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Am Faoilleach / January 2024





Guireans Manager Coinneach and the Siar Wars Franchise

2024 isn't scheduled to see the release of any proper Star Wars movies (chust a load of ruppish TV spin-offs), which will come as a great disappointment to the franschise's millions of fans across the globe.

Neffer fear, though. Guireans Manager Coinneach – with his "many top leffel contacts in the fillum industry" (according to himself) - has spotted the opportunity to exploit the unfulfilled demand by cranking out as many cheap knock-offs as possible in the coming year under the completely different and not-at-all related "Siar Wars" brand.

Island sci-fi nerds will of course be familiar with the Siar Wars universe (<u>https://stornowayhistory.wordpress.com/2015/12/13/siar-wars/</u>) and how it's not a crap rip-off of "Star Wars", set on the West Side, at all at all, but upcoming releases for 2024 include:

Siar Wars: The Arnoldorian Siar Wars : The Phantom Dennis (Autos) II (Loch) Roag One : A Siar Wars Story

Coinneach is particularly keen that his 2024 releases should steal some of Disney's Star Wars thunder, after the breakdown of "negotiations" with Disney bosses when he was over in Florida for his holidays last year.

"Fleek's sake" raged Coinneach afterwards, "Disgraceful treatment of a fellow top level entertainment industry executive on my business trip to Disney World. The bleigeards at the gate told me to join a queue and pay to get in along with the tourists. – it's almost as if they didn't recognize me. 'Huidh', I says to the cove, 'just you get on that walkie talkie and tell my good friend Walt Disney that Guireans Manager Coinneach is here to pitch him the greatest movie idea since Mars Needs Moms ', I says. 'I think you'll find that when Walt hears it's me he'll clear his diary'. Next thing I knew I was being manhandled off the premises by a big giant Mickey Mouse, Daisy Duck and one of them Imperial Stormtroopers and... well, fleek them".

Guireans Manager Coinneach is Escorced Off the Proper Star Wars Set (Again) After Offering to Buy Disney Out Of the Franchise for Dalf a Sheep and a Bucket of Spealtrags

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	1 Bliadhna Mhath Ur. No celebrations this year, though, as New Year's Eve was the Sabbath.	2	3	4 22nd Anniversary of The	5 D*vid lain turns off the 2021 Xmas Lights at	6 D*vid lain turns on the 2024 Xmas Lights at M*yb*ry Garden.
	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Ronnie Van Zant's Birthday	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Willie Burns night – inhabitants of Newton toast J*hn H*nry B*nham with Jack Daniels and perform the Address to the Ford Mustang.	26	27
28 Guireans Manager Coinneach's Birthday. All cash) donations ngratefully received.	29	30	31		 	

An Gearran / Leoruary 2024



60 Years Since The Beatles Went to America (via Stornoway)

February 2024 will see the 60th anniversary of the Beatles' sensational 1st trip to America, a milestone in rock history.

But few are aware of the AGOFR connections behind this event, which meant that it almost never happened. When the Beatles stopped off in Stornoway for a few days of rehearsal on their way to the USA (well documented by the Made Up History of Stornoway in a 2008 article

<u>https://stornowayhistory.wordpress.com/2008/10/16/the-beatles-play-</u> <u>stornoway/</u>), control of their future was nearly wrested away from manager Brian Epstein by budding AGOFR moguls Coinneach and CJ (aged 2).

Epstein received "offers he couldn't refuse" from both AGOFR managers, and it was only by fleeing on a passing Russian klondyker under cover of darkness that he and the band were able to avoid signing their bright futures away.

Consider how different the Beatles' career would have been if Coinneach or CJ had succeeded in snaring them and putting them to work on the AGOFR treadmill; it'd have been the Ed Suilven Show, Please Fleece Me, Rubber Soval, Sheap Stadium, "Get (to) Back" on the roof of Gordon Diesel's, then an acrimonious split into The Beatles, The Beatles (Continuing), the Reformed Presbyterian Beatles and the High Free Beatles.

Famously Ringo nearly didn't make it to America for entirely different reasons, having wandered into the Star Inn where it was decided that himself and the bar must be cousins seeing they had the same name. Starr was plied with free drink all night and had a great time playing side-drum with the 2 bodachs on the melodeon and chanter in the corner. In fact, it was a musical partnership that was to outlast the Beatles by decades; to this day he keeps in touch with them, occasionally touring as Ringo's All Starr Inn Band.

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Jun				1	2 Groundhog Day (USA) The Guireans announce that their long awaited album "J&E's Democracy" is nearly ready. Again. (Sandwick)	3 65 years since Buddy Holy's plane crash.
4	5	6	7	8	9 Harris Tweed found in Harris	10
11	12 Brue Monday – Most depressing day of the year.	13 Brue Tueday – 2 nd Most depressing day of the year.	14 St Valentine's Day. Don't miss yesterday's sale on Ewe Rolls and Pedigree Tup Mix at the Crofters'.	15 BBC Alba screen a programme that's not a repeat. With actual Gaelic in it.	16 BBC Alba screen a programme that's not a repeat. With actual Gaelic in it. Oh no, wait - it's a repeat of that one from yusterday,	17
19	19	20	21	22 Stornoway Orduighean begin Murdo Maclean's reopens for 1 day only hat sale.	23 Last day for Rubhachs to take their peats home.	24
25	26	27	28 Lardi Gras 2024 – The Legendary Non-existent AGOFR festival (Dunky's House). Extra charges apply for coach parties from cruise ships.	29		

Am Màrt / March 2024



22 Years of The Guireans Not Releasing J&E's Democracy

2024 is scheduled to see the release of the next Guireans long player, with the band keen to capitalise on the wave of enthusiasm from their most recent studio album "Alasdair Mackay Is God (Sorry, Bod)". (2002)

Some might think the release of another album after a mere 22 years seems a bit rushed; For example, impoverished Guireans fans who shelled out for "AMIGSB" in 2002 won't have had time yet to save up for the new album.

But not Guireans Manager Coinneach: "Yeah, man", said the portly Plook Records mogul yusterday. "This here's a fast movin', fast changin' business. You gotta keep the product comin' regular – bang! bang! bang! - if you're gonna hold the fans' interest. Leave it too long, they forget about you, start buyin' Peat & Diesel tapes and you're history – nah – you ain't *even* history. Dig?"

So, in line with Coinneach's demands, the band will (probably) be rushing their next album "J&E's" Democracy", out quite soon. If they can be bothered.

Although readers propaply shouldn't hold their breath.

On a not completely unrelated note, did you ever see thon Made Up History of Stornoway article about the 100th anniversary of the J&E's Communist Party? Very educational...

(https://stornowayhistory.wordpress.com/2021/07/17/100years-of-the-jes-communist-party/)

The Guireans Next Aloum ' "JOCE's Democracy" - 22 Years In The Making And Counting - But Dropaply Out Sometime in 2024, Oh yus. Mayde.

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17	18	19	20	21 Spring Equinox.	22 End of 2023/24 Poaching Season (River Creed)	23 Start of 2024/25 Poaching Season (River Creed)
24 Clocks go forward (everybody except the Seceders).	25 Clocks go forward (Seceders).	26	27	28		30 Fleekeen Clapton's Birthday, man.
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An Giblean / April 2024



50 Years Of AGOFR Instruments

While the musical genre now known as AGOFR dates from approximately 1979, it didn't spring out of nowhere. The seeds of AGOFR were sown around 5 years earlier when the wee bleigeards who would later become the stars of AGOFR began to get their grubby crògan on the "musical" instruments that would be used to make their legendary early AGOFR recordings.

In early 1974 Guireans Manager Coinneach got an unbranded made-in-Poland kids' acoustic guitar (price £4 from the Lewmar catalogue) for his 12th birthday. 4 months later and 100 yards down North Street, the late great Gordon 'not yet a mod' Macleod got a Chad Valley Young Beats 'drum kit' (basically a collection of biscuit tins with an extra lid for a cymbal) for his 10th.

Inspired by Slade, Mud, Sweet (and in trendy Gordon's case the cooler Bowie and Bolan), the future Guireans stuck a bit of paper with "Cozy Powell" on the front of Gordon's bass drum and formed aspiring Glam Rock idols "Marvel" (pictured) in June of 1974.

Marvel split up almost immediately when they discovered that they couldn't play anything; the guitar and drum kit went in the cupboard and didn't emerge again until 5 years later, when the coves forgot how ruppish they'd been and decided to have another go. This gear - beefed up by a second £4 guitar that Dead Olac Guirean Jr had got in 1975 (down to 3 strings by 1979), a chanter and a shop-soiled 50p "Junior Liberace" toy piano from Woolies – made up the impressive arsenal of instruments deployed on the Guireans 1st album "Pronounced Goo-thans".

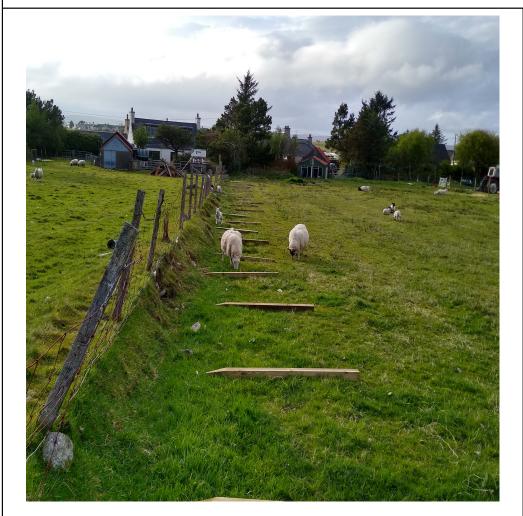
Meanwhile down the town, 1974 also saw the future members of Zing-pop acquire the Stylophone that characterised the band's early work. The band's cutting-edge interest in electronic music was probably inspired by seeing Kraftwerk on "Tomorrow's World" and not by R*lf H*rr*s at all at all. In the intervening years before recording their 1st album in 1981, Zing-Pop acquired 2 cheap acoustic guitars from the JD Williams catalogue, a ukelele (£1.69) that all Stornoway Primary pupils were forced to purchase for music lessons, 2 kazoos from Woolies (propaply), an upturned waster paper bin (but it might have been from Murdo Macleans, so top quality) and a melodica.

Zing-Pop pushed the boat out for 'The Lord of the Zings' (1982), with the addition of a Casio-VLtone mini keyboard, which also added tinny electronic drum sounds. If they'd only hung about for a third album, they could have become as big as German trio, er 'Trio', with 'Diggum Da Da Da

(Cop) Dre-Guireans Glam Rock Gods "Marvel", 1974. (Bozzom) Drog Rock Dinosaurs Zing-Dop 1981

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	1 Latha na Gogaireachd April Fool's Day. (National Holiday of Airidhbhruach)	2 April Fool's Day again (Airidhbhruach – cos one day's never enough to go round)	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14 Ritchie Blackmore's Birthday. Public Holiday (Wattie's House)	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23 Feast of St George – Patron Saint of buying corrugated iron shacks in Gravir off the internet for millions of quid.	24	25	26 Easter (R*formed Pr*sbyt*rian)	27 Easter (Continuing)		
28 I st Anniversary of Johnny Fean (Horslips)'s Passing National Day of Mourning (Ireland and Wattie's House).	29	30						

An Céirean / May 2024



43 Years of the Ian Curtis Memorial Fence

In May 1980, Dead Olac Guirean Jr was holding a fencepost on the croft and trying to avoid the less than accurate maul blows aimed at it by his old man, when news arrived of the sad death of Joy Division frontman Ian Curtis.

A day or so later, in one of these "Where were you when C*lum K*nnedy was shot?"-type conversations, Guirean Jr mentioned this tenous connection to Guireans Manager Coinneach.

Never one to miss an opportunity, Coinneach unleashed a media blitz worthy of Factory Records boss Tony Wilson himself; A hastily-improvised sign was put up (in sheep paint on an old fertiliser bag) advertising "The Ian Curtis Memorial Fence". This was backed up with ads in NME, the Nicolson 6th Year magazine and the Gazette, all urging the island's 4 disconsolate post-punk miserabilists to make a pilgrimage there to pay their respects, (and an extortionate 72½ p entrance fee).

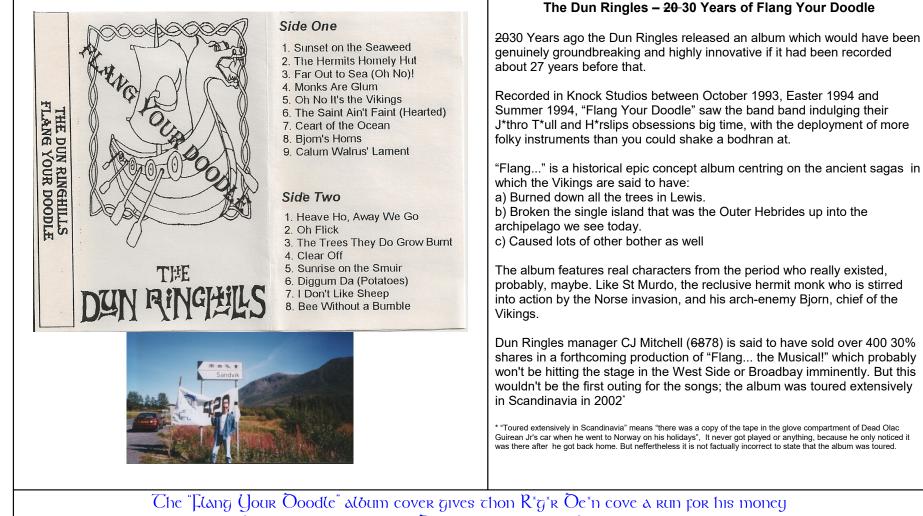
Needless to say nobody turned up.

Fast Forward 43 years, and the Ian Curtis Memorial Fence was overdue for replacement, having suffered the depredations of livestock, wind and weather for over 4 decades. Seeing another opportunity, Coinneach applied to have the fence declared a national monument and applied for a huge grant to restore it to its original 1980 condition. Work began a year ago this month, and if it's ever finished Coinneach will be staging a commemorative concert up the croft, starring top local tribute acts Ewe Order, Peat-er Hook and the Sh*te, and Sheshaderplay ("The Definitive Rubhach Joy Division Tribute").

A Chlack Team At Work Repurdishing North Street's lan Curtis Memorial Fence.

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5	6 May Day. 105th Congress of the People's Soviet (lonad Stoodie, Garrabost)	7	8	9	10	11 Finals of the Eoropievision Song Contest (Ness). Garrabost will win again after threatening to invade everyone if they don't			
12	13	14	15	16	17 Norway National Day. Public Holiday (Port of Ness, Skigersta, Adabroc, Eorpoie, Sula Sgeir).	18			
19 Birthday of the late great Gordon "Mod" Macleod from the Guireans. The memorial scooter rally and pitched battle with the rockers will take place at the Braighe car park and toilets	20	21	22 Morrisey's Birthday : (Day of Vague Dissatisfaction and Yearning - Innes the Post's House)	23	24	25			
26	27	28	29 John F Kennedy's Birthday. His twin brother was born 4 days later, due to a long waiting list at the Lewis Hospital (See June 2)	30	31				

An z-Ogmhios / June 20124



+ The 2002 Flang Your Doodle Scandinavian Tour hits Sandvik

~ An z-Ogmhios/June 2024 ~							
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2 Calum Kennedy's birthday, 4 days after his twin (See 29 May). Public Holiday (South Lochs and Iain Shaw's house)	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14 Dr Moon's latest EP of Electronica wins the 1982 Smash Hits single of the year.	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice. Watch out for fleekeen beardies from Away. And Dunkie. (Callanish)	22 Kontrast Day. All Citizens of SY aged 45-70 must report to the Caber car park at 11:55pm and sing "I Recall A Gypsy Woman" slightly out of tune in a dodgy fake American accent	
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An luchar / July 2024



Dusty Hill's AGOFR Commemoration

July 2024 marks the 3rd anniversary of the demise of ZZ Top legend Dusty Hill.

ZZ Top are pretty fleekeen big in the islands (although not quite as big as fleekeen Skynyrd, man), and there's an AGOFR connection in that the Guireans did "Gimme All Your Bog Roll" on their 1985 "B*gie Goes to Bennadrove" album.

So local fans looking to commemorate Hill in a uniquely Hebridean fashion will be pleased to hear that Guireans Manager Coinneach has launched a "very reasonably priced" commemorative range of custom guitars made by himself.

Inspired by the classy white fur spinning gee-tars sported by The Top in their 1983 'Legs' video, we can genuinely say that Coinneach's "ZZ Tup" special edition "Strat" 6-string and "Precision" bass are... something else. Oh yus. They are in fact fleekeen cheap ruppish Indonesian copies from Cash Converters, wrapped in genuine simulated acrylic sheep's wool. The "Strat" also comes with a simulated ram's horn tremolo bar, and a certificate of authenticity allegedly signed by Billy Gibbons himself (in a hand that looks suspiciously like Coinneach's).

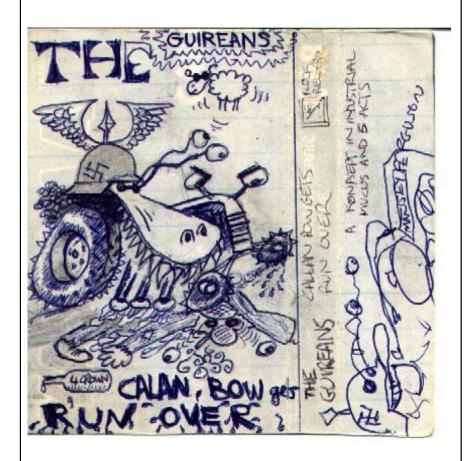
Guaranteed unplayable because the "wool" gets in the way of the strings, Coinneach is offering these very special guitars at the knockdown price of £3000 a shot, or £10000 for 2.

On sale now in Fonn and DD Morrison's.

Guireans Manager Coinneach's Limited Edition "ZZ Cup" Strat (+ Free Certificate of Ruppishness)

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	1	2	3 1969 - Brian Jones drowns in his swimming pool. The same day, Guireans manager Coinneach drives his	4 56th Anniversary of B*gey getting slaughtered in Macs Imperial to celebrate the Yanks not having to pay	5	6
7	8	9 12th Anniversary of 1 st Sunday Sailing to Stornoway : High likelihood of it being Judgement Day too.	10 If it wasn't Judgement Day yesterday, carry on.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Heb Celt Festival Begins, Covid Permitting. Propably no AGOFR bands on the bill (again). Except maybe P**t and D**s*l.	18	19	20 Final Day of Heb Celt Festival 2024 to be drowned out by Midges of Rock 2024 Festival on nearby Gallows Hill
21	22 BBC Alba screen highlights of Heb Celt Festival (2007)	23 / 30	24/ 31	25	26	27 BBC Alba screen highlights of Heb Celt Festival (2007) again.
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An Lunasdal / August 2024



40 Years of "Calan Bow Gets Run Over"

Heng - 2024 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Guireans' magnum opus "Calan Bow Gets Run Over", rated by the Newvalley Musical Express as "perhaps one of the hundred best AGOFR albums of the second week of August 1984". "CBGRO" is a tribute to the band's legendary neighbour who hadn't got run over at all. Poor Cailean (the band couldn't spell it properly) just happened to have a name that provided a handy rhyme in a couple of tracks, but the Guireans pushed this beyond anything reasonable and the next thing you knew they had a concept album where he was being knocked down in just about every song, by tractors, busses, motor bikes and more tractors.

"Written" and recorded on cheap ruppish Yashima UFO C48 in Dead Olac's sitting room over a couple of Saturday afternoons, some say this is peak Guireans, with the classic "MK III" power trio line-up of Bod, Roddy Huggan and Dead Olac Guirean Jr. But in a career of low and even lower points, that's not saying much.

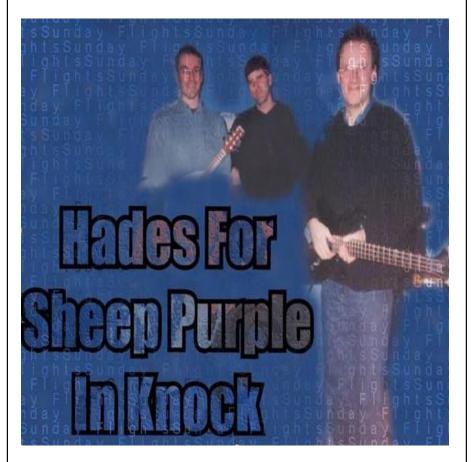
Still, in amongst all the sweary words and poor taste, "Calan Bow" spawned some of the numbers that you'd find in the Guireans' concert repertoire to this day if they ever actually played live – songs like "Walk on the West Side" (allegedly blocked by L*u R**d himself from being used on late 80s Gaelic yoof TV show "Brag"), "The Dukes of Habost", "Todhar (What is it Good For)?", "Love of Back" (inspired by the Bunnymen's 1983 Caber gig), "Free Nelson Mac an t-Shronaich" and Simon and Garfankel's "The Sound of Shawbost".

The band also experimented with the trendy musical fashions of the day on "Industry (Gut Factory)", where they gave pneumatic drill-wielding 'industrial' pioneers Einsturzende Neubaten and Test Department a run for their money with a peat bucket and a fireguard, and "Village Mucus for People People (YouThink You're a Maw)" where they tried (a bit belatedly) to cash in on the Hi-NRG gay disco boom by murdering a medley of Divine, Sylvester and Village People hits with limited success,

Alasdair "Bod" (Mackay's Iconic Steeve Design for "CBCRO" (1984). Clearly a Major Influence on Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's Design for The Birthday Darty's "Junkyard" (Uhich Went On To Come Out Two Years Earlier.

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4	5	6	7	8 The Late Rocky Sh*rpe from R*cky Sharpe & The Replays' Birthday (maybe). Big Session at John Allan's House.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 55th Anniversary of Woodstock. 41st (ish) Anniversary of Midges of Rock 1983.	16	17
18	19	20 Phil Lynott's Birthday. Stornoway bye-laws declaring "Whiskey in the Jar" compulsory for all bands playing inside the cattle grid passed on this day in 1974.		22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 V*n Morrison's Birthday. The usual Guga with candles in it is dispatched by his granny in Ness. You'd be a grumpy bleigeard too if you got one of these every year.

An Sultain / September 2024



50(+) Years of Sheep Purple Line-Up Changes

Unbelievably it's 50 years since the cataclysmic change from the Mark 2 to the Mark 3 line up of Stornoway hard rock legends Sheep Purple, with David Cove-dale (later of Whitebait) replacing lain Gallanhead and Glenn Hughsonslorry replacing Roger Plover. The new line up went on to record 'Bernera' and 'Stornowaybringer' with Ritchie Blackwater, Chon Lordsdayobservancesociety and lain Plaice.

Sheep Purple (along with Back Sabbath and Led Zebos-elin) were one of the big three hard Rock bands to come out of Stornoway in the early 70s. Famed for their dexterous melodeon and bagpipe riffs, Sheep Purple were probably best known as being early opposers and/or supporters of Sunday flights to Stornoway,as heard in many of their songs including 'Smoke on the Runway', 'Cheap Flight in Time' and 'Black Flight'.

The early 70s line up consisted of Ritchie Blackwater on lead melodeon, Mod Medalist Iain Gallanhead on vocals , Iain Plaice on side drum, Chon Lordsdayobservancesociety on bagpipes and Roger Plover on bass accordion. The pressure on the band to produce new material was so intense that they were constantly falling out and having fights. Gallanhead left in 1973 and Glover soon followed. As the biggest band around, there was much speculation as to who would fill the roles of the departed members. Unknown singer David Cove-dale (who had never even been to a Mod, let alone performed at one) was the surprise replacement for Gallanhead, bringing a more Psalmy feel to the band.

The new line up swiftly recorded the classic 'Burnera' album (featuring 'Mispeated'). This was swiftly followed by a second Mk3 album called 'Stornowaybringer'. The musical became more 'fanky' but still maintained that commitment to hard rock.

One of CDany Sheep Durple Lineups.

Fleek's Sake - You'd Think They Were a Church with All the Splits and Breakaways.

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1 Boxcar Willie's Birthday. Public Holiday (Leurbost)	2	3	4	5	6	7			
8 Country and Westren fans mourn the 5th Anniversary of Don Williams' Death. National Day of Mourning (Outside the Cattle Grid).	9	10	11	12	13	14			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 David Coverdale's Birthday. A' ghiadh mhor.			
22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25	26	27 Thon Kipper - Day of Atonement for excessive fish smoking (Free Presbyterian)	28			
29	30								

An Damhair / October 2024



Valtos Outdoor Centre and AGOFR

High on a hill, overlooking Clibhe Beach stood the Valtos Outdoor Centre. The former village school for the Valtos peninsula in Uig was used for all sorts of outdoor activities and was visited by a wide range of youth groups, non-youth clubs and societies from the mid 1960s until it closed down in the early 2000s.

For many of these years, come October and the 'tattie picking' holidays, the 2nd Stornoway Scouts would take up residence in Valtos and spend a week doing all manner of Scouty things. Non Scouty activities included music and this usually involved the older Scouts forming a band, learning to play a few songs (badly) and then laying on a gig for the younger scouts.

It was here that legendary AGOFR bands came to be, including Andromeda Crisis, Rab Kuartski and the Bohemian Crapsodys, Swinecult and The C90s. In the majority of cases, these performances would be the bands' one and only, as the members would swiftly split up once they realised that no journalists from the NME were in the Valtos audience waiting to make them famous.

The song 'Mealisval', about the highest hill in Uig, was probably the closest to a half bearable tune. Originally performed by Andromeda Crisis, and was later covered by the Dun Ringles on their first album.

'One side it is rocky, the other side is steep, one side is impossible, unless you are a sheep'

The Valtos Outdoor Centre (Above) and the lechendary Andremoda Crisis (Below)

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6	7	8	9	10 Do you think the fleekeen spuds are going to lift themselves, you lazy bleigeard? You were chust as bad this time last year	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20 47 th Anniversary of Skynynrd's Plane Crash – National day of Mourning (Outer Hebrides)	21	22	24	24 United (Denomi)nations Day. Local Presbyterian splinter groups briefly suspend hostilities	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween. 52nd anniversary (propably) of Cailean B*w giving the North St kids 2p then setting the dog on Guireans Manager Coinneach for demanding more.			

An T-Samhain / November 2024



Dòmhnall-lain for the White House Again?

"To elect one glaoic from Tong as President of the United States may be regarded as a misfortune. To elect the same glaoic twice would be fleekeen bananas"

- Lady Back-nell, in Òcrach Wuild's 'The Importance of Being Arnish'

And yet.. at time of writing it looks like there's a fair chance that Tong's most bigly idiotic village idiot (way better at being idiotic than all the other village idiots, many people have told him), the heather-thatched bleigeard with a face the colour of an Arnish boiler suit (in the days when it was Heerema) - yus, the amadan known as Domhnall-Iain - could end up back in the White House in 2024. How can this be?

Unless a large percentage of the American populace are as daft as Domhnall-lain himself, the only answer can be that sinister forces in the service of a foreign power are propelling the amadan back towards the White House on a tidal wave of disinformation, social media manipulation and dirty money, in order to cause chaos in the US and among its allies. But who might that foreign power be?

Many journalists from off the island think they see the hand of Vladimir Putin pulling Domhnall-lain's strings, and remain convinced that it's the Russians. But those who are really in the know believe Domhnall-lain is really controlled by an even more ruthless and secretive state with a thirst for world domination - the Rubhachs.

Obmhnall-lain Visits The Old Country To Fundraise for his 2024 Dresidential Campaign*. (Fake Neurs)

	-Samhain/November 2024~							
La na Sàðaid	Õi-Luain	DI-MAIRT	Öi-Ciadain	OI-Ardaoin	Di-h-Aoine	Öi-Sachuirne		
Sun	CDon	Cue	Wed	Chu	L RI	Sat		
					1 4 Days Till Guy Fawkes: Plasterfield and Parkend declare war but decide they'll have it in Sandwick to avoid damage at home.	2 3 Days Till Guy Fawkes: Parkend begins air strikes on East Street, acting against alleged "Plasterfield mercenaries" in the area.		
3 2 Days Till Guy Fawkes: Oh fleek. Sandwick discovers Parkend plans to seize North Street's agricultural shed as the forecast is for rain and they want to have their 200-tyre gelly inside.	4 1 Day Till Guy Fawkes: Plasterfield forces cross the North Street border under the pretext of "liberating" tyres that have been "oppressed" by the Sandwick government.	5 Fleek's sake man, it's Guy Fawkes.	6 Tyre collecting for Guy Fawkes 2025 begins	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Comhairle's Winter 2024/25 Ice Gritting Contract Starts		
17 Comhairle's Winter 2024/25 Ice Gritting Contract Runs out of Money (and Salt)	18	19 10th Anniversary of Fr*e Ch*rch allowing hymns and musical instruments. Cl*ff R*chard & Frogaidh Beag to play a special rock n roll prayer meeting in the Seminary. Latha Dorch dha riribh.		21	22 45th Anniversary of the Guireans recording their 1 st album "Pronounced Goo-thans" and inventing AGOFR (maybe).	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 St Andrew's Day. 45 Years since Pink Floyd released "The Wall". (Knocked up in a week after they heard "Pronounced Goo-thans")		

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20th Anniversary of Guireans 25th Anniversary T Shirt Offer

Can it really be 20 years since Guireans Manager Coinneach launched his limited edition "Guireans 25th Anniversary" T-Shirt on an unsuspecting market. (and thus 45 years since the Guireans released their 1st album)?. Sadly yus, it can.

Coinneach was convinced there'd be a huge demand for merchandise to commemorate the band's 25th year in showbusiness, and indeed, by the end of 2004, he was boasting that there was only 1 of his hand crafted T-shirts left on the shelves. What he didn't mention was that he'd only made one in the first place.

With the band's 45th anniversary approaching in November 2024, Coinneach has spotted an ideal opportunity to turn 2004's poor sales to his advantage..

Modelling the piece himself at Harris Fashion Week recently, he sashayed down the cacwalk like thon Kate Mossend, to be interviewed by Hearach Vogue's Global Editorial Director Anna Wint-urgha.

"I've been wearing this myself since 2004 seeing I couldn't flog it so it's fleekeen vintage now", ars Coinneach. "What's that? Yus, it has indeed stretched a wee bit to encompass my growing figure, but as the world's second most important fashionista after myself, you should know that shapeless, greyed-out, burst at the seams and a bit smelly is where it's at for 2024". "Also", said Coinneach, This piece is the epitome of today's young person trend for wearing T-shirts for bands you've neffer heard and would hate if you did. It's all very well parading around in an iconic Ramones, Zeppelin or Joy Division number, but your cool is blown straight away if you bump into someone who knows their stuff, or even worse, if you hear it and decide you like it. I can guarantee there's fleek all danger of any of these things happening with a Guireans 1st Album T-Shirt".

Available November 2024. RRP £8999.99 from the Fishermen's Co-op, Murdo Maclean's and Sardar's.

Conneach Models the "Unique" 2004 and 2024 Guireans T-Shirt

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La na Sàðaið Sun	Di-Luain Mon	Öi-Mairc Tue	Dı-Cıadaın Wed	Oi-Ardaoin Chu	Oı−h−Aoıne Frı	Oi-Sachuirne Sac		
1	2	3 13 years since Horslips got back together. Public holiday (Wattie's house)	4 2 Years (and a couple of weeks) since (sort of Horslips played their last gig ever, definitely, oh yus. National Day of Mourning (Wattie's House).	5	6	7		
8 1980 - Jimmy Petrie stages his own assassination to get out of the Guireans. Unfortunately nobody noticed due to events elsewhere.	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17 13 th Anniversary of the death of Kim Jong II, Dear Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. National day of Mourning (Point)	18	19	20	21 Winter solstice. Callanish not quite as busy with hippies from Away as it was at the Summer solstice. Fleekeen fairweather freaks.		
22 29 th Anniversary of Isles FM. For 24 hours, normal service will be replaced by a special celebratory show: "AJK's Top 1000 Voiceovers 1994-2024"	23	24	25 Xmas.	26 Suas an Fheamainn Day Get down the Braighe to collect your year's supply of rotten seaweed in the middle of a Force 10 gale today.	27	28		
29	30	31 Oidche Challuinn (Hogmanay)						

AGOFR Agus am Bord Sciùreadh.

Avance Gaelic Obscurist Folk Rock (AGOFR): An indigenous form of "music" unique to the Outer Debrides of Scotland, and perhaps to the island of Leuis. AGOFR is characterised by its myopic and parochial lyrical subjects (sheep, peats, tractors, syadan, getting the cuiream etc) and by its atrocious standards of performance and recording. It may be sung in Gaelic, Stoarnoulayuegian (the patois of the capital's street urchins) or in Beurla Taobh (Duigh a' Chattle Grid, the pidgin dialect adopted by the natives of the interior when dealing uith their urban betters.

AGOFR was first identified as a musical form around 1979, with seminal artistes such as Zing-Dop and The Guireans appearing independently in town and country. While Zing-Dop, Cyclepost and most of the other groups of AGOFR's early period imploded in the early 80s, the Guireans are still on the go today when they can be bothered. More recent AGOFR acts include the Dun Ringles, Sheep Durple, Coinneach & CJ's Accountants of Rock, The Lechends of AGOFR and Frogaidh Beag.

The industry has strugged on through the 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s and 20s in the face of general apathy and ignorance, both in the under community and among its own practitioners. Dowever, with the massive GueTube success of the Lechends of AGOFR's (not the Fleekeen Oun Ringles') "Airidhöhruach" performance at Sounds in the Grounds 2009, AGOFR influences finally begin to seep into mainstream culture...

In 2016 the Oun Ringles had an even bigger Gue Cube smash with "Stornoway Skyline", and the United States of America elected some fleekeen amadan from Tong as its first ever AGOFR Dresident. Then in 2018 rogue unticenced AGOFR practitioners Deat and Olesel appeared and began their meteoric and continuing (but not in that way) rise to chart-topping superstandom. Now all the top popstars are chumping on the bandwagon. For example, Trawler Swift has named her 2024 "Gras" tour after Stornoway's fondly remembered ruppish nightclub, and Darry Styles will is rumoured to have a new single ""Ousic for a Guga Restaurant" cued up for release in early 2024. Oh gus, and apparently, Stornowaguegian substitute sweary-word "fleek" is <u>still</u> being used by trendy fashionable types on the mainland – as in "fleek's sake – 'fleek' is really fleekeen on fleek' again this fleekeen year". This follows on from the global adoption of "meh" in recent years, much to the disgust of several local sheep who are considering legal action for infringement of copyright.

Bord Schureadh na h-AGOFR exists to regulate the industry and make sure all this nonsense doesn't get out of hand. We take pride in ensuring that the AGOFR 'music' stays true to its roots by remaining poorly conceived and executed, meaningless to all but a few amadans on a rock in the Atlantic, and unlistenable even to those who make it. We are determined to promote links between AGOFR and other poor quality indigenous musical forms across the globe, and will spare no expense undertaking fact finding missions for this purpose, provided they're somewhere nice and we don't have to go there on the fleekeen ferry.

<u>www.guireans.com</u>,

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