

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

by Bookworm

The following books have been noted after a year when no books were reviewed in Historic Argyll.

Walk for fun from Oban by John H Burton

A 10-page booklet by our own John Burton, self-published in 2002 at £1.75. This follows John's 1997 account of walking the West Highland Way- *Walk this Way*- which is still available at £3.00. John does not put his name on the cover, modest man, but these unpretentious booklets take up no space in the rucksack unlike the following two books!

Walks in Argyll and Bute by Mary Welsh and Christine Isherwood
Clan Books, Doune, 2003, 158 pp., black & white illustrations, £6.99.

25 Cycle routes in Argyll & Bute by Erl B Wilkie
ISBN 1 84183 023 2. Mercat Press, Edinburgh, 2001, 134 pp. illustrated in full colour, £9.99.

Arisaig and Morar - a History by Denis Rixson
ISBN 1 86232 124 8. Tuckwell Press, East Linton, 2002, 170 pp., £9.99.

The Small Isles, Canna Rum Eigg & Muck by Denis Rixson
ISBN 1 84158 154 2. Birlinn, Edinburgh, 2001, 213 pp., £7.99.

I gave my copy to Captain McQuade of the *Lochnevis*, currently on the Small Isles run. This is a valiant attempt to cover all the isles in one book. At the other end of the scale we have:-

Rum by John A Love
Birlinn, Edinburgh, 2001. 300 pp., £14.99 and:-

Canna, the Story of a Hebridean Island by John Lorne Campbell
ISBN 1 84158 010 4. Birlinn, Edinburgh, 2002, 360 pp., £12.99.

This comprehensive 1984 book, which covered all aspects of his much-loved isle, has been republished, with an introduction and epilogue by Hugh Cheape. It is full of interest, from the times of St Columba to the second half of the 20th century. The island was gifted to the National Trust in 1981, along with John Lorne's library and Gaelic sound archive. His widow still lives in the big house today.

Argyll the Enduring Heartland by Marion Campbell

ISBN 1 899863 82 6. House of Lochar, Colonsay in collaboration with Kilmartin House Trust, 2001, 200 pp., £9.99.

Marion's classic from 1977 has been republished with a flexible cover.

A History of Clan Campbell, Volume 2 by Alastair Campbell of Airds

Polygon, Edinburgh, 2002 at about £30.

I regret I have been unable to view this book anywhere in Oban and cannot afford to buy it. Having bought and reviewed Volume I earlier, I am sure that Volume 2, which covers the period from Flodden to the Glorious Revolution, will be of an equally high standard.

Barra and the Bishop's Isles by Keith Branigan & Patrick Foster

ISBN 0 7524 1947 1. Tempus Publishing, Stroud, 2002, 160 pp., £16.99.

For Archaeology enthusiasts, this book covers 6000 years of history up to the time of the 19th century migrations. Keith is Professor of Archaeology and History at the University of Sheffield and the book describes 13 years of work covering 2000 sites and 50 excavations.

Salen Church, a History by Hilary M Peel, illustrated by Jackie le May

ISBN 0 9541192 0 7. CCC Design & Publications, Ulva Ferry PA73 6LY, 2003, £6.99.

A comprehensive history of this Mull church by two members of Mull Historical Society.

