

The Boleskine Bulletin

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FOYERS SCHOOL WINS BT AWARD

Foyers School has won an award worth £5,000 under the British Telecom Future-Talk initiative. Supported by *The Guardian* newspaper, the scheme is designed to enhance young people's communication skills.

The School owed its success to a proposal to run a year-long project investigating the social, economic and natural environment of the Foyers-Loch Ness area. It will be joined for part of this exciting venture by Aldourie School when both schools record the flora and fauna of the Loch's shore and immediate hinterland.

This award is earmarked to pay for a range of information technology equipment which will enable pupils to record and present data about their community and environment in a variety of useful forms. These will include digital imaging, video- and sound-recording, written work, graphs, data bases,

and spread sheets. The project will culminate in a public exhibition at Foyers School during the summer holidays of 2001.

Maureen Brown, Headteacher at Foyers School greeted news of the award enthusiastically. 'This is a splendid opportunity to provide a lasting record of a community and district which are unique in so many respects. In addition to improving the children's skills and adding completely new ones, it will provide them with a much deeper understanding of their community and their place in it,' she said. Mrs Brown is appealing to the people of Foyers and Inverfarigaig for historical and other information which will inform the project: 'We would welcome any stories or anecdotes, photographs, maps or other material which tell us more about Foyers' past. I am sure that older members of the community will have a wealth of information which they can share with the children.'

Anyone able to help the school in this way should contact Mrs Brown at: 486612 or 486424 - or write to her at Foyers School.

STRATHERRICK TV CLUB TO END



This year will see the end of an era in Stratherrick. In 1982 after many site visits, a TV aerial was erected at Aberchalder to boost the reception to those houses unable to receive directly from Rosemarkie. For the past 14 years Vera and Jack Read have been overseeing the maintenance, collecting the club money and paying the bills. Having tried for the last three years to find someone to take over they have finally given up the task.

The aerial, with a life expectancy of only 10 years, will soon need replacing. Insurance and electricity are now over £200 annually. Since many members have gone over to satellite TV the club is no longer viable and so the transmission will have to cease in October of this year and the aerial removed. For the 12 or so households still receiving from it, a move to satellite TV is inevitable. Any queries phone 486209.



Retiring Sub Officer Colin Evans of the Foyers Auxiliary Fire Unit (who has been involved locally with the fire service for the past 23 years) being presented with his fireman's axe by Assistant Divisional Officer Billy Sanderson from Highlands and Islands Fire Service. Thanks to personnel past and present who turned out to give Colin a good send off at the Foyers Hotel and also to the Community Council for the generous donation towards Colin's evening. If you are interested in joining the local auxiliary fire service contact Mick Bryant on 486348, or come along to Foyers sub station on the last Monday of the month at 7pm.

ANOTHER SMELLY SUMMER

Recent complaints of raw sewerage leaking onto footpaths by the river at Foyers are said to have been dealt with after local councillor Ella MacRae contacted the Environmental Health Department and North of Scotland Water Authority. Councillor MacRae says that she has been told the problems arising from septic tanks and outlets have been solved, but she is concerned that this is an ongoing problem which will not go away until a permanent solution is found. "There are so many septic tanks in Foyers nearing the end of their useful life," she says, "that NOSWA have had to take some of them over. What is needed is the new treatment works that Foyers was promised in the last local plan. Unfortunately, there is no mention of Foyers in NOSWA's capital budget programme." This is confirmed by NOSWA who, in answer to concern recently expressed by the community council, stated that although it did not appear in its published plans it was "..... committed to completion (of treatment works for Foyers) by December 2005 in line with current legislation".

ACTION IN THE FOREST

At a recent meeting of the local environmental group, Malcolm Weild from Forest Enterprise in Fort Augustus was invited to explain the current situation in our local forests. He told the group that, in the light of falling timber prices and changes in policy, the importance of native woodland was now fully recognised by FE. The recognition of all types of forests for amenity, environmental and community benefits was one of the main objectives in the long term policy of FE and he was keen for the community to become involved in their future design plans. A further meeting between the group (which included representatives from the Community Council) and any other interested individuals will be called later in the year to discuss plans on a date yet to be decided. If anyone is interested in joining the discussions contact Alex Sutherland on 486711.

Childrens' Play area for Inverfarigaig?

A meeting was held on 16th June to discuss the possibility of creating a play area and community garden on the Forest Enterprise land opposite the houses at Hillhead, Inverfarigaig. Any local residents who would like more information can contact Callum Macdonald, Community Forestry Facilitator on 01471 822585 or callum@skyeoutline.freemove.co.uk

TRANSPORT

The transport survey currently in progress in the area is almost completed. Funded by the Partnership of Rural Inverness and Nairn the survey will provide Highland Council and any other funding body with a measure of the demand for local transport. Co-ordinator Ros Rowell told the BB that Fiona MacDonald, who has been conducting the survey, has managed to access almost all the households in the area and that initial response has been positive. Collation of the information will take place in July and the results will go to the Transport department in the autumn.



MSPs WRITE BACK

Copies of the Boleskine Bulletin have been sent to our MSPs in the Scottish Parliament. Both Mary Scanlon and Fergus Ewing responded. Mary Scanlon was interested in the article on fluoridation and hopes there will be correspondence on the matter. Fergus Ewing sent us information on his call for future funding of shinty. This was a follow up on a visit by the Camanachd Association on 3rd May when their president Duncan Cameron made a presentation to a group of MSPs.

Community Forestry Facilitator

Callum Macdonald from Broadford on Skye has recently been appointed in this new post which covers our area. The post is funded by a partnership of Forest Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Community Land Unit, Highland Birchwoods and Scottish Natural Heritage. The purpose of the job is to involve communities in forest management. Callum is a Harris man who after 21 years with the Bank of Scotland has moved into the field of rural development. He has experience of community involvement and can assist with training, management contracts, re-activating forest cultures and establishing new enterprises within the forest. He can be contacted through Forest Enterprise in Fort Augustus and will be closely involved in the community's discussions with Forest Enterprise.



GORTHLECK COMMUNITY HOUSING SCHEME - OPEN MEETING

22ND AUGUST 8.00 p.m. STRATHERRICK SCHOOL

A Community Council meeting, open to all, especially those in the Gorthleck and Inverfarigaig areas, is to be held next month. Mr Di Alexandar of the Highland Small Housing Trust will be explaining the current situation regarding land at Murnich and at Inverfarigaig. In Gorthleck, outline planning permission is at present being sought for this community housing scheme. If permission is granted it will enable the land to be de-crofted and purchase to go ahead. It will then become part of a land bank held for the community. The planning department is considering certain objections from SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency), who are concerned about the disposal of effluent, and the Roads and Transport Department who are concerned about access.



EDITORIAL

Now that summer is here again we all hope for warm, sunny weather and a chance to spend as much time as we can in the open air. But pity the people of Foyers. Warmer weather increases the smell of sewerage, a smell which drives people from their homes for the summer and drives away visitors as well. However it is the local people who are most affected. Will they be satisfied to learn that NOSWA (North of Scotland Water Authority) will do nothing about a treatment works at Foyers until they are forced to do so by government legislation? Up in Gorthleck it is SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency) who are concerned about increased effluent discharge into the loch. It seems odd that the strict rules concerning effluent cannot be used to persuade NOSWA to act to solve a major effluent problem down at Foyers.

Dear Editor, Your recent article giving the case for and against fluoridation of water was concise and well-balanced. It is a controversial issue, and even experts in different fields currently take different stances. Several eminent previously pro-Fluoride promoters are now, following significant world-wide research study results, advocating strongly against artificial fluoridation of public water. One report showed that when fluoride combines with aluminium it 'produces widespread brain cell injury and destruction'. In brief summary the findings document:

- significant health risks/disorders linked to artificial fluoride (including those detailed in your Spring issue);
- why many countries have now rejected fluoridation. Others have now reduced the fluoride added to water supplies;
- concern that artificial fluoride additives are a toxic by-product of heavy industry.

As a further few points to consider:

Natural v's Artificial Fluoride Natural fluoride (found in water and many foods, eg seafood, meat, black tea) is beneficial to teeth and bones. Would it not be better to promote research and education on these sources, rather than adding artificial fluoride?

Fluoride Levels Even if added artificial fluoride levels in water are monitored - what of the additive effect throughout the water/food chain? Our overall intake of fluoride could be far higher than simply from drinking fluoridated water.

Dental Decay/Diet A major cause of dental decay in children (as well as sugar/'junk foods' etc) is acidic fizzy drinks. (Remember dissolving a tooth in cola overnight!).

LETTERS

Dear Editor, I read with interest the poem "At the back of Ardochy" by D.A. Macdonald Birchfield. As a child we used to visit upper Knockchoilum known to us as Knock. We visited William and Nan Macdonald, my mother's Aunt and Uncle. One of my own hobbies is tracing the family tree and I have acquired a lot of information on the Macdonalds of Knock and have the family back to 1756 approximately. There is a very interesting branch in Canada which stems from a 16 year old who joined the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders in Inverness in 1813. One of his sons, another John Macdonald, settled in Toronto where he became a very successful business man and was responsible for the erection of a large tombstone in Bole-skine Churchyard to his grandparents and I believe visited Knock on occasions. I have no knowledge of where the Macdonalds of Knock came from to settle there. I believe that the Birchfield Macdonalds had some connection. Is it possible to have a contact address that I could write to? Also my mother's grandparents on her mothers side were in StroneLaig Lodge. Adam Inglis was the gamekeeper there (he was of Border stock) and his wife was an Ann Chisholm from Strathglass. I have in my possession prizes that my Granny received at Knockchoilum School.

Hamish D. MacIennan, Kiltarlity

Dear Editor, I was sitting by the loch yesterday afternoon near Errogie when a young Osprey appeared. I'm assuming it was a young one - brownish plumage - and not very expert at fishing. It dived and caught a fish then dropped it, dived and caught it again and dropped it, then seemed unable to find it again. Earlier I was watching a pair of red-throated divers lazing about on the loch but no young in sight. I wonder if their nest was washed away in the storm?

V. Weir, Errogie

Artificial fluoridation targets symptoms rather than tackling the root causes. Like 'Kwik-Fix' measures tried in the past, without adequate research into long-term effects on health/environment, it may sadly, in the long run, do more harm than good.

I would rather see (a) a nationwide promotion to tackle the issue of dental hygiene, education and healthy drinks and food for children, thus, improving their teeth, bones and overall health (b) research into effectiveness of alternative toothpastes - eg Tea Tree Oil toothpaste which has natural anti-bacterial qualities (c) regular school monitoring of children's teeth and access to good dental treatment for all.

To conclude:- Highland water is renowned for its purity and natural blend of minerals and indeed is bottled and exported worldwide. It would be sad if all our pure water were tampered with, artificially fluoridised and chemicalised, resulting in a situation like the Ancient Mariner:

'Water, water everywhere,
Nor any drop (fit) to drink.....'

Dr. Erica Traill, Torness

As the prospect of public consultation looms near, The Highland Movement Against Water Fluoridation (HMAWF, 1 Porterfield Bank, Inverness, IV2 3HL, Tel 01463 716900) urge those opposed to fluoridation to write now to MSPs and your local Councillor voicing your concerns. HMAWF can provide more information if required.

HISTORY

FROM SCHOOL LOG BOOKS



With the construction and opening of the British Aluminium factory in Foyers, children of workers attended the nearest school which at the time was Boleskine. In 1896 the son of a ganger from Glasgow was admitted to Boleskine. He was the first of many and, when overcrowding got too bad, a temporary school was opened in Foyers, but it was 5 years before the school as we know it was built. These are some extracts from the log books between 1900 and 1906.

Boleskine Public School Log Book

23rd April 1900. Have informed managers (Messrs. Campbell and Morrison) that for thorough instruction I had too many Standards (*meaning primary classes*) on hand 2.3.4.5. +6. That owing to number present and staff my monitor had to be on duty for twenty six hours and that twenty hours is the limit allowed by the code. I have given the clerk the same information by letter.

8th June 1900.Staff now too small with one pupil-teacher. Children suffering from want of sufficient room. This is felt especially at sewing, writing and drawing. Board know how matters stand.

11th Jan. 1901.Foyers school to be opened on Monday, when a number will be withdrawn.

18th Jan. 1901. Fifteen withdrawn to attend Foyers School which is nearer. Eighty left on roll.

Boleskine and Foyers Public School Log Book

14th Jan. 1901. Opened school today.

18th Jan. 1901. Children enrolled 27

29th May 1902. Thirty-nine scholars were presented at this, the first inspection of the school. The premises are temporary but are in the circumstances adequate and are well equipped and may be sanctioned for a further period. It is recommended that enrolment should be permitted under the stage or class corresponding to Standard IV of the old code (This suggests that only primaries 1,2, and 3 had been taught here so far.)

19th June 1905 Summary of H.M.I.'s Report for Foyers Public School:

"The school is now uncomfortably overcrowded and the attendance is steadily increasing - the net increase during the past year being twenty four. And as there is every prospect of the rate of increase being accelerated in the near future, the matter of additional accommodation is urgent. It is understood, however, that immediate steps are to be taken by the Managers to provide ample accommodation"

7th June 1906 Summary of H.M.I.'s Report

"The new school is in process of construction and will, it is expected, be opened in September. There are 79 pupils present at the inspection...."

24th August 1906. School closed for the annual holidays.

15th October 1906. John Martin interim Teacher took charge

22nd October 1906. Miss Smith assistant came today.

5th Nov. 1906. Alexander Millar Boyd, Certificated Teacher, commenced duties as Headmaster in the new School.

Quite often these log books raise as many questions as they answer, but they give us a fascinating glimpse into the life and development of our local schools.

STRATHERRICK SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE

To be dug up 2030

It was at Stratherrick School on the 2nd May 2000, 6pm till 8pm. The first event was the burial of the time capsule. That was really fun because we got to fill the hole up with the ground that came out of the hole. The next event was all of the children got Millennium coins. They were the heaviest coins I have ever seen. When we were waiting to get them we had to get in a



long line. Then when it came to our turn Miss Weir called out our names. Then we went up to her and we got our coins. They were presented by Mrs. Barbara Sewell. There was a barbecue there. One of my friend's Mums was at it and Mrs Kirkland was at it too. There were hot dogs and burgers at it as well. The next event was the most fun of them all. It was the orienteering course. I missed it because my brother Peter was playing football and we went to pick him up. It was the most fun I have had in ages. I hope everybody else enjoyed it as much as I did.

Alexander Fraser. P.5.

THE WITCH, THE MURDER AND THE ROBBERY



Since the Highland Council is instigating an information trail around the Loch Ness area this material should be of interest to BB readers.

The Witch's Bridge is reputed to have been situated a few hundred yards along the road from Balachladaich Croft this side of Dore on the loch-side road. A woman lived in a little stone cottage beside the burn here in the early eighteenth century. She was always followed by a white duck and was feared by the locals in Dore as a witch who cast spells on folk. There was great rivalry between her and a witch over at Abriachan. (Balachladaich Croft was last farmed by Hugh Ayton but his house is now in a ruinous state. Behind it Meg Gore has her kennels business and has created a pretty well-stocked garden. The land is owned by the Camerons of Aldourie Castle.) It is said that after their defeat at the Battle of Culloden two escaping Highland soldiers were found hiding under the Witch's Bridge by the then owner of Balachladaich. He took them into his croft and tended their wounds but, in vain, as both soldiers died the following night.

The crofter buried them in the steep bank at the end of a field and the grave was marked by a large stone carved with the date 1747. This stone was seen as recently as 1931 but since then has disappeared perhaps because the bank has caved in and buried it. The story goes that the ghosts of these two soldiers walk the road between Balachladaich and Dore.

Highland Council has cleared the vegetation away from the site of an old change house visited by Johnston and Boswell in 1773. The house was called An Ithur Mhor. At the time of Culloden the inn-keeper was an old lady who had a beautiful grand-daughter living with her. An officer of Cumberland's army tried to assault the girl but the grandmother intervened and the girl made her escape over the hill to fetch help. They returned to find the old lady lying dead in her chair choked by the officer in his anger. Duke William was furious when he heard and the officer was made to pay blood money.

Another tale tells of a pay master of the Fort Augustus forces on his way back from Inverness with the soldiers pay, resting here for the night, and being found dead in the morning; robbed of his money and no trace remaining of either horse or harness ever after. A plaque is going to be erected to mark the site.



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND - DORES AND BOLESKINE

- an invitation from the Rev. J. Christie.

All are welcome to attend the Sunday Services which are held, God willing, as follows:- Boleskine church 10am; Dore church 11.30am;

Foyers church 6pm (4pm from late October to late March). From March to October, monthly joint services are held on a rota basis at each church at 11.30am on the last Sunday of the month replacing the 3 service arrangement mentioned above. Communion services are held three times per year, once in each church. Sunday worship

in the kirk is simple in style with a variety of types of praise, traditional and modern. Sermons are Bible-based and copies of the New International Version, a modern translation of the Bible, are available in the churches and their use by worshippers is encouraged. Sunday schools for children are held at Boleskine Church at 10am and Dore church at 11.30am on most Sundays, the children being in church for the first 15 minutes or so of the service. There is no Sunday School at Foyers church meantime as we do not have any teachers - can you help?

There are regular meetings for Bible Study and prayer, and there is a small

branch of the Church of Scotland Guild (formerly known as the Woman's Guild) which meets monthly except during the summer. Further details of our activities and the wider work of the Church may be found in our own Parish Newsletter which comes out four times per year and the Editor is Buddy Macdougall (Tel. 01456 486366).

If you would like more information, or would like to talk over any spiritual or other matter which may concern you, then may I be your first 'port of call' or contact with the Kirk? I may be contacted at The Manse, Foyers, IV2 6XU (Tel. 01456 486206).

Rev. J. Christie.

FOYERS WRI welcomes new members. We meet on the first Thursday of the month from September through to May, usually meeting in Foyers Church Hall, although we have some of meetings in other venues - hopefully a visit to Tesco late in the year and a Xmas meal out in December. The possible topics for the new season are talks and ideas on :- pot plants; painting on silk; Xmas decorations; Highland Heritage; Citizens Advice Bureau. For a fun evening in February we will be holding a Beetle Drive - where everybody will be welcome. All forthcoming events are posted in the Foyers Stores before each meeting. For more information contact Linda Cooper on 486415

FUND-RAISING OPEN DAY

Colin and Margaret Adamson, Druim-an-Ault, Inverfari-gaig invite you to their home on 29th July 2-5 o'clock. Admission £2 includes afternoon tea. Stalls: Home-bake, crafts, raffle etc. All proceeds to help buy a mobility scooter for Iona Abbey in Memory of their daughter's wish to provide one. Colin, accompanied by Ed Moore from Inverfari-gaig, walked (and completed) the West Highland Way. Colin was raising money for the same cause.

STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL

- PROGRESS REPORT

Work on the hall is now in progress and should be completed by the end of September. The car park is temporary home to the storage unit, containing all the tables and chairs etc., to a large mound of earth and the remains of the large spruce tree which had to come down to make way for the foundations at the back of the hall. When the building work is finished the hall committee will have a big auction of the unwanted furniture and, of course, the two sheds. More details and notice of date will be in the next Boleskine Bulletin.

WANTED - INFORMATION ON SQUIRRELS

A squirrel survey is being conducted in the area this summer. Katy Stirling the Highland Region Ranger for the area would appreciate any information that you might have - sightings especially. Simply fill in a form available from the Foyers shop or the Inverfarigaig visitor centre, and send it off to Katy in the autumn.



WE'RE STILL HERE..... Calling all up and coming babies and toddlers! The parent and toddler group is still around and looking for new members. We will resume in the hall when it re-opens but after the summer holidays and until that time, we will be meeting in people's homes. Helen Young (Secretary, tel: 486432) will be contacting prospective little ones nearer the time, or phone her if you are into finger painting, sticking, ride-on-toys, trampolining, singing songs, sliding, running about and making lots of noise.....We need your support to continue and it's much more fun with lots of kids!

Registered Childminding - Enrol on a **FREE** course at Nairn or Fort Augustus. Registration form available from Scottish Childminding Association. 01463 715545.

Ronnie MacDonald's annual plant sale took place as usual in the Foyers church hall on 23rd June. Raising money for the church funds, the sale is always a popular event and was well attended.



Red Cross Week raised a total of £379.70 this year. £351.79 from house collections, £10.15 from Whitbridge Hotel and £17.76 from Foyers Shop. Grateful thanks to all collectors and those who donated so generously.

Rose Fortune.

KEEP FIT KICKS OFF...

The Keep Fit sessions in Stratherrick Hall got off to a great start. Jogging, stretching, punching and twisting to jazz, rock, reggae and lyrical piano music. Iris had us all aching and sweating after our 1 1/2 hour sessions. Unfortunately, due to family illness, Iris had to curtail the sessions but hopefully everyone who came feels the benefit and will join in again next year! Many thanks to Iris, who will be starting more Keep Fit sessions in Fort Augustus in the autumn (tel. Iris on 01320 366 235 for details).



The Stratherrick and Foyers Playschool made £68.80 at their recent Open Morning. Delicious refreshments were served in the Church Hall at Foyers, followed by a visit down to Lower Foyers to see the pre-schoolers at play in their lovely new premises. Some of the older visitors greatly enjoyed dressing up, though jumping in and out of cardboard boxes was left to the children! Many thanks to all who helped and attended, and to Mary, Belinda and the children for being so welcoming.

MILLENNIUM TREE-PLANTING

Foyers School pupils planted three oak trees and several other species in the school green to celebrate the new millennium. The north of Scotland is one of the world's most favourable environments for trees and oaks are famously long-lived. So the hope is that at least one of these trees will still be alive when the next millennium dawns!



Molly Hill and Joe Ryalls, the youngest and oldest pupils at Foyers school, plant an oak tree in the school green to celebrate the millennium.

AFRICAN DANCES AT FOYERS

Foyers resounded to the beat of African drums when children and teachers from Foyers, Aldourie and Farr schools gathered at Foyers on 8th June. Ola Adisa, Mustafa Laryea, Olu Shola and Ekow, from Ghana and Nigeria, are touring Scottish schools to give them a taste of their continent's culture. Chil-

dren and teachers were kitted out in traditional tribal clothing. Under the skilful supervision of the four African musicians, they learned to dance, sing songs in the Yoruba language and performed a simple African ceremony to welcome guests. The event was part of the Highland Festival and was sponsored by Highland Council.



Children and teachers from Foyers, Aldourie and Farr schools together with four guests from Africa at Foyers School. The company had completed a memorable and exciting day learning and performing African dance and storytelling. Activities were under skilled supervision of Osun, a group of musicians from Nigeria and Ghana who are based in Liverpool and are now touring Scotland.



Organic Box Scheme

Macleods of Ardersier are offering boxes of organically grown vegetables which they sell in two sizes of boxes. A typical example recently included potatoes, carrots, spring greens, garlic, tomatoes, beetroot and onions of which a large proportion is locally grown. They can also supply boxes of fruit. The contents of the boxes are chosen by Macleods but you can specify any preferences. As yet they do not deliver to the South Loch Ness area, but, if a small group was formed we might be able to arrange a pick up or persuade Macleods to deliver. If you would be interested in ordering either weekly or fortnightly, please contact Rory Robinson on 486669 or rory@6hillhead.freeseve.co.uk

The annual summer sale at Stratherrick School raised £391. It was a fun day with tractor rides, soakings in the stocks, a great raffle (1st prize - dinner for two at Dore Inn. Have a nice meal Helen!), wheel of fortune and much more. Many thanks to all who came and to those who helped make the event a success. The money will be used to upgrade the games field as part of our millennium school grounds project.

ELECTIONS COMING UP

The power of Community Councils has increased greatly since they were first set up in 1974. Initially their function was to act as a liaison between the local authority and local people but now their remit and powers are wider and they are consulted by both Highland Council and the two parliaments. The opportunities for the local voice to be heard have never been stronger. Our Community Council meets once a month, all its meetings are open to the public and special public meetings are held on any topical issue. Local elections are taking place this autumn and hopefully the next issue of the BB will be able to announce the names of those wishing to put themselves forward to represent us. Anyone with an interest in local affairs who would like to see their views represented could be a candidate.

Planning Applications

John Rule to decroft croft at West Drummond and part croft at Upper Knockchoilum; Stratherrick Public Hall Committee for alteration and extension of hall; Mr. & Mrs. Gillies, The Bungalow, Farraline, Errogie, bungalow and garage on Plot No3 at Dhuhallow, Errogie; Mr. & Mrs. M. Chisholm, Penstock Cottage, Foyers for extensions and alterations and erection of garage; Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, for development of site for 6 houses, land next to South Murnich Cottage, Gorthleck; John Fraser, Altavaig, Torness, house at Balnabeeran Farm; Forest Enterprise, new access Knockgarroch, Whitebridge; Highland Council Education Service, new kitchen extension Foyers Primary School; William Maynard, The Old School, Poling, nr. Arundel, W. Sussex, for demolition of existing building and erection of new, or conversion of existing building, land at Errogie Church, Errogie.

Trade Directory

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Foyers Bay House - 486624

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Ian Munro - 01463-240413
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Hugh Nicol - 486350

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FOR SALE

Hewlett Packard desk jet 600 printer as new £65. Canon DJ100 printer as new £65 486426
Mazda 626 GLX 2 litre H reg MOT May 2001, 1 owner £1,500. phone Elspeth Hall 486332.

Remote Control Subaru Impreza, 3 months old. As new still in box. Complete with charger and battery. 1 years guarantee (Inverness Model Shop) £75.00 o.n.o 486404.

The following from Gillie on 486200.

2'6" bed with red metal frame plus new mattress £40; 2'6" red metal bed frame £10; Single quilts £5 each; Assorted quilt covers & flat sheets £2 each; Revlon hair dryer £5; Single all-night electric blanket, near new £15; Plastic stacking chairs £1 each. Personal stereo radio cassette player with headphones £20. Plus a variety of other household items - phone evenings and/or leave message.

To Let. Fully equip 5 Berth caravan, 12' wide. Quiet site overlooks Beaulie Firth. Coulmore Bay. Low rates. Tel: 486279 or 01463 731322 (Vivien McClaron)

Vacancy: Saturday Cleaner at the Wild-side Lodges. Whitebridge. Phone 486373

LOCAL EVENTS

Open day at Druim-an-Ault, Inverfarigaig. 29th July at 2pm. See page 5.

GORTHLECK - COMMUNITY HOUSING SCHEME OPEN MEETING
22ND AUGUST 8.00 p.m. STRATHERRICK SCHOOL.

Farr Hall - BLAZING FIDDLES. Tuesday 12th September 8pm.

Next issue of the BB October
Contributions by 20th September to:
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The BB is delivered to every house in
the Foyers and Stratherrick area. What
an opportunity!

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Guided Walks

Katy Stirling's Ranger walks this summer:-
Tues. 18th July 6.30-8.30pm Scots Pine and Squirrels, Foyers. Meet in shop car park.
Thurs. 27th July 1.30-4.30pm. Walking in Wade's Footsteps. Meet at Culachy
Tues. 8th August 2-4pm. Inverfarigaig woodland walk. Meet at Inverfarigaig Visitor Centre.
Thurs. 17th Aug. Falls of Foyers. 10am-12pm Meet at Foyers shop car park.
For further information and other walks around the Loch Ness area contact Katy on 01463 724260.

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Corrections from last B.B. Front page picture - Ali not Andrew Matheson. Billy Ross was a keeper at Garthbeg not a gardener. Many apologies to both.