



WELCOME

to 'West Over Sea 2019' - the second Tobermory Book Festival

Put together by Duncan Swinbanks of Tackle and Books, Tobermory, Hugh Andrew of Birlinn Ltd and Hugh Raven of Ardtornish, the festival is designed to showcase Tobermory as Book Capital of the Hebrides. What better way could there be than to spend a few days in Scotland's most beautiful small town listening to superb speakers and enjoying the best of Highland food?

Tickets are available from Comar, the Tobermory and Mull Arts Centre, at the following web address:

www.comar.co.uk

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Please join us in making our second festival not just a success, but a fixture in Scotland's social and cultural calendar.

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THE TOBERMORY BOOK FESTIVAL 2019

THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER
to SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER



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Douglas Skelton and Alex Gray

Murder on Mull

Aros Hall | 7.00 p.m.

Douglas Skelton, author of *Thunder Bay*, set on Mull (or is it?) discusses crime writing and place with Alex Gray, author of *Keep the Midnight Out* (definitely set on Mull!). Followed by buffet dinner with glass of wine.

Ticket reference for this event is T1. Tickets are £25 each.

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

Ben Blathway: Meet Ben Blathway
An Tobar | 10.30 a.m.

Ben is one of Britain's leading children's writers and illustrators. His republished books set on Mull have been huge sellers and have recently sold rights to China. Ben will be talking about his art and showing us how he works to create a children's book. His latest book is the first ever *Sticker Atlas of Scotland*.

Ticket reference for this event is F1. Tickets are £10 each.

Roy Pedersen: Who Pays the Ferryman?
Western Isles Lunch | 12.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m.

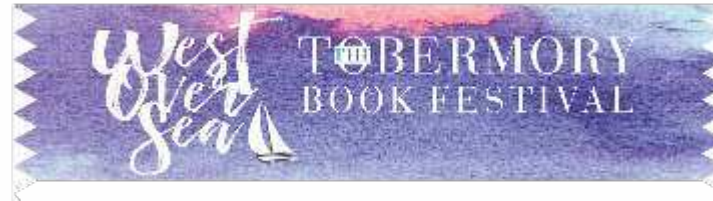
Roy is one of the leading experts on transport in Scotland. He will be discussing how we can make travelling round the islands much easier and cheaper, the costs of the current system, and why change is so fiercely resisted.

Ticket reference for this event is F2. Tickets are £20 each.
Ticket price includes lunch.

Chris Whatley: Pabay: An Island Odyssey
Aros Hall | 3.00 p.m.–4.30 p.m.

Better known as one of Scotland's leading historians, Chris Whatley has a new book on Pabay - both a history of an island and the story of an extraordinary and inspirational man, his Uncle, Len Whatley who farmed Pabay for many years after the war. In one sense Len failed on Pabay, but his inspiration and determination changed the lives of all who met him and his legacy is still with us.

Ticket reference for this event is F3. Tickets are £10 each.



Remembering Martyn Bennett: Dinner and Music
Aros Hall | 6.30 p.m.

The Launch of *Grit* – the biography of Martyn Bennett - will be celebrated in music and words by those who knew him. In his life Martyn was one of the most gifted musicians Scotland has seen, and his legacy remains hugely influential.

Ticket reference for this event is F4. Tickets are £25 each. *Ticket price includes a buffet dinner with a glass of wine.*

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

David McClay: From Lhasa to Tobermory: The Life and Letters of Henrietta and Isabella Bird
Western Isles Hotel | 10.00 a.m.–11.30 a.m.

Isabella Bird became one of the most intrepid travellers of the 19th century and her letters to her sister record an extraordinary life. The legacy of the Bird family still stands as the clock in the centre of Tobermory.

Ticket reference for this event is S1. Tickets are £10 each.

Sue Lawrence: A Taste of Scotland's Islands
Lunch at the Gallery | 12.00 p.m.–1.30 p.m.

Sue's new book tours the islands of Scotland selecting the best of the food they have to offer, and suggesting delicious recipes with which to enjoy it. One of Scotland's best known cookery writers, Sue's marvellous food is coupled with infectious enthusiasm and wonderful stories. In collaboration with Tobermory Fish Company and showcasing Mull's outstanding produce.

Ticket reference for this event is S2. Tickets are £20 each.

Chris Fleet: Mapping the West
Aros Hall | 2.00 p.m.–3.30 p.m.

Co-author of *Scotland: Mapping the Nations*, *Scotland: Mapping the Islands*, and *Scotland: Defending the Nation*, Chris will focus particularly on Mull and the West Highlands to tell our story through the many beautiful and often little-known maps which have shaped our lives.

Ticket reference for this event is S3. Tickets are £10 each.

Jim Hunter: Insurrection: Scotland's Famine Winter
Aros Hall | 4.00 p.m.–5.30 p.m.

Jim is one of Scotland's leading historians. His new book is the first comprehensive study of the hunger, starvation, protest and riot which gripped the Scottish north in the months following the 1846 failure of the area's potato crop. Jim will have quite a bit to say about what happened in Mull and surrounding localities.

Ticket reference for this event is S4. Tickets are £10 each.

Alan Johnson in conversation with Colin MacIntyre
In My Life: Music, Memoirs and Politics
Aros Hall | 5.45 p.m.–7.00 p.m.

Alan Johnson is one of Britain's best known politicians who has been Home Secretary, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Education Secretary, Health Secretary and Shadow Chancellor. He is now a best selling author of four fantastic memoirs, in which he also documents his dreams of becoming a rock star. Mull native, and award-winning musician-author, Colin MacIntyre, is the man behind Mull Historical Society and son of former BBC Political Correspondent, Kenny. Alan is an admirer of Colin's music - so expect a tune from Colin too!

Ticket reference for this event is S5. Tickets are £10 each.

Dinner with Alan Johnson and Jim Hunter
Western Isles Hotel | 7.30 p.m.

Come and meet Alan and Jim more informally at our Book Festival Dinner.

Ticket reference for this event is S6. Tickets are £45 each.

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER

Jamie Crawford: Scotland from the Sky
Aros Hall | 10.30 a.m.–12.00 p.m.

Presenter and author of the much-viewed *Scotland from the Air*, whose second season is coming soon - Jamie will talk about the book and his own experiences of filming.

Ticket reference for this event is SU1. Tickets are £10 each.

Trevor Royle: Mull and the West Highlands in War and Peace
Hebridean Lodge | 12.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m.

Trevor completes his trilogy on war and Scotland with *Facing the Bear: Scotland in the Cold War*, and will talk about Scotland and its experiences through two world wars and the Cold War, with particular reference to Mull and the Hebrides.

Ticket reference for this event is SU2. Tickets are £25 each.

