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This year’s Blas Festival was launched in Eden Court on the 21st of June with a programme of exciting concerts and events afoot in September. Blas is delighted to have attracted sponsorship from RBS and Business Gateway for this year’s festival.

Events include a commission from Gaelic singer Margaret Stewart, a celebration of the fiddle with Blazin’ Fiddles and Irish trio Fiddil, a concert celebrating the voice with Dual, Còisir-G, Maive MacKinnon and Senegalese singer Samba Sene, plus lots more. This year the festival will develop its fringe programme with Gaelic films, forest walks, house ceilidhs, school performances.

For more information about the full programme of events and for the chance to buy early bird tickets up to 31 July, visit www.blas-festival.com

AGM & CONFERENCE 2012

Bith Coinneamh Bhliadhna agus Co-labhait Fèisean nan Gàidheal air a cumail ann a’ Ghearasdan ann an Taigh-ósta a’ Chinn an iar air Dìhaoine 21 Sultain 2012. Tha dùil gum bu slugh gu math mór an lathair às na Fèisean air feadh na duthcha. Thigh muinitir nam Fèisean còmhla airson iomradh fhàighinn air a’ bhliadhna a dh’fhàlbh. Bith ceol agus òrain ann bhò òigridh Fèisean Lochabair agus dinneir le dannsa às a dèidh.

Bith tréanadh ann Disathairne a’ criochnachadh le sgeulachd dan agus fiosrachadh bhon sgìre fhèin.

The Annual General Meeting of Fèisean nan Gàidheal will be held in the The West End Hotel, Fort William on Friday 21 September 2012. It is expected that many representatives from all the Fèisean across Scotland will be in attendance. There will be a Cèilidh following the dinner, which will feature young people from Lochaber Fèisean.

The Conference will take place on Saturday 22 September, with the usual mix of presentations and workshops.
FÉIS DHÙN ÊIDEANN: THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

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FÉIS NÀN GARBH CHRIÖCHAN

Bha deireadh-seachdain nam meadhanaí aig Fèis nan Gàidhlig Chriochan ann am Bun-sgoil Ath Tharracaill air 17mh & 18mh Ògmhios 2012. Bha a' bhuidheann ag obair cómhla air planaichean agus sgriobtaichean a sgriobhadh airson fàilte a' bhuidheann na rinn iad.

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Ann's a' Chòiteann Libhrig a' bhuidheann ealaín coimhearsnachd Sparc sreath de sheiseanán Gàidhlig dò 16 clasaiachan ann am 6 b-ogailteann ann am Dùn Briatainn le clasaiachan dràma agus geamaichean. Chòrd sean gu mòr leis a' chloinn agus ag deireadh an latha ghabh 376 clann pàirt ann uile gu lèir.

In May Sparc Community Arts delivered a series of Gaelic sessions to 16 classes in 6 Dunbarton primary schools. In total 376 children engaged in a series of Gaelic games and drama which they thoroughly enjoyed. The project was delivered by Colette Gough and Laura Dunlop of Sparc on behalf of Fèis Dhùn Bhreatainn.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE

Tha bùth leabhrachaithe Blythwood ann uile Inbhir Nis ann a' sìreach leabhrachaithe Gàidhlig. Ma tha seann leabhrachaithe agad fhèin neo ma tha thu eòlach air cuideigin le leabhrachaithe air nach oilean tuilleadh, chuireadh Blythwood fàite orra aig a’ bhàth leabhrachaithe aguigh fhèin no aig a’ bhàth leabhrachaithe a th’ aca fo oifsean Fèisean nan Gàidheal air Sàrdan an Acadamaidh, Inbhir Nis.

The Blythwood book shop in Inverness is looking for donations of Gaelic books. If you have any old books which are in reasonably good condition or you know of anyone who has any Gaelic books they no longer have a use for, please consider donating them either to your local Blythwood charity shop or the Blythwood book shop below the Fèisean nan Gàideal office on Academy Street, Inverness where they will be gratefully received.

CEILIDHHUNTER WEBSITE

A new website has recently been set up by Simon Cleary, which is designed to help people promote, organise and find ceilidhs in Scotland and further afield. It has been generating a lot of positive feedback from bands and event organisers. For further information and to advertise any events/ceilidhs go to www.ceilidhhunter.co.uk
FEIS ALBA PRELUDE TO CÉLÉIDH TRAILS

Tha Fèis Alba a’ cur fàilte air còrr is 50 luchd-cùil bho air fedadh Alba airson trèanadh bliadhain nàl Cuairtean Cèilidh a thèid a chumail air a’ Phlok eadar 2 agus 13 luchar 2012. Mar a thachair anns na bliadhnaichean a dh’fhàlhbh gabhaidh na compàirtichean pàirt ann an roaghain fhasaing de bhùthan-obrach far an ionnsaich iad na sgilean a dh’hriumhas iad airson a dhol air chuairit. Am-bliadhna bhidh sgioba air leòr gan teagasg: Anna Massie, Mairéad Green, Ingrid NicEanraig, Donal MacLìThuinn agus Màiri Anna NicUairlair. Air an oidhche mu dheireadh den Fhèis chithear Fèis Chataibh, Fèis Rois agus Fèis Fhoirt air an ard-urlar còmhla ris an Sgoil Shàmhradh Dhàrama airson cuirn-taisbeannadhaig aith Stùidio Fàs, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

Às déidh Fèis Alba, bidh na h-ochna Cèilidhean air Chuarait a’ falbh air thuras air fedadh na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean. Am-bliadhna, thathar a’ cur fàilte air Cèilidh air Chuarait Fèis Fhoirt a fhuaire taic-airgid bhon mhaoin Cultar agus Turasachd aig Bliadhna Alba Cruthachail agus Pàirc Nàiseanta Loch Laomainn is nan Tròisichean. ‘S e seo a’ chiald bliadhna de ‘Trad Trails’ - Cùairt Cèilidh Nàiseanta a thà thug Fèis Rois ann ag an chòmhoine leis an TMUSA a thà cuideachd air a mhaoineachd mar phàirt de Bhliadhna Alba Cruthachail.

Mar a thachair anns na bliadhnaichean a dh’fhàlhbh, bidh na Cuairtean Cèilidh a’ gabhail pàirt ann an còrr is 100 tachartas ann an roaghain fhasaing de dh’aitsean eadar an luchar agus an Lùnastar. Air 11 luchar aig 7.30f, air Taigh Osta Beinn Nibheis anns a’ Ghearrasdan, bidh oidhche shines drainnt aig a’ Fèisean Lochabhair Cùairt Cèilidh Reunion Cèilidh far am bh fùchd-cùil a bhí na bliadhna seo a’ cluich còmhla ri luchd-cùil a’inealleachd air an bhàrr a bhí ann a bh’ aith a deasann, agus an Fhèis agus na Cèilidhean air Chuarait. Théid Cuairt Cèilidh Eadar-Ghàidheil a bhogadh le cuirm-cùil far am bi ad a’ cuirc nic ri an Tannahill Weavers ann an Strachur air 27 luchar, tha Cuairt Cèilidh air Òigeain Sìolais na h-Éilean Leòin agus Loch Aillse gu bhith a’ seòladh air bòrd bát’a-aiseig Caledonian Mhic a’ Bhruithainn agus thèid cìoch a chur air Cùairt Cèilidh a’ Mhonaidh Ruaidh aig Fèis na Teanta Mòire ann an Fàclann, Fìobha.

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The following classes are scheduled to take place in the forthcoming months:

- **Creative Scotland’s Gaelic Language Plan**
  
  Creative Scotland’s draft Gaelic Language Plan sets out how it will use Gaelic in its operations, communications and in its investment in arts and culture in Scotland in order to:
  
  - Enhance the status of Gaelic language and culture
  - Promote the acquisition and learning of Gaelic
  - Encourage the increased use of Gaelic


  If you would like to comment on Creative Scotland’s draft Gaelic Language Plan please complete the survey https://wwwsurveymonkey.com/s/glp-consultation

  The closing date for responses is Friday 20 July 2012.

  You can also read the survey online at: [Click here](http://www.creativescotland.com/sites/default/files/editor/Creative_Scotland_Draft_Gaelic_Language_Plan.pdf)

  **Coífadh agus Comhradh**

  Tha boidheann bheag a’ coineachadh aig Fèis nan Gàidheal, Taigh a’ Mhill, Port Righ gach Dimairead eadar 1f agus 2f airson sùrug aig còmhraidh na Gàidheal. Tha seo fós saigeal do dhuan bhean bith sa choimirceanachd a thà a’irson a chuid Ghàidheil a thoirt air adhart. Chan e fhoirm an fhoirghionn a réir có thug air an latha – ceol roc, a’ togail cruch-mòna, a’ fuine sgonachaidh... Cuiridh Fèis nan Gàidheal an coir air, agus thoiribh leibh ceapair agus ur cuid naidheachdan.

  A small group meets at Fèis nan Gàidheal, Meall House, Portree each Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm for a cup of tea/coffee and a bit of Gaelic conversation. It is open to anyone in the community who wants to improve their Gaelic. It is not a formal class, and the subjects vary according to the participants – rock music, building a peat stack, baking scones... Fèis nan Gàidheal will put the kettle on, and you can bring your own lunch and stories.

  **Gaelic Classes**

  Tha Fòrbairt na Gàidhlig a’ b’rathadh cuaidheathadach agus co-obrachadh eadar na bàidhean Gàidheal agus co-thochroman leasachaidh a’ ghabhail còmhla, far am biodh seo iomchaidh.

  For further information or to book a place on any of the classes please contact Iona MacDonald on 01478 614001 or email iona@feisean.org
FÈIS DHRÀMA EARRA-GHÀIDHEIL IS LOCH ABAR

Ged a bha a’ ghrian a’ deàrrsadh is teasaideh a’ chàir a’ nochadh 29°C cha d’ rinn e diofar do 150 ceasaiche òg a chruthnich ann an Tallaichean a’ Chorrain san Òban Dimàirt 1 Cèitean.

Tha Fèis Dhrama Earra-Ghàidheil is Loch Abar a-nise sia bladhna a dh’aos, agus ‘s e 2012 a bhliadhna a’ bhaadh a dh’againn fhathast. Ghabh seachd ghoileantain pàirt sa pròiseact, agus air sgàth ‘s gun robh cuid de ghoileantain a’ cur airadh dà dhealbh-chluich nochd. 11 pìosan dràma air an aird-ùrlar.

Ged a rinn Dougie obair ann an cuid mhath de na ghoileantain a ghabh pàirt, ‘s iad a’ chlann agus na thidsearan fhèin a rinn e obair a bh’ ann. Le taghadh farsaing de dhealbh-chluich air an cruthachadh is an deasachadh, le cuspaisean leithid burraidheadh, na h-Oileampaigs, spùinneadairean is fuì ‘s tarainge ùr air Romeo is Juliet am measg na chaidh a chur air an aird-ùrlar.

Thàinig na ghoilean airson a gach ceàrnadh de dh’Earra Ghàidheil is Loch Abar - a’s an Òban, a’ Apainn, a’ Ghrearasdha, à Dùn Omhain, Muile, Malaig is Àth Tharracaill - agus ged e is latha fada a bh’ ann don a h-ùile duine, gu h-àraidh dhaibhsan a bha a’ sibhbal astar, chòrd am feasgar ris a h-ùile duine.

Tha Fng à doann chomhairt dhìonachd a ghabhail, is bha sinn fhaighinneachd gun do chuir ghoilean òg air leis, le重中之重 am feasgar ùr air an TBh às dèidh làimhe.

Fàs na sgoilean airson a chur aird air an Àrd-ùrlar.

This year the Fèisean nan Gàidheal drama team provided a new drama skills service for primary schools in the Western Isles where participating schools received tuition in a wide range of drama skills through a series of workshops.

Freelance drama worker Debbie Mackay was employed to deliver the project on behalf of Fèisean nan Gàidheal and her workshops were well received by the pupils and staff. Donna Barden, Head of Laxdale Primary said “We really enjoyed having Debbie and we’d like to thank Fèisean nan Gàidheal for the preparation involved. The pupils are keen to have more as they really enjoyed the drama.”

For more information about this or other drama projects contact Angus MacLeod or Dougie Beck at the Fèisean nan Gàidheal office in Inverness on 01463 225559 or visit www.feisean.org