

# Tilleadh Dhachaigh

## ‘Homecoming Scotland 2009’ comes to Berneray

### Conference Programme

10-10.05am	<u>Welcome &amp; Introduction</u>	Donald Alick MacKillop, chair of Berneray Historical Society	2-2.45pm	<u>Sailing and Fishing in the Sound of Harris</u>	Local panel. Amongst our fishermen and ferrymen, there is a wealth of knowledge of surrounding waters. Many of them know the rocks, sands, skerries and tides as well as the “backs of their hands”
10.05-10.30am	<u>Patterns of Migration in the Highlands &amp; Islands</u>	Dr Allan R Turner, native of Berneray, Department of Celtic & Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh			
10.30 -11am	<u>Berneray - Life in the Nineteenth Century</u>	John Archie Morrison MA, native of Berneray, previously High School teacher in Banff	2.45-3.15pm	<u>Berneray Historical Society - researching our heritage</u>	Sue Wilson, project worker and Andrew Ross, secretary. A taste of our current activities, projects and plans, with an invitation to visit the Society’s base in The Nurse’s Cottage
11-11.30am	<u>Coffee</u>				
11.30-12.15pm	<u>History and Heritage in the Placenames of Berneray and its Surrounding Islands</u>	Rev Dr Roderick MacLeod, previously parish minister in Berneray, 1966-85, now in Cumloddin, Lochfyneside and Loch Gair	3.15-3.45pm	<u>Gaelic in Berneray - old and new</u>	Speaker panel and general discussion
12.15-1pm	<u>The Gael in Canada</u>	Russell Johnson, born in Massachusetts. During visits to relatives in Cape Breton, he began to accumulate an archive covering 80,000 individuals from Cape Breton and other areas of North America. His talk will feature emigrants and their descendants, including Arctic explorers, as well as politicians and clergy.	4pm	<u>Concluding remarks</u>	Donald Alick MacKillop
1-2pm	<u>Lunch served in the Hall</u>	A charge not exceeding £5 will be made for lunch. To assist the caterers, please indicate on arrival whether you will be requiring lunch	4.15-5.15pm	<u>Island tours</u> - a choice of visiting Borge or Ruisgarry or a sailing boat trip (weather-permitting)	
					<i>All participants are invited to attend the evening ceilidh dance, starting at 9pm in the Hall.</i>
					Participants are advised of <b>The Islands Book Trust</b> trip to the neighbouring island of Pabbay, which is planned to depart from Berneray harbour on Saturday 8 August. Meet 10.30am at The Nurse’s Cottage for a talk on the history of Pabbay by Bill Lawson. Places on the boat trip must be booked in advance - phone 01876 500329. Also note: Islands Book Trust talk by Bill Lawson on ‘Emigration from the Hebrides’, Lews Castle College, Stornoway, Thursday 6 August 7.30pm. <a href="http://www.theislandsbooktrust.com">www.theislandsbooktrust.com</a>