

The Boleskine Bulletin

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Golden
Jubilee
Year

Jubilee Tea

Monday 3rd June 2002
Celebrating the Queen's 50th year

Stratherrick Hall was packed with people - the car park full with cars - cars parked along the road - tea and cakes for all - display of memorabilia and photographs showing life over the last 50 years - mugs presented to the children by Isa Fraser, one of our older residents - group photo taken for posterity - a day to remember.



Water In Bottles

NOSWA experienced a minor crisis recently in the water treatment tank on the hill above Gorthleck. While replacing old joints, with new stainless steel ones, a burst occurred which went undetected until the following morning. By the time it was repaired the main holding tank was in danger of running

empty. As stocks ran low water bowzers were placed along Stratherrick and additional bottled water was delivered to every household between Errogie and Whitebridge. Foyers supply was unaffected because the holding tank in Glenlia remained in operation.

Nursery children on the move

Having secured funds and with considerable volunteer help, the South Loch Ness Nursery will be moving into the larger unit in Foyers during the summer. Inverness and Nairn Enterprise, the owners of the units has given the nursery a 15 year lease.

The new premises, which include regulation toddler friendly loos, will provide the children with more space in which to both work and play. Community support has been vital. Volunteers have been helping with the plumbing, electrics, joinery and painting.

Funds have been secured from Community Economic Development (European Funds) and Child care Partnership in addition to a large donation by the Dunfermline Building Society (£1000).

The move comes just in time as enrolment is up from 6 this year to 14 next year. The staff and parents would like to thank all those who supported the Sale of Work on Saturday 27th April at Stratherrick hall. Thanks to their hard work and generosity over £600 was raised on the day.

A LOAD OF OLD ROT from BEN

Thank you to all those rotters who so diligently filled in their compost monitoring forms! You will be delighted to know that our monitoring requirements are now complete – you are free of any obligations! Just enjoy your bins!

Our muck and magic figure for April was 550kg of waste being composted during the week 22nd-28th, not quite as high as our December figure which was a staggering mound of 1450kg!! This result was taken to the Area Waste Strategy Group's meeting in March, where we trust they were suitably impressed by our efforts!

There are a few more bins available, still at £5 (retail price £39.99). If anyone requires a second one or would like to join the scheme, please ring 486 774.

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Last autumn the Highland Waste Strategy Group ran a public consultation on how to manage our rubbish over the next twenty years. Nearly 700 people gave their views. This group has now chosen one option (recycling plus pyrolysis) and again they are asking for your views. If you want to take part ask for a consultation paper from SEPA (tel:01349 862021) or respond on the web (<http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/guidance/dawp.htm>).

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BEN (Boleskine Environmental Network) is run by a small committee. If you have an interest in environmental issues or would like to find out what we are doing. Please phone the chairman 486711 or secretary 486355

REAL NAPPIES TAKE OFF LOCALLY

As part of the Highland Real Nappy Project BEN has put together a colourful display of reusable nappies together with lots of useful information and staggering facts (8 million disposables thrown

out in Britain every day!), The display has been on view at the Central Library, Highland Wholefoods and the Medical Centre, Lower Foyers.



There is also a competition – a big cuddly teddy (wearing a terry nappy!) is the prize. Think up a good name for him and he is yours! Leave your suggestion with Teddy or phone 486 774.

Teddy and his display is now sitting in Stratherrick Hall - and looking for a new home!

Modelling the nappies at the Medical Centre, Lower Foyers are Abigail Kirkland and Manon Robinson

BEN has received funding from PRIN (Partnership for Rural Inverness and Nairn) to promote the Highland Real Nappy Project locally. Initially the project will run for six months raising awareness of the benefits of real nappies. The project will work mainly with play-

groups and health centres from Tomatin to Fort Augustus. We are currently looking for a demonstrator to help run this project. If you are interested and committed to the use of real nappies, please phone Heather on 486 774.

Strathnairn News

Funding Found for Support Worker

Strathnairn Community Council has applied for funding from the Partnership for Rural Inverness & Nairn Community Economic Development Board (details in last BB) for a Community Develop-

ment/Heritage Officer to work approximately 12 hours per week. Funding has also been secured for a bi-monthly production of a newsletter. Issue 1 of the Strathnairn Community Council Newsletter came out in April.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Councillor
Mrs Ella
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Meetings are held in Foyers Power Station or Stratherrick Hall on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Minutes can be seen in the Foyers shop.

DATES OF NEXT MEETING :
Tuesday June 25th at Stratherrick
There is no meeting in July
Tuesday 27th August in Foyers

Minutes of Meetings

Tuesday 26th March (abridged)

Treasurer Project account - £1507.30 ; current account - £284.44. Cheques issued - B.E.N. £100.00, J.W.Campbell - £16.98, Canon £10.72. £25.40 has been deposited from photocopier. Mrs Marjory Stoddart will audit the end of year accounts. The Boleskine Bulletin is now being printed by a firm in town and so printing costs have increased.

Planning: The application for the Hydro Scheme at Garrogie had been heard. Mrs Macrae had received assurances that the roads will be upgraded prior to work commencing, rather than them being repaired on completion of the scheme. When Mr Warren and Mr Penhale approached the C.C. initially, they mentioned a figure of £25,000 in respect of a community fund, however, they have since introduced a policy of giving £1000.00 per megawatt of power produced by the scheme - therefore entitling Stratherrick and Foyers to only £1000.00. Mrs Macrae is in negotiations with Innogy in the hope of getting the £25,000 which could be put towards upgrading the roads in the area. Mr Sandy Fraser has had the plans for Rowanbank, Lynn of Gorthleck passed.

The new draft of the local plan will be published shortly and will show that the boundaries for new building have been extended as requested.

Water and Sewerage: The proposed Dores sewerage treatment works has been postponed for a year, which means that it will have a knock on effect for Foyers, moving the building of planned scheme to 2004/5.

Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations - The PTA are combining the school sale with their jubilee celebrations and it was suggested that this occasion could be made into a full community one. A sub committee was formed - Mrs Martin, Mr Bateman, Mr K Fraser and Mrs Kirkland - to organise an event.

Loch Ness Clean-up - the date is to be changed. It was suggested that the work required at the viewpoints could be done on this day also, if there were willing volunteers.

Loch Ness marathon - Mrs Macrae allayed any concerns that there were. The event will begin at Knockie road end.

Runners will be bussed in and they will not leave the bus until they are ready to start running. The busses will travel a one way circular route to avoid any congestion. The event will be well marshalled and the road closures will all be timetabled. All monies raised will go to charities, some of which will benefit local people.

Nursery school - it was brought to the attention of the council that the education department will fund totally a nursery school that is attached to a primary school. Foyers school has the space to set up a nursery class and Mrs Brown would be happy to accommodate it but the move must come from the parents. After general discussion three main points were made; it was felt that it may preclude the 3 year olds that presently attend South Loch Ness Nursery. Parents may be unwilling to move their children to Stratherrick school once they have spent a year at Foyers. The nursery is presently run on a voucher system so that parents do not have to pay for the pre-school years education, so there may be little benefit to moving to an educational establishment.

Whitebridge service bus - the bus has recently been changed from a City Link coach to an old, cold, leaky bus, making for an uncomfortable journey, especially for the elderly. The secretary was asked to write to Rapsons to complain.

Foyers Footpath - the route has been agreed with the church locally, but it must now be agreed to by the authorities in Edinburgh.

Loch Ness viewpoints - Nicole Wallace of PRIN agreed to talk to Forest Enterprise with the view of them carrying out the work if funding could be found. Footpath Network in Stratherrick - Mr Campbell agreed to contact Mr Andrews (Planning and Development) to make preliminary enquiries. **Signposting** - should the Loch Ness ferry begin operating it would be important to have signs to direct people to the village etc. The Loch Ness Tourist Group could take up this issue. It was suggested that an audit of what is required on this side of the loch, in terms of signs, access. Marketing, transport etc should be carried out so that funding could be co-ordinated for a package more effectively.

Tuesday 23 April (abridged)

Correspondence Scottish Executive –Reviewing Local Democracy – the next steps .It was decided to defer discussion of this document until the next meeting

Quarry at Wester Lairs, Strathnairn. Inquiry to be re-opened; Appreciation to all community council members who gathered signatures for the petition against the quarry. Planning Revised application from Mr Paul MacGregor, for siting of one dwelling house at Wester Drummond. No objection was raised - one house was much more acceptable than the original application for two.

Mr Mackenzie, Leadclune, has contact the Community Council with concerns about the state of a memorial at Leadclune. Mr A C Fraser to look at the site. Suggestions of contacting Historical Society.

AOB The community council noticeboard at Foyers shop has been removed. Secretary will write to the owners of the shop to enquire if they know its whereabouts. Notice board at Whitebridge also needs repair work, CC will arrange this.

Queens Golden Jubilee – Proposal to arrange an exhibition depicting life in the Strath in the 1950's, for display in Stratherrick hall on Monday 3 June, also refreshments. Restriction regarding food handling have limited options. All households will be invited to submit photographs or memo-

Tuesday 28th May (subject to approval)

Correspondence Mrs Hill (Foyers Stores) had replied to letter querying the whereabouts of the CC notice board. The board disposed of due to its poor condition when fencing was replaced. They were unable to ascertain the ownership of the board but felt that there was adequate facility to display notices in the shop window. The ownership of the large noticeboard in the carpark was discussed and was thought to belong to a tourist body. Mr Campbell agreed to make enquiries to find out. The key to open it cannot be found at present, but it was thought that once access was gained, it should be used to display long term information about the area and the shop noticeboard used for events etc.

Rapsons Coaches - replied regarding the Whitebridge bus . The bus met specifications and was lower so making access easier for the less able. He asked for dates on which the bus was 'cold and leaky'. It was felt that this was not possible to do retrospectively, but a regular user of the bus would be asked to take note of any such circumstances in the future. It was brought to the attention of the council that the bus was often full by the time it reached Farr which meant that some IRA pupils have to stand. It was also questioned as to whether the bus had seat belts fitted. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the situation.

Treasurer The current account stands at £292.44 and the project account at £1507.30. £8.00 had been deposited for the photocopier and the Hall has been invoiced £40.00 for a card. The accounts will be agreed by Mrs M Stoddart.

rabilia which could be used in the exhibition and should contact members of the CC if they can help in anyway. There will be a presentation of commemorative mugs to all resident children in the area. This has been possible due to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor.

Loch Ness clean-up – there will be a large skip situated at the site of the old petrol station in Dores from Friday 26 April until Wednesday 1 May, please use this to discard any large rubbish etc.

PRIN – Nicole Wallace will meet with the Chairman of the CC on 24 April to start discussions for community funded projects.

Passenger trips- A combined service involving passenger boat and bus company is soon to start at Foyers pier. This will combine bus tours with boat rides and will hopefully encourage tourism in the area.

Boleskine Bulletin – CC are asked to increase their financial support, in view of the number of pages which community council use for minutes. Perhaps PRIN could help with this project?

Loch Ness viewpoints – Forestry Commission are being paid to maintain upkeep of these sites. Suggestion that perhaps local individuals with relevant skills and experience could be asked to take over this work. PRIN to be contacted re funding.

Planning Outline planning for a house at Glenlia, Foyers. Full plans for a house at the Craigdarroch House Hotel, and for Knockchoilum Moor, Whitebridge. Application for the erection of two meteorological masts, up to 65 metres high at Dunmaglass Estate as a windflow investigation for a potential windfarm. There were no objections.

The local plan will go to committee on 29 May and then out for consultation. The revised plan will mean that those wishing to build in the Stratherrick area (from Whitebridge to Torness) will no longer have to have an agricultural need, so long as the plans meet all the criteria,.

Roads and Transport The road to Lower Foyers at the bend should be widened and pothole requires attention. To widen the road would require capital expenditure and would be a long and costly exercise, but the secretary was instructed to write to the roads department . The Breineag bridge on the Killin road has been damaged. There has been no work done to verge at Meallagie were glass, metal and other rubbish has been coming to the surface. There has been another incident of a dog being cut. The new D and E bus service for the primary children travels from Torness via Abersky to Dunmaglass and drops off the children at the telephone box at the road end. They have to walk the short distance back to Dunmaglass road end. This stretch of road can be dangerous. The secretary was instructed to make Mr Johnston (Community Works) aware of all the above cases and Mrs Macrae will speak to Mr Summers regarding the bus. Mrs Macrae said that there are several stretches of road that are due to be re-surfaced in the coming months.

LETTERS



Nursery Education.

There are nursery classes attached to Primary Schools in most of the rural areas. These are financed by the Education Authority - salaries and furniture, equipment and materials being provided by Government Funding. This provision is made if there is suitable accommodation at the Primary School and there is demand from the parents of Pre-School Children. There is available accommodation at Foyers Primary School and the Head Teacher is very willing to accommodate a Nursery Class, but the move must come from the parents. Although there is a Private Nursery run in Foyers, the long term benefit for the Pre-School Children would be a Nursery Class, at the Primary School, under the umbrella of the Education Authority.

Margaret Campbell - Gorthleck

Foyers Pier

The luxury vessel "Lord of the Glens" accommodating fifty four passengers has begun a "Memories of Scotland" itinerary through the Great Glen. One of its stops is at Foyers pier where passengers disembark to make a coach visit to Culloden and Cawdor Castle. What are the thoughts of these people, and others calling in from cabin cruisers on seeing the uninviting aspect of the pier and its environment? Unfortunately it is the least attractive part of our lovely area. Perhaps a concerted effort should be made by the

To All Sheep Owners

Foyers Beat Area

Sheep Straying

Over the past 2 years numerous calls have been received at both Fort Augustus and Foyers Police Stations regarding sheep straying around the villages of Foyers/Stratherrick/Gorthleck/Dores. This year to date there have been 8 complaints. A great deal of time is spent trying to trace owners of these strays.

These straying sheep create a real danger to motorists in and around the villages as well as causing a nuisance to residents when they enter gardens and children's play areas.

While it is appreciated that in a rural area sheep can be expected to roam occasionally, it is felt that the time has now come to solve the problem, and the co-operation of all local sheep owners is sought in an attempt to improve the situation amicably.

All sheep owners are therefore asked to ensure that fencing, especially adjacent to roadways is of sufficient standard so as to keep the sheep in.

Under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Section 98 (1), it is an offence to allow an animal to stray on to a road. Any person wishing to discuss the matter further may contact myself at Fort Augustus Police Office on 01320 366222.

Yours sincerely, DJB Campbell, Sergeant 108.

Inland Waterways, Hydro Board,
South Loch Ness Tourist Group
and the Community Council.

E. MacDougall - Foyers

Surprise Party

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
I wish to thank everyone for such a grand retirement party. It was such a surprise and I do appreciate all the good wishes and monies which I received. I have been making good use of my chair!!! Jock Stoddart
(see page 8 for story)

Please give name and address when writing so that the editor can get back with any queries.

Christian Comment

Fifty years doing the same job is an achievement that few of us have accomplished! As we are celebrating this remarkable contribution to our National life, we do well to thank God for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - the God who, in Jesus Christ, has been both her example and source of strength. The idea of Jubilee comes from the Old Testament custom of the people of Israel to rejoice with the sound of trumpet (Hebrew 'yobel') on special festival occasions. May we all be encouraged to be steadfast in our following of Jesus in the coming months of this Jubilee Year.

Martyn Bateman.



Farraline House

Farraline has been the home of Mrs Barbara Sewell for many years. Since her husband Ralph's death she has lived on her own, loving the house and land too much to move away. Her family have visited regularly over the years but Barbara has decided that it is now time to move closer to her daughter who lives in Surrey. She will be spending the summer here, and moving south in September. The house is currently on the market. In the next issue of the BB we hope to print a history of Farraline.

Horse event

On April 20th there was a ride out for twenty horses, organised by the Highland Scottish Endurance Riding Club. The event started at Foyers pier with a loop going up the pass towards Errogie, through some forest tracks, winding down the Trinloist road, coming in at the back of Glenlia, and ending at the pier. The riders could opt for differing lengths i.e. 12, 20, 32, or 40 miles. The riders came from the Black Isle, Tain, Nairn, Drumnadrochit and Dores (Candy Cameron). *R. Kern*

My niece Caroline Clark from Drumnadrochit rode her beloved horse Nicky on this ride out. Sadly the horse developed a life threatening illness and had to be put down shortly after this event.

Aldourie Castle For Sale

The rumour that 'Madonna' has shown a passing interest has given it a high profile to prospective buyers. There has been a dwelling on the site for nearly four hundred years. The first was a small country house built in 1626 for a family Dunbar who had connections with the Fraser clan. The house was added to in 1752 when the daughter of William Fraser of Balnain married a Tytler. From then on the Fraser-Tytlers were in possession. The little family graveyard in the beautiful wooded grounds is full of Fraser-Tytlers, some who distinguished themselves on the battlefields in far-flung parts of the British Empire.

In 1850 extensive Gothic style additions, designed by the ar-

chitect Sir Robert Lorimer, converted the house into the castle we see today. It is reputed to have been haunted by a 'Grey Lady' who seems to have been laid to rest when a fire-proof cement floor was con-



structed on the first floor.

Col. Angus Cameron (who died recently) took over possession

from his mother - a Fraser-Tytler - and he and his wife Judith have been the occupants for some years. The castle gardens used to open once a year with teas served in the dining room, to raise funds for Inverness Cathedral and were enjoyed by many local people. Former Dores school children have fond memories of school sports day held on the lawns of the Castle. The reception, following the premiere of the film "Loch Ness" in the La Scala picture house (sadly now closed), was held in a marquee in the grounds of Aldourie. The Castle has been the focal point in the lives of the local community

and it is hoped that the new owners will be as accommodating as the old family.



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Foyers School Supplement

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We're in Charge Now..! Foyers and Aldourie Pupils Take Over the Scottish Parliament

Children from Foyers and Aldourie schools enjoyed a taste of political power during a four-day stay in Edinburgh in May.

They visited the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood to find that all the MSP's and the Cabinet were not in session. So the children had fore-taste of citizenship education—beginning at the very top!



A member of staff at the Scottish Parliament explains the rules and procedures governing the work of our MSP's at Holyrood.

Hannah Grainger writes:

The security guard took us in to the public seats above the debating chamber, to tell us about where the members of the Scottish Parliament would sit in a debate. It looked just like the one on television. We were also shown where the press, V.I.P's and the Ministers' advisers would sit. The advisers are not allowed to go on to the floor of the Chamber in a debate so a security guard takes the advice off the adviser to the Minister who gives him an answer back.

On each of the walls of the Chamber there is a digital clock and an MSP is allowed to speak for three minutes. The clocks go to zero and count up three minutes and the MSP's microphone is operated on and off for the three minutes by a small box above Lord Steel's head. On the microphone there are voting buttons a red to vote no, a green to vote yes and a black to abstain.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd had a mace made. It is gold and silver in colour and sits in a bomb-proof glass case. The glass case is only taken off in a debate. On one end of the mace there are four words: *Wisdom, Justice, Compassion and Integrity*. The mace is used to show that the parliament is in session. At the start of each meeting it is carried in to the chamber by a member of staff ahead of the Presiding Officer, Lord Steel. It is placed on a table in front of him and the clerks.

My favourite part of the visit was hearing about the Parliament and sitting in the MSP's seats.

Reaching for the Stars...

Our Edinburgh expedition included a visit to the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Observatory.

We went into the big dome where an education officer met us. Inside the dome, she pushed a button and the dome opened and turned so that people could look at the sky through the great telescope.

The telescope is 100 years old and is no longer used. Once it was used to study different star spectra to help us understand what they were made of.

After, we went in a lift-chair which was used so that people could look into the telescope, because it is so high. At the top, you could see out of the dome and across Edinburgh.

Then we went to the education room which was full of computers. It also had a module of a space-shuttle, a huge sun on the wall and a small Earth hanging on the roof. You could shine a torch to see the light and dark sides of the earth.

Iain Craven



Boleskine Bulletin: *Foyers School Supplement*

Meet the Ancestors...

During our stay in Edinburgh, ten-year old Hannah Grainger had a chance encounter with her seventeenth-century forebears – in a manner of speaking! Her parents had told her how her great, great ...great grandmother had once saved the Scottish Crown Jewels. To Hannah's surprise, the tale suddenly came to life when Foyers and Aldourie schools visited Edinburgh Castle. There were the jewels and, with them, the story of how they were saved for Scotland. As Hannah recalls...

'One of the exhibits was the Scottish Crown Jewels and there is a small tale to tell about them. When the Scottish Crown Jewels were saved from Dunottar Castle Aberdeenshire they were saved by the wife of the local minister, Christian Grainger, who was my ancestor.

Early in 1651 the Scottish Parliament ordered the crown jewels to be moved to Dunottar Castle for safe-keeping. They were hidden there but when the castle was besieged by Cromwell's forces she smuggled them out in to Kinnef Church where they were buried under the clay floor in front of the pulpit. She put them in a basket covered in seaweed and lowered them over the wall of the castle courtyard. They remained there for nine years although Mr. and Mrs. Grainger dug them up every three months and aired them in front of the fire.

In 1660 they were returned to King Charles 2nd and put in Edinburgh Castle. They remained there forgotten in a chest until 1817 when Sir Walter Scott had royal permission to make the search. From then on the Scottish crown jewels have been on display at Edinburgh Castle.

The Crown Jewels consist of three things; a crown which is four hundred and sixty two years old, a sceptre which is five hundred and eight years old and the sword which is four hundred and ninety five years old. They were last used three hundred and fifty one years ago at the coronation of King Charles the 2nd.

I was very surprised when I saw what my 5th great grandmother had saved more than four hundred years ago!

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Unidentified Flying Object

Well, it was until the RSPB came to our aid and identified the large black and white bird, above, as a semi-albino crow.

This unusual bird, which was neither the familiar hoodie nor the common black crow, adopted Foyers School and its pupils as a convenient source of food. It was too shy to pose for photographs, but we managed a couple of distant shots.

Despite its distinct white wing- and tail-markings, the mystery bird proved to be less exotic than the children had hoped. As the RSPB said, 'If it looks like a crow and sounds like a crow, it's a crow'.



The Trans-Atlantic Connection

The children of Foyers School have been fully kitted-out with baseball equipment—thanks to their American connection through Mrs Fred Donald, the Foyers Classroom Assistant.

On a recent visit to Seattle, where her son works for the computing giant, Microsoft, Mrs Donald and her daughter-in-law's father decided to cement American-Scottish relations with this spectacular gift. The 'downside' for Mrs Donald is that she is now committed to become a baseball coach!

By the wee birchen corries lie patches of green
Where the gardens and bare-headed bairnies have been,
But the huts now are rickles of stones nettle-grown,
And the once human homes, e'en their names are unknown.

Oh hearts to the hills of old memory true!
In the land of your love there are mourners for you.
For, the stillness they feel o'er the wilderness spread
Is not Nature's own silence, but that of the dead,
E'en the lone piping plover, and small corrie burn,
Seem sighing for those that will never return.

by T. Ratcliffe Barnet in 'Reminiscences of Old Scots Folk'
1913 Foulis Press

Here are some Jokes from
Seamus Somerville P6
Stratherrick Primary School.

Teacher: If your father gave you
£1.50 pocket money and your
mother gave you £2.50, what
would you have?

Pupil: someone else's parents.

Our school Dinner Lady was ar-
rested for cruelty - she was caught
beating eggs, battering fish fingers
and whipping cream.....

Quotations from women about
women

'A man's got to do what a man's
got to do. A woman must do what
he can't.' -Rhonda Hansome-

'Whatever women must do they
must do twice as well as men to
be thought half as good. Luckily,
this is not difficult.'
-Charlotte Whitton-

'Thirty-five is when you finally
get your head together and your
body starts falling apart.'
-Caryn Leschen-

Thankyous

Christian Aid Week Thank you
to all who were collectors and do-
nors for the many needy people in
other parts of the world.

Martyn Bateman

Red Cross Week On behalf of the
Inverness Branch of the Red Cross
I would like to thank all the collec-
tors who made house to house calls
during Red Cross Week. Thanks
also to all who contributed to this
fund raising event. The total sum
of £384.50 raised is £34 more than
last year.

Rose Fortune

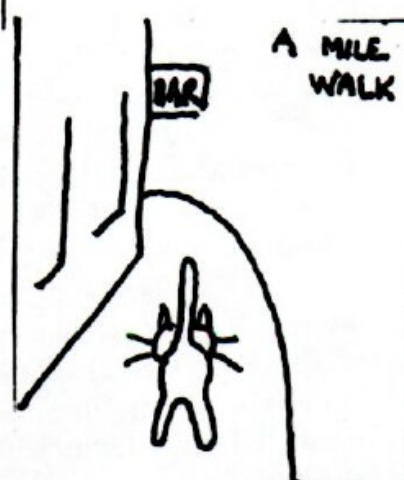
Fair Trade

Many thanks to all those who came
to the Fair Trade Coffee Morning
in March at the Old School,
Erroglie. It was fun sampling deli-
cious fair-traded coffees and teas in
such good company! A total of
£150 was sent off to ActionAid.
This will go towards their fight for
fairer global trade rules to prevent
big corporations undermining poor
people's livelihoods. We hope to
hold another event during
ActionAid week, 1st - 16th Sep-
tember and look forward to your
continued support!

Heather Parrott

'Whizz' THE GLENLIA CAT A NIGHT OUT!

(Inspired by Mike Kirby)



Stick Granny on the Roof-Rack

There was much laughter interspersed with wry observations on family life when award-winning actress Fiona Knowles performed her comedy drama. on Saturday 11th May in Stratherrick Hall. An appreciative audience watched as she played three generations - as Marie who won the holiday, as gran, and as daughter Katy, she told of how the heaven of an exotic holiday of a lifetime - won on a scratchcard - turned into hell! With a sparkling well plotted script Fiona skipped effortlessly through the tale switching from Mum to Daughter to Gran and back with hardly a breathcatching pause. It was fun, striking many a familiar chord, and gave a wonderful light-hearted view of the oft so mundane routines and commitments of family life. We look forward to Fiona's return with her next offering from the pen of award winning playwright Rona Munro. Watch this space and make sure you don't miss it! *H. Nicol*

Local Choir

The choir that was formed last year (an idea proposed by Dr Eddie Moore) has continued to flourish through the enthusiasm and hard work from a group of local people coming from Foyers, Gorthleck, Erroglie, and Inverfarigaig. The most recent event at Stratherrick hall on April 28th 'Songs of Praise' was a very enjoyable evening with readings and music, followed by tea. The children from the Sunday School took part, and the singing was accompanied by Callum Martin on drums, Colin Adamson - tenor horn,

and Eddie Moore on bass guitar. Over fifty people attended raising a collection of £92 for Christian Aid and £122 on the Tradecraft stall. The choir meet once a week for rehearsals. We hope that the group continue to contribute to local events in the community. Anyone who enjoys singing, and would like to join us would be very welcome!

R. Kern

The John Jamieson Quaich



Heather Forbes of Druim Sgitheach, Farr, receives the John Jamieson Quaich from Hugh MacNally, Vice-Chairman of Feis Strathfharragaig. Presented in memory of the late John Jamieson, the Quaich, is awarded annually to a pupil showing the most improvement and commitment this season. Strathfharragaig is the new name given to the Stratherrick Feis. It is thought that Strathfharragaig was the old gaelic name for Stratherrick and incorporates upper Strathnairn.

Surprise for Jock

On Friday 31st May a surprise party at Craigdarroch House Hotel was organised by Lesley MacGregor to mark the retirement of Jock Stoddart the Foyers roadman. Friends and family came to wish him well. He was presented with a reclining chair and matching footstool for his well earned rest.

Bert Rich, Fairyburn.

A good friend has been lost with the death of Bert Rich, Fairyburn. Bert and Win came to live at Fairyburn in 1975 and enjoyed happy years together there until 1988 when Win died. Bert was from Kent and during the war years he worked at Vickers aircraft factory constructing precision instruments - a valued expertise. This still served him well in his later hobby of clock mending. He was never happier than when he was working amongst assorted ancient clock parts in his kitchen even into his ninety third year when he still retained good eyesight and a steady hand. How many of us have clocks brought back to life by Bert! Bert died suddenly on the 17th March and was buried beside Win in Drumtemple Burial Ground after a service held by Rev. J. Christie in Boleskine Church. He leaves a daughter Anne, three grand children and four great grand children. Fairyburn is a bleak place without him.



Bert and his daughter taken last October
E. MacDougall



Caledonian Canal Ceilidh Trail



Monday 15th July to Friday 9th August 2002

A group of eight young musicians playing traditional music will begin on the Canal side locks at Dochgarroch and travel down by road to Drumnadrochit, Invermoriston, Fort Augustus and then onto the south side of Loch Ness.

They will be working around the Foyers Area - in the Tea - Room - out in the open air at the entrance to the Falls of Foyers - at the Pier and on the Inverfarigaig Forest Trail. We have arranged to come over to **Gorthleck** and hold a Family **Ceilidh Dance** in the village hall on **Thursday 18th July**. Informal music sessions will take place in the **Whitebridge Hotel** and the **Craigdarroch Hotel** in the eve-

nings. The Ceilidh Band will be playing in and around your area on the following Thursday's dates **18th, 25th July and 1st and 8th August**.

I hope many local people will come along with their instruments, songs and stories and join in the Ceilidhs and the informal music sessions. We would like to encourage all the visitors who are staying in the area to join in and take part in some traditional music, song, dance and storytelling. We shall put up notices in and around the area with all the details of where and when you can hear the Ceilidh Band.

The Traditional Music Classes are working in partnership with British

Waterways Board and Inverness and Nairn Enterprise to put together the Ceilidh Trail. It will be launched in the Tulloch's Traditional Music Tent at the Inverness Highland Games on Saturday 13th July at 1pm in the Bught Park. My grateful thanks go to Hugh MacNally and Hugh Nicol for all the knowledge and information they have given me.

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Education Culture and Sport,
Town House, Inverness IV1 1JJ.
Tel. 01463 724314

or email

margo.maclennan2@highland.gov.uk

Ranger Walks



Wednesday 3 July 12-4pm - The Great Glen Way (8km/5miles) This walk starts at Bunloit, through lovely woodland above Loch Ness before descending to Alltigh. Great views! A minibus will return us to Bunloit, please book on 01463 724260

Saturday 6 July 10-2pm - Meall Fuar mhonaigh (10km/6miles) Celebrate the Year of the Mountain with this hill walk up one of the most distinctive hills overlooking Loch Ness. At 696m the summit views are well worth the effort! All you need is a bite to eat, boots, waterproofs and a sense of adventure. Book a place on 01463 724260.

Sunday 7 July 1-5pm - Inverfarigaig to Foyers (8km/5miles) Walk through the heart of the Foyers footpath network on this rewarding route over Toman Tarsuinn and returning along the loch shore. Meet in the Inverfarigaig Visitor Centre car park

Tuesday 16 July 6.30-8.30pm - Family Event - Tadpoles, Frogs and Fishes Come and meet some of the pond residents usually hidden from view. Bring wellies, midge repellent and a sense of fun! Meet in the car park next to Foyers Shop and Post Office, Foyers.

Wednesday 24 July 2-4pm - Family event - It's a Bugs Life! Explore the ancient woodland of Urquhart Bay Woods and discover some of the fascinating mini woodland residents. Meet at the old burial ground, Drumnadrochit (Grid ref NH 515 295)

Tuesday 30 July 6.30-8.30pm - Family event - Wild Food Walk, Craig Phadraig Medicines, dyes, food and drink - these are just some of the uses our forest plants have been put to. Meet in the upper Forest Enterprise car park, Leachkin Road, Inverness (Grid ref NH 638 449)

Saturday 10 August 2-5pm - Abriachan (6.5km/4miles)

Come and explore some of the exciting new path network at Abriachan. This walk takes us onto the high ground where the far ranging views are very rewarding. Highlights include a visit to the Bronze Age hut. Meet in the Achpopuli road car park (Grid ref: NH 541 353)

Sunday 11 August 1-5pm - The Great Glen Way (12km/7miles) This stretch of the Great Glen Way from Invermoriston to Allt na Criche allows us excellent views over Loch Ness and a good chance to stretch your legs! A minibus will return us to the start point. To allow us to arrange transport please book a place on 01463 724260

Tuesday 13 August 3.30-5pm - Family Event - Dolphins! Explore the paths on the Moray Firth shore while keeping an eye out for the Moray Firth's most famous residents. Meet in the turning circle, South Kessock Pier.



Bus Outing for Senior Citizens

This year the outing is going to Tain on **Wednesday 3rd July**. Buses leave Foyers and Whitebridge at 11am. Lunch will be at Morangie House Hotel at 1pm. Buses will leave Tain on the return journey at 4pm. Anyone over 65 and not known to our committee is welcome to the outing, but please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Rose Fortune Tel: 486 663

Christmas Craft Fair

Sat 9th November 2002

Repeat of last years tantalising event

Definitely a must.

Contact Brian Greenlees 476214
if you would like a stall

PATCHWORK CLASSES

Keep an eye on the Bulletin for starting dates later in the year.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES

Taster Sessions

2 hr group sessions for children
and adults

Stratherrick Primary School

Thursday 13th June 7-9pm

Fiddle, Chanter, Bodhran, Whistle, Accordion and Step Dance
£3 adults, £1 children and adult concessions available

Some instruments are provided
Phone Margo MacLennan 01463
724314

Traditional Music Co-ordinator,
Town House.

Wanted:

New editor for BB

The Boleskine Bulletin needs some one or some different people in the driving seat. Jane O'Donovan has been editing the newsletter for the first five years and has decided that it's time for a change.

There is a good team in place and we have several regular contributors. Advertising is healthy. The community council give substantial financial support and are keen to publish their minutes. There is a management group to take care of the finances so..... we just need a new editor. It's a fun and interesting task and a great way of getting to know people in the area.

It could be done by one person or a group of friends. Please come forward if you or some friends would like a new challenge!

Phone/write/email Jane for encouragement. 01456 486355
or
Norbu, Lochgarthside, Gorthleck
or
odonovan_jane@hotmail.com
or or come for a chat.



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Closed 13.00-13.30

& all day Sunday

Post Office

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.00 -13.00

Wed, Frid, Sat: 10.00 13.00

Mon & Thurs also 14.00-15.30

Mobile Library

Wednesday

Foyers Coach House 11.15-11.25

Lower Foyers 11.35-12.20

Glenlia Road 1.30-1.55

Foyers School 2.00-2.40

Inverfarigaig 2.45-3.05

Thursday

Erroirie 11.20-11.45

Stratherrick School 11.55-12.25

Gorthleck Hall 12.30-12.45

Craft Shop 12.50-1.10

Whitebridge 2.10-2.40

Mobile Toy Library

June 17th, starting again end August

Inverfarigaig/Foyers 9.45-10.15

Gorthleck Hall 11.30-12.00

Torness 12.30-1.00

Contact Helen Anton 01463 716886

Church Meetings

Church of Scotland

Sunday 10am Boleskine;

11.30am Dores; 6pm Foyers; Last Sunday

11.30 as announced - also mid-week. Rev. J.

Christie 01456 486 206

Episcopal Church

Sunday 11am Croachy; Wednesday 10.30 (as announced)

Rev. J. Evans 01808 521397

Free Church

Sunday 12 noon Farr; 5pm Erroirie;

Thursday 7.30pm (as announced).

Mr. J. Campbell 01456 486240

Free Church (continuing)

Sunday 10.30am and 4.15pm Dores;

Wednesday 7.30pm;

Mr D. Fraser 01456 486408

Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12noon Farr; 5.15pm Stratherrick/

Farr (as announced). Mr E. Fraser 01456

486282

Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 12 noon Whitebridge (midweek as announced).

Rev. P. Bonnici 01320 366451

Inter-Denominational Bible Study

10.30 am Thursday (as announced).

Rev. M. Bateman 01456 486273

Bus Times

GORTHLECK - INVERNESS M34

D & E COACHES (Monday to Friday)

	MWF	TTh	SD	SH		SD	SH	MWF	TTh
Gorthleck	0932	0920	1514	1515	Raigmore	----	----	1410r	1410r
Strath.Sch.	----	----	1535	----	Inverness	0810	0830	1420	1420
Upp Foyers	----	0930	----	----	Dores	----	0845	1435	1435
Low Foyers	----	0934	----	----	Farr Shop	0825	----	----	----
Inverfarigaig	----	0941	----	----	Dunmaglass	0845	----	1445d	----
Erroirie	0937	----	1540	1525	Abersky	0850	----	1450d	----
Torness	0947	----	1550	1535	Torness	0855	0900	1445	----
Abersky	0952d	----	1554	----	Erroirie	0905	0910	1455	1459
Dunmaglass	0947d	----	1559	----	Inverfarigaig	----	----	----	1452
Farr Shop	----	----	16.19	----	Low Foyers	----	----	----	1459
Dores	0957	0958	----	1545	Upper Foyers	----	----	----	1503
Inverness	1012	1014	1634	1600	Strath. Sch.	0910	----	----	----
Raigmore	1022r	1022r	----	----	Gorthleck	0920	0920	1501	1514

SD - Schooldays; SH - School holidays; r - serves Raigmore Hospital on request to the driver. Passengers who require the bus to depart from Raigmore Hospital on the return journey should tell the driver on the outward journey or phone the operator before [time to be defined].

WHITEBRIDGE - INVERNESS

	Mon-Frid*	Sat		Mon-Frid*	Sat
Whitebridge	0735 1230	1230	Inverness Bus St.	1030 1520	1710
Gorthleck Sch.	0745 1240	1240	Inverness R.Acad.	1040 1535	1720
Erroirie Tel. Kiosk	0749 1244	1244	Torness	---- 1617B	----
Torness	0758 1253r	1253r	Erroirie Tel. Kiosk	1121 1616	1801
Inverness R.Acad.	0840 1325	1325	Gorthleck Sch.	1125 1620	1805
Inverness Bus St.	0850 1335	1335	Whitebridge	1135 1630	1815

B - Operates via Torness when there are passengers on board for that point. Time at subsequent points will then be 10 minutes later than shown.

Foyers-Inverness

	Mon - Frid*				Saturday			SH	SD	Saturday			
Up.Foy	07.55	12.50	16.23	09.00	13.20		Inv.	11.55	15.20	15.20	17.40	12.30	17.40
Low. "	08.00	12.55	--	09.05	13.25		Invf	12.33	15.58	16.06	18.18	13.08	18.18
Invfar.	08.07	13.02	16.30	09.12	13.32		L.foys	12.40r	16.05	16.15	18.25r	13.15	18.25r
Inv.	08.50	13.40	17.08	09.50	14.10		UpFoy	12.45	16.10	16.20	18.30	13.20	18.30

* Not Inverness public holidays; SD - Schooldays only, SH - School holidays only

r - Diverts via Lower Foyers when required.

Royal Mail Post Bus Times

(times approx)

outward journey

Strother Lane Inverness	06.45
Inverfarigaig	08.00
Gorthleck Letter Box arr..	09.50
Gorthleck Letter Box dep.	10.30
Whitebridge	11.20
Knockie Lodge	11.40
Garragie	12.05*
Killin Lodge	12.15*

*Denotes Mon, Wed, Frid, only.

return journey (collections)

Whitebridge	10.45
Gorthleck Letter Box	11.00
Erroirie	11.00
Croachy	11.15
Strothers Lane	13.00
Fare whitebridge/Inverness	£3.05
Gorthleck /Inverness	£2.65
Erroirie/Inverness	£1.75

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Doctor - 486 224

Police - 486 222

Planning Applications

Margaret Mary Bond, Ault-na-goire, Errogie prior notification application for a sheep shelter; Paul MacGregor, 3 Park Terrace, Foyers erection of one dwelling house, land at Wester Drummond, Whitebridge; Mr David Munro, c/o Douglas Stuart, 24 Queensgate Business Centre, 1 Fraser Street, Inverness dwellinghouse - site within grounds of Craigdarroch House Hotel, Foyers; Mr Andrew Cameron, Glenlia Farm, Foyers dwellinghouse and garage - land at Glenlia, Foyers; South Loch Ness Nursery, Unit 2, Lower Foyers, change of use from ind. unit to Pre.School Nursery; Mr & Mrs A Rule, 9 Bellfield Park, Inverness, house with garage, land at Moor of Knockchloilum, Whitebridge.

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What's On

at
Stratherrick hall



Yoga Classes

Tues 2.00-3.30pm Thurs 7.00-8.30 pm

Toddlers group - Wed 10 am

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Wednesday 24th
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Saturday 24th August
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Deadline 20th August**

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