

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN



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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the UOG Newsletter, bringing you some more updates on what's been happening at Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn for the past few months.

Tolsta - Ness Walk

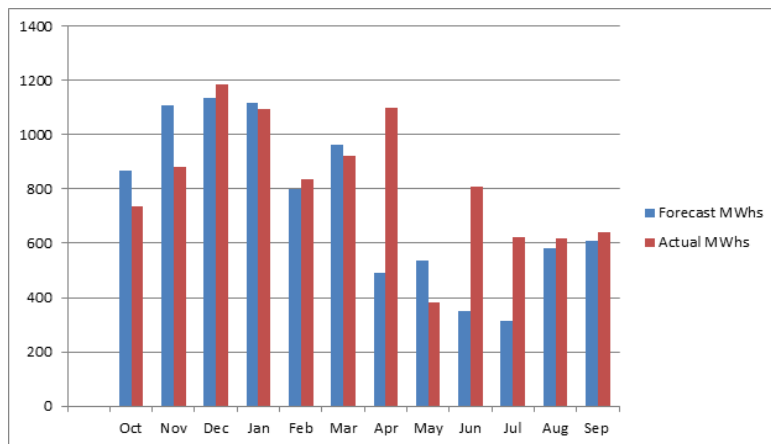
We woke up to a very wet and wild day on the 9th of September, the second attempt at the Tolsta - Ness Walk, after some deliberation we decided to push on and go for it. A good decision and a great day had by all. The weather cleared up once we reached Tolsta, although a bit cloudy, it stayed dry and we made our way, guided by Chris Barrowman, to Ness, with back up support from Roddy John MacDonald and co. on the quads.

A thoroughly enjoyable walk and highly recommended, just be prepared for some boggy patches. We finished the day with well deserved soup and sandwiches made by Cafe Sonas at the Ness Social Club. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and helped along the way.



Turbine Performance

September marked the end of the 2016/17 financial year for Galson Energy and brought a very productive year to a close. Whilst the winter performance was broadly in line with the forecast, summer production significantly exceeded expectations, most notably in April and June.



During the year, the turbines produced 9,828 MegaWatt Hours against a target of 8,871 which represents an achievement of 111%. The monthly performance against forecast in 2016/17 is shown below.

Cookery Demo & Tasting



The second cookery demonstration and tasting was held on the 28th of September with chef Allan Macrtichie of Stramash. Allan showcased his skills by making a selection of different flavoured loaves and rolls, including cheese and onion and pumpkin seed, a delicious garlic pesto and langoustine flatbread pizza, a mozzarella, tomato and basil quiche and a selection of both sweet and savoury choux pastries: one filled with vanilla cream and topped with chocolate and one filled with a Thai crab mixture. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and the tasting. Thank you to Allan and to all those who attended.



LED Communities Project

Our project to reduce householders' carbon emission, in partnership with Tighean Innse Gall (TIG) and Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh, is well underway with many of you having been visited by project officers Finlay or Amy. If you haven't signed up though please do so by contacting Holly at TIG on:

Tel: 01851 706121

Email: holly@tighean.co.uk

Anyone can sign up for the project but priority will be given to those in the 75+ age bracket.



Office Visitors

We were very pleased to welcome both the Comunn Eachdraidh Lunch Club and the HappyNess Club to the business centre in September. This was the last chance for them to see the Buntanas exhibition and time for tea and a slice of cake too. Two lovely afternoons, thank you for coming.



HIE Strengthening Communities Conference

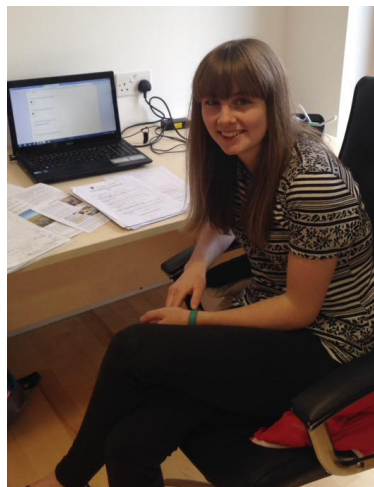


Pictured: Ivan Brown - Barvas Estate, Sally Reynolds - Carloway Estate, Lisa MacLean & Agnes Rennie - Galson Estate

Lisa and Agnes, along with other community land trusts attended Highlands and Islands Enterprise's Strengthening Communities Conference on the 21st and 22nd of September in Aviemore. A busy 2 days bringing together people from across Scotland who have dedicated time and energy to improving Scotland's communities. The conference featured key speakers covering practical and policy issues, as well as a range of workshops.

Work Experience

Karen MacLennan, a 6th year student from Sir E Scott School also joined us for a week in September as part of her work experience.



We loved having Karen with us, as she learned about the Urras and helped with day-to-day tasks. We wish her all the best in her future studies.

Welcome

We welcomed Lindy Cameron-Saunders to the team in September, as a part-time CAM Local Development Officer. Lindy will be working with us to develop projects and support organisations on the estate.

If you want to get in touch with her about any projects please email her on lindy@uogltd.com



Upcoming Events

Outdoor Sessions

Looking for something fun for the family in the October Holidays. Book a space on our Outdoor Sessions - Bushcraft and Outdoor Play.



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OUTDOOR SESSIONS

Play and learn outdoors. Fun for all the family.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Fri 20th Oct	10-12am	Bushcraft & Outdoor Play	@ Eoropie Beach
Tues 24th Oct	10-12am	Bushcraft & Outdoor Play	@ Borve Shore

£2 PER CHILD or £5 FOR 3 CHILDREN ADULTS GO FREE

Age 3+ All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear. Booking Essential.

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TO BOOK call (01851) 850 393 or email office@uogltd.com

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter icons

Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn AGM



WILL BE HELD
AT THE UOG BUSINESS CENTRE
on
TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2017
at **7.30pm**

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GUEST SPEAKER

ALASDAIR MACLEAN
GENERAL MANAGER OF LEWIS CROFTERS

The AGM commences at 7.30pm
(Members Only) and the Public Meeting
opens at 8.00pm (All Welcome)



UOG 2018 Calendar

Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn 2018 Calendar coming soon!! Thank you to those who entered our competition and well done to those who made it into the calendar. It was be on sale in local outlets, the UOG Business Centre and via our website in the next couple of weeks.