Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Gaelic Books Council’s newsletter. There are loads of new Gaelic books that have been published in the last three months, and there’s an opportunity to win a selection of them in our Christmas competition!

The Gaelic Bookshop will be open until 12.00pm on Wednesday 19th December and will then be closed until Monday 7th January 2013.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at the Gaelic Books Council!

Dèanamh Gàire ris a’ Chloc by Aonghas MacNeacail
RRP £12.99
LAGE 978 1 846972 30 0 | Published by Polygon | May 2012 | 220 pages | Pbk
Level: Teenage/Adult (All levels)

Widely regarded as the foremost poet writing today in the Gaelic language, Aonghas MacNeacail casts his eye on love, ageing, memory, language, politics and landscape in this superb bilingual collection.

Balach na Bonaid by James Robertson
RRP £5.99 / £8.99
Gaelic by Aonghas MacNeacail, illustrations by Jojo Norris
LAGE 978 0 956957 85 6 / 978 0 956957 84 9 (le CD) | Published by Big Sky Press | June 2012 | 32 pages | Pbk / CD
Level: Children age 7+ (Fluent speakers and advanced/intermediate learners)

This is the Gaelic version of the enchanting Scots story, ‘The Boy and the Bunnet’, about Neil’s adventure with his cat, a seal, a crow and the mysterious Urisk. The story is read by Wilma Kennedy on the CD and music by James Ross.

Puirt-à-Beul by Keith Norman MacDonald, ed. Will Lamb
RRP £15.00
LAGE 978 1 906804 10 7 | Published by Taigh na Teud | August 2012 | 200 pages | Pbk
Level: Teenage/Adult (All levels)

This book was first published in 1901 and soon became the primary resource for anyone interested in Gaelic mouth music. This new edition contains extensive notes, English translations and music printed in standard notation and is sure to become a valuable resource for a new generation of singers and instrumentalists with an interest in traditional Gaelic music.

An Guth 7 ed. Rody Gorman
RRP £7.50
LAGE 978 0 954592 16 5 | Published by Coiscéim | September 2012 | 119 pages | Pbk
Level: Teenage/Adult (Fluent speakers and advanced/intermediate learners)

The An Guth poetry series provides a platform for the publication of new poetry and translations in Scottish Gaelic and Irish by a wide variety of writers.
Most people are familiar with the most popular Gaelic sayings, all of which are contained in this lively and entertaining collection along with some more unusual offerings. First published in 2010.

One of Scotland's most famous inhabitants nobly summons up the courage to recount the trials and tribulations of everyday midge life while at the same time offering a taster of Gaelic! The text is full of bridges - if you want, you can cross over a bridge as you go along and pick up a few words of Gaelic. And if you want to hear what the Gaelic really sounds like, you can download free recordings of Maggie's own voice!

A collection of three original one-act plays: Cuirm an Òir, Shakespeare aig an Dotair and Strainnsear nan Òrdiughean.

This is the Scottish Gaelic translation of The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit, a new story written by Emma Thompson. Peter's adventures take him beyond the boundaries of Mr MacGregor's garden into the Scottish hills, where he meets the gentle giant Finlay McBurney, a distant Scottish relative.

Maggie Midge – Mo Shaoghal Duilich by Rab McPhee

One wolf gradually becomes a whole pack of wolves, getting up to a lot of mischief along the way…

Some people say that a monster lives in Loch Ness, but not everyone believes them! Do you?

Alasdair's first CD, 'Las', has songs from his local area along with songs he composed himself.
We hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter. If you would like to let us know what you think, or would like further information about the products featured above, please get in touch and we will be happy to help you.

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Who won the Donald Meek Award, at the Edinburgh International Book Festival in August 2012?

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All purchases are subject to an additional charge for postage. See website for further details.

We will be running special offers in store and online in the weeks before Christmas, including discounts on books and CDs. Keep an eye out for our big January Sale too!

Friday 7th December 2012
Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu’s Christmas Sale will take place in the school from 10am – 2pm. The Gaelic Books Council will have a stall selling books, CDs and cards. The sale will be open to the public.

Saturday 23rd March 2013
The Gaelic Books Council will work in collaboration with Glasgow Life to host Leabhar ‘s Craic in the CCA this coming Spring. More information will appear on our website, our Facebook page and via our Twitter – make sure you’ve given us a ‘like’ or are ‘following’ us, to keep up-to-date!

Competition

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