

# Mini Competitions

## 2011 Report



Report written 4 January 2012

Mini Competitions are run by *Barra and Vatersay Island Produce Show*  
at Barra and Vatersay Produce Sales

## Introduction

Barra and Watersay Island Produce Show had been running successfully for 4 years and it proved to be a great community event for one day of the year. The committee discussed how to get people thinking more about local produce and the Show all year round. Therefore, they teamed up with the Produce Sales run by Barra and Watersay Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Group and ran mini competitions at each of the sales in 2011. It was hoped that the Mini Competitions would also be an added attraction at the Sales and help to bring more people along.

## The Competitions

In 2011 there were 12 competitions, one at each produce sale. The competitions were split into three age groups: Pre-school to P4, P5 to S6 and Adults. Competitors competed for points (60pts for 1st, 30pts for 2nd, 15pts for 3rd and 5pts for entering) and a small prize card, at the end of the year the ones with the most points were presented with trophies.

This is the first year the mini competitions have run and a grand total of 77 people took part, the majority were in the younger age section.

Eoligarry School were a fantastic support to the competitions and even had their own leader board in school to track the progress of their pupils throughout the year. The pupils would do some of their competition entries in the school and some as homework.

The competitions were:-

5 February	Handmade Valentines Card, sponsored by Barratlantic
12 March	Mothers Day Menu, sponsored by Co-operative Membership
16 April	Decorated egg (boiled or blown), sponsored by Croft 32 Free Range Eggs
14 May	Vegetable Animal, sponsored by Gàradh a' Bhàgh a' Tuath
11 June	Poster for the Show, sponsored by Isle of Barra Beach Hotel
9 July	1 Lettuce, sponsored by Croit na h-Aibhne
23 July	Item made of Shell, sponsored by Aurora Shellfish
13 August	Garden Flowers in a Mug, sponsored by MacMillan Motors
24 September	3 Fruit Muffins, sponsored by Co-operative Membership
29 October	Halloween Lantern, sponsored by Clearwater Paddling
19 November	4 Scones, sponsored by Tangusdale Beach Cottages
17 December	Christmas Tree Decoration, sponsored by Tiger Aspect

## The Sponsors

Sponsorship was invaluable to this competition and it would not have been able to take place if it were not for the generosity of local and not so local companies. Sponsorship paid for the advertising, prize cards and trophies. So thanks must go to them for their support:- Barratlantic Ltd, Scottish Co-op Membership, Croft 32, Gàradh a' Bhàgh a' Tuath, Isle of Barra Beach Hotel, Croit na h-Aibhne, Aurora Shellfish, MacMillan Motors, Clearwater Paddling, Tangusdale Beach Cottages and Tiger Aspect.

The time taken and expertise to run these competitions was donated in kind by Sarah's Office Ltd.

## 2011 Winners

The 2011 Winners are:-

**Pre-school to P4:** 1st - Jayde Brannigan (320 pts), 2nd - Finlay MacQuarrie (205 pts), 3rd - Joanna MacNeil (150 pts).

**P5 to S6:** 1st - Skye Brannigan (365 pts), 2nd - Grace MacQuarrie (210 pts), 3rd - Abaigeal MacNeil (145 pts).

**Adults:** 1st - Merian MacNeil (265 pts), 2nd - Nick Brannigan (260 pts), 3rd - Marie Brannigan (220 pts)

Pupils from Eoligarry Primary School took 2nd and 3rd in both the Pre-school - P4 and p5 - S6 sections.

In the adults section it was down to the very last competition to find out who the winners were - it all depended on who entered and the placing they got - nail biting stuff!

Eight of the 9 prizes were taken by members of the same three families.



Unfortunately Jayde and Skye Brannigan could not be there in person so Nick, their father, picked them up on their behalf .



Grace MacQuarrie



Above: Finlay MacQuarrie



Merian MacNeil (above)

Nick Brannigan picking up his own and his wife Marie's medals. (right)

Prizes were presented by Katie MacNeil.



Photos were kindly taken by Abigail Treffry.

## Individual Competitions

A report from each competition was written and placed in the Guth Bharraidh after every event. Copies of these reports are contained in the following pages.

A special mention also must go to all the judges throughout the year, many were visitors to the island and some were just pounced on last minute - all the judges are mentioned in the reports.

## Individual Competition Results

5 February 2011

### Be my Valentine.... Sponsored by Barratlantic Ltd

Congratulations to all those who entered the Valentine Card competition at the Produce Sale on Saturday 5 February. There was a fantastic display of cards and there is going to be some very lucky people getting beautiful cards this weekend!. Many thanks to Barratlantic Ltd for sponsoring this competition and to Lorna Reckord for having the difficult task of picking the winners. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Christine Leggett
- 2nd Amanda MacQuarrie

#### P5-S6

- 1st Isla Gillies
- 2nd Donald MacQuarrie
- 3rd Norma Ferguson

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Finlay MacQuarrie
- 2nd Seamus Lowe
- 3rd Anna MacLean



The Next Produce Sale, on 12 March, is in Fairtrade Fortnight. There will be a Fairtrade display and tasting and the competition is :-

Preschool—P4: a picture of 'My favourite Dinner'

P5—Adults: Mothers Day Menu using local and fairtrade ingredients. Make the sweet and bring it along with your menu.

This Produce Sale and Competition will be sponsored by The Co-operative Membership.

12 March 2011

### Favourite Dinner and Mothers Day Menu....

#### Sponsored by Co-operative Membership

Congratulations to all those who entered the competition at the Produce Sale on Saturday 12 March. Many thanks to Co-operative Membership for sponsoring this competition and to Tor Justad from Co-operative Membership for Judging. The pre-school to P4 were making a picture of "my favourite dinner" and all the entries were really super. P5 - S6 did a Mothers Day Menu using local and fairtrade ingredients. Tor really enjoyed tasting the sweets that were brought along on the day.

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Angus Galbraith
- 2nd Cara Ferguson
- 3rd= Finlay MacQuarrie
- 3rd= William Daly

#### P5-S6

- 1st Anthony MacInnes
- 2nd Daniel Logan
- 3rd Hannah Wilson



Well done Eoligarry School for your clean sweep!!

Remember, points for all these competitions go towards a trophy at the December produce sale. Everyone who enters accumulated points.

The Next Produce Sale, on 16 April, get ready for Easter. The competition is a decorated egg (boiled or blown). This Competition will be sponsored by Croft 32 Free Range Eggs.

## Individual Competition Results

16 April 2011

### Eggcellent Effort

**Decorated Egg....** Sponsored by Croft 32 Free Range Eggs

This months Island Produce Show Mini Competitions had overwhelming support with 64 entries. There were many smashing entries and the judge, Joe Breslan, had a hard time picking the winners. There was even one of Father John Paul. Thanks to Joe for making the difficult decisions and Croft 32 for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Denise Munro
- 2nd Abigail Treffry
- 3rd Nick Brannigan

#### P5-S6

- 1st Skye Brannigan
- 2nd Hannah Wilson
- 3rd Tina MacKinnon

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Goiridh Gillies
- 2nd Liam MacNeil
- 3rd Mya MacDonald



14 May 2011

### Wonderfully Creative Animals

**Vegetable Animal...** Sponsored by Gàradh a' Bhàgh a' Tuath

This is the competition I have been looking forward to the most - waiting to see what wonderful creatures would come from the imagination - I was not disappointed. There were a fantastic range of creative entries that the judge, Rev Andrew Philip, had to pick the winners from. There was even one of Father John Paul. Thanks to Andrew for making the difficult decisions and Gàradh a' Bhàgh a' Tuath for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Merian MacNeil
- 2nd Nick Brannigan
- 3rd Marie Brannigan

#### P5-S6

- 1st Abaigeal MacNeil
- 2nd Skye Brannigan
- 3rd Isla Gillies

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Eva Lowe
- 2nd Kirsty MacInnes
- 3rd Charlotte O'Carroll



Eva's Rabbit



Charlotte's Duck



Kirsty's Hedgehog

The Next Produce Sale is on 14 May the competition is :-

A vegetable animal sponsored by Gàradh a' Bhàgh a' Tuath. We are very much looking forward to all the wonderful creations.

[www.facebook.com/islandproduce](http://www.facebook.com/islandproduce).

## Individual Competition Results

11 June 2011

### Postertastic

**Poster for the Show...** Sponsored by Isle of Barra Beach Hotel

The standard of entries were very high and the posters were extremely bright and colourful. It will be nice seeing all the entries up around the island in nearer the time of the show. Thanks to Joan Irvin for choosing the winners and Isle of Barra Beach Hotel for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Marie Brannigan
- 2nd Merian MacNeil

#### P5-S6

- 1st Abaigeal MacNeil
- 2nd Skye Brannigan

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Joanna MacNeil
- 2nd Finlay MacQuarrie
- 3rd Mya MacDonald



### Overall standings so far...

We are not even half way through the competitions yet and there is still lots to play for. Current standings are

#### Adults

1st Merian MacNeil 90pts, 2nd Marie Brannigan 80pts

#### P5-S6

1st Abaigael MacNeil 130pts, 2nd Skye Brannigan 120Pts

#### Pre-school-P4

1st Finlay MacQuarrie 115pts, 2nd

There are still another 7 competitions before trophies are awarded so lots of time and everything could change.

**GOOD LUCK**

9 July 2011

### Lettuce Wonderful

**Sponsored by .....**Croit na h-Aibhne

Thanks to all those that entered this competition. It was amazing the innovative ways people thought up of displaying their lettuces. Thanks to Eileen Russell for choosing the winners and Croit na h-Aibhne for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Morag MacNeil
- 2nd Nick Brannigan
- 3rd Marie Brannigan

#### P5-S6

- 1st Skye Brannigan
- 2nd Donald MacQuarrie
- 3rd Grace MacQuarrie

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Jayde Brannigan
- 2nd Finlay MacQuarrie
- 3rd Duncan MacQuarrie



## Individual Competition Results

23 July 2011

### Fantastic Creations

Sponsored by .....Aurora Shellfish

All the shell creations were really beautiful - from dreamcatchers to collages to pots. Thanks to Isabelle Kozlik for choosing the winners and Aurora Shellfish for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Nick Brannigan
- 2nd Marie Brannigan
- 3rd Amanda MacQuarrie

#### P5-S6

- 1st Skye Brannigan
- 2nd Grace MacQuarrie

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Jayde Brannigan
- 2nd Joanna MacNeil



13 August 2011

### Mini colour explosions

Sponsored by .....MacMillan Motors

The flowers in a mug were all so different and brightened up the produce sale on such a dreary, wet day. Thanks to Mary Thomas for choosing the winners and MacMillan Motors for sponsoring the competition. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December. This competition has thrown the field wide open and there is everything to play for in the next few competitions - who has the stamina - who will make it to the end?

#### Adults

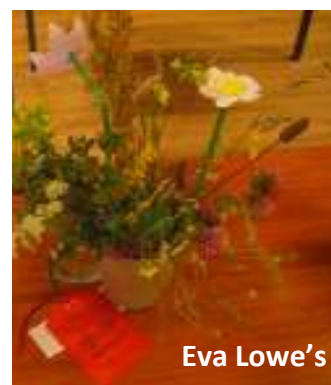
- 1st Merian MacNeil
- 2nd Amanda MacQuarrie

#### P5-S6

- 1st Grace MacQuarrie

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Eva Lowe
- 2nd Anna MacLean
- 3rd Finlay MacQuarrie



#### Next competitions:-

- 24 Sept - 3 Fruit Muffins sponsored by Co-operative Membership
- 29 Oct - Halloween Lantern sponsored by Clearwater Paddling
- 19 Nov - 4 Scones sponsored by Tangusdale Beach Cottages
- 17 Dec - Christmas Tree Decoration sponsored by Tiger Aspect

## Individual Competition Results

24 September 2011

### Deeeeeelicious

**3 Fruit Muffins...** *Sponsored by Co-operative Membership*

Well done to everyone who took part and there was so many different fruits used; bananas, raspberries, dates, apples, apricots, strawberries, and more. All the entries looked so tasty and the judges, Martin and Myra Waddle, really enjoyed tasting them all. Thanks to Martin and Myra for choosing the winners, Co-operative Membership for sponsoring the competition and to Joe from Solas Alba for stepping in last minute to take the photos. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December.

#### Adults

- 1st Nick Brannigan
- 2nd Merian MacNeil
- 3rd Marie Brannigan

#### P5-S6

- 1st Skye Brannigan
- 2nd Donald MacQuarrie
- 3rd Grace MacQuarrie

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Jayde Brannigan
- 2nd Duncan MacQuarrie
- 3rd Joanna MacNeil

Pre-school - P4 Entries



29 October 2011

### Great Halloween Lanterns

**Halloween Lantern...** *Sponsored by Clearwater Paddling*

This was where the mini competitions sprung from last year so it was nice to have come full circle and back where we started. No one was disappointed—there were great creations and one particularly gruesome one! Peigi MacLean and Reena MacKinnon did a super job of judging the competition. Thanks to them and Clearwater Paddling for sponsoring. Everyone who entered will receive points and these will go towards the points for the trophies in December. **ONLY TWO COMPETITIONS LEFT!**

#### Adults

- 1st Merian MacNeil
- 2nd Nick Brannigan
- 3rd Marie Brannigan

#### P5-S6

- 1st Skye Brannigan
- 2nd Grace MacQuarrie
- 3rd Abaigeal MacNeil

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Jade Brannigan
- 2nd Joanna MacNeil
- 3rd Lauren MacNeil



The Next Produce Sale is on 19 November the competition is :-

4 Scones sponsored by Tangusdale Beach Cottages.

[www.facebook.com/islandproduce](http://www.facebook.com/islandproduce).

To see more entries from the competition visit:-

[www.facebook.com/islandproduce](http://www.facebook.com/islandproduce).

The Next Produce Sale is on 29 October the competition is :-

A Halloween Lantern sponsored by Clearwater Paddling.

## Individual Competition Results

19 November 2011

### One, Two, Three ... Scone

**4 Scones...** *Sponsored by Tangusdale Beach Cottages*

There was a great number of entries in the Scone competition and we had some great experts making the important decisions:- Betty MacKinnon, Motag MacIntyre with assistance from Martha MacDonald. The secondary girls put in great effort getting 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their section. Their teacher, Christine Knox showed them all how it was done by winning the adults. Thanks to the judges and Diane Worthington of Tangusdale Beach Cottages for sponsoring the competition. The last competition of the year is Christmas tree decorations on 17th December. Entries to be in by 2:30pm and the Trophies will be presented around 3:30pm. Well done to everyone who has worked so hard in all the competitions throughout the year and good luck for the 17th.

#### Adults

- 1st Christine Knox
- 2nd Nick Brannigan
- 3rd Amanda MacQuarrie

#### P5-S6

- 1st Patricia Ross
- 2nd Jessica MacNeil
- 3rd Marion Campbell

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Jayde Brannigan
- 2nd Duncan MacQuarrie
- 3rd Joanna MacNeil



17 December 2011

### Tree-mendous Decorations

**Christmas Tree Decoration...** *Sponsored by Tiger Aspect*

This was a lovely competition to round off the year with. All the decorations were beautiful and will look really special on the Christmas trees in Barra. But as always points had to be allocated and Katie MacNeil had the hard task of picking the winners. Thanks to Katie for judging and Abigail Treffry for taking the photos.

#### Adults

- 1st Marie Brannigan
- 2nd Amanda MacQuarrie
- 3rd Merian MacNeil

#### P5-S6

- 1st Shian MacNeil
- 2nd Grace MacQuarrie
- 3rd Clare MacNeil

#### Pre School—p4

- 1st Seamus Lowe
- 2nd Lauren MacNeil
- 3rd Eva Lowe



We would like to thank everyone who took part in our first year of mini competitions and also all the sponsors and all the judges. We hope you enjoyed it and are looking forward to more competitions in 2012.

A full annual report and the overall results will be in the first Guth in the New Year. Mini Competitions will start again with the Island Markets in February 2012 [www.facebook.com/islandproduce](http://www.facebook.com/islandproduce)

*Barra and Vatersay Island Produce Show  
would like to wish you all a  
Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness in  
2012.*

To see competition information visit:-

**[www.facebook.com/islandproduce](http://www.facebook.com/islandproduce)**

The Next Produce Sale is on 17 December the competition is :-

A Christmas Tree Decoration sponsored by Tiger Aspect.

**Presentation of Trophies at 3:30pm.**

Mini Competitions are organised by Barra and Vatersay Island Produce Show

## Conclusion

The mini competitions did achieve its aims to bring an attraction to the sales and many people did come to see them and take part who may have otherwise not come to a produce sale. It also encouraged people to take part in the Island Show and kept people thinking about local produce, craft etc... throughout the whole year.

Eoligarry Primary School really took on the competitions and supported them beyond all our hopes. Everyone who entered enjoyed taking part.

There is always something to be learned and the age categories were to broad so 2012 the age categories will be:- Pre-school, Primary, Secondary and Adults.

The committee are going to consult with school teachers for competition suggestions to see if we can generate more school and pupil involvement.

There was also a suggestion that we hold an instant competition for the people who are attending the sale as well - a kind of generation game idea.

In all a very positive start for the mini competitions and long may they continue.

The mini competitions will be running at the Island Markets throughout 2012 and will start in February. We are looking forward to seeing all the fantastic entries.

The Mini Competitions are run by Barra and Vatersay Island Produce Show. If anyone would like to sponsor a competition in 2012 or volunteer to help then please contact Sarah MacLean

T: 01871 810634

E: [info@produceshow.org.uk](mailto:info@produceshow.org.uk).

Find out more about Island Produce Show, Producer Group and Island Market

[www.produceshow.org.uk](http://www.produceshow.org.uk)



islandproduce and islandshow