity on accordion and Manus Lunny's bouzouki and guitar playing to provide at least three good reasons why their recent single has proved such a success and their recent fifth album is storming up the charts. Extensive touring has honed the band into an exciting international outfit you can't afford to miss.

WOLFSTONE

DINGWALL Legends 14th & 15th October 9pm Tickets £4/£3

It's only a couple of years since Wolfstone first took the Highlands by storm with their high energy interpretations of traditional music. In the meantime they have produced no less than three albums and have played countless live gigs throughout Scotland and abroad - among the highlights were their support of Runrig at Loch Lomond and a two week tour of Nova Scotia. The size and enthusiasm of their audience seems to be forever growing. This winning combination consists of: Duncan Chisholm - electric fiddle, Allan Wilson - whistle, pipes and flute, Andy Murray - ellectric guitar, bass guitar, and vocals, Stuart Eaglesham-rhythm & electric guitar, Struan Eaglesham-keyboard and vocals, lain Drever - accoustic guitar, cittern, and vocals. Due to demand for live performances the band have devoted themselves fulltime to rehersal and gigging and keeping up the momentum of their startling success.



WILLIE JOHN MACAULAY

DINGWALL Royal Hotel 16th &17th October 9pm

After winning the Gold medal in the 1975 Mod Willie John Macaulay quickly established his position as one of Scotland's favourite Gaelic singers. In great demand at ceilidhs, he clocked 50,000 miles a year between venues until pressure of work and a growing family made finding time for life on the road much more difficult. He freely confesses to missing the routine, but the Mod will provide another opportunity for old friends to to meet up again with Willie John-and that is something he and we, are certainly looking forward to.

THE CEILIDH BAND

Featuring Freeland Barbour DINGWALL Legends 18th October 10.30pm Tickets £5/£4

The Ceilidh Band combines some of the finest and best known exponents of Scottish dance music. Accordionist Freeland Barbour is a former member of Silly Wizzard, as well as solo performer, composer and record/radio producer. Along with drummer Gus Miller and fiddler Jim Barrie, he is a member of the hugely successful Wallochmor Ceilidh Band. Malcom Jones, electric guitarist with the Ceilidh Band is probably most familiar as lead guitarist with Runrig but is also an accomplished piper and accordionist. Completing the line up is Kevin MacLeod on tenor banjo who brings his unique style of playing to the Occasionals. Highly respected and widely experienced, the individual members of the Ceilidh Band come together to play for dancing whenever their other commitments allow. The result is a hard driving sound and a good time for all.

LINDSAY WEIR

STRATHPEFFER Brunstane Lodge Hotel 18th October Highly talented young local accordionist and winner of the 1991 National Accordion Championships.



BIG COUNTRY:

Playing additional night.

Friday 11th Oct; Legends; 10.30 pm; £9.

ARTHUR CORMACK & BLAIR DOUGLAS

DINGWALL Venue & Date to be confirmed STRATHPEFFER Ben Wyvis Hotel, date to be confirmed Born and brought up in Portree, Arthur Cormack gained instant recognition when he became the youngest ever winner of the Gold Medal in the 1984 Mod. Blair Douglas, a crofter from Skye and former Runrig member is an acknowleged expert on keyboard and accordion. They belong to the Macmeanmna group whose presentations combine music, poetry and visual images. Arthur and Blair frequently perform as a duo captivating their audiences with their relaxed approach to traditional music.

CUPATI AGUS PIOS

Gaelic Cabaret & Ceilidh
DINGWALL
Ross County Social Club
16th October10pm-1am
Tickets £3/£2, licensed till 3am
Alastair Donald and Anne-Marie
McRury entertain with special
guest musicians Jonathon
MacDonald ,piper, Ross Kennedy
vocals/guitar, Gavin Marwick
fiddle.

BUSKOE SIKE

BINGWALL
Ross County Social Club
17th October 10pm-1am
Tickets £3/£2, licensed till 3am
Scottish dance music and
ceilidhs with this extremely
popular local duo.





MELANIE CHRISTIE, MARSHALL STORMONTH & LOCAL ARTISTS

DINGWALL Ross County Social Club 18th October 10pm-1am Tickets £3/£2,licensed till 3am Traditional Ceilidh

What's On In Hotels

DINGWALL

CALEDONIAN HOTE L Musical entertainment every night

NATIONAL HOTEL Musical entertainment every night

ROYAL HOTEL 16th & 17th October Willie John Macaulay 18th October 10pm Ceilidh

TULLOCH CASTLE

14th October 8pm Hamish Moore and Dick Lee 17th October 2pm Conference on Gaelic Media 18th October 2pm Conference on Gaelic Literature

STRATHPEFFER

HIGHLAND HOTEL

16th October 9-1pm Eck and Hamish on accordion 18th October 9-1pm Scottish entertainment

BEN WYVIS HOTEL

15th October Highland Dancers 16th, 17th &18th October Ceilidhs

BRUNSTANE LODGE HOTEL 18th October 8.30pm Lindsay Weir on accordion

This year's Mod Fringe presents several special events aimed to delight and amuse younger audiences-as well as the young at heart! Top of the bill is Donnie Dotaman with his zany brand of humour and equally zany hats. Prior to Donnie's show, Ordag is Sgealbag present a play based on the newly published and lavishly illustrated children's book 'Stamh'. Also on the children's agenda are two short animated films: one tells the story of the legendary Brahan Seer, and the other is an endearing tale about an enchanting mermaid. Both films were made by children, but are guaranteed to delight adults also!

THE DONNIE DOTAMAN SHOW

Featuring ORDAG IS SGEALBAG DINGWALLChurch of Scotland Hall, Castle Street, Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th October 5pm

The Donnie Dotaman Show has become a phenomenal success at the Mod over recent years. Donnie's career, which includes highly successful television shows such as "Tormod air Telly" and "Mag is Mog", demonstrates a wide breadth of talent including music, mimicry and mad-cap humour. As Donnie Dotaman, he is gathering a faithful following on stage and screen.

The show begins with a special performance of "Stamh" - an exciting, Gaelic play based on the beautiful book of the same name.

CHILDREN'S FILMS

DINGWALL Academy 14th-18th October All day



Children's Entertainment

The story is set underwater and the main characters are Stamh the tangle and Putag the seal who are joined by a seagull, a whale and two boys in a boat. The set of the play is based on the stunning undersea world created by the book's illustrator, Angus MacDonald. ORDAG IS SEALBAG, who perform the play are a Theatre in Education company with a growing reputation. Their performance of

'Stamh' will bring enjoyment and surprise to everyone. The play will be followed by a book launch for 'Stamh' presented by the publishers, Acair Books(at5.30pm). Thereafter, juice and crisps will be available until Donnie Dotaman bounces on stage at 6.00pm. If you are under five or over fifty, come along and see this star in action.



Coinneach Odhar Fiosaiche, the much acclaimed film about the Brahan Seer was made in Conon Bridge by animator Lesley MacKenzie, local artist Lizzie MacDougall and 21 local children. This colourful animation, which features a soundtrack by accordionist Phil Cunningham was highly commended when it represented Scotland at the Celtic Film Festival in Dublin.

Oran na Maidghdinn-Mhara (The Mermaid's Song) is an endearing animated film, made by the children of Craighill Primary, Tain, under the guidance of animateur Jessica Langford. The film achieved much acclaim at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, and is one of a group of short animated films due to be screened by the BBC during the week of the Mod. The films will be presented in video form, and will be on show within the exhibition space at Dingwall Academy.

MOD CRECHE

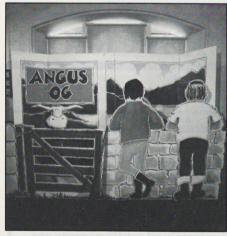
During Mod week there will be a creche available in Dingwall. Children will be looked after by registered childminders. Juice and biscuits and plenty of fun and games will keep the children entertained while parents are engaged with the Mod. The creche will be in Stafford House, High Street, open every day from 9.30am-5pm. Cost will be £1 for the first hour and £1.75 for 2 hours.

EXHIBITIONS

The Mod Fringe offers a chance to view three suberb exhibitions specially selected for showing during the National Mod. They are all predominantly Highland in their subject matter and vary from a lighthearted look at Ewen Bain's Angus Og to the more thought provoking work of Neil Gunn. These two exhibitions together with a third from the Gairloch Writers Group reflect the wealth of talent which flows from the Scottish Highlands.

TIR NAN OG The Life & Times of Angus Og

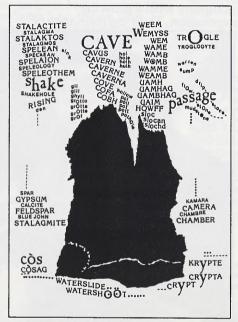
This is a visually exciting exhibition which pays homage to the infamous Daily Record cartoon character and his creator Ewen Bain. The exhibition has several sections beginning with Bain's pre Angus Og work and continuing with a complete story in strip form. There is also a section which links current affairs with the Angus Og strips of the same period. Alongside all this are theatre sets, a giant banner and a larger than life inflatable Angus. The exhibition was created by An Lanntair, Stornoway and ensures that Angus Og lives on in commemoration of his creator's work. After the Mod the exhibition goes on tour throughout Scotland.



NEIL GUNN 1891-1973 Highland Writer - Universal Writer

DINGWALL Leisure Centre 7th-19th October This exhibition celebrates the centenary of of the novelist's birth

and also the 50th anniversary of 'The Silver Darlings', one of his most acclaimed books. This is an exhibition to delight those who have already experienced the magic of Gunn's story telling, but it will also tempt those who have no first hand knowlege of him to dig into his books. Text and pictures relate the story of his life and major works, showing how his work derives from from his Highland roots. His portrayals of Highland people within the context of the universe of man and the landscapes of the mind explore some of the deepest and most difficult problems of our time. This is an exhibition with something for everyone, whether or not they are already a Gunn devotee.



CAVES Words and Pictures by Gairloch Writers' Group

DINGWALL Academy An exhibition displaying a wealth of local talent from the Gairloch Writers' Group. The Group was formed 2 years ago under the direction of Aonghas MacNeacail, then Ross and Cromarty writer in residence. The display on show during the Mod is culled from the work produced by the members at that time. 24 pieces of writing accompanied by pictures form the core of the exhibition with illustrations by Fiona Porteous and photographs by Susan MacMilllan. A 3-D display linked with the Cave theme adds body to the 2-D core. The exhibition will be touring Ross and Cromarty after the Mod and can be seen at the following venues-11th-18th Dingwall, 25th-27th Ullapool Ceilidh Place.

Plethora of Poets

GAELIC POETRY READING

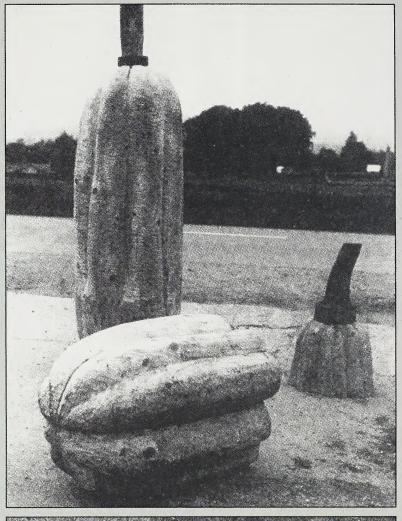
DINGWALLTulloch Castle 17th October 8pm With Aonghas MacNeacail, Anne Frater & Meg Bateman

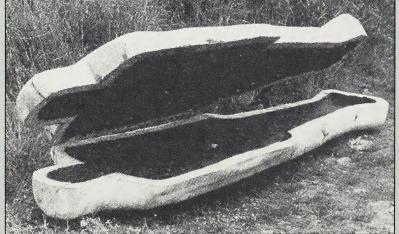
AONGAS MACNEACAIL was born on the Isle of Skye in 1942. He is a poet, broadcaster and journalist who writes in both Gaelic and English. His poems have appeared in international magazines from Australia to Spain. He has read in North America, Japan, Poland Germany, Belgium and Ireland. He has recently completed a play based on the childhood and writings of Neil Gunn.

ANNE FRATER was born in Upper Bayble, Lewis. She studied Celtic and French at Glasgow University followed by teacher training at Jordanhill and is about to begin a Ph.D in Gaelic at Glasgow University. Anne began writing Gaelic poetry at school. Her big break came when she showed some of her work to Derick Thomson who decided to publish a couple of her poems in Gairm. She has since had work published in Gairfish Magazine, Ossian 88 and An Aghaidh na Siorraidheachd.



MEG BATEMAN was born in 1959 in Edinburgh learnt Gaelic in South Uist and at Aberdeen University. She now teaches Gaelic and writes Gaelic poetry. She has given poetry readings all over Scotland for STV and on Arts Council Tours in Ireland, Poland and England. Her work has been published in Orain Ghaoil, Coisceim 1990 and An Aghaidh na Siorraidheachd.







SCULPTURE T R A I L

During Mod week Dingwall will be the stage for a town-wide sculpture trail. 12 original sculptures from the recent Scottish Sculpture Open exhibition will be sited around the town. One of these, a specially commissioned work by Jim Ritchie, will be permanently sited at the Ferry Road location, a lasting reminder of the special anniversary Mod year in Dingwall.

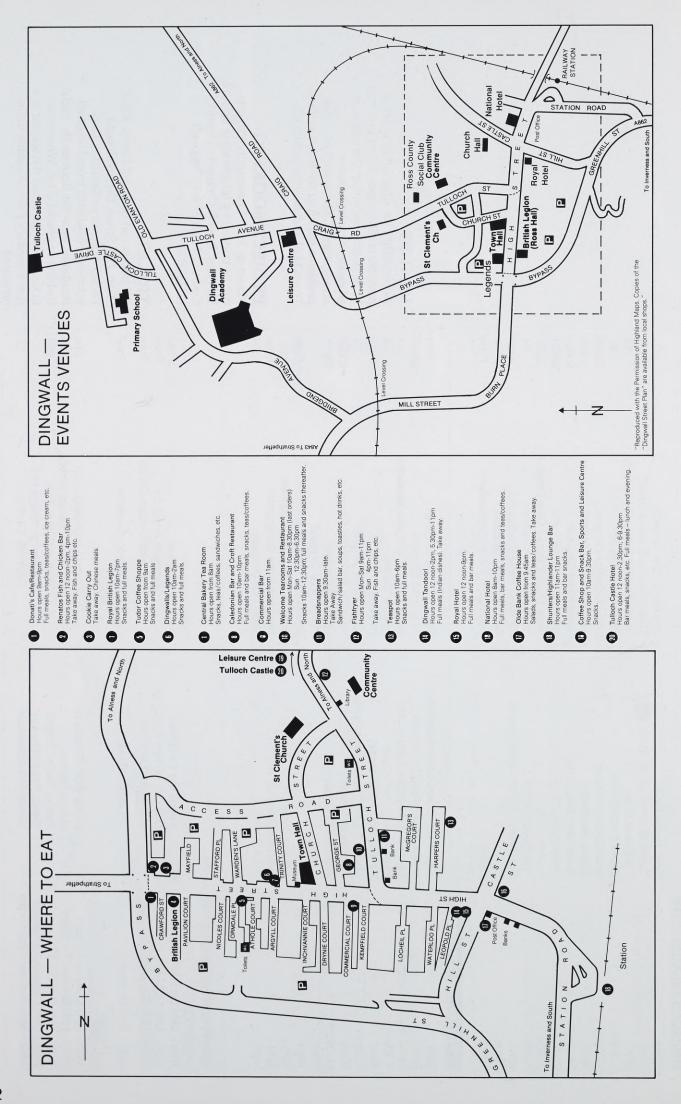
The Sculpture Trail will continue throughout October and November. Further information is available from the District Council Offices.

- 1 High Street, Mayfield Jake Harvey Quiet Place
- 2 High Street, MacKay's Shop Nigel Mullen Gateway of Forgotten Future
- 3 High Street, Eagle House Court Frank Pottinger Rural Icon
- 4 Pefferside Park, Swings Jeremy Cunningham Axe and Quarry
- 5 Pefferside Park, Boating Pond Gary Clough *The Water Table*
- 6 Pefferside Park, Boating Pond 2 Hamish Marr Swan
- 7 Tulloch Avenue, Leisure Centre Ailsa Magnus Fruit Forms
- 8 Bridgend Avenue, Fraser Road Mark Clifford *Untitled*
- 9 Bridgend Avenue, Roberts Bridge Jim Ritchie *Gateway*
- 10 Bridgend Avenue, Roberts Bridge 2 Christopher Bailey While we Sleep
- 11 Ferry Road, Picnic Area Peter Bevan Father
- 12 Ferry Road, Picnic Area Jim Ritchie *Untitled*

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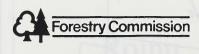
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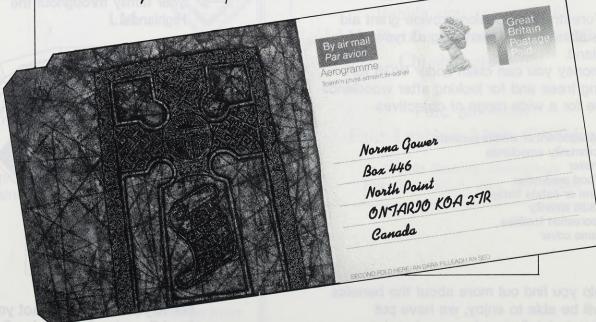
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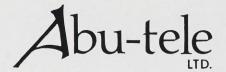


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