

## Islay Pevensey Island Guides

*Immerse yourself in the beachcombing experience; the wind in your face, the smell of salt spray, the roar of the ocean; it's an assault on the senses, the perfect tonic. From time immemorial people have been drawn to the beach to collect practical resources as well as mysterious objects that have fuelled myth and folklore – it is our inherent hunter-gatherer instinct. The beach strandline is also a wildlife habitat, home to a unique community of plants and animals, many found nowhere else. They create a rich and ever-changing oasis of life in the otherwise harsh environment of the beach. Whether you are a seasoned beachcomber, a casual visitor or an enthusiastic naturalist, this book is for you. It will satisfy your curiosity about each treasure found cast up on the beach, be it a pretty seashell or an exotic ocean voyager. ???????* • Descriptions of common and rare beach finds, both natural and man-made • Clear photographs showing objects and species as found on the strandline and in their natural habitat • Suggestions for family activities related to beachcombing • A comprehensive account of the living flora and fauna of the beach strandline • Information on threats and conservation measures for the marine and coastal environment

*Edinburgh, and the island of Islay, world famous for its Scotch whisky distilleries, is the setting of the third assignment for DJ Smith, agent for HM Revenue & Customs, and her "sniffer" cat, Gorgonzola. The girlfriend of Louis Moran has arrived in Scotland and is staying as the guest of Sir Thomas Cameron'Blaik, wealthy and respected businessman and owner of Sron Dubh distillery. HMRC are convinced that Moran, a ruthless international drug baron, will join her there, and that as well as finalising another drugs operation, Sir Thomas's whisky business may well be a target. DJ Smith is sent in undercover role as butler to Sir Thomas. Accompanying her is her "sniffer" cat Gorgonzola whose sensitive nose detects something much more sinister than drugs. With millions of pounds worth of whisky and drugs at stake, anyone who stands in Moran's way will die, anyone who even rouses the slightest suspicion - and DJ Smith does exactly that. Others who have threatened his multi'million pound master plan have already been eliminated, and one more makes no difference. Can DJ remain undetected long enough to identify Moran and make her escape? A dramatic endgame is played out in darkness on the Firth of Forth with a backdrop of the twinkling lights of Edinburgh. The first of two volumes, that describe the distribution, habitat and conservation requirements of 1043 species of beetle. This volume concentrates on 71 readily-identifiable and popular families of terrestrial beetle, plus a table of status of water beetles.*

*The Fantastical Feats of Finn MacCoul*

*Let's Go: the Budget Guide to Britain and Ireland*

*Making One's Way in the World*

*Anson's Navy*

*Hello Hexie!*

*Raw Spirit*

The book draws on the evidence of landscape archaeology, palaeoenvironmental studies, ethnohistory and animal tracking to address the neglected topic of how we identify and interpret past patterns of movement in the landscape. It challenges the pessimism of previous generations which regarded prehistoric routes such as hollow ways as generally undatable. The premise is that archaeologists tend to focus on "sites" while neglecting the patterns of habitual movement that made them part of living landscapes. Evidence of past movement is considered in a multi-scalar way from the individual footprint to the long distance path including the traces created in vegetation by animal and human movement. It is argued that routes may be perpetuated over long timescales creating landscape structures which influence the activities of subsequent generations. In other instances radical changes of axes of communication and landscape structures provide evidence of upheaval and social change.

Palaeoenvironmental and ethnohistorical evidence from the American North West coast sets the scene with evidence for the effects of burning, animal movement, faeces deposition and transplantation which can create readable routes along which are favoured resources. Evidence from European hunter-gatherer

sites hints at similar practices of niche construction on a range of spatial scales. On a local scale, footprints help to establish axes of movement, the locations of lost settlements and activity areas. Wood trackways likewise provide evidence of favoured patterns of movement and past settlement location. Among early farming communities alignments of burial mounds, enclosure entrances and other monuments indicate axes of communication. From the middle Bronze Age in Europe there is more clearly defined evidence of trackways flanked by ditches and fields. Landscape scale survey and excavation enables the dating of trackways using spatial relationships with dated features and many examples indicate long-term continuity of routeways. Where fields flank routeways a range of methods, including scientific approaches, provide dates. Prehistorians have often assumed that Ridgeways provided the main axes of early movement but there is little evidence for their early origins and rather better evidence for early routes crossing topography and providing connections between different environmental zones. The book concludes with a case study of the Weald of South East England which demonstrates that some axes of cross topographic movement used as droveways, and generally considered as early medieval, can be shown to be of prehistoric origin. One reason that dryland routes have proved difficult to recognise is that insufficient attention has been paid to the parts played by riverine and maritime longer distance communication. It is argued that understanding the origins of the paths we use today contributes to appreciation of the distinctive qualities of landscapes. Appreciation will help to bring about effective strategies for conservation of mutual benefit to people and wildlife by maintaining and enhancing corridors of connectivity between different landscape zones including fragmented nature reserves and valued places. In these ways an understanding of past routeways can contribute to sustainable landscapes, communities and quality of life

Hexagons are quick and easy to crochet and can be combined in a myriad of ways to create a huge range of projects – from garments and accessories to home décor and even toys. In this unique collection of creative designs, popular crochet designer Sarah Shrimpton reveals 10 easy crochet hexagon patterns and 20 simple step-by-step projects.

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The Viking Saga, AD 793-1241

An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Mythical Creatures

Forthcoming Books

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

The Footprints and Trackways of Prehistoric People

Being a Fourth Edition, Revised and Enlarged

**Tracing its origins back to the great Somerled, Raymond Campbell Paterson charts the steady ascent of Clan Donald to the zenith of its power in the 15th century, when the Lords of the Isles controlled much of the Hebrides, as well as extensive parts of the mainland, including the vast earldom of Ross. So powerful had the clan become that it was even able to challenge the authority of the Scottish Crown at the Battles of Harlaw and Inverlochy and plan to partition Scotland with Edward IV of England. Pride was followed by destruction, and James IV finally deposed the last Lord of the Isles in 1493. But under the chiefs of Clanranald, Glengarry, Sleat, Keppoch, Dunyveg and Glencoe, the various branches of the clan. Large and small, continued for many years to fight for their own independence and the independence of the old Gaelic world. The former enemies of the house of Stewart, they ended among the last of its defenders. Long vanished as a territorial power, the past glory of Clan Donald continues to be remembered to this very day.**

**A brilliantly cheeky re-imagining of the classic Scottish rhyme, slide and lift.**

**The essential guide for the discerning tourist and island devotee, Skye describes everything the visitor needs to know about the islands' heritage, landscape, climate, flora and fauna.**

**Mull & Iona: Picturing Scotland**

**The Antiquary**

**Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Off a Bus**

**A Very Canny Scot**

**Orkney**

This is the essential guide book that contains everything the visitor needs to know about the island's heritage, landscape, climate, flora and fauna. As well as helping visitors to explore and understand the landscape, it gives an array of useful information on services, facilities and places to visit. As beautiful as it is informative, this book features a wealth of stunning photography, supplied by Derek Croucher.

Despite a supreme belief in itself, the Royal Navy of the early eighteenth century was becoming over-confident and outdated, and it had more than its share of disasters and miscarriages including the devastating sickness in Admiral Hosier's fleet in 1727; failure at Cartagena, and an embarrassing action off Toulon in 1744. Anson's great circumnavigation, though presented as a triumph, was achieved at huge cost in ships and lives. And in 1756 Admiral Byng was shot after failure off Minorca. In this new book, the bestselling author Brian Lavery shows how, through reforms and the determined focus of a number of personalities, that navy was transformed in the middle years of the eighteenth century. The tide had already begun to turn with victories off Cape Finisterre in 1747, and in 1759 the navy played a vital part in the 'year of victories' with triumphs at Lagos and Quiberon Bay; and it conducted amphibious operations as far afield as Cuba and the Philippines, and took Quebec. The author explains how it was fundamentally transformed from the amateurish, corrupt and complacent force of the previous decades. He describes how it acquired uniforms and a definite rank structure for officers; and developed new ship types such as the 74 and the frigate. It instigated a more efficient (if equally brutal) method of recruiting seamen, and boosted morale and motivation and a far more aggressive style of fighting. The coppering of ships' hulls and the solving of the problems associated with longitude and scurvy, were also hugely significant steps. Much of this transformation was due to the forceful if enigmatic personality of George, Lord Anson. In a largely static society, he changed the navy so that it was fit for purpose, and in readiness for Nelson just decades later. Using a mass of archival evidence and a mix of official reports and personal reminiscences, this book offers a fascinating and engrossing analysis of all these far-reaching reforms, which in turn led to the radical transformation of Britain's navy into a truly global force. The consequential effect on the world's history would be huge.

On the Scottish Hebridean Island of Islay, five corpses are dug up by a peat-cutter. All of them have been shot in the back of the head, execution style. Sent across from the mainland to investigate, Inspector Angus Blue and his team slowly piece together the little evidence they have, and discover the men were killed on a wartime base, over 70 years ago. But there are still secrets worth protecting, and even killing for. Who can Inspector Blue trust? Reviews of *The Peat Dead*: "A mystery so redolent of its island setting that you practically smell the peat and whisky on the pages." - Douglas Skelton" This atmospheric crime novel set on Islay gripped me from the start. A book that shows decades-old crimes cast long shadows." - Sarah Ward

How to Draw Celtic Knotwork

Building a Fleet for Empire 1744–1763

Geodiversity

The Gaelic of Islay

Biography of an Island

Valuing and Conserving Abiotic Nature

*This is a reissue edition of the previously published title Peat Smoke and Spirit (9780747245780), published in 2005. 'This is not simply an appreciation of whisky, but a voyage into the history and geography of a tiny Scottish island' Daily Mail Those who discover malt whisky quickly learn that the malts made on the Isle of Islay are some of the wildest and most characterful in the malt-whisky spectrum. In Whisky Island, Islay's fascinating story is uncovered: from its history and stories of the many shipwrecks which litter its shores, to the beautiful wildlife, landscape and topography of the island revealed through intimate descriptions of the austere beautiful and remote countryside. Interleaved through these different narrative strands comes the story of the whiskies themselves, traced from a distant past of bothies and illegal stills to present-day legality and prosperity. The flavour of each spirit is analysed and the differences between them teased out, as are the stories of the notable men and women who have played such an integral part in their creation.*

*A comprehensive and fascinating guide to the wetlands of the world that covers important wetland wildlife in detail, with a special focus on birds. The ecology of marshes, estuaries, floodplains, lagoons, swamps and bogs supports an exceptionally rich diversity of species. Many wetlands around the world are now open to the public as nature reserves that generate millions of visitors including birdwatchers and amateur ecologists. Guide to Wetlands covers the many aspects of the study of wetlands in a single, portable volume. Using spectacular color photographs and clear explanatory illustrations alongside the author's concise text, it discusses: What are wetlands Wetland diversity How wetlands work The need for wetlands Adapting to life in wetlands Plant adaptation Animal adaptation People and wetlands Loss of wetlands Rural development and agriculture Wetland conservation Wetland wildlife. The book includes a wetland atlas with maps identifying wetland environments around the world and describing topography and important features. Birdwatchers will find this book of particular interest. Guide to Wetlands is an essential reference on a crucial aspect of the global environment that will appeal to naturalists, birdwatchers, ecologists and travelers.*

*From Finland to Newfoundland and Jelling to Jerusalem, follow in the wake of the Vikings—a transformative story of a people that begins with paganism and ends in Christendom. In AD 800, the Scandinavians were just barbarians in longships. Though they held sway in the north, their power meant little more than the ability to pillage and plunder, which they did to bolster their status at home. But as these Norse warriors left their strongholds to trade, raid, and settle across wide areas of Europe, Asia, and the North Atlantic, their violent and predatory culture left a unique imprint on medieval history. The twist that no one predicted, however, was a much slower, insidious takeover than any the Vikings would execute, and by a turn of the tide, they themselves became its target. For as they made their mark on Europe, Europe made its mark on them. By the year 1200, what remained of the Vikings' pagan origins floated beneath the surface and the strong, strange territories of the north had become a part of Latin Christendom. Northmen is there to tell the tale, to pay homage to what was lost and celebrate what was won. Focusing on key events, including the sack of Lindisfarne in 793 and the Battle of Stamford Bridge in 1066, medieval history expert John Haywood recounts the saga*

of the Viking Age, from the creation of the world through to the dwindling years of halfhearted raids and elegiac storytelling in the thirteenth century. He does so with meticulous research, engaging narrative, and sensitivity for his subject, shedding light and blood along the way.

*In Search of the Perfect Dram*

*A Portrait of Islay and its whiskies*

*Islay*

*20 Easy Crochet Patterns from Simple Granny Hexagons*

*Waterstone's Guide to Scottish Books*

*The Irish Version of the Historia Britonum of Nennius*

*It was in 1794 that the Duke of Argyll deputed his kinsman Campbell of Lochnell to raise a Regiment of Argyllshire Highlanders. In 1881 the Cardwell Reforms twinned the 91st with the 93rd, raised by Major General William Wemyss in 1800. The 93rd came into prominence in the Crimean War where it formed the Thin Red Line at Balaklava before seeing action in the Indian Mutiny, notably at the Relief of Lucknow where the Regiment won no less than six VCs. These two units were brought together to form the Argyll Sutherland Highlanders. The new Regiment was given an area comprising the counties of Argyll and Bute, Stirlingshire, Clackmannan, Renfrew and Dumbarton. They saw action in Palestine before taking part in Korea where Major Muir won the Regiment's last VC. They took part in the Suez operation in 1956, were on active service in Cyprus in 1958-9 and were among the last troops out of Aden in 1969 after their famous retaking of Crater.*

*Gary Sutherland was a lapsed golfer, until he acquired his late dad's putter. After studying a crumpled golf map of Scotland, Gary decided to embark on a voyage. His target was to play 18 rounds of golf on 18 Scottish islands in honour of his dad, a ship's captain who, when he wasn't at sea, was never off the golf course. His journey would take him from the Northern Isles to the Outer Hebrides. Playing in the Harris hail and Arran sunshine, he would encounter an odd variety of golfing hazards, including sheep on the tees, cows on the fairways and electric fences round the greens. This is golf in the raw - a million miles from St Andrews. It is a life-affirming tale of remembrance and discovery. It's about having a laugh and holding on to what's dear. And it's about a putter with magical properties. You can believe what you choose to, but it all happened...*

*A fascinating journey through Scotland's famous distilleries with legendary author Iain Banks No true Scotsman can resist the allure of the nation's whisky distilleries. In an absorbing voyage as interesting to non-drinkers as to true whisky connoisseurs, sci-fi and literary author Iain Banks explores the rich heritage of Scottish whisky, from the largest and most famous distilleries to the smallest, most obscure operations. Whisky is more than a drink: it's a culture, a binder that joins together people, places and products far across Scotland's rugged terrain. Switching from cars to ferries to bicycles, Banks crisscrosses his homeland, weaving an engrossing narrative from the strange people, fascinating traditions, and downright bizarre places he encounters on his journey down Scotland's great golden road.*

*The Peat Dead*

*Who Would Suspect!*

*The Lords of the Isles*

*A Favourite Scottish Rhyme with Moving Parts*

*The Dead of Jura*

*Fairbairn's Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland*

**The Rough Guide to Scotland is the ultimate travel guide to this beguiling and beautiful country. It will guide you through Scotland**

with reliable information and detailed coverage of all of Scotland's attractions, from the world-class cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow to its many idyllic islands. This fully updated guidebook features detailed practical advice on what to see and do and how to get around, plus up-to-date reviews of the best hotels, B&Bs, shops, and restaurants. Whether you're looking for traditional village pubs or want to go puffin-spotting on Shetland, The Rough Guide to Scotland has you covered. Accurate maps and comprehensive practical information help you get under the skin of Scotland, while stunning photography and a full-color introduction make this your ultimate traveling companion. Make the most of your time on earth with The Rough Guide to Scotland. Now available in ePub format.

Peter MacNab takes the visitor on a tour of these two accessible islands of the Inner Hebrides, considered to be the centre of Celtic Christianity. Born and grown up in Mull the author has an unparalleled knowledge of the island and throughout this book he shows the reader the true Mull and Iona.

Enables the novice to draw intricate Celtic-style knotwork without months of practice or any artistic training.

'Great' Daniel Campbell of Shawfield and Islay 1670-1753, His Life and Times

Skye

Canada Official Postal Guide

The Essential Guide to Beachcombing and the Strandline

A Review of the Scarce and Threatened Coleoptera of Great Britain

A History of Clan Donald

This collection of mystical folk tales about the Celtic hero Finn MacCoul is magical and bloodthirsty compendium full of humour, love and heroism. The legend of Finn exists in several cultures, but most notably in Scotland and Ireland, where he and the Fian, his band of loyal followers, are still important cultural figures. Many place names that grace the Celtic lands have their basis in these tales. Kyle Rhea, for example, between the Isle of Skye and the mainland is so called because of the terrible fate that befell one of the Fian while trying to save his wife - these warriors valued honour above all else. Justice was dispensed decisively to evil-doers and members of the Fian alike. Finn himself was more of a king than the kings he often met, for he alone was the arbiter of all conflicts. His was a life of constant risk combined with a simple belief in the power of good over evil. Finn travelled and fought wherever he was most needed. His dealings with the Lochlanners (Scandinavians) give us a stirring insight into a time where men risked their lives in pursuit of something more than mere wealth. This fabulous and evoking collection of heroic tales conjures a time and place where giants and magic were commonplace and danger was everywhere, where kings ruled over kingdoms, not countries. Companion to the best selling Folk Tales of Scotland. Only collection available of the Fenian cycle of stories. Stunningly illustrated by Paul Rumsey. Following the immense success of the Hebridean diaries and address books, Birlinn has decided to add a Visitors book to this attractive range of stationery. Illustrated throughout with Mairi's beautiful watercolors of the Hebridean islands, this book would be an ideal gift, or the perfect finishing touch to a guest bedroom.

A counterpoint to biodiversity, geodiversity describes the rocks, sediments, soils, fossils, landforms, and the physical processes that underlie our environment. The first book to focus exclusively on the subject, Geodiversity describes the interrelationships

between geodiversity and biodiversity, the value of geodiversity to society, as well as current threats to its existence. Illustrated with global case studies throughout, the book examines traditional approaches to protecting biodiversity and the new management agenda which is starting to be used instead.

Golf on the Rocks

Northmen

A Comparative Study

Highways and Byways

Books in Scotland

Discovered by Phoenician & Sumerian Inscription in Britain, by Pre-Roman Briton Coins & a Mass of New History

*"Mysterious selkies, bad-tempered giants, devious fairies, and even Loch Ness's most famous resident--these are the mythical beasts of Scottish folklore. In the ... companion volume to ... An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Folk and Fairy Tales, ... Breslin brings together a ... collection of tales from across Scotland"--Amazon.com.*

*The Phoenician Origin of Britons, Scots & Anglo-Saxons*

*A Journey Round Scotland's Island Courses*

*Hebridean Visitors Book*

*The Rough Guide to Scotland*

*Guide to Wetlands*

*Mull and Iona*