



Mull & Iona U3A Newsletter.

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Well Summer is here at last though on some days you would hardly notice!

The weeds are thriving and I am leaving a lot of them as they provide seeds for the birds later in the year.

Does anyone have House Martins or Swallows about? They seemed to have just called in here for a quick snack and moved on and I am missing them.

Groups are out and about again so keep an eye on the Website for updates.

Words

1. Q. Which word means a term derived from a person's name, such as cardigan or sandwich (both from English earls) ?

A. Eponym

2. Q. Hebdomadal means?

A. Weekly

3. Q What is Frumenty?

A. An old English pudding

4. Q. A ballet jump with one leg outstretched? A. Cabriole

Thoughts for the Future.

1. Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because you will lose the ability to learn new things

and move forward with your life.

David H Burns.

2. Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new centre of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find new way to stand.

Oprah Winfrey.

3. "Books like friends, should be few and well chosen."

Dr Samuel Johnson.

With thanks to Puzzler Codeword Magazines.

Norma

Past Events // What's Been Happening

Grass Point Geology Trip Thursday 7th April

Well , after several rather rainy days today was dry. It was a sharp Northerly but us folk with a Geology bent just wrapped up and got on with it. Brrrr!

Grass Point is more or less in the South East corner of Mull and is where cattle heading to market were swam across to Oban.

As you leave the main road you are lead up and over a sharp rise that Ron told us is a Anticline swiftly followed by the dip down to the valley which is a Syncline
These are folds in the rocks created ca 58M yrs ago by the emplacement of the Mull Volcano.
Are you with me?

Having parked our cars we crossed some soggy ground then clambered up hill . At the top we were greeted with a tremendous panorama from Ben Nevis in the North and to the South, Scarba , where lies the Corryvreckan Whirlpool.

The protruding line of rocks (good seating for a picnic) are part of another Anticline angled into the sky



Ardnamurchan.

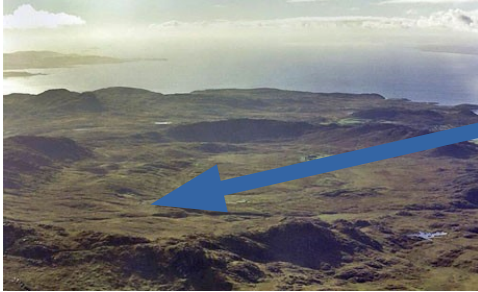
The Geology group decided to visit Ardnamurchan on the 5th May.

The western end of the Ardnamurchan peninsular is the remains of a Tertiary volcano intruded into Moine schists and overlying Mesozoic sediments about 60Ma ago , essentially about the same time as Mull's volcano but smaller.

The foreshore to the west of the Kilchoan ferry terminal contains the best cone sheets in Britain if not Europe, they are truly world class. Geology students come from afar to see them and map them, and the Group were not disappointed. Below is a picture of a passing amateur geologist explaining things.



They then drove a mile or two and at this location were inside the caldera of the volcano and all around was the surrounding ring dyke. It's such a pity that it is not 60Ma ago it would have been very hot at 1000°C and they would have been about 2miles underground. Really exciting but deadly.



Then off to Sanna bay, a very pleasant sandy beach with dunes and an opportunity to view some examples of magma mixing.



Walking Group

Our first walk this year to Erraid and on to Balfour Bay.

The weather was beautiful but rather boggy!

On our way to the bay we didn't see another person so we had the beach to ourselves.

But even that didn't encourage anyone to swim

We enjoyed lunch in the rocks and all agreed that it a happy day.

Let's hope for more sunny walks.

Maureen



Iona May 17th

Unfortunately the weather was much too wet to attempt the Gualachaolish walk. So we can try again for that on our next walk on June 21st.

Four hardy walkers turned up for our proposed walk to Dun I on Iona.

The rain was pouring down, and running off our noses as we pondered what to do. A funny photograph could have been taken of this but too wet to get out a camera!

We decided that to stay and walk on Mull wasn't really an option as everywhere would be too boggy. We abandoned the idea of climbing Dun I, too slippery.

The alternative was to have a road walk along Iona.

By the time ferry docked on Iona the rain had stopped.

There were actually five walkers, Brik, Steve, Ian, Ian's sister Katherine and myself. Katherine had come along for the shops! So we left her happily heading for a coffee, as we walked along the road and viewed Dun I from a safe distance!

We headed for the beach, Traigh Ban nam Manach, White Strand of the Monks. Then followed the coast along as far as the sands stretched. We enjoyed lunch on the rocks, the weather, by this time was positively Mediterranean!

We walked back looking towards the north side of Dun I. This was fairly hard work as the wind had increased and we were walking into it.

We met Katherine, who had enjoyed her shopping trip and caught the 2.30 ferry back to Mull.

Best wishes

Maureen



Art & Craft Group

On March 21st Three folk met in Craignure Hall .

The Subject was Sea/beach life. Some interesting and colourful work was prod

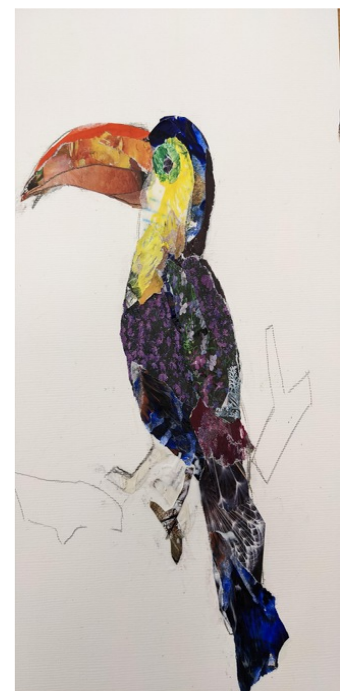


April 25th 11am-2pm Salen Church Hall Subject' Using Colour'

Three folk met in Salen Church Hall and Linda demonstrate how to experiment with colour different palettes.



On 23rd May some of the group met in Salen Church Hall . The subject was Collage Animals
Norma made a lovely work with shells on driftwood.



Open Meeting 29th April

West Coast Paintings Images of the Gaidhealtachd (late 19th century)

A talk by Eleanor McDougall

On Friday 29th April Eleanor McDougall gave a wonderful talk to do with three artists, William McTaggart, Colin Hunter and Hamilton McCallum. They came together in Tarbert and were known for their West Coast paintings that drew away from the romantic notions of the Highlands i.e. ‘Monarch of the Glen’ instead portraying the realism of everyday life of local people and their relationship to their environment. While Hunter and McCallum made successful careers in London McTaggart stayed in Scotland .

Fishing boats, fishermen and their families were frequent subjects .



‘Fishing in the Harbour of Oban’ Colin Hunter 1892



‘The Sailing of the Emigrant Ship’. 1895. William McTaggart

A selection of work can be found in the The National Galleries of Scotland , the Kirkcaldy Art Gallery and the The Tate.

Have a look in June’s Round & About for Linda’s more in depth article on Eleanor’s talk.

Up and coming events.

Friday 24th June

Bring and Share Members only meeting. 11.30am-3.30pm Craignure Hall.

Speaker Mauvis Gore - 'Sharks: The ups and downs of being a MEGA Planktivore.'

Linda will be in touch re what delicious food folk will offer to bring.

On June 21st. Maureen will lead the Gualachaolish walk that was originally cancelled due to bad weather.

June 27th Art & Craft Session Salen Church Hall 11am-2pm. Subject 'Working with Pastels' all welcome .

Ron will lead Geology outings on Thursday 7th July to Fionnphort Quarry and on Thursday 4th August to Iona.

Friday August 26th there will be an Open Meeting 2-4pm in Craignure Hall.
The speaker is Jenny Jackson on 'Trees'

Other U3A News.

The best source for all of this is the main U3A website :-

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/>



