Mingulay Expedition 1980 Schools Hebridean Society

July 1980

Circular Three

Hullo there,

Well there is very little time to go now and I hope you are ready and looking forward to the expedition as much as I am.

In this last circular I have some important information about travel, will tell you which tents you will be in, and give you details about the Home Agent.

Firstly check that you have received the following:

2 copies of this circular (one for your parents)

0 2 copies of the revised travel arrangements (one for your parents)

1 copy of the tent section list

2 copies of the details of the home agent

Travel arrangements

Since the first circular was produced, British Rail have altered the plans which we made. In return for giving us very cheap party rate travel, they insist that the passengers with sleepers must travel on one train, and those without sleepers travel on another.

This means that the expedition will be split on two different trains as far as Glasgow. From there onwards we will travel as a group.

The non-sleeper passengers will travel on a train starting from Euston at 22.15, this train is called the 'A' train. Passengers with sleepers will travel on a different train, starting from Euston at 23.00, and go non-stop to Glasgow. This train is called the 'B' train.

All the sleeper passengers will get on the 'B' train at Euston, whereas the non-sleeper passengers will be boarding the 'A' at various stops between London and Glasgow.

This is when and where you will catch your train

'A' Train (non-sleeper)

Names	Boarding at	train leaves
G.Kramer, T.Robinson	London Euston	22.15 Tu 22 July
B.Buxton	Nuneaton	23.52 Tu 22
N.Deeley	Stafford	00.44 We 23
R.Moss, K.Frankland, T. Orme, Q.Elvidge and R.Warhurst	Preston	02.21 We 23
G.Cotton	Annan	04.29 We 23

These people will arrive at Glasgow Central at 07.03 Wed 23 July.

Travel arrangements contd/.

'B' Train (sleeper only)

Names Boarding train leaves

Sean O'Reilly, A.Howard, J.Rake, S.Matheson, V.Giavarini, P.Millis, D.Cardinal, M.Thomas, A.Try.
S.Hinshelwood and T.Hill.

23.00 Tu 22 July

This train will arrive at Glasgow Central at 05.22 Wed 23rd July.

At Glasgow the two halves of the expedition will meet at 07.10 before moving to Glasgow Queen Street to continue the journey.

In order to get to London, some 'B' train members will have to catch trains there from their local stations. Details for these people's trains and all travel arrangements are summarised on the attached travel sheet.

PLEASE READ THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS SHEET CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE STILL UNSURE ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS OR THINK THERE MIGHT BE A MISTAKE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY. On Sundays I can be reached on Kidderminster 700721

Lastly, would everyone write to me, telling me how they are getting from their home to the station for the outward journey, and from the station back home at the end of the expedition.

Meeting places at Euston

All the 'B' train sleeper passengers must assemble in the foyer of Euston Station by the main bank of telephones between 22.00 and 22.15 on Tuesday 22nd July.

Vince Giavarini and Alan Howard (Deputy Leader) will be there to check that everyone arrives and put people onto the right train.

Graham Kramer and Tony Robinson ('A' train non-sleeper) will meet at the same place but at 21.30.

I shall be travelling on the 'A' train from Stafford and will meet all the members of the train as they board it.

Tickets

By the time this circular reaches you, you should have already received your train and sleeper tickets (if you have requested them). If they have not arrived by Monday 14th July contact me immediately. **

Meals on jouneys

The first meal which we will be able to provide will be Supper on the evening of Wednesday 23rd July on Barra. 'A' train passengers should bring sandwiches for Wednesday and 'B' train passengers should either do the same or buy breakfast in Glasgow Station.

There will be sandwiches and tea/coffee available on the train from Glasgow to Oban, and meals and snacks can be bought on the ferry from Oban to Barra.

** Please note that I will hold all ferry tickets and these will not be sent to you.

Pocket money

Although there are no shops on Mingulay (in fact there are no roads!) you may want to buy meals, chocholate or refreshments on the journey, or buy a souvenir, and will probably need some pocket money. I would think that £6 would be sufficient and £10 would be ample. On the expedition, I will run a bank if needed to keep valuables and train tickets safely.

Home Agent

The SHS's home agent is available 24 hours a day for contact with the expedition. He has details of all the travel arrangements, and knows how to contact the expedition if necessary.

I must emphasise however that this is an EMERGENCY ONLY link. It should not be used lightly, as to contact the expedition will involve use of the coastguard emergency radio frequency.

Ordinary mail will be delivered to the expedition each Sunday by visiting boat. (Does Mingulay have the only Sunday postal delivery service in Britain?) The address for the expedition was given in the last circular.

The name of the home agent and details of how to contact the expedition emergency are given on the attached home agent sheet. Keep one copy for yourself and give the other to you parents for safekeeping.

Possible delay in leaving Mingulay

Although we have chartered our own private boat to and from Mingulay, it is important to realise that if the weather is bad we will not risk the crossing.

On the outward journey this is not important because we would stay on Barra until the weather was better. At the end of the expedition however, it is just possible that we might not leave Mingulay on the day stated.

In the unlikely event of this happening, we will alert the Home Agent of the situation and he will contact your parents, letting them know when we are likely to leave. We will then deal with any complications involving travel, and inform your parents when you will be home.

I hope you understand that Mingulay is a very remote island, and we must make plans in the event of this unlikely situation arising.

Change of address

Please note that Russell Moss now lives at 5 Cross Halls, Penwortham, Preston.

Lastly

There are a few other items which you may want to bring to Mingulay, if you have any musical instruments (penny whistle, guitar etc) please bring them along. You might also want to bring a kite, or a small tent and camping stove for bivvys, fishing gear (sea fishing only) or two way walkie talkies if you have them. On the last Saturday we will be having the Mingulay ball - a gala occasion with fine food and entertainmed Perhaps you might like to bring some fancy dress (bow-tie, clean shirt or whatever) and you will have to dress up.

That's all from me, remember to send off your forms and details of how you are getting to the station.

See you very soon for the best holiday you'll ever have!

Nick Deeley.

he Expedition will travel on two trains. Members without sleepers travel on the 'A' train, and members with sleepers travel on the 'B' train.

* indicates that the SHS has not obtained rail tickets for these members.

'A' train

'B' train

FROM LONDON		TO LONDON		
G. Kramer and T.Robinson arrive at London Euston and		*Sean O'Reilly		
	22.15 Tu 22 Ju 22.35	Dep Farnborough arr Waterloo	21.16 Tu 22 Jul 21.59	
	23.34	Travel to Euston direct on Northern lin		
*B.Buxton joins train	and	A. Howard		
	23.52	dep Sherborne arr Waterloo	19.34 21.48	
dep Tamworth 00.10 We 23		Travel to Euston direct on Northern lin		
N. Deeley joins train	and	S.Matheson	Asset Services	
	00.44	dep Norbiton arr Waterloo	21.33 21.58	
R.Moss, K.Frankland,	Q.Elvidge,	Travel to Euston direct on Northern lin		
R.Warhurst and T.Come	join train and	V.Giavarini		
	02.21	dep Poole arr Waterloo	19.22 21.18	
G.Cotton joins train	man at the Man Man Man	Della del Ber e 10 Es	irect on Northern lin	
dep Annan	04.29	J.Rake, D.Cardina		
dep Dumfries	04.52	dep Canterbury East 20.39 arr Faversham 20.51 arr London Victoria 22.06		
dep Kirkconnel	05.31	Travel to Euston on District and Northern lines, changing at Charing Cross.		
dep Kilmarnock	06.12			

FROM LONDON

The above members together with *M.Thomas, A.Try, T.Hill and S.Hinshelwood will meet in the foyer of Euston Station by the telephones between 22.00 and 22.15

all above

dep London Euston 23.00 Arr Glasgow Central 07.03

arr Glasgow Central 05.22 Wed 23

All members meet at Glasgow Central Station at 07.10. Then move to Glas Queen S+

all above dep Glasgow Queen Street dep Crianlarich arr Oban 08.06 11.30

All above and *P.Stevens, *A.Stevens and *H.Lorimer meet Oban Railway Pier;

dep Oban whole expedition 13.30 arr Castlebay, Barra

As on the outward journey, non-sleeper passengers will travel on the 'A' train and sleeper only passengers will travel on the 'B' train.

Note that the 'A' train does not stop at the same stations on the roturn journey as on the outward journey. As a result ALs N.Deeley and B.Buxton will arrange their own travel and the members travelling to Preston must change trains at Carlisle.

whole expedition dep Castlebay, Barra 08.30 Mon 11 August 14.00 dep Oban 17.44

arr Glasgow Queen Street 21.07

Expedition moves en masse from Glasgow Queen St to Central

'A' train

G.Kramer, T.Robinson, K.Frankland, R.Moss, Q.Elvidge and R.Warhurst, G.Cotton, and T.Orme.

dep Glasgow Central 21.50 Mo 11

arr Annan

00.13 Tu 12

G.Cotton leaves train

arr Carlisle

00.43

K.Frankland, R.Moss, Q.Elvidge and R.Warhurst . Also T.Orme.

all depart at Carlisle and change; to catch the following train:

dep	Carlisle	01.01	Tu	12
arr	Preston	02.33	004	

arr Crewe 03.08 arr Rugby 04.21 arr London Euston 05.47

'B' train

A.Try, T.Hill, S.Hinshelwood, J.Rake, D.Cardinal, P.Millis, S.Matheson, S.O'Reilly, A.Howard and V.Giavarini

dep Glasgow Central 22.50 Mo 11

arr Motherwell 23.09

arr Carlisle 00.50 Tu 12

arr London Euston 05.23

M.Thomas, A.Try, T.Hill, S.Hinshelwood leave train at London Euston, others catch following connecting trains

FROM LONDON

J.Rake, D.Cardinal and P.Millis

travel to Victoria Station

dep London Victoria 06.40 Tu 12 arr Faversham 08.09 change trains and dep Faversham 08.18 arr Canterbury East 08.31

S.Matheson travel to Waterloo and

dep Waterloo 06.16 arr Norbiton 06.38

S.O'Reilly travel to Waterloo and

dep Waterloo 06.12 or 06.42 arr Farnborough 06.55 or 07.25

A. Howard dep Waterloo 06.50 arr Sherborne 09.21

V.Giav dep Waterloo 06.46 arr Poole 09.10