

# SEANACHAIDH

A Newsletter for members of Clann Gàidhlig

Iris 43

An t-Sultain 2015



## **FÀILTE**

Fàilte chridheil oirbh a-rithist, a' chàirdean. Uill, 's sin an samhradh seachad a-rithist ged a bha an t-side cho fuar 's caochlaideach agus a-nis bi am foghar a tighinn cho luath.

Ach, tha na clasaichean a toiseachadh a-rithist, bidh program sòisealta ùr againn agus tha Oifigear Leasachaidh na Gàidhlig ùr ag obair gu dìchealach.

Chì sibh tuilleadh anns an iris seo :

- ❖ *Oifigear Leasachaidh Ùr*
- ❖ *Clasaichean Cànan*
- ❖ *Tachartasan Sòisealta*
- ❖ *Siorrachd Rinn Friu - Plana Cànan (dreach)*

## **OIFIGEAR LEASACHAIDH ÙR**

We are delighted to welcome Alain Campbell as the new Gaelic Development Officer (GDO) for the Cille-Conval Partnership, which is the local authority body responsible for Gaelic across the three local authority areas. Alain will be well known to our members in the Inverclyde area, as he is a night class tutor at Greenock Academy.

Alain is from the Isle of Tiree, Gaelic was the language used at home and his schooling on the island was through the medium of Gaelic. On leaving school he attended Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen, but he now lives in Glasgow. Music plays a major part in his life and he is a member of the well-known band "Trail West" (as is Ian Smith, guest artist at our Bardic Supper last February). He is obviously a very fit guy too, as he lists cycling, swimming and football among his leisure pursuits ! We look forward to working with Alain to ensure that Gaelic continues to thrive in the local area.

## **CLASAICHEAN CÀNAIN**

Local authority classes have resumed and details are shown below. The new GDO, Alain Campbell will be visiting all the classes as quickly as possible to see for himself the good work which is going on and make himself known to students.

East Renfrewshire	Barrhead Foundry	Beginners	Tuesdays 7:00
	"	Intermediate	Tuesdays 7:00
	Barrhead High School	Advanced	Wednesdays 7:00
Inverclyde	Inverclyde Academy	Beginners	Tuesdays 7:00
	"	Intermediate	"
	"	Advanced	"
	Port Glasgow Library	Beginners	Tuesdays 1:00
Renfrewshire	Glenburn	Beginners	Wednesdays 7:00
	West Johnstone Centre	Intermediate	Tuesdays 7:00
	West Johnstone Centre	Advanced	Thursdays 7:00

More details from Alain on [alain.campbell@inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:alain.campbell@inverclyde.gov.uk)

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## **CLASAICHEAN CÀNAIN (LEANTAINN)**

It is worth mentioning also that there are a number of other daytime groups in the area, in addition to those classes mentioned above. These include classes in Eastwood House (Tuesday and Thursday) and Greenock SW Library (Friday), with conversation groups in Barrhead Foundry (Monday) and Paisley Piazza (alternate Wednesdays). More information on request.

## **AR TACHARTASAN SÒISEALTA**

We had a satisfactory turnout for our AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> June, which heard reports on the year's activities and the group's finances (they are healthy). A lively discussion took place on future activities and the existing committee agreed to continue in office. After the formal section of the meeting Ian Smith joined us to play some excellent tunes on the accordion and lead us in communal singing. A most enjoyable way to finish last year's session.

The 2015-16 programme is under development and those items already "inked in" are listed below. More details will follow in due course.

Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Latha Gàidhlig	Paisley Grammar School	4 language classes, plus singing workshop
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bardic Supper	Westburn Church, Greenock	Alasdair Whyte
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Latha Gàidhlig	Paisley Grammar School	4 language classes, plus singing workshop
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Choirs' Night	Renfrew Town Hall	Choirs from Glasgow and elsewhere, competing for the Renfrewshire Provost's Cuach
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	AGM	Wynd Centre, Paisley	

## **SIORRACHD RINN FRIU - PLANA CÀNAIN (DREACH)**

Many of you will be aware that Renfrewshire Council has issued a draft Gaelic Language Plan for consultation, under the requirements of Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Unfortunately, communication regarding a series of consultation meetings, to be held to gather feedback, was poor but a number of ClannGàidhlig members did manage to attend and make representations to the council officials who hosted them. We have pressed the council to extend the closing date for feedback to be submitted. If you have not had the opportunity to do so, the Plan can be viewed by going to the website [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk) and typing "Gaelic Language Plan" in the SEARCH icon. This will take you to a page where you can open the document. You can also complete the Survey from the same page.

We look forward to seeing a revised version of the Plan, with clear priorities for implementation and a commitment to funding the actions outlined.

## **AGUS RUD EILE./ AND FINALLY**

Membership fees were due in June. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached form and send a cheque for £5 to the Treasurer, c/o 26 Glenbank Court, Roukenglen Road, Glasgow, G46 7EG. Mòran taing.

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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 0780 591 8509.*

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