



## WELCOME

### *to the programme for the first ever Tobermory Book Festival*

Put together by Duncan Swinbanks of Tackle and Books, Hugh Andrew of Birlinn Ltd and Hugh Raven of Ardtornish, the Festival is designed to celebrate Mull's place as Scotland's Hebridean book capital. What better way could there be to spend a few days than in Scotland's most beautiful small town, listening to superb speakers and enjoying the best of Highland food?

Tickets are available from Comar, the Tobermory and Mull Arts Centre, at the following web address:

[www.comar.co.uk](http://www.comar.co.uk)

01688 30 2211 or in person at An Tobar

Please join us in making our first festival not just a success, but a fixture in Scotland's social and cultural calendar.

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#### SEANNACHIE:

*Sir Maxwell MacLeod of Fuinary*

Max will act as chair in a number of events and be a point of contact through the Festival.

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## THE TOBERMORY BOOK FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 25th OCTOBER  
to SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER





## THURSDAY 25th OCTOBER



**AROS HALL 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.**

**Alan McKirdy**

co-author of *Land of Mountain and Flood* and author of *Mull, Iona and Ardnamurchan: Landscapes in Stone*.

**Learn about Mull and Its Surrounds:  
A Geological Landscape**

Alan is one of Scotland's leading geologists, and the story of Mull and its surrounds is extraordinary and fascinating. Find out a lot more about the rock on which you stand!

*Ticket reference for this event is T1. Tickets are £10 each.*

**AROS HALL 5.30 p.m.–7 p.m.**

**NEW BOOK LAUNCH • David H. Caldwell  
Mull and Iona: A Historical Guide**

This is the first ever full-length guide to the historical sites of Mull. This is a definitive guide and essential for anyone interested in Mull, Iona and the islands of the archipelago. David Caldwell has written similar books for Islay, Jura and Colonsay, and a full history of Islay. He is an expert on the birlinn vessel. Book launch to celebrate this historical guide to Mull.

*Ticket reference for the launch only is T2. Tickets are £10 each.*

**AROS HALL Starting at 7.30 p.m.**

Dinner by Hebridean Lodge with the author

*Ticket reference for the launch and dinner is T3. Tickets are £20 each.*

## FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

**WESTERN ISLES HOTEL 10.30 a.m.–12 noon**

**Amelia Dalton**

**Talks about her highly entertaining book *Mistress and Commander: High Jinks, High Seas and Highlanders***

Take one abandoned Arctic trawler, take the Hebrides and round off with one very determined skipper and you have all the ingredients for a marvellous nautical romp round the islands of Scotland.

*Ticket reference for this event is F1. Tickets are £10 each.*

**WESTERN ISLES HOTEL 12.30 p.m.–2 p.m.**

**NEW BOOK LAUNCH • David Ross**

***Highland Herald: Reporting the News from the North***

Over lunch at the Western Isles Hotel, David talks about his life and times covering the Highlands for the *Herald*. As one of Scotland's best known journalists, there are few stories from the



Highlands and Islands where David was not present. Hear how it really was.

*Ticket reference for the launch and lunch is F2. Tickets are £20 each.*

**WESTERN ISLES HOTEL 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.**

**NEW BOOK LAUNCH • Polly Pullar**

***A Richness of Martens: Wildlife Tales from Ardnamurchan***

This event is to feature four collies and a spaniel. The collies are stars of *Polly's Collies Calendar 2019*. Polly, journalist, photographer and writer, celebrates a remarkable family, a beautiful peninsula and a special place in her new book.

*Ticket reference for this event is F3. Tickets are £10 each.*

**AN TOBAR 5.30 p.m.–7 p.m.**

Event and book launch to celebrate the Campbells of Canna, with Hugh Cheape, Ray Perman and Fiona Mackenzie.

**NEW BOOK LAUNCH • Fiona K. Mackenzie (editor)  
*Eilean: The Photography of Margaret Fay Shaw***

Event and book launch to celebrate the Campbells of Canna, with Hugh Cheape, Ray Perman and Fiona Mackenzie.

Few are better known for their commitment to the culture and language of the west of Scotland than the late Margaret Fay Shaw and John Lorne Campbell. This new book features never before seen photography of Margaret Fay Shaw. Margaret's superb photographs are full of humour and warmth, and capture not simply a world but her family and friends in a unique way.

*Ticket reference for the event and launch is F4. Tickets are £15 each.*

**HEBRIDEAN LODGE 7.30 p.m.**

Dinner with Hugh Cheape, Ray Perman and Fiona Mackenzie.

Fiona (Mod Gold Medallist) will sing some of the songs collected by Margaret Fay Shaw.

*Ticket reference for the dinner is F5. Tickets are £30 each.*

## SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER

**MULL THEATRE 10.30 a.m.–12 noon**

**Colin MacIntyre (Mull Historical Society)**

From stage to page: stories, songs and music by award-winning author/musician Colin MacIntyre, featuring his Mull Historical Society music and celebrating his new book *Hometown Tales* about his childhood on Mull.

The event also features the poetry of his grandfather, 'Bard of Mull' Angus MacIntyre, read by Eric MacIntyre.

His new album 'Wakelines' is out now.

*Ticket reference for the event is S1. Tickets are £10 each.*

**THE GALLERY (spirit level) 12.30 p.m.–2 p.m.**

**Claire Macdonald and Sally Swinbanks**

Over lunch Sally Swinbanks of the Tobermory Fish Company meets Claire Macdonald, the author of *The Scottish Salmon Bible* and *The Scottish Food Bible*. Claire is one of Scotland's best known and best loved cookery writers, and the Tobermory Fish Company produces some of Scotland's best known and best loved fish!

*Ticket reference for the lunch is S2. Tickets are £20 each.*

**AROS HALL 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.**

**Adam Nicolson**

***The Seabird's Cry***

Adam is one of Britain's most distinguished authors and has written widely on subjects as various as Homer and the Battle of Trafalgar. His love of wildlife comes through in his classic *Sea Room*, about the Shiantis, and his new book is a passionate and beautifully written piece on the birds of the ocean and the challenges we humans have unleashed on them.

*Ticket reference for this event is S3. Tickets are £10 each.*

**AROS HALL 5.30 p.m.–7 p.m.**

**Alexander McCall Smith**

***Scotland's Best Loved Poems***

Alexander McCall Smith discusses his work and his new book, *Scotland's Best Loved Poems*.

*Ticket reference for this event is S4. Tickets are £10 each.*

**WESTERN ISLES HOTEL starting at 7.30 p.m.**

**Alexander McCall Smith and Blair Bowman**

Dinner with Alexander McCall Smith, followed by a very different whisky-tasting by Blair Bowman, author of the bestselling *Pocket Guide to Whisky*.

*Ticket reference for the dinner and tasting is S5. Tickets are £40 each.*

## SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER

**AROS HALL 10.30 a.m.–12 noon**

**Guy Grieve and Angus MacDonald**

Guy Grieve and Angus MacDonald discuss writing in the West Highlands. Angus will be talking about his two Ardnish novels.

*Ticket reference for this event is SU1. Tickets are £10 each.*

**AROS HALL 12.30 p.m.–2 p.m.**

Closing event and lunch with Paul Murton, TV presenter and bestselling author of *The Hebrides*.

Lunch by Hebridean Lodge with the author.

*Ticket reference for the lunch is SU2.*

*Tickets are £20 each.*

