

FÈIS ROIS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

FÀILTE

Tha mi' n dòchas gu bheil sibh gu math. I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely break over Easter.

Thank you to everyone who braved the wind and rain, and came to chat to us at the annual Daffodil Tea at Foulis Castle on Saturday. We hoped you enjoyed the performances from Fèis Rois musicians. We were delighted to support this event raising funds for Mikeysline.

We had a fantastic week for our Youth Fèis in Dingwall, Ullapool and Tain. If you missed it, you can watch a piece on BBC Naidheachdan [here](#). We particularly enjoyed welcoming our friends from Ukraine for the first time since 2019. Thank you to all of you who came and danced at our community ceilidhs!

Our Adult Fèis is quickly approaching and there are only a few remaining places so if you are hoping to come to Ullapool for a weekend of music and great fun, snap up those last few places now!

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all at a gig or workshop over the next few weeks and months.

Dùrachdan,

Fiona

ADULT FÈIS

This year's Fèis Rois nan Inbheach (Adult Fèis) takes place from 3rd - 6th May and over 200 of you have signed up, meaning there are only a few remaining places available so if you would like to join us for a fantastic weekend of music, you better be quick! You can book your place [here](#).

As always we are thrilled to be welcoming an incredible tutor team. If you have always fancied having a go at learning the clarsach, you could join Lochaber multi-instrumentalist, Ingrid Henderson for a weekend of harp tunes. Lewis Gaelic singer Margaret Stewart will be leading song workshops for Gaelic learners and fluent speakers whilst Rona Lightfoot will be teaching you some favourite ceilidh songs! Dig out your dancing shoes for the step dance workshops with Jayne Macleod and John Sikorski - beginner to advanced classes available. Just a wee taste of what will be on offer!

All abilities are catered for so whether you are a complete beginner on the whistle, have recently started learning bellows blown pipes or have been playing guitar for years, there is a class for you. Siuthad, gabh an cothrom! More information, including tutors and class lists, can be found on our [website](#), as well as details on how to book.



GAELIC RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND

Our next Gaelic residential weekend for Gaelic speakers in P7 – S4 will be held from Friday 17th May to Sunday 19th May at Fairburn Activity Centre, Muir of Ord.

Young people will get the chance to take part in a variety of workshops including Gaelic song, Group work, music recording, camera skills and video making, as well as orienteering and outdoor activities.

There will be workshops in Gaelic song, music and group work with Deirdre Graham and Innes White, as well as workshops in camera skills and video making delivered by Calum MacLean, and outdoor activities led by Kenny Rankin. It is a fantastic opportunity for young people to spend a weekend immersed in Gaelic. We are grateful to Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Screen Scotland and Astar Media for support towards this event. You can book your place [here](#).



The poster features a circular portrait of Dr Iain Mac a' Phearsain, a man in a suit and tie, against a brick wall background. The text on the poster includes the Fèis Rois logo and website, the date and time of the class, the name of the speaker, and the title of the class.


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Dr Iain Mac a' Phearsain

CEARCALL CÒMHRAIDH
Online Gaelic Conversation Circle

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Our next online Gaelic conversation class, Cearcall Còmhraidh, will be on the 6th May with Iain S Mac a' Phearsain. Check our [website](#) for more details and [email Sophie](#) to book a free place.

Support Live Music!

Anne Wood, who teaches our weekly Fèis Club in Ullapool and on the Lullaby Project, is taking her When Mountains Meet project on tour this spring, including dates in Ullapool, Shetland, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Check out her [website](#) for more details. You can also read a piece in the Ross-shire Journal about her project [here](#).

Our own Sophie Stephenson will be performing at this month's Gaelic Acoustic Night at Eden Court. Sophie will be joining

uilleann piper, flute and whistle player Calum Stewart and Luc McNally on bouzouki on Wednesday 17th April. Tickets available [here](#).

The amazing pianist, Fergus McCreadie, is playing at Resolis Memorial Hall on the 28th April and you can reserve a ticket by emailing resoliscommunityarts@gmail.com or by calling 01381610240. Find out more on the [Resolis Community Arts Facebook](#).



Since launching her solo career, Gaelic singer and songwriter, **Kim Carnie** has worked with producers such as Jim Sutherland, Donald Shaw and Ged Grimes, and is a member of MÀNran and Staran, Kim, who was on our Ceilidh Trail in 2013, is heading on tour this summer including dates across the Western Isles - find out more [here](#).

Rona Macleod is a singer and fiddle player and was a member of our Ceilidh Trail in 2018 & 2020. She is currently studying lutherie and has a fascinating [Facebook page](#) documenting the instruments she is making whilst studying! Rona is also a member of the choir, [Binneas](#).

Orcadian fiddle and mandolin player **Graham Rorie** is an award-winning folk musician based in Glasgow. He was nominated for 'Musician of The Year' at the 2023 Scots Trad Music Awards and a finalist in the 2021 BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year. Earlier this month, Graham, who was on the Ceilidh Trail in 2016, launched a tune book, [The Grimness Collection](#). The book features all the melodies from his 'The Orcadians of Hudson Bay', his tunes included on Gness' albums and lots more.

If you would like to consider making a donation to help the ongoing work of Fèis Rois you can do so on our [Just Giving page](#). Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our classes or courses soon!