

THE NIGHT BEFORE

THURSDAY 10 MAY DIARDAOIN 10 CÈITEAN

7.30pm Ullapool Village Hall committee room
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

KEVIN MACNEIL

leads a two hour writing workshop - How to Write Successful Dialogue
Limited places. Booking essential.
Sponsored by Moniak Mhor which runs workshops on behalf of Arvon Foundation £7

FRIDAY 11 MAY DIHAOINE 11 CÈITEAN

10.30am Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

WELCOME by JAMES ROBERTSON

honorary president of Ullapool Book Festival followed by

LOUISE WELSH

The acclaimed Scottish author will read from and talk about her latest novel Naming The Bones. "... a hugely enjoyable literary thriller" - The Financial Times.
Chaired by Faith Liddell £7
Sponsored by Ullapool Bookshop

12 noon Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

AONGHAS MACNEACAIL

Leabhar Mor na Gàidhlig (Great Book of Gaelic) exhibition is currently on display in Ullapool. Aonghas was one of the key contributors to this project which links commissioned artwork with specially selected Gaelic poetry from 6th to 21st centuries. £7

A Pròiseact nan Ealan event

2.30pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

SUE PEEBLES

Her first novel The Death of Lomond Friel won the Saltire First Book Award in 2010 and the Scottish First Book Award in 2011. She will read from this - and maybe we'll hear a bit about her current novel that is due to be published in 2013.
Chaired by Faith Liddell £7

4pm - 5.20pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

MAIRI HEDDERWICK AND ROGER HUTCHINSON

Two writers talk about their island-based works. Mairi Hedderwick's latest book The Last Laird of Coll recalls the impact that first experience of island living in the late '50s had on her, and chronicles the parallel memories of her then employer, last in line of the Stewart lairds of Coll. Her recent Shetland Rambles is a beautiful and entertaining journey through the islands, packed with incidental detail and charm. Roger Hutchinson's latest book The Silent Weaver was described in The Scotsman as "a fascinating, poignant read". A previous book was the bestselling Calum's Road which was shortlisted for the Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize in 2007.
Chaired by Mark Wringe £7
Sponsored by West Highland College, UHI

5.30pm Marquee beside Ullapool Village Hall
an teanta mhor ri taobh talla a'bhaille

SCOTTISH OPERA - A LITTLE BIT OF TOSCA

takes opera out of the theatre into places where you might least expect it, with the full-scale show cleverly re-written into a lively 20-minute version. The story unfolds to a series of colourful illustrations brought to life by a storyteller, singer and two musicians. Free

6.45pm

SCOTTISH OPERA - A LITTLE BIT OF TOSCA

7.30pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

RON FERGUSON

Ron Ferguson in his book George Mackay Brown - The Wound and The Gift explores the darker, more tormented side of Orkney's bard and uncovers the intense relationship between alcohol, suffering and creativity. In his prolific writings George Mackay Brown's spirituality and his love of the wind-scoured island landscape fused to give us some of the most beautiful poetry and prose in the English language.
Chaired by Ruth Wishart £7
An Open University event

9pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

RODGE GLASS

His latest novel Bring Me the Head of Ryan Giggs has just been published. A bold new direction from the acclaimed Somerset Maugham Prize winning young novelist. There will be a free glass of Glengoyne 17 year old single malt, oatcakes and smoked salmon.
Chaired by David Robinson £7
Sponsored by The Arch Inn
Malt whisky donated by Glengoyne, smoked salmon by Wester Ross Fisheries, oatcakes by Ullapool Bakery

11pm The Ceilidh Place Clubhouse

WILLIE CAMPBELL AND KEVIN MACNEIL

The two Lewismen perform work from their upcoming album We Are Visible From Space which will include The Guardian single of the week Local Man Ruins Everything. Willie a singer-songwriter, fronted indie legends Astrid. Kevin is a multi-award winning novelist, poet and playwright whose books include The Stornoway Way and A Method Actor's Guide to Jekyll And Hyde. £7

SATURDAY 12 MAY DISATHAIRNE 12 CÈITEAN

9.30am Ullapool Village Hall committee room
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

ALISON NAPIER

A half hour with this Sutherland-based writer reading some of her fiction. Free

10.15am Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

BREAKFAST STORIES with MARTIN MACINTYRE

He's a poet, novelist, traditional Gaelic singer and a doctor but this morning he will be in the role of storyteller - with maybe a poem and a song in the mix. *Free coffee and a bacon roll (or marmalade if veggie) will be served from 9.15am until 9.45am in the marquee beside the hall. £7

Sponsored by The Ullapool News

11.45am Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

ANDY WIGHTMAN

Andy is a leading advocate for land reform in Scotland. He will discuss his latest book The Poor Had No Lawyers.
Chaired by Ruth Wishart £7
Sponsored by The Open University in Scotland

2.30pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

ROBIN ROBERTSON

Simply one of our finest poets. When his fourth collection of poetry The Wrecking Light was published in 2010 it was shortlisted for the Costa, Eliot and Forward Prizes. "The Wrecking Light is a work of extraordinary visionary power, its music bleak and beautiful, spare and unsparing." - The Guardian £7
Sponsored by The Ceilidh Place

4pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

MÀRTAINN MAC AN T-SAOIR (Martin

Macintyre) AGUS TORMOD CAIMBEUL

(Norman Campbell)

will read from their latest Gaelic novels (Màrtainn - Air A Thoir; Tormod - An Druim Bho Thuath) in a session that will be in Gaelic. Non-Gaelic speakers will not miss out as there will be simultaneous translation into English through individual headsets.
Translation by Morag Stiùbhart (Morag Stewart)
Chaired by Mark Wringe £7
A Bòrd na Gàidhlig event

7.30pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

KARIN ALTENBERG

Swedish-born Karin's first novel The Island of Wings, set on St Kilda in the 1830s, was shortlisted for the Saltire Society's First Book of the Year award. "This lovely, haunting novel evokes the rough beauty of St Kilda ... Altenberg has woven the real life of this now-deserted island into a compelling story of faith and love" - The Times £7
Chaired by Mark Wringe

9pm Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

ALAN SPENCE

Alan Spence will read from his new novel-in-progress Night Boat, due to be published next year. Set in Japan, it's a story of spiritual quest, based on the life of 17th century Zen master Hakuin. Alan will also read a selection of his poetry, including new work and poems from Morning Glory (his collaboration with Elizabeth Blackadder). £7

There will be a free glass of Glengoyne 17 year old single malt whisky together with smoked salmon, smoked cheese and oatcakes.

Malt whisky donated by Glengoyne Distillery, smoked salmon by Wester Ross Fisheries Ltd, smoked cheese by Ullapool Smokehouse and oatcakes by Ullapool Bakery.
Chaired by David Robinson £7
Sponsored by Achins Bookshop, Lochinver

11pm The Ceilidh Place Clubhouse

A CEILIDH FOR AONGHAS

Much-loved poet and songwriter Aonghas 'Dubh' MacNeacail will be 70 this year. Join us at this ceilidh in Aonghas's honour. Who knows what the evening will bring!
Chaired by James Robertson free but ticketed

SUNDAY 13 MAY DIDÒMHNAICH 13 CÈITEAN

9.30am Ullapool Village Hall committee room
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RHODA MICHAEL AND MAGGIE WALLIS

A half hour of poetry from two fine Highland poets. Free

10.15am Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

ALEXANDER MACLEOD

Carrying on our tradition of having authors from Nova Scotia we have invited Alexander MacLeod to read from his award winning debut collection of short stories Light Lifting. It was shortlisted for the Giller Prize, the Commonwealth Prize and two Atlantic Book Awards, and went on to become a national bestseller in Canada. It was published in the UK in February. "Alexander MacLeod's short stories are so powerful that they are even a match for those of his celebrated father." - The Scotsman £7
Chaired by David Robinson
An Ullapool Harbour Trust event

11.45am Ullapool Village Hall
Talla Ulapuil

JOHN BURNSIDE

John will read from and talk about his latest novel A Summer of Drowning. He will also read some of his award winning poetry. £7
Chaired by Faith Liddell
A National Library of Scotland event

