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The Princess Royal enjoying a talk with Ross McKerlich

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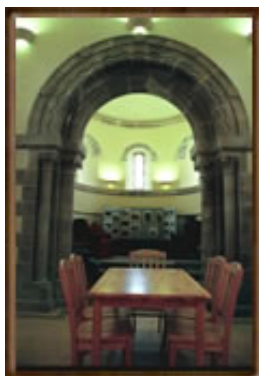
The Princess Royal Opens the St. Edward's Centre



The Princess Royal meets Patrick and Wendy MacKinnon with Caroline (aged 3)

The Princess Royal clearly enjoyed the day on Canna although we learned that it had not been her first visit. A keen sailor, she told us that she had been to Canna a number of years earlier and had visited the then derelict St Edward's Church, which livestock had been using as a shelter! Writing to the Chairman of The Hebridean Trust, Mike Stanfield, she commented that the restoration and new purpose of the building "seems like a miracle."

Indeed the renovation and conversion of St Edward's Church required real determination on the part of the architects ARP Lorimer and Associates of Ayr and contractors McKerlich and Son Ltd of Kyle. They overcame many problems including occasional horizontal rain, force 10 winds and difficult site access.



The restored interior of the St. Edward's Centre

Those who turned out for the event on Canna, the 5th

After a special private visit to Canna House to meet Margaret Fay Shaw, the Princess Royal's helicopter made the short hop across Canna Harbour and after being greeted by local dignitaries the Opening Ceremony took place. The Princess then had a chance to tour the building and meet the island children.



The Royal Helicopter prepares to land on Sanday

As well as an opportunity to show off the excellent accommodation now available at St Edwards, the opening was a show case for future projects on Canna and the scholarly work of the late John Lorne Campbell and Margaret Fay Shaw who have dedicated their lives to the study of the Hebrides and Gaelic culture and language.



Hugh Cheape presented exhibits from the John Lorne Campbell Archive

The day was a wonderful opportunity for us to thank those who have given us support during our most

June showed similar determination as their tiny open ferry, the Allasdale Lass, stemmed the waves and strong westerly wind on the way from Mallaig. Rescued from their ordeal in Loch Scresort by the brand new state-of-the-art ferry, Loch Nevis, the sturdy guests were soon enjoying a complementary packed lunch and bracing themselves for a refreshing walk around Canna harbour to the St Edward's Centre.



Jill Gosney and her inter-island catering crew

Jill Gosney and her team of caterers from Glenborrodale provided further refreshments in the Marquee. Although they had arrived on a small fishing boat in the very early hours of the morning there was not a bleary eye among them and we couldn't fault their

attention to detail. The Marquee was speedily erected the previous day by North of Scotland Marquees of Nairn and provided welcome shelter from indifferent weather.



Freshly caught Canna Lobsters - a local delicacy

challenging project to date. Concluding his introductory speech, Trust chairman, Mike Stanfield alluded to future cooperation with The National Trust for Scotland and thanked the people of Canna:

"The Hebridean Trust has been invited by the National Trust to carry out further work on Canna - an annex to St Edward's with extra beds, a recreation room and a warden's permanent accommodation plus a state-of-the-art library with viewing and sound room adjacent to Canna House, to house the unique collection of Hebridean material donated to the NTS by John and Margaret Campbell.

Finally I'd like to thank the residents of Canna who have given us all so much help and particularly to Patrick Mackinnon for his ideas and advice which has been much appreciated. It now gives me great pleasure to ask her Royal Highness to open St Edward's Centre."

Sandaig Museum of Island Life

Museum volunteers are having a busy season at the **Sandaig Museum** despite a late opening due to foot and mouth. New heating means the damp, which had been affecting the 19th century clothing exhibits, has been eliminated.

Thatching maintenance is required at least every two years at the museum



Derek Wolstencroft has completed thatching the cottage and byre. The introduction of afternoon teas at the neighbouring Glassary restaurant will be welcomed by thirsty museum goers.



Inside the Sandaig Museum

For a detailed brochure describing the construction and use of traditional Hebridean thatched cottages send your address to [The Hebridean Trust](#). The museum survives through the hard work of our volunteers on Tiree and on donations for which we are always very grateful.

For further details on the Sandaig Museum see our ['Places to Visit'](#) page.

Upper Square gets the Go-Ahead

June 18: Following a fundraising campaign that stretched over five years, the **Hebridean Trust** was finally able to order the go ahead on the £848,000 project to renovate and convert the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottages at Hynish. The buildings, which are listed Grade A, were considered important enough to warrant an archaeological survey which has created a permanent record of their original condition.

Although the buildings will be used to provide low cost housing to island families, these will be unlike any ordinary council houses. Tenants will have to sign a special lease preventing them from damaging any of the historical features with DIY works and redecoration will be strictly controlled in order to

Some may think that this is conservation taken too far but the project could only take place because it addressed both conservation and social welfare issues, both key elements of the **Hebridean Trust's** mission statement. The **Hebridean Trust** has already received a number of applications for the cottages, which will be allocated along Argyll and Bute Council guidelines, with local people given priority.



preserve the original colour scheme.

One of the first site photographs from our architects ARP Lorimer



Roses Project at Hynish

This year, **Alan Stevenson House** welcomes The Roses Project for their first season of adventure training on Tiree. Started in 1990, they have taken many disadvantaged young people from inner city areas on multi-activity courses.

Roses aim to help young people learn about themselves and their capabilities. Working with social workers and community leaders (often with groups from ethnic minority backgrounds) Roses seek to integrate their training into the user groups' ongoing programmes.

Founder, Steven Thomas says "Our ultimate goal is to nurture qualities and skills which are important throughout life". With two successful weeks under their belts, and ten more weeks booked, Roses say they are extremely pleased with the level of service and facilities available at the [Hynish Centre](#).



For more information on Tiree and the [Hynish Centre](#) please send us your address for a copy of our full colour Tiree Brochure.

Experience the Magic of the Hebrides



At the [Hynish Centre](#) your group, whatever the size, will enjoy a range of facilities hard to equal in the islands. This unique setting offers dramatic coastal scenery, and gentle walks, where your imagination will come alive, inspired by vivid horizons of land, sea and sky.

Accommodation is arranged in two houses offering catered or self-catering accommodation for up to 32 guests in bunk or twin-bedded rooms.

Facilities for disabled users and optional services including a modern multifunction hall allow you to adapt the centre to your group's interests and needs.



Book online at www.hynishcentre.co.uk, e-mail us at info@hebrideantrust.org

Appeal for Help

Over the past 15 years, the **Hebridean Trust** has worked to redevelop the small village of Hynish on the Isle of Tiree. It has created, among other amenities, [Alan Stevenson House](#), an outdoor activities centre, and [Morton Boyd House](#), a smaller accommodation block with a room equipped for disabled guests.

These facilities, which together make up the **Hynish Centre**, are used by a wide variety of local and visiting groups and we are now seeking to make them more accessible and user-friendly for disabled and elderly visitors. This will be achieved by:

- Building a small car park adjacent to **Morton Boyd House** with two dedicated disabled spaces.
- Installing a disabled toilet on the ground floor of **Alan Stevenson House**
- Creating a paved entrance to **Alan Stevenson House** suitable for wheelchairs.

The Project will cost £22,684 and the **Hebridean Trust** has raised £17,238, which will be granted if we can bridge the shortfall of £5,746. An appeal was launched on 11th July and we would be grateful for any donations, however small, towards

or telephone 01879 220726 for further details.

this project.

See below for full details of how to [Join the Friends of the Hebridean Trust](#) and the benefits of membership.

Web Site News

HebWeb - New Features

www.hebrideantrust.org

Our **Hebridean Trust** web site enjoyed a large number of "hits" during the period after the Royal visit to Canna. We would also like to announce the following new features:

Treshnish Management Plan available online

For anyone interested in the [conservation of the Treshnish Isles](#) this detailed document contains a wealth of information. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Detailed Map links to Canna, Tiree and Treshnish Isles

A new [link to Multimap.com](#) allows visitors to the **Hebridean Trust** web site the chance to view detailed Ordnance Survey quality maps of the islands where our projects are taking place.

Photos of The Princess Royal's visit to Canna

This was a special day for all of us and we hope you enjoy all the pictures, which tell their own story.

www.isleoftiree.net

Gordon Scott's popular Isle of Tiree news and information web site now features a full page dedicated to the **Hynish Centre**. Updates on the site are e-mailed to subscribers every week which makes www.isleoftiree.net a great way to keep in touch with events on the island.



Treshnish seabirds are subjects of an annual survey. The 2001 Auk Ringing Survey took place in June

This newsletter includes photographs courtesy of Michael Stanfield and ARP Lorimer and Associates

Join the Friends of the Hebridean Trust



We need your support! We invite you to join the Friends of The Hebridean Trust where you will be helping us to conserve the unique Hebridean way of life and environment. Your [membership or donation](#) can help develop new projects, to ensure future generations will continue to enjoy a rich and varied experience of life in the Hebrides.

See our pages on [membership](#) and learn more about the other ways you can [help the Hebridean Trust](#).

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