



OUR VERY OWN “LAND GIRL” RECEIVES HER BADGE



Local resident Sadie Chisholm has recently been honoured with her Land Army Badge for services during the war. The picture shows a very proud Sadie with her badge. We felt the Land Army Doll (which Sadie made the uniform for, see over page) deserved a photo too.

Along with the badge Sadie received a Certificate signed by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. The Certificate states "The Government wishes

to express to you its profound gratitude for your unsparing efforts as a loyal and devoted member of the Women's Land Army /Women's Timber Corps at a time when our country depended upon you for its survival"

Sadie was born in 1925 and attended Polmedie School in Glasgow and then went on to Calder Street School. As was the norm in those days Sadie left school at the age of 14 and went to work at the Scotch Wool and Hosiery Store in Glasgow. Sadie was in the Girls Training Corps where she was taught semaphore and the Morse Code and enjoyed this so much she would like to join the Wrens when old enough and dreamed of being a wireless operator. However when Sadie received her call up papers at the age of 17 there was no vacancy for her

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in the Wrens but the country was at war and in desperate need of Land Girls so in 1944 Sadie was sent to Drummond Farm, Whitebridge to help Jimmy MacKay and his wife run the farm - which was rented from Colonel Grant of the Knockie Estate.

Sadie's family lived on the outskirts of Glasgow and she was having to leave her family for the first time. Although there were farms nearby and she often saw sheep being taken to market down the road nothing could really have prepared her for arriving in Whitebridge where there was nothing but animals, fields and hills – not a shop or factory in sight!!

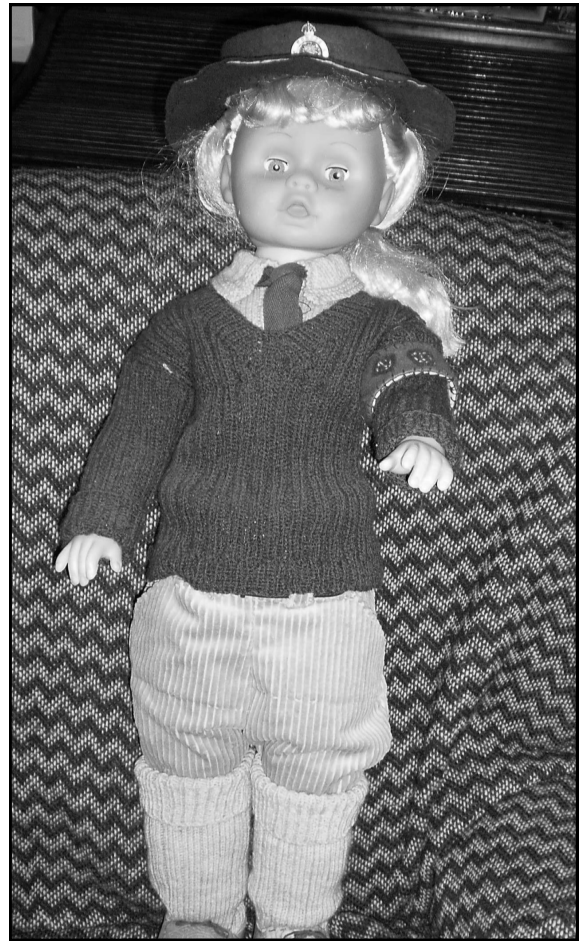
Sadie was just a young wee lassie and upon her arrival on the farm the tractor man never thought she would make it – but Sadie showed them all!

Sadie was made very welcome by the MacKays and soon learnt to milk their cow and help with lots of other chores about the farm, but after a while Sadie moved to Knockie where there were 6 cows and many more duties in the dairy, making butter, crowdie and cheese. There was also the poultry to take care of too.!!!. Sadie had to share servants quarters at Knockie and made good friends there. She carried on working for the Land Army until 1950 after which she helped to care for Mrs MacKay at Drummond Farm.

Sadie met Alaster Chisholm, who among other jobs was ploughman for Drummond Farm, and they married in 1953, with their reception at the Whitebridge Hotel and their honeymoon in Glasgow. They had 4 children, Alaster, Jimmy, Catherine and David.

Sadie continues to live in the family home in Gorthleck and ran the Post Office from the porch of the house for 22 years from 1966-1988 – this was a job she loved and was able to do as working from home she could still care for “the bairns”.

Sadie was the eldest of 4, her sisters Margaret and Jean and brother Robert all stayed on in Glasgow during her Land Army days in Whitebridge but all of them



Land army doll



Land Army Badge

eventually visited and later ended up living in the Highlands, Robert Moles is still in Foyers to this day

Sadie has had an interesting and busy life which she still enjoys to the full.

Congratulations Sadie on receiving your well deserved recognition for what was obviously very hard work.

The war changed many people's lives and Sadie was one of the lucky ones who managed to find love while serving her country a long way from home!! Do you have a special story to tell ? – The Boleskine Bulletin would love to hear from you.



A big thank you to all the children and parents of Foyers Primary School for your very kind leaving present. The Falls of Foyers framed picture has pride of place in my dining room and will be a constant reminder of the happy time spent teaching at Foyers. The Thorntons chocolates were yummy and only a few remain!

Thank you everyone,
Joyce Brunton

New Arrival

Mark Craven and Mary Ford would like to announce the arrival of their baby girl Julie Anne Craven born happy and healthy on the 9/08/2008 at 1854 in Raigmore Hospital at a whopping 9lbs. We would also like to thank the local community for the support and generous gifts we have received as well as their continued inquiries into the health of both Mary and Julie. With special thanks going to Helen, Sally and both our families who have made this happy time much easier for both of us. Since coming back to the village after a short while away we were overwhelmed by the support, guidance and good will people have shown towards us.

Thank you everyone
Mark, Mary and Julie



Wade Bridge, Whitebridge Update



Here is an update on the plight of the Wade Bridge at Whitebridge (see Winter 2007). Councillor Margaret Davidson has taken up the case after being buttonholed by Martyn Bateman at a local meeting. And the article prompted John Townshend, a civil engineer who divides his time between Edinburgh and Foyers, to do some research for the South Loch Ness Heritage Group (SLNHG). He writes these notes about landownership issues and the state of the bridge, and has been to two meetings triggered by Margaret Davidson.

Firstly the unresolved landownership issues. According to public records in Edinburgh, the two current landowners are Moor Valley Leisure Ltd from Yorkshire (owners since 2006 of Wildside Highland Lodges) and the new Dell Estate and its subsidiary, now owned by Jeremy Finnis. The picture is complicated by unclear boundary descriptions in past documents, including the 1897 purchase by the British Aluminium Company of two plots on either side of the river, after their success in developing the Foyers hydro-powered aluminium factory in 1895. They intended another hydro scheme using the River Fechlin with a turbine house at the bridge on one bank or the other. Nothing was built. A drawing showing the boundary descriptions has been passed to Highland Council's lawyer and may be useful in firming up the split between Dell Estate and Moor Valley. Garrogie Estate is not a part owner. SLNHG understands that both landowners are willing to co-operate but wish to limit their liabilities.

Secondly the state of the bridge. John Duncan, Highland Council's conservation architect, commissioned a report last year from Mott MacDonald. The engineers assessing the bridge had also reported ten years earlier, with recommendations that the old Dell Estate carry out repair work to the north west foundations, but these were ignored. MottMac's pre-assessment letter was full of doom and led to the closure in October 2007. A meeting was held on 7th May 2008 in Inverness involving MottMac, the Council's architect, engineer and lawyer, and Margaret Davidson. MottMac's key report was "nearly ready" then, is now long overdue and is eagerly awaited. It is held up obtaining reliable cost estimates. John Townshend's personal view is that the bridge is currently quite stable, but has suffered severe river erosion damage within the past 10 years since archive photos and could be destroyed by an

exceptional flood if nothing is done to repair the damage. The river in severe flood could exceed 3 metres depth and rush down. Quite cheap measures could safeguard the bridge.

What next? The bridge is not Highland Council's responsibility, though their co-operation is essential. The landowners may be willing to carry out some work. A "Wade Aid" voluntary work party might be helpful. The Rolls Royce solution is for a preservation trust to be set up, to buy the bridge, to raise funds and to manage the work. There are examples of such action on bridges far worse than Wade. Funding might come from Historic Scotland as long as the work is to a very high standard. The community trust might help with funding. MottMac's report will include costed recommendations for staged repairs, which will give a basis for talking.

Can SLNHG find potential preservation trust members with relevant experience?

Or is the solution low-tech, low budget action? Would anyone interested in putting their name forward to act as potential trustees (particularly people living in the Whitebridge area) please contact the editor of the Bulletin.



INVERNESS -WHITEBRIDGE

SERVICE 301

Monday to Friday Saturday

Knockie Lodge Road End	0730 1225 ----- 1225
Whitebridge Bus Shelter	0735 1230 ----- 1230
Gorthleck Old Shop	0745 1240 ----- 1240
Errogie Telephone Kiosk	0749 1244 ----- 1244
Torness	0758 1253r ----- 1253r
Coulanager Junction	0803 1248 ----- 1248
Croachy	0815 1300 1815 1300
Farr Post Office	0825 1310 1825 1310
Inverness Royal Academy	0840 1325 1840 1325
Inverness Bus Station	0850 1335 1850 1335
Inverness Bus Station	1030 1515 1740 1725
Inverness Royal Academy	1040 1535 1750 1740
Farr School	1055 1550 1805 1750
Croachy	1105 1600 1815 1800
Coulanager Junction	1117 1612 ----- 1812
Torness	----- 1617B -----
Errogie Telephone Kiosk	1121 1616 ----- 1816
Gorthleck Old Shop	1125 1620 ----- 1820
Whitebridge Bus Shelter	1135 1630 ----- 1830
Knockie Lodge Road End	1140 1635 ----- 1835

FOYERS - INVERNESS

SERVICE 302

	Monday to Friday	Saturday
Upper Foyers	0755 0755 1310 1623	0900 1320
Lower Foyers	0800 0800 1315 -----	0905 1325
Inverfarigaig Ctgs	0807 0807 1322 1630	0912 1332
Dores Inn	0824 0824 1339 1647	0929 1349
Scaniport	0831 0831 1346 1654	0936 1356
Royal Academy	0840 -----	
Holm Park Road End	0844 0835 1350 1658	0940 1400
Inverness Bus Station	0852 0845 1400 1708	0950 1410
Inverness Bus Station	1215 1515 1515 1743	1230 1743
Holm Park Road End	1225 1525 1525 1753	1240 1753
Royal Academy	----- 1535 -----	
Scaniport	1229 1529 1544 1757	1244 1757
Dores Inn	1236 1536 1551 1804	1251 1804
Inverfarigaig Ctgs	1253 1553 1608 1821	1308 1821
Lower Foyers	1300 1600 1615 1828	1315 1828
Upper Foyers	1305 1605 1620 1833	1320 1833

The bus service only stops at the Royal Academy during term times and only school start and finish.

MARGARET DAVIDSON; HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR AIRD AND **LOCH NESS**

August 2008

I have met and got to know a good few of you over this past year and gained some understanding of what issues are important for you.

It is sometimes two steps forward and one step back, but some progress is being promised and indeed made.

ROADS

Roads come up at every community meeting. There has been some work done recently at Gorthleck on the back of the money for the B851 and B861.

However the whole length of the road needs more widening of corners and edge strengthening. I have made a bid to the Highland Council capital budget to get a programme of works done over the next 3 years. I need strong, demonstrated community support to back this bid. Any one who wants to write to Neil Gillies the Director of Transport Environment and Community (TECs) Highland Council Glen Urquhart Rd Inverness IV3 5NX .

I believe these south Loch Ness roads are the worst in the Highlands, and I have driven many of them.

On a more definite note, following some representations from Loch Gartside TECs Inverness have promised a programme of passing place tidying and new passing place signs along the length of the road. The theory is if passing places are more visible that folks will use them more and spare the edges.

Here's hoping.

BRIDGES

The article elsewhere in the bulletin talks about the Wade Bridge at Whitebridge. Let's hope we get a satisfactory outcome there.

Just to let you know the Old Wooden bridge over the Oich In Fort Augustus is getting along well and is in with a bid for Heritage Lottery funding, having gained support from Historic Scotland. I was also on the footbridge at lower Foyers over the summer. I must say there are issues about safety there, but it is a very important bridge that keeps the lower village linked up. More news about that as it comes through.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The community planning event in the Primary school at Foyers went very well.

There will be a follow up meeting in the near future, but I certainly see the lack of a village hall coming out strongly as an issue for the community

HOUSING

Just yesterday I was in Gorthleck with representatives from the Community Council and Highland Council with Albyn Housing association and Highland Small communities Housing trust.

There is an urgent need to get moving with the plot of affordable housing that is zoned in the village. I believe we got movement and we will be discussing it over the next few months with the Community Council. There was also some talk of a house for Key workers for the community e.g. Headteacher etc.

More on that over the autumn too

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New Clubhouse for the Clay Target Club

An Open Evening was held by the Stratherrick Clay Target Club on 24th July to celebrate the opening of their new Clubhouse. The club, probably one of the oldest clubs in the area was formed in 1890 occupying various premises before moving to its present location at Torness in 1983.

The new Clubhouse was built mainly by the labours of the Club members but with financial support from the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust by way of a grant towards materials required.

A short speech was given by Iain Hepburn, Club Chairperson, outlining the history of the Club before the formal opening by Iain MacDonald (Dunmaglass) and John MacPherson (Abersky) the longest serving members of the Club. The celebration was well attended by about eighty people who were then taken into the Clubhouse to be treated to sumptuous buffet spread. A fascinating display of club memorabilia and documents had been laid out for the visitors and club members to inspect. Eddie and Margaret Fraser had spent many hours sorting out piles of old documents into dated files.

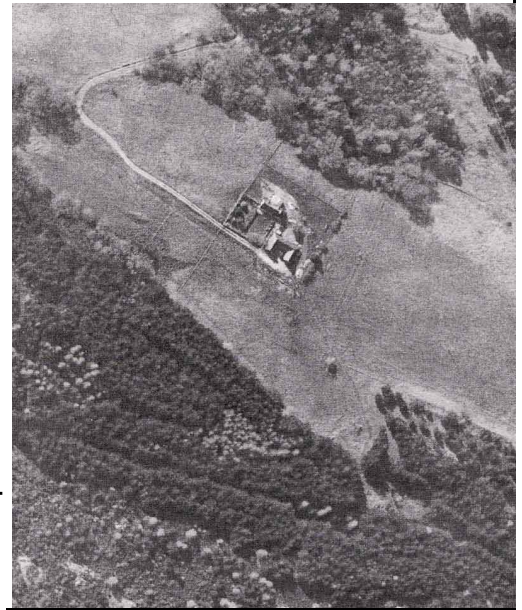
Afterwards, visitors were invited to test their aim at some shooting with coaching by a champion shot.

If anyone is interested in joining the club or making further enquiries they should contact Eddie Fraser – 01456 486372. The Club has both male and female members.



CONSERVATION PROJECT FOR STRATHERRICK

An innovative conservation project which aims to transform an area of fallow forestry land in Stratherrick into a haven for animal and plant life has been awarded two important grants which ensures that the project can go ahead this Autumn. The first grant was from the BBC's Breathing Places, one of only 10 such awards in the Highlands. Breathing Places is a scheme to inspire and motivate communities to create and care for nature-friendly green spaces. The second grant is by the Scottish Community Foundation from the Scottish and Southern Glendoe Community Benefit Fund. This followed a recommendation from the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust and is the first payment from the Glendoe Fund.



An aerial shot showing the site close to the former croft and steadings at Easter Boleskine

The project, to be known as the Easter Boleskine Wetland Project, is represented by a committee who are all residents of Inverfarigaig or Foyers. For over a year the committee has been working jointly with staff from the Forestry Commission that manages the area of unused forestry land and a formal partnership agreement is now in place. The Commission has played a major part in the project having allowed access to all of their experts and facilities offering support. Bob Main of Lower Foyers, a project committee member as well as Civil Engineer with FCS has given much of his time to the design of the site.

The plan is to greatly enhance the biodiversity potential of the area by reinstating a long-since drained pond and enlarging the adjacent marshland to create a wetland habitat. The site should attract many new bird species to the area as well as an interesting range of other plants and creatures.

The site is on an established forest walking trail that is already well used by local residents and visitors to the area. It forms part of the "green route" from the Visitor Centre at Inverfarigaig where there are car parking facilities and toilets. The route continues past the wetland either to Foyers or back to the Visitor Centre via the loch-side.

Excavations are expected to start in the autumn and may well be under way by the time that this issue of the Bulletin is distributed. The next steps, which will include the provision of a platform to allow closer access particularly for children, interpretive boards and a bird hide, will take place in the spring of 2009 when the site has had an opportunity to settle.

The funding will act as a catalyst to transform and breathe new life into the land. The site should attract a wealth of wildlife to the area and be a real asset for many people to enjoy. It will also be a great educational resource, enabling children to

learn about the environment in a fun and practical way. The Stratherrick Toddlers Group, Foyers Primary School and the Highland Council Rangers have all expressed an eagerness to make use of the site.

Recording and monitoring the changes over the next years will be an important part of the project and local residents are invited to take part in this. The results will be collated into an annual report. The Committee would welcome volunteers who wish to become involved in the recording or maintenance of the site to contact Katie Ellam on 01456 486691.



Committee members Bob Main, Frank and Katie Ellam with Kim Leech of FCS at the site

Part of the funding will be used to provide disabled access from the adjacent Easter Boleskine house and car parking for disabled use will be available at the house by prior arrangement.

Other sponsors include The Highland Council (via PRIN), B & Q One Planet Living, Jacobite Cruises and Baxters Loch Ness Marathon for which the Committee are extremely grateful. The Committee also wish to record their thanks to John and Anne Forsyth who originated the idea to enhance the site.

Stratherrick Public Hall - What's On

Groups

The groups listed below meet every week during the winter months (Toddlers Group also meet during the summer) and are always keen to welcome new members and visitors. Turn up on the night or ring for more information.

Badminton	Monday Contact	7.30 – 9.30pm Alex Sutherland 01456 486711	
Yoga	Tuesday Contact:	10.30 - 12.00pm Sylvia Young	01456 486434
Toddlers Group	Wednesday Contact:	10.30 – 12.30pm Siobhan Beith	01456 486255
Scottish Country Dancing	Wednesday Contact:	7.30 – 9.30pm Hugh Nicol	01456 486350
Youth Club	Friday Contact	6.30 – 8.30pm Gordon Matheson	01463 241840

Indoor Bowls This is not running at the moment but the Hall and equipment is available.

For forthcoming events see the notice board outside the Hall.

Also see local website <http://www.caor.co.uk/hall.htm>

Want to book the Hall? Ring Judith Borup, Hall Bookings Secretary, on 01456 486464



Loch Ness Marathon 2008

Sunday 5th October

Volunteers needed

Marshals for the start, and helpers on water stations

If you can spare a couple of hours to help out

On the charity fundraising event

Please call Lesley on 486 404

Bulky item collection

Just a reminder that the council will collect, free of charge, any household bulky items, five items at a time.

If you have items needing collection please phone the council

Service point number – 01463 703999

Foyers Post Office

The post office in Foyers stores is closing down in January 2009, the proprietors choice not the post office. The Community Council will fight to keep a post office facility in our area and would like to hear from anyone who may wish to run a facility, even on a part-time basis. Also any suggestions for possible premises would be welcome.

All information will help build our case with the post office and hopefully keep this important facility in our area.

Please phone the CC secretary

Liz - 01456 486382

Heritage Group Meeting

The next meeting of the South Loch Ness Heritage Group will be on Tuesday September 30th, In the Stratherrick Hall at 7:30pm. This will include the Group's AGM, but we like to keep this bit as short as possible, so it will be quickly followed by short talks from Buddy MacDougall, on the history of the Foyers Hotel, and from Alister Chisholm on Shinty in the District up to World War One. You will also have an opportunity to browse through collections of photographs and other items which the Group has assembled over the past few years. If you have any such material yourselves we would be delighted if you could bring it along, or arrange to show it to us on another date. We are interested in items from virtually any era, even modern stuff which you feel might become of historical interest in the future. We have the ability to copy and enhance photos and documents, so your valuable originals are safeguarded. We are also hoping to have on display, a collection of documents and photographs from the Stratherrick Clay Target Club which features elsewhere in this issue.

At this meeting we will be losing the services of our founder member and secretary Jean Marshall, who is retiring after five tireless years. We are casting around for a replacement for her job – minute taking and some letters and telephone calls. No specific knowledge of Heritage matters is necessary, but obviously an interest would help! Internet access would be required. Many people find this field fascinating, and the commitment is not huge – we have four public meetings a year, and four or five committee meetings. If you are interested, please try to contact us before the meeting on the 30th.

Ishbel MacNally

Died 14th August 2008

Ishbel MacNally was born in 1929 at Killiechoilum, near Whitebridge. Her mother Elizabeth Chisholm of Killiechoilum, had married Alexander MacPherson, bearing 11 children of whom Ishbel was the youngest. She is survived by her sister Marianna Davis of Dalcrag.

She attended Knockoilum primary school (now demolished), and St Catherine's convent school in Edinburgh for secondary education, where she eventually became head girl. Her father had died when she was only 10, and she gave up University and plans of becoming a teacher to look after her ailing mother at Killiechoilum.

Ishbel married Hugh MacNally of Fort Augustus in 1954, and they started their married life in a place guaranteed to test her fortitude, Fealar estate in Perthshire, where Hugh was stalker and shepherd, was the highest habitation in Britain, and it was normal to be snowed in there for months of the year. After the birth of their first son, they moved back to Stratherrick in 1956 when Hugh started work on Garrogie estate. The gas-lighting of Fealar gave way to a water turbine producing dubious DC electric light, and in the space of six years two more sons, a daughter, the telephone and a diesel generator arrived. They later moved three miles down the glen to Meallagie where another daughter and son appeared. In 1969 the family moved to Ardnamurchan on the West coast, where the youngest daughter was born. The house was big enough to allow Ishbel to take in Bed and Breakfasters, and she excelled at providing a place that guests wanted to return to. Six years in the West produced many happy memories, and it was with mixed emotions that the family returned to Stratherrick in 1975 to settle in the Old Manse; though mains electricity for the first time was a novelty indeed.

Ishbel continued to take in guests to help support the family, and her ability to make people comfortable and at ease was reflected by the visitors book she kept; full of glowing comments from strangers of all nationalities, and many came back repeatedly.

Ill health in her latter years slowed Ishbel down a bit, and she could appear very frail; but she was tougher than she looked, and always a force to be reckoned with. Though the strictness with which she brought up her own children was replaced by a desire to spoil every one of the subsequent grand-children.

When Hugh died in January 2007, she never really got over him not being there. It was very sad to see her decline, but she bore her illness without complaint, showing stubborn independence right up to the last. She dismissed any notion of hospitalization, preferring to remain closer to the family and home she had devoted her life to. She leaves seven sons and daughters, and eleven grand-children, and all will miss her sorely.

The family were moved and grateful for the many cards received expressing sympathy.

Stratherrick Hall Arts

Forthcoming Attractions

dr jekyll & MR HYDE

Tuesday 4th November - 8.00 p.m. - £8/£6

An experiment to separate virtue from wickedness in his own nature results in the respectable Doctor Jekyll releasing the demon within - a malevolent force which will eventually possess him body and soul.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story has enthralled and fascinated the world for more than a hundred years.....perhaps because a Mr Hyde lurks deep within us all, watching.....and waiting.....

Based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson

"Impressive.....fine style.....the result is a vivid and popular version of a great story, told with notable passion"

The Scotsman

"Stylistic...forensic examination of man's addiction to playing the bad lad....every emotional nuance is wrung out of it and the packed audience sat rapt at such conversely dark materials"

The Herald

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

Please note - Suitable for audiences 11years +

Christian Comment

The Olympic Games in China, centered around the magnificent stadium in Beijing, have brought together sports enthusiasts from all around the world and have entertained millions by their TV screens in their own homes. What a remarkable performance in this twenty-first century after the birth of Jesus Christ and what a sense of achievement for those who have won their medals! Another first century Jew, Paul from Tarsus, took the Good News about Jesus to many parts of the then Roman Empire, including Greece, where the Olympic Games were first held and he uses the imagery of those games to explain his own motivation to follow Jesus when he writes to the Church in Philippi:-

“I keep striving to win the prize” and

“I run towards the goal”. (Philippians Ch.3 v.12-14 in the Good News Bible)

This concept inspired the 19th Century hymn writer, J. S. B. Monsell, to write:-

“Fight the good fight with all thy might;

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;

Lay hold on life and it shall be

Thy joy and crown eternally.”

“Run the straight race through God’s good grace,

Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path and Christ the prize.”

Many Christians have had the same ambition over the centuries – not least those who took the Good News of Jesus to China, like the Olympic runner, Eric Liddel, who was so well portrayed in the film, “Chariots of Fire”. In recent years there has been a most remarkable growth in the number of Chinese Christians who are eagerly reading the Bible. The Amity Press in Nanjing (central China) has printed 50 million copies of the Bible in Chinese dialects over the past 10 years, and at the Olympic Village in Beijing, 50,000 copies of a parallel Chinese’ English version were available for those wanting them.

In our own Nation, we also should be equally eager to read about the Good News that Jesus came to bring to this World.

Martyn Bateman

A Family Harvest Supper is being planned for Friday, 24th October at 7.00 p.m. in the Stratherrick Hall, to which everyone will be welcome. All profits from the Supper will go to support the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Offers of help will be greatly appreciated

Please contact Martyn Bateman (486273) if you would like to help and for information about tickets, which will be available in order to arrange catering.

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 29TH APRIL 2008

Correspondence

- (a) Ward 13 Forum meeting on 21st May 2008 - The subject of the meeting is Education. Details will be passed on to Mrs K. Grant, who may wish to attend.
- (b) The Chairman has received an email from Nikki Gilbert suggesting that the Foyers pilot meeting might be held on 29th May in Foyers Primary School. This is still to be confirmed.
- (c) The Chairman has received notification from Highland Council that CCs may have to register under the Data Protection Act. The Highland Council are still awaiting detailed guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office and the ASCC, and will notify CCs in due course.

Planning

- (a) Detailed planning application has been received for a house at Wester Drummond, Whitebridge. There were no objections.
- (b) Revised plans have been received for building of three houses at Errogie, the original application having been made in October 2006. Copies of letters of objection from neighbouring property owners have also been received. It was agreed that a site visit by some Council members should be carried out before any comments are made on the proposal.

Fire Brigade

Mr Kirkland commented on the recent tragedy of two deaths in a house fire in Foyers. It was noted that all the authorities concerned, plus the local and the wider communities in the area, had been most generous and helpful to the family concerned, in this very distressing situation. Mr Kirkland emphasised that householders should take advantage of the service offered by the Fire Brigade to carry out home visits and safety checks and, where necessary, the supply and fitting of smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be tested on a regular, weekly basis. He reported that, where appropriate, the Fire Service also has discretion to replace potentially dangerous equipment, such as old electric blankets.

Roads & Signage

- (a) Following the March meeting a letter was sent to Mr Taylor regarding the road at Newlands, the Trinloist road, and the bus shelter at Whitebridge. No reply has been received as yet.
- (b) The Secretary met with Mr Johnstone, Community Works Officer regarding maintenance work required at Lower Foyers. A number of items have now been dealt with: Repair of a large hole in the road beside a drain cover. Repairs to a fence beside the river gorge, damaged by a falling tree. Roadside shrubs and vegetation cut back to improve visibility. Removal of a dangerous, projecting bracket from a lamp-post beside the bailey bridge. Access to the post box improved by putting in a slab; drainage of the adjacent ground improved. Shrubs and weed growth underneath the footbridge cut back. (The decking on the footbridge is still in need of attention.)
- (c) Mr Nicol reported the worsening state of pot holes in the lay-bys on the road to Lower Foyers, and also that the loose plates on the bailey bridge have still not been dealt with. He also reported intermittent problems with flooding at Riverside at times of heavy rainfall, which he believes may be due to a blocked drainage channel in the adjacent field.
- (d) It was noted that roadside safety barriers are needed on some sections of road in Foyers where the adjacent ground falls steeply away. A site visit will be made.
- (e) It was reported that a new sign indicating the turning for Park Terrace, visible to traffic coming down the hill, is required.
- (f) A Glenlia resident reported that the road behind Glenlia is in a poor state of repair. As there are street lights on this road the CC feel it is probably a Council road, but enquiries will be made.

Water & Sewerage

Issues regarding quality and availability of water supply were discussed. A public meeting of Waterwatch Scotland is scheduled for 12th May, and Mr Nicol will try to attend.

Community Project

Other sources of funding are being sought, and attempts are being made to clarify the position with regard to Lottery funding.

Renewable Energy/Community Benefit

Renewable Energy Systems are holding a meeting on 30th April to present their amended proposals for a wind farm at Dunmaglass. The Chairman will attend. Information is needed on proposed access routes during construction; the likely impact on existing roads in our CC area; what Community Benefit, if any, would the community in this Council area receive? RES are asking for feedback from the CC on their proposals. This will be deferred until after the meeting on 30th April.

Any Other Competent Business

(a) Community Web Site - The Chairman has two quotations for possible web sites. The options and sources of funding will be given more detailed consideration.

(b) Broadband - No reply has been received from BT on the issues raised. The Scottish Office have stated that provision of broadband is 'imminent'. Mr Nicol reported that an experimental satellite link is currently being tested in another area. A letter will be sent to our MSP on the broadband issue.

(c) Notice boards - New boards are needed for Errogie, Lower Foyers, Whitebridge, Torness, and Inverfarigaig. An updated quotation from the company originally approached is over £4,500. However, a company on the internet is offering a very similar product at a cost of around £2,200 for the five boards. The Chairman will obtain quotations for the cost of installing the boards. The grant application to the Scottish Communities Foundation made last year was turned down. A grant of £500 was made by the Highland Council, and this is in the Ordinary Account. Fiona Duffy has indicated that the Discretionary Budget may also be able to help. When the total cost of the project is known then grant applications will be prepared. A new application will be made to SCF.

(d) Owing to the intervals between publication of editions of the Boleskine Bulletin it was felt that the community does not have prompt access to CC Minutes. It was agreed that a copy of Minutes should be placed in the Foyers shop and on the notice board in Gorthleck as soon as they are approved as a true record.

Minutes will also continue to be published in the Boleskine Bulletin as before.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 27TH MAY, 2008

Correspondence

(a) Consultation Document - Draft Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils & Draft Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. The Chairman will look at this document with a view to completing the feedback form.

(b) Consultation Document - Consultation on the Education (Additional Support for Learning)(Scotland) Act 2004 - Amendment Bill 2008. Mrs K. Grant will review this document with a view to completing the feedback form.

(c) Inverness Area Community Council Forum Meeting 3rd June 2008. The Chairman and Mr P. Higham will attend.

(d) Inverness Community Care Forum - Lunchtime Launch 13th June 2008. Mr K. Fraser will attend if possible.

(e) Ness Link Newsletter is now being emailed to the Secretary. She will forward this to other members.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported that she is still awaiting the new cheque book and documentation from the Bank since the change of signatories, but has been informed that these should be sent out shortly. Balances are as reported previously: Project account - £3859.18p. Ordinary account - £784.62p.

Planning

(a) Revised plans for building of three houses at Errogie discussed at the last meeting: A site visit had been made, and a letter of objection sent to the Planning Department raising several points of concern. No feedback has been received as yet.

(b) New application - Conversion of steading, plus three house plots at Lyne Cottage, Gorthleck. Mrs Mitchell presented information on her application to the meeting. The application was discussed and no objections registered.

(c) New application - Detailed planning for a house at Cornmill, Gorthleck. There were no objections. It was noted that a public right of way crosses the land, and has been diverted, but is still accessible and usable.

(d) Information was presented to the meeting about a proposed development at Ault Na Goire, Errogie. Planning permission has previously been granted, but the new application involves a change of sites. The Secretary will con-

tact the Planning Department for detailed information, and request deferral of any deadline to allow time for a site visit before the Council makes any comments on the proposals.

Roads & Signage

- (a) It was reported that a schedule of works had been drawn up, and work has started on the B862 and B851.
- (b) It was noted that shrubs and vegetation require cutting back on the Dore to Foyers road, particularly around the tourist parking areas. The scenic nature of the road makes this maintenance particularly important. Mrs Davidson will liaise with the various parties involved to get this work done. The problems of rubbish being left in parking areas, and fly-tipping were discussed.
- (c) A meeting is to be arranged involving Mrs Davidson, the Roads Department, representatives of Dore CC, and representatives of our own CC to discuss the major works needed on the Dore to Foyers road.
- (d) A letter will be sent to the Roads Department raising the following matters for attention:
The 'corkscrew' road between the B862 at Torness and the B852 at Inverfarigaig is reported to be in a poor state of repair.

Repairs to the loose decking plates on the bailey bridge at Lower Foyers have still not been carried out.

There is an increasing hole in the decking on the footbridge at Lower Foyers which requires attention.

On the B851 approximately 100m. from its junction with the B862 there are undulations in the road. These appear to be due to a culvert under the road which is collapsing.

Vegetation is obscuring the road signs at the Errozie/Inverfarigaig Pass junction on the B862.

- (e) The following matters have been dealt with:

Repair of the damaged road edge at Trinloist

Repairs to the bus shelter at Whitebridge.

Flooding at Riverside, Lower Foyers at times of heavy rainfall - Some work has been done on the drainage situation. It was suggested that when flooding next occurs we should call out someone from the Roads Department immediately so that they can see exactly what is happening.

- (f) The situation with regard to the footbridge in Lower Foyers was discussed. Mrs Davidson suggested that a site meeting be arranged involving herself, Mr Hamish Wood, the Ward Manager and representatives from the CC to discuss the possibility of having more permanent repairs carried out, for use solely as a footbridge. It was agreed that the present scaffolding structure is unsightly, in an otherwise very scenic location.

- (g) The meeting was informed that the fencing to protect the verge in front of County Cottages at Gorthleck had been put up in front of Loch Mhor by mistake. Mrs Davidson will make enquiries about this.

- (h) Wade's Bridge, Whitebridge - Mrs Davidson reported that she had met with the engineers and architect to discuss previous reports. Demolition is no longer being considered. A report is being prepared and a schedule of works, with a view, initially, to the bridge being secured for public access. Agreement will be sought from Historic Scotland. Ownership of the bridge was reported to be the Garrozie Estate, under the Fechlin Trust. Mr Bateman expressed the Council's thanks to Mrs Davidson for all her hard work in this matter.

Water & Sewerage

The water main in Lower Foyers at Riverside has now been replaced. Mr Nicol reported that the contractors had done an excellent job.

Renewable Energy & Community Benefit

The Chairman had attended a meeting at which Alan Macintyre of RES presented information on the new proposals for Dunmaglass Wind Farm. He reported that Mr Macintyre wishes to speak with the CC, but the Chairman felt this should be arranged before our next scheduled meeting, and he will try to arrange this some time in the next two weeks. Mrs Davidson suggested we should contact Fiona Duffy, the Ward Manager, who would be able to assist with these matters, having had experience of these situations in other areas.

It was noted that the issue of road access and impact on local roads should be raised again. It was also noted that residents in Torness have expressed concern about the possible route of power lines from the wind farm.

Any Other Competent Business

- (a) Broadband - It was noted that people have until Friday 30th May to register an interest on-line if they are unable to get Broadband. Mrs Davidson reported that BT is considering installation of satellite dishes (either individual or community) in problem areas. She had also obtained a contact number for the BT Manager for Scotland, and requested that anyone having ongoing problems with phone lines should pass phone numbers on to her for onward reporting.

- (b) Mrs Grant had attended the Ward 13 Forum Meeting on 21st May on Education, and found it very informative.

She reported the ongoing, severe difficulties with recruitment and retention of teachers for Stratherrick Primary School. Mrs Davidson suggested that the Parent Council should arrange a meeting with Hector Robertson, the Education Manager, to discuss possible solutions.

(c) Mrs Davidson reported the date for the Public Meeting at Foyers Primary School to discuss ideas for Foyers projects was Wednesday 18th June. This will be publicised.

(d) She also reported that Community Works Operatives had been appointed to deal with matters such as litter picking and street sweeping. They will cover several areas.

(e) Mr Higham commented on the poor state of the access road to Foyers Cemetery. The cemetery itself needs deer fencing around it, as flowers placed on graves are often eaten by the next day. It was suggested that we should contact Jeff Fridge, the Burials & Cremations Officer, about these matters.

(f) Details of Discretionary Budget awards to different CC areas were presented. These are one-off amounts awarded for specific projects.

(g) CC Members covering specific areas were noted as follows:

Mr M. Houston - Whitebridge/Knockie, Tel. 486729

Mr M. Bateman - Whitebridge/Killin, Tel. 486273

Mrs L. MacGregor - Whitebridge, Tel. 486404

Mr K. Fraser - Errogie/Aberchaldy, Tel. 486220

Mr A. Sutherland - Errogie/Inverfarigaig, Tel. 486711

Mrs K. Grant - Gorthleck/Trinloist, Tel. 486221

Mr A. MacPherson - Torness, Tel. 01463 751213

Mr P. Higham - Foyers, Tel. 486633

Mrs E. Merther - Foyers, Tel. 486382

Mr A. Nicol - Foyers, Tel 486307

Dates of Future Meetings

24th June 2008 - Foyers Primary School

26th August 2008 - Stratherrick Public Hall

23rd September 2008 - Foyers Primary School

28th October 2008 - Stratherrick Public Hall

25th November 2008 - Foyers Primary School

26th December 2008 - Stratherrick Public Hall

Any changes to this schedule will be notified.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY SADIE

Thursday 14th August saw family and friends gather at Foyers Bay House to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Isabella Sarah Munro better known as Sadie Hipkins. Her daughter Alison and son in law Derek organised the celebrations from their home in Kent, the most impressive organisation of all being arranging for a beautiful sunny day amid weeks of gloom and torrential rain.

Chief guests, of course, were Sadie's granddaughters Amanda and Heather with their husbands Richard and Joel and their children William and Daisy, Isobel and Naomi.

More friends arrived in the afternoon for tea. Sadie received more than 170 cards

Many happy returns, Sadie!



Computer ANTI VIRUS SCAM

A NEW internet scam, uncovered by trading standards officers, could cost Scottish consumers thousands of pounds if they are taken in it by it.

Called "AntiVirus2009", it first emerges as an on screen pop-up, and after a series of increasingly alarming messages about the risk of computer viruses, offers a three-year protection package for a one-off fee of \$79.

One man from the Highlands signed up for the cover and typed in his credit card details, but quickly started to receive bills for £19.95 per month.

The man, who did not wish to be named, said: "These messages looked convincing and the deal seemed worthwhile, especially after being bombarded with them any time my wife or I logged on.

"I know of course that I was foolish giving out my credit card details, and not having a copy of the contract I believe I entered into, but I don't want any other unwary soul to be caught the same way as me."

He is now trying to get out of the deal after telling his credit card company that the payments are not what he authorised.

The case was first brought to the attention of Highland Council's trading standards officers who have employed the help of the new Scotland-wide Scambusters team to tackle the menace, which is thought to originate in the USA.

Anyone who has concerns about "Antivirus2009" or other similar products should contact their local trading standards in the first instance.....

If you have been a victim of a scam please contact:-

Highland Trading Standards Unit.

38 Harbour Road,

Inverness

or telephone on: 01463/228700 for free and confidential advice.

I have come across this type of Antivirus scam myself and agree they are alarming. All I can add is to have your own preferred Antivirus package up to date with the most recent possible updates (most Antivirus companies offer at least daily updates) and trust it rather than unsolicited pop up downloads.

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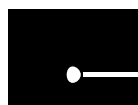
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