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Forest Theatre Company to perform World Premiere

The Forest Theatre Company's next production will be a world premiere. The company will perform the new Scottish Musical "Shenachie" in March next year.

"Shenachie" (or Storyteller) is being written by local composer Sally Beamish and author and lyricist Donald Saudners. Sally's work is internationally recognized and has been performed professionally in Scotland, Sweden, and in Australia.

"We are thrilled that Sally wants us to perform her first musical – what an honour" explained Suzanne Teed, Founder and Director for Forest Theatre Company.

Donald is a well known author, poet and lyricist who is collaborating closely with Sally and members of Forest Theatre to produce this show.

Shenachie will be the company's fifth production, following on from Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Oliver, and Sound of Music. "It will be great to perform something totally different and for the first time" remarked Helen Webster, Chair of the group.

All residents of Strathard, Gartmore, and Port of Mentieth are welcome to audition for parts in the new musical. Auditions will be held on Thursday 18th August. If you are interested in performing you should contact Jacque Speirs, Musical Director on 382 247 by 31st July at the latest. Adults and children are both encouraged to audition. Children will require a consent form signed by a parent, and parents will be expected to provide some general assistance towards the production.

Whatever happened to the footpath to and from Milton?

Would you, your children or guests walk to school/the village/friends homes/ the forest at Milton but don't because of the condition of the footpath? Do you walk now but have to use the road because of the state of the footpath?

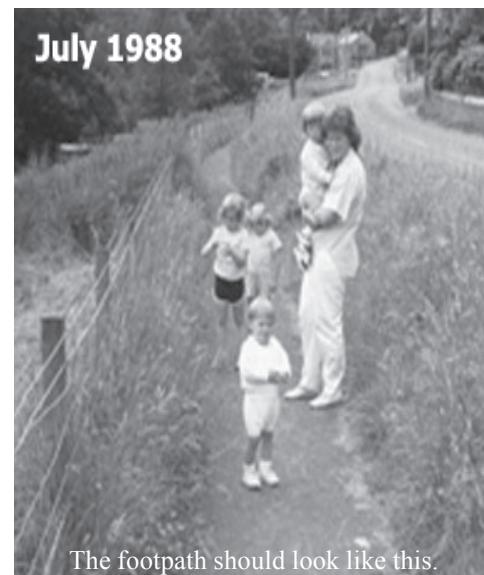
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The footpath should look like this.

KINLOCHARD GALA DAY

On Sunday 17th July 2005 Kinlochard is holding a summer Gala day. It's being organised by the community of Kinlochard to raise funds for the Village Hall.

Entrance is free and will be opened at 1pm with a surprise guest appearance. There will be craft and various other stalls, emergency services displays, competitions and games, Trossachs Search and Rescue, boat trips, water events, displays, a pipe band and a BBQ with refreshments.

See a variety of boats around the loch. Watch the amazing sheep dogs as they herd ducks. Try your hand at tossing the wellie and other tests of skill. There's something for all ages.

During the afternoon there will be a novelty duck race on the river through the village. Buy your own plastic duck and watch it on its way, negotiating rocks and rapids, right to the finishing line. There's a big prize for the winner.

Take part in the massive tug-of-war and join the whole village for a record-breaking Orcadian Strip-the-Willow at 4pm. Not for the faint-hearted!

The finale to the day will be a family disco (with a raffle) at 7pm costing £5 for adults and £2 for children. Tickets for this are on sale at the Kinlochard Village Shop.

Letters to the Editor....have your say!

Get it off your chest with a letter to the Editor. Send to Editor, Schoolhouse, Inversnaid FK83TU or email editor@strathardnews.com

BT Broadband comes to Strathard

As you may be aware, the Scottish Executive have signed a contract with BT which will result in 378 of the smallest telephone exchanges being upgraded to deliver broadband to 51,000 households and 5400 businesses throughout Scotland. The exchanges will be upgraded in a programme split into four stages between now and the end of December this year.

I have enclosed a list of the exchanges in your area and the 'milestone date' by which date the exchange will be upgraded. The upgrading of these exchanges can bring real economic, educational, environmental and social benefits to the communities which they serve and the challenge now, of course, is to ensure that people take full advantage of broadband technology. The upgrading of 378 exchanges, together with the associated duct and cable laying work, is a massive and complex exercise. I would therefore wish to make it clear that, although we will do everything we can to keep to schedule, it is almost inevitable that, because of factors outwith our immediate control, work on some of the exchanges may be completed either earlier or later than currently planned and the dates given below are therefore subject to change, I do however expect the vast majority of exchanges to be upgraded on schedule. The following exchanges in your area are in phase 3 of the contract and will be 'broadband enabled' by 7th November:

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I am Eric, one of a group of Makkers who display their work at David Marshall Lodge. The power of words has always interested me, and the common term Maker was taken on by our group, but the extra k was added to make sure the Dorrie sound came out in the spoken word. In Dun Eden(edinburgh) it has poetic connotations , but we have brought it back to its working root.

With the G 8 summit coming to Gleneagles (a word coming from the French meaning Glen of churches) the American Hippy words Fat Cats (Financial Controllers) comes to mind. You know those people that have been knocked sensless (if they ever had sense) by the French "NON" vote. You know them. They exist behind closed doors and congregate in Brussels to state the number of clouds needed to make an official European cloudy sky, or they might hold a long debate about how much dirt a road man can have on him (or under his finger nails) before he must get a good European scrubbing. Perhaps they might pass a law to have showers placed throughout the countryside for this purpose. But in Scotland we have our very own Fat Cats...The greedy businessman ..The crooked Lawyer, Mortgage consultant, Accountant (you know the saying, *there is no accountant for taste*) but worse of all we have our Politician. As has been said

"put a Party scarf on a wheely bin and in some areas it will get elected,as it will still pour out the same old rubbish" Look at the cost of our Scottish Parliament...The cost of our Fuel... the lack of effective repair on our roads....The cost of our homes etc..etc. Well today I want to single out an Historic Fat Cat. He was a businessman who got into trouble and turned Thief, his Clan survived, but like him was eventually outlawed by going from one powerful ally to another during a time of treachery in our land. Just like the Fat Cats, looting was the main consideration, and even in fighting he had his tricks. He was short in stature but swarthy with very long arms, and in the duels of those days when the victor was the one who drew first blood , this was an advantage. The opponent was struck when off guard ,just like the council tax letter demand that arrives Friday lunchtime. He was Rob Roy and had an interesting ploy for the cattle owners around here. The cattle were like him, small and swarthy, (not like the fat golden beasts that adorns the perceived reality of our Tourist brochures), and could survive like the common people on very little fodder. He would "protect" their herds for a suitable donation in cash, and this request was delivered by Royal Mail in Letter form. So the Black cattle and Mail give us a word "coined" hereabouts ...BLACKMAIL.

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Food For Thought

I'm a wee bit bemused. Like everyone else I suppose, I saw the item about President Chirac slating British food and in particular having 'a go' at the haggis. Now while I agree that the haggis might not be to everyone's taste, I always thought that people in glass houses....*I can't remember the rest of the saying*. But here is the leader of a country where most of the natives eat their meat almost raw – and consider it a delicacy. They enjoy horsemeat, frog's legs and snails. I am certainly not criticizing their tastes in food, each to his or her own, but sneering at our haggis? I don't think so. Well, just label me 'bemused'.

Bemused, Aberfoyle

Gordon's The New Face Of The Forests

There's a new man in charge of the national woods and forests of The Trossachs and the Cowal Peninsula, which are some of Scotland's most heavily visited forests.

Glaswegian Gordon Donaldson has taken over as Forestry Commission Scotland's District Manager, based in Aberfoyle, in charge of looking after such high-profile visitor attractions as Argyll Forest Park in Cowal and Queen Elizabeth Forest Park in The Trossachs. His "patch" is known in the Commission as Cowal & The Trossachs Forest District. It manages 66,000 hectares (163,000 acres) of national forest land - almost 10 per cent of Scotland's entire national forest landholding of 666,000 hectares (1.645 million acres) - and with more than 72 staff is the second-biggest district team in Scotland. Almost all the national forests in the District are also within the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

Looking forward to the challenges ahead of him, Gordon said,

"It's a great honour to be chosen to take on this job and work with the team looking after such a high-profile and important cluster of national forests. I'm looking forward to getting down to work with them, our neighbours, local communities and many partners in the region, to continue to provide world-class forest management that provides benefits for everybody.

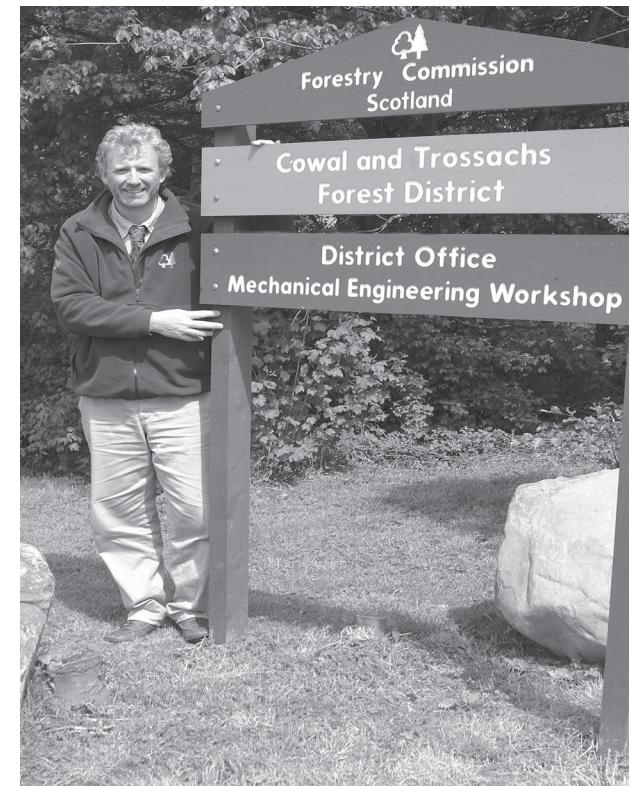
"Modern forestry has a great deal to offer these days. Not only do we produce sustainable timber supplies for our everyday material needs, provide safe places for our precious wild plants and animals to live, but we also provide a wide range of recreation opportunities for folk to get away from it all and improve their mental and physical well-being.

"Nowhere is this more important than here in The Trossachs and the Cowal Peninsula, where our forests are hugely important as retreats for the people of the highly populated Central Belt, as well as for the tourists who come to enjoy our unspoilt landscapes."

Gordon's career path has equipped him well for the new post. He was previously district manager in Lochaber, where he contributed to local efforts to have the area branded as the "Outdoor Capital of the UK" because of the wide range of outdoor leisure activities it offers, much of them on national forest land.

A native of Glasgow, he graduated Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Aberdeen University before joining the Commission and working in

various roles and places across the north of Scotland from Mull to Sutherland. While based at Fort Augustus for a period he was involved in a project to restore Glen Affric's native Caledonian pinewoods to their former glory. This work has made the stunning Highland glen one of the most renowned forested landscapes in Britain, an achievement that has been acknowledged by its being awarded National Nature Reserve status. And one of the biggest tasks ahead of him in the new post will be something similar - restoring the native woodland and other native habitats on the 10,000 hectares (25,000 acres) of land around Loch Katrine that the Commission has



just leased from Scottish Water. This project, when combined with neighbouring properties that are also restoring native woodland, will lead to the creation of the biggest continuous area of predominantly broadleaved native forest seen in Scotland since before Rob Roy McGregor roamed the area 300 years ago.

Gordon has taken over from Hugh Clayden, who has moved to the Commission's National Office for Scotland in Edinburgh to lead the review of the Scottish Executive's Scottish Forestry Strategy.

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We met in Inversnaid Primary for the June meeting. Gordon

Donaldson the new Forest District Manager joined us, introducing himself and giving an update on future plans for the land management of the area. We were very pleased to welcome him to the area and wish him well in his new position. As ever, planning discussions dominated the meeting, particularly work which has been done at the Garrison, Inversnaid and the design for a replacement to the Horsa Hut at Aberfoyle Primary School. The conversion at the Garrison, to staff accommodation for Inversnaid Hotel has become a long saga, not because of the principle of renovating this listed building, but due to a certain amount of confusion over details and a small error in the drawings. We have held out for new drawings to clarify the error because past experience has shown this community council that seemingly small slips of the pen can lead to irreversible errors at a later date; the destruction of the Teapot; the permission for 24 residences at Kinlochard? It is disappointing that the planning authority seems unable to understand our concern.

The application at Aberfoyle Primary didn't meet with approval either. We have waited 10 years for this building to be replaced. With the advent of the new houses at Kirkton, the closure of Kinlochard School and the arrival of the nursery class, it has become imperative not just to replace a crumbling structure, but to improve the facilities to accommodate our children.

The design presented to us is an exact replacement of the existing building, showing no attempt to be sympathetic to the design of the main school. Neither does it attempt to use the limited space available to provide the best possible facility to meet the school's needs. We have expressed our displeasure to the Council and will be talking with a representative from Childrens Services at the meeting in Aberfoyle on 7th July. I would like to say that I am hopeful that this discussion will lead to an improved design, but have already been told of 'budgetary constraints'. Heard that before somewhere.

I attended an emergency meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee recently, which was held due to the fact that they were two office bearers short and therefore unable to continue to run the Hall. It is ridiculous that this situation should arise in our community, when other villages around us are able to motivate enough people to work together and fund raise for an entire rebuild of their community halls! All our Hall needs is a few people able to meet four or five times a year, to agree costs and maintenance. Does anyone care enough to volunteer? We can't always assume someone else will 'step in'. Contact myself (Ros Dingwall), Mo Campbell, Janet Stewart or Sandra Jardine. Our grateful thanks to Moira Roache and Ed Marnie, who have done a sterling job over the last few years, and to Mo and Sandra for their continuing hard work. And finally..... one bench has reappeared on the Main St.! Perhaps it will multiply!

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The activities of the Association continue to go from strength to strength, benefiting not only member businesses but the local community too.

Car park and main street upgrades, instigated by ATA 4 years ago, are complete at last. Hanging baskets in summer and Christmas lights illuminate the Main Street.

Aberfoyle Broadband Community continues to provide business class internet access at very competitive rates. The annual October Mushroom and Easter Outdoor Festivals are firmly established on Scotland's events calendar and new website www.VisitAberfoyle.com is being developed to better benefit the members. ATA works with, and is fully recognized by funding agencies such as Stirling Council and Leader +, LL& TT National Park Authority, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley and VisitScotland, and last year received £2000 grant towards ATA activities.

Working together is definitely better than working in isolation! ATA members network!

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The Strathard News can exclusively reveal that we have a phantom bridge builder within our midst. Over the past few months our intrepid reporter "scoop" has reported the sighting of two bridges: one over Duchray Water at the Milton and one over the Forth near the Rob Roy Motel. These beautiful structures are a major asset to Strathard opening up circular walks to Doon Hill via Manse Road and the old railway line and Lochan Spling via Milton and Duchray Road. We understand that more of these structures are in existence and once we have tracked them down we will issue a report in the next issue. We will also do our best to track down the "phantom".

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It seems that there are nothing but consultations at present and when there is a multiplicity of anything boredom and apathy take over. And here I am making a very special plea that you focus on two consultations where the Park Authority is the originator.

The Fourth of July may be Independence Day in America but on this side of the pond it was the day when the Park Authority signed off for consultation the proposed amended byelaws for Loch Lomond. The amendments cover such things as a proposed speed limit (11KPH) for the section of the loch covering most of the islands; introducing compulsory wearing of life jackets; a minimum age limit of 16 for persons in control of a boat; and setting up a system of reporting accidents and incidents (near misses). All perfectly reasonable stuff but as always with the introduction of something new - or the failure to introduce something - can cause concern. It is important therefore that we all get a chance to put in our pennyworth before it takes on the force of law. The consultation on the byelaws starts on 8th August and will run for 12 weeks. The representations are then analysed to

see where any adjustments are necessary and then the proposals are sent to the Scottish Executive for their blessing or rejection. If you wish further information or want to make any representations on the byelaws please contact National Park Headquarters at The Old Station, Balloch.

Another Consultation is well under way now and that concerns the National Park Plan. I must confess that the bulk of the interest to date has been from the public agencies and special interest groups. The general public seem to be lagging behind. The first Public Meeting in Callander attracted less than 20 people. A further meeting took place in Brig O' Turk's magnificent new village hall when the public attendance was a bit better. It may well be that people feel that they have to master what is rather a bulky document before they can comment. Not so. The latest edition of the Park's Newsletter, a 'Phairc, sent to every household contains a digest of the Park Plan and details of how to make your comments. Even if you think that the proposed Plan is broadly to your liking, it is important that you say so. In submitting the proposals to the

Scottish Executive the Park Authority has to make a report on all the representations received during the consultations and to show how they have been taken into account. So let's ensure that everyone's view gets an airing.

The really important thing about getting the Park Plan right is that, once it has received ministerial approval, it becomes a very important document indeed. Why? Because, not only must the Park Authority have regard to its contents, every agency and public body operating within the Park MUST have regard to the Park Plan when doing anything which affects the National Park. The consultation period for the Park Plan ends at the beginning of September so you still have time. If you require any information on the Park Plan please contact National Park HQ at Balloch.

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St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church In The Trossachs and Strathendrick

A lot has been happening behind the scenes and the congregation will be advised of the results of the Fabric Survey that has been carried out by Architect Tom Robinson from Drymen who is becoming one of Scotland's leading architects who deal with church buildings. He led the team who did the wonderful job at St Andrew's, Callander that is reported upon separately. He is assisted by our own Gavin Walker who advises on the civil engineering implications.

A preliminary meeting has been held and the survey has been very thorough and practical solutions to the opportunities are being costed and the whole congregation will be advised of the options after they have been discussed by the Vestry.

When the church was built by the slate quarrymen they used as much local building materials as they could and selected small undersized top quality AberfoyleSlates that they would have made themselves and would have brought them to the church and slated the roof in the best possible practice of the time which is why we have had so few roofing problems over the

years. The writer is a roofing historian and there were over 200 slate quarries in Scotland and the Aberfoyle Slates was the marketing name given to those roofing slates from quarries at Luss, Ross Point on Loch Lomond the three quarries at Aberfoyle and the quarries near Glenalmond and Dunkeld. The quality of these slates from various quarries on the Highland fault did vary and Aberfoyle ones were the best as our church demonstrates. The best prices obtained for roofing slates were for the largest sized ones as they looked more like lead roofs and were cheaper to fix. The small slates as we have on our church were used close to the producing quarries and were the cheapest. Our Slate Quarrymen builders and financiers of the church bought the cheapest and fixed them themselves for free which is why we have such a good historic roof that has served the building for over 100 years.

An interesting and unknown discovery by the Architect is that the original floor was a screeded one that very probably had a slated floor covering and white painted plastered walls and

the original seats were wicker chairs that were stacked away when the church was cleaned. We still have a few in the church. In 1910 the Fanshaw family who were very rich and who owned the Forest Hills complex as a country estate financed the fixing of the present wooden floor and paid for the timber wall panelling and the pews to be fixed. These were also fixed in the Fanshaw Lady Chapel and are the ones by the organ and the vestry door.

In 1953 the Willis organ was gifted to the church by Mr Stewart Black of the Donaldson Black shipping line and the memorials were removed from the chapel and put on the panelling in the church.

One of the major parts of the renovation programme is the removal of the organ so that it can go to Liverpool to be repaired following the water ingress through the lead valley of the chapel. For the first time for sixty years the Lady Chapel will be able to be seen before the organ is replaced.

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BADGERS IN QEFP

Our wildlife expert, Katy Freeman, has assured me that badgers are timid creatures and only venture out in twilight hours in search of food. I am happy to report that this is simply not the case. I have recently seen with my own two eyes badgers casually strolling around the grounds of The Lodge in broad daylight. As you will see by the accompanied photo-images, I was fortunate to meet two such creatures, who were not only willing to brave the sunlight, but were all too happy to pose for the camera. Maybe Bill Oddie should hear about this !



THE NEW KID IN TOWN

As mentioned in the last issue, Gordon Donaldson has moved into the hot seat of Cowal and Trossachs Forest District Manager, recently vacated by Hugh Clayden. All indications so far seem to suggest Gordon is very happy to be here, and is already making inroads towards increasing team spirit within the workforce with his amiable approach and attention to detail, which is laced with a subtle brand of humour and an ability to delegate problem issues with the minimum of fuss. If you have not already met Gordon, then it is only a matter of time before he stops you on the street and introduces himself to you.

CAR RALLY

On Sunday, 12th June, The Scottish Western Thoroughbred Vehicle Club made a pitstop at the David Marshall Lodge for lunch, on the day of their annual car rally. There is no doubt this proved to be a very unique and special day for all concerned. An astonishing array of vintage cars were parked at the lower end of The Lodge car park for an hour or so and, clearly, our visitors were at once bemused and excited at the spectacle. Many thanks are due to Bill McReath and his team from the club for all their efforts in helping to make it a day to remember. In the next issue you will find a photo competition relating to the day, with a chance to win some cash!



A NEW CHAPTER

This past month has seen the addition of two new faces to the D.M.L. Brenda Louw and Stuart Farquhar have moved into the workspace vacated by David Brough under the name of "Chill Out", offering reflexology, Indian head massage, aromatherapy and a wide variety of gifts, including clocks and beadwork. Stuart is also on hand to demonstrate the special skills of encaustic art. Stuart and Brenda, who recently became engaged after meeting three years ago, have settled in very quickly at The Lodge and are clearly a perfect match who work well together. They are proving very popular with both visitors and staff and, in a very short space of time, are already gaining a reputation for themselves with their vast array of talents, their infectious brand of humour, and their eagerness to be involved. It was fairly obvious from the outset that they have been bitten by the David Marshall Lodge 'bug' and we all hope they decide to stay for many years to come.



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But surely this is a gathering designed to save face
As hidden agendas force their way again
From beneath the umbrella of third world pain
Naturally I hope decisions are made
But the cynic within tells me this is all a charade
The 'building of bridges' whilst still building rockets
Presents dangerous contradictions as we dig deep in our pockets
To "Make poverty History" a glorious thing....
as the whole world comes together to sing
With our emotions, however, we should take all due care
For a situation is brewing which may be beyond repair
As the ice-packs melt a bigger problem is forming -
Our continued ignorance of Global Warming
Not only can we "look forward" to it getting hotter
Much of where we live will be under water
In as little as three generations this may well be so
Worth considering as we bask in a self-appreciating glow
That we've played our part. We've done our bit.
And that's it.
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The United States constitutes 4 per cent of the world population. It is responsible for a quarter of all carbon dioxide emissions- an average of 40,000 pounds of carbon dioxide is released by each US citizen every year- the highest of any country in the world, and more than China, India and Japan combined. Americans use 50 million tons of paper annually- consuming more than 850 million trees. There are more than two million cars and light trucks on American roads. According to The Federal Department of Transportation, they use over 200 million gallons of petrol a day. Motor vehicles account for 56 per cent of all air pollution in The United States. A study published in the journal of The American Medical Association in 2002 concluded that people living in the most heavily polluted metropolitan areas have a 12 per cent increased risk of dying of lung cancer than people in the least polluted areas. 32 of the 50 busiest US airports currently have plans to expand operations. Every year US industries release at least 2.4 billion pounds of chemicals into the atmosphere. Despite having just 2 per cent of known oil reserves, the US consumes 25 per cent of the world's oil production. 16 per cent of world oil production goes into American cars alone. Approximately 160 million people living in 32 US states live in regions with smog and soot levels considered dangerous to health. The new Clear Air interstate rule aims to cut sulphur dioxide by 73 per cent and nitrogen oxide by 61 per cent in the next 10 years. Around 50 million new cars roll off US assembly lines each year. There are already more than 20 million four-wheel-drive vehicles on US roads. More than 1.5 million gallons of oil were spilled into US waters in 2000 alone. Only 1 per cent of American travel is on public transport, an eighth of that in the UK and an eighteenth of that in Japan. As much as 5.99 tonnes of carbon dioxide is emitted per American per year, compared with 0.31 tonnes per Indian or 0.05 tonnes per Bangladeshi. The US had 16 major oil spills between 1976 and 1989, whereas France suffered six and the UK five. The average American produces 864kg of municipal waste per year, almost three times the quantity of rubbish produced by an Italian.

The United States Of America continues to refuse to sign The Kyoto agreement.

by David Wilkie

Our Trossachs Ospreys have done it again!

We were last left wondering who the female osprey sitting on our nest actually was and I can confirm that she is indeed Red 6A, a lovely 4 year old female who hatched in Perthshire. Rumour has it that a short distance away there is another osprey pair that has taken up residence on a newly erected nest platform. We like to think that it might just be Yellow OU and her mate, but no news on that yet! The female continued to incubate her eggs and we were expecting to see our first chick from the 5th June onwards and so we waited but 6th June - nothing, 7th June - nothing, 8th June - nothing. Thursday 9th June and in we came like the other mornings before and switched on the camera nervously. To our delight instead of one large osprey female filling the TV screen, there in the middle of the screen, sat a small, very flimsy looking osprey chick. So flimsy that it could not seem to keep its head held up longer than a few seconds while the female just sat staring down at it, perhaps in disbelief - could this have been her first chick? We will never know but within a few hours she was feeding the chick small pieces of fish and the bond had been made. We expected egg No.2 to hatch two days later but the 10th, 11th and 12th June went by and not a crack in sight. Monday 13th

June came and we were greeted by flimsy head No.2! We waited for another 15 days and the female continued to incubate the egg while sitting on and protecting the chicks at the same time. Finally on the 15th day, the egg was pushed aside and we knew she had given up. The middle chick had never hatched and one could not help but be saddened to see the chicks nestled around the unhatched egg while they slept.

The male has been delivering fish galore to the female and the 2 chicks. Perch, rainbow trout and brown trout have all been on the menu. The chicks will be ringed in mid July and 3-4 weeks later we will see them attempt to take their first flight off the nest, always the most entertaining bit! We hope you will join us for the fun that is to come!

The Bird of Prey viewing centre at the David Marshall Lodge is a partnership between Forestry Commission Scotland, RSPB and SNH working together for the continuing success of Scottish Ospreys, with financial support from THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, Loch Lomond and Rural LEADER+ 2000-2006 Programme.

Joanna McFarlane, Bird of Prey Officer

NOTICE BOARD



WILD IN THE WOODS

Friday 29th July - Sunday 31st July
A major highlight of the season, the events on offer include a free Moth Workshop on Friday evening starting at 7.00 p.m. and a Bat Watch on Saturday evening at 7.00 p.m. During the day there will be Wildlife Tracking from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m., a Forest Game at 1.00 p.m. and Mini-Bus tours into the forest from 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. as usual, numbers are limited and booking is required.

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History Of The David Marshall Lodge
Part 3 will appear in a future issue of
Strathard News

THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS....

By Dougie MacPherson

And quite an eventful one it was, too!

On Saturday the 18th June, Aberfoyle was invaded by a Tartan Army. No, *not* the football army of great fame-rather a group of Germans, 120 in number, on holiday in Scotland! On doing a 'nosey' it transpired that our kilted group were on a 4-day trip to Scotland.

It was a firm's outing, all being employees of Mercedes Benz who, with their wives, had met up with the company's employees in the Edinburgh office to go 'native'. Apparently on one previous year, when they had gone a trip to Bavaria, they had all dressed up in lederhosen. On this occasion, it was the kilt, both for husband and wife with no exceptions! The kilt hirer must have done alright.

I spoke to a Mr Schwarzer, one of their number. They were stopping off in Aberfoyle, he said, to visit the woollen mill and take in the local colour although, it has to be noted, a number were seen to make a beeline for the pub. Nice to see we all enjoy the same simple pleasures! After Aberfoyle, they were going to make their way to Glengoyne for a whisky tasting, and then on to a Highland Games.

The party were only in the village for a little while, but they did make pleasant company.

Alas, all was to change later on that night. It certainly wasn't 'Just Another Saturday'. About 2am the storm to end all storms hit Strathard, as it did at many other places both in Scotland and northern England. Perhaps we were luckier than others, who knows, although it certainly did not seem so at the time. The thunder, the lightning and the torrential downpours

lasted, almost without break, until 8 o'clock the following morning.

We might have slept through it, it was just possible. However, and for those amongst you who have pets, I think you will agree it was a night to remember! Unfortunately, we have quite a few pets. For a few of our dogs, it was no 'big scene', but for the others – well – it proved to be a traumatic night. We had dogs under the bed, dogs scampering about shouting the canine equivalent of 'Don't panic!' and one dog in particular, who spent the whole night lying between us, panting heavily, her breath smelling of day-old curry. I have no doubt that many others, with pets, had to go through the same ordeal. What did interest us was that about 6am, when we thought the worst the storm could throw at us was over, the 'girls', as we call them, still seemed very restless. Their senses were better than ours, that's for sure! A short time later, the thunder rolled overhead again and the lightning flashed and flickered.

Certainly, a night to remember, if only for the wrong reasons!

Then, and as if to cap it all, on going to Aberfoyle Co-op the following morning, it was found to be closed. The electric storm had caused such havoc that the automatic doors could not open. The cash registers did not work. It only lasted for 5 minutes perhaps. Potential customers sheltered from the rain in neighbouring shop doorways. It does make you think, however. Nature can still get the upper hand.

So, because of the storm, for an, admittedly, short period of time mankind (well, the few early risers) were denied the basic necessities of life: Those of food, water and the lottery ticket. Nature can be hell!

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The Garden

by Wellie Boot



I know gardeners are obsessed with the weather, but I think this June has excelled itself in variety. We've had almost the lot, the only thing we haven't had is snow! The poor plants can't know what to do, I certainly don't. Enough of the weather! Looking at the herbaceous border made me think of designing with plants. It doesn't matter whether you are creating a huge border or a window box, the rules are pretty much the same. Don't just think about the flowers, think also about the relative size and shape of the flowers themselves. Your border isn't going to be in flower all the time so the contrast of leaf shape is vital. Large sabre like leaves such as crocosmias or irises will show off and be softened by thalictrum, with its almost lace like leaves and its soft fluffy flowers. The spires of lupins with their starry leaves will be better displayed besides bergenia with its large flat plane green leaves. The planning of a border should be done in mid summer when everything is at its biggest so you can get the scale correct.

This advice goes for planting tubs as well, you just use fewer plants.

Planting out annuals has slightly different rules, as colour is of prime importance, most of the plants being in flower at the same time. Scale, however, is still of great importance, large plants contrasting with small and dainty. Dotting small groups of very bright colours amongst larger masses of darker or softer colours, gives a sparkle to your border or tub. To plant the same quantity of each bright colour does not give a pleasing effect, as each colour fights with the others for dominance. Proportion is the god of good design, whether it be painting your house, dressing yourself or planting your garden. Jobs to do - weeding, weeding, weeding.

Do try to dead head spring bulbs and summer flowers. This stops the plant wasting its effort on making seed and encourages it to make more flowers.

This month's plant must be – wait for it – dactylorhiza elata, a cultivated form of wild marsh orchid. It is a brilliant petunie purple with its long heads of rows tiny orchid like flowers. This is very much a garden plant, please do not try and move wild orchids – apart from the fact its against the law, they do not move and will just die. They are so beautiful and precious in the wild – just leave them be. Lets hope the weather in July is slightly more predictable.

Good Gardening.



Aberfoyle Brownies

A big thank you to Julia McLellan and Nancy Gibb for helping out at Brownies. We will all miss you!

Thank you also to all the parents and Brownies for raising £94.00 for the BIG G, in your Smartie tubes.

Thank you all for your support.

Cairsti Aitken – Tawny Owl

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously of their time and money to make Christian Aid Week so successful. This year we raised £2,076.88p. Thank you again.

J. Sykes, Area Organiser



Parish Church Guild

The Annual Sale will be held on Saturday 20th August at 2pm in Church House. There will be all the usual stalls including Cake & Candy, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Books, Rainbow and, of course, tea with home baking. Entry is £1.00 which includes tea (50p for children). Do please come along and give the Guild your support.

Well Done!

Jillian McLean and Cameron McCallum, both from Aberfoyle, completed the Edinburgh Marathon in 4hrs 19min and 4hrs 08min respectively. Well done both! We would like also to thank everyone who entered the Trossachs 10K at the beginning of June. It was a great success and is to become an annual event. The winning time, 32mins for men and 42mins for women, gives us all something to aim for! (Or dream about) Thanks also to all the volunteers who marshalled and helped on the day.

Carolyn Woods

CANCER RESEARCH UK



Fiona and Laura MacKenzie would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sponsored them in the recent Race For Life at Stirling University in aid of Cancer Research. We raised £400!

Aberfoyle Toddler Group

The Toddlers were delighted when they turned up to their Wednesday morning session to find lots and lots of boxes with new toys. The Group had been successful in their application for a Community Dividend Award of £150 from the Co-Op and this was the start of a make-over for their 'home corner'. We have a new cooker, washing machine, tool shop, cot, highchair, carry-cot, pram, vacuum cleaner and lots of brushes and mops.

Getting a photograph has been somewhat difficult because if we get the children in we can't see the toys and if we only get the toys it looks as if there aren't any children. I promise you there are both and they are having a really wonderful time fighting over – no, surely I mean deciding who – will play with which toy. There are enough for all but it's so much better to play with the one thing someone else has got, even if there is another just the same two metres away.



So we're all having fun. Do come and join us on Wednesday mornings 10-12 o'clock in the Memorial Hall. We hope to continue at least until the end of the school term and maybe beyond. And we will re-start again when the schools return in August. If you wish for up-to-date information, please contact Maggie on 382 311 or Jackie on 382 142.

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Advice From The Scottish Ambulance Service

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If a person suffers from severe chest pains and breathing difficulties then help should be sought as quickly as possible by dialing 999 and asking for the Ambulance Service. When a 999 call is received in one of the Scottish Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Dispatch Centres, and ambulance service operator will ask the caller a number of questions about the nature of the patient's condition. In most cases, an accident and emergency vehicle is on its way while a call is being answered. In some cases it is essential that the caller remains on the telephone after the details have been obtained since one of the Scottish Ambulance Service's specially trained operators may give advice or instruction on how the patient can be helped whilst waiting for the arrival of the Accident and Emergency vehicle and crew. Callers should remain calm and listen carefully to any instructions which may be given. If the instructions are not understood, callers should ask for them to be repeated.

This is what the Scottish Ambulance Service has determined as a category A call and the Accident and Emergency ambulance will come to you very quickly, using blue lights and sirens which the crew may turn off once they have your house in sight. This is to reduce the concern of neighbours. When the Accident and Emergency crew arrives, the patient's condition will be assessed. Oxygen will be given to assist breathing and pain relief will be provided by the paramedic if this is necessary. All of the Scottish

Ambulance Service's front line Accident and Emergency ambulances carry items of equipment called defibrillators. These are heart monitoring machines which monitor heart rhythms called ECGs and view your heart from 12 different angles. In cases where an abnormal heart rhythm has been detected, the defibrillator can be used to correct any life threatening conditions. At this stage, the Scottish Ambulance Service has brought the hospital top the patient. Paramedics carry a large number of drugs, which can be used to alleviate the heart condition, e.g. 'clot busting drugs'. Paramedics are state registered and prescribe and administer these drugs in their own right. They possess high levels of skill in airway care, similar to that of doctors. **They will not rush you to hospital.** At this stage their job is to stabilise your condition and this may take up to 20 minutes. Once they are satisfied with you, they will take you to the most suitable hospital for your condition – even if this is further away than your local hospital. They know the best facilities to meet your needs. If required, the Scottish Ambulance Service has sophisticated links to coronary care units, which they use to ensure that they have knowledge of your arrival and history. **Do not be alarmed if they do not use blue lights and sirens.** These are more likely to add to your anxiety but they may use them to prevent long delays if traffic is heavy.

For more information visit www.scottishambulance.co.uk



New Practice Manager

My name is Rowena Boome and I am the new Practice Manager of Aberfoyle and Buchlyvie Medical Centres. I would like to thank everybody for the warm welcome I have received since joining the practice in late April.

I originally come from Carlisle and have been in general practice 25 years working in Colstream, Brampton in Cumbria and for the last 16 years in Leeds. I am sure that the experience I have gained over the years will be of benefit to the practice. My partner and I are keen hill walkers and we are looking forward to settling down and exploring the beautiful countryside around Aberfoyle.

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STRANGE BUT....

"Tis strange-but true; for truth is always strange; stranger than fiction"

Byron (The ither wan)

From across the Pond, a story, possibly apocryphal, of a lecture given by a professor of linguistics at a Canadian university.

On discussing the meanings of word combinations, he talked of languages throughout the world and their different connotations.

"For example," he said, "in some languages two negatives make a positive. In others, a positive and a negative combined make a positive. But nowhere in the world" he concluded, "do two positives make a negative."

And a Scottish voice from the back of the auditorium said, "Aye, right!"

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Forest Update – Latest News from Forestry Commission Scotland

Summer is in full swing and the forest is full of life as birds, bees, bugs and beasts go about their duties in raising the next generation. This exciting time provides many opportunities to witness spectacular Scottish wildlife so make the effort to get out and see for yourself. The David Marshall Lodge is a great place to start. Here you can see fantastic live, close up footage of local nesting ospreys. There has been

tremendous excitement as the first of three eggs hatched on Thursday 9th June, and the second on Monday 13th June. We have beautiful shots of the new chicks having their first meals. We also have great footage of our new local buzzard family with their three chicks. Come along and help to monitor their progress at the fantastic wildlife viewing station. Our Bird of Prey Officer, Joanna McFarlane, is always on hand to answer any questions and help you learn more about these fascinating birds.

The Conservation Team has identified a number of common buzzard nests within and around the Forest District. Each nest is being carefully monitored to assess fledging success rates. During this process, the young common buzzards are fitted with a BTO metal identification ring and a uniquely marked colour ring to enable observers to identify individual birds. This will help us to monitor the population and find out where they go and when young birds start to breed. Some young birds have been fitted with radio transmitters to track their movements and see how they use the forest. This will also help identify areas where illegal killing of birds of prey is still taking place. If you

see any buzzards fitted with a colour ring, please try to identify the colour and number of the ring and record which leg the ring is on. It is also important to supply a location and if possible, a six figure grid reference of where the bird has been seen. We need your help with this project, please report any information to Forestry Commission Scotland on the number given below.

The busy events programme is proving to be very popular and two new events



are planned for the near future. Forest Navigation Day will offer a fun day of map reading in the forest for all the family on

Saturday 25th June 11am – 4pm with help from a friendly Forest Ranger. On Sunday 3rd July at 1pm, join a local geology expert on an exploratory adventure of the Highland Boundary Fault line and learn about the

fascinating formation of this geological feature and how it shapes the landscape. The last weekend of July will be fun packed with lots of exciting games and activities

available at the David Marshall Lodge. The theme of Wild in the Woods will again be wildlife and conservation in Scotland, with an

emphasis on wildlife crime. The event will run over 3 days this year, building on the success of the last 2 years events. It will begin on Friday 29th July with a moth workshop in the evening run by Butterfly Conservation Scotland. The weekend will also include a bat watch on Saturday night at 8pm, wildlife tracking walks on Saturday and Sunday 2 - 4pm, forest minibus tours, children's fun osprey activities and lots more 11 - 4pm over the weekend. Booking is required for all events.

As always, it is important to remind forest users that we manage a working forest and that harvesting operations are ongoing in some areas. This unfortunately means that access is restricted for the sake of public safety. Please be aware that areas including Sallochy, Callander Crags, Ben Venue, Balquidder, Lenny Woods and some areas of Loch Ard Forest are currently being felled and dangerous machinery is active on these sites. Please be sure to adhere to all warning signs in these areas. We will endeavour to

ensure that access restrictions are kept to a minimum and are confident that the results will produce a richer, more diverse forest with more opportunities for recreation and wildlife.

On a more positive note, harvesting at Balmaha has now finished and the West Highland Way, including the Conic Hill section, has reopened. There is some timber on the forest roads, so please do not climb on timber stacks and beware of timber lorries that are busy collecting the logs to take to the sawmill.

The West Highland Way has been enhanced tremendously by the spectacular new views of Loch Lomond and the Islands from Garadhban Forest. Local wildlife will benefit from the newly cleared forest area where i n c r e a s e d

numbers of small mammals will provide plentiful food for predatory birds and mammals.

The thinning at Balmaha will allow more light into the woodland and provide opportunities for a wider diversity of plants and animals to live there. All of these enhancements will help improve the forest experience and benefit visitors to this beautiful area. We would like to thank everyone who has been affected by this work for their patience and co-operation.

We are also pleased to announce the re-opening of the Three Lochs Forest Drive in Achray Forest for the first time this year. At last the devastation caused here by high winds and storms over the winter has been cleared. The forest Drive starts from the Dukes Pass and winds for seven miles along forest tracks with breathtaking scenery, magical views, picnic sites, a variety of forest walks and much more. The drive is open seven days a week between 10am and 6pm; there is a cost of £2 per vehicle to help to maintain visitor facilities.

For more information please contact Forestry Commission Scotland on 01877 382 383.

Katy Freeman - Forest Ranger





The mute swans (which nest on Inveruglas Isle) have currently four cygnets along the shoreline between Inversnaid Hotel car park and the boathouse, the large but still downy cygnets were busy eating grass on the shore whilst the parent birds kept an eye out for possible danger. Also in this area is a pair of grey wagtail nesting close to the West Highland Way which alarm call when you walk past the nest. However, on this occasion their attention was focused on a female great spotted woodpecker which happened to be nearby. Woodpeckers will take young chicks from nests as a food source but I am glad to report that the woodpecker was not interested in the wagtail's nest this time and left the area quickly. Redpolls are around in good numbers and it is a good time to recognise the male of the species in his breeding plumage. He has a superb pinkish red cap and breast and in good light, it really is a spectacularly coloured small bird.

There will be more chance of spotting golden eagles over the reserve now as our nearest two pairs have both failed at the chick stage. It has not been a good breeding year for birds of prey. The unseasonable cold and wet spring resulted in one pair losing their chick at

a very early stage but the other site's chick died because of the thunder and lightning storm of the 18/19 June. It is probable that the parent bird was frightened off the eyrie by the storm leaving the four-week-old chick to suffer the torrential rain, at this stage of the chick's life it was still mostly covered in down and had not developed feathers with which to keep dry. I was optimistic of this pair producing one eaglet as she had also nested later than normal with the cold spring but, alas, nature has many surprises with climatic change. Butterflies are abundant now on sunny warm days and with 17 species recorded on the reserve, it is a good time to get out and brush up on your identity skills. On the nature trail, a large slow worm was sunning itself in a sunny glade. With the long daylight hours, it is now possible to see pine martens near the nature trail at dusk or very early in the morning; however, to observe these creatures you need to be completely quiet, pick a good vantage point, be lucky and be prepared for midges! However, having now had the chance to observe and study a pine marten (not just a fleeting glance which is more normal), it really is one of the most superb and graceful creatures I have seen.

Duncan Cameron
Conservation Assistant, Central Scotland

Milton

Hello Children,
Yippee! The summer holidays are here at last: no more school, no more homework, at least not until August. My end-of-term exam results were quite good though I suppose, if I'd worked a bit harder, they could be even better. Now it is time to meet up with the gang and plan all our adventures for the next six weeks. There will be hills and mountains to climb, lochs and burns to swim in, friends to visit and games to play.

Our first excursion was most unusual, something none of us had ever done before - we went on a march. It was Grandpa Otter who came up with the idea of going to Edinburgh for the "Make Poverty History" parade through the city. Dad planned the route, mum made lots of sandwiches and Braeval made the white bands for us all to wear on our wrists.

Flame and Fury, our golden eagle chums, said that they would fly across and take George with them, being very careful not to squash him! It would have been an awfully long way for a hare to hop. Cob and Pen, the mute swans, left their cygnets in the care of the Ledard geese for a few hours and came too. Swimming is slower than flying, so the Otter family left the holt very early in the morning, just when the sun was beginning to rise.

We swam down the River Forth, stopping for breakfast at Bridgehaugh in Stirling, the home of Stirling County Rugby Club. When we reached Edinburgh, Dad took us along burns and rivers and an old canal until we reached The Meadows. I have never seen so many people in my whole life! Many of them were in fancy dress so nobody seemed to notice a few animals there as well.

The march took hours to complete. There were drums and music and lots and lots of noise. There was a big bang and everyone stopped walking and kept quiet for a whole minute. That was spooky - absolute silence. It was a wonderful day. I just hope the G8 leaders were listening!

Bye for now,
Milton



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THE HILLS ARE ALIVE.... (WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC)

By Dougie MacPherson

Or so it seemed on the last Saturday in May when the woodlands just outside Aberfoyle shook to the beat of a rural rave party. The venue was at the foot of Doon Hill, renowned for its faeries, and there certainly seemed to be something magical in the air. The noise (volume?) was such that one of the local residents (not me, alas-I was giving it big Zzzs!) went into the forest to have a peek. He said that it was a truly haunting sight. There was an enormous van with giant speakers blasting out the music-alas, Ray Conifer it wasn't (*showing our age here!*). There were many parked cars and about 30 people holding glow sticks and dancing round a large bonfire.

Apparently, it was like something out of Tam O'Shanter or, perhaps more appropriate, a scene taken from *Darby O'Gill and The Little People* which, for those of us with lengthy memories, featured Shir Shawn himself, no flesh. So there they were, the Little People (so much more politically correct than Faeries, don't you think?) returned to Doon Hill and dancing around the woodland glade fit to bust. An empty timber trailer was parked up at the venue. In not utilising it as an impromptu raised stage, the organizers missed a golden opportunity. Incidentally, and totally unconnected to our rave, why are there all those timber trailers, both laden and unladen (no reference to international terrorists, we assure you), parked up throughout the forest? Why do they leave them when they have only to return anyhow to tow them away at a later date? Is there something we are missing? Answers on a postcard, please.

It must have been a good night, though. The party went on to 4 o'clock by all accounts with only one tent, one car and one sad bonfire by mid morning the following day. Sunday walkers tiptoed past.

As events go, it was certainly new to the Queen Elizabeth Forest and something that the Forestry may consider in view of the multifarious recreational facilities which it is trying to encourage. Then again, maybe not. Late night boogie can be a bit of a pain if you are local to the event and have not been invited.

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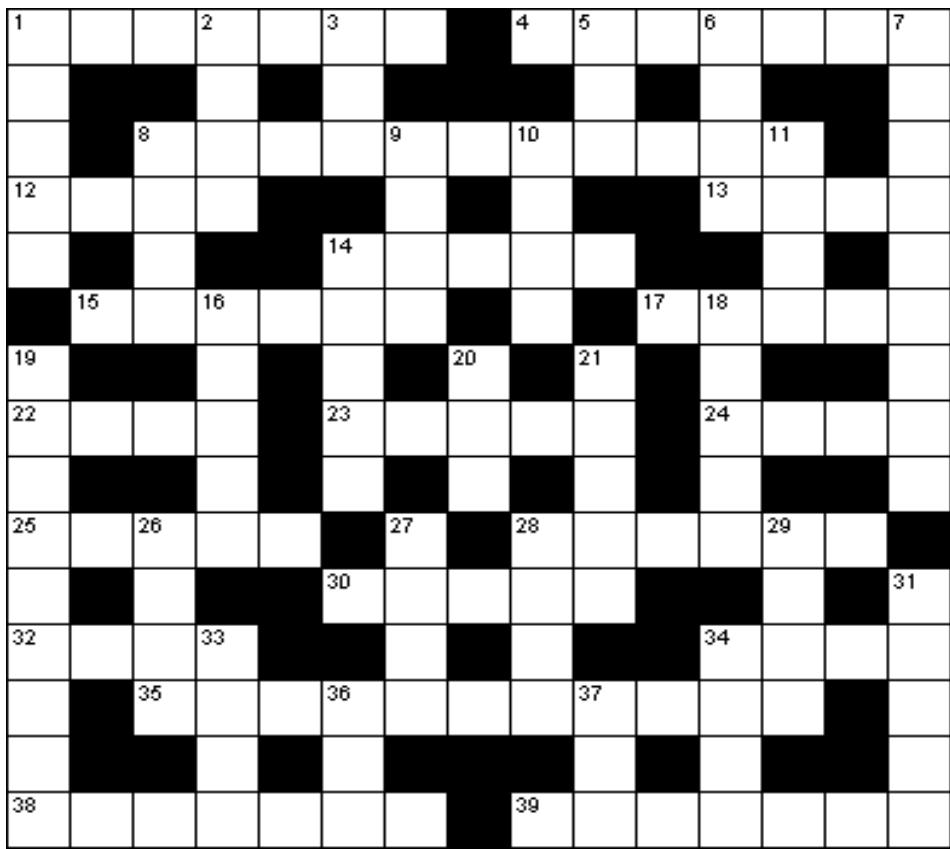
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I have been involved in the antiques business on a part-time basis for the past forty years and am passionate about my work. Since retiring from the hospitality business I am now involved on a full-time basis and would, therefore, be delighted to help, to the best of my ability and knowledge, in the following areas:

1. Free valuations for insurance (without prejudice)
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3. To help and advise on a) antiques repairs b) antiques restoration c) antiques maintenance
4. Help and advice on selling your antiques by auction
5. The location and purchase of that rare item you have always promised yourself
6. I purchase individual items
7. I purchase complete estate or house contents

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Across

1. Sparkler (7)
4. Wreck (5-2)
8. One of the 12 apostles (11)
12. Large cat (4)
13. Lash (4)
14. Picture border (5)
15. Snuggle (6)
17. Will (5)
22. Exclamation of mild dismay (4)
23. Gaze fixedly (5)
24. Unspecified in number (4)
25. Strange and mysterious (5)
28. Jewish girl (6)
30. Person who is in love (5)
32. Ground (4)
34. Matures (4)
35. Christ (4,2,5)
38. Young tree (7)
39. Like a spider (7)

Down

1. Each day (5)
2. Grumble (4)
3. Open mesh fabric (3)
5. Sound of a cow (3)
6. Simmer (4)
7. Airscrew (9)
8. Part of skeleton (4)
9. Rent (4)
10. Leg or arm (4)
11. Command to stop a horse (4)
14. Sudden burst of light (5)
16. Japanese dish (5)
18. Speed (5)
19. Helpless (9)
20. Male child (3)
21. Abnormal body temperature (5)
26. Enclosure for skating arena (4)
27. Game played on horseback (4)
28. Sudden pull (4)
29. Droops (4)
31. Short literary composition (5)
33. Clock face (4)
34. Old (4)
36. Firearm (3)
37. Mischievous child (3)

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Name: _____

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Issue 22 £5 prize winner: Mhari Bell, 8 Braeval, Aberfoyle

Issue 22 Solution:

Across 1. bramble 5. headset 9. too 10. apron 11. sieve 12. ale 13. eleven 16. pastry 19. abel 21. fair 23. eels 24. tradition 25. bali 26. deal 27. tees 28. heroes 31. worsen 35. ago 37. votes 38. polio 39. iou 40. sultana 41. surfers
Down 1. blaze 2. amaze 3. barge 4. etna 5. hose 6. arena 7. scent 8. teeny 14. leakage 15. vertigo 16. plait 17. slender 18. release 20. brine 22. pants 28. hills 29. rival 30. extra 32. oiler 33. scone 34. nails 35. asia 36. opus

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