

# The Boleskine Bulletin



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## STRATHERRICK LINKED TO THE WEB

Improving public internet access is a new initiative from the Scottish Executive. The target is to ensure that everyone is within either one mile of a public Internet access point in urban areas or within five miles in a rural area. Here, Margaret and Donald Campbell of the Whitebridge Hotel have signed up for the scheme. They will give the public access to the computer (provided by the government) for at least 40 hours per week for two years. There will be

two stations: one in the public bar and the other in the more private residents' lounge. Margaret told the BB that she and Donald are keen to encourage local use and they see this as a very positive move in enabling everyone to have a chance to access the phenomenal amount of information available on the world wide web. For further details see page 9.



## YOUNGER GENERATION TAKE OVER

On the 15th August, Kate and David Munro relinquished the reins of Craigdarroch House Hotel after running it for ten years. The hotel has been taken over by the eldest son of the family, Andrew and his wife Belinda. Andrew is a chef and Belinda has managed some of the best-known hotels on the Australian Gold Coast. For the last four years they have been in Queensland where Andrew was catering manager at the famous "Brothers Rugby League Club" and Belinda lectured in Hospitality at Queensland University. They know the Craigdarroch well having worked with Kate and David for four years prior to returning to Australia.

Andrew and Belinda intend to make some changes at Craigdarroch. They will keep the hotel and lounge bar open 52 weeks of the year and will bring on a range of services which will hopefully appeal to the local community with a view to making Craigdarroch the social hub of the village. Kate and David would like to express their thanks to the local community who have supported them in the past, particularly those people who have used the lounge bar and restaurant facilities. They are both hoping that the support Craigdarroch has received will increase with the younger management.

**Footnote:** On Sunday 19th May, Blair Campbell Munro was christened at Dore's Parish Church with the Reverend Jim Christie presiding. Blair is the son of Andrew and Belinda.

## Chalky Brings the Sunday News

Since the end of July, David Scott of Chalky's stores in Inverness has been conducting a Sunday delivery of newspapers and assorted groceries to Dore's, Inverfarigaig, Lower and Upper Foyers and Whitebridge. Mr. Scott told the BB that when he discovered there were no Sunday papers available in the Boleskine area he saw an opportunity to provide a service (see page 8 for his timetable). He will take orders over the phone before 9 pm on Saturday and papers are on a sale or return basis. After leaving Whitebridge at 11 am he returns along the top road through Gorthleck, Errogie and Torness. He is happy to drop off papers along the route - look out for his red and silver pick-up.



# Forest News



"No unauthorised person beyond this point" was the sign to be seen on many of our forest tracks this summer. Ken Knott, District Forester for Forest Enterprise, apologised to the BB for the extent of the signage. F.E. do have a policy of removing the signs after 24 hours of inactivity at an operation site but in some places this had not been adhered to. Felling operations were conducted at Knockie, Farigaig and Wester Murnich. At Knockie, commercial felling has taken place to comply with the design plan for the area which will enable restoration of native species adjacent to the SSSI along Loch Ness side. The eastern slopes above the Farigaig river have been extensively felled and will now be subject to a five year monitoring period to establish the viability of regeneration of native species trees. Deer management in both areas is ongoing. More resources for the project have been found and it is hoped that culling will be carried out by F.E. staff rather than contracted out. After the severe wind blow during last

winter, felling has taken place at Wester Murnich by Gorthleck. Here, there will also be a monitoring period when it is hoped that native trees will be able to establish themselves. A considerable number of mature birch trees have been felled along the Vennel track as part of access maintenance. Mr Knott again apologised for the extent of this felling by the contractor but assured the BB that this did not compromise F.E.s commitment to encourage regeneration of native species in this compartment.

On the recreational side, signs and picnic site maintenance continue to be faced with problems arising from the occasional thoughtless acts (BBQ's on table tops, litter and bonfires). The forest is well used by both the Highland Council Ranger Service and F.E's own ranger service which are organising guided walks throughout the Summer. On the 17th August, a hundred school children took part in environmental games and nature trails at Inverfarigaig as part of F.E's commitment to recreation and education in the area. Their ranger, Sandra Reid, hopes to be able to extend the service in future years.

## Dead and dying fish

Local people were dismayed this summer when walking past the fish farm at Lower Foyers. Dead and dying fish could be seen around the fish tanks. The pungent odour of dead fish suggested that the carcasses had been left for some time. A spokesman for Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) informed the BB that Landcatch, the operators of the fish farm, had suffered a set-back when considerable numbers of fish died as a consequence of leaping from their tanks. The fish had picked-up a parasite, the larva of the fresh water pearl mussel, before they came to Foyers. The fish, larger specimens than are normally held at Foyers, also suffered

from a fungal infection on arrival. In attempting to free themselves from the infection many had jumped out of the water.

A spokesman for Landcatch said that the problem occurred over a weekend when the numbers of staff were low and as a result they had struggled to control the situation. SEPA informed the BB that normal practice had been followed in this case with the fish being removed from the tanks and treated in a separate bath.



## Local Couple Marry

*Ian Munro of Craigdarroch House Hotel and Marsaili Colquhoun of Glenlia married on Saturday 25th May, the ceremony and reception took place at Braelangwell House on the Black Isle. Pictured here with their bridesmaids, Fiona Maine, Laura Anderson and Cathy MacInnes, and grooms-men, John Wood and Andrew and Callum, the grooms brothers. Ian and Marsaili spent their honeymoon on safari in Africa and have now set up home in Dore.*





# COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Highland Councillor**  
**Mrs Ella MacRae**  
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All meetings to be held in Stratherrick Hall (until Christmas) on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Minutes can be seen in the Foyers shop.

**Forthcoming meetings-** 24 September (7pm to discuss paths), 22 October , 26 November, 17 December.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2002 (edited)

**Mr John Townsend** -re removal of abandoned vehicles behind Glenlia, Foyers. Mr Townsend applied to the C.C. to make application to PRIN for a grant to reimburse 70% of the £299.62 that he spent on arranging for the removal of three cars. He also wished the C.C. to contribute the balance. Mr Campbell contacted Ms Nicole Wallace of PRIN, who replied that this might set a precedent for what is a big problem and that grants are not made retrospectively. The C.C. felt similarly, although commending him for taking the initiative and the Secretary was instructed to speak to Cllr. Macrae. It was noted that since the cars had been removed, a load of rubbish had been dumped in the same area. Cllr. Macrae had arranged for its removal.

Rubbish has also been dumped along the Trinloist road, which someone has tried to burn. It should be noted that household rubbish can be taken to the recycling centre at Longman and dumped at no cost.

**SEPA** -Highland Waste consultation - the sub-committee who looked at the original proposals will re-group to respond to this.

**Treasurer** - Ordinary a/c - £823.37, Project a/c - £1370.92. Cheques issued - ordinary a/c; Canon - £9.24, Stratherrick Hall - £18.00, Stratherrick PTA - £20.00, Booker Cash and Carry - £123.00, Boleskine Bulletin. Project a/c - F MacMillan £136.38.

**Deposits** - Highland Council grant - £833.17, Stratherrick Hall photocopying card - £40.00.

A copy of the accounts were sent to Mr C Claridge, Area Manager, Town House.

**Mr P Arrowsmith** ( Treasurer of Boleskine Bulletin) thanked the C.C. for its generous support of the BB.

**Roads and Transport** - The Breincag Bridge has been repaired.

**Errogie corner** - the bushes are overgrown, so obscuring the view of oncoming traffic. Mr Campbell agreed to speak to the owner of the property to obtain permission for the cutting back of the branches and Mr MacNally offered to carry out the work.

**Whitebridge service bus** - There are seat belts on all of the buses. The number of children travelling had not been agreed as bus company's list had not been updated by the education authority. They believe that there are enough seats for the contracted numbers, including seats for fare paying passengers. They will review numbers in the coming weeks as there will be a change in pupil numbers for the new school year. Mrs J Roberts of Errogie contacted the Council in connection with the bus. She finds the seats too low as do some of the other more elderly passengers. She commended the bus drivers for being so helpful.

### **AOB**

**South Loch Ness Nursery** - in response to the question of a nursery being attached to a school , Mrs Mary Campbell, Mrs B Sanderson and Mrs M Stoddart wished to clarify the role and status of the nursery. It is funded by the Scottish Executive, who cover the costs of wages, rents, etc. and fundraising covers extra costs. They follow the curriculum set by Highland Council Education Department. A pilot scheme to send teachers to nurseries outside school premises is being introduced and as a chosen nursery they hope to have a teacher 1 - 2 days a week.

The nursery provides many extra activities in a location where they can be as noisy as they want. They are about to move to the larger unit, taking on a fifteen year lease and they have a garden. Although they are not directly attached to a school, they are in close contact with both of the schools which they feed.

The Community Council assured them that they had their full support and they were commended for the work they do and especially for catering for the requirements of special needs children Mrs Brown, Head Teacher of Foyers Primary school also wrote to the C.C. giving her support to the "highly successful venture" and states that she has a very positive relationship with the nursery.

**Queen's Golden Jubilee** - The Chairman expressed thanks to the sub-committee for organising, what turned out to be a very successful and well attended afternoon. The framed group photo taken by Mr P Millar, Aberchalder, will be presented to the Hall Committee to be displayed in the Hall. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for a cheque for £35.00 to cover costs. Unframed copies are available at a cost of £7.50 by contacting Mr Millar on 486392.

**Foyers Graveyard** - The seat has not been replaced. The Secretary was instructed to contact the Council.

**Leadclune Monument** - Mr Mackenzie has decided to move the monument, at his own expense, nearer to his house and he will arrange for the stone to be cleaned and will maintain it.

**Land at Muirnich, Gorthleck** - The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Alexander of the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust to get a progress report for the meeting in August.



## **MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST (edited)**

**Footpath network in Stratherrick** – Mr David Andrews, Highland Access Manager. There is a current initiative to open up the countryside to public access for non-dedicated walkers, visitors and cyclists. The project funded the Foyers network and map. Map sales do not fund production costs, but should stay within the community for updates and maintenance. Funding is available for upgrading existing paths and for signs. It is not a scheme for new paths. Paths would be tidied, bushes trimmed, and possibly drainage improved, (as required on the Whitebridge – Foyers path). Any styles etc. are built to last, as there is no funding for maintenance at present. Paths are then passed back to the community to look after. A 'community officer' could be employed to tackle any maintenance, verge cutting, flowers etc. deemed important by the community. Katy Stirling, the Ranger, was heavily involved in setting up the Foyers network and, although now fully committed elsewhere (hence Mr Andrews is responsible for paths) she may help if required. Initially, Mr Andrews met with Mr J W Campbell and Mr Hamish Stoddart. They identified a few walks, preferably non-forest, as Forest Enterprise offer a lot of such paths in the area. A point of interest, such as the Yew tree at Knockie or an archeological site would add purpose. There is money for interpretation of such sites. The C.C. was concerned where liability lay in the event of an accident or an incident involving animals on the land. Mr Andrews was not aware of any case law involving accidents in the countryside although the landowner must be shown to have taken reasonable care. He felt that it was better that people should be guided where to walk, rather than them roaming everywhere, as they have the right to do. The next step is to make a shortlist of suitable walks. The C.C. will meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 September (before the normal meeting) to discuss which could be included. Landowners will then be contacted for their approval. The project will carry out a survey of the walks which will include a risk assessment.

**Correspondence** **Doctors' out of Hours calls.** Concern has been raised by a patient as to the 'enormous area' due to taking on the Fort Augustus area at weekends and they feel it is only a matter of time before there is an emergency and the doctors are a long distance away. The doctors have surveyed people who have called out of hours to find out how they felt the system worked. 10 of the 17 questionnaires were returned. Only one was dissatisfied. The C.C. felt that people generally accepted the new arrangements. However, a Fort Augustus doctor was reluctant to visit a patient in this area, arriving after four hours.

**BMT Cordah Ltd** – Environmental Impact Assessment for river hydro scheme on River E (Corriegarth Estate)

The proposed scheme will consist of a powerhouse, a 2m high weir and a pipeline which will be buried where possible.

Mrs Macrae is still in negotiations with Innogy regarding community funding from the project at Killin and will take this one on board also. There were no objections.

**Foyers Fire Brigade** – The Auxiliary team requested a donation towards the £600 cost of radios. £100 was agreed.

**HSCHT** – Mr Alexander has informed the C.C. that the trust now owns the land at South Muirnich which is landbanked for future development. SEPA and Scottish Water will not agree to any sewerage treatment other than the new works proposed for 2005. The C.C. will review the situation in a years time.

**Highland Council** – Transport, Environment and Community Services re; school bus. As the road between Dunmaglass road end and Abersky junction was deemed to be straight with good visibility, the bus will not be asked to make the short detour. The C.C. felt this unreasonable as traffic travels fast over the bridges and will be a hazard to the children walking in bad weather or in the dark. The Secretary to contact MSP's and Cathy Way, responsible for 'Safer Routes to School'.

**Strathnairn Community Council** – re; projects. A letter to see if our C.C. had any projects or had applied for grants and whether we would consider a joint 3-strath project. There was a consensus that we may be willing to consider joining them. However, we felt that we should start our own project, as money and grants are available at the moment, especially Leader funding. A play park for the younger children was suggested, plus other community facilities e.g. football pitch, cycle track, picnic area etc. The Secretary to speak to Mrs Jane O'Donovan about the possibility of using the land at the Vennel.

**BioDiversity** – re meeting at Abriachan on 7 September. **Highland Community Care** – Annual conference 6 September

**Scottish Parliament** – letter offering the assistance of the MSP's. **NHS** – Development of Highland Sexual Health Strategy – scoping day. **Canon** – increase of photocopying charge from £0.0084 to £0.0085 per copy

**Treasurer** Ordinary a/c – £805.33, Project a/c – £1370.92. £35.00 paid for Jubilee photograph, £16.96 photocopier receipts.

**Roads and Transport** **Errogie Corner** -Mr L MacNally was thanked for cutting back the bushes. This area is proving to be an accident black spot, with vehicles ending up in Mr Robertson's garden or in the ditch. It was agreed that warning signage needs to be increased as a minimum requirement, but also the possibility of rerouting the road should be looked at.

**Academy school bus from Whitebridge** – a second bus runs from Farr to allow for the extra pupils travelling to school.

**Dores to Foyers road** – Tenders for cutting back of trees and bushes in the viewpoints will be sent out in the next week or so.

It was noted that now Mr Stoddart is not attending to verges and ditches, water is now flowing over the roads.

**B852 at Foyers Hotel** - traffic is driving at excessive speeds along this stretch of road.

### **General and Other Competent Business**

The path behind Foyers shop has been chained off. This is a right of way and the Secretary is to contact Mr Alec Sutherland.

**Photographic display** - Mrs Butterworth offered to contact those who kindly lent old photos for the Jubilee so that a more permanent display could be formed.

**Loch Mhor Pier** - Money may be available to build a pier on Loch Mhor, but an angling club is required to access the funding.

**Vandalism** – Police are investigating further vandalism to the surge shaft at Foyers and would be grateful for any information.

**Loch Ness Marathon** – there are currently 800 competitors signed up for the marathon on 29 September. Final meetings with the police are taking place, but volunteers to man water stations etc. will be required for the day.

**Vandalised cars at Glenlia, Foyers** - Mrs Macrae paid £299.62 from her budget to Mr Townshend for removal of the cars.



## Instant Business for South Loch Ness Side

a report by David Munro

Earlier this year a number of local business men visited the O-PAD exhibition in Amsterdam to promote the tourism business in and around the Loch Ness area. The exhibition was organised by "The Loch Ness Partnership" in conjunction with INE and Visit Scotland. The stand was manned by David Munro, Craigdarroch Hotel, Foyers; Fraser Campbell, Drumnadrochit Hotel; Ian McKinnon, Water Sports Centre, Loch Oich. Results have been tremendous, particularly in the Guest House and Bed & Breakfast market with quite a number of Dutch walkers and cyclists making guided tours of our area. The Loch Ness Partnership has been formed to promote all sorts of activities, not just tourism. Seats on the partnership are held by the South Loch Ness Tourist Group and the Foyers and Gorthleck Community Council, The Dore Community Council and our local councillor, Ella MacRae, all representing the interests of South Loch Ness Side. Please support the partnership via one of these organisations, the benefits will be considerable over the years to come.

### Glenlia Clean-up

A couple of community spirited gentlemen, residents of Glenlia, fed up with the rubbish which over a number of years had accumulated beside the garages, took it upon themselves to carry out a community clean up. Everything from old cars, washing machines and an assortment of old oil cans etc. etc. had been dumped by people for many a day. Hopefully the rubbish will not accumulate again now that it has been cleaned up. Some Lower Foyers teenagers also showed community spirit by clearing away rubbish which cluttered their local play park.

## An Extract from a publication called "Highland Handshake" published in the 1950's

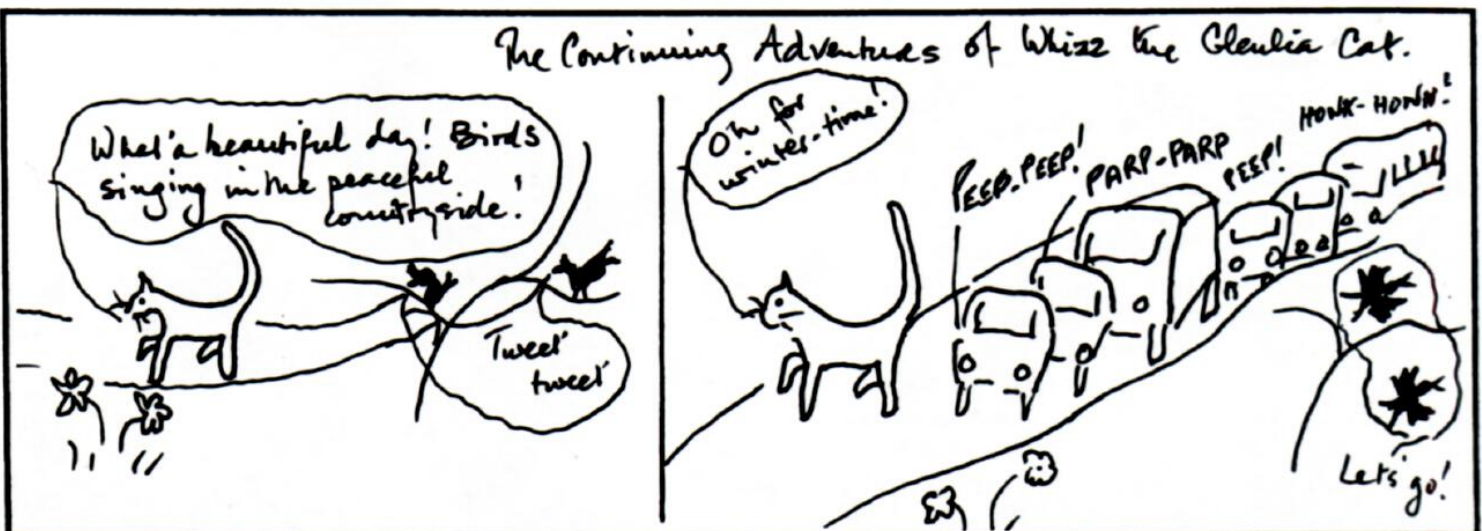
Achnabat farm stands alone on a slight promontary, overlooking the sombre waters of Loch Duntelchaig, with the Pike loch in the foreground. An inn once stood at Achnabat and tradition tells us that it was a favourite haunt of drovers, reivers, smugglers and travellers; and, as free fights were rife on the green beside it, we find the derivation of the name as "field of the sticks". Funeral parties have been known to have spent days there, the coffin being left lying half forgotten at the Inn.

The drive towards Torness takes you along the edge of Loch CeoGlais. On the hill of Tom na Croich, Lord Lovat (of an early date) hanged offenders from a steep rock in the days of heritable jurisdiction. The Lovats stayed at that time at Croit nan Cearc (the hen's hillock) situated on a terrace on a small ridge about 600yds east of Torness Bridge.

The old post office at Torness, in the days when the Campbell family lived there had its own generator for electricity, harnessing the water of the river Farigaig. Torness is greatly reduced in size from former days. One cottage used to be a shop and Torness at one time could boast its own meal mill, shoemaker and tailor. The ruins of an old chapel, near Dunchea roadend, was known as the Sermon House erected at the end of the 18th Century and services were held every 3rd Sunday by the minister of Dore. The small estate of Dunchea was once noted for its cream, the pastures being so good that the cows produced rich milk. Part of the steading and two workmens houses are still there on the hillside in a ruinous condition.

(to be continued)

### The Continuing Adventures of Whizz the Glenlia Cat.



Quotes by women..... "When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country".  
-Elayne Boosler-



## Letters

Please give name and address when writing.



*I celebrated my 90th birthday on the 23rd May 2002. I got over 50 cards, and some lovely gifts, so I wish to thank all my family and friends for all the kind wishes. Thank you all - from Dave MacKenzie - Foyers.*

## Small Boats win the day

*Earlier this year the giant "Lord of the Glens" cruise ship started to make a call at Foyers pier dropping off her guests who would then be bussed directly to Culloden; then back down the Loch side via Drumnadrochit to re-board their cruise ship at Fort Augustus. It would certainly be nice for the guests of the "LOG" to see the beauties of South Loch Ness side, but unfortunately they prevented small boats landing at Foyers Pier. The hard facts are simple, we need tourism, but we need tourists who will stay in the area and contribute to the economy of South Loch Ness. The occupants of small boats tying up at the pier might just do that, those in large boats, who are bussed out immediately on landing, do not purchase as much as an ice cream from our local shop or a beer from our local lounge bar. After some considerable discussion and lobbying of various official bodies the Lord of the Glens has agreed to change their schedule leaving Foyers Pier free for the small boats.*

*David Munro - Foyers*

## The Ladies Walking Group

Numbers have dwindled to five or six but we enthusiastically gather on a Wednesday afternoons and shod in walking boots tackle walks around this area. As we are all "sixty plus" the higher slopes have become a bit daunting. A recent outing was around the lower slopes of Ben Sgurrach. August is the time to see all species of wild flowers growing in the short-cropped grass and we also found quite a few small white toadstools growing from cow pats. The views over Whitebridge and over to Meallfourvonie are worth climbing up to see. Now that the heather is in full bloom we intend to do the walk up at the top of the Suidhe but sometimes the weather dictates where we go and on windy days we walk in forest walks where there is more protection. A favourite walk is up the old Wade road at Errogie where there is a lovely view down over Loch Mhor, and then through a forested area and round on the road past Loch an Ordain. We begin at 1.30pm and walk for about two hours ending at our parked cars where we drink a welcome cup of tea. Anyone interested in joining us, telephone Rose Fortune 486663 at 12 noon (Wednesdays) when details can be arranged.



*Buddy MacDougall.*

## The Pensioners Outings

The pensioners of the district were once again treated to a coach run and meal out this year, on Wednesday 3rd July, this time to Tain. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at the Morangie Hotel. Two coaches transported them, one ably looked after by Margaret Conway and the other by Rose Fortune. Rose as usual was responsible for organising the outing which she has done very efficiently over the years choosing excellent places to eat and trying to please everybody by her choice of venue - giving all those who fancy a bit of shopping somewhere new, or a visit to a local cafe for a cuppa, or a visit to a local museum - whatever! Sadly Rose has decided to stand down. We are very grateful to her for the work she has done to organise these very enjoyable outings and acknowledge that she deserves to stand down after all these years doing so.

## GOOD NEWS

Foyers is to benefit from a windfall from the Scottish Executive towards improvement of the road to Foyers School

*This chair is one of two cleverly "upholstered" in carefully grown grass by Rosie Kern - a very "green" concept.*





# SOUTH LOCH NESS NURSERY GROWS BIGGER

South Loch Ness Nursery has just expanded, now bigger and better. The Nursery, previously based in Unit 2 has just moved next door to the larger Unit 1, after much hard work by all involved, ready for the new term.

We feel that it is important to correct some of the misleading information which appeared in Summer 2002 edition of the BB. Firstly, South Loch Ness Nursery has never been "private" and also the voucher system (mentioned in the abridged CC minutes of 26th March 2002) was discontinued some years ago.

The Nursery is a Partner Centre and receives funding from the Scottish Executive to cover the cost of rent, wages and other bills, with an allowance for materials and equipment. Staff and parents themselves do a lot of fundraising as the budget does not allow for the extras they like to provide for the children. Staff and parents would like to thank all concerned for their efforts.

The Nursery is required to follow the curriculum set by

Highland Council Education Department and to provide evidence to the Department that this is being strictly followed.

A pilot scheme is being brought in next year by the Highland Council whereby teachers will be sent out to nurseries that operate outside school premises. S.L.N.N. has been chosen as part of that pilot scheme. Based on the number of children expected, the Nursery should have a teacher 1-2 days a week.

A music teacher visits once a week to give lessons. The pre-school children can choose to do woodwork, cookery and a variety of other crafts.

The Nursery receives lots of visitors and donations of unwanted treasures, toys and books.

The staff and parents are looking forward to using the bigger unit and being able to provide more work and play activities for the children.

*Staff, parents, committee of South Loch Ness Nursery*

## Hall News

Although the Highland Festival's "Clunes Collection" attracted a good audience, only a handful turned up for the Loch Ness Ceilidh Trail. Similarly, Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante, talented musicians from the world famous Battlefield Band, played recently to an appreciative audience of precisely 21 people. Such low numbers make booking good acts a risky business for the community as we cannot sustain the financial loss, despite an Arts Council grant.

In this edition of BB is a questionnaire giving you the opportunity to say what you really want at the Hall, if anything. We would very much appreciate your input. Results will be reported in the next BB.

*Stratherrick Hall Committee*

## Church Meetings

### Church of Scotland

Sunday 10am Boleskine; 11.30am & 6pm Foyers; Tel: Rev. J. Christie 01456 486 206.

### Episcopal Church

Sunday 11am Croachy; Tel: Rev. J. Evans 01808 521397.

### Free Church

Sunday 12 noon Errogie; 6pm Farr; Tel: Mr. J. Campbell 01456 486240.

### Free Church (continuing)

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

### Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12noon Farr; Tel: Mr E. Fraser 01456 486282.

### Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 12 noon Whitebridge. Tel: Rev. P. Bonnici 01320 366451.

### Inter-Denominational Bible Study

Tel: Rev. M. Bateman 01456 486273 for details.

## LATEST ON FLUORIDE

We have received a press release from the Highland Movement Against Water Fluoridation (HMAWF). At a recent Committee meeting, held in Daviot, they expressed great concern over confirmation that the Scottish Executive is still proposing to ask Health Boards to conduct public consultation on the addition of fluoride to the public water supplies. Should you require any further information about the HMAWF, contact Kate Thompson on 01381 620692.

## Christian Comment

Lets have a party! Not everyone likes the idea of celebration, but most of us enjoy the occasion once we have made the effort to be there. We enjoyed the Jubilee Party in the Stratherrick Hall in June, as did the folk in Strathnairn in their new hall. Harvest time has been celebrated since the earliest recorded events in history. Cain and Abel brought gifts from God as recorded in the Bible in Genesis Chapter 5, and the Jews were instructed to continue the tradition in later years. Many Christian Churches around the world have observed this practice, and we have an opportunity to share in this party locally. There will be a "Harvest Praise" evening in the Stratherrick Hall on **Sunday 29th September** at 7.00pm to which all are welcome - and on **Sunday October 6th** there will be a special service at Boleskine, Dores and Foyers Church of Scotland, and at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Strathnairn a harvest lunch will follow the 11am service. We all have much for which we should be grateful - we can either realise that our prosperity is due to our own efforts, or we can acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God, or both. It is interesting to notice that the motives of Cain and Abel were somewhat mixed!

*Martyn Bateman*



# Chalky's

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## SUNDAY RUN

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L. Foyers	9.40
U. Foyers	10.00
Whitebridge	10.30
Gorthleck	11.00
Errogie	11.20

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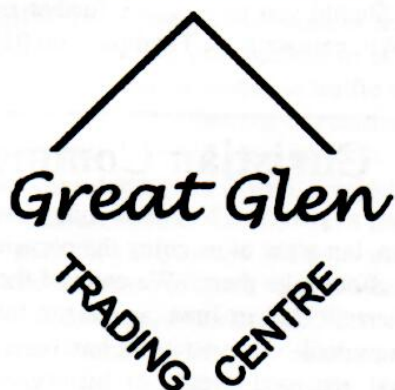
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