

FÀILTE

Fàilte chridheil oirbh a-rithist, a' chàirdean.

An toiseach, feumaidh mi aideachadh gun do dhìochuimhnich mi rudeigin sònraichte anns an iris mu dhèireadh. Chi sibh tuilleadh dè bh'ann anns an iris as ùire :

- *Deich bliadhnaichean*
- *Ar tachartasan sòisealta*
- *Coinneamh Bhliadhnail*
- *Naidheachd eile*

DEICH BLIADHNAICHEAN

How could I have overlooked such an important milestone, last time !

Our group was formally launched on 1st March, 2004 in the Wynd Centre, Paisley when approximately 50 people gathered to inaugurate the group and choose a suitable name.

(The name ClannGàidhlig, meaning Gaelic clan or offspring, was created by Andrew Pearson).

In the 10 years since, we have enjoyed many successful events, seen our membership grow to 100+, developed new skills and seen a National Mòd come to the area ! Many of those who attended that first meeting are still involved and grateful thanks are due to all of the many committee members over the years, who have helped to ensure the group's development.

AR TACHARTASAN SÒISEALTA

Our Bardic Supper on 22nd March was well-attended and we enjoyed some fine singing and an entertaining talk from Joy Dunlop, who described some the bards of Argyll, with particular focus on Duncan Bàn McIntyre.

The bus trip to Oban on 10th May was a great success with almost 30 members and friends enjoying fine weather, a lively bi-lingual commentary and an interesting visit to the new "Furan" Gaelic Cultural Centre at the Corran Halls.



JOY DUNLOP

"TRIPPERS" OUTSIDE THE CORRAN HALLS

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### **COINNEAMH BHLIADHHNAIL**

Our AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> June was most successful. A fairly short formal meeting heard about the events of the past year and the valuable contribution made by members of Clann Gàidhlig and SONAS to the National Mòd in Paisley. The group's finances are in a good state, having broken even during 2013-14; we have a healthy bank balance; and we have exactly 100 members at present.

Although many of the committee members have currently served beyond their specified term of office, they were all content to continue in post and grateful thanks are due to them.

A draft of the social programme for 2014-15 was outlined. A similar programme to last year is envisaged, but with the inclusion of a Choirs Night (competing for the Provost's Cuach) and a Christmas Carols workshop. Following the formal meeting, and a chance to chat over coffee, there was a closely-contested "fun" quiz. Many thanks are due to Coinneach Combe for organising this.

### **NAIDHEACHD EILE**

#### **Our Web-site**

As mentioned in the last issue, we have a new-look website, which went "live" at the end of April. In addition to presenting a fresh and lively image, it will cost us significantly less to maintain.

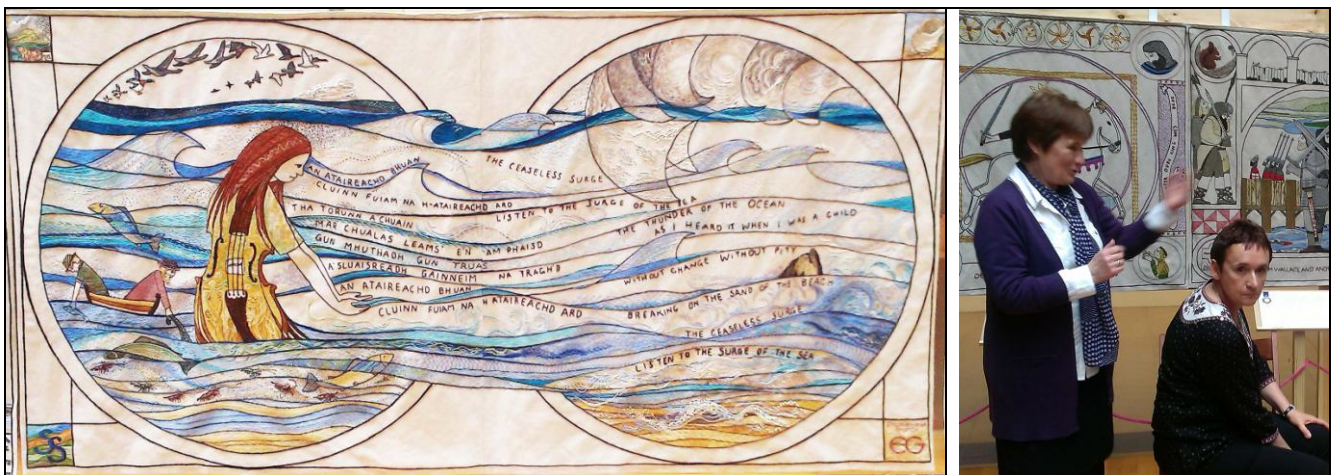
Many thanks again to Nigel Dick for his efforts in creating the new site.

We would welcome your feedback - please email comments or contributions to the usual address below.

#### **The Great Tapestry of Scotland**

Many of you will have taken the opportunity to visit this exhibition when it made its first visit outside of Edinburgh to be displayed in the Anchor Mills in Paisley. It was a truly inspirational exhibition, with a variety of tapestries by embroiderers from across the country. There were a number of hangings with a specific Gaelic relevance, one of which is shown below.

Members Cairistiona Combe and Mòrag Law took part in two special events connected with the exhibition, presenting Gaelic narrative and songs to accompany Storytelling sessions which were held to provide an added dimension to the displays. See picture below.



#### **Barrhead students visit to Skye**

Thanks are due again to Michael McBride for an update on the activities of the Barrhead Intermediate class. A party of ten paid a visit to Skye in March, staying at the Marmalade Hotel in Portree.

Despite variable weather, the group enjoyed visiting numerous places on the island. The highlight was undoubtedly a visit to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, where they were given a tour of the facilities and a presentation by Dòmhnall Angaidh McLennan about the history and future vision for the college.

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