FÀILTE
Fàilte chridheil oirbh a-rithist, a’ chàirdean.
A-rèir coltas, ‘s e Mòd air leth soirbheachaill a bh’ ann agus tha mi cinnteach gum bidh a’ chomataidh ionadail glè tholilichte leis a h-ule rud. Co-dhìù, tha e doirbh a’ creidsinn gu bheil àm na Nollaige cho faisg agus agm bliadhna ùr a tighinn as a dèidh. Bidh iomadach rud ri dhèanamh no fhàilte is bhadhail an t-achd’ sìneachd a’ rithist – ‘s dòcha chi sinn sibh aig tachartas no dhà.

Anns an iris seo :

- Am Mòd Nàiseanta
- Ar Tachartasan Sòisealta
- Clasaichean Oldchie
- Fèis “Celtic Connections”
- Naidheachd eile

AM MÒD NÀISEANTA

Well, all the hard work paid off, and the feedback about Paisley’s first hosting of the National Mòd has been universally favourable, with particular praise for the venues and the stewards. I know that many of our members were involved in practical support for events and deserve this praise. The “Showcase” in the Piazza, where ClannGàidhlig and SONAS had a stand, was very busy and we attracted much interest, from “buddies” and Mòd attendees alike.

Paisley Museum also deserves congratulations for presenting an interesting programme of Gaelic-related events during October, including an exhibition covering the links between Paisley and the Gaels. A document containing some of the material used is available electronically (PDF format) – let the editor know by e-mail if you would like a copy.

AR TACHARTASAN SÒISEALTA

Other commitments (most noticeably a house move) plus difficulties in obtaining suitable venues have delayed preparation of a Social Programme, but I am pleased to give details below.
I hope that we will see a good turnout for these events.

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<td>February 1st 7:30</td>
<td>Concert with <strong>Largs Gaelic Choir</strong> (winners of several major prizes at the National Mòd )</td>
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<td>Latha Gàidhlig, 3 language classes, plus Singing Workshop</td>
<td>Paisley Grammar School</td>
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<td>March 22nd 7:30</td>
<td>Bardic Supper, with <strong>Joy Dunlop</strong></td>
<td>Westburn Church, Greenock</td>
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<td>May 10th</td>
<td>Bus trip to Oban, including visit to the Gaelic Centre, Corran Halls</td>
<td>Pick-ups in Greenock and Paisley</td>
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<td>June 9th 7:30</td>
<td>Annual General Meeting</td>
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Tickets for the above will be available from committee members in the New Year.

Enrolment forms for the Latha Gàidhlig can be obtained by e-mail (address below) or by phone and will be distributed via Evening Classes also.
CLASAICHEAN OIDHCHE

Details of next session’s Night classes run by the local authorities are given below, please pass on to anyone whom you know who may be interested in taking part. All classes start at 7 p.m.

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In addition, the following independent classes may also be of interest:

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<td>Inverclyde Learners' Group</td>
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<td>Advanced</td>
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FÊIS “CELTIC CONNECTIONS”

In addition to the usual round of concerts featuring Gaelic artists such as Julie Fowlis, Capercaillie, Kathleen Macinnes, Darren Maclean and the Campbells of Greepe, there are some more unusual and intriguing events planned which may be of interest.

- **31st January**  
  **Cluaidh agus a’ Cho-Fhaîtheas**  
  (The Clyde and the Commonwealth)  
  A wide range of Gaelic singers, the Glasgow Gaelic choirs, plus great dance-band musicians  
  City Halls, Candleriggs

- **2nd February**  
  **Shìntiu’s Heroes.**  
  Music, narration and archive photographs  
  Mitchell Theatre

- **18th January**  
  **Drìne – Rob Donn.**  
  To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Sutherland Bàrd, Robb Donn. Singers include James Graham  
  CCA, Sauchiehall Street

- **26th January**  
  **An Drochaid – The Bridge Rising.**  
  A documentary film about the protests against the Skye Bridge tolls. Music from Arthur Cormack, Mary-Ann Kennedy and others  
  GFT, Rose Street

- **31st January**  
  **1st February**  
  “A little bird blown off course”.  
  Music and film celebrating the life of Margaret Fay Shaw the celebrated folklorist – songs by Fiona J Mackenzie (Duan Nollaig)  
  Tron Theatre

There is also the usual round of music and language workshops to develop your skills. Gaelic tutors include our own Sìne Maclean and Gillebrìde MacMillan.

For more information contact the Celtic Connections box office on 0141 353 8000 or www.celticconnections.com

NAIDHEACHD EILE

Some of you may have noticed the recent “Gaelic Awards” ceremony, sponsored by the Daily Record and Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Members will be interested to learn that the winner in the Learner’s category was the “Gàidhlig Dumgal” group – established by our former Treasurer, Andrew Wilson. Many congratulations to the group and long may they prosper.

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As always, the editor would welcome contributions for future issues of “Seanachaidh” (articles, photographs or even just suggested topics for inclusion). Please call 0797 273 5413.