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and literature on the shores of beautiful Loch Sunart

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Welcome | *Fáilte*

Welcome to Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival. I am delighted to be associated with the festival, which has such a broad and interesting programme. There is something here for everyone and I do hope that you will find an event that interests you. I know that I am going to enjoy this festival - and I do hope you do so too.

Alexander McCall Smith CBE
Patron



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FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Dihaoine 26 An t-Sultain

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

The Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival, in partnership with Ardnamurchan Library, is delighted to present a programme of events designed specifically for local school children.

Ardnamurchan Library will bring books alive by putting on interactive story-telling sessions for our very youngest children.

In Kilchoan, the children will have the opportunity to use drama and other fun activities to explore traditional stories from Ardnamurchan, Morvern and Moidart, with **Christine MacIntyre**. They'll find out about legends and history, and will have the chance to re-interpret these stories in their own terms!

John Fardell is a well-respected and widely-published cartoonist whose talents include writing and illustrating books for children.

His novels are packed with eccentric characters, adventure and invention and feature ordinary boys and girls in extraordinary situations. Both *Manfred the Baddie*, and *When Louis Got Eaten* have won the Scottish Children's Book Award. In these school sessions, John will be showing his picture books and adventure novels as well as a behind the scenes look at his notebooks, rough drafts, artwork and models. He'll be giving tips, answering questions, and there will be plenty of opportunities to join in and draw your own characters, inventions and stories.

Seven books into the bestselling, award-winning, laugh-out-loud World of Norm series and life isn't getting any fairer for poor old Norm. Not only is he being

dragged out on a walk with his perfect flipping cousins, it seems he's the only kid in the world without the brand new *Call of Mortal Battle!*

Norm's creator, author **Jonathan Meres** will be here to talk all about his award-winning creation. Hear him say stuff. Ask him anything you want. He might even sing...

Jackie Kay is a prolific writer of short stories, novels, poetry and plays. Her first collection of poetry, *The Adoption Papers* (1991), was inspired by her experience of being adopted by and growing up with a white family in Glasgow. The collection won a Scottish Arts Council Book Award and the Saltire Society Scottish First Book of the Year Award.

She has since gone on to win numerous other awards for her writing, including the 1998 Guardian Fiction Prize for her first novel *Trumpet* and the 2008 CLPE Poetry Award for *Red, Cherry Red*, a collection of poetry for children.

In 2006, Jackie Kay was awarded an MBE for services to literature. Her school sessions will focus on creative writing based around her 2010 memoir *Red Dust Road*.

Alan Bissett was named Scottish Writer of the Year 2011 at the Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland awards. He grew up in Falkirk and, after a short spell as an English teacher in secondary schools, became a lecturer in creative writing at the Universities of Leeds and Glasgow.

He is now a full-time novelist, playwright and performer. His play *Turbo Folk* was shortlisted for Best New Play at the Critics Awards for Theatre in Scotland, and his "one-woman show", *The Moira Monologues*, toured to great acclaim and has been bought for development by the BBC. He will be running a creative writing workshop with the older high school pupils.

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FILM: JAWS (12A) PRESENTED BY ALAN BISSETT

Doors open 7:00pm | Film starts 8:00pm
| SUNART CENTRE VENUE | £5

Prize-winning playwright, novelist and a superb performer/entertainer, Alan Bissett will introduce, discuss and share with us one of his favourite films - *Jaws*. If you caught his performance of the *The Red Hourglass* at the Sunart Centre, you'll agree he is guaranteed to entertain and challenge you. As for *Jaws*... a 25ft great white shark begins to menace the small island community of Amity. A police chief, a marine scientist and grizzled fisherman set out to hunt it...only to realise it is the shark that is hunting them. If you've seen Spielberg's classic film before, it's time to rediscover it. If you've never seen it, now is your chance to join entire generations who are still afraid to go in the water. See it how it should be seen - on the big screen. And remember...don't go in the water!!



Sushi and other fishy snacks will be served and a bar will be available throughout the evening.

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Disathairne 27 An t-Sultain

BOOK STORE: TACKLE AND BOOKS

10:00am - 5:00pm | SUNART CENTRE
COMMUNITY ROOM

A great opportunity to restock your bookshelves as well as pick up books by festival authors as we welcome Tackle and Books from Tobermory.

THREE LOCHS CAFÉ

10:00am - 5:00pm | SUNART CENTRE

The café will be serving drinks, snacks and home-baking throughout the day, with lunches available from around midday.

LOCAL PRODUCER FOOD STALLS

From 10:30am | SUNART CENTRE

This year's Three Lochs Market will be dedicated to celebrating locally-produced food and drink.

A diverse mix of locally sourced, made, baked, cooked, smoked and distilled fare will be available to sample and purchase! Much of what will be on offer is subject to seasonal change but will, hopefully, include: hand-dived scallops, smoked meats, cheese and fish, cakes, pies and pastries, dressings and vinegars, fruit and vegetables, jams and preserves.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: BOOKBUG STORIES

10:30am - 11:00am | ARDNAMURCHAN
LIBRARY | Entry with Children's Day
Ticket

Come into Ardnamurchan Library and join us for a fun Bookbug session of stories and rhymes.

Aimed at under-fives and their carers but big brothers and sisters welcome too!

AUTHOR EVENT: FROM TILLER TO TOMB: WITH ANDREW GREIG AND LESLEY GLAISTER

10:30am - 11:30am | SUNART CENTRE
F.E. ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket



Lesley Glaister will be reading from and discussing her remarkable new novel *Little Egypt* (her lucky thirteenth and first in five years); her husband **Andrew Greig** will entertain with a selection of his

poems, concentrating on the micro-odyssey *Found at Sea* about a small dinghy voyage from Stromness to overnight on the abandoned island of Cava. This may involve some banjo playing.



ADVENTURES IN THE SCREEN TRADE: NORRIE MACLAREN

10:30am - 11:30am | SUNART CENTRE
MUSIC ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

Norrie Maclaren - television and film producer, fashion photographer, scriptwriter, artist, and environmentalist (and Highland gardener). Born and brought up in the north of Scotland, Norrie has survived 35 years in an industry euphemistically called “show business”. Assistant to Stanley Kubrick on *Barry Lyndon* and *The Shining*, fashion photographer for many British publications - moving into magazine editing and art direction; part of the creative team that published *Deluxe* and *Boulevard* - the first of the truly independent monthly style publications.

Also involved in photography, directing pop promos and designing record sleeves, he has also produced a wide variety of lifestyle, investigative documentaries and youth programmes for Channel 4 - notably the ground-breaking gardening series *Dig*, and the invention of *Video Diaries*. Norrie is currently developing a number of film and television projects through his Ardnamurchan-based production company.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: FILM: SPIRITED AWAY (PG)

10.30am | SUNART CENTRE VENUE |
Entry with Children's Day Ticket

We are pleased to present this classic anime film by legendary animator Miyazake of Ghibli studios.

The story follows our heroine Chihiro on a journey with her parents, who are moving to a small town. On their way, Chihiro's father makes a detour, unwittingly leading



them to the Land of the Spirits. In this land -inhabited by ancient gods and magical beings - Chihiro finds herself on a quest to

battle for her family's freedom.

Spirited Away is dazzling, enchanting and, of course, gorgeously drawn. This Oscar-winning film is the most successful film of all time in its native Japan. It is a thrilling and enchanting adventure for adults and children alike.

(Please note: we recommend that all young children are accompanied as there are some spooky scenes/characters).

**CHILDREN'S EVENT:
DROP IN ART WITH ROOM 13**

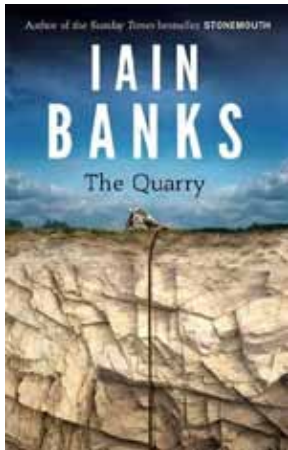
11:00am - 1.00pm | SUNART CENTRE
ART ROOM | Entry with Children's Day
Ticket

Room 13 offers a unique experience which aims to be different, challenging, engaging and, above all, fun! Try your hand at some book and paper making.

**READING EVENT:
SUNART 'BIG READ': HOMAGE TO
IAIN BANKS**

11.45am - 12:45pm | SUNART CENTRE
ENGLISH ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

The No 2 Acharacle Book Reading Agency, led by Fiona Ogg, and the Ardnamurchan



Book Group (ABC), led by Janice Rodger, will be discussing *The Quarry* by Iain Banks and one of his science fiction works (written as Iain M Banks) - *The Hydrogen Sonata*. The former is particularly

poignant as it was written when he knew he was soon to die. You are encouraged to read both books and to take part in the discussion.

**WAULKING SONGS WITH
MARGARET MacLELLAN**

12:00pm - 1.00pm | SUNART CENTRE
MUSIC ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

We are delighted to welcome local Gaelic singer Margaret MacLellan to lead a session in waulking songs. These songs traditionally accompanied a group of people rhythmically beating newly woven tweed against a table to soften it.

**WORKSHOP: WRITING BOOKS FOR
10 TO 14 YEAR OLDS: JONATHAN
MERES**

12:00pm - 1.00pm | SUNART CENTRE F.E
ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

Want to become a bestselling, award-winning author? Neither did former merchant seaman, stand-up comedian and ice cream van driver, Jonathan Meres.

But that somehow is what he's become. And, if he can do it, so can you!

Join Jonathan for an informal and fun workshop. Learn a bit more about his *World Of Norm* series of books and how it's possible to write about real life situations and still be funny!



**CHILDREN'S EVENT:
COOK SCHOOL**

1:00pm - 2.30pm | SUNART CENTRE H.E.
ROOM | Entry with Children's Day Ticket

The first of two sessions from the Abernethy Trust's hugely popular Kids' Cook School. Join in and try your hand at some amazing Commonwealth-inspired recipes!

BOOK MARBLING WORKSHOP: KATE BRETT AND DOROTHY MACPHEE

1:00pm - 2.00pm | [SUNART CENTRE ART ROOM](#) | [Entry with Day Ticket](#)

The art of creating a marbled pattern on paper has been utilised for many centuries to create an attractive sheet, or endpaper, for the inside covers of books. Many thousands of books bound during the 1700s and 1800s featured this beautiful, but often un-noticed art form, and it is currently enjoying a resurgence in popularity.

We are very pleased to have **Kate Brett** of *Payhembury Marbled Paper* giving a demonstration of the process, during which you will be able to have a go. Kate has many years' experience of producing these papers for international book-binders and will be ably assisted by friend and fellow marbler, **Dorothy MacPhee**.

AUTHOR EVENT: JACKIE KAY 1:30pm - 2.30pm | [SUNART CENTRE VENUE](#) | [Entry with Day Ticket](#)



Jackie Kay is a Scottish author and poet who has strong links to the local area, having been the first Scottish Book Trust and

Ardtornish Estate writer in residence from November 2012. She will read from her most recent books *Reality*, *Reality* and *Fiere*.

She will also read from her poems *The Ardtornish Quintet* - giving a very local flavour.

AUTHOR EVENT: MARY ANN KENNEDY AND THE CAMPBELLS OF GREEPE

1:30pm - 2.30pm | [SUNART CENTRE MUSIC ROOM](#) | [Entry with Day Ticket](#)

Musician and broadcaster **Mary Ann Kennedy** presents music, stories, archive recordings and images from her family's award-winning book *Fonn - The Campbells of Greepe: Music and a Sense of Place in a Gaelic Family Song Tradition*.

Fonn won the Arts and Culture category of the first National Gaelic Awards, and was awarded Gaelic Book of the Year at the National Mòd 2013. The biography and music collection presents a unique picture of a dynasty of Skye singers brought up in a community where songs and music accompanied every aspect of daily life.

CARTOON WORKSHOP

1:30pm - 2.30pm | [SUNART CENTRE F.E. ROOM](#) | [Entry with Day Ticket](#)

(Also at 11.45am - 12.45pm, upstairs in the Library)



Glasgow-based **James Devlin** has worked on various titles including *Testament*, *Supergirl*, *Blood Nation*, *School of the Damned*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *CLiNT* magazine. He is currently

writing and drawing the lurid pulp-horror title *Dark Ascension*, drawing the horror action-thriller *Vietnam Zombie Holocaust*, and providing covers for the Scottish superhero book *Saltire*.

CHILDREN'S EVENT BOOKBUG STORIES

1:30pm - 2.30pm | ARDNAMURCHAN LIBRARY | Entry with Children's Day Ticket

Another opportunity to join us for a fun Bookbug session of stories and rhymes.

WORKSHOP: WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE WITH ALAN BISSETT

2.00pm - 3.00pm | SUNART CENTRE ENGLISH ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

Alan Bissett, winner of the Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Writer of the Year award in 2011, has recently been concentrating on writing for performance. His one-man show *The Moira Monologues* is currently being scripted for the BBC, while his latest piece - *The Pure, The Dead and The Brilliant* - was staged for a month during this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. He is a consummate professional, a gifted performer and incredibly funny entertainer. This year Alan will be leading a workshop about writing for performance.



AUTHOR EVENT: FAMILY COMIC STRIP SESSION WITH JOHN FARDELL (9+)

3.00pm - 4.00pm | SUNART CENTRE MUSIC ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket

Join comic artist and children's book author/illustrator John Fardell for a fun, interactive workshop on creating comic strips and picture stories.

As well as being an author/illustrator of children's books, John has also worked as a cartoonist, with his work appearing in many magazines and newspapers including the List, the Independent, the Herald and Viz. With loads of practical tips and inspiration and opportunities for everyone to produce their own individual pieces of work.



CHILDREN'S EVENT: COOK SCHOOL

3:30pm - 5.00pm | SUNART CENTRE H.E. ROOM | Entry with Children's Day Ticket

Another opportunity to experience the Kids' Cook School. The Abernethy Trust will guide you through some delicious recipes.

AUTHOR EVENT:
ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH
3:30pm - 5.00pm | **SUNART CENTRE**
VENUE | Entry with Day Ticket



We are delighted to welcome back as special guest writer our Patron, **Alexander McCall Smith**. He was last with us four years ago, and we look forward to hearing, in particular, about the books he has written since last time.

Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and most popular authors. His career has been a varied one: for many years he was a professor of Medical Law and worked in universities in the United Kingdom and abroad. Then, after the publication of his highly successful *No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series - which has sold over twenty million copies - he devoted his time to the writing of fiction and has seen his various series of books translated into more than forty languages and become bestsellers through the world.

The series include the *Scotland Street novels*, first published as a serial novel in *The Scotsman*, the *Sunday Philosophy Club* series starring Isabel Dalhousie, the *von Igelfeld* series and the new *Corduroy Mansions* novels.

Alexander is also the author of collections of short stories, academic works, and more than thirty books for children. He has received numerous awards for his writing, including the British Book Awards' Author of the Year Award in 2004 and a CBE for services to literature in 2007. He holds honorary doctorates from nine universities in Europe and North America. Alexander will be "in conversation" with our own **Mary Ann Kennedy**; he will read some extracts from his work, and he will take questions from the floor.

BARBEQUE AND BAR
5:30pm - 7.30pm | **SUNART CENTRE**
CAFÉ

We hope you can join us for our barbeque, where you can enjoy some delicious locally-produced food!

COMEDY:
ED BYRNE
7:30pm - 10.00PM | **SUNART CENTRE**
VENUE | Entry £15: Concessions £12
(& £12 for Day Ticket holders)



To finish off the Festival this year, we are excited to present an evening with **Ed Byrne**. This well-known comedian, actor and writer will entertain us with his own relaxed style of stand-up. Over 16s only.

Bar available throughout the evening.

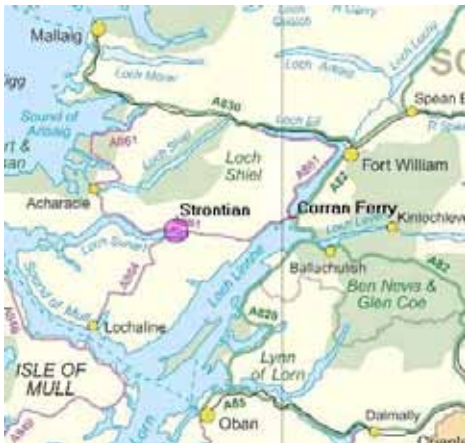
VISITOR INFORMATION | *Fiosrachadh airson luchd-tadhail*

Venue | *Ionad*

All events take place in The Sunart Centre/ *Àrainn Shuaineirt*, a community facility in Strontian that includes Ardnamurchan High School/ *Àrd-Sgoil Aird Nam Murchan*.

How to get here | *Mar a gheibh sibh ann*

Situated on the Ardnamurchan peninsula, Strontian is most easily reached by crossing the Corran Ferry to Ardgour. The ferry runs every half hour until around 9:30pm in the evening. To check the current ferry timetable visit www.lochabertransport.org.uk. From Fort William, take the A82 road south to Glasgow. After 8 miles, turn off to the Corran Ferry. From the south, turn off for the Corran Ferry 10 miles before Fort William. Cross the ferry to Ardgour and turn left. Continue on the A861 main road for 14 miles until you get to Strontian. If the Corran Ferry is not running, take the A830 from Fort William to Mallaig, and after 12 miles at Kinlochail turn left on the A861 to Treslaig, Ardgour & Strontian. This route is 48 miles from Fort William to Strontian. In Strontian, *Àrainn Shuaineirt* / The Sunart Centre is signposted - turn right just after the village centre, before you cross the bridge.



Accommodation | *Àiteachan-fuirich*

There is a wide range of accommodation in and around Strontian to suit all budgets and requirements.

Special rates available at Sunart Campsite (www.sunartcamping.co.uk). For further information visit www.ardnamurchan.com.

Parking | *Àite chàraichean*

There is ample free car parking at The Sunart Centre.

Eating and drinking | *Ithe agus òl*

There will be refreshments and local produce available at many of the events - please check the programme for further details. The Sunart Centre Café will be serving drinks and snacks throughout the day on Saturday, with lunch from midday. There are also many other places to eat locally. For further information please see www.ardnamurchan.com.

Family friendly | *Fàilteachadh air teaghlaichean*

The Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival is family friendly and children and accompanying adults are welcome.

Accessible | *Ruigsinneach*

The Sunart Centre has full disabled facilities. If you require assistance, we will do our best to help.

Tickets | *Tiogaidean*

Tickets for most events will be available at the door or from local outlets. Please see the website for more details.

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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location	Ticket
Fri 26 Sept	09:00	Schools' Programme	AHS and Kilchoan Primary	N/A
	19:00	Food and Film: Jaws	Venue	£5
Sat 27 Sept	10:00	Tackle and Books Book Store	Community Room	Free
	10:00	Three Lochs Café	Sunart Centre	N/A
	10:30	Local Producer Food Stalls	Sunart Centre	N/A
	10:30	Book Bug Stories	Ardnamurchan Library	CDT
	10:30	Author Event: Andrew Greig/Lesley Glaister - From Tiller to Tomb	F.E.Room	ADT
	10:30	Adventures in the Screen Trade: Norrie MacLaren	Music Room	ADT
	10:30	Film: Spirited Away (U)	Venue	CDT/ADT
	11:00	Drop-in Art with Room 13	Art Room	CDT
	11:45	The Big Read - Homage to Iain Banks - 'The Quarry' and 'The Hydrogen Sonata'	English Room	ADT
	12:00	Waulking Songs with Margaret MacLellan	Music Room	ADT
	12:00	Workshop: Writing Books for 10-14 year olds with Jonathan Meres	F.E Room	ADT
	13:00	Kids' Cook School	H.E Room	CDT
	13:00	Book Marbling Workshop with Kate Brett and Dorothy MacPhee	Art Room	ADT
	13:30	Author Event: Jackie Kay	Venue	ADT
	13:30	Mary Ann Kennedy - The Campbells of Greepe	Music Room	ADT
	13:30	Cartoon workshop (also at 11.45am, upstairs in the library)	F.E. Room	ADT
	14:00	Book Bug Stories	Ardnamurchan Library	CDT
	14:00	Writing for Performance with Alan Bissett	English Room	ADT
	15:00	Author Event: Family session with John Fardell - comic strip creation	Music Room	ADT/CDT
	15:00	Kids' Cook School	H.E.Room	CDT
	15:30	Author event: Alexander McCall Smith in conversation with Mary Ann Kennedy	Venue	ADT
	17:30	Bar and Barbeque	Sunart Centre Cafe	N/A
	19:30	Ed Byrne	Venue	Ticket - £15 (£12 conc. and with ADT)

Ticket key:

ADT: Adult Day Ticket permits entry to all events (except Ed Byrne); £10

CDT: Children's Day Ticket for under 18s allows entry to all events: £5

For full ticket information please see www.threelochs.co.uk.