

# TheBoleskineBulletin



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## Bringing the Bulletin into the 21st Century

We are looking at putting the Bulletin on to the internet. The first piece to the dotted line is part of the front page of the site at present with a link to the last edition.

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### Welcome to the Boleskine Bulletin.

This is a temporary site to judge local opinion as to the B.B. going online, please let us know what you think. As an advertiser I would welcome more exposure and links to my site. I think it would also be of interest to Scots living overseas, especially when the past issues are online. If the B.B. was online I would opt out of the paper delivery saving paper, printing costs and volunteer's feet. The photographs are so much better online and if you want you can print them. With the right software, blind and visually impaired people can hear text on the Internet.

Do you think the bulletin should be online?

Let us know what you think.

Eric

For all those with Internet access either at home or via other access points such as the library please access Eric's page and see what you think. The intention, if the feedback is positive, is to make the address a permanent one.

The advantages of this is that the picture content can be in colour making full use of the often very fine pictures submitted to the Bulletin which cannot be fully appreciated in the black and white format that the costs of colour printing enforce on us.

The web address is: - [www.newsite.caor.co.uk/](http://www.newsite.caor.co.uk/)

Feed back can either be direct to me using the BB email address of :-

[boleskine\\_bulletin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:boleskine_bulletin@hotmail.co.uk) or to Eric and then to me via the comments link on the front page of the web site.

Editor

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## **The Foyers and Inverfarigaig Senior Citizens Lunch**

The Foyers and Inverfarigaig Senior Citizens Lunch held on Wednesday the 23rd January was enjoyed by all thanks to the efforts of the organisers and the hospitality and excellent food served by Kate and David Roberts of the Foyers Bay House. The well chosen gifts distributed to all, gifted by the organisers, were much appreciated finalising a very happy occasion.

### **Heritage Group Meetings**

A commendable number of people braved a rough night in December to attend a talk in the Stratherrick Hall by Katy Martin, Highland Council Ranger, entitled **“Wildlife of Loch Ness”**. Katy is an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker, very good at communicating the broad knowledge she has acquired over many years tramping the area. She is particularly interesting about the importance of the “mini-beasts” flourishing in their billions largely out of sight beneath our feet and amongst the trees, and providing the foundation upon which all our mammals and birds survive. We all know that if we lose squirrels or stags it would be a tragedy, but if we lose slugs or spiders it could well be an ecological catastrophe.

Those that have not already done so should try and attend some of the Ranger Guided Walks that are scheduled in this area. You may find that your eyes are opened to new aspects of our countryside.

### **March Meeting – The Caledonian Canal, Past, Present and Future**

This will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, in Dores Hall at 7:30. The speaker will be Andrew Ross of British Waterways. How different would our area have turned out without this landmark of early 19<sup>th</sup> century engineering?

### **Late June/early July**

Alex Sutherland, until recently Access Officer for the Highland Council, will talk about “Rights of Way and Access over Scotland” in Stratherrick Hall. Date to be confirmed.

### **Message from Lesley Caskie**

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to my leaving party and retirement gifts. As many of you know it's one of the few times I have been rendered speechless (almost).

The painting will be a constant reminder of the beautiful area, (and People), where I worked for the last 15 years. I enjoyed my time there, and the fact I was there for so long proves it! The silk flowers are beautiful, and look fantastic in my living room, the colours are perfect, and as for the dog—what can I say? House trained and obedient immediately ! I can honestly say I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and I appreciate every gift and good wish.

The party was great fun and everyone I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed it. There are many people to thank, there isn't enough paper, but I would like to mention Lesley, Eileen and Julie for all their hard work, and Sarah and David of the Whitebridge Hotel for their hospitality and generosity—I think there will be a few return visits!

I will miss you all very much, but intend to keep in touch where possible (you don't escape that easily). Thank you again for your kindness and generosity in gifts and good wishes. I truly appreciate every single one,

With every best wish,

Lesley Caskie

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### **A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO :-**

Wild Side Highland Lodges

Craigdarroch House Hotel

Foyers Bay House

& all marathon sponsors

for their generous donations.

A great time was had by all at the Christmas party thanks to all the parents for their help and support.

The photograph shows girls from Stratherrick and Foyers school singing little donkey!



### **Changes to how to contact the District Nurses**

To contact the District Nurses

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm call 01463 234038

After 6.00pm and all weekend 08454 242242 (NHS 24)

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

John Campbell (Chairman)                      Fiona Kirkland, Secretary    Tine Butterworth (Treasurer)  
Angus Fraser                      Kenny Fraser                      Lesley MacGregor                      Helen Grainger  
Sandy MacPherson                      Eileen Martin                      Martyn Bateman

### **MINUTE OF MEETING 22nd OCTOBER 2007**

#### **Correspondence**

**Ward Forum meeting** - Wednesday 24th October. Mr A C Fraser will try to attend.

**Mrs Brown, Foyers School** - It was pointed out the CC were incorrect in stating that £2000 or a wind turbine had been offered to Foyers School from SSE in relation to community benefit. In February 2006 the children of Foyers School were invited to take part in a ceremony to mark the re-opening of the refurbished Power Station in Foyers. The invitation was extended because Foyers was the local school. As part of this occasion, the School was presented with a cheque for £2000 to spend on environmental projects. The offer of a windmill was not made then or at any subsequent occasion. The visit to the Power Station and the presentation of the cheque was reported in the Spring edition of the Boleskine Bulletin.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Brown.

#### **Treasurer**

The project account remains at £3857.58 and ordinary account at £1209.96, which include £500 for notice boards and £36.10 OAP Christmas fund.

#### **Planning**

Three holiday lodges on land adjacent to Foyers church hall.

The plans were not objected to, but the Secretary was instructed to ask HC to ensure that the footpaths to the School would still be accessible during construction, and to ask that a condition of planning would be to extend the paths to join the school road. The safety of the access was also questioned.

#### **Fire Brigade**

A banner promoting community fire safety visits at the end of the intake road in Foyers has been torn down and is missing.

#### **Roads and Road Signs**

The bumps just after the junction of the B851 and B862, heading toward Dunmaglass are getting worse.

The road round Newlands is in a terrible condition. Wood is being extracted and the road is disintegrating. Hard core has been put over it to patch it up.

Errogie corner - Still no white lines. Traffic is uncertain of who has right of way.

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

**Fireworks** - It was agreed to give a donation of £400 to Mr M Houston for the fireworks display to be held in Gorthleck on Saturday 3rd November.

**Marathon** - There was a lack of marshals at the start of the Marathon this year, which resulted in a lot of anti-social behaviour. The crowds were not contained and so they were wandering and fouling private property again. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Sutherland and request that there should be more toilets next year, as well as more marshals.

#### **Closure**

Mr Campbell thanked all the Community Council members for their hard work over the years. Mr McCormack will arrange the next meeting for the new Council.

#### **NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mark Houston (Chairman), Whitebridge 486729                      Liz Merther (Secretary), Foyers 486382



Katherine Grant (Treasurer), Gorthleck 486221  
Paul Higham, Foyers 486633  
Lesley MacGregor, Whitebridge 486404  
751213  
Alex Sutherland, Errogie 486711

Kenny Fraser, Gorthleck 486220  
Alex Nicol, Foyers 486307  
Sandy MacPherson, Torness 01463

Martyn Bateman, Whitebridge 486273

### **MINUTE OF MEETING 4TH DECEMBER 2007**

#### **1. Election of New Office Bearers**

Mr McCormack presented the list of new Community Council members.

Nominations for Chairman were invited. Mr M. Houston was proposed by Mr MacPherson, and the nomination seconded by Mr Fraser. Mr Houston was duly elected Chairman.

Other Office bearers were unanimously elected:

Vice Chairman: Mr P. Higham

Secretary: Mrs E. Merther

Assistant Secretary: Mrs L. MacGregor

Liaison Officer with Hochtief for the Glendoe Hydro-electric scheme: Mr A. Sutherland

It was agreed that the appointment of Treasurer be held over until the next meeting.

#### **2. Adoption of Minutes**

It was agreed that adoption of Minutes of the October meeting be deferred until the first full meeting of the new Council in January.

#### **3. Next Meeting**

Some general discussion took place on items for inclusion on the Agenda at the next meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr Munro of the Lodges on Loch Ness to invite him to attend the next meeting for further discussion regarding previous correspondence on footpaths.

The Chairman thanked Mr Campbell (outgoing Chairman) and Mrs Kirkland (outgoing Secretary) for attending and providing guidance and advice in the handover to new members.

It was agreed that the first full meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Stratherrick Hall. The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

**Congratulations** to Sarah Hartley and Rob Mullen from Inverfarigaig on the birth of their daughter Rowan Louise. Rowan arrived at 1.01 am on December 9th

and weighed in at 7lbs 11.5ozs.

Mother and baby are doing well

and Rowan now weighs 13lbs

1oz. Sarah and Rob write to

say " We would like to thank all

our friends and neighbours for

the wonderful cards, presents

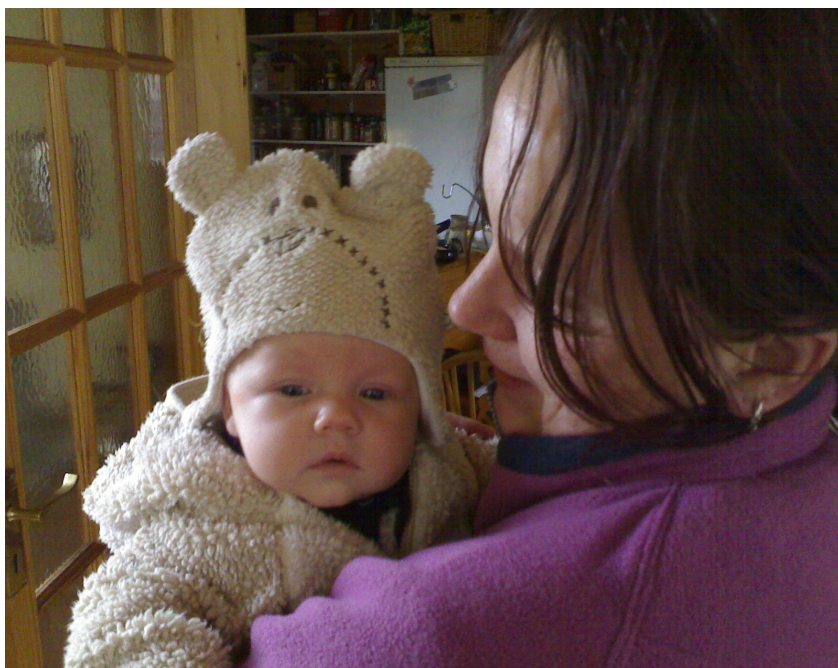
and best wishes on the birth of

Rowan. We were overwhelmed

by the generosity and Rowan

will be well-dressed for the rest

of the year!"



## **Birds of Prey**

All birds of prey have been fully protected by law since 1961. We are extremely fortunate that species such as the Osprey, Red Kite, Golden Eagle and Peregrine Falcon can be found within Stratherrick. There is also however a long and indeed recent history of poisoning.

Following a number of recent high profile cases, raptor poisoning is now a greater policing priority than it has ever been. The Scottish Executive is committed to protecting our natural heritage and under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 poisoning birds of prey can carry a six month jail sentence and/or a £5,000 fine. Furthermore up to 40% of Single Farm Payments may be withheld. As one of the Wildlife Officers for the Inverness Command Area it is my duty to detect offences and I would greatly appreciate your assistance.

How can I help? Bait, be it a rabbit, gralloch, or piece of carrion, is often laced with pesticides and placed in remote and inaccessible spots for hungry raptors. Should you be out walking and find a suspected bait or alternatively a dead raptor in suspicious circumstances then DO NOT TOUCH IT as many pesticides are extremely toxic to humans as well. You should contact the police and act upon their instruction. A precise location will assist.

Alternatively you may have important information concerning offenders and this can even be reported anonymously via Crime Stoppers (Tel 0800 555 111).

Thank you.

Aros Mathieson Pc 111 (Foyers Beat)

Tel 01320 366400

Mob 07717855823.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Volunteers wanted please contact a member of the community council.

## **Christian Comment**

Most of us will be familiar with L.E.D.s - Light Emmiting Diodes – those small lights, usually red or green, that we have on electric clocks, cookers, microwaves, etc. to indicate the time or the on/off position. Some L.E.D.s are now blue, thanks to clever research work around the world; and their colours combined have now made it possible to produce white L.E.D.s. Two Scottish scientists who are working in America, along with others around the world, believe this will be the ultimate form of lighting later in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century and have named their programme, “Light up the World”. It will provide lighting in the most remote places through the use of simple pedal driven or hand wound generators, enabling people to read in the evenings, to use computers and radios, to facilitate operations in hospitals; all because these lights require very little energy to provide a bright illumination.

This should be an improvement on the “low energy” light bulbs with which we are familiar, that give more light output for the amount of energy (watts) consumed. Our Community Benefit Fund Committee is considering a free issue of these bulbs to those who would like them, as a small way of helping to combat global warming by the reduction of energy consumption - and also to cut down the cost of lighting our homes.

It is interesting to recall that almost two thousand years ago, in an age of candles and oil lamps, our Lord Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.” (John Ch.8 v.12) He was, of course, referring to the light that is necessary to guide our decisions and actions, our thinking and motivation. None of the modern discoveries to “Light up the World” can provide that inner light we all need as we journey through life. Three thousand years ago King David in Jerusalem wrote, “Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119 v.105). It is in the Bible that we have God’s Word

and the teaching and example of Jesus. Most of us will have a Bible in our home – but do we read it day by day and so switch on that light?

The following prayer, by Minnie Louise Haskins, was quoted by King George VI in his Christmas Day broadcast, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1939.

“I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread softly into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better than a light and safer than a known way.”

Martyn Bateman

#### Community Carol Service

Thank you to all who supported our Community Carol Service in the Stratherrick Hall. £88 was donated to the work of the Biblelands Society, bringing relief to the many people presently suffering in the Middle East.

Christian Aid Week is from 11<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> May. Anyone who would like to help with the collection please contact Martyn Bateman on 01456 486273; and we hope that, once again, there will be a generous response for the wonderful relief work around the world.

Our Community Easter Praise is planned for Easter Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.00 p.m. in the Stratherrick Hall, to which everyone is most warmly invited. Any donations will be given to Christian Aid.

#### Church Meetings

##### Church of Scotland

Sunday: Boleskine 10.00a.m., Dores 11.30a.m.  
Mr. Ian King 01463 751293

##### N.B. The Church of Scotland United Services for Boleskine and Dores

are now at 11.00 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month at alternate venues

##### Episcopal Church

Sunday: 11.00a.m. Croachy.  
Rev. Peter Mosley 01808 521397

##### Free Church

Sunday: 6.00 p.m. Errogie.  
Mr. J. Campbell 01456 486240  
Sunday: 10.30a.m. & 4.15p.m. Dores. Wednesday: 7.30p.m.  
Mr. D. Fraser 01456 486408

##### Free Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 12 Noon Farr, every second Sunday: 7.00p.m. Gorthleck.  
Mr. E. Fraser 01456 486282

##### Roman Catholic Church

12.00 noon, alternate Sundays Whitebridge.  
Mrs. Therese Finley 01456 486747

##### Inter-denominational Bible Study

Rev. Martyn Bateman 01456 486273  
Alternate Thursdays, 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon

## **Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust.**

The Trust has so far granted support to three projects, Stratherrick Hall Repairs, Stratherrick Gun Club Improvements and Gorthleck Community Project. We also have two applications pending for support from the Stratherrick Hall Committee for future activities and from the Boleskine Bulletin.

These points below were suggested by the public at the meetings held in Foyers Tearoom and at Stratherrick Hall. What we need now are volunteers to carry forward these projects and apply to the Trust for funding. The Trust would also welcome any other project applications for consideration.

- Community minibus, with paid co-ordinator and/or driver – providing flexible transport on demand for local people
- Volunteer driver scheme (using private cars rather than minibus) to support elderly people who need to access appointments etc.
- Restore Wade bridge at Inverfarigaig and improve visitor access/viewing and interpretation
- Computer classes – use Foyers tea room?
- More fun / fitness activities, like belly-dancing
- Support activities to make fuller use of Stratherrick Hall
- Support for arts programme organised by Stratherrick Hall committee (arts subgroup)
- Film club (need DVD projection equipment) at Stratherrick Hall
- Support with costs of producing the Boleskine Bulletin
- Something to improve TV reception – assistance for those who can't afford to get satellite?
- Heritage map indicating historical sites (Heritage group)
- Occasional maintenance costs for Stratherrick Hall.
- Educational bursaries.
- Funding for a community website.
- Bring broadband to Inverfarigaig!

Should anyone be interested in obtaining further information on these proposals then please contact the Secretary at:

Linden,  
Grays Park.  
Foyers,  
Inverness-shire,  
IV2 6XW



# **Stratherrick Hall Arts**

## **Forthcoming Attractions**

### **The Gordon Gunn Band**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 8.00 p.m. - £8/£6**

Gordon Gunn has been described as “one of the most exciting and innovative fiddle players of the times”. Having exploded onto the traditional music scene with the release of his “Shoreside” album, Gordon’s dynamic playing is to the fore in the three bands he currently plays with, The Gordon Gunn Band, Session A9 and Anam.

With these bands he has performed to audiences at Celtic Connections, and Festivals in Cambridge, Orkney, Shetland, Highland, Blas, as well as throughout Ireland, Italy, Spain and Canada. Gordon has also recorded many radio broadcasts with The Gordon Gunn Band and Session A9, including BBC Radio Scotland’s “Take The Floor”, “Live At The Lemon Tree”, Celtic Connections”, “Travelling Folk” and “Mr. Anderson’s Fine Tunes”.

Accompanied by Brian McAlpine on keyboards, who has appeared on more than 40 albums crossing all musical genres as well as touring with “The Captain’s Collection” and “The Accidental Death of An Accordionist” and Phil Anderson on guitar and vocals, a native of Orkney who has toured extensively in Europe including with the chart-topping group “Middle Of The Road”, Gordon and his band represent some of the best of contemporary Scottish traditional music - very much a night not to be missed!

*“This has to be one of the best of its kind - Gordon’s fiddle shines through in all moods – and oh, that slow air ‘Orkney!’”*

*Robbie Shepherd – BBC Radio Scotland  
speaking about Gordon’s album “Shoreside”*

*“A kaleidoscope of styles and sounds, ranging from traditional, folk, country and even hints of jazz”*

*Box & Fiddle Magazine*

For further info. contact Hugh Nicol – 01456.486350 or Janet Sutherland – 01456.486711

## **The real story behind Nessie's appearance in the deep, dark, waters of the most famous loch in Scotland?**

Many, many years ago there was a family of small, brown, creatures who lived in Loch Farraline in Stratherrick high up in the mountains above Loch Ness. There were known as the Clan MacNess and were very well thought of by their neighbours.

The clear waters of Loch Farraline were a beautiful place to grow up in. The Macnessies shared it with shoals of bright, golden speckled trout who were continually jumping out of the water to catch dragon flies and midges hovering above its surface. At almost any time of the day (and night) you could see a circle of ripples from somewhere on the loch or hear the splash as a greedy trout dived back into the water with a juicy insect in its eager jaws. Above the surface ducks paddled busily along the banks quacking important orders to their duckling families as they did their best to keep up with Ma and Pa Mallard.

Life was very pleasant and easy but perhaps just ever so slightly boring for young Angus Macness. He had listened to all the stories and legends from his parents and great uncles and aunties many times over but every now and then he felt a peculiar restlessness and curiosity about the bigger world which he suspected existed outside his lovely home.

Loch Farraline is one of the most attractive highland lochs and the jewel that sits in the centre of beautiful Stratherrick. However at its far, western end the water gradually becomes much deeper and the surface is marked with small whirlpools and sudden, anxious waves just before it flows out of the loch. It suddenly drops away into a deep narrow gorge and then changes into a fast flowing river full of large boulders and sudden drops into deep pools lined with overhanging gnarled birch trees.

Definitely not a spot that young Macnessie should hang about in and all of the adults in his family made sure that every youngster was warned about the dangers which lurked there, especially the slimy grey eels who could wrap themselves around young bodies and drag them down into their holes among the mud and the boulders at the bottom of deep black pools.

To the human ear a Nessie doesn't speak or appear to make any sound that can be recognised as a word but they manage to communicate with each other perfectly well and especially love to sing, or more accurately hum, catchy dance tunes mainly strathspeys, reels and jigs and of course a lullaby every now and then when it might be necessary to send children to sleep. This is all done in what appears to be a most extraordinary way by drawing water in through the mouth and then sort of squirting it out again through one or other or both nostrils changing notes with just a subtle twitch of the nose. Very often they will also keep time by swinging their tails from side to side or thumping it against a log or convenient rock.

Well young Angus was away in a world of his own (just what his mother was always warning him about) trying to master a particularly catchy but quite difficult jig that he had already sort of half learned by listening to his much older cousin Gordon who was by way of turning into a bit of a star performer at family ceilidhs and could even be destined for a spot at the next National Mod.

He was floating on his back cheerfully humming the melody line twitching his tail and blowing water out of his nostrils good style without really being aware that all the time he was gradually drifting towards the outlet from Loch Farraline. And he was unaware that the water was beginning to move more rapidly and an alarming, slightly oily sheen was appearing on its surface as it moved faster and faster towards the point where it dropped over the gap in the weir and began its headlong rush towards the gorge and Loch Ness

Concentrating on his tune and floating comfortably on his back Angus was blissfully unaware of the fast approaching danger. Suddenly there was a rush and the little animal began to pick up speed. Too late he spun over onto his belly and tried to turn upstream and kick against the current with all the combined strength in his flippers and his tail but the relentless water held him in its tight embrace and his frantic efforts made no difference at all. His last glimpse of Loch Farraline was no more than a patch of blue sky and the outline of familiar hills before he was swept away from that dear familiar place.

Faster and faster, he was out of control and being swept along, spun over and over by the rushing water. The tune was lost and all his efforts were concentrated on simply staying alive in the torrent. It was just like being a dirty trainer shoe bumping round and round, over and over inside a washing machine with just brief glimpses of the outside world through the glass door. And then suddenly the sensation was like falling out of bed and being sucked down the plug hole in your bath all at once.....

A small red squirrel was brushing his teeth with a twig beside the pool when he glanced up and saw something round and brown with legs, arms, and a head go spinning over the waterfall. A little girl called Eilidh was walking with her family on the path high above the river and she noticed a sudden splash close to where the big waterfall falls into its final pool and the rushing river finally plunges into the deep dark waters of Loch Ness. Her father and mother were looking at the tree tops and told her it would be nothing more than some old brown leaves swept down from the mountains, but Eilidh may have been small but she didn't wear glasses and she had very sharp eyes and she knew that she had seen something quite different!

Dark, deep and much, much colder those were the feelings that gripped him as he dropped into Loch Ness. Where was he? What was this place and how far had he come? How to get back? Angus rolled over onto his back again. He looked up, and his face turned an even paler shade of green for there high above him were the mighty Falls of Foyers down which he had been shot like a spinning pin ball. Impossibly steep rocks and crags hemmed in the waterfall and there was no helpful bungee rope to spring him back up there again.

Suddenly Angus realised with a deepening feeling of dread that there was absolutely no way that he could ever climb up that impossible obstacle and find his way home again to Loch Farraline and his dear family and friends!

To be continued.....

Gollach

## **The Boleskine Camanachd Club News**

The Boleskine Camanachd Club following relegation last season, in 2008 will play in North Division 3 and also contest the Sutherland and Strathdearn Junior cups as in previous years. This season will involve games against Aberdeen University who have dropped two divisions, Ardnamurchan a team formed in Oct 2005 and joined LD3 in season 2006, whom we have never played. Other teams in the league are Lochcarron, Lochbroom, Kincraig, Beaully, Inverness, Strathglass and Glenurquhart . In the Sutherland cup first round we are away to Skye, while in the Strathdearn cup we are at home to Naver Athletic a newly formed club from Bettyhill in Sutherland .

The Club play their home games at Smith Park Inverarnie, matches commencing at 2:30pm generally, but check local press for details of any changes. The club website at :- <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/shinty/index.htm> will give updates in Fixtures & results section , also details of any events organised by the club in the club news section .

U 12 Shinty training is on a Wed night at 7-8pm at Farr hall, while the U14 & U17 are along with the adults at 8-9pm the same evening.

Any one interested in playing shinty or becoming a member of our monthly draw club, contact club secretary Michelle Fraser on 01463 718380

### **Boleskine Season 2008 Fixture list**

Adult games throw up at 2:30 pm unless specified , missing Saturday dates in fixture list could be used for postponements

| DATE     | Adult North League Div 3   |
|----------|--|
| 1 MARCH  | ABERDEEN UNI v BOLESKINE 1:30pm                                    |
| 8 MARCH  | LOCHBROOM v BOLESKINE 1:30pm                                       |
| 15 MARCH | BOLESKINE v LOCHCARRON 1:30pm                                      |
| 29 MARCH | BOLESKINE v BEAULY   |
| 5 APRIL  | SKYE v BOLESKINE (SUTH CUP first round)                            |
| 12 APRIL | BOLESKINE v ARDNAMURCHAN   |
| 19 APRIL | GLENURQUHART v BOLESKINE   |
| 26 APRIL | BOLESKINE v STRATHGLASS  |
| 3 MAY    | BOLESKINE v NAVER ATHLETIC (STRATH CUP first round)                |
| 10 MAY   | OBAN CELTIC V SKYE/BOLESKINE (SUTH CUP second round) POSTPONEMENTS |
| 17 MAY   | BOLESKINE v INVERNESS  |
| 24 MAY   | ARDNAMURCHAN v BOLESKINE   |
| 31 MAY   | BOL/NAVER v CABERFIEDH (STRATH CUP second round) POSTPONEMENTS     |
| 7 JUNE   | KINCRAIG v BOLESKINE   |
| 5 JULY   | BOLESKINE v ABERDEEN UNI   |
| 11 JULY  | BEAULY v BOLESKINE (FRIDAY NIGHT GAME )                            |
| 19 JULY  | STRATHGLASS V BOLESKINE  |
| 9 AUG    | BOLESKINE v GLENURQUHART   |
| 16 AUG   | LOCHCARRON v BOLESKINE   |
| 30 AUG   | BOLESKINE v KINCRAIG   |
| 6 SEPT   | INVERNESS v BOLESKINE  |
| 4 OCT    | BOLESKINE v LOCHBROOM  |

## **From Your HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR MARGARET DAVIDSON**

### **Ward 13 Aird and Loch Ness**

It has been a whirlwind 10 months since the elections in May last year.

And, as you know, it was an all change election.

At Highland Council we have an Independent/SNP administration. As an Independent councillor for the past 10 years, it has been a steep and continuing learning curve. At ward level we all work together and with my Colleagues I have spent the time getting to know the ward. The ward is huge, stretching from Farr, north and south Loch Ness; the Glens, Strathglass and Beauly, Kirkhill and Kiltarlity...up to the boundaries of Inverness at Bunchrew.

For your interest there is a lot of information on Ward 13 Aird and Loch Ness on the Highland Council web site [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk).

Stratherrick and Foyers is a fascinating area to get to know and I intend to hold regular surgeries in the area in order to make myself available for constituents to raise personal or general issues. I am acutely aware there is no longer has a Councillor living on the South side of Loch Ness. However I am from Abriachan, over the other side of the Loch and understand many of your problems and aspirations. I hope to make a good, strong relationship in order to best serve you over the next 3 years

It was good to see some work on the edges of the B862.

However I know many of you have roads issues you want to raise. Let me know and I can ensure they get onto the maintenance list. I am particularly interested in drainage issues. I would like to see a greatly improved programme of drain and ditch maintenance.

Meanwhile some good news. The kerb-side recycling that has been trialled in Inverness is to be rolled out all across the Highlands. I know many of you wanted that. There is also extra money to increase the TEC services workforce and we can expect better street sweeping, grass cutting and litter picking.

You have an excellent South Loch Ness Heritage Group that does great work. I hope to meet with them and see what help we can bring to help with projects. Next year, 2009 is the Year of Homecoming and here is money available for community projects. It is a good opportunity.

#### **My contact details**

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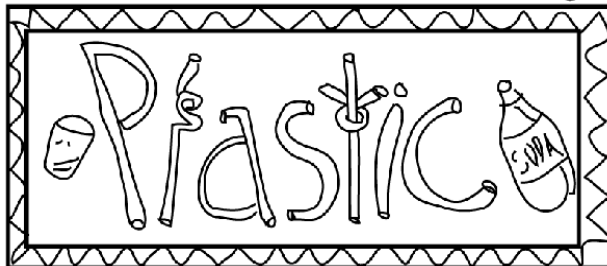
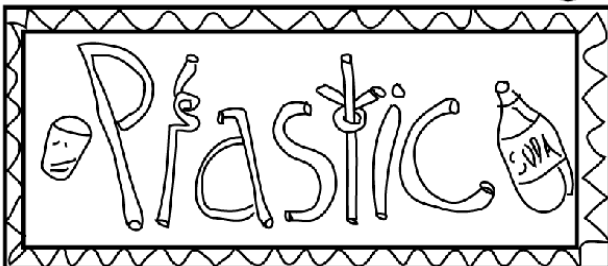
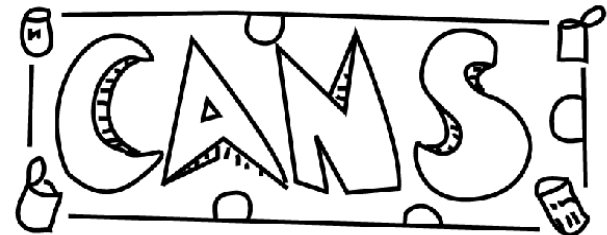
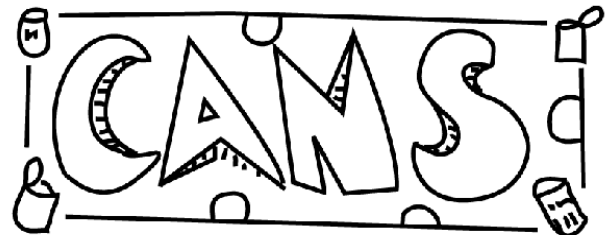
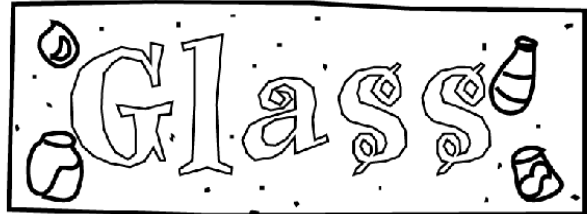
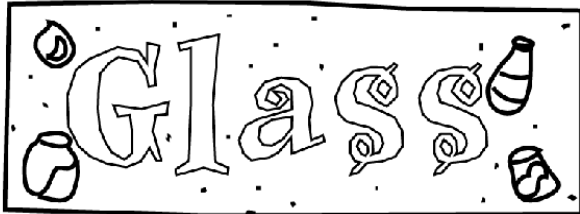
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To The Editor

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To the "Gritting Team", many thanks - your efforts are much appreciated!

From a grateful resident.

Name and address supplied (Editor)

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| Errogie        | 07-49 | 12-44  |
| Torness        | 07-58 | 12-53B |
| Inverness Acad | 08-40 | 13-25  |
| Inverness Bus  | 08-50 | 13-35  |
| Mon-Fri        |       |        |
| Inverness Bus  | 10-30 | 15-15  |
| Inverness Acad | 10-40 | 15-35  |
| Torness        |       | 16-17B |
| Errogie        | 11-21 | 16-16  |
| Gorthleck      | 11-25 | 16-20  |
| Whitebridge    | 11-35 | 16-30  |
| Sat            |       |        |
| Inverness Bus  | 10-30 | 17-10  |
| Inverness Acad | 10-40 | 17-20  |
| Torness        |       | 16-17B |
| Errogie        | 11-21 | 18-01  |
| Gorthleck      | 11-25 | 18-05  |
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| Inverness  | 0853 | 1400 | 1710 | 0950 | 1410 |

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|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Inverness  | 1215 | 1515 | 1743 | 1230 | 1743 |
| L. Foyers  | 1300 | 1605 | 1828 | 1315 | 1828 |
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|           | 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 | —    | —    | —    |
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| Errogie   | 0905 | 0910 | 1455 | 1459 |
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