



Tasglannaichean

Happy New Year!



School Memories Project

Last year the Tasglann team applied to Bord na Gaidhlig for funding to celebrate the history of schools that are closing throughout the islands.

The funding bid was successful, and as a result, Scalpay, Sandwickhill, Barvas and Airidhantuim Schools are busy planning an exciting calendar of events, but they need your help!

Each school is

appealing to past and present pupils, parents and staff and those with a connection to each school to contribute photographs, archives and artefacts that could feature in the exhibition of each school's history.

They're also interested in hearing from people who would be willing to be interviewed by present and former pupils to share their school stories.

Clockwise from top right: David explains school log books to pupils from Barvas, pupils past and present enjoying old photos at Scalpay, a memory slip being filled in by an ex-pupil in Barvas and ex-pupils identifying classmates in old school photos again in Airidhantuim

Scalpay, Barvas and Airidhantuim have each held a ceilidh evening in order to father stories and artefacts, with Sandwickhill planning one for within the next month.

Facebook pages have been set up to capture

the memories of those unable to attend the evenings, these can be found by logging on to Facebook and searching for '[Your school] School Memories'.

Why not log on today and see if you can spot yourself!

Training with Comann Eachraidh Nis



It was our second visit to Comann Eachdraidh Nis's new home in Old Cross School as we had helped them move in a few weeks before, and we could hardly believe the change in the place! So much work



had been achieved in such a short space of time, it really pays tribute to the dedication of the staff and volunteers!

Our most recent visit was to train some volunteers to undertake cataloguing of their extensive collection of

material.

We were really impressed with both the turn-out and the interest of the group. By the end of the day, they had already catalogued some collections and were half-way there on others!

This has now led on to a dedicated archive team meeting once a week to catalogue the collections.

The catalogues that will be created as a result of this will be a great asset to the community and researchers.



A great find!

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Donna and Katie Anne spent an afternoon with Stornoway Library's map collection and came across the above gem! It is an old map of the Western Isles and West

Coast of Scotland taken from the fifth edition of Blaeu's *Atlas Novus*, published in 1654. You can see this map in greater detail on <http://maps.nls.uk/>

Lodge Fortrose



At the end of November the whole team spent a day surveying the records of Lodge Fortrose. The records surveyed will form part of the catalogue which will be hosted on our new website.

Founded in 1767, the lodge holds some of the oldest records on the islands.

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