

The Boleskine Bulletin



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WEAR TARTAN TO SCHOOL DAY



On Friday, 23rd May, pupils at Stratherrick School held a sponsored Wear Tartan to School Day in aid of the Highland Hospice. Not all the sponsor money is in at the time of writing.

Senseless Crime by Campers

Just ten minutes after its birth, a lamb belonging to Sandy Cameron was shot in the head by campers in the Intake Field at Foyers. Sandy had already asked the four youths to leave but when he returned he found the lamb dying.

The police caught the culprits (who came from the West Midlands) on the road to Fort Augustus and they have been charged with various offences, including discharging a firearm without the farmer's permission.

Several other weapons were found in their car. Their excuse for shooting the lamb was that they were going to eat it!

Chris Smith

The Pink Blobs Mystery

The mystery is solved! The pink blobs which have appeared all over the area, on trees, gateposts, bridges and stone walls, were put there as way-marks for a long-distance ride by Candy Cameron, who has riding stables at Drummond Farm, Dore.

She thought they would be washed off by the rain but they have proved to be very stubborn.

Neighbourhood Watch

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the Neighbourhood Watch/Crime Prevention Meeting, which was held at Stratherrick Hall on Thursday 22nd May. It was very encouraging to see so many people giving up their time, and in some cases, travelling a considerable distance, in what turned out to be a damp and cold evening.

The meeting was addressed, in the greater part, by PC Duncan Carmichael, my colleague from the Crime Prevention Department at Burnett Road police station in Inverness. Several issues were discussed, some of which I would like to highlight again with the assistance of the BB, in the hope that it may create further interest.

Neighbourhood Watch is a charitable organisation and consists of approximately 9 million members throughout the United Kingdom. It is a powerful and influential body and has, in some cases, been instrumental in changing the law. At present this has only occurred in England, although there is nothing to prevent this happening in Scotland. All that is required to start a Neighbourhood Watch is for someone to either be selected or volunteer to act as a co-ordinator for that particular Neighbourhood Watch. The co-ordinator would then be asked to attend on a quarterly basis at Police Headquarters in Inverness for a meeting. At this meeting, a guest speaker will deliver a talk on a subject relevant to local, regional and even national issues, which may affect the communities in which we live. Further to this, the assigned co-ordinator and/or deputies could organise either formal or informal social events/meetings to exchange views and any concerns to other members of the Watch. It can be as simple as that!!

Now for something you don't get every day. Something for FREE!! A FREE security survey of your home with FREE window and door locks, and even FREE long life bulbs. A man in uniform will arrive at your home, in a marked

vehicle at a previously agreed time, and carry out any work deemed necessary, for FREE. He may be able to further advise you of any other steps, which would be of benefit and help you around the home, making life that little bit easier. There is a catch, but only a small one. To qualify for this work to be carried out, you need to have reached your 60th year and live within the Inverness area. The gentleman is called Billy Zuckert and he works in conjunction with 'Help the Aged'. If you can think of anyone who could benefit from this scheme, please contact either Foyers or Fort Augustus Police Station and we will refer the case to Mr Zuckert.

Many people are aware, or maybe even had their property marked by way of a pen, which only shows up under ultra-violet light. Technology has advanced a stage further, whereby these pens are individualised by way of a method likened to DNA. Each pen is different and is registered to only one property or individual. This allows any stolen property to be more easily identifiable, making it easier to have the property returned to its rightful owner. This technology is known as 'Smart Water'.

Other issues in relation to home security were discussed with questions from the attending group being gladly received. It is only through discussing these issues that we can all help to make our communities safer and less tempting to any would-be thief, con man or rogue.

Any enquiries regarding the above or any other subject, please do not hesitate in contacting either myself, my colleagues at Fort Augustus or PC Carmichael at the Crime Prevention Unit in Inverness on the following numbers:

Foyers Police Station - 01456 486222. Fort Augustus Police Station - 01320 366222. Inverness - 01463 715555

Many thanks again,

Torquil Macleod

Songs of Easter Praise

There was a very good attendance at the Easter Sunday evening "Songs of Praise" in Stratherrick Hall, with both the congregation and the choir in good voice. With quite a few families away on holiday, the children's choir was smaller in number but still gave a spirited rendering of "Give me oil in my lamp!"

In support of Margaret Campbell on piano were Calum Martin on drums, Colin Adamson on tenor horn and Eddie Moore on bass. Our readers were Christine Shaw, Margaret Adamson, Margaret Conway, Peter Arrowsmith and Donald Macaskill.

This was the Reverend James Christie's last "Songs of

Praise" as our minister, with his retiral due at the end of April and both he and Ann would have been aware of the affection and appreciation we have for them.

Mr. Christie took the opportunity to thank Margaret Campbell for her years of service with the Sunday School and Sadie Hipkin presented Margaret with a little gift on behalf of the congregation.

After the service there was a welcome cup of tea and biscuits. Thanks are due to all who helped with the refreshments and with the lovely flowers. Thanks also to Calum and dad Graham for the "Happy Easter" light show.

Eddie Moore



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Foyers School Supplement

Summer Issue

June 2003

Foyers, Stratherrick and Aldourie Pupils wish Mr. and Mrs. Christie a happy retirement

Children from Foyers, Stratherrick and Aldourie schools joined together to wish Mr. And Mrs. Christie a well-deserved rest after their decade-long service to this community.

Mr. Christie had acted as Chaplain to all three schools and the pupils and teachers organized a concert to express their appreciation—but also their sadness.



Mr. And Mrs. Christie enter the party spirit during their recent retirement concert

A brief history of Foyers Church

Hannah Grainger writes:

Recently, we invited Mr. Ronnie MacDonald to our school as part of our project on Foyers Church. He talked to us about the Church as it was when he was younger; how it was made and when the first Minister moved into the Manse. Mr. MacDonald gave us information which we could not have got from any other source:

Foyers Church was built in 1906 to serve the new community of workers in the aluminium factory. The building cost just over one thousand pounds. About a quarter of this sum was donated by British Aluminium. The Church was described as a 'solid little Gothic lump' by John Gifford in his book, *Highlands and Islands*.

Inside, the walls were pink granite and the domed roof was made from pitch pine and redwood. The Church was lit by paraffin lamps and heated by coke or coal-fired stoves. Heating was looked after by a Mr. Paterson, who worked at the aluminium factory as a plumber. He was also the Church bell-ringer.

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A brief history of Foyers Church continued...

1906-7 Angus John MacVicar was the first Missionary for the Church. He lived in the Manse.

C. 1907-8 The current bell was gifted to the Church by the village doctor, Dr. Ronald MacDonald. The bell replaced a stone cross on the roof and this now lies broken near the flowerbeds.

1943 The font was gifted to the Church by the new Missionary, Herbert Rose, who came from Arbroath.

1952-3 Electric lights and heating were installed in the Church.

1954-6 The first Church Minister moved into the Manse and replaced the Missionary arrangement.

1966 The new vestry was built by volunteers from the village

1969 An organ was gifted to the Church by Mr. MacPhee on his retirement as head-teacher of Foyers School.



Foyers Church

Stained glass windows glitter,
The sun shines through
Onto the silk of a spider's web
Hanging down.
A vase sparkling gold.
The cold, dark room
Is full of wood;
An arched, wooden roof,
Pews, hard and long,
The pulpit in the dark corner,
Tall, for the minister to preach
from.

Jake MacMillian
P3



A Church Spider

Here among the emptiness of
the Church
I hear nothing but the wind.
Then it is Sunday
And the organ echoes
As I scuttle about.
But when the people have
gone
It is quiet again
And I am free!

Emily Grainger
P3

***Many thanks to all who
contributed Tesco computer
vouchers to Foyers School.***

***We collected over 4,000 and
will be able
to buy a
range of
useful edu-
cational
software.***



***...and to all of you who
helped to make the recent
Foyers School summer
sale such a success.***

***We made just over £222—
a welcome boost to school
funds for the coming year!***



Sierra Leone Appeal

Since 1990 in Sierra Leone, West Africa, a civil war has left many people badly injured or killed. We are hoping to help some blind children come to Inverness for a holiday in August. We are raising money through a sponsored art exhibition and will be very grateful if you could sponsor us or give a small donation to the school.

Thank you!

Hannah Burgess

ACTION
for children in conflict

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

John Campbell (chairman)	Gorthleck	486 240
Tine Butterworth (treasurer)	Gorthleck	486 275
Kenny Fraser	Gorthleck	486 220
Liam MacNally	Gorthleck	486 605
Eileen Martin	Gorthleck	486 661

Fiona Kirkland (secretary)	Gorthleck	486 283
Angus Fraser	Gorthleck	486 650
Elizabeth MacDougal	Foyers	486 366
Sandy Macpherson	Tornes	01463 751213
Martyn Bateman	Whitebridge	486 273

Minute of Meeting 25th March

Scottish Community Renewables Initiative

Mr Eric Dodd – HIE Head of Community Energy Unit

Advice given on project management, provide or source expertise on renewable technologies, give legislative advice and can give financial support. The funding is in two areas, a) technical assistance funding which could be used for feasibility studies, to develop proposals and for skills training. The maximum funding is £10,000. b) Capital grants are then available for the capital costs of installation of renewable energy equipment, the supporting infrastructure, e.g. roads, the setting up of a partnership and complying with legislative requirements. The maximum grant available is £100,000 and upto 100% if it is deemed to be of high environmental or educational benefit. HIE have 24 projects underway and are about to start a further 100. The decision on grant assistance is given very quickly. All electricity suppliers are obliged to use a percentage of green energy which is increasing each year. OFFGEN approve green energy installations and issue a Green Certificate. Should the supplier fall short of its required green certificates, they have to pay a fine. Examples of green energy include; hydro – electric power, wave power, wind power, solar energy, landfill and sewerage gas. A community could fit solar panels to the village hall to reduce electricity costs or could develop its own windfarm. The schemes are open to non-profit making organisations. Household grants – funding is for 30% of the installation cost up to a maximum of £4,000. Only an accredited installer can be used (of which there are only 3 in Scotland). Examples of technologies are; mini hydro electric, micro wind, solar water and space heating.

It was agreed that a Community Trust fund should be set up, possibly including the 4 communities Stratherrick, Strathnairn, Strathdearn and Fort Augustus). HIE could help with funding to set the trust up.

Correspondence:

Stratherrick Hall Country Dance Group – request for donation for The World Day of Dance 2003 - £50 agreed. Loch Ness Marathon : CC agreed the race should be moved , Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Sutherland; toilets should be positioned along the route. Rapsons Coaches re Whitebridge Bus; the driver of the bus has been instructed not to park the bus in Thain Road during his lunch break.

Treasurer: Ord. acc. £105.91; project acc. £820.92.

Planning: West Drummond – outline planning for one house. Whitebridge – outline planning for four houses be-

tween the hotel and Wildside. It is in line with the Local Plan. There were no objections.

Policing: The speeding cars travelling through Dore in particular have been stopped by the police.

Roads and Transport: There will be a 'slow' sign painted by the monument between Gorthleck and Errogie, the scrub will be cut back and the passing place sign replaced.

- Resurfacing of the Killen/Garrogie road is not possible due to costs, but they will endeavour to bring more hot surfacing material to fill the worst of the holes when resources permit. - The potholes around Ardoch Grid have been repaired. - There were not found to be potholes around Leadclune grid, but it is not sitting flush to the road so the next time an excavator is in the area it will re-level it.

Errogie Corner – Mrs Macrae has spoken with Highland Council , a solution is being sought and prioritised. Corkscrew – the road surface is in a poor condition at the top of the corkscrew, but the CC were informed that this was an on-going problem.. Knockie Road and the Bailey Bridge at Foyers – both have deteriorated as a result of timber extraction.. B862 in Gorthleck – there is a drain opposite Mrs Thirde's house that has washed away the ground beneath the road surface. It currently has cones around it. Secretary was instructed to inform the Roads Department.

Water and Sewerage: Garrogie Hydro Scheme – it was suggested that if the scheme goes ahead, there should be signs making contractors aware of local residents and children using the road and therefore to take care.

AOB: Glenlia – A sign could be put up to indicate numbering. Pink spots – Mrs C Cameron marked trees and posts for an horse endurance riding event. Mrs Macrae will speak to her. Speeding Traffic – through Gorthleck. Secretary to request police speed checks (and to publish names of offenders in the BB?). Mrs Macrae will request a speed reader be set up across the road to get a true picture of what speeds are being done. Renewable Energy Group – The secretary was instructed to inform Mr C Claridge of the group and of the meeting.

Highland Councillor

Mrs Ella MacRae

01463 751 203

ella.macrae.cllr@highland.gov.uk

Minute of meeting 22th April

Drs Mackintosh – they will no longer be sharing out of hours calls with the Fort Augustus practice.

Treasurer: :Ord. acc. £77.52 ; project acc. £820.92.

Boleskine Bulletin: request CC made a payment of £225.00 to cover the costs of publishing the minutes.

Planning: dwelling house and agricultural building at Upper Cultie, Gorthleck – there were no objections.

Policing: Speeding in Gorthleck – the police have agreed to the request made for more speed checking.

Farm watch – meetings will be organised by the police, in each community, to set up the scheme.

Community Project: The minimum lease required by PRIN to give funding is 10 years, although it was agreed that a longer lease should be sought.

Renewable Energy Schemes: Mr Eric Dodd, in consultation with Strathnairn and Strathdearn, has drawn up a Brief for a consultant to work on behalf of the 3 communities. Letters establishing contact with Southern Energy and Innogy were signed by the chairman.

AOB

Police Outreach Centre – Mr Campbell agreed to chase the Shinty Club for a letter to clarify their intentions for the old shinty pitch.

Meeting with Scottish & Southern Energy re. Glendoe Hydro - Tues. 27th May

Mr Mike Seaton – Project Manager, Scottish and Southern Energy

Glendoe has been chosen to site the proposed hydro scheme as there will be no designated areas affected, the land is little used recreationally, it will provide a high head of water with a suitable site for a reservoir. It is close to a transmission system and SSE are already operational in the area. A scheme smaller than the one decided upon would not be viable and a larger 190MW scheme would mean diverting part of the River Findhorn, which legislation has prohibited. The scheme will consist of 20km of unsurfaced access roads; 9km of buried pipeline, 17km of tunnels; a dam; a reservoir, 15 intake structures; power station; 4km buried cable and a substation. The favoured option for the power station is underground, both in terms of cost and visual impact. The water discharged into Loch Ness will be pointed away from houses to limit noise experienced and the pipe will be designed so as not to attract salmon. The substation will be built within trees. An environmental impact assessment was carried out :-

Land use – a loss of moorland but not significantly affecting the long term use and viability of the land.

Hydrology – water will be collected from the rivers Tarff, Fechlin, Allt Doe and Allt Breineag. A compensation flow release is to be agreed upon. **Habitats and Mammals** – there are water voles whose habitat is protected, so new habitats must be created. **Birds**- noise pollution during construction will potentially have an impact on Slavonian Grebes and Common Scooter. The Golden Plover will be adversely

affected by the creation of the reservoir. The bird survey is on-going. **Aquatic ecology** – there is a potential minor impact on Brown Trout and Arctic Charr, but generally it would not be significant. **Landscape character** – there would be a slight long term change. **Visual effects** – greatest at the loch edge during construction, post construction it would not be significant. **Cultural Heritage** – due to the finding of archeological sites the proposed routes of cables will be changed and the number of borrow pits will be limited. **Noise effects**- during construction it will potentially be high for short times, operationally it will not be significant. There will be large vehicles to import sand, cement and pipe, a prediction of 20 to Killen, 78 to Glendoe and 21 to the power station each month. It will employ a maximum of 320 over 3 years. The work will be seasonal. Barges may be used to remove rocks, etc. Work could start March 2005 and start commissioning Jan 2008.

Minute of Meeting 27th May

Treasurer: Ord. acc. £62.52 ; project acc. £820.92. £15.00 to ASCC for membership.

Planning: Erection of dwelling house at Upper Knockchoilum, Whitebridge – concern raised over access onto the Killen Road, esp. if the hydro schemes go ahead. Secretary to make comment to the Planning Department.

Policing: Neighbourhood Watch – CC should have been notified of the proposed setting up of the scheme. Discussion deferred until next meeting.

Roads and Transport: Speeding – the speed strips have been ordered for Gorthleck

Renewable Energy Schemes: Secretary to organise meetings with Scottish and Southern Energy and Innogy to discuss Community Funding.

Community Project: Site meeting arranged with F.E. engineer Wednesday 11th June at 2.30pm.

AOB:

Loch Ness Marathon – Mr Sutherland has not replied re request to move the start of the race. Secretary to write again to express the CC's anger ; copy to the Roads Manager at HC & Superintendent Gourlay.

Albyn Housing – houses at South Muirnich on the plan for 2005, in line with proposals for new sewerage treatment.

Inverfarigaig School Transport – two children ,soon to turn 8, will lose bus to Foyers school. The case to go to appeal. The CC all agreed to back the fight for continuing transport; secretary to write to Mr Murray, Education.

Dunmaglass Children – Highland Council to assess the risk to the children walking from Abersky road end.

BT Vans – drive with excessive speed through Gorthleck in particular. Secretary to write to BT.

Loch Tarff – a lay-by at the side of the loch is being planned. The CC will be consulted.

next meeting:
Wednesday 25th June

Compost Rot -----

Apologies to anyone waiting for bins, there has been a staff change in the WHAM office. Anyone interested in composting and bins should phone Heather on 486 774.

Place your orders NOW!

The Real Nappy Road Show.....

On 19 June, BEN's Real Nappy Display was on show at the Caley Stadium at a gathering of 70-90 health professionals from across Highland region. The nurses and health visitors heard about the benefits of using real nappies and had a chance to get to grips with the poppers and velcro of some of the more fashionable designs!

For more information on real nappies, contact Heather on 486 774.

Compromise too late

Trees are our oxygen a young local lad told us. He was one of more than 60 people who attended Dick Balharry's talk in Stratherrick hall in March. Dick, one of Scotland's leading wildlife experts, led a discussion on the issues facing our wildlife today. Climate change could force many animals and plants to extinction while the impact of introduced species was an increasing problem, for example the Sika deer in Stratherrick. Sika were introduced in the 19th century and are inter-breeding with the wild red deer population. Should the Sika deer be culled to allow the survival of the native red deer? Compromise was outdated he felt. Now was the time to act to protect our wildlife and their natural habitats before they are lost forever.

Strange goings on

Boleskine Bulletin readers reported sightings of dead siskins during April. A frenzy of feeding took place during the cold weather with large numbers of the brightly coloured little birds taking advantage of human generosity and coming to nut feeders. But, they appeared to be dying. Could this have been the peanuts or the cold, wet weather?

In Upper Foyers a much larger bird is taking advantage of a human resource. Yoga teacher, Sylvia watched in dismay recently as a pair of crows devoured the windscreen wipers on her Nissan car.

Meanwhile, in Torness a heron was seen carrying off a lapwing chick for its dinner. Such is life at the edge.

**Seen anything interesting?
phone Sylvia on 486 434**

More traffic for the strath more damage to the glens

Stratherrick is about to become one of the most developed areas of countryside in Britain when the construction of the first of 5 new renewable energy schemes begins this summer. The impact on this fragile community and on the wildlife and scenery will be considerable. The hydro scheme at Garrogie is due to be completed in 2004; a second scheme on the River E at Garthbeg will be completed by 2005; a third scheme is now proposed for Stronlairig and will begin in 18 months time; the fourth hydro development for the area is the £85 million Glendoe scheme, the largest to be seen in Scotland for 40 years, and will involve a new power station on Loch Ness and a pipeline running 8 kilometres to a new reservoir at the head of Glen Tarff, 600 metres above Loch Ness. The dam will be 1 km long and 35 metres high. Additional intake dams will pipe water from all the burns

between the Rivers Killin and Tarff. Construction is expected to take 3 years and will involve 400 workers based at 3 camps - Stronlairig, lower Glendoe and the reservoir site.

The environmental impact is expected to be considerable and is likely to disturb the nesting Slavonian grebes, divers and common scoters (which are actually very rare) on the protected lochs near the reservoir site. Other birds such as golden eagles, dunlins and golden plover will also be displaced while a number of rare water vole colonies will be flooded. The flow of water in all the rivers and burns will be reduced and though many of the pipes will be buried new roads built into the heart of the Monadhliath Mountains will alter the wild land quality of this remote landscape for ever. Particular concern was expressed at the recent public meeting about the impact of construction traffic on the local single track

roads. Given the number of renewable energy schemes currently proposed for Stratherrick - a large windfarm at Dunmaglass and 4 hydro schemes, the damage and disturbance to local roads during construction could be severe - and will continue for the next 5 years at least!

Although renewable energy schemes will help to combat global warming and will contribute to government targets there is no strategy on where the best sites for these developments should be and no serious attempt to utilise energy saving schemes to reduce our fuel bills. Instead, we have a mad scramble of uncontrolled development with 98% of profits going to company shareholders and 2% to the estate on which the scheme is located. There are no local jobs and the few thousand pounds provided as community benefit will be little recompense for the years of disturbance.



AN ACCOUNT OF FARRALINE

by Mrs. Barbara Sewell

In October 2002 I left Farraline, after forty-five wonderful years.

My husband bought the property in 1956 from Mrs. Oliver, who owned it for only two years. She sold off most of the land to tenants so it became, instead of 6,400 acres, about 1,200 acres for us to buy. Mrs. Oliver had bought Farraline from Harry Moore of Yorkshire. The tenants were enabled to buy their rented properties and some farms are still in their ownership. Through them, their helpfulness and friendship, we were enabled to carry on farming without making the mistakes expected of an English couple with no knowledge of hill farming at all!

I first saw Farraline in 1926, when I stayed with my uncle, Stanley Gordon Clark, the Shooting Tenant at Wester Aberchalder, then owned by the British Aluminium Company. Farraline House was then almost invisible from the main road, as it was of natural stone and among big trees. I think Mrs. Moore painted it white, which makes it now so spectacular.

I think the Sedgwicks owned Farraline for forty years till the outbreak of war.

During the war the house was used to take children (about twenty) from Edinburgh. They had a teacher and staff.

For years I have enjoyed the visits of these "children" to see the place. They had such interesting memories. Some of the children were happy, some ran away but they have all talked of the intense cold and how they used to rush outside to warm their hands on the outside kitchen chimney!



Farraline House,
Errozie,
Stratherrick

Above: The house in days gone by.

Below: A shooting party on Farraline.

Fire drill was part of the routine. One, a teacher from Glasgow, came about three years ago with all her children and grandchildren and she showed them where she was pushed out of an attic window onto a Davey escape chute. Her description of her descent, screaming, amused us all. The bar outside the window is still there.

I have left Farraline with wonderful memories of a lovely place and so many friends but I am so happy to have passed it on to a descendant of the Frasers of Farraline. I feel that David Houston and his family are going to love the place as we did and that he is the rightful owner.

Additional Information about Farraline gleaned from "A Country Called Stratherrick" by Alan Lawson

Stratherrick was Fraser country from as early as 1422. The Frasers were of Norman origin, known as Frizel, Freshel or Fraser. The Frasers dominated Stratherrick for more than four hundred years. A John Fraser of Farraline was killed fighting the McDonalds at the "Field of the Shirts" battle at Loch Lochy.

There is mention of Simon Fraser of Farraline, Sheriff of Inverness-shire in 1781, who enlisted a special kind of policeman, the "Caipin nam-mearlach" (the captain of thieves), strategically posted to catch cattle stealers - a menace of the

time. Simon became a leading figure in the district to the extent that Farraline Park is named after him.

His son John, also an advocate, got into financial straits and in 1823 had to sell to Alexander McIntosh of Jamaica. Some years later, the estate was bought by Col. Thomas Fraser of Balnain, a descendant of the Farraline Frasers. Then his grandson sold the property in 1899. He had overstretched his resources in land improvement and in developing Stronlarig as a sporting property. Farraline was bought by a Mr. Thomas Aitken.

It is said that, in 1825, Col. Thomas Fraser was the builder of Farraline House as we know it today but part of the house is almost certainly earlier than this period, perhaps of mid-18th century date but much altered by later building.

A newspaper cutting of 1810 runs as follows, "....there is now standing in the house of Farraline, the seat of Simon Fraser Esq.....a roof tree which was erected by one of his progenitors on the day immediately preceding the desperate battle of Cean Loch Lochy.....fought on 2nd July, 1544. The tree or beam here noticed, which is of birch, is therefore 266 years old". This account is suspect but there certainly was an ancient beam brought to notice when building operations were carried out by Sheriff Simon.

Buddy MacDougall

Red Cross

The local house-to-house collection this year amounted to £467, an increase of £84 on 2002. On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank our regular collectors and all who contributed towards such a rewarding result.

Rose Fortune

Garden Trees

Buy your garden trees here.

50p to £2 for one tree at

Stratherrick

School

Just call 01456486630

Type of tree	Number of trees	Height of trees
Hazel	39	5-50 CM
Birch	10	45-62CM
Oak	14	20-30 CM
Willow	1	14 CM
Rowan	2	10 CM

Poster design - Ruairidh Fraser P 5

CHRISTIAN COMMENT

In recent years we have been able to visit many countries throughout the world and in each we have met members of the Christian family - of all ages, denominations and a variety of colours. It is a most remarkable fact that from very small beginnings in Jerusalem, almost 2,000 years ago, this growth should have taken place. The only explanation is that the promise of Jesus, the Christ, came true! He said, "You will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth".

During the month of June, Christians all over the world celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at the Jewish feast of Pentecost - often called Whit Sunday. It is the Holy Spirit living within each individual person who enables us to try to follow the example of Jesus, and who unites us into His universal family, with whom we are privileged to meet Sunday by Sunday in our various churches.

Martyn Bateman

CHURCH MEETINGS

Church of Scotland

Sunday: 10.00a.m. Boleskine, 11.30a.m. Dores, 6.00p.m. Foyers. Rev. Peter Humphris 01463 709 893

Episcopal Church

Sunday: 11.00a.m. Croachy.

Free Church

Sunday: 12 noon Farr, 6.00p.m. Erroglie.
Mr. J. Campbell 01456 486240

Free Church (continuing)

Sunday: 10.30a.m. & 4.15p.m. Dores.
Wednesday: 7.30 p.m. Mr. D. Fraser 01456 486408

Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 12 noon Farr, Every 2nd Sunday:
7.00p.m. Gorthleck. Mr. E. Fraser 01456 486282

Roman Catholic Church

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

Inter-Denominational Bible Study

Rev. Martyn Bateman 01456 486273 (for details)

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to all who donated, and collected, for this work of Christian care throughout the world. Over £1,200 was raised.

Martyn Bateman

CROW ALERT!!

Windscreen wiper blades and the rubber around windows are being attacked by crows in Upper Foyers. This started sporadically last winter but now seems to be a regular habit. A solution is to cover wiper blades with pieces of 50mm plumbing pipes. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

Sylvia Young



The Highland Council has agreed to endorse the recommendation of the City of Inverness and Area Planning Committee for Route C for the crossing of the river and canal (as illustrated on the accompanying map). Financial support is going to be asked for from the Scottish Executive and a traffic study for the City of Inverness to be commissioned.

Ella MacRae

Retiral Party and Presentation for Minister

This well attended event took place at Foyers Church Hall on the evening of Friday, 25th April. The Minister and Mrs. Christie were presented with personal gifts as well as a cheque from the parish, by Ronnie MacDonald and Kitty Fraser respectively.

The choir contributed well-known Scottish songs and the ladies of the parish provided refreshments.

Donald Macaskill, the Session Clerk, made a brief speech, outlining Mr. Christie's achievements during his ten-year tenure together with the offices he has held.

He has been Moderator of Presbytery, Convenor of the World Mission Committee and is presently a member of the Church's Board of Stewardship and Finance as well as Chaplain to Cameron House.

Mr. Christie's biblical based ministry has inspired many. His kindness and Christian concern for this community has gained him a place in all our hearts together with his wife, Ann, who took part in local activities and was an unassuming but stalwart support for her husband.

We shall all miss you both but look forward to continuing friendships after moving to your new home. We wish you all happiness and good health in your well-earned retirement.

South Loch Ness Nursery Sale of Work

The Sale of Work held in Stratherrick Public Hall on Saturday, 29th March, 2003, in aid of South Loch Ness Nursery, turned out to be a very successful fundraising day, with the final sum of £844.72 being raised towards Nursery funds.

All parents would like to convey their appreciation and thanks to those who gave donations and to all who afforded their time and effort to make the Sale of Work a success.

Special thanks to all of you who came along on the day and gave the much-needed support that resulted in the raising of such a fantastic sum.

Linda Cameron, Secretary

Inter Schools Athletics Meeting

A team from Stratherrick was entered in Section 5 of the Inter Schools Athletics Meeting at Bught Park in Inverness on Saturday 31st May. They were Annie and Gavin Butterworth, Hannah Clark, Christina McGregor and Laurence Parrott. Although they came second in Section 5, they did well in the events and returned to school with four first place medals. Laurence was first in the Long Jump and the 200 metre race. Gavin was first in the 80 metre race and Christina in the 150 metres. Hannah gained 4 points for the team by coming third in the 80 metre race and Christina 3 points for fourth in the High Jump. The relay team of Hannah, Christina, Gavin and Laurence was second in the relay race. Well done boys and girls!

Thank-you

Catherine Chattington and the Brave Hearts Children's Trust would like to say a very big "Thank you" to all the people of Stratherrick for all their kindness on the day of the coffee-morning - we raised an astounding £153. Many thanks.

Many thanks to all the lovely kind people of Stratherrick for all the visitors, gifts and cards I have received whilst I was in hospital. I am making very good progress and hope to be out of plaster soon!

Love, Laurie Chattington

Jessica's Home!

We want to say a huge "Thank you" to the community as a whole for the immense support you have shown us over the last five months. The messages, gifts, help and warm wishes we received in Glasgow meant more than we can say and kept us all going through a very difficult time.

Jessica is growing and developing beautifully now, due to the skill and dedication of all the staff at Yorkhill Children's Hospital and we are optimistic for the future, even though she will be needing more surgery.

What's more, we could not have come this far if it wasn't for the love and never-ending support we received from Mum and Dad (Bob and Shona) - Thank you.

David and Deanne Main



Clearance of Lay-Bys on Loch Ness Side

Wooded scrub has been cleared at seven lay-bys between Dores and Foyers, allowing unimpeded views over Loch Ness and access by pathways to the shore. The Forestry Commission has provided benches and interpretation notices, giving a well-needed service to locals and the many tourists who come "monster hunting" or just to enjoy the beautiful scenery. The woody material was extensively clipped and used to enhance the pathways.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council has secured £3,600 in financial support from the Community Economic Development (CED) programme, which is part-financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and administered locally by Inverness and Nairn Enterprise. Additional support in kind, to the value of £4,350, has been provided by the Forestry Commission. The local community council and South Loch Ness Tourist Group highlighted the need for these improvements.

The Forestry Commission has completed the work and it is hoped that more visitors can be encouraged to visit the south side of Loch Ness, leading for more business for local enterprises.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council chairman, John W. Campbell, said, "The Community Council is indebted to Inverness and Nairn Enterprise and the Forestry Commission for their valuable support for this project."

Letters

As we prepare to leave the Manse at Foyers, Ann and I would like to thank all those in the Parish and beyond, who expressed, whether personally, by letter or card, or by their presence at the Social in Foyers Church Hall on 25th April, their appreciation of our time among you here. These last ten years have been a great pleasure to us both, but also a great challenge and, of course, a great privilege. We shall miss you, but I am sure, always remember you and we pray for God's blessing upon you all.

Many, many thanks, Jim and Ann Christie

I would like to say a few words to friends and neighbours who have been so kind over the last few weeks.

Thanks to Dr. Mackintosh and District Nurses who made Donnie's weeks more bearable. I don't know how I'd have managed without Rose and Joyce's regular visits. They were invaluable. Thank you ladies.

Corrine and Gordon's gardening skills and Heather's banana cake and flan were more than welcome.

Thank you everyone for your good wishes, cards and telephone calls.

Donnie, my dear friend, passed away peacefully. His two-and-a-half years here in Errogie were very happy. He loved the local people and made such a difference to the garden. He leaves a place in my life which will never be filled but I thank God for the time we spent together and the happy memories.

Yours sincerely, Margaret Cormack

For a long time now, the BB has been appealing endlessly for more material to put on their pages. Perhaps they have solved this problem themselves. After seeing the photo on the front page of the last issue, I feel the doors have opened for more controversial material to go in. So all you happy snappers out there, let's see what else can be dragged out of the ditch. The happy snapper that took the photo in question was overheard asking why did it go off the road? This question may have many answers but the one which comes to mind has to be the Winter weather in the Highlands, and since our clicker has not had much experience of this, after landing here from a strong South Westerly, he may be excused for running home for the lens like some overactive anoraked twitcher about to photograph his first Golden Oriole.

On the other hand perhaps the driver saw a local out in her garden. As there are not many of us (locals) left, this could have given him quite a surprise, thus leading to the ditch. Of course on seeing what happened the said local rushed inside, straight past the camera lying on the windowsill, and switched on the kettle. Many thanks to Mrs. Martin for the tea and home baking during the recovery period.

Yours kindly, Davie Matheson

A rather splendid and most impressive BB!! "Going from strength to strength" is the phrase that comes to mind.

Regards, Jean Dodgson

The Land Reform (Scotland) Bill was finally passed by the Scottish Parliament towards the end of January, establishing for the first time statutory rights of access to land in Scotland.

The New Rights

Everyone – and that now includes not just walkers but cyclists, horseriders, the disabled, canoeists, paragliders, potholers and others – has the right to be on land (which includes inland waters, canals and the foreshore and is not limited to linear routes) (1) for recreational purposes (2) for the purposes of carrying on a relevant educational activity and (3) for the purposes of carrying on, commercially or for profit, an activity which the person exercising the right could carry on otherwise than for profit (this means for example, that professional guides can take clients onto land) and there is also a right to cross land. A person has the rights only if they are exercised responsibly. Landowners have a reciprocal duty to use, manage and conduct the ownership of the land in a way that is responsible.

Guidance on what is and is not responsible conduct (both for access takers and landowners) will be set out in the Scottish Outdoors Access Code. It is likely to be the end of the year before Parliament and Ministers finally approve the Code and thereafter take formal steps to bring the Act into force which may be early in 2004. Until that happens access takers will not have the rights under the Act although many will continue to enjoy access as they have traditionally done.

There are certain classes of land over which the new rights are not exercisable. These include:

Buildings or other structures

Curtilages of buildings that are not houses (e.g. farmyards)

In relation to houses, sufficient adjacent land to enable persons living there to have reasonable measures of privacy in the house to ensure that their enjoyment of the house is not unreasonably disturbed

Private gardens in common ownership (e.g. Queen Street Gardens in Edinburgh)

Land beside schools

Land developed or set out as a sports or playing field or for a particular recreational purpose

Land excluded by virtue of past entry by payment (e.g. NTS properties etc)

Land on which crops have been sown or are growing but field margins are accessible

Certain conduct is excluded from access rights including:

Hunting, shooting and fishing

Being on land whilst responsible for a dog or other animal which is not under proper control

Taking things from the land for commercial purposes

Being on land with a motorised vehicle or vessel (other one constructed or adapted for use by a person with a disability)

Rights of Way

The Bill specifically provides that the existence of access rights does not diminish or displace rights of way. What this means is that the two rights co-exist, so that there will, in many cases, be no need to consider whether or not you are on a right of way. However, rights of way will continue to be important where they cross land from which access rights are excluded or if landowners or managers ask you to keep away from land during some management operation. In that situation you will be free to use the right of way free from any constraints.

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Graveyard Seminar

Several speakers presented a seminar in Fort Augustus Hall on 17th May on graveyard conservation and recording of monumental inscriptions, illustrated with slides.

Dr. Nick Lindsay was especially interesting, telling how a group of volunteers have cleared ivy and trees from the old portion of Clynekirkton graveyard in Sutherland, revealing table graves and old gravestones with elaborate railings around them. Their hard work has enabled them to make a record of their position and inscriptions.

Unfortunately, in our Boleskine graveyard over-zealous council officials have demolished all the old table graves and

placed the stones flat on the ground, where they are fast disappearing under grass and moss. Also removed were the attractive ornamental railings (to facilitate grass cutting!).

Now there is more awareness of the importance of preserving the character of graveyards in the Highlands.

Volunteers are helping to improve, record and protect their cemeteries under guidance from Highland Council Archaeology Unit, which is improving the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR). Extensive work is being carried out on a large number of sites previously unrecorded. The SMR will become the central record for all people interested in church, graveyard or gravestone surveys and management.

Buddy MacDougall

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The Highland Hospice provides specialist care, free of charge, to people with terminal illnesses throughout the Highlands. The care given today is largely made possible thanks to the generosity of previous generations of givers.

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For a free copy of "A Guide to Making a Will" or for information on how to leave a legacy to the Highland Hospice, please contact Martin Edwards on 01463 243132 or visit the Hospice's new website at www.highlandhospice.org

A single bed in the Hospice costs £450 per day to run, so each legacy that we receive, no matter how large or small, makes a huge difference to our work. Thank you.

Jemma Joyce, Highland Hospice Legacies Project Officer

Obituary

It was with regret that we learned of the passing of Ina Murray (widow of Paddy) on 19th April, 2003. Originally from Skye, Ina lived in the area for over seventy years. After her marriage to Paddy, they lived first of all at Gorthleck and then moved to Foyers during the war years.

Ina worked for various employers in the district, among them proprietors of Knockie, Foyers Hotel and Whitebridge, where she was renowned for her cooking. Ina will always be remembered for her hospitality. No-one ever left the house without having a cup of tea and a scone.

She is survived by her two sons and three daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

South Loch Ness Heritage

The Communities of South Loch Ness have determined to establish a Heritage Association.

This area is rich in historical, archaeological and geographical sites in a renowned scenic setting, extending from the South shores of Loch Ness to the high Monadhliath ridge tops.

The perception is that by establishing a dynamic heritage association, this would not only aspire to recording, displaying and safeguarding the historical and cultural aspects of South Loch Ness but aim, over a period of time, to portray and learn from our natural heritage. We are encouraged in our aspirations by the current attitude of statutory funding bodies and in particular, by the edicts of the Heritage Lottery Fund to whom we shall tender for assistance in the first instance.

An inaugural General Meeting is proposed for the evening of TUESDAY, 1st JULY at 7.30pm in the Stratherrick Hall to discuss and agree a Constitution, Membership fees and elect a Committee. (Notices will be posted with further details).

S.L.N. Heritage Action Group.

Song of the Highlands

The hedgehog is sleeping safe and sound
As the mole digs a mound.

The squirrel reaches for his leap
As the birds are fast asleep.

The stags are walking through the trees
Then it's morning with the buzzing bees.

The snakes are slithering through the grass
As the field mice scurry past.

The eagle is flying high in the sky
But he doesn't notice the salmon going up river nearby.

The rabbits have a twinkle in their eyes,
The swallow soars the morning skies.

The badger shows his teeth
As the pine marten steals the chickens like a thief.

The wild cat walks through the darkness,
The fox hides in total wilderness.

Hannah Clark (Stratherrick Primary School)

Caledonian Canal Ceilidh Trail

Tuesday 15th July to Friday 15th August 2003



We are back folks (!) and looking forward to seeing you all at the Family Ceilidh Dance in Stratherrick Hall at Gorthleck on Thursday 24th July from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. The informal music sessions will take place in the following venues:-

Whitebridge Hotel on Wednesdays 30th July & 13th August. Craigdarroch Hotel in Foyers on Thursday 31st July (7.30 to 10.30pm at all the venues). The Ceilidh band will be at Dores Inn on Friday 25th July from 8 to 10.30pm then lunch times from 1 to 3pm on Fridays 1st, 8th & 15th August.

There will be a group of eight young musicians who will be working round Loch Ness again this year.

This is a special invitation to everyone who took part in the Traditional Music Classes at Stratherrick primary school in November, if you would like to come along to the ceilidh and bring your instruments. If you don't have one there will be some available for you to join in and play with the Band.

The Ceilidh Band is working in partnership with British Waterways and INE Community Economic Development Programme. Please look out for the posters advertising where and when the band will be playing.

You are all welcome to come along to the Inverness Highland Games at the Bught Park and visit Tulloch's Traditional Music Tent on Saturday 19th July from 1 to 4pm and enjoy the traditional music and dance and the chat from compere Andy Ross of MFR.

For more details and information please contact Margo MacLennan, Traditional Music Co-ordinator at Community Learning and Leisure Service, Town House, Inverness, IV1 1JJ

Tel. 01463 724314 or by e-mail at margo.maclennan2@highland.gov.uk

M. MacLennan

SHINTY

Boleskine Reach Sutherland Cup Final

For the first time since 1966 Boleskine Camanachd Club reached the final of the "Sutherland Cup" (the reserve and single team shinty club championship of Scotland). In front of a crowd of over five hundred, on Saturday 10th May 2003 Boleskine had to settle for runners up medals against a strong Newtonmore side. However, the disappointment of losing in the final should be balanced against the tremendous achievement of getting there in the first place. To defeat teams such as Lochaber, Skye, Inverary and Kincaid, all a division

above us, on route to the final was no small task. Of particular encouragement was the large number of people both adults and children from the area who turned up to cheer on their team. For the vast majority of the players it was their first time in a major national final in front of a big crowd but there is no doubt that it is an experience which they wish to repeat. The achievement of reaching the Sutherland Cup Final has given a tremendous boost to everyone at the club from the committee, adult team, right down to the juniors and it is now hard to believe that less than two years ago the club almost folded.

Liz MacDonald, Secretary,
Boleskine Camanachd Club



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Sunday 27th July

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Written at Farigaig Forest Viewpoint

"When I have gone away,
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Softly passing?
See my look lingering,
Wistfully,
On your waving branches?
Note where I paused,
And gazed
At distant vistas?
And will you mark
those times,
Those many times,
When my thoughts fly to you?"

Roger Creegan
(a frequent visitor to the area)

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Events at Stratherrick Hall

Toddlers Group - Wednesdays 10am

Yoga classes - Tuesdays 2-00 - 3-30.

Thursdays 7-00 - 8-30. 'Phone Sylvia on 486434

Tuesday 1st July 7-30 **Heritage Association Inaugural Meeting**

Thursday 24th July 7-30 **Family Ceilidh Dance.**

Part of the Caledonian Ceilidh Trail

'Hiel an 'toe' hope to run a **step dance workshop** at the Hall in the near future.
Interested? Please contact Hugh Nicol on 01456 486350

To book the Hall 'phone Judith Borup on 01456 486464

We keep the notice board outside the hall up to date with local events. Watch for
children's events around the Inverness area during the school holidays.

See also local website www.errogie.supanet.com and click on Stratherrick
Public Hall

Farr Traditional Music Concerts

Saturday 30th August 8pm

**Donnie Murdo Macleod & Mary-
Ann Kennedy**

Tickets from A. Forbes 01808 521333 £7/£5 or Riverside Gallery, Inverness

Wanted

Help! Experienced pianist required
to accompany choir for practices and
performance. Please contact Dr.
Eddie Moore on 01456 486255.

REQUIRED. Guitar lessons for
teenage boy. Contact 01456 486774

Fiddle tuition for 11 year old girl.
Telephone: Helen Grainger, 486231.

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Small Ads are free

Community Photocopier

in Stratherrick Hall operates with an
honesty box. Access can be arranged
with Cathie Stoddart on 486329.

Foyers Shop

Closed 1 - 1-30 pm.
& all day Sunday.

Post Office

Mon, Tues, Thur: 9 - 1 pm
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Deadline 31st August

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