



Programme



The title “Gèirinis an Oir” relates to a local story of hidden treasure. This story is an archetypical ‘folk’ tale prevalent across the world. The local twist to the story is that the name of the person who finds the treasure is known.

Loch Bee is known for the ‘over wintering’ of resident mute swans and is also one of South Uist’s SSSI sites which we will learn about from local Biodiversity Officer Ann MacLellan on the Machair Walk.

Gerinish has wheel houses, old graveyards and other archaeological sites which will be part of the walk through the village.



Sunday 24 July

- 14.00 Registration
- 15.00 Open Air Mass at Garryfluich
- 17.00 “Bride Mhòr nam Buar “ Celtic Spirituality and Cross Making workshop. Dr Mary Low
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 “Dualchas Ghèirinis’ from the local & national collections. Jo MacDonald

Monday 25th July

- 11.00 History of village from Estate Records
- 12.15 Parish records of village
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Walk through village to view sites of Agricultural, Educational & Business sites.
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 Piping Concert with Fred Morrison

Tuesday 26^h July

- 11.00 Arrival of “Rocket Range”
- 12.15 “Impact on village”
Discussion led by community
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Gerinish School open to close (1909-1989)
- 16.00 Machair Walk—Ann MacLellan
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.30 Cèilidh hosted by Morag MacDonald in lochdar Hall with tribute to Tom Sloss.
- 23.00 Dance

Gèirinis an Oir

Gerinish Centenary



24 -26th July 2011
lochdar School

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Cha cluinn mi do ghuth a Dhomhanail, guth nan orain a bha binn Cha cluinn mi ach fuaim na mara 's gul na h-eala Air Loch Bee. C. Nic Aoidh

Registration

Gerinish township was settled around 1911 and is a vibrant community. Its history reflects many of the major changes to South Uist during the 20th Century.

The people who came to Gerinish originally came largely from the overcrowded townships of Iochdar. Baptismal records provide evidence of the movement of people and South Uist Estate Archive shows the development of the township in modern times.

Gerinish Garryfluich was site of the revived Catholic church in South Uist after the outlawing of the church around 1600. St Bride's Church was built in the early 1960's to serve as a 'Chapel of Ease'. A Workshop will offer an exploration of the importance of Bride in Celtic Spirituality and practise on how to make her cross.

The Statue of Our Lady of the Isles on Rueval points towards Gerinish Township and it has its own history.



Gerinish School has been both a Primary and Secondary during its history from 1909–1989.

The Rocket Ranges arrival in the mid 50's brought the most significant changes that any crofting township could undergo. Through the years crofting has continued to co-exist alongside the Range.

The uncertain future of Rangehead offers challenges and opportunities to the township and the wider community in the years to come.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS & CUTTINGS ABOUT GERINISH TO BE OPENED AT THE SOUTH UIST AGRICULTURAL SHOW ON 23RD JULY AT IOCHDAR HALL

- Fr. Michael MacDonald** - Parish Priest
Mairi Bremner - Local Historian
Jo MacDonald - Broadcaster
Morag MacDonald - Broadcaster
Donald MacKenzie - Army History
Dr. Mary Low - Spirituality Researcher

How to register.

Post completed form to: - Or online via

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Ainm/Name:

Seòladh/Address:

Aireambh-Post/Post Code:

Fon/Phone:

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Special Requirements e.g. mobility, access, hearing, vision, diet, vegetarian meals.

Conference fee includes talks, walks and demonstrations; teas, lunch, dinner as well as transport between venues.
(please circle the relevant option)

Full conference (fee £90)

Local Western Isles (discounted fee £60)

Mon/Tues (daily fee of £30)

I require pick up from airport/ ferry terminal

**Payment must accompany this application form
(please make cheques payable to 'Ceòlas Uibhist')**

Accommodation is not included.

TERM AND CONDITIONS: 50% non-refundable deposit on booking.

DATA PROTECTION - Personal information is confidential and shall not be shared with 3rd parties.