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Community Council Report



A short report this month due to holidays, the demands of the community garage buyout and illness - we had 4 community councillors on 'sick leave' at one point! However we have managed more or less to continue as normal, but our apologies if usual response times have been a bit

delayed. Minutes of community council meetings can be found online on both our own and Stirling Council websites or in Aberfoyle Post Office. We now also send out regular e-mailings to hundreds of local residents advising of current issues - you can contact us as noted below if you want to be added to our e-mailing list.

'Living & Working At Loch Katrine'

This Scotland exhibition and the related talks have been very well received by local people, as well as by visitors. We will be removing the various displays from VisitScotland, Main Street, Aberfoyle during the week after Sunday 29th August, so you will need to be quick or you will miss seeing these.

Flooding Liaison Meeting - Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Wednesday 8th September at 7pm

All local residents are invited to hear an update from Stirling Council on recent and future work on flooding issues, and to explain the 2009 Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act which has added to the Council's flooding responsibilities. The meeting will also be attended by SEPA and the Scottish Flood Forum. There will be a presentation followed by a question, answer and discussion session.

Strathard Community Council has been actively pressing for investigation and action on flooding in this area for several years and is pleased that we will be the first 'at risk' community of 12 in the Stirling area to be visited for these liaison meetings. We expect this to be a very useful session and look forward to a good attendance, given past interest shown by residents in this important issue.

Port of Menteith Community Council has been offered a separate liaison opportunity, although Gartmore residents near Aberfoyle and affected by flooding may find this Strathard session worth attending.

Rural Stirling Housing Association

We have been advised that a family house will become available for rental in Stronachlachar soon. Anyone interested in moving to this part of Strathard (even if not currently living in our area) should contact RSHA on 01786 841101 for more details.

Finally, the names of your Community Councillors are shown below - please do get in touch with them on any relevant matter if you would like our help.

Fiona

Strathard Community Council meets on the first Thursday of every month, alternating between Aberfoyle Memorial Hall, Kinlochard and Inversnaid Primary School. The next meetings will be held in Inversnaid on 2nd September and Aberfoyle on Thursday 7th October. Half an hour prior to our meetings a local Stirling Councillor (Tony Finch, Paul Owens or Fergus Wood) will hold a surgery for residents who wish to raise issues or concerns.

Community Councillors by Ward

Aberfoyle	Inversnaid	Kinlochard
John Clow	Andre Goulancourt	Maureen Campbell
Ros Dingwall	David Horne	Mike Campbell
Jimmy Quinn	Ralph Wolfe	Fiona McEwan
Geraint Short		1 vacancy

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Registration time!



The annual voter registration form should be dropping through your letterbox after 20th August this year. Approx 125,000 forms are being posted by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)

(Clackmannanshire 21,816 Stirling 36,217 & Falkirk 66,750)

Over 5000 properties have already responded to a request to confirm no changes by e-mail or telephone.

Brian Byrne, (ERO) is encouraging everyone to read the form and if everything correct let him know as soon as possible by e-mail telephone or text as these are the cheapest options available. Anyone unable to return the form by these options can still respond by signing the form then returning it by post in the reply paid envelope.

Where changes are necessary the form should be amended following the instructions then signed and promptly returned by post, fax or scanned e-mail attachment.

The completed forms need to be received by the ERO to ensure that the electors at your address are included in the 1st December Register of Electors. Failure to respond can result in the current names being deleted from the Register and once deleted you cease to be eligible to vote in any election and can have credit referencing difficulties.

More information on registering to vote is available from Electoral Registration Officer, Hillside House, Laurelhill, Stirling FK7 9JQ

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www.saa.gov.uk/central or www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

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I think you will agree that the newsletter looks so much better in colour, thanks to all our sponsors this year. We are now in the process of setting the publication dates for 2011 and hope to continue the same sponsorship deal next year, dependant on printing costs remaining the same. There will be 7 editions published, and already we have issue 64 booked up. That leaves 6 available issues. (see page 26 for dates) If interested contact Marion 386 222 or Margaret 386 258, or any one of the committee. (see contact details)

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Jazz up the Trossachs

Callander Jazz and Blues Festival 2010

2010 celebrates five years of the annual Callander Jazz and Blues Festival which will take place this year on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October.

This year's programme offers a long weekend of non-stop live music with over 60 live gigs staged in some 28 venues in Callander and nearby rural locations. It features a festival cast of over 300 musicians sourced from all over the UK and from Europe. With Jazz Cruising, Jazz Parades, Jazz Workshops, Open Mic and Jam Sessions; Duo's to 21-piece Big Bands; and every style of Jazz and Blues - there is something for everyone.

This Year's Headline Performers

Head liners from the Netherlands, JAZZ CONNECTION, Holland's most popular Jump Jive Band perform on Saturday 2nd October at 8pm at Callander Golf Club and Sunday 3rd October at 4pm at The Dreadnought Hotel. Get in dancing mode - you won't be able to keep off the floor!

The legendary SNAKE DAVIS BAND from the East Midlands area of England is one of our 'must see' headliners, performing on Saturday 2nd October in The Bridgend House Hotel at 10pm. Snake will also be hosting a saxophone workshop on the same day at 4pm in the Function Room of The Waverley Hotel. Whether you are an aspiring or long term Horn player, you can't leave this session out.

Headlining our Sunday night Finale, Scotland's finest BRASS IMPACT will wow you with their vibrant performance of Big Band music - a line up with a difference, not to be missed.

Special Guests for 2010 - great bands, great sounds

From Ireland, and back again this year by popular demand, are the incredibly talented B' and the Honey Boys. There are two performances from this fabulous band - check the programme for details.

Next from The North East of England we have a bevy of great bands, some here for the first time; others for their second festival appearance. First and foremost, the fantastic Revolutionaires, joined by the Lyndon Anderson Band, and, for their first appearance, the impressive 10-piece Jazz/Funk Band, MAMACOCA.

Add DB Toots from Manchester, Four on the Floor from Birmingham, Crow Dog from Cumbria and The Pontiax from Northern Ireland and you have an unforgettable mix of good Jazz and Blues music.

Finally, some great musicians from the London area, playing some really smooth jazz - The Linley Weir Quartet, and the irrepressible live wire sound of The Larry Miller Band.

These are our special visitors from the rest of the UK and from Europe. The Festival also features a host of home-grown musical talent - please see the programme for details.

Sunday Jazz Parade and Outside Activity

A growing highlight of our annual festival is the JAZZ PARADE in which everyone is invited to participate. All you need is a sense of fun and a 'brollie' which you can decorate if you really want to enter into the spirit of things. All age groups welcome.

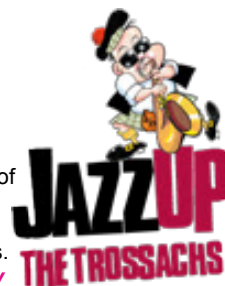
The scene will be set for the day's events at 11am on Sunday morning in Ancaster Square where we have a street Carnival Band PUFF UPROAR starting the proceedings. For those who prefer a more traditional start to Sunday, there is an interdenominational Jazz Church Service in Callander Kirk. Callander Kirk in South Church Street is the setting-off point for the JAZZ PARADE once the church service has concluded. Everyone interested in joining the parade should meet outside the church at 12.15pm. The jazz parade will set off at 12.30pm via the Main Street and makes its way to Ancaster Square, led by another of our star guests, WINSTON'S PENNINE JAZZ, and joined by Carla Duggan's Dance Connection and all of our 'brollie' paraders. Having reached the Square, the band will play a selection of Trad/Dixie tunes and Dance Connection will perform one of their superb dance routines to the music. There will also be a best turned out young jazzer competition with prizes for the winners.

The music continues in the Square with Puff Uproar until 2pm when Winston's Pennine Jazz make their way to Loch Katrine. There they will provide more Trad Jazz music aboard The SS Sir Walter Scott for the afternoon Jazz Cruise which sails from Loch Katrine Pier at 3pm.

Ticket Prices for the Loch Katrine Jazz Cruise are £14 per person if you hold a valid weekend or day Festival Rover ticket; otherwise you will be charged an additional £5, making the on board ticket price £19. Sailing time is 3pm.

For further information, visit our web site www.callanderjazz.com, or alternatively contact our Festival help lines on 01877 339399 / 339455.

* Full festival programme can be found on page 27.



BROWNIE FUNDRAISER

Way back in June, the 1st Aberfoyle Brownie Pack held a fund raiser in aid of the great charity UNICEF whose main focus is on Children and Child Rights. We thought that this was a great cause mainly because children as young as us or younger than us were working to earn a living. If you want to find out more about UNICEF go to www.unicef.org.uk or for 5-11 year olds search for www.unicef.org.uk/worldexplorers. These are great sites and really helped us when looking for a charity to help!

Guiding has been going for 100 years and all members of Girl Guiding have the chance to complete the ADVENTURE 100 badge. You have to get 100 points as a Brownie and 150 points as a Guide. As part of the badge we did a section on Guiding long ago. Our leaders told us about how in World War 2 there were less leaders and Guide and Brownie packs often ran themselves - without any adults. So, we decided that we'd run a fund raiser without any help from the adults!

We (Finn Alice and Ellie) were the planners for the fundraiser and we did all the advertising. The three Brownie sixes ran a stall each. There was a baking stall, a toys stall and a jumble jar stall. All the

brownies put in a lot of effort and worked extremely hard. All the stalls went down very well and tea and coffee were served to the adults. Us, Lindsey and Rebecca put on a play set in World War II.

Once we had counted up all the money we were incredibly pleased as we had earned £150.53!!!!!! None of us had thought we'd earn anywhere near that amount. All our hard work had certainly paid off!!!!

Four of us Brownies (Rebecca and the three of us) jumped over the toadstool and received our certificates saying we had now officially finished Brownies and were moving on to become Guides! We would like to say a big thank you to Julia, Morna, Hazel, Lisa and Karen for being so supportive and leading us in the right direction. Thank you to all those who attended the fundraiser and bought things there. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to all the Brownies for all the effort every one made!!

By Finn Manders, Ellie Lang and Alice Calveley on behalf of 1st Aberfoyle Brownie Pack



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Aberfoyle

Thursday 7th October 2-4pm

Thursday 14th October 2-4pm

Buchlyvie

Tuesday 12th October 2-4pm

Tuesday 19th October 2-4pm



NEW DOCTORS

We were sad to see Dr Burton leave the practice at the end of last year but we are delighted to welcome her replacement Dr Susie Swinton. Dr Swinton joined the practice in July and she does sessions at both Aberfoyle and Buchlyvie Medical Centres.

Also this month Dr Margaret Aitken will join the practice. Dr Aitken grew up in the area and has strong links to the practice – her mum is Dr Anne Lindsay! She will routinely cover surgeries on a Monday.

NEW PHARMACIST

In July we also welcomed another new member of staff, Anne Maclean who is a qualified pharmacist. She will be working at both Aberfoyle and Buchlyvie Medical Centres and will be assisting the rest of the team using her specialist skills to enhance patient care. We hope you will join with us in welcoming Drs Swinton and Aitken, and Mrs Maclean into our communities.

THE PRACTICE GARDEN COMMITTEE 2010 Strathcarron Raffle

A fond farewell to the Macmillan Coffee Morning and a warm welcome to The Strathcarron Raffle.

For more years than any of us care to remember we have hosted the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Aberfoyle surgery. In the past Sarah Lansdowne the Strathcarron community nurse for our area was known as the Macmillan Nurse and was funded by The Macmillan Charity but in recent years the system has changed and the funding for Sarah comes from Strathcarron Hospice.

"Macmillan" is a respected charity which offers other types of help to cancer patients and deserves to be supported. However, we know that Strathcarron requires funding to continue its good work and we feel it is important to support this local service. With this in mind we will be organising a GRAND RAFFLE in November. The entire proceeds will be donated to Strathcarron Hospice and so will directly benefit our community.

All of us at the surgery see at firsthand the sterling work carried out by staff at Strathcarron. Those of you who have had contact with their services will be fully aware of the wonderful support they give to the people in Forth Valley.

The Raffle will run for 3 weeks from 15th November until 3rd December. Tickets will be available at the surgery during this time. This community has always shown overwhelming generosity in the past and we are sure that we can rely on you again. Please show your support by donating prizes and buying tickets.

PS Christmas cards will also be available for sale.

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Anne McGuire MP



Not only as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) do I get to keep an eye on things but now that I am on the other side of the House, so to speak, I do my bit to keep the Government on its toes! The PAC is the parliamentary auditor whose role is to hold governments to account on how they spend the taxpayers' money. Like all Commons' Select Committees it is cross party with a built in government majority – although in reality the committee members work well together with little party political tension. So far, we have had three meetings with pretty robust discussions and I am looking forward to getting my teeth into more audit reports over the next few months. The city of Stirling is the gateway to the district's tourist attractions and rural villages, so if you have visited recently, I'm sure many will share my views that I recently expressed regarding the state of Stirling's streets. Stirling should be a showcase for the rest of the district and a bit more needs to be done to make it so.

I recently visited the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital which started receiving patients this month and I have to say that it is truly special. I know that initially there were many misgivings in rural villages about the move to Larbert, but the new hospital will not only have the potential to deliver excellent hospital care, but will be complemented by the new community facilities which have been developed across the area in parallel with the new hospital. I have just heard from the Big Lottery Fund that congratulations are due to Kinlochard based, Go Country which has received a £9650 Awards for All grant to buy mountain bikes enabling it to offer mountain biking activities to young people. The money will also purchase a safety boat to ensure the safety of those participating in water sports at the centre. The project meets the Awards for All outcomes of 'people and communities are healthier'. As ever, I can be contacted at my office at 22 Viewfield Street, Stirling, FK8 1UA. T: 01786 446515, F: 01786 446513 or by email mcguirea@parliament.uk

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Road Safety: Continue to raise awareness of the unacceptable practice of illegal parking and driving on footpaths.

Targeting the dealers: Targetting the misuse of drugs and the dealers, working with locals to get drugs off the streets.



Anyone with information can contact Central Scotland Police on 01786 456000 or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

Moving on

26th July 2010

Well its that time again and I am moving off to a new job within Central Scotland Police.

I enjoyed my time here immensely and the characters and people I met along with the natural beauty of the place made it a great year for me.

My replacement has still to be appointed but I hope that you will continue to support them the way you supported me.

It is only with the assistance of the public that we can provide effective Policing and a hostile and undesirable environment for criminals to work in. Road checks and vehicles stops will continue along side operation Iron works patrols to combat any issues over the coming weeks.

All the best to the communities for the future and thanks again.

If you have any problems call the Police 01877 382 519 or crime stoppers 0800 555111 and report it.

Play in the park

20th July 2010

Youngsters had the opportunity to take part in various activities as Active Stirling ran Play In The Park in Aberfoyle this morning.

Children got the chance to do various art work and learned how to hula hoop and do other stuff that keep them amused long enough to allow mums and dads to prepare for the next onslaught.

The weather although threatening stayed mainly dry and the kids had a great time.

Thanks to those involved for providing the fun.

Online child protection

8th July 2010

Children from the Trossachs and surrounding areas were able to attend McLaren High School in Callander today to take part in "Create in the Trossachs".

This event was extremely well organised by Stirling Councils Youth Workers and various participation events were available.

Police were also in attendance and lectured on online internet safety for children and in particular the use of social networking sites.

Hard hitting messages were passed on as some short films showed just how easy it is to be duped and for teenagers to be giving far too much personal information away putting details on their facebook and bebo pages.

A large number of the youths and some adults who took part admitted to be going home to remove some personal details and pictures from their pages.

Further advice can be given by contacting PC 306 Kerr at Callander Police Office on tel:01786 456000

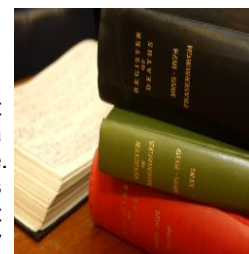
Damage to a police vehicle.

17th July 2010

A 21 year old man was charged with causing damage to a Police vehicle, breach of the peace and misuse of the 999 system after an incident outside Aberfoyle Police Office on 19th June 2010.

A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal at Stirling.

Registrar



Despite the 'four seasons' weather that summer has thrown at us, it has still been a busy time, as we traditionally expect it to be. Amid all the happy events, it seems particularly sad to have recorded recent deaths, among which was the loss of Donny Cameron, a well known local character most recently from the Port of Menteith. Donny will be greatly missed throughout the area, and our sincere condolences go to all his family and friends, in their bereavement.

Still the 'baby trend' continues and three have been registered in the area, since I last wrote. All boys, this time, with first the birth of son, Ayden Clow, to the delight of Aberfoyle mum Stacey; followed by the birth of baby Isaac Huskisson to Gartmore couple Cassandra and Mark; and finally with parents Andrew and Emma coming all the way across from Strathblane to register baby Lochlan.

One of the reasons we are so busy at this time of year is the number of summer weddings. John and I have both been fortunate enough to officiate at many such happy events, as have our local ministers. Too numerous to mention them all this time, these have included weddings at the Lake Hotel, such as marriage of William Cassells from Ireland to bride Nesta Jones-Lapsley; weddings at Forest Hills Hotel, such as the marriage of Glasgow couple James Mullaney and Diane Paterson; weddings at the Rob Roy Hotel, such as the marriage of Kevin Dimmock and Kay Turner from East Kilbride; weddings at the Registration Office, such as the marriage of Duncan Wells and Michelle Garvey who traveled from Ipswich; and even - great fun for me! - weddings on board the Sir Walter Scott steamship, such as the marriage of Christopher Mulgrew to bride Suman Sharma. Our very best congratulations to these and to all couples married in our area.

Now, just before I rush off, you may have noticed there have been no 'local weddings' report this month. We'll have to try and remedy that next time round and, should you decide that tempts you into booking such a wonderful event, do get in touch and we will help you with your plans. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am until 12 noon. Appointments can be made by telephone 01877 382 986, by email regaberfoyle@stirling.gov.uk, or by dropping in to the office during opening hours.

Sharon Johnston

Registrar

Stirling Council's Aberfoyle Local Office



Trossachs Area Network

The next meeting of the Trossachs Area Network will take place on Thursday 23rd September at 7pm in Gartmore Village Hall.

The meeting will focus on the potential displacement effect of the "wild camping" ban at East Loch Lomondside as well as the impact and monitoring of Central Scotland Police's Operation Ironworks in the area. Representatives from Central Scotland Police and the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park will make presentations and answer questions from the floor.

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cookroom ltd scores a double hat -trick

cookroom ltd of Kinlochard has been awarded Gold awards in the UK Great Taste Awards for the third year in a row and this year has picked up not one, not two but three awards! A two star gold has been awarded for their pecan, maple and whisky tart, and one star golds for both their chocolate orange fudgy muffin and their savoury cheese and lentil pie.

Morag Philips proprietor at cookroom ltd., commented, "I'm thrilled that these products have been judged to be among the country's most highly rated food produce."

The star ratings are established on the premise that a one star gold is "perfect" and a two star gold means your product is "absolutely sublime."

Morag added, "We can now use the coveted black & gold-star GREAT TASTE stickers on all of these products which means they stand out from the crowd on the shelves in the quality farm shops and outlets we supply. Customers can then be assured that they are buying a product with a reliable seal of approval based on great taste and not marketing. Direct feedback from our Farmers Market customers in Stirling and Perth lets us know just what they want and appreciate."

cookroom ltd is now a well established and well recognised company. They produce a wide range of delicious wheat and gluten free handmade cakes and savoury products everyone can enjoy and demand for their fine food at events and functions is also understandably increasing. cookroom not only supplies selected quality farm shops and tearooms/coffee shops across Central Scotland but also now supplies to the highly regarded Westmorland Farm Shop at Tebay in the North of England.

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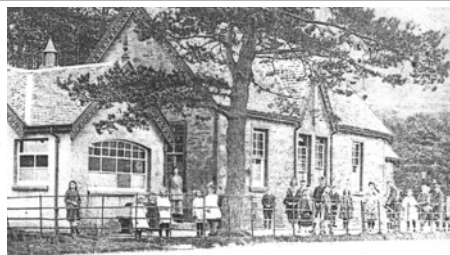
Look out world. Here comes Mrs Le Meilleur!



Sadie, aged 93½, joins the Silver Surfers.

Loch Ard Local History Group

The Local History Group's season begins on **Monday 13th September** with a talk by the noted local historian and writer, **Louis Stott**, which he has entitled '**The Remarkable Reverend Kirk**'



Kinlochard School 1920

Because Kinlochard Village Hall is closed for refurbishment at present, the venue for our meetings has had to change and, thanks to the generosity of the management, we are being loaned a meeting room at the **Forest Hills Hotel**. Meetings start at 7.30pm. Membership £10 per annum. Single meetings (open to all) £3.

The October meeting features a talk by former Gartmore resident, **Dr. Patrick Mileham** entitled '**The Scottish Peterloo**'

This event is shared with Gartmore Heritage Society and takes place in the Episcopal Church, Aberfoyle on **Monday 11th October at 8pm** and once again all are welcome.

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Rob Roy Mini Highland Games Kinlochard

Lady Luck, Lucky Stars and the Weather Gods were all looking upon Kinlochard on the July 18th for the Rob Roy Highland Games. The day before, the weather was appalling - the day after, there were storms of tropical intensity - but the day passed with very pleasant weather, more people than ever before and more money raised than ever before.

As ever, the organisers are most appreciative for all the support and generosity of so many people which made the day so successful and the atmosphere so enjoyable. As the photos illustrate. And now the objective is visible - the digger has moved onto the Village Hall site and work is in progress on the renovations and extensions of the new Hall.



Sir Walter Scott opens the games!
(looks familiar?)



* Images: courtesy of Acer Photography

National Park News

By Owen McKee

Slowly but surely the New Board is taking shape with the locally elected members in post from 1st July. Joining Willie Nesbit, who covers Gartmore, and me are three Davids. Replacing Mike Luti in Callander is David Warnock whom some of you may know from his days with Stirling Council Ranger Service and his involvement with the Trossachs Trail. The Balloch and West Loch Lomond area is represented by David McCowan and Cowal gives us David McKenzie. I am sure none of them was unaware of the problems that the Park Authority faces but it was felt that an early introduction to their new role would benefit from a little trip round some of the problem areas to let them see at first hand the horrors that some of our visitors inflict on the Park's environment. I think they were suitably impressed!!!

The six Ministerial appointees and six local authority nominees are due to take up their posts on 1st October. Five of the six Ministerial Appointees have now been named. Kate Sankey who lives in Thornhill is the only one of the current Board who has been re-appointed and she is joined by Petra Biberbach, Linda McKay, Lindsay Morrison and Colin Hayes. Why only five appointees in place? The simple answer is that the Park Board elects its own convener and with so many new members coming on board it makes sense for the present convener, Mike Cantley, to stay on to allow the new members time to get acquainted before electing a new convener. The final ministerial appointee will join the Board on Mike's departure.

There only remain then the Local Authority nominations to be finalised. With two members allocated Stirling Council has nominated Provost Fergus Woods and Councillor Tony Finch. Perth and Kinross have again nominated Bob Ellis but we still await the final three nominations, one for West Dunbarton and two for Argyll and Bute.

The current Board's final act will be to host the annual conference of the Association of the UK National Park Authorities. This will take place from 22nd to 24th September. I am charged with a workshop on the Park's Finalised Draft Local Plan and housing provision within the Park.

Over the past couple of years we have been targetted with making efficiency savings of 2% in our operation with the proviso that these



(left to right) Mike Cantley, David McCowan, David Warnock, David McKenzie, Bob Jack, Willie Nisbet, Owen McKee and Fiona Logan.

savings could then be utilised to fund park projects. We have been achieving these targets and will be expected to continue to do so but we suspect that these savings will no longer be available for us to use in the Park. We have also been warned that we will not be exempt from any cutbacks that the Scottish Government is required to make. Challenging times lie ahead but work is ongoing to find new ways of finding funding to ensure that the Park can flourish even in times of financial restraint.

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Inversnaid Reserve

It has been another quiet couple of months on the reserve with most of the work happening in the office rather than out on the reserve. We did get out onto the reserve for our second evening at the Inversnaid hotel which went well, no members from the evening unfortunately but at least we got to talk to some nice people about birds and the work we do on our reserve. Hopefully we can do the same again when we head back there at the end of August. Fraser also managed to squeeze in a quick(!) fence audit on the reserve; apparently our march fence does go all the way over the top of Beinn a Choin. Hats off to the guys who originally installed that fence! We now know how much re-fencing needs to be done; so along with all of the other jobs on the reserve like fixing some of the steps on the nature reserve and installing that other oak bench (we will get around to it one day) it will go onto the 'to do' list which,

somehow, never seems to get any shorter. If any of you ever feel like you would like to give us a hand on the reserve then please do get in touch with either myself (allison.leonard@rspb.org.uk) or Fraser (fraser.lamont@rspb.org.uk).

Volunteering with the RSPB is a great thing to do whether you have a few hours a month (how about being a pin badge box minder?) or you are looking for something more hands on, then we have something for you. We could regularly use an extra couple of pairs of hands out on the reserve and you gain from it too. You could meet like minded people, get out and do something worthwhile, all while getting fit. You simply have to be over 16 (or over 14 with a parent or guardian in tow), be reasonably fit (it's not the easiest reserve to get around) and be enthusiastic and you don't even have to know anything about birds. So why not give it a try????

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New Mountain Bike Guiding Business Starts in the Trossachs

Mountain bike enthusiasts can now tap into a new service which will help them make the most of their visit to the Trossachs. Wild Biking Scotland.com is a new Aberfoyle business that offers guided mountain biking in the forest trails and hill tracks of the area.

Guide Sandy Slater says, "Visitors to the area want the best experience they can get in the limited time they have available. Going out with a guide means they are going on a session designed for their own particular objectives, fitness and skill. It's great fun exploring on your own, but it also makes sense to use the expertise of a professional who will also provide safety support and skills coaching during the session."

The Queen Elizabeth and Achray Forests have missed out on the mountain biking developments at other forests, such as Glentworth and Nevis Range, which now have famous trails and guiding and coaching businesses which support an increasingly important sector of activity tourism. Sandy is keen that mountain bikers are encouraged to discover the attractions of the Trossachs.

"There are hundreds of miles of trails of all types here, so every biker will find challenge and enjoyment to suit their tastes. I'm a bit of an evangelist about mountain biking – it's a brilliant activity for a family, for keeping fit, for learning new skills, for enjoying the outdoors, for de-stressing and for finding out about the environment," he says. "From David Marshall Lodge, for example, there are downhill single-tracks for the adventurous, tough uphill for a workout, easy forest wanders and also a section of National Cycle Route 7."



Sandy Slater

His guided sessions are based on small groups with the route tailored to suit the clients. Sandy provides the route-finding, mechanical assistance with punctures and chainbreaks, first aid cover, skills coaching and information on the environment and wildlife.

He sees his service as being another element of tourism infrastructure, providing one more reason for visitors to prolong their stay in the area. "The Trossachs and the National Park are fabulous places and visitors should explore them. If I can help them have a great time on their mountain bikes, then everyone benefits. Mountain biking doesn't appear to have a high profile in the area but it deserves to."

Sandy divides his working week between the biking and what he calls his "desk job" – providing business advice to social enterprises in particular, through his

company Slainte Ltd (www.slainte.ltd.uk). He and his wife, Jane have just moved to Aberfoyle from Lochaber where he has been writing business plans and advising businesses and community groups for the last 20 years. "The Third Sector in general, and social enterprises in particular, have been identified by the Scottish Government as having key roles in our future economy. Much of my work is in helping social enterprises establish themselves on a financially sustainable basis."

For more information check out www.wildbikingscotland.com or email him at sandy@wildbikingscotland.com.

Strathard urged to Give it a Grow this Summer

Zero Waste Scotland is urging people across Strathard to go green this summer, by collecting their household and garden waste and setting up a home compost bin.

Give it a Grow was the theme of this year's Compost Awareness Week which ran from 2nd – 8th May to encourage more people to realise the benefits of home composting. Home composting is one of the most cost effective ways of reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill sites, and is an easy way of directly reducing waste that needs to be collected from your house. Organic waste that goes to landfill causes powerful greenhouse gases to be released into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.

The average Scottish household produced an average of 1,179kg of waste in 2008/09, with paper and card, food, kitchen and garden waste making up the majority share. Many people are unaware of the wide range of waste which can be composted. Over a third of the contents of an average UK household bin are suitable for home composting, including tea bags, fruit and vegetable peelings, cardboard/paper, egg shells, grass cuttings and garden waste and even the contents from a vacuum cleaner.

As part of Zero Waste Scotland's 'Compost at Home' campaign, a range of subsidised compost bins are available, with prices starting from just £8, along with free delivery and a free kitchen caddy. Home composting is easy to do and only requires a small amount of outside space. It takes approximately 9-12 months to produce finished compost which can then be used to enrich the soil and feed garden plants.

Tim Morton, Head of the Waste Reduction Team at Zero Waste Scotland said; "The subsidised compost bins provide an easy, affordable way for people across Strathard to do their bit for the environment by keeping garden and household waste out of landfill sites."

"Home composting is environmentally friendly and produces excellent free compost which can be used on flower beds and vegetable plots, ensuring that your garden grows greener. So why not 'give it a grow' this summer and order your compost bin now at www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk" For further details of the range of compost bins available and top tips on home composting visit: www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk

Welcome to the news from *Glendrick Roost*

We unfortunately had an accident within the male gerbil cage when the father, Scrabble, attacked his son Wiggle, biting him so badly he had to have his lovely tail amputated. I have kept gerbils for a good few years and have never had any fighting within a cage of those brought up together so this episode was a very sad one. The two boys have now been taken out of the cage and are caged with the newest brother 'Squirt' Peace reigns (I hope!)

The tortoises are doing well though Orion the large male is being very stubborn and refusing to eat because he had been fed on 'artificial' food in his previous home and was not interested in the correct diet - weeds, flowers and occasional salad leaves. The artificial food sold for chelonians is very bad for them causing too high a level of protein to be ingested. Unfortunately, as is usually the case, the general public believes what the pet shops tell them and continue to feed incorrectly for most animal species. The high protein can cause excessive growth in the shell and deformities known as pyramiding. This can cause pain and eventual death for the poor mite!

Our new donkey, Dumpling, is coming on but due to her poor condition when rescued it is a slow, slow process. She has had her appalling feet trimmed and was very good. This was because we made haste slowly as usual and spent a lot of time handling her legs and feet till she allowed Brian to pick them up and cut off the excess growth without much fuss. She is not putting weight on as I had hoped and a vet visit suggested she may have liver fluke. Having been rescued from Ireland it is quite likely she was kept on one of the many bogs over there where the liver fluke thrives and picked it up there. A relatively cheap solution was forthcoming and hopefully we will now see results.

Hessilhead visits this last month have consisted of two newly hatched pigeons. What ugly babies! They are all beak and floppy head but cute all the same. A blue tit baby probably fallen out of the nest and a couple of hedgehogs. One had been rescued half drowned during the bad storms of a few weeks ago. Please ring me for advice if you find a wildlife casualty (07748 351287), but you can administer essential first aid by putting the poor creature on a covered hot water bottle as heat is the main lifesaver. A box by the cooker or radiator is not enough nor is wrapping them in a towel/fleece etc. Even hot water in an old cola bottle is better than nothing if you don't have a hot water bottle. Already the show season is almost done. We only have two more Highland games to attend this year - Blairgowrie on September 5th and Pitlochry on September 11th. We do however still have a number of dates for Dobbies. We will be in Perth 14/15th August; Milngavie 21/22nd August; Ayr 28/29th August and Milngavie again on 4/5th September. Before Christmas we will be again in Milngavie at least three times and Ayr once more. Please come and meet some of the animals if you are around on these days. We did however have a lovely offer of a brand new brochure which has been done for us by Deacon Brothers Printers in Kirkintilloch. Our thanks go to them for a wonderful job.

We have now set up facilities to claim back tax via Gift Aid. Please consider sponsoring an animal, donating as little as 50p /£1 a month or more through your bank or giving us a one-off donation. This will give us a known amount of money so we can budget for all the animals in our care. At the last count this was 165!!!

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HONG KONG TASTE FOR TROSSACHS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

Hong Kong has been announced as the international partner of the 2010 Trossachs Mushroom Festival which takes place in and around the Trossachs area with events held in Aberfoyle, Kinlochard, Gartmore and the surrounding countryside. This annual long weekend of fun, fungi & festivities takes place in 2010 from October 21 - 24.

Traditional Scottish activities include ceilidhs, with dance classes daily for newcomers, mixing with Chinese events featuring dragons, boat racing, tai chi classes and wok cookery; special guests include the 12-strong Glasgow Hong Lok Dragon and Lion Dancing Troupe providing entertainment at many events and street theatre... they tell us Gorillas will be out and about Aberfoyle too.

The humble mushroom remains the star of the show however with more fungi forays into the stunning countryside than ever before. This year mushroom specialist Liz Holden and WalkWild expert Arthur Jones will host a series of special guided walks and offer expert advice on the different fungi available in the local area. Walk to Wok events will link the selection of wild & cultivated mushrooms with the most colourful aspect of Chinese cookery.

Launching the official programme, John Epps of Trossachs Business Partnership said:

"With a decade of festivals under our belt, the 2010 Trossachs Mushroom Festival promises to be our most exciting and colourful ever. We shall offer everyone the fusion of Hong Kong and Scottish cultures at the heart of the Trossachs area: enthusiasts are already preparing for Lion Dances and Dragon Races, and our spies tell us our Chinese colleagues have been taking Ceilidh dance class! Whilst we really take great pleasure in sharing our

traditions as the new culture which is Scotland today evolves in the best spirit of fun, the mushroom remains the centrepiece of our festival with more "Fungi forays" than ever before.

Local people and visitors alike have the chance to enjoy a unique experience, whether it's our outstanding forest venue in Scotland's First National Park, daily fun for children, fine food, atmospheric street theatre and free barbeques, exotic dancing, raft races and a daily mix of supporting events from art exhibition, craft fair & antiques roadshows to lawn bowls & photography.

We're delighted that delegates from the Chinese Embassy and the Central Scotland Chinese Association will join Stirling's Provost Fergus Wood as our special guests for the festival celebrations. We really hope our guests will try something new: there is something for everyone to enjoy in this beautiful part of the National Park. With grateful thanks to our sponsors and after months of planning, we can barely wait to welcome everyone to our 2010 special celebration of wildfood, family fun and good country living. The 2010 Trossachs Mushroom Festival with The Flavour of Hong Kong will be a special experience".

The Trossachs Mushroom Festival programme, contact details and booking forms are available on the official website www.mushroomfestival.co.uk



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TROSSACHS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL 2010

Mushroom Festival Photography Competition

As in previous years we are holding a photography competition for primary school children and adults in Strathard to enter their photos of mushrooms and fungi that have been taken in the forests and woods in the Strathard area.

This year the competition will be a purely on-line event, so there will be no need for entrants to print their images and submit them. This should simplify the process and keep costs down.

The images can be of any type of mushroom and can be of any size and quality preferably taken in the surrounding area this year. They will be judged by a panel of experts and possibly members of a photography site and the winning photo in the children's section will receive a prize worth £50.

The competition is also open to adults and we have a fabulous first prize of 2 days photography tuition in The Trossachs with bed and breakfast and evening meal included courtesy of the Forth Inn.



We will close the competition on 17th October and the prize winners will be announced at the Opening Ceremony for the 2010 Mushroom Festival. Prize winners will also be announced on the Mushroom Festival Website at www.mushroomfestival.co.uk where more information regarding the competition and the festival can be found.

Send your photos to photos@mushroomfestival.co.uk



Strathard Community Trust 'Scottsland, Slates & Steamtrains' Sunday 19th September – 12 noon till 4pm Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Find out more about the heritage of Aberfoyle: tourism & transport, the slate quarries and the railway line. Do bring along anything you might have which shows Aberfoyle's heritage, or if possible contact us in advance on 387200 if you have old photographs or material we could include as part of the displays. This Heritage Day has been funded by the Scottsland initiative.

Guided trips to Aberfoyle slate quarry will be available on both Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th, with minibus pickups from the Memorial Hall on the Sunday. Advance booking for these trips is essential - contact the David Marshall Lodge on 382258 for further details.



Renaissance Palace Goes On Youtube

A short film about how James V's palace at Stirling Castle is being returned to its 16th-century magnificence can now be seen on the internet.

Historic Scotland is using the web to publicise the £12 million project to refurbish the royal apartments to create a major new visitor attraction.

The film is the first in a planned series highlighting the project itself, and the work of the traditional craftsmen and women who are decorating, furnishing and fitting the palace using many of the same skills and materials as their predecessors in the early 1540s.

As well as being put on YouTube it will also be shown at events and used as part of Historic Scotland's promotional material in the run-up to the re-opening of the palace at Easter 2011.

Peter Yeoman, Historic Scotland head of cultural resources, said: "Returning the palace to how it may have looked in the mid-16th century is a huge project and this film gives a

behind-the-scenes glimpse of how it is being done.

"We also want people to get a first glimpse of what's in store when it reopens next year, providing the country with an exciting new visitor attraction.

"At the same time we are celebrating the tremendous work of the traditional craftsmen and decorative artists who are helping bring this fantastic piece of Scotland's heritage back to life.

"They are using many of the same techniques and materials as were used by the people who first furnished and decorated the royal apartments 450 years ago.

"In fact the refurbishment has given us a far better understanding than ever before of just what the challenges would have been for our Renaissance ancestors who were given the job of creating a palace fit for royalty.

"I hope that our short films will further raise people's awareness of the palace project,

and will also heighten the profile of traditional arts and crafts and underline the importance of doing what we can to keep them alive."

The film, called Stirling Castle Palace – A Renaissance, was made by Mike Brooks of Historic Scotland's own photographic unit, in conjunction with the Web Team and Marketing Teams, as part of the wider work to fully record each stage of the project.

It can be seen at www.youtube.com/historicscotlandtv.



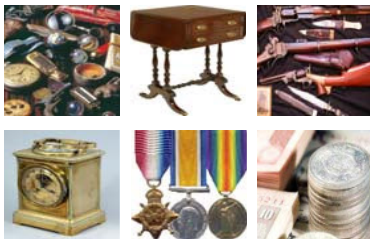
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THE DAVID MARSHALL LODGE 50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Sunday 15 August

Considering my expectations of this happening were born some seven years ago, the sense of anticipation within me developed to an almost unhealthy level as the date grew closer. Unfortunately this was to prove an all too literal a connotation, as a summer virus attacked my system with no little degree of aggression seven days prior to the event.

Were the Gods conspiring against me?

I had little time to wonder if outside forces were indeed at work, however, as e-mails and phone calls were coming my way thick and fast.

Much to do:

The guest list; the itinerary; the press; the catering; the welcomes; the speakers; the car parking; the cake; the flowers; the presentation; the photographer.

All of these duties seemed to pale, though, upon the realisation I should prepare a speech of my own as the closing part of the proceedings. As it happened, time wore on without this being done, so I decided to rescind this notion on the morning of the occasion, and just let the whole thing roll.

It turned out I need not have concerned myself so much, as the day took a perfectly natural course, in keeping with the ethos of this magnificent building and all it stands for. The speakers, through Gordon Donaldson, Forest District Manager, Angus Hogg, Vice-Chairman of the Carnegie Trust, Grant Moir, Director of Conservation and Visitor Experience for the National Park and Fiona McEwan from Strathard Community Council, collectively, delivered a wonderful array of evocative words relating to their organisations connections with the Lodge. Following on, Heelster Gowdie, our resident band, produced two magnificent half-hour sets of traditional folk music, 'sandwiched' by a truly superb buffet lunch provided by the Bluebell Cafe.

Guests of Honour were a number of descendants and family of David Marshall and the final part of the day was taken up with a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Kirsty Dunlop, grand-daughter of Mr. Marshall.

She, herself, had performed a similar ceremony toward the Baroness Elliot of Harwood, DBE, a life trustee of the Carnegie Trust, on opening day, August 16th, 1960.

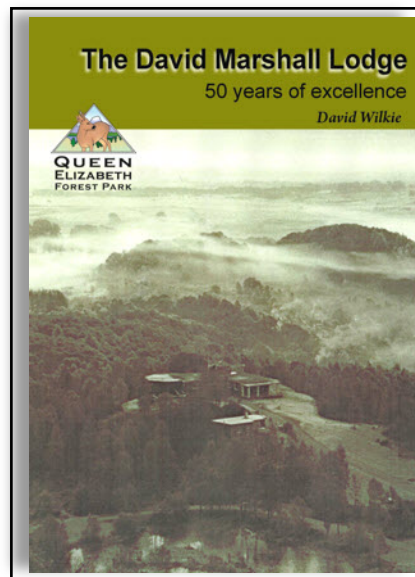
I talk to you often about 'special days' held at the David Marshall Lodge through this column. This one clearly takes pride of place, and will never be forgotten.



The Marshall family pictured outside the Lodge.



Kirsty Dunlop receiving her bouquet from Naomi Betts of the Bluebell Cafe.



Anniversary Booklet

This author has produced a booklet detailing the history of the Lodge to coincide with its Anniversary year. Available at £4.99, it can currently be purchased in the Forest Craft Shop at the DML or from the post office in Aberfoyle. It is also available from the Commission's Cowal & Trossachs District Office, the Commission's Edinburgh HQ, Tourist Information Visitor Centres and other outlets within the National Park. A copy can also be sent by mail order for a total cost of £6.50. For details, please contact 01877 382258 or 01877 382868.



Kirsty Dunlop presenting a bouquet in 1960.

GARTMORE GOES GREEN

Green Routes is a social enterprise and registered charity, based in the beautiful environs of the old walled garden at Gartmore House.

Asides from forming close connections with the village community of Gartmore, it offers a range of training opportunities, most specifically in market gardening, where vocational qualifications can be achieved. A vital part of the training development is focussed on encouraging individual skills which creates self esteem and well being, reducing in turn the possibility of social exclusion. Further benefits are to be found through working in it's safe, healthy and natural surroundings. If anyone is interested in volunteering to mentor young people with disabilities as they work in the garden, please contact Rosie Mason on 01786 823984. For more information on Green Routes, contact Gillian Forster on 01877 387231 or check www.bebo.com/greenroutes

DML Notice Board

- **BAT WATCH**
- Wed 1st and Wed 8th September 7.30 p.m. until late.
- Cost £ 5.00 per adult. Children under 14 go free.
- Find out more about bats in the forest with a talk and guided walk in the company of a forest ranger. Stout footwear and wet weather clothing are required for these ever-popular events. A torch and midge repellent will also be useful !.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- Meet at David Marshall Lodge. Bookable.
- **DOORS OPEN DAYS**
- Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 September.
- Free.
- Doors Open Days is a national celebration of our wonderful built heritage and history, with buildings and sites not normally open to the public or charging, open for free.
- The Lodge will be concentrating on the local slate quarry, with mini-bus tours and presentations included. The tours will be leaving at 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. each day and will be limited in number, so booking is essential. Please confirm details by contacting the Lodge on 01877 382 258 nearer the time.
- **HEELSTER GOWDIE**
- Sunday 19 September. 2.30 p.m.
- Free.
- This will be the bands last appearance this year, so try not to miss out. Donations welcome for their chosen charity.



Sarah and Catherine Rauch-Lynch at a recent fund raising plant sale at the Lodge



Adrian Dargue and Christine Taylor, from Killearn, are seen here taking their wedding vows at the Lodge on Saturday 24th July.

Free Taekwondo

To celebrate the opening of the new Karate Kid movie Callander/Stirling Taekwondo are offering free lessons throughout August to any new students. This offer is available at any of our venues in Stirling and Callander. See our website www.callander-taekwondo.co.uk or call Duncan on 07713 193841.

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St Mary's Episcopal Church

Richard Grosse, Rector of St Mary's

Some will know that I work occasionally on the Council Library Van. Of late, readers have been requesting three books in particular: 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo', 'The Girl who played with Fire', and 'The Girl who kicked the Hornets' Nest'. Each was written by a Swede, Stieg Larsson. Larsson worked as a journalist and political activist for many years and each was written merely as a means of relaxation after work. Alas, before he was able to send the completed manuscripts to be published, he suddenly died of a heart attack. Were he alive today, he would doubtless be heartened that his venture into fiction is now so much in demand and appreciated. It is sad that he died without knowledge of the true worth of his labours.

The eighteenth century composer Johann Sebastian Bach spent much of his working life as a teacher and organist at St Thomas in Leipzig. For a salary of £125.00 per annum, Bach was required to train the boys' choir as well as being organist. He was also expected to produce one new musical composition each week, which he duly did. This will explain why Bach produced such a prolific amount of work in his lifetime.

Much of Bach's compositions after performance were bundled into a cupboard in the choir vestry and after his death in 1750, largely forgotten. The manuscripts containing Bach's masterpieces were not without use: succeeding generations of St Thomas choristers would purchase hot rolls from a nearby baker before coming to practice, and keep them warm by wrapping them in pieces of manuscript from the vestry cupboard.

Bach's genius may have remained forgotten forever but for another composer living in the nineteenth century, Mendelssohn. Idly flicking through paper at his music teacher's house some seventy years after his death, Mendelssohn recognised the discarded manuscript of Bach's 'St Matthew's Passion'. Delighted with his find, he organised a search for other papers: before long the trail led to the cupboard at St Thomas's. There great quantities of Bach's work were discovered and mercifully preserved from the greasy fingers of choristers. But alas Bach, like Larsson after him, could not live in the knowledge that his life's labours had not been in vain.

Especially on a Monday morning or after return to work after a holiday many of us despair that the occupation we attempt to pursue in life is worthless. Thus we are tempted to ask ourselves whether there is any point in continuing.

What we might learn is that we will never truly know the worth or value of our lives. We may not be a Bach or a Larsson, but who knows how others will remember and value our contribution to life a century hence? We might be surprised. Perhaps the closing prayer will put such anxieties into perspective.

O Lord, in whose hands is the issue of all things and who requires from us not success but rather faithfulness: Give us such faith that we measure our lives not by what we have done, or failed to do, but by our obedience to your will.

Amen



From the Manse

Aberfoyle and Port of Menteith Parish Church



When Jesus attended the wedding at Cana, I bet there were a few who wished he'd turned the wine into water. In a way they are right, for marriage is really a solemn business. But what we all want to do is celebrate, for a wedding is one of the great moments in human life, a great celebration of human love.

We have a lot of weddings in this part of the world. No wonder, with the three beautiful churches - Aberfoyle and Port of Menteith Parish Churches, and St Mary's - all set in such natural splendour. I have conducted many weddings in my time - that is an awful lot of vows, bridesmaids and confetti. Apparently the average wedding - whatever that is - can cost around £20,000. It sounds a lot, and when you glance at all the wedding magazines (though I don't), you can see how it all adds up. Every bride wants her day to be perfect, and there is nothing wrong in that ... but all that money. However, I love weddings. I love meeting the couple, planning the service that suits them, trying to get them to think beyond the big day - about the marriage, not just the wedding. I love all the colour, the nerves, the excitement, the music, the sheer joy of the day.

There are things I dislike about weddings, however. I am not happy when photographers think they are Cecil B DeMille directing Spartacus, and tell me where to stand in the church. I am not happy when videographers tell the couple to wear microphones and want to stand behind me in the chancel with their camera peering over my shoulder. I am not happy when these things happen, because I don't want there to be any upset on a special day that I think should be relaxed and joyful, but also dignified.

Weddings have become big business, an investment in the life of two people together.

And still divorce rates soar. Perhaps we take marriage so seriously that if it is not Hollywood perfect, we want to get out of it. We seem to have got ourselves into a bit of a pickle about marriage. As a society we worship the god of romantic love, but that particular god tends to disappear after a few years. We sentimentalize marriage; use an icon of a pretty pink love hearts. It sounds grim, but perhaps a cross is a better icon for marriage. It speaks of a different kind of love that is totally realistic, embracing and imaginative, and a love which is costly and cannot hide, but faces the truth. I see all these things in the strongest, most loving and lasting of marriages.

And if you think I am a wedding killjoy, a cynic, a misanthrope even, then I ask you to go onto the internet, to YouTube, JK Wedding Entrance Dance. Every marriage needs the support of the community in which it takes place and I can think of no better example than this wedding of Jill and Kevin, where the entire bridal party dances down the aisle to a song by Chris Brown. It is the most joyful and human of scenes, done with great panache and surprising dignity and it delights me every time I watch it. I feel this marriage will last, simply because of the love, support and friendship, not just money, that friends and family have invested in it.

Do enjoy these last days of summer, and please think of those couples who will be marrying in our churches. And if you are planning to marry here, and would like to do a Jill and Kevin, well, I am listening.

Linda

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Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers visit Loch Ard Forest

FTDR's latest outing was to the Family Sculpture Trails in Loch Ard Forest near Aberfoyle. The forest is part of the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, which is within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. The Lochan Loop is three and a half miles long on reasonably good forest tracks and ideal for the group's activities.

Fortunately, following heavy rain the day before, the sun shone brightly and 42 participants took advantage of the stunning scenery on offer. Loch Ard is said to be the most beautiful of all the Scottish lochs and no one who took part could disagree. It is a popular route with walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Starting at the Forestry Commission's Milton car park, a mile from Aberfoyle, the Lochan Loop winds uphill to Lochan Ghleannain. A beautiful bench is sited at the top of the slope where weary walkers can enjoy a splendid view back down over the lochan. The path eventually reaches the shores of Loch Ard where the scenery just gets better and better. There is a series of sculptures depicting the links in the natural food chain in the forest around the trail. There are squirrels, eagles on totem poles, foxes, ospreys and more to be found hidden amongst the trees. Some of these are made of metal and others are wooden chainsaw sculptures. They were made by local artist Rob Mulholland. The project was commissioned by the Forestry Commission Scotland with funding provided by the Scottish Executive.

Due to a puncture with one of the vans the ramble started later than planned and a trip around Lochan Spling was not possible. One for the future perhaps!

Further information about the Disabled Ramblers can be found on the websites: www.ftdr.com and www.forthandtaydisabledramblers.org.uk



Trossachs Film Festival

Thanks to ScottsLand, Callander Film Society and Gartmore Community Cinema present the first Trossachs Film Festival with free screenings on 10 and 11 September.

Even before Sir Walter Scott based his epic poem *Lady of the Lake* at Loch Katrine 200 years ago, artists and poets were inspired by our local landscapes. And this has continued, with many films and TV programmes using the Trossachs as a stunning location. This short festival features films shot in or close to the Trossachs and Walter Scott stories, with something for all age groups and interests. We will also be showing an educational film on Scott to pupils at Callander Primary School.

Friday 10 September

Rob Roy the Highland Rogue (1953)
Rob Roy Centre, Callander 7.30

Saturday 11 September

Ivanhoe (1952)
Rob Roy Centre matinee 10am

Trossachs Shorts – selection of short films and TV clips from Scottish Screen Archive
Callander Primary School, drop in between 12.30 and 4pm

The 39 Steps (1959)
Rob Roy Centre 2.15pm

Kirk (2009) Scottish Premiere with Producer Joan McPherson in conversation with BBC Radio Scotland's Janice Forsyth
Rob Roy Centre, Callander 7pm (Booking essential for this screening – tickets from National Park Office, Main St, Callander tel 01877 331209).

Monty Python & the Holy Grail (1975)
Gartmore Village Hall 8pm

Full details at www.scottisland.co.uk
or from 01877 330519.



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The Aberfoyle Osprey Project

The Drama Continues...

As many of you know the osprey season here at Aberfoyle hasn't been an easy ride, but things seem to have been a lot calmer towards the end of the season. The last few weeks seem to have flown by!

On Monday 5 July our chicks were ringed and are now officially known as Dark Blue HV, HY and HW. We also believe that we have two males and a female. All of the chicks grew quickly and by the time they were getting on for 7 weeks old they were getting ready to make their first flights. The eldest took its first flight on the 17 July with the other two following the week after.

It nearly all ended in disaster though. When one of the chicks made its first flight it ended up landing right on top of our camera, meaning at one point we ended up looking at the forest floor! This meant that we had to send out a team to get it back up and working.

All of the chicks have now fledged the nest and are most likely to be seen down on one of the many lochs surrounding the Aberfoyle area honing their fishing techniques and learning to become expert flyers.

"Name our Chicks" Competition Results

The results of the "Name the chicks" competition were also revealed later that week. The three winning entries were Ozzy, named by Mhairi, Jemima named by Martha, and Fred named by Joe!

David Marshall Lodge Wildlife Room Developments

The wildlife room in the David Marshall Lodge has seen some big changes over the last few months and there are still a few more to come. First of all and the biggest change must be the addition of natural light and ventilation to the room with the opening of the original windows. We have also removed some of the bigger cupboards providing us with more space in the room. Why not pop in and see for yourself?

*The Aberfoyle Osprey Project is a partnership between RSPB Scotland and Forestry Commission Scotland.
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CALLANDER FILM SOCIETY

The Callander Film Society has been running for more than 30 years. This year we're showing 17 movies including one at our AGM in May. So a combined membership of £25 works out at less than £1.50 per film. Visitors and non-members are also welcome for £4 at the door.

The Contemporary Programme at 7.30pm on Saturdays at the Rob Roy Centre kicks off with Kathryn Bigelow's **The Hurt Locker**, an action filled war epic set in Iraq, which won six Oscars, including best film. Other autumn films are **Micmacs**, a unique French satire on the arms trade; **An Education** (sponsored by Mhor Fish & Mhor Bread), a coming-of-age story about a teenage girl in 1960s suburban London; and **The White Ribbon**, a German film nominated for two Oscars, set in a WW1 village where the children are being bullied by the local pastor, doctor and baron. Our pre-Christmas film is **Sherlock Holmes**, directed by Guy Ritchie and starring Robert Downey Jnr and Jude Law.

The New Year starts with **Julie and Julia**, with Meryl Streep, which intertwines the story of Julia Child's start in the cooking profession with blogger Julie Powell's challenge to cook all the recipes in Child's book. In February **The Ghost**, sponsored by Lady Kenmore's Antiques Curios and Collectables, is based on the Robert Harris bestseller about a writer charged with completing the memoirs of a former Prime Minister. It is followed by **The Last Station**, a historical drama about Leo Tolstoy and **Invictus** the story of how Nelson Mandela enlists the national rugby team to unite apartheid-divided South Africa. The season ends with **Secrets in Their Eyes**, the Argentinian winner of the Oscar for the best foreign film.

The contemporary films are shown on our own Blu-Ray DVD player, a digital cinema projector with a high quality image on the Rob Roy big screen and a digital surround sound with six speakers.

The Classic Programme is on Fridays in The Waverley Hotel. All feature a 16mm cartoon or a short movie as well as the main feature. This year we have a 1953 Scottish comedy, **Laxdale Hall**, filmed in Wester Ross, followed by a Disney fantasy, **Darby O'Gill and the Little People**. A courtroom classic, **12 Angry Men**, a Busby Berkeley musical, **For Me and My Gal**, and a Carole Reed 1947 suspense thriller, **Odd Man Out**, complete the programme.

Our classic system is a 16mm projector, usually with a two-reel film (classic film society format).

We are grateful for continued support from Stirling & District Arts Forum and the British Federation of Film Societies. And we couldn't operate without the ever helpful staff of the Rob Roy and The Waverley Hotel.

For more information or a membership form, please contact Eammon O'Boyle, Chairman, tel 01877 330519 poboye1@btopenworld.com.



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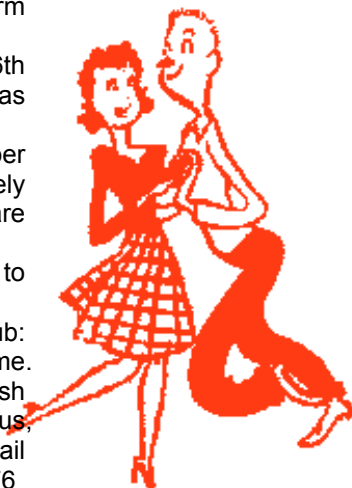
Aberfoyle Country Dance Club's autumn term begins on the first Wednesday in October.

Diary info: 7.30pm until 9.30pm, Wednesday 6th October and every Wednesday until the Christmas break.

Our venue is Memorial Hall, Aberfoyle. £1 pp per night or £10 the term, inc. refreshments. Absolutely no need for a partner, any flat shoes (or even bare feet) are good to make a start.

Be sure to bring a sense of fun and a willingness to have a good laugh in the friendliest of company.

Aberfoyle is a warm and welcoming dance club: new & experienced dancers, everyone feels at home. If you'd like to learn but have never tried Scottish Country Dance and feel a tad self-conscious, please contact John Epps email crannaighouse@aol.com or 'phone 01877 382276



Take a Race through History... ...The Chase is on!

This September one of the most stunning landscapes in Scotland, the Trossachs, will play host to a Duathlon with a difference, which is being backed by World Champion Duathlete Catriona Morrison. Enter into the mediaeval realm of the Sir Walter Scott's epic poem, the Lady of the Lake and retrace the magical journey of the King James V and the Stag.

On Saturday 25th September the Trossachs, will play host to a Duathlon with a difference. The Chase is a unique event to celebrate the bicentenary of the world famous poem Lady of the Lake.

The Chase will follow the story of the poem along the original route on the south side of Loch Venachar to Loch Katrine in pursuit of the elusive stag. On the bike-orienteeing-bike course participants will encounter several special challenges along the way. Registration will include a meal and entertainment in Callander after the race.

On the same day, a family friendly version of the event will also take place. The Wee Chase is aimed at people of all ages. It is a 3-mile cycle or walk towards Loch Venachar followed by an exciting Chase Challenge Treasure Hunt. On completion of the Treasure Hunt families make their way back to Callander for the party. Entry to the Wee Chase includes after race meal and entertainment and all for £20 for family of four.

Come and join in the fun! Entries for The Chase and the Wee Chase are now open at www.thechaserace.com

The origins of The Chase began in 1810 when Scott visited the Trossachs and was so taken with the area he wrote this iconic poem which took the world by storm and transformed popular perceptions of Scottish landscape. His cinematic depiction has helped establish Scotland as the popular tourist destination it is today. The Lady of the Lake describes how King James V,



Cat Morrison backs The Chase

disguised as a knight, attempts to hunt a stag and eventually seeks shelter on an island on Loch Katrine, summoned by the beautiful Ellen Douglas. The Chase is part of ScottsLand, a programme of events organised by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National park to mark the 200th anniversary of the publication of Lady of the Lake – more at www.scottscotland.co.uk.



Ale to the Chief!

A new ale has been launched to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Sir Walter Scott's poem The Lady of the Lake. Created by The Scottish Real Ale Shop, The Chase is named after part of the poem which made Scott the most popular author of his time. The poem also inspired one of the most recognised pieces of music Hail to the Chief, which had its biggest worldwide audience when it was played at President Obama's inauguration.

The Chase Ale has been launched to coincide with ScottsLand, a programme of events created by Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to celebrate the land that inspired Scott – the Trossachs. The beer will be the star attraction at The Trossachs Beer Festival which takes place in Kilmahog, Callander in August. It was developed with the Bridge of Allan brewer Traditional Scottish Ales and also links to a new event in

the area called The Chase which will attract sporting enthusiasts to the duathlon and families to the fun race on September 25th September. The Chase is available in bottles and casks from the Scottish Real Ale Shop and online at www.theladeinn.com. It is brewed using only the finest natural ingredients to produce a refreshing, smooth, malty, lightly hopped, 4% alc ruby red ale. The red and gold label quotes lines from The Chase canto of The Lady of the Lake, and has a distinct stag on the front.

Creator Frank Park has already had a great response to the ale. He comments: "It was a really interesting challenge to create something which celebrated Scott, the Lady of the Lake and The Chase, but we're delighted with the final product. We had plenty of volunteers to taste the brew, and it's been really popular with locals, real ale enthusiasts and tourists, which is apt as it was Scott who was responsible for the first surge of tourism to the area."

Elspheth McLachlan Project Director for ScottsLand adds: "It's fantastic to have this great ale created for ScottsLand. It's going to be the ideal end to The Chase sporting event – I'm sure that the thought of the cold ale will keep the participants going in the more difficult stages."

The fourth annual Trossachs Beer Festival takes place between 27 August and 5th September 2010 at The Lade Inn, Kilmahog.



Images of ScottsLand Digital Photography Competition www.imagesofscottscotland.org

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ScottsLand events celebrating the culture and adventure of the Trossachs can be found online at www.scottscotland.org or in the ScottsLand brochure which is widely available e.g. in VisitScotland. These include both Kinlochard & Callander Highland Games, and still to come in September 'The Chase', a Kite Festival and the Trossachs Classic Car Run. The competition closes on 30th September.

Do join in and share your special memories of ScottsLand in the Trossachs!

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School News

Aberfoyle Primary and Nursery

Celebration of Success

Our Celebration of Success was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 24th June. The children were all presented with certificates in recognition of their achievements during the past year. We were also entertained by the children who sang and played instruments. The event was attended by a large number of friends and family and I'm sure everyone will agree that the children performed incredibly well.

Individual prize-winners:-

Dux Award	Scott McCoull
Citizenship award	P1
	P2/3-Eilidh Jackson
	P4/5-Natalie Klaes
	P6/7-Fiona Semple

Exceptional Buddy Award Nathan Bancroft

Netball - Most improved player Rebecca More

Football-Most improved player Paul Gordon

School Garden

Everyone has worked so hard in the garden this year. We have grown assorted lettuce, carrots, strawberries, potatoes, broad beans and of course beautiful sweet peas.

A special well done goes to the small group of children who planted and cared for the troughs and window boxes in the playground. As anyone who has passed by the school in the holidays will no doubt have noticed, they have flowered beautifully all summer. I hope you have enjoyed them. The children involved, volunteered to plant and care for these tubs during lunch time and playtime and I think that they did a great job.

Grateful thanks also go to Ben View Nursery, Ward Toll, for the plants which they donated to us and for expert advice.



Wedding "Belles"

During July Miss Luti and Miss Woodford were both married and they will be returning after the holidays as Mrs Nicolson and Mrs Houston. They both looked beautiful on their wedding days and we can't wait to see the photographs. CONGRATULATIONS.

New Term

The summer term begins on the 17th August and we look forward to welcoming everyone back. In addition to our new P1s, we will also be welcoming a number of other children who have moved to the area over the holidays. We look forward to 2010/2011.

The CEDAR Project

The CEDAR Project has been running in Forth Valley for the past 1½ years. CEDAR means Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery. We run a 12 week group-work programme to help children talk about hurting and fighting in their families. Women also have the opportunity to go to a mothers' group where they can talk about their experiences and learn how to support their children overcome some of the difficulties they have had. Susan runs the children's groups and Joyce runs the mothers' groups.

Some key things we talk about are: how to keep safe, feelings (in particular how to deal with anger), and we support women and children to understand that they are not to blame for what has happened in their families. We have lots of fun, games and great snacks as well as dealing with some very serious things that have happened. Coming to the groups helps children and mothers gain confidence and self-esteem.

We take referrals from any agency working with children and families i.e. Health Services, Education, Social Work, Police, Housing, Woman's Aid, Voluntary groups.... and also self-referrals from mothers.

Children who come to CEDAR are aged between 4 years and 16 years old. We always ensure that children are in a similar age group. Once we have received a referral we then meet with the children and their Mums to find out what has happened and whether coming to the groups will be helpful.

If you think that CEDAR can help you and your children, or if you want more information, please contact us on 07717544537 (Joyce) or 07717544502 (Susan)



BARK AT THE SCOTTISH WOOL CENTRE Saturday 11th September 11am-5pm

A fun filled day for all the family - human and canine, organised by *Second Chance Kennels* and sponsored by The Scottish Wool Centre, who are giving 20% off all full priced EWM clothing purchased on the day, and also organising tombolas (kids and adults) and raffles.

ALL proceeds will go to *Second Chance* (therefore donations of prizes will be very welcome - just hand in to SWC).

Activities include:

- Kids' competitions and activities.
- Dancing Dog.
- Dogs' Agility Course
- Fun Fancy dress competition for you and your dog. (Small entry fee - all proceeds to go to *Second Chance*)
- Dog show with a difference - like dog like owner- waggiest tale- smiliest face.... small entry fee (to go to *Second Chance*)
- The Gathering - Dog and Duck Display
- Animal Quackers - Daring Duck Race
- Other charity stalls including PDSA

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To offer advice and support to new owners.

Second Chance has been opened for ten years this year.

Our website www.secondchancekennels.org lets everyone know all about the dogs, staff and volunteers and how you can help.

Where Does A Pencil Come From?

by Georgie French



I'm part of a pencil case, I am, and recently I have been having some really strange nightmares. They have made me look back over my life.

It all started when I was a small branch growing in east India. The rain moistened me when I needed water, the sun fed me when I needed food and I grew big and tall and strong. But one day, after well over a thousand years of living there, something changed.

The ground seemed dry, that week. The air seemed cool.

Strangely shaped objects flew over-leaf. Strange humming noises were coming from the other side of the forest. This had never happened before. The humming noise kept getting louder every day. Until one day it came for me!

The human, with his chainsaw, chopped my body in half and tore my roots away from my trunk. He put me to sleep with a see through smoke, making all the animals that lived in the stems fall to ground with a great rush. I found myself collapsing in to the arms of my murdered friends and we lay there together, felled in our prime.

When I woke up again I was in a noisy, badly-aired room with tiny gaps, which were only

letting in a small ray of light. Humans, in dirty over-alls, were eating bread from the wheat field next to the forest, but then I never got on with the wheat community. They were always talking about how great they were; show offs! So I wasn't surprised to see that the humans didn't like them either, but I couldn't understand why they didn't like me and my friends. What had we done?

I didn't have time to dwell on these thoughts. It soon became apparent that I was going to go through a giant chainsaw! I was cut up all over; they stripped me of my leaves, hacked my rough trunk into millions of pieces and I was left shattered and splintered. The sharp pains dug through me. I'd been pecked by woodpeckers before, which had been uncomfortable, but this was like millions of them, all together.

Suddenly small, gripping, human hands started snatching parts of my body and taking them to the other side of the room. I, in my many pieces, was pushed through hundreds of thousands of holes, making me into even more pieces!

After at least an hour of being banged, chopped and bagged, I was still getting bumped about as if I was on Lake Cata. They put me to sleep again, but only this time all the

bugs – and much more besides - from my insides spread out across the floor.

I woke up with something called lead in me. I was in what could only be described as a box, but was actually a pencil case with other parts of me! As I looked out the transparent plastic front, there were many more pieces of me to be seen in identical cases. We were all in a large, brightly lit room, smaller and more pleasant than the one where my 'operation' had been performed, and I could see a number of humans walking around with plastic baskets.

A middle aged lady came up to me and picked me up in my case then took me to the counter, where a young man was waiting for customers. They talked a lot of human-ese and handed each other a number of items, myself included. I strained to see what was going on but it was difficult, being fixed in my man made chains.

The woman, who looked friendly enough, put me in my case into a bag then made a lot of noise and made me bounce from side to side for some time, giving me a leaf ache. Once she stopped, I stopped. I hated humans but she seemed nice enough. She used me on recycled paper and took care of me; I forgive the humans for what they did to me only because this old woman is so nice to me.

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Georgie French, (formerly Elder) has been awarded 'The Young Writer of the Year 2009-2010' by The Rotary Club of Hinckley. The competition is held annually and covers a catchment area of five high schools. She is thirteen years old and is a former pupil of both Aberfoyle Primary and Port of Menteith Primary. Although now living in Hinckley, Leicestershire, Georgie still considers herself an 'Aberfoylean' as Granny (Fiona Stuart), Grandad (Rowan Stuart) and other family members (Alison, John & Emma Coakes and Anne & Pete) all live in the village still.

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Foreign Migrants in Strathard

Over the past few years as I have enjoyed the stunning scenery of Strathard I have become aware of several unusual and unwelcome guests which have been gradually making their presence felt, both visually and by having an impact on our local flora and fauna. Initially I notice just a few individuals, but as they settle in and find their new home very much to their liking, they start to spread at an alarming rate.

We are all familiar with the problems of Rhododendron, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed and the many thousands of pounds being spent by the Forestry Commission, Stirling Council, SNH and others to deal with these invaders. Can we prevent a new suite of plants being added to this list by becoming more responsible gardeners.

Two of the new migrants which are now enjoying Strathard, are Skunk Cabbage and Pirri-pirri-bur which have travelled from America and New Zealand respectively to be here.

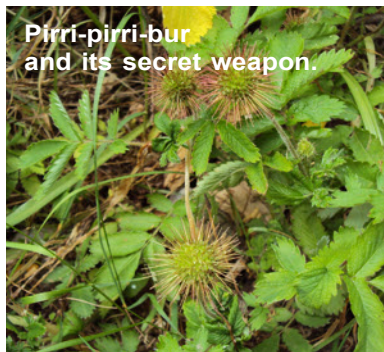
Skunk Cabbage is well named, as if you manage to miss its large presence, you will certainly notice its smell. It is a dramatic plant, but it does not belong here and is already taking over a burn near the Covenanters, is appearing at the east end of Loch Ard and on the banks of the river at Milton. All these water courses flow into the River Forth, so it is only a matter of time before it will be found further down stream if it is not there already. When Skunk Cabbage is planted in a garden pond with a burn running out of it or on the edge of an existing burn, then problems of its spread arise. Seed falls into the water and is transported to a new site. Skunk Cabbage seems to particularly like soft mud and we have plenty round our lochs and on our river banks. Once a single plant is established others soon follow. With our sometimes dramatic rain fall and swollen water courses, this just aids the spread and the seed can be carried for long distances. How can you help? If you have this plant in your garden near a burn, I would urge you do your best to remove it. It has a long root so it will need to be dug out, the stem broken and the plant left to dry out on a hard surface where there is no possibility of mature seed being washed away. **DO NOT DUMP IN THE WIDER COUNTRYSIDE.**

The second plant which is making its home here, Pirri-pirri-bur (PPB), came to this county on sheep fleeces imported from New Zealand and its spread is caused more by accident than design. Unlike Skunk Cabbage, PPB likes the edges of forest roads and tracks and it is easy to see how it travels round Strathard when you look at its seed head. PPB is a low growing plant which spreads in two ways, by runners, but its more lethal weapon is the hooked spines on the seed head which attach to any animal, or article of clothing which brushes pass. This is carried to new areas until it either falls off or gets pulled off and if the ground is suitable, a new colony is started.

So if you find you have a seed head on either your pet or your clothes, carefully remove it and wrap in a screw of paper and burn it. At present I am trying to find out where these plants are occurring in Strathard and the Trossachs, and would very much appreciate your help. The information required, is the location, a grid reference if at all possible and the quantity of the plant, approx number of plants in the case of Skunk Cabbage and the area covered by PPB patch. Send them to jane.jones@forestry.gsi.gov.uk. Thank you.



**Pirri-pirri-bur
and its secret weapon.**



Trossachs Area Community Transport

BIG Lottery Fund Award

The community buyout of the garage is progressing but rather more slowly than we would have liked, due to legal processes beyond our control. When there is substantive progress all those who have contributed to the Appeal will of course be notified directly, as will company members once the buyout is complete. We hope this will not take too long!



LOTTERY FUNDED

It is not too late to help by contributing to the Appeal – 124 loans or donations worth £24,000 have already been received since the Appeal was launched just over 2 months ago, and we are immensely grateful to those who have had the vision and generosity to back the project in this way. This exceeds our minimum target of £21,000, but is still some way off the £35,000 which we need to raise to ensure that there will be stocks of fuel and in the shop. A bank overdraft will be necessary to make up any shortfall.

This buyout will:

- bring a valuable asset into community ownership.
- reduce the price of petrol and diesel.
- ensure our local area's importance is not diminished by transfer of essential services to somewhere with a fuel supply e.g. Callander.
- maintain Aberfoyle's current position as a fully-serviced tourist destination.
- bring new services to the village and the opportunity to create more in the future.
- keep jobs in the area.
- ensure a fuel supply in the future for retired residents, local businesses and others.

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Re Aberfoyle Medical Centre

In response to the patient survey published in the July edition of the Strathard News I am delighted to see that the practice has decided to continue with the open surgery. Like everyone else I have endured a lengthy "sit" in the waiting room, on occasion, BUT equally I have never felt rushed out of the surgery when my own turn came. Before moving to Aberfoyle 9 years ago I lived in a number of cities and rural locations in the UK and I find the services provided by the Medical Practice here, to be excellent, so I will continue to take my book to the waiting room and try to be patient!

Name and address supplied

The Wee Bomb

The interesting articles on the discovery on an anti-aircraft shell and Henry Topping's exploits with the dangerous business of removing ammunition rekindle my memory of a time when we live in the Quarry Village and, naturally, prone to roaming the Dukes Pass. The burrow pits of the Nissan huts were still fresh and something of a child's treasure trove of little bits of wartime rubbish. So I was not all surprised that Megan Gardner and her uncle Matti had found a piece of ordnance.

But I was very surprised to learn from Henry that they destroyed munitions on the Duke's Pass. Fortunately, there are two things that one very, very rarely comes across on the Dukes Pass that one should be careful with; i.e. an old bomb and fairies. The old burrow pits are hidden by trees and shrubs. The Fairies on the other hand are still around. For example, on a very black night when you walk northward towards the wee bridge on the wee level near the waterfall, you'll come upon a sudden ghostly shimmering across the road. Still, scares the wits out of me, even at my ripe old age.

It was near this location in about 1953 that one of our little group of friends found a bomb. I must say, it was a beautiful little bomb about 15 inches long and 4-5 inches thick, sleek with slender fins and obviously in good condition.

I don't recall who actually found the bomb; but what struck me as odd was that, in no time at all, about eight youngsters, 10-12 years old, came seemingly out of nowhere faster than a rumour from Skye and had gathered beside the falls. In an age of class distinction, even more unusual, was that about half were the well-heeled sorts that came up from the village; while my lot were less well-endowed scruffy slate quarry kids.

Being more-or-less a deaf kid, I never quite understood the heated excited conversations as to what exactly they had in mind for the bomb. But I observed the lowland kids argued for possession of the bomb; to which the smarter quarry kids overwhelming agreed. Then all eyes were fixed on the waterfall, followed by much agitated running above and below the waterfall whilst each taking turns holding the bomb. I gathered from this that they were thinking of rearranging the falls, or simply making a deeper swimming pool. It seemed quite logical at the time.

In the end it was decided to carry the bomb to the manager's house which still stands on the Duke's road at the entrance to the quarries. I recall the slate quarry manager was a very calm and collected fellow and quite used to explosions (whilst up in the quarry, that is). Whether his dear wife appreciated the bomb on her kitchen counter I cannot say. But then, she was used to lorry roads of dynamite passing near the house on a regular basis. Regardless, it wasn't long before Constable Robertson roared up the Dukes Pass on his big motorbike. After a few words with the manager and, so far as I could tell, the big constable shoved the bomb into one of the side-pouches on his motorbike and sped back down the Dukes Pass. And that was the end of it.

I am sure there are still some locals in the district who will remember the incident of the wee bomb more clearly than I do.

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School Bus

With the new school year looming, pupils and their parents in Aberfoyle were shocked to receive letters out of the blue last week from Stirling Council informing them that the morning public bus service to Balfon High School was no longer in existence and instead a private mini bus service for only 16 pupils would be provided.

In the same letter parents were invited to purchase a Privilege Pass for their children providing they signed a form stating that they accepted that the council had the right NOT to honour the Privilege Pass even though they had to be paid for in advance. In the same letter, Stirling Council stated that they would not guarantee a place on the school bus and could withdraw these passes at any time without notice!

Parents have been frantically phoning and writing to the council to ensure their children have a place on the new school bus at the start on the new term only to be told they could not use the new private bus service on the first day of school even if there were spaces on it! Asked why they could not purchase a Privilege Pass in advance they were told by Stirling Council that they would have to wait for at least 3 weeks to do this and at this time the council could not say if there would be spaces available for the new school term.

Harlequin Coaches had previously provided a public bus service between Aberfoyle and Balfon which also acted as a school bus from Gartmore. This service was put out to tender earlier this year and awarded to Aberfoyle Coaches who now only have to provide a school bus service for a limited number of pupils. Stirling Council told an

Aberfoyle parent that last year there were 10 pupils within the Gartmore catchment area and 4 children from Aberfoyle using the public service bus, but they fully expect the mini bus to be full this year and not available to all who needed it!

Whilst parents have accepted that if they choose to send their children to Balfon High School (McLaren High School is the catchment school for Aberfoyle) they are not entitled to free transport, they are confused as to why a Public Service that previously worked has been withdrawn with no consultation and consideration to the impact this will have on non-catchment school pupils. Surely if Stirling Council are going to make changes to something that isn't broke they should replace it with something that provides the same level of service for all that need it! Stirling Council must realise that not all parents have cars or if they do are able to take the time to drive pupils backwards and forwards; never mind the cost implications of doing this.

You can be guaranteed that if parents are unable to get their children to school they will be the ones taken to court!

To ensure that NO PUPIL would be left stranded all Stirling Council had to do was put in a simple clause in any contract stating that if a larger bus was needed it had to be provided. This along with an interim period of allowing all spaces to be used on the School Bus whether or not the pupil had a Privilege Pass would guarantee that all pupils were able to get safely to school each day.

But maybe this is too much like commonsense, something Stirling Council seem to be very short off!

Name and address supplied

Letter from Henry Topping

Thank you so very much for the safe return of my photographs and the copy of your most interesting magazine. There are, of course, other memories but I'm sorry to say that they may not be too suitable for publication.

I was intrigued by the letter and photograph on page 7 concerning the mystery find beside the River Forth. I cannot positively identify but would suggest that it is the remains of one of the flares that were used to illuminate approaching intruders in active theatres of war. They would be set up and a trip wire attached to the pin. This wire would be stretched out across a road, path or expected line of approach. The free end would then be fixed to a peg in the ground. If the wire was disturbed, it would release the pin and a magnesium flare would burst into flame, thus illuminating the approaching enemy and raising the alarm.

Anybody who tries to tamper with one of the devices in this state is in grave danger of sustaining serious burns; so they are best left for the experts to deal with.

*Henry Topping,
Strathkinness,
Fife*

Trossachs Water Vole Project

Project Update

It's been a busy summer for the Trossachs Water Vole Re-introduction Trial! Partner staff and volunteers have been carefully surveying all of the suitable water vole habitat in Loch Ard Forest. Results are very encouraging, with breeding colonies being found both at release sites and further afield. We were particularly pleased to find good breeding colonies at sites that were not showing strong signs of settlement at the end of last summer. By the time you read this, we will have released a small number of additional water voles into new areas of Loch Ard Forest to help build a strong, sustainable population.

Voles in the Village

The water voles have made their way right down to Aberfoyle village, so do keep an eye out for them feeding or swimming, and an ear out for the distinctive 'plop' made when they dive into the water. Water voles can be distinguished from the similar sized brown rat by their chubby appearance, short, blunt muzzle and shorter, furry tail. Please let me know if you see one!

Mink tracking

The American mink is an introduced species which causes a great deal of damage to native British wildlife, especially water voles. About the same size as a ferret, a female mink can fit into a water vole burrow to catch both mother and young, and will quickly destroy whole colonies. As part of the Trossachs Water vole project, we track the movements of and trap mink.

Our network of mink tracking rafts has been extended over the summer, with additional rafts now covering Lochs Lubnaig, Katrine and Achray and the waterways in between. The rafts consist of a floating tunnel containing a damp clay pad which picks up the footprints of whatever goes through the tunnel, which we can regularly check and identify. I am pleased to say that we have had no evidence of mink in the area for many months, but it's important that we remain vigilant as mink can travel very long distances when looking for new territories.

Please report any mink sightings or evidence to me. If you have easy access to a waterway and would be interested in running a mink raft, it would be great to hear from you.

If you would like to know more about the project, are interested in becoming a 'vole-unteer' or could adopt a mink raft, please get in touch!

Anna-Marie Ford

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Trossachs Water Vole Re-introduction Trial Project

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The Project is a partnership between Forestry Commission Scotland, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, and Derek Gow Associates.

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Checking mink rafts



Volunteers surveying



Milton



Hello Children,

Well, it's back to school time again, the rowan berries are turning red and the nights becoming much darker. But there is still enough daylight to go outside and do interesting things, once all the homework has been done. Braeval always finishes her homework first and the twins take forever to do theirs, supposedly working separately from the same set of questions. It is a good thing that Mum usually checks because, the other evening, Katrine had answered "I don't know" to one of the questions, and Duke had put, "Neither do I". That was just a little bit naughty!

Before bedtime, Dad has been reading a rollicking story to us, "Lady of the Lake", written a long time ago by Sir Walter Scott. It is actually a poem, a very long poem, with 196 verses. Although it is a very exciting tale, with all sorts of great adventures, I hope that I never have to learn to recite it. Set by Scott in the Trossachs, the tale takes in many of the places we know today. Because it was first published for people to read in 1810, there is a lot of excitement as the 200th anniversary is being celebrated throughout the area. Look in the ScottsLand programme, there's lots to do.

After the extremely dry start to the summer, there is now more than enough water for the Otter family to swim in. The weekend sailing boats on Loch Ard make a fine sight, especially when the sun is shining and the wind is filling their sails. I just hope none of them crash into the "iceberg" in front of Forest Hills. I don't think that any of our local yachts are called Titanic, probably just as well. The twins wanted to go on a picnic, so the whole family swam up to Eilean Gorm, a great place to watch the regatta. George the Hare, who cannot swim, hopped over on the stepping-stones.

On the way back to the holt, we decided to pay a visit to Gog and Magog, to see if they were still fast asleep. These two giants were put under a spell of deep sleep, a long time ago, by the local witches from Blairuskinmore, the famous MacAlpine women. Apart from the time when the Devil and some wicked witches from Fife tried to wake up Gog and Magog, they have slumbered on pretty well undisturbed. Off shore we could see the remains of Duke Murdoch's island refuge, now a protected Ancient Monument and later we passed the sad and ruined houses of Blaranois.

Bàranois means the corner of a little moss or field, now completely swamped by trees. That is why the people who lived in this settlement were evicted from their homes – and not all that long ago. If you are interested, join Arthur's guided walk on 7th September, starting from the Discovery Centre at 2pm. Book by phoning 382682, and there is no charge. Unfortunately, I shall be in school but you should go, if you can.

Bye for now,
Milton.

Not here....but near!

Gartmore Women's Rural Institute

The President and Committee of the Gartmore WRI extend a warm welcome to all ladies in the area to come along and take part in the 2010/2011 session.

All meetings are held in the Village Hall, Gartmore at 7.30pm
2010

- 20th Oct Film Show - From Here to Posterity
Janet McBain, Scottish Screen Archives
- 3rd Nov Carpet Bowling Afternoon
- 4th Nov Vale of Menteith Group Meeting at Gartmore
Mrs Mary Black, Balfon
- 17th Nov Night of Music by Fine Fettle, Drymen
- 27th Nov Federation AGM and Meeting
- 12th Dec Christmas Lunch Outing
2011
- 19th Jan Scots Night
- 16th Feb Pilates Night with Amanda Reid
- 16th Mar Floral Art Demo - Margaret Donald
- 19th Mar Federation - Ruralympics
- 7th Apr Vale of Menteith Group Meeting
- 20th Apr Talk on Fire Safety - Margaret Thompson
- 30th Apr Federation Spring Meeting
- 18th May Pot Luck Supper - AGM
Talk on Family History by Elma Lindsay



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Gartmore Church

Times of Worship

Morning worship is at 10am every Sunday. We have tea/coffee after the service on the first Sunday of each month. The Sunday Club meets most Sundays.

Silent Auction, to be held in the Village Hall, Gartmore, on Friday 29 October 2010 at 7.30pm.

Joint Sunday Service will be held at Buchlyvie Church, on Sunday 5 September 2010 at 11.00am with lunch to follow.

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Callander Rambling Club

The Club consists of a group of enthusiasts who meet regularly throughout the year to participate in a programme of strolls, rambles, hill walks and a Long Distance Path. Details are published on www.incallander.co.uk/ramblers.htm, in the Ben Ledi View and on posters around Callander. New Members and guests are always welcome.

September

- 9:30am Wed 1st Stroll Culross to New Mills 5 miles Evelyn Dick
8:30am Sat 11th Hill Ben Vorlich and Stuc a' Chroin 986m Richard Cooper 01877-331067
8:30am Sat 18th LDP SWSW (9) - Abbey St Bathans to Cockburnspath 10 miles Paul Prescott 01877-330032
9:30am Wed 29th Ramble Across Rannoch Moor (inc train) 12 miles Rob Smallman 01786-825877

October

- 8:30am Sat 2nd Hill Beinn Bhreac (Loch Lubnaig) 703m John Snodin 01877-331621
9:30am Wed 6th Stroll Cambusmore 4 miles Margaret Robertson 01786-842021
8:30am Sat 9th LDP SWSW - spare day Paul Prescott 01877-330032
9:30am Wed 13th Ramble Through the Menteith Hills 8 miles Roger Bradley 01877-331124
8:30am Sat 16th LDP SWSW - spare day Paul Prescott 01877-330032
8:30am Sat 23rd LDP SWSW - spare day Paul Prescott 01877-330032

November

- 8:30am Sat 6th Hill Cruachan (Inversnaid) 536m James Kennedy 01877-387201
9:30am Wed 10th Ramble The Strathblane pipeline 10 miles Helen Campbell 01877-382522
9:30am Wed 24th Stroll Beecraigs Country Park (Linlithgow) 4 miles Jean Hammerton 01877-330105

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Issue 67 - 28 August 11*
Issue 68 - 25 September 11*
Issue 69 - 20 Nov 11 (Xmas)*

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Friday 1st October

Location	Time	Venue	Performers	Style
Callander	6 pm	Deli Ecosse	The Rosy Blue Duo	Blues
	7 pm	Mhor Fish * t 01877 330213	Al Hughes	Blues
	7 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Cosmopolitan Big Band	Big Band Jazz
	8 pm	The Old Rectory	Black & Kay	Blues
Port of Menteith	8 pm	The Harbour Cafe * t 01877 330011	Daniel Smith & T-Bone Taylor	Blues
	8 pm	The Crown Hotel	The Sour Mash Blues Band	Blues
	9 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	The Maria Speight Quintet	Jazz
	9 pm	The Riverside Inn	Crow Dog	Blues
Strathyre Kippen	9 pm	Poppies Hotel	McCallum/Harrison Duo	Jazz
	9 pm	The Myrtle Inn	The Frank Curran Quartet	Jazz
	9.30 pm	The Waverley Hotel	The Rosy Blue Blues Band	Blues
	9.30 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	The Nova Scotia Jazz Band	Trad Jazz
Port of Menteith	10 pm	The Dalgairst House Hotel	Glebe Street Blues	Blues
	8 pm	The Lake Hotel * t 01877 385258	The Jess Abrams Quartet	Jazz
	9 pm	The Inn at Strathyre	The Pontiax	Blues
	9 pm	The Inn at Kippen	Four on the Floor	Jazz

Sunday 3rd October

Location	Time	Venue	Performers	Style
Callander	11 am	Callander Kirk	Billi Salmond's Louisiana Ragtime Band	Jazz Church Service
	11 am	Ancaster Square	Puff Upgroar	Carnival Band
	12 noon	South Church St to Ancaster Square	Winston's Pennine Jazz	Jazz Parade
	1 pm	Ancaster Square	Puff Upgroar	Carnival Band
	1 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	Clusterphonic	Jazz Funk
	1 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Mamacoca	Jazz/Funk
	1 pm	Poppies Hotel * t 01877 330329	The Jess Abrams Trio	Jazz
	1 pm	The Harbour Cafe	The Linley Weir Quartet	Jazz
	1 pm	The Old Rectory	The June James Duo	Jazz
	3 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	Penman's Jazzmen	Trad Jazz
	3 pm	The Crown Hotel	B and The Honey Boys	Blues
	3 pm	Mhor Bread	McCallum/Harrison Duo	Jazz
Kilmahog	3.15 pm	CCW Atrium Restaurant	After Glow	Jazz/Open Mic
	4 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Jazz Connection	Jump-Jive Jazz
	7 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Brass Impact	Big Band Jazz
	8 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	Safehouse Blues	Blues
	9 pm	The Waverley	Baby Isaac	Blues
	1 pm	Trossachs Woollen Mill * t 01877 330178	Black & Kay	Blues
	2 pm	Kilmahog Woollen Mill * t 01877 330268	The Jazz Pygmies	Jazz
	1 pm	The Kingshouse Hotel	The Jim Crumley Quartet	Jazz
	2 pm	The Lake Hotel * t 01877 385258	DB Toots	Jazz
	3 pm	SS Sir Walter Scott	Winston's Pennine Jazz	Jazz Cruise; Trad Jazz
	7 pm	The Cross Keys	Daniel Smith & T-Bone Taylor	Blues/Boogie Woogie

Saturday 2nd October

Location	Time	Venue	Performers	Style
Callander	11.30 am	Ancaster Square	Beaconhurst School Swing Band	Big Band Jazz
	12 noon	The Bridgend House Hotel	Hermitage	Jazz Funk
	12 noon	The Dreadnought Hotel	The Stu Brown Sextet	Jazz
	2 pm	Ancaster Square	McLaren High School Jazz Band	Big Band Jazz
	2 pm	The Old Rectory	Al Hughes	Blues
	2 pm	The Crown Hotel	The Pontiax	Blues
	2 pm	The Dalgairst House Hotel	The Blues Devils	Blues/Open Mic
	2 pm	The Riverside Inn	Moodswing	Jazz/Open Mic
	3 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Sound of Seventeen Big Band	Big Band Jazz
	3 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	The Revolutionaires	Blues
	4 pm	The Waverley Hotel	The Snake Davis Saxophone Workshop	Blues/Jazz
	5 pm	Deli Ecosse	Jim Crumley	Jazz
Port of Menteith	6 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Al Fleming and the Blues Juniors	Blues
	6 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	The Larry Miller Band	Blues
	7 pm	Ciro's Italian Restaurant * t 01877 331070	The Rosy Blue Duo	Jazz/Blues
	7 pm	The Crown Hotel	The Lyndon Anderson Band	Blues
	7 pm	Mhor Fish * t 01877 330213	Daniel Smith & T-Bone Taylor	Blues/Boogie Woogie
	7 pm	Deli Ecosse	The Scott Madden Trio	Jazz
	7.30 pm	CCW Atrium Restaurant * t 01877 331610	Winston's Pennine Jazz	Trad Jazz
	8 pm	The Harbour Café * t 01877 330011	Used Blues	Blues
	8 pm	Callander Golf Club	Jazz Connection	Jump-Jive Jazz
	8 pm	The Old Rectory	Gavin Mooney	Blues
	9 pm	Poppies Hotel	Faye Levey & The Roger Cull Trio	Jazz
	9 pm	The Myrtle Inn	Willy & Fiona with Friends	Jazz
Kilmahog	9 pm	The Waverley Hotel	B and The Honey Boys	Blues
	9 pm	The Dreadnought Hotel	Soul Truth	Soul
	9.30 pm	The Riverside Inn	The Dana Dixon Band	Blues
	10 pm	The Dalgairst House Hotel	Lewis Hamilton & the Boogie Brothers	Blues
	10 pm	The Bridgend House Hotel	The Snake Davis Band	Jazz & More
	1 pm	Kilmahog Woollen Mill * t 01877 330268	Four on the Floor	Jazz
	1 pm	Trossachs Woollen Mill * t 01877 330178	The Runaway Boys	Blues
	1 pm	The Inn at Kippen	The Mikhail Rojkov Quartet	Jazz
	2 pm	The Cross Keys	The Faye Levy and Roger Cull Duo	Jazz
	3 pm	Scottish Art and Antiques Centre	The Rosie Nimmo Band	Jazz/Blues
	8 pm	The Lake Hotel * t 01877 385258	The Linley Weir Quartet	Jazz
	8 pm	The Inn at Strathyre	The Jenne McClure Quartet	Jazz
Kippen	9 pm	The Munro Inn	Crow Dog	Blues

* Indicates purchase of food is required at these performances; also booking is advisable – please contact the venue directly.

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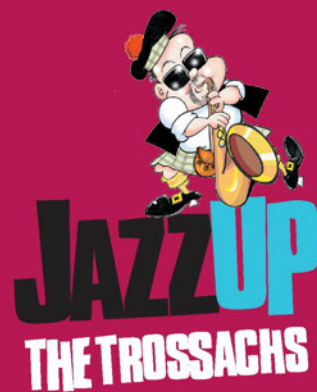
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