

The Boleskine Bulletin

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Shinty on last legs?

The Secretary of the Boleskine Camanachd told the BB recently that there is doubt that it will be feasible to upgrade the Factory Field at Foyers. At a recent AGM of the Shinty Club it was disclosed that the club was short of both players and people willing to help with organisation. Committed members, who would take charge of organising youth training under the name of Boleskine, were needed. This would require two or three people in Foyers and Stratherrick to commit time on a weekly basis. As there were no representatives from Foyers or Stratherrick present at the AGM and as the Farr members were keen to promote shinty in Strathnairn it was decided that support should be concentrated there. Since the AGM a senior team has been formed so that fixtures can be met. There will be an open meeting in Stratherrick Hall later in the summer to discuss the problem.

Au Revoir to Ian

Ian and Flora Nisbet came back to their native Scotland from the south of England five years ago when they bought Foyers shop. They hand over to Stephen and Margaret Hill on 2nd July and will continue to live in the Highlands in Inverness.

Ian's smiling face will be missed over the counter. He deserves a rest from rising at the crack of dawn to collect newspapers and milk from Inverness, morning after morning through dark wintry days; but perhaps he will miss the journey along Loch Ness in bright summer dawns! Ian's popularity earned him a place on the Community Council where he served as Treasurer and he was also Treasurer on the Boleskine Bulletin team for which we are extremely thankful. We wish Ian and Flora every happiness and hope that they will keep in touch.

DEATH AT THE FALLS

The walk to the Falls of Foyers has claimed another life. A man in his sixties died of a heart attack there a month ago - a year since a previous life was claimed on the steep climb.

No Change for the Roads



The announcement by Mr MacInnes, the Roads and Transport Area Manager for Highland Council, that there was little money available for improvement to our local roads, came as no surprise to the 28 people attending a recent meeting in Stratherrick Hall. The meeting was organised by the community council. Local residents expressed their concerns about scrub clearance on the Dore/Foyers road, road verges, passing places, cattle grids and traffic calming.

Mr MacInnes explained that his budget had been reduced from over 3 million pounds in 1996 to 2 million. Most of this shortfall was due to the loss by Highland Council of the trunk road contract. One community councillor felt that we should be content with the condition of our roads, and that people who had moved into the area should not expect services equivalent to other parts of the country. Despite this, there was a genuine concern amongst those living in Errogie that there was no statutory form of traffic calming in place. However, Mr MacInnes reported that the total budget for traffic calming and similar new projects only amounted to £25,000 for the year - equal to no more than a couple of lay-bys.

Deadline for next issue: 20th September. Send to: The Editor, Norbu, Lochgarthside, Gorthleck, or leave at Foyers shop marking the envelope BB, or email odonovan_jane@hotmail.com.

Martyn Bateman - is a new member to the Community Council, replacing Ian Nisbet. He had the next highest number of votes in local election.

He writes

"I was born in East Anglia on the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen - (but five years earlier) and am a loyal admirer of the Monarchy - in spite of their faults that are common to all of us! My work as a Christian Minister has involved me with community life in both town and village structure - far more interesting than any soap opera! My connections with Stratherrick date back to 1955 when we spent our honeymoon at Ardoch, and I preached about the Billy Graham Mission to London at Boleskine Parish Church. After the death of my first wife, I married my cousin Jancis in 1994".

STRATHERRICK AND FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING AT STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL

ON TUESDAY 29 MAY AT 6.45PM

Correspondence: Scottish Community Foundation - scheme to provide matched funding to voluntary organisations for the relief of distress associated with foot and mouth disease. Highland Council - street sweeping routes and frequencies. Royal Navy - cancellation of open evening.

Treasurer: The balance of the operating account stands at £795.98 and there is £1005.78 in the project account.

Planning: The following planning applications have been submitted; Change of use from holiday chalet to house, Farigaig, Inverfarigaig. Erection of house at land north of Old Errogie House, Errogie. Erection of two houses at Wester Drummond, Whitebridge. Erection of agricultural implement and livestock feed store at Knockchoilum, Whitebridge. The Council had no objections, although it was felt that there may be objections to the plots at Wester Drummond from outside the Community Council.

Roads and Transport: The council received the summary of the Transport survey.

Water and Sewerage: The drainage problem at Foyers shop is still being investigated.

General and Other Competent Business: There have been a couple of fatalities in recent months on the path to the Falls. There should be a sign warning people of the steep hill. The secretary was instructed to investigate.

Minutes of Meeting 26th June not available yet.

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Dates of Community Council Meetings:

28th August Foyers, 25th September Gorthleck, 23rd

October Foyers, 27th November Gorthleck.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm and are held in the Hall at Gorthleck or the Foyers power station. Chairman: John Campbell 486240. All meetings are open to all.

New Local Plan

The local plan is now under review.

Local Plans are the statutory development plans with which all development decisions must accord. This plan covers 10 years to 2011, with a longer vision to 2021. The Consultative Draft is now available for viewing with the consultation period from June until August 2001. The draft plan comes

out in Jan. 2002 with objections taken

until June 2002. A Local Inquiry may be held in the autumn of 2002 with the final draft available in the Spring of 2003.

The plans are available for viewing at Highland Council Offices in Inverness. Here the Foyers Shop, Mobile Library, the Community Council and B.E.N. hold copies.

Extract from the Draft Local Plan

7.7 FOYERS

PROSPECTS

- 7.7.1 Foyers originated with the establishment of the British Aluminium works a century ago. Since its closure more than 30 years ago, the village has suffered population and job losses. The economy is dominated by hydro-electricity generation, despite employment at the power station reducing significantly over the years. Although located off the main tourist route, the village attracts summer visitors. An interesting industrial heritage could be interpreted to supplement established local attractions which include the Forest Enterprise Visitor Centre and exceptional woodland walks to the Falls. Facilities for landing small boats have long been a local aspiration. The community continues to support important local facilities with a new medical centre built recently. The priorities are to restore employment, enable local housing needs to be met and draw visitors.

DEVELOPMENT FACTORS

- 7.7.2 Foyers is fragmented by steep and heavily afforested ground, a deeply incised gorge and exceptional amenity woodland. The main development opportunities involve:
- lower, open ground comprising the raised beach either side of the River Foyers;
 - re-use or conversion of derelict or vacant buildings and land.

POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

Housing

The following land is allocated for housing:

1	1.5 ha	south west of Monadhliath Falls	1-20 houses	existing house
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Business

The following land is allocated for business use:

2	0.3 ha	north east of the community woodland	adjoining	disused building
3	0.4 ha	east of the River Foyers	woodland adjacent	
4	0.3 ha	adjoining the shop	existing	

- 5 The Council will encourage upgrading and expansion of visitor accommodation/recreation facilities based on existing establishments as follows:

- Craigdarroch House Hotel: planning permission has been granted for 25 chalets;
- Foyers Bay Hotel/Foyers Mains, subject to additional passing places and safeguards for the Listed Buildings;
- conversion/use of the steading and Doocot;
- provision of caravan and camping facilities;
- golf in the open fields south west of the mains.

Special Uses

- 6 The Council will encourage development of the BA Works, a Category B Listed Building, for visitor related or other business or residential use. This could provide a focus for a heritage centre/working museum based on the local industrial archaeology together with hostel/bunkhouse-type accommodation, tearoom and toilets or a suitable mix of housing accommodation.
- 7 A new Fire Station is proposed to be built in 2001/02. Various sites are under investigation by the Fire Board.
- 8 0.2 ha. of land west of the River Foyers is allocated for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant which NOSWA propose to construct in 2005.
- 9 0.5 ha. of land adjoining the cemetery is allocated for extension of that facility.
- 10 0.2 ha. of land is allocated for relocation of the playing field pavilion.
- 11 The Council will encourage re-use of the Outreach Centre for community purposes. Alternatively, assembled with the adjoining sheds, this site could be redeveloped, possibly for sheltered housing.

Amenity

- 12 The Council will encourage community management of woodland within and adjoining Foyers subject to discussion with Forest Enterprise. This could include signposted walks extending to the River Foyers margins and foreshore promoted in association with above.

Action

- 13 The Council will encourage renovation of Foyers Pier for recreational access to Loch Ness. This could involve a joint initiative by British Waterways, the Scottish Hydro-electric and INE.
- 14 The Council will encourage environmental improvements in the vicinity of the shop. These could include improvements to parking, the external appearance of buildings and a tourist information point.
- 15 The Council will encourage provision of "gateway" signposting of Foyers at the main village entrance points on the B862.

7.9 STRATHERRICK

PROSPECTS

- 7.9.1 The main settlements - Gorthleck and Errergie - straddle the B862, facing south over Loch Mhor towards the Monadhliath. These are remote communities, dependant on mobile or community transport services. Opportunities to diversify the upland farming and local crofting base could arise with promotion of the scenic route and recreational access to land. Local needs and specialist housing is earmarked a priority by the Small Communities Housing Trust.

DEVELOPMENT FACTORS

- 7.9.2 The following principles should be adhered to:
- shape: retaining the linear form of the settlements primarily west of the B862;
 - separation: maintaining the open land between Errergie and Gorthleck;
 - safety: introducing traffic and pedestrian measures throughout the villages;
 - facilities: addressing the need for local housing and other amenities.

Housing

The following land is allocated for housing:

1	1.6 ha	South Stratherrick	3 houses	access from the C20
2	0.3 ha	north side of Errergie Church	2 houses	
3	0.3 ha	west of Gorthleck	3 houses	drainage
4	1.7 ha	north of Bullocham	8 houses	local needs; planning permission

- 5 The Council will encourage infill development consistent with the established settlement pattern.
- 6 Albyn Housing Society/Small Communities Housing Trust propose to build 6 houses at Gorthleck.

Business

The following land is allocated for business use:

7	0.4 ha	east of Gorthleck	Workshop, crafts
8	0.4 ha	at the centre of Gorthleck	Contractor's yard/workshop
9	0.06 ha	west of Gorthleck	Bunkhouse/hostel



The Laird of Glengirnie welcomes guests to the hall for the ceilidh featuring the Tour-A-Rural Ceilidh Band. Wonderful evening of laughter and mystery - shame you missed it! *Photos Hugh Nicol*



CAN YOU NAME THE MEN? PHOTO TAKEN AT CAWDOR in the 1950's.

Left - ?; 2nd left - Willy Cowan; 3rd left - either John Urquhart or Tossy Ellis; on the extreme right could this be Tossy Ellis?
Photo from W. MacIntosh.



FOYERS DOOCOT

....photo Buddy MacDougal

Beside the steading at Foyers Mains stands the crumbling old "Doocot" or dove cot. Twenty years ago it still had a roof and was an interesting, unusual structure. It was used many many years before by the Frasers of Foyers to house what must have been a substantial number of pigeons for their table. In the last few years the roof timbers have given way and the roof has tumbled inside - a sorry sight. Perhaps there is an organisation that would be interested in restoring it?

New Web site developed by INE

The Community Toolkit - is designed to smooth the funding process for local community groups. It gives self-help support for groups to develop and manage projects more effectively and efficiently. Marie Mackintosh on 01463 713504 or email m.mack@hient.co.uk for more information.



Planning Applications

Mr & Mrs Mackintosh, house and garage, at Balnabeeran Farm, Dores; M Hughes, garage, Tyndrum, Gorthleck; Mr & Mrs Holt, Island Cottage, Inverfarigaig, 1.5 storey dwellinghouse, Aspenwood, Inverfarigaig; John Rule, Innishenlannie, Whitebridge - agricultural store, at Knockchoilum Whitebridge; Paul MacGregor, two houses at Wester Drummond, Whitebridge; D. Hughes, Edinburgh, for change of use of holiday chalet to dwellinghouse Farigaig, Inverfarigaig; Andrew Fraser dwellinghouse, north of Old Errogie House, Errogie; Mr. Hardy/Mr. Ross, Knockie Farm/Estate cattle court; A. J. Fraser, Glasgow, new dwelling at Rowanbank, Gorthleck.



Houses at Gorthleck?

Mr Di Alexander of the Small Communities' Housing Trust told the BB recently that he regrets the uncertainty surrounding the development of the ground in Gorthleck. The land has been secured but it is now subject to the resumption ofcrofting title. This has been delayed because the Crofters Commission could not have access to the ground when the Foot and Mouth restrictions were in force. Mr Alexander will be meeting NOSWA on the 11th July to resolve the problem of sewage. NOSWA have been unclear as to what they require in the way of sewage treatment for the site. It is hoped that the problems will be resolved over the summer.

Foot and Mouth

In Scotland the government has taken a strong lead in opening up the hills, realising how important such access is to the rural economy. Local authorities have been issued with new guidance that stipulates that land can only be closed if the landowner or farmer has provided a risk assessment which shows, to the satisfaction of both the Local Authority and the Divisional Veterinary Manager, that there is a potential disease risk which cannot reasonably be avoided.

Pre Christmas Craft Fair

will be held on **Saturday 10th November** at Stratherrick Hall. If you would like a table in the hall to sell your craft get in touch with Brian Greenlees, Errogie House, Errogie who will send you an application form or phone him on 486214. The cost of a 6ft x 2ft table will be £10 for the day.



NEWS FROM B.E.N.

Muck and Magic continues...

Following an illuminating discussion on composting, organised by the Boleskine Environmental Network in May, twenty-eight compost bins have now arrived in the Strath. These are being distributed to composting enthusiasts locally. This year a total of 3000 bins are being made available throughout the Highlands by the Council. This will be the biggest ever trial of composting in the region and gives us the chance to show that we are committed to taking care of our environment and reducing the damage caused by landfills. These bins normally retail at £39 but Highland Council is letting us have them for £5! But there is a catch... in return they need to know if composting works.



So, with each bin distributed locally there will be brief guidelines on making good compost and using it afterwards, and a small monitoring sheet (recording type and quantity of waste diverted from wheelie bin to compost heap) that requires to be filled out three times a year. Not too much work for a bargain!

If you are interested in the Boleskine composting project and would like to receive a bin, please 'phone Heather on 486 774 or Catherine 01463 751 248.

Win a compost bin. Just think of a caption for the photo above - best caption wins a bin!

B.E.N. has been successful in contributing to the ten year design plans which Forest Enterprise have now submitted to the planning department. It was the first time that people living in the area have been able to say how they would want their woods and forests to look like in the future. The clearing of conifers from burn sides, allowing natural regeneration of native species trees and maintaining view points are just some of the ideas now incorporated into the plans. Many of our forests are being restructured to rebalance the intensive planting of conifers which took place in Scotland after the 2nd World War. Copies of the plans are soon to be on permanent display in the hall at Gorthleck. Further comments will be welcome.

A BOTTLE BANK FOR FOYERS?

The environmental group has been asked by our local councillor Ella MacRae and by the Community Council to find a site for a bottle bank in Foyers. Now that one has been installed in Gorthleck funding has been found by Highland Council to locate one in Foyers. A site needs to be found. One idea would be just below the medical centre where the bus turns. Please let the Community Council know what you think or drop a line to the editor of the BB.



AND.... Any Old Iron?

The Council have once more started collecting ferrous metal tins - that's most food tins. You can take your washed out tins to the Longman Recycling Centre.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

"There will be absolutely nothing going on in the winter months. Is this how villages die?!!"

This was said by the reporter of the story about the death of women's groups. But looking over the contents of the BB this issue I get mixed feelings. Yes, it is true that some of the traditional pastimes are in danger of collapsing. Shinty has been a popular sport in the area for over a century. Boleskine Camanachd is a big name in the world of shinty. And it is possible that the Boleskine name will be lost. Does it matter? What about The Guild and the WRI? As the population gets older and interests change we lose those things that mattered fifty years ago when people needed company during the long winter months. But...in this issue we also report on new groups developing, composting, car boot sales, auctions and craft fairs. It is worrying, however, that the people of Farr are able not only to set up a very successful venue for traditional music but also to "steal" two things that "belong" to us namely the Boleskine Camanachd and Stratherrick Feis. The saying goes that communities come together when under threat. Is the apathy present in our community enough of a threat? These comments are meant to stimulate some letters!! (ed.)

Something for the BB

I've been asked to write something (anything?) for the B.B. Now had this request come thirty or so years ago I could've given you reams of tragic poetry. Twenty years ago you'd have got a dissertation on philosophy; Wittgenstein was great but he did say of that we do not know we must not speak.

But now, now I am contented. Contented listening to Radios 4 and 3, reading 4 books a week, doing the Independent and Observer crosswords with Judith Mitchell. Walking to Gorthleck and back to exercise the dog and because that's the best time to day-dream (often about what I'll do with all that lottery money I can't win because I never buy a ticket).

Stratherrick is the place I fell in love with 23 years ago and that is something that's never changed. Here I have friends. Here I will stay, in my falling-down house surrounded by my over-grown (very ecologically sound) garden. And here I'll stay content and, unfortunately no doubt, boring.

Marie Greenaway, Errogie.

A FISHY TALE

One day while walking up Glenlia with the dogs, I noticed a heron standing in the middle of the the road behaving rather strangely. As I got closer it would hop a few yards, then zig zag from side to side of the road, wings flapping wildly. Were these diversionary tactics I wondered? Then I saw a fair sized trout lying at the side of the road, fresh from the burn! I picked it up and looked at it for a few minutes before deciding to leave the heron its well earned meal. So I continued on the lovely Glenlia walk with the lightheartedness that comes from doing the right thing! Imagine my surprise when on my return journey the fish was exactly where I had left it! Of the heron there was no trace. Wrapping the trout in moss and bracken I carried home my prize! It weighed in at a healthy 1lb. 8ozs. As I later enjoyed my unexpected treat, I thought of the poor hungry heron - but only momentarily, and I managed to console myself with the thought "Well, never look a gift heron in the beak!"

Chris Moore, Inverfarigaig.

CHRISTIAN COMMENT

from Martyn Bateman

The recent election to the Westminster parliament has provided everyone in the community with the opportunity to vote freely for the representative of our choice - a privilege that many communities in other parts of the world would value greatly - and which we neglect at our own peril. Another privilege is provided by churches of the various denominations represented in our community - We offer the opportunity to each individual person to choose to follow Jesus Christ in the manner that they find most helpful - we neglect such choice at our own peril. Details of church meetings are listed below.

Church Meetings

Church of Scotland

Sunday 10am Boleskine; 11.30am; 6pm Foyers; Last Sunday 11.30 as announced - also mid-week. Tel: Rev. J. Christie 01456 486 206

Episcopal Church

Sunday 11am Croachy; Wednesday 10.30 (as announced) Tel: Rev. J. Evans 01808 521397

Free Church

Sunday 12 noon Errogie; 6pm Farr; Thursday 7.30pm (as announced). Tel: Mr. J. Campbell 01456 486240

Free Church (continuing)

Sunday 10.30am and 4.15pm Dores; Wednesday 7.30pm: Tel: Mr D. Fraser 01456 486408

Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12noon Farr; 5.30pm Stratherrick/Farr (as announced). Tel: Mr E. Fraser 01456 486282

Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 12 noon Whitebridge (midweek as announced). Tel: Rev. P. Bonnici 01320 366451

Inter-Denominational Bible Study

10.30 am Thursday (as announced). Tel: Rev. M. Bateman 01456 486273

We would be delighted to hear of any other groups who would like to publicise their gatherings.(ed.)

THANK-YOUs!

RED CROSS

On behalf of the Inverness Red Cross I would like to thank all collectors and those who contributed to the house to house collection for Red Cross Week. The amount this year was £349.88. A special thank you to an anonymous senior citizen who donates her "small change". Since January this year it has amounted to £65.60. There will be a sale of work in the Stratherrick Hall on Saturday, 11th AUGUST at 2.30pm in aid of the Disaster Fund. Any help will be much appreciated. *Rose Fortune 486 663*

The **CAR BOOT SALE** at Stratherrick Hall raised over £90 for hall funds, half from Janet's bacon rolls! The event was transformed from a car boot sale to a stall based sale in the hall due to the chilly weather. Over 15 stalls were set up, several from Inverness, one from Culloden and most of the hall committee were able to find time to run stalls and serve the butties, tea, and scones. One stall holder reported having taken over £200. Thanks to those who donated cakes, etc. for sale.

OPEN MORNING SUCCESS

A fun time was had by all at South Loch Ness Nursery's Open Morning on 26th May. Luckily the rain kept away and children enjoyed taking part in the Best Robot competition



(won by Hannah Grainger) and the Best Dressed Teddy Competition (won by Jack McAdam). Teas, a small auction, a raffle, plant, cake and toy stalls all helped to raise over £300 for nursery funds.

Resuscitated BB

Since our plea in the last issue of the BB for help with the running of the paper, a small group has come forward. With their assistance the editorial team should be able to carry on. We have a new Treasurer to replace Ian. Peter Arrowsmith will take over but any monies owing to the BB can still be dropped off at the Post Office in an envelope clearly marked BB. Our grateful thanks to Ian for past help. At their last meeting the Community Council decided to donate £50 to support the Bulletin.

SOUTH LOCH NESS NURSERY would like to thank all those who contributed to make their Open morning a success. Many thanks to all who donated items for the raffle and who came and supported us!

AUCTION

Runrig and the 3 Tenors - just one of the items at the school auction held at Gorthleck Hall on Saturday 16th June in aid of PTA funds. Over £900 was raised. The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. George Tait, the auctioneer, whose wit and wisdom made it not only a profitable but also a fun day. Finally a big thank you to everyone who donated good quality items and to all who generously gave up their spare time to help set up the auction. *Theresa Tweedlie, Secretary, Stratherrick School PTA.*

Ronnie MacDonald's Annual Plant Sale in Foyers raised £115 this year. Proceeds going to the Foyers Church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thankyou: to all who donated and helped with the collection in May. Just over £1,000 was given in the Parish of Dores and Boleskine. *Martyn Bateman*

DISINTEGRATION OF WOMEN'S GROUPS?

The Guild - the Church of Scotland group - has folded due to lack of support. The onus of running events was falling to the same people year after year. Their last event - the Coffee Evening at Dore was extremely well attended - so you could say they went out with a bang. The church hopes to start up a Woman's Group in its place. The Women's Rural Institute had been a good venue for the women of the Stratherrick, Whitebridge, Foyers and Inverfarigaig area and an excellent way for new people to meet others. It had been well attended by about sixteen members. Unfortunately as no-one was prepared to take over the running of it at the A.G.M. it had to fold too.

STRATHERRICK SCHOOLraces ahead

Stratherrick School came third in the small schools section of the Primary Inter Schools Athletic Meeting held at Bught Park on 24th May. A team of four (Moteh Parrott, Kathryn Johnston, Sophie Chattington and Laurence Parrott) gained a first in long jump, two thirds in high jump, a third in the 80metres and a second in the relay contributing to their success.

Congratulations are also due to Glenn Roe who won the Mobile Library Primary 4-7 colouring competition.



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ON YER BIKE!!

Come and join the fun! Bring a Picnic! The more the merrier!

Cycle or walk in our Sponsored Whizz-Kidz event to be held early in September. Whizz-kidz is a national registered charity providing mobility equipment to disabled youngsters, increasing their independence, widening horizons and giving fun. Recently Laurie Chattington (9) of Torness received a specially designed tandem bicycle, giving him the opportunity to enjoy the local countryside whilst taking important exercise. Please contact Catherine on 01463 751 248 for date, venue and sponsor forms.



SPONSORED WALK around the Loch



On Sunday 5th August at 9am Jackie Bellingham will set off from the Foyers Shop to walk around Loch Ness. She hopes to take four days and will be accompanied by her daughter Lindsey and her four sons. Lindsey and the boys are raising money for a charity for the blind in Preston where they live. Joining them for the last ten miles will be ten year old Callum Bellingham. He hopes to raise money for the Foyers school funds while Jackie is doing the walk

to boost funds for Father Paul of the Roman Catholic Church at Whitebridge. Anyone wishing to sponsor this event can find a sponsor sheet at the Foyers shop. Jackie Bellingham 486621

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EVENTS IN STRATHERRICK HALL

Friday 27th July - CEILIDH DANCE NIGHT

Fundraising in aid of 'The I Can Learn Foundation'. Guest Bands 'Champion At The Bit' & Gaelic singer Christina Stewart. Surprise Guest Fiddler.

A night to set your feet tapping & heart yearning. Adults £5 in advance/£6 at door. Kids £2. Telephone Catriona Spink 01456 486 603.

Saturday 11th August at 2.30pm - SALE of WORK.

In aid of the Red Cross Disaster Fund.

Friday 14th September at 8pm - INVERNESS FIDDLERS.

In aid of Hall funds. £5/£3.

Saturday 17th November - HALL ANNIVERSARY CEILIDH.

For bookings contact Cathie Stoddart on 486329.

EVENTS IN FARR HALL

Thursday 19th July at 8pm - SLAINTE MHATH are definitely not to be missed. They are a high-action Cape Breton group with fiddles and step dancers and command a tremendous following wherever they go. Tickets are limited to 200 so early purchase is recommended. They cost £6 (£4 concessions) and can be had from Inverarnie Stores, Farr; Riverside Gallery in Inverness; or Alasdair Forbes (01808 521333).

Saturday 11th August at 8pm - DUNCAN CHISHOLM AND IVAN DREVER (of WOLFSTONE/BLAZIN' FIDDLES fame). Full house guaranteed. Tickets £7 (£5 concessions) can be purchased as above.

Saturday 26th August - FARR GALA. Lots of fun/sports/stalls/games, etc.

Administrator Required

South Loch Ness Nursery. £5/hr
(approx. 5-10hr/month).

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whilst working from home. No
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or Heather 486774

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escape their pots and spread their
roots. £2-50 each. **And.....**

Wanted - My hens and ducks
need younger suitors. Cockerel
and drake needed. Phone Jane
486355.

Doctor
486224

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Guided Walks

Katy Stirling's programme.

Wednesday 25th July 7-9pm

Wild Food Walk, Foyers. Meet in
Foyers shop car park.

Sunday 29th July 2-5pm

Dolphin watch, Inverness. Meet at the
turning circle, South Kessock pier.

Wednesday 1 August 2-4pm Grade A

Change House Walk. A gentle walk
along the new Loch Ness shore path to
the site of General Wade's inn. Meet in
the Change House layby off the B852
Dores to Inverfarigaig road (Grid ref:
NH 551 285).

Friday 10th August 8.30-10.30pm Grade A

Bat-tastic! Fort Augustus. Meet at the
Service Point. Bring a torch and wear
warm clothes. A responsible adult must
accompany all children. Entry by (free)
tickets only, places limited. Book at the
Fort Augustus Service Point.