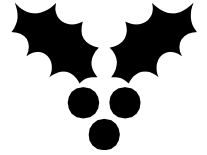


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END OF AN ERA



The Stratherrick and Foyers Home Visiting Group have finally decided to call it a day after 21 years organising Christmas Dinners for Stratherrick Senior Citizens and an annual Bus Outing for Stratherrick and Foyers pensioners. Our Group played an important role in visiting the elderly and housebound but the need for this service seems to be no longer required since the Telford Centre opened and car transport became available.

We enjoyed a superb afternoon tea at the Craigdarroch House on the 22nd October when we were delighted to have Rev. J and Mrs. Christie as our guests to acknowledge their support to the group whilst they were in our midst. We were also happy to have our friend Nancy Fraser back with us after recent heart surgery.

We extend our thanks to the Knockie Trust Committee for their sponsorship of our activities over the years, with special thanks to Mr. Innis Fraser for the advice and practical help and to all who assisted in our earlier years. To the staff, past and present, at Craigdarroch Hotel, a big thank you for your hospitality and lovely Christmas dinners over the years.

My special thanks to all my team for their unfailing support, love and kindness during this period of 21 years.

We thank God for all His goodness and care over us in our efforts.

Rose

WATCH OUT FOR SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE!



Dave Retires

The sum of £210 was raised by the Bus users, young and old alike, to mark Dave and his wife, Pat's departure from our glen to warmer shores.

They were both deeply touched by the generosity and kind thoughts shown to them.

This was their reply :

"HELLO STRATHERRICK.

THIS CARD IS FILLED WITH HUGS, THERE IS ONE EACH FOR THE GOOD, CARING PEOPLE WHO MADE PAT AND I FEEL VERY HUMBLE WITH THEIR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.MAY WE SEND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A THOUSAND THANKS FOR SHOWING THAT YOU CARE. WHEN WE ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION WE WILL HAVE ALL OUR HAPPY MEMORIES TO LOOK BACK ON.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL HAPPINESS FOR YOUR FUTURES.

WITH OUR LOVE"

DAVE AND PAT.



Red Cross

This year £642.13 was sent to the Inverness Branch. This amount was made up of House Collections in Red Cross Week, donations of small change and the sales of goods. The collecting tin in the Foyers shop was filled twice. Well done!

Thank you to those who gave us used inkjet cartridges, especially to Corrine Roberts for her generous donation. Each cartridge raises £1 for the Red Cross. Freepost envelopes are available from Rose Fortune (01456 486663).

BOOK READING CLUB

Would any readers in the area be interested in helping to form a Book Reading Club? As Winter approaches, I thought it might be of interest.

The usual format is to decide between members on a book to read and meet every 6 weeks to talk about the book and express views and thoughts. It does make one read books that perhaps wouldn't be first choice and can provide quite a pleasant occasional evening.



The down side is that one would have to buy the book, but it is often possible to make an arrangement with a local bookshop to purchase these with a discount and we could, of course, pick paperbacks!

If anyone thinks they might be interested, please give me a ring and we can talk about it and obviously it will depend on the response - 6/8 people would be an ideal number to start with.

Jean Marshall 01456 486758

Out and About

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Barbara Sewell, formerly of Farraline. We send our sympathy to her family and many friends. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

We send our best wishes to Joe Chisholm of Inverfarigaig, presently in Raigmore following a stroke. May he soon be able to return home to Hannah in better health.

Many congratulations to Deanne and David Main of Gorthleck on the safe arrival of a baby daughter, Rowan, a sister for Luke, Hannah and little Jessica, who celebrated her 2nd birthday on the 16th November after a long but successful battle with a severe heart problem.

To all who have moved into the area since our last edition, we bid you welcome and to all who are leaving, our very good wishes.

Police Matters

PC John Rimmer will later give details of a meeting to discuss "A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme" which will be held late January/ early February in the Stratherrick Hall at Gorthleck.

He also asks car owners, now that winter is on, to feel free to call at the Foyers Police Station for checks on tyre pressures, etc.

New Sewerage Schemes

Scottish Water plan new sewerage schemes for Gorthleck and Foyers for Spring 2005.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

John Campbell (Chairman) Gorthleck 486 240
Tine Butterworth (Treasurer) Gorthleck 486 275
Ken Fraser Gorthleck 486 220
Helen Grainger Inverfarigaig 486 231
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Martyn Bateman Whitebridge 486 273

MINUTES OF MEETING 28TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Mr Alan Raynor- Assistant Divisional Officer, Highlands & Islands Fire Brigade Scot Exec have awarded the Brigade £3million to upgrade auxiliary stations to retained station status. New vehicle was on display. A crew of 12 are now required. Recruitment drive is underway, including door to door visits! Vennel site is appropriate as regards size etc, but falls just outside the 'village envelope'. Decision to be made by planners and architects involved. The 6 existing crew are happy with this site. The Fire Brigade will provide fire prevention advice to any householder or community event on request.

Mr Neil McKee - Proposed ferry service from Foyers - Drumnadrochit Some problems identified and the financial viability of venture examined. The ferry needs to have several functions; tourist attraction, historical interest, youth involvement and provide regular daily ferry times. The proposed vessel is an historical sailing boat, built in Shetland with a potential to carry 18 passengers and 6 crew approx. Ideally this will run year round but depends on access to berthing areas. British Waterways, as yet have not taken up the venture. A proposal to the Heritage lottery fund will be considered.

Correspondence Removal of payphones - reply received about removal of all phone boxes within the area. Less than 35 calls had been made within a 12 month period in some. BT can't afford to maintain kiosks which are rarely used. Concern expressed to BT about removal of kiosk at Torness, but to date no concerns about kiosks on B862. Anyone wishing to express concern is asked to write to Highland Council Planning Authority before 22 October. Need to find what criteria is required to warrant keeping the kiosks. Fergus Ewing intends highlighting the case. Road Defects- H.C. have replied. Verges will be inspected and assessed, any hazards identified will be rectified, if not currently on the maintenance programme. The bridge at Loch Mhor is deemed fit for its current purpose. Traffic calming measures - Residents pleading for traffic calming measures near to the school. Raised at relevant HC meeting yesterday, both Stratherrick and Foyers schools to have 20mph limit introduced, after consultation with both schools. Bottle banks - Concerns raised about landrovers arriving early in the mornings to dispose of bottles etc. If the bins are full, please phone the number on the bin to ask for a replacement. All users asked to be more considerate. Please do not leave boxes, trays etc littered around bottle banks. Loch Ness marathon - Malcolm Sutherland, one of the organisers of the event has been in touch with Mrs Martin regarding ongoing problems with the event, such as urinating and defaecating in residential areas around Whitebridge. Increased marshals and a cordon area have been promised for this year's event, in order to stop this anti-social behaviour.

Treasurer The ordinary account £935.92. project account at £550.52.

Policing PC Rimmer - no major issues recently. To get the Neighbourhood Watch scheme up and running, it would be beneficial to have a co-ordinator in all areas. Duncan Carmichael of the Home Watch scheme will come and talk to the community if requested.

Roads and Road Signs The current roadworks through Gorthleck and Errogie appear to be causing an element of 'chaos' at times, particularly early morning around bus time. PC Rimmer will investigate. Trees - The owners of Foyers shop have contacted HC regarding overhanging trees in the carpark at the shop. HC have denied ownership of the carpark.. Loch Ness partnership are to be asked to investigate further.

Water and Sewerage Scottish Water currently looking at new treatment works for Foyers and Gorthleck. Talks to take place with local landowners. Scottish Water will meet CC when more details are known. It is hoped that extra capacity provision will be taken into account for future planning developments.

Community Project A draft lease has been prepared and posted. A friend of the sub-committee is kindly donating her time free, letter of thanks to be sent out. Soon work by local contractors can commence.

Renewable Energy and Community Benefit Scottish and Southern Energy Mike Seaton has notified CC that a liaison officer is to be appointed. He will introduce him to the CC at the next meeting. Mr R Higham asked if request for Solar Panels and timescale would depend on SSE getting the go ahead for the Glendoe scheme. Mr P Higham asked if other forms of renewable energy sources were being considered, apart from solar panels. It is likely these answers will only be available from Innogy in the near future.

AOB Sale of Dell Estate - Local media had talked of a community buyout. There are no plans for this. Foyers Burial ground - ongoing problems with fencing etc. Cllr Macrae to investigate. Abandoned car at fish farm houses in Foyers. Police are aware and removal is imminent. Increased volume of traffic using Trinloist Pass and Loch Bran roads. Extra passing places would be helpful. Secretary will write to roads dept. Traffic speeding at area around Foyers Hotel. Potential accident, police aware.

MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2004

Glendoe Hydro Scheme SSE Mr M Seaton, Project Manager, Mr D Gilchrist, Liaison Officer

Appointment of Mr Gilchrist by SSE on behalf of FA and S&F communities. Background : engineer for SSE, then enforcement/regulation of the industry, now a consumer. Remit: represent community, feed back concerns/complaints to SSE; attend regular meetings with local councillors, CC representatives, the contractors and HC representatives; attend CC meetings; place updates in the BB. Complaints procedure will be set up. The tunnelling will be a 24 hour working with a manned telephone as a first point of contact. Mr Gilchrist will check daily for complaints about traffic, noise, social complaints regarding the contractors etc. SSE wish positive PR, so he will visit schools, clubs etc to promote the scheme. Mr Seaton assured the CC that there would be no conflict of interest. Contractors will have a similar liaison. Mr Gilchrist will be employed for as long as necessary, probably until shortly after the commissioning of the scheme. **Progress** - In the final stages of tender, 2 main contractors left. Much of the work will be sub-contracted to a more local level. Contract should be awarded in late January, commencement of access roads and camp starting in March/April. Tunnelling should start in summer 2005. **Traffic** - SNH and RSPB agreed to one access from Glendoe, all construction traffic to use the A82, minimising traffic on local roads. CC felt that traffic should be monitored now to ascertain whether the roads receive a knock-on effect of a busier A82. **Site investigation** - bore holes confirmed that power station will be in a 'cavern' 1.6 - 2 km from Loch Ness into the mountain. It will be a rock fill dam. **Planning** - no consent yet. Scot Exec finalising conditions of consent. SSE are hoping for consent in late November. Lack of water for the Falls of Foyers raised, suggestion that water could be regularly released from Loch Mhor. **Douglas Gilchrist ; home 01463 741322 mobile 07732 487793**

Correspondence **Inverness Museum and Art Gallery** – agreed that CC to be taken off mailing list for information leaflet.

Children's Champion for Inverness - request that school councils could be consulted on issues such as large planning matters. Suggested that SFCC could approach the councils at Foyers and Stratherrick on matters such as Community Benefit, marathon and the Project. **Mr Forsyth** - notification that the bid to receive Heritage Lottery funding had been turned down as the bridge is responsibility of HC.

Treasurer Ordinary account -£861.89, project account -£550.52. Cheque issued to Viking for £94.43 and a deposit of £20.40 from the photocopier.

Planning Three house plots at Lynemhor Woodlands, Gorthleck.

Roads and Road Signs Mr Forsyth - copy e-mail sent to HC re drains in Lower Foyers. Cllr Macrae will chase. **Foyers school road** - drains blocked, water is running over main road. **BT works** - rocks still at the side of the road and the verges on the opposite side from the workings are badly affected. **Aberchalder - Migovie road** - in bad need of patching. Secretary to contact HC roads dept about these points.

Water and Sewerage Scottish Water have spoken to land owners in Gorthleck about the new treatment works, due to start discussions in Foyers.

Community Project SNH require costs and claim dates for funding. £150.00 was raised at the Fun Day organised by Mr M Houston.

Community Benefit Cllr Macrae requested that she be kept involved during negotiations. There is a meeting arranged with herself, Margaret Davidson and the director of SSE. The pier at Foyers could be a good joint venture to pursue.

AOB **Scottish Community Foundation** - Baxters Loch Ness Marathon. Mrs MacGregor indicated that there had been several people asking if the comments in the press were representative of the CC's feeling. After discussion, it was deemed comments made were Mrs Martin's views on the way the marathon was organised and marshalled although it was agreed that incidents of urinating and defecating were unacceptable, whether it raised money for charity or not. Mrs Martin felt very strongly that the marshals should be 'professional' event marshals rather than relying on a small number of local volunteers. Mrs Allen, a marshal on the day, felt that runners had been contained in the cordon area, with no problems. Secretary was instructed to invite Mr Sutherland to a CC meeting to discuss this years marathon. One suggestion was to ensure that all buses used to bring the runners to the start, should have toilets. **Trees at Loch Mhor** – Miss Weir asked why trees were going to be cut back at the edge of the loch. It was in response to requests to open up the view again from the road. The trees to be cut have not yet been decided upon. **Fire works** - a request for a donation for this years event was made by Mr M Houston. It was agreed to give £400.00 again.

Next Meeting; Tuesday 14th December

Highland Councillor
Mrs Ella Macrae
01463 751 203

Foyers Post Office

Some good news regarding the Post Office. The government has recently announced a renewed support package for rural Post Offices past the previous 2006 end date which should mean that if you all continue to use your local Post Office, then it should be saved from closure for a few more years.

However much the government continues to subsidise rural Post Offices, if they are not used, they will either close or their opening hours will be reduced. I recently visited Applecross and the local community there are extremely upset that the opening hours of their local Post Office have been reduced considerably. If this happens here, then Agi and I will be faced with a dilemma. We do tend to keep the Post Office open unofficially whilst either of us is tending the shop outside normal Post Office hours. If our hours are reduced, then we will be paid less for doing more if we continue to keep opening unofficially. Neither of us is sure what we might do then.

That said, the best way around this is to support your local Post Office so that there will be no question of reduced hours. The Post Office is going through a big change at the moment in order to compete against more and more competition. It now supplies more and more financial services through its network, including almost full banking services for Lloyds TSB and Alliance & Leicester. For those of you without a Bank account or who are thinking of changing Banks, why not use one of the Banks mentioned above? You would then have a local Bank and a local Post Office.

The prospect of reduced hours is real. We have now lost nearly all our pension and income support business as the move towards direct payment nears completion. If that business is not replaced, then the Post Office will act to reduce costs accordingly. Please help us to stay open.

Many thanks,

Foyers Stores Opening Times to 31st March 2005

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat	9am to 5.30pm
Wed	9am to 1pm
Sun	10am to 2pm

(DOCTORS) OUT OF HOURS (OOH)

**(6pm to 8am Monday to Friday
and weekends)**

From the 1st of December, anyone within our Practice area, that is the Loch Ness East and Strathnairn areas, who wish medical care outwith normal practice hours (8am to 6pm from Monday to Friday), can either telephone our Practice number 01456 486 224 and the call will be automatically diverted to NHS 24 or telephone NHS 24 directly on 08454 24 24 24.

NHS 24 will then either give you advice or contact the nearest OOH Medical Centre, to provide you with the appropriate medical care. If you are very ill and need immediate medical attention you would be best to telephone 999 for an ambulance.

OOH medical care from Inverness will be at Raigmore Hospital where Ness Doc is at present. If you require transport to and back from Inverness then a free taxi service is available.

Dr. G J MACKINTOSH * Dr. L E MACKINTOSH
The Medical Centre, Foyers, Inverness. IV2 6YB
Tel: 01456 486 224

Changes to the out of hours District Nursing Services

**(6pm to 8am Monday to Friday,
weekends and public holidays)**

This is in the process of being negotiated. It is likely that Patients will be asked to contact NHS24 between the hours of 6pm – 8am, and the gaps between 5-6pm & 8-9am, will be covered by the nurse on call, whose phone number can be obtained by phoning the District Nurses Base as at present.

Mrs. Barbara Sewell (formerly of Farraline Estate)



Many local people attended the Memorial Service in St. Pauls, Croachy, to pay their respects to Barbara Sewell who died in October.

She took a keen interest in the area and showed great support to friends around and about, showing concern when neighbours were ill, boosting morale and helping in a practical way by sending regular supplies of firewood to some of the elderly. She was a person with high principles of right and wrong and had a great sense of humour but could still laugh at herself.

She loved the area and was often seen walking her estate with her beloved dogs. She was also a keen gardener (the photograph was taken when she was 89!). She was one of the last of old-style

Island Dramas in Stratherrick Hall

On Thursday, 18th September we were visited by Splinters Productions for their premiere of "For the Islands I Sing" by George Mackay Brown.

All who were able to be there were transported to Orkney where various tales were unravelled of great characters dealing with the dramas of life, death and love whilst battling with the elements.

This real treat of superb acting/story telling was much enjoyed by everyone and we look forward, hopefully, to another visit from 'Splinters'.



OLD STONE BRIDGE

HERITAGE LOTTERY BID FAILS

Readers of the Boleskine Bulletin may remember a recent item reporting an attempt to secure Lottery funding for the renovation of the Foyers Old Stone Bridge. Regretfully, after receiving much local support, the bid has been turned down by the Heritage Lottery Fund on the grounds that the bridge is the responsibility of the Highland Council and does not qualify for a grant.

John and Ann Forsyth wish to thank all concerned, including Highland Council, Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council, South Loch Ness Heritage Group and many individuals, for their support in promoting the bid, which in the early stages seemed very promising indeed.

What happens to the bridge now? Highland Council, "under present budget restraints, will only be able to carry out essential maintenance so as to prevent the condition of the bridge worsening".

Belated News from Knockie

Details of some belated newsworthy events connected with Knockie Estate by Whitebridge have just come to our attention.

As many of you may know already, the present Owner, Mr. Clifford Hardy, acquired the whole estate in the late 1960s from the then Mrs. Rosemary Cawthorne - formerly Lady Rosemary MacTaggart - after a somewhat dramatic incident at the Lodge worthy of a TV soap opera; but that's another story! Mr Hardy sold the Lodge Hotel in the 1980s and now lives part-time in Stone House on the Estate and part-time in Washington, DC, USA.

One of the events was the marriage of Mr. Hardy's younger daughter, Catherine, which took place on 17th August last. With her fond childhood memories of Scotland and Knockie, Catherine chose to travel about one third of the way around the globe from her home in Portland, Oregon (in the northwest United States) for an open air wedding ceremony in the grounds of the old Victorian gardens on Knockie Estate. The decision, naturally, created quite a logistical problem for her parents, American guests and the American Methodist minister who was to conduct the ceremony. Fortunately, the Scottish Executive has now streamlined the requirements for qualified ministers from overseas to conduct weddings in almost any place in Scotland.

Preliminary arrangements for the wedding were made during a short sojourn at Knockie in late May before Mr. and Mrs. Hardy journeyed to Normandy, France, for events commemorating the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

in World War II.

As a young officer in the Royal Engineers, Mr. Hardy took part in the landings near Arromanches on 6th June 1944. Various events were arranged for this last official Normandy Veterans Day anniversary celebration but for Mr. Hardy perhaps the most unexpected and moving experience was a chance meeting with Sapper Tommy Taylor, who had been under his command during the landings. By a remarkable coincidence, when hundreds of veterans from different regiments were being marshalled for the march past the Queen, the two of them were drawn up in the same line. Not having seen each other for 60 years, this chance meeting and their ensuing reminiscences, were considered worthy of an interview by a BBC TV crew on the parade ground (see photo on next page).

As to the wedding, arrangements for caterers, marquees, flowers, cake, etc. were made mainly by remote control from the United States, with some fine-tuning in early August, during the fortnight prior to the ceremony. Most of the fifty visiting guests took the opportunity of combining attendance at the wedding with a holiday in Scotland, staying in local hotels and B&Bs, mainly in the Fort Augustus area - a small but welcome boost to the local economy.

Summer weather in Scotland is unpredictable, and contingency planning for an open-air event is always desirable, but not necessarily effective. This 'D-Day' arrived with a bright morning, high clouds, no rain (fingers tightly crossed!). Guests began to arrive and assemble just as the clouds darkened, thickened and opened in a heavy



downpour with no apparent end in sight. Alternative scenarios for the ceremony were being debated hurriedly: the cattle byre? the reception marquee? under a large, sheltering tree in the garden? - none of which was very appealing.

Then a local 'weather forecaster', accustomed to the vagaries of Highland weather ventured: "I see a little break developing in the clouds over yonder - wait awhile and the rain will stop". Sure enough, after 10 - 15 minutes the clouds parted and the sun shone brightly on the garden for about an hour - time enough to dry the seats, assemble the guests, pipe the bride, conduct the ceremony, take photographs and mingle a short while before heavy rain started again, driving the entourage out of the garden into the reception tent for drinks and dinner. One could almost believe that some Divine Power had played a role in the proceedings.

The event climaxed with a thunderous fireworks display (rivalling any 4th July Independence Day celebration in the USA), which some of you may have seen/heard around 10pm. It was planned and erected secretly, in the rain, by Mark Houston and his able colleagues, not 50 metres from the reception marquee. Again, some Unseen Hand interceded, and the rain abated for a half hour or so, allowing guests to assemble outside, and for Mark to 'do his thing'.

A few days after the wedding, the honeymoon couple and several of the guests took off for Sherborne Castle in Dorset, England, to participate in a Half-Ironman Triathlon (1.2 miles swimming, 56 miles cycling and 13.1 miles running) before



Christian Comment

It was good to see so many people at the Special Service on Remembrance Sunday. At the Stratherrick War Memorial there was a reading from the prophet Micah (4.v 1-5) about World Peace - something we all must long to experience in our day. Meanwhile we take note of another gem of advice from that same countryman that "we should do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6.v 8) written over two and a half thousand years ago!

But now we look forward to the joy of celebrating Christmas. Joy is delightful - along with peace it is one of the fruits produced by the Holy Spirit when we open our lives to him.

Joy can be a daily experience if we are prepared to put Jesus first, Others next and Yourself last though this should not mean that we neglect ourselves - we are taught by Jesus to love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves. There is a splendid Christmas Carol written by Isaac Watts in the 18th century "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her Lord. Let every heart prepare Him room...." May we all make room for Jesus and so experience real Joy as we celebrate Christmas.

Martyn Bateman

CHURCH MEETINGS

Church of Scotland

Sunday: 10 am Boleskine, 11-30 am Dore.
Rev. J. Buchan 01463 713114.

Episcopal Church

Sunday: 11 am Croachy.
Rev. Peter Mosley 01805 521397.

Free Church

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

Free Church (continuing)

Sunday: 10-30 am & 4-15 pm Dore. Wednesday: 7-30 pm. Mr. D. Fraser 01456 486408.

Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 12 noon Farr, every 2nd Sunday: 7 pm Gorthleck. Mr. E. Fraser 01456 486282.

Roman Catholic Church

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

Inter-Denominational Bible Study

See back page for details of Christmas services

Glendoe Hydro Scheme

Following on from the Highland Council decision in April not to object to the construction of the new hydro scheme at Glendoe a lot has been happening. The developer, Scottish and Southern Energy, has been addressing some of the concerns raised during the consultation process as well as progressing with design aspects and the tendering process for the main construction contract.

Cavern Power Station

In early summer 2004, the specialist ground investigation contractor Fugro carried out a 10 week-long site investigation contract. The first phase of the work included drilling 84mm diameter holes of up to 350m deep before carrying out various tests to establish rock stresses at the depth of the proposed tunnel. These boreholes and the results from the testing enable the design of tunnel linings to be confirmed as well as identifying faults in the geology. Due to the rock conditions found, as well as other factors such as the local opposition to another surface power station on the shores of Loch Ness and the increase in price of steel, SSE can now confirm that the power station will be constructed in a cavern.

The second phase of the site investigation works involved drilling several shallower boreholes (up to 40m deep) at the site of the proposed dam and along the route of the aqueduct tunnel. Due to the difficulty of getting vehicles up to this location, all equipment and materials were lifted up onto the plateau by helicopter (PDG) from a field adjacent to the B862, on Glendoe Estate.

Construction Traffic

The main concern from the local communities throughout the consultation process was the impact of construction traffic on the roads to the east of Loch Ness. A report has been prepared by SSE proposing to construct the complete scheme from the Glendoe side. This would mean that all

construction traffic would have to access the site from the Glendoe side, thus ensuring that no construction traffic would use the Whitebridge to Killin road. With only one access point for construction traffic onto site, it eases the control of traffic to and from site, with traffic approaching the site via the A82 at Fort Augustus. Once the scheme is completed, SSE would require some operational access along the Whitebridge to Killin road. SSE is continuing to discuss various construction traffic issues with Highland Council.

Construction Contract

Two consortiums of contractors and designers submitted their final tender submission to SSE in mid November 2004. SSE is currently reviewing the submissions before deciding which consortium to award the contract to. The two consortiums are led by tunnelling contractors who have experience in constructing large hydro schemes. The current plan is to award the contract early in 2005, which would enable the successful contractor to start preliminary site work in spring 2005. However, SSE has yet to receive Section 36 consent (from the Scottish Executive) to construct the scheme and until they do so, the main contract will not be awarded.

Community Liaison

At the Highland Council hearing in Inverness in April 2004, it was agreed that SSE would provide funds for a community liaison officer for the duration of the construction contract. Douglas Gilchrist has been appointed to this role and was introduced to the Councillors and local community councils in October. Douglas's role is primarily to represent the views of the local communities in all aspects of the construction project and will work closely with liaison groups set up by the community councils. At the moment the role is fairly flexible and it is hoped it will develop to suit the communities' needs as the project itself develops. In the

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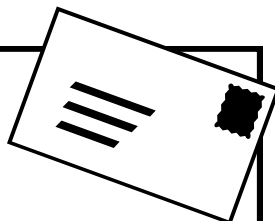
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ALL THE BEST, DAVIE

Letters



Frank & Katie Ellam who live at Easter Boleskine, are trying to research the history of their cottage which was once known as Easter Boleskine Farm. They would be delighted to visit anyone who has any memories or information however small or would be pleased to receive visitors. Their telephone number is 01456 486691.

From Norma Gillies of Driftwood, Inverfarigaig

I decided to put pen to paper as I am moving away from my home of eighteen years. Why bother, you may ask?....

Well, I chose to live here in what I consider to be one of the most beautiful settings in the world overlooking the famous Loch Ness. The environment has always been very important to me, as I feel while we are here, we are the temporary custodians of the land and all its creatures and plants. Appreciation of the variety of birds, animals, trees, wild flowers, mosses and plants are just part of what has made living here so special.

Raising my children in the community has helped them to grow into well rounded, considerate young adults. Many of the good friends we have known over the years have added to our joy and feeling of fellowship in the area.

Personally I lost a very good friend in Adele Adamson whose parents, Margaret and Colin Adamson have been very caring towards my wee family and can only say a big thank you. I also miss Mary MacIntosh who shared many cups of tea with me on a lonely evening in her little home.

Thank you to the Bible Study groups I've attended for your loving care and kindness, in particular Pat Thomson, Martyn and Jancis Bateman, Buddy MacDougall, Bet and Roy Higham and Margaret and Simon Ellis of Farr. Thank you also to Colin Croy who has been a long standing friend who has always made me laugh and would help me anytime.

Life is moving on for me and those who do know me have been aware that I haven't enjoyed very good health over the last few years and this has contributed to my decision to live nearer to facilities....for my old age!

Finally I am grateful to God for the experience I've enjoyed here, His wonderful compassion and love for me. He alone knows my heart and knows how hard it is for me to leave.

I send all those who know me my kindest regards as I say farewell to living in Inverfarigaig.

Yours most humbly,

Norma Gillies.

History talks from Aberdeen University Stratherrick Hall

This year the two regular talks organised by Aberdeen University cover the subject of the "Highland Clearances". The October talk was presented by Andrew Ferguson. His angle on the subject gave consideration to both fact and fiction. How much has been romanticised, how much was inevitable and what facts are undisputed?

In the talk, the pre-clearance history of the Highlands took us from the formation of the clans through to the demise of the kelp industry. The power of the feudal landowners over vast tracts of land and an expanding population which was unable to support itself were the defining conditions for action by those few men. What happened during this extraordinary period was chronicled by many and Andrew's talk drew fascinating passages and quotes from well known poets, tourists, politicians, journalists, ministers and land agents as well as from the people themselves.

On Tuesday February 22nd, Dr Marjory Harper, who has talked at Stratherrick several times previously will be giving a talk entitled "Emigration from the Highlands".

Jane O'Donovan



Thank you so much

everyone for your kindness, generosity and help after Dave's passing - you helped me so much I just can't thank you all enough.

Wendy AA`

WATCH OUT FOR SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE!!

Boleskine Environmental Network

B.E.N. is a local group with an interest in environmental issues affecting the local area

B.E.N. Annual Meeting Update on the past year

A POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY KEN BROWN ON THE FOYERS SCHOOL PROJECT AT LOCH BRAN STARTED THE MEETING. PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN POND DIPPING. (*Not swimming - but dipping a net in the water to see what's there!*) AND MEASURING UP QUADRATS MADE AN UNUSUAL START TO AN AGM. (*More about the project in the BBs Foyers school supplement*).

Following this the chairman Alex Sutherland gave a brief outline of the business of the past year. Input into the proposed renewable energy schemes for the area had been considerable. On behalf of the community council B.E.N. had written responses to both the proposed River E and Glendoe Hydro schemes. B.E.N. continues to express concerns about environmental problems associated with the developments. And has joined others in Scotland trying to encourage M.S.P.s in the Scottish Parliament to press for an overall strategy for developments in our hills. B.E.N. also contributed to an economic appraisal on the effects of the proposed developments to the area. (*B.E.N. can forward an electronic copy of the report to anyone interested - email: odonovan_jane@hotmail.com*)

B.E.N.'s two projects: - The Real Nappy project and the distribution of composting bins have now ended but our sponsorship of the Foyers School Project at Loch Bran was a stimulating new venture. B.E.N. is also now represented on the environment and heritage committee of the Loch Ness Partnership.

Thanks go to the 20 people who came out to support B.E.N. and also to Tim at the Waterfall café for hosting the event.

Fit for drinking?

Reports have appeared recently about high levels of trihalomethanes (THM) in certain Highland water supplies. THMs are produced by a reaction between natural peat residues and chlorine which is added by the water supplier. THMs are known to cause various health problems including cancer and birth defects.

We asked Scottish Water to provide details of water quality measured in the Gorthleck supply over the last 2 years. The data they supplied indicates that our drinking water meets the required standard for drinking water in almost every respect. Only one test failed out of over 400 (the permitted level of nitrite was exceeded once in 2002).

If anyone would like to see the data supplied by Scottish Water or would like BEN to take up any issues relating to water quality, contact John Parrott on 486426.

Invest in the future....

Don't chuck your glass bottles out....
use the banks!

THERE ARE TWO BOTTLE BANKS IN THE AREA. ONE IN STRATHERRICK HALL CAR PARK AND THE OTHER BEHIND THE FOYERS SHOP. PLEASE GO AFTER 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING - THE BANKS ARE CLOSE TO DWELLINGS. ANY GLASS JAR OR BOTTLE CAN BE BANKED FOR RECYCLING. **PLEASE JOIN IN.**

Hazel Coppice Project

A hazel wood is in need of local enthusiasts for sustainable coppice management

An opportunity to ~

- * Work a 'woodland allotment'
- * Help preserve wildlife habitats

Everyone welcome to join us on
Saturday 15th January meeting at
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For more information please Call Kate Tuer on
07887 626 633 (Forestry Commission).

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HERITAGE –

NATURAL HERITAGE

On the 23rd November the South Loch Ness Heritage Group invited Derek McGinn to give a talk and slide show. Through his wonderful photographs and sound recordings of birds from sea cliffs to Cairngorm's high plateau he emphasised the importance of our natural heritage - the heritage, which we would be handing down to the next generation - and the responsibility we had to look after that heritage.

*Do we know what wildlife we have in this area?
What natural heritage do we have to pass on?*

B.E.N. would like to start a recording project ("Know your own patch") to catalogue the wildlife here in our strath.

If you are interested in wildlife - plants, birds, insects or animals and would like to learn more about them and how to record your findings - please get in touch. Ring Jane on 486355 or Helen on 486265

Meanwhile

*"A love affair with *Hirundo rustica*"*

Hirundo rustica is the Latin name for the swallow. They are loyal to their place of birth, returning from Africa in May. - - *Could the one nesting in the shed be the same one who nested last year?*

How many nests were built in Stratherrick in 2004 and how many of them were successful? Only one pair bred in my shed and only the first clutch (4 chicks) were reared, the second clutch died about a week after hatching. In 2003 two successful clutches were reared - 10 new swallows.

I would like to hear from anyone who had swallows nesting in their barn/shed/garage. Next year it would be interesting to monitor those nests and see how they vary from year to year. You can phone me - Jane on 486355 or email: odonovan_jane@hotmail.com



Harbingers of an Arctic winter?

A number of folk in Stratherrick were lucky enough to see waxwings this autumn. Flocks of up to 15 or so were seen in Errogie, Whitebridge and Knockie between the 25th October and mid-November. They formed part of what now appears to be the biggest waxwing invasion ever recorded in UK. Several thousand birds arrived in north Scotland and are now steadily munching their way south.

Waxwings breed in the forests of northern Scandinavia. In winter they feed mainly on berries such as rowan and rosehips, eating 600-1000 berries a day. Later in the winter they will feed on fallen apples.

These striking birds are pinkish brown with a prominent crest. They look rather like compact starlings in flight and call frequently - an urgent trilling which gives them away.

According to folklore, with the early arrival of so many waxwings, we may be in for a hard winter. Meanwhile, RSPB is hoping to build up a picture of this year's irruption, so any of your sightings would be welcome.... John Parrott 486426

The RSPB confirmed Loch Ruthven as the UK's most important Slavonian grebe site. A record 27 pairs and five single birds were seen this summer. For the first time a nesting pair was also found to be using a sedge bed created by RSPB staff for the birds in 1999.

Foyers School Supplement

CHRISTMAS
EDITION 2004

Welcome to Loch Bran!



We have already visited the Loch five times to learn about its plants and animals. Katy Stirling, our Country-side Ranger usually comes along and helps us find some of them and learn their names and all about the way they live and the things they eat.

We take water temperatures and air temperatures every time we go so that we will have a record of the changes that happen throughout the year as the weather changes.

We are looking forward to the Spring and Summer when the Loch will come to life again and we will be able to see how many different dragonflies and damselflies we can spot.

Loch Bran is especially famous for these colourful giant insects. There are about eleven species here.

Please look after our Loch because it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest

Please DO:

- Pick up any litter.
- Look after the plants and animals you see.
- Report injured animals you find
- Take snagged fishing line home. It could kill or hurt animals
- Keep to the paths so that plants and animals are not damaged by your feet
- Take care by the water's edge; it is very boggy!

Please DON'T:

- Leave any litter.
- Pick any wild flowers or plants.
- Take wildlife or plants away from their habitat
- Damage trees
- Pollute the Loch with boat fuel or litter
- Light fires—they may spread and kill trees and animals.

Thank You!

Learning more about Loch Bran...



Left:

We go pond dipping to find different plants and animals

Right:

We use quadrats to see how many different plants there are in each small area near the Loch



Foyers School Supplement



Voters of the future meet their councillors

Foyers School pupils from classes P4-P7 mounted an exhibition of their Loch Bran project at Highland Council HQ in Glenurquhart Road recently. They had been chosen to represent initiatives taken under the Highland Council's Enterprise Education programme. Councillors and Officers met the children and discussed the project with them. A small exhibition displayed the work being carried out in a series of photos, graphs and the children's written accounts of their research.

The Secret Side of Loch Ness

A Compact Disc (CD) featuring little publicised features of the south-eastern side of Loch Ness is now on sale, price £10.

Prepared by the children and teachers of five local primary schools, 'The Secret Side of Loch Ness' provides an illustrated virtual tour from the bridges over the River Ness in Inverness as far as the old Wade Bridge at Whitebridge—and inland to Stratherrick and Farr.

The CD was compiled by Cauldeen, Aldourie, Farr, Stratherrick and Foyers Primary schools. A public launch was held at the Town House in Inverness on Friday, 25th November.

The virtual tour includes photographs, video-footage, drawings and poems, with the children providing spoken narratives. The tour is conducted to a musical background, much of it composed and played by Mr. Hugh MacNally.

The CD is available from any of the schools.

Foyers School Christmas Concert

Beauty and the Beast of Loch Bran

Foyers School's Annual Christmas Concert
will be held in the School hall at
7.00 p.m. on Friday, 17th December
Admission £1.00. Refreshments included

All proceeds to school funds—please support us!



South Loch Ness Heritage

Alister Chisholm Recordings

The Heritage Group is greatly indebted to Alister Chisholm and to Sadie his Mother and family for a wonderful heartwarming presentation of tales and glimpses into the lifetime of the late Alister Chisholm Senior. Apart from nostalgic memories for those who knew him, it was an introduction to 'old Stratherrick' for many others.

Son Alister put together the programme and presented this with commendable skill, and this was enhanced by the added inclusion of interesting and educational old photographs from friends and neighbours of the family. This was an outstanding example of local heritage, centred on a much loved and remembered pillar of our community. Thank you, to all the family for sharing these precious memories with us. Memories are what Heritage is all about and we must endeavour to build upon this.

We hope to record as much as possible of our Natural, Historic and Industrial Heritage of which we have an abundance, but the most important aspect will always be local people and their memories. Alister has shown what can be done. We therefore now appeal to old resident

families in particular who may be willing to show us any old photographs, that these might be enhanced, copied and recorded for posterity. Originals will be returned promptly to owners, plus an enhanced copy or copies, without cost to the donor.

On the topic of costs, it should be remembered that all residents of South Loch Ness are bona fide members of this Heritage Group, that no membership fee is imposed, that admission to public entertainment events is free and that our income is derived from a collection taken at such events. The Group can only maintain this system with your turnout and support at these meetings. With the large turnout at the last occasion, a generous collection of just over £200 was received. Thanks again, Alister.

On a different but important topic, thanks are also due for the efforts and dedication of Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, seeking to obtain support and funding for the restoration of Foyers' Old Bridge. The Heritage Group applaud and support this as must everyone in Foyers and beyond.

Hugh McNally

Local Loch Ness Marathon Runners



Well done! All the runners from Foyers and Stratherrick managed to complete the Loch Ness Marathon - all 26.2 miles. They would like to extend their thanks to all those who helped on the day at the water stations; all who offered encouragement along the way; all who donated to the many good causes they were running for and to the Craigdarroch House Hotel for a great party afterwards.

The runners were Raymond Kerrigan, Andrew Munro, Graham & Russell Bain, Wendy, Austin & Todd Bellaris, Alan Rodgers,

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA): Open 24 hours, confidential service, charged at local rate.

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ALCOHOL COUNSELLING (INVERNESS): Tel. 01463 220995 Free, confidential, one-to-one counselling for anyone 16 years and over who is worried about their own or someone else's drinking.

BROOK HIGHLAND: 77, Church Street, Inverness. Tel. 01463 242434.

Sexual Health Advisory Service for young people under 25 years old.

Contraception, pregnancy testing, infection testing and counselling available.

CHILDLINE: Tel. 0800 1111. Free, confidential advice for children and young people 24 hours a day.

CHILDLINE SCOTLAND (BULLYING): Tel. 0800 441111. Free advice: Mon. to Fri. 3.30p.m. – 9.30p.m.

CITIZENS ADVICE (Inverness): Tel. 01463 235 345.

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DEPRESSION ALLIANCE: Tel. 0131 467305. Mon. to Fri. 10.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. Offers information and support for those with depression, their family and friends.

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FAMILY MEDIATION HIGHLAND: Tel. 01463 712100.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL: Tel. 0345 002005. Emergency number for homelessness and repairs after 5.00p.m

HELP THE AGED: Tel. 01315 516331. Seniorline: Tel. 0808 800 6565.

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SOCIAL WORK HOTLINE: Tel. 08457 697284. Calls charged at local rate. 24 hour service.

VICTIM SUPPORT: Tel. 01463 710806

WOMEN'S AID, INVERNESS: Tel. 01463 220719. Offers information, support and temporary accommodation for abused women and their children.

Compiled by Tine Butterworth

Bus Times

WHITEBRIDGE-INVERNESS

	Mon-Sat	
Whitebridge	07-35	12-30
Gorthleck	07-45	12-40
Errogie	07-49	12-44
Torness	07-58	12-53B
Inverness Acad	08-40	13-25
Inverness Bus	08-50	13-35
	Mon-Fri	Sat
Inverness Bus	10-30	15-15 17-10
Inverness Acad	10-40	15-35 17-20
Torness		16-17B
Errogie	11-21	16-16 18-01
Gorthleck	11-25	16-20 18-05
Whitebridge	11-35	16-30 18-15
B-via Torness when reqd.		

FOYERS-INVERNESS

	Mon-FriSat			
Up. Foyers	0755	1250	1623	0900 1320
L. Foyers	0800	1255	—	0905 1325
Inverness	0853	1340	1710	0950 1410

Inverness	1155	1515	1743	1230 1743
L. Foyers	1240	1605	1828	1315 1828
Up. Foyers	1245	1610	1833	1320 1833

D&E GORTHLECK-INVERNESS

	MWF	T Th	SD	SH
Gorthleck	0932	0920	1514	1515
L. Foyers	—	0934	—	—
Errogie	0937	—	1540	1525
Torness	0947	—	1550	1535
Farr shop	—	—	1619	—
Dores	0957	0958	—	1545
Inverness	1014	1014	1634	1600
	SD	SH	MWF	T Th
Inverness	0800	0830	1420	1420
Dores	—	0845	1435	1435
Farr shop	0825	—	—	—
Torness	0855	0900	1445	—
Errogie	0905	0910	1455	1459
L. Foyers	—	—	—	1459
Gorthleck	0920	0920	1501	1514

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play group work regularly to work with parents and
children.**



South Loch Ness Tourist Group Update

The SLNTG met again on Monday, 4th October at the Waterfall Cafe after the 'Summer Recess'. The meeting was well attended and the group is particularly pleased to welcome three new members, David Murray and Sarah Izzett at the Whitebridge Hotel, John Hedger and Glen Harman at the Pottery House B&B, Dores and Andrew and Caroline Pavitt, new owners of The Steadings.

The major event over the Summer was the Catamaran event which coincided with the Dores Gala on 28th August. This event was a great success and attracted considerable coverage in the local press, specialist magazines and on BBC Radio Scotland.

Also over the Summer around the loch, we had the Caledonian Ceilidh Trail. This was much improved on last year and also a great success. Some readers may have enjoyed the sessions held at the Waterfall Cafe.

Finally, in October, for the third year, the South side played host to the Loch Ness Marathon. Almost 1000 runners took part this year including a number of local faces you may have seen pounding the roads over the Summer months!

The main subject ongoing at the moment for the group is the upgrading of the SLNTG website (www.lochnesswelcome.co.uk) and the printing of a new information leaflet specific to the South side. The

upgraded site will provide the SLNTG with competitive advantage over many similar sites around Loch Ness and beyond. It will also provide an extremely effective marketing tool for all members collectively as well as provide individual opportunities for businesses to promote themselves. The new leaflet will show around 20 points of interest on the South side and is a much needed source of information for all visitors to the area. These two exciting new developments have been possible by grants from Highland Council and Inverness & Nairn Enterprise.

The group is also keen to develop a data base of tourism statistics for the area including occupancy figures, visitor numbers and other relevant information that can easily be gathered. This will provide much needed and valuable information from which SLNTG and other interested parties can benefit.

The AGM was held on Monday, 29th November at The Steadings, courtesy of Andrew and Caroline Pavitt and was a great night for catching up with members after a busy Summer season and looking ahead to next year.

Next open meeting "Lessons by Loch Ness" by Mrs. Anne Fraser, 15th February (location to be announced).

Situations vacant

Relief receptionist at the Medical Centre required when Liz and Lesley go on holiday, approximately 8 weeks in the year, 9 am to 1 pm and also if needed to help cover sick leave.

Work mainly reception duties, answering the telephone, making appointments and helping with the filing of reports.

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Agi and I would be delighted to hear from anybody who would like to **work in the shop or cafe** next Summer on a part time basis (up to 15 hours per week).

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Thursday 30th	9-30 to 5-30 pm	9-30 to 5-30 pm
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"Emigration from the Highlands and Islands"

Talk by Dr. Marjory Harper

7-30 pm

Tuesday 22nd February

To book the Hall 'phone Judith Borup on 01456 486464

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

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Christmas Day - 10.30am - Family Service followed by Communion.

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Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Carols by Candlelight followed by

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