


# GLENMORISTON

## NEWS AND VIEWS



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### THE GLEN-25 YEARS ON

The celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee did not at first fire the imagination of the people of Glenmoriston. A public meeting called to consider ways and means drew forth no members of the public, however, the Children's Committee had decided that they wanted to mark the occasion so that the children would remember it, and once they led the way willing helpers joined in and on the day set aside for the rejoicing in Glenmoriston, Friday June 10th, the programme went with a swing all through. An interesting prelude was held by way of raising funds on the previous Wednesday when there was a show of slides and songs in the Hall. Mr. Derick Matheson from Beaully showed several sequences of beautiful pictures - wild flowers in Kilmorack, snots from the Black Isle Show, animals (very popular with the children), Reelig Glen from winter through to autumn, and others, and Mr & Mrs Gordon Simpson, also from Beaully, sang in Gaelic and English respectively. Tea and Biscuits were served at the interval and everyone present enjoyed all the fare provided.

The programme on Friday began in the afternoon with the children's sports in the Hall Field kindly lent by Duncan McDonell. With Invermoriston and Dalchreichart pupils competing together the events had an edge to them, well resolved when Dalchreichart won the relay race and Invermoriston the tug-of-war. The alternating sunshine and showers were an improvement on the previous weather of the week and everyone adjourned in happy mood to the hall, where Mrs Kate Stoddart had set out a wonderful tea under the flags and decorations made by Mrs. Morris and her scholars. After tea Mr Grant of Glenmoriston handed to each child a mug, specially made in Glenmoriston Pottery - the gift of the community through the Children's Committee. He also presented the Girls' Sports Champion Prize to Amanda Grange, the Boys' Champion Prize to James Rodger and a special Toddlers' Prize to Stephen MacLeod.

By 6.30 p.m. people were gathering again in the Hall Field for the Five-a-side Football arranged by Iain Mackenzie. Six men's teams and two women's took part and provided excellent entertainment for the spectators, who by this time included not a few of the visitors to the area. The winning men's team was The Potters & Plumbers and the winning women's The Odds, and as a grand finale The Potters & Plumbers took on the ten women. The result

of this match is not recorded.

The next event was the bonfire built by Alec Sandilands and his helpers, Hugh Greig, Patrick MacDonald, Iain Mackenzie & Jim Rodger in a low-lying bit of land above the old bridge. The crowd from vantage points all round watched as Mrs Kate Stoddart lit it and then the flames soared into the evening sky. Many were content just to watch as the fire burned brightly; for others there was the pillow-fight or the tug-of-war, or the chip van and John Grant, Dalchreichart, contributed cheerful music. Finally, those who still had some energy left gathered in the Hall under the auspices of the Football Club, and to the music of the Max-Jax Band danced away the night (or morning) until 3 a.m.

Another page had been written in the history of the Glen and surely the people were only the better for a day of unwonted festivity and rejoicing.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

#### ADDENDUM

What has gone up and at the same time come down? Answer - The Silver Jubilee Bonfire. The Coronation one (see previous issue) cost seven shillings and four pence. The Silver Jubilee one which went up with such éclat cost the funds nothing - but much hard work on a dripping wet evening to the new famous five - The Forest Rangers - Greig, Iain Mackenzie (Jun.), Sandilands, Patrick MacDonald and Rodger, impressed for the occasion from Estate United.

If I were Queen  
I would sit on a throne;  
But with all my subjects  
I wouldn't be alone.  
When I would go  
All over the land  
People would think  
I was very grand.

JUDITH WATSON.

# EDITORIAL

We refuse to be complacent but the first issue of this publication seems to have been well received and to have aroused much interest. This is evident from the volume and quality of voluntary contributions received for this one.

The intention is to make this publication a community effort. So a public meeting is to be called to democratise the venture so that all colours of the community spectrum can be represented. The idea is to elect a general committee of interested people from whom then a smaller sub-committee can be chosen to form, at the risk of being too grandiose, a sort of editorial "board". This body will be answerable, of course, to the wider one. For one of the ingredients necessary for any venture is teamwork - all can play a part.

It was our intention to feature a well-known personality - we intended to begin with "Pat the Pier", now "Pat the Cabbie". But unfortunately time is at a premium; but happily another well-known personality has contributed an article, which, together with other information, reveals the man and his work. So he will be the pioneer.

A pleasing element in this issue is the appearance of creative work, not only that of high quality from Glen Urquhart S.S. School, but also, and more importantly, from young children at Dalchreichart P.

At this point we announce that it is our ultimate intention to have this paper printed professionally. This will give scope for art work, and the young (and not so young) can extend their verbal creativity to the artistic.

Another deficiency is that of articles which give food for thought. So we welcome points of view on any aspect of community life; in other words - let's have the material to begin a "Letters Page". If they contain "fair comment" and the facts verifiable, they will be printed no matter whether the Editorial Board agree or not. Also, for a number of reasons - shyness, modesty, etc., some people prefer their names not to be disclosed. This will be done as long as, on principle, we know who the contributor is.

A title. We like some of the suggestions, but would prefer not to make a decision until we are democratically organised.

We must apologise for the fact that this publication is unvaried in its lay-out. This is because we are having some difficulty in getting technical know-how. It should be pointed out that the process through which a magazine goes - from the gathering of raw material to the actual production is very hard work - it is somewhat like trying to drive a coach and eight with one hand - but is very rewarding. It is appropriate here to pay tribute to the prodigious efforts of Mrs. Fraser, our chief reporter.

The next issue will be out on October 1st! Contributions please by mid-September.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

Glen Urquhart Sen. Sec. School, which in its final term had three pupils from Glenmoriston, had some interesting end-of-term activities.

On 6th June the Jubilee Sports were held but unfortunately the events were spoiled by cold, wet weather.

The annual School Sports took place on 15th June in brilliant sunshine!

A highlight for some pupils was a trip to Urquhart Castle, Fort Augustus Abbey and Foyers.

A very special item was the presentation of "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat" in the Public Hall, which was attended by a large audience.

An amusing happening was the end-of-term football match between pupils and staff. The pupils showed more skill than the staff. (Fairly universal).

At the annual prize-giving in the Hall, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Campbell, Church of Scotland Manse.

MORE SCHOOL NEWS INSIDE.

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(Until a decision for a title has been arrived at).

# MAINLY HUMOROUS?

Although the following article is essentially light-hearted, it does represent the kind of contribution we need. Please let us have your views on any topic. Although they may not reflect the opinions of the editorial "Board", they will be printed, and the right to reply assured. But see editorial.

Have you water, have you not?  
Yes, then keep it in a pot,  
Sometimes cold, sometimes hot,  
Have you water, have you not?

How many of the people of Glenmoriston have been short of water during the past month? Not a drop in the bottom of the ocean I bet. Hardly a satisfactory situation considering that we all have to pay not just rates - but also WATER RATES. So perhaps our local District Councillor, who is the "voice of the people" would like to answer the following questions in the next issue:-

1. How many people do you estimate to live in the village during the dry season?
2. How many storage tanks are there for the village of Invenmoriston?
3. What is the capacity of each?
4. How many gallons of water is an average person estimated by the council to use in one day?

And now on a more personal level:

5. How many cups of tea do you take in a week?
6. How many baths do you take in a month?
7. Do you use your bath water to make your tea?
8. Would you be prepared to use the Hydro Dams to cover the water shortage and cause an electricity shortage. (After all we don't pay ELECTRICITY RATES).
9. Do you believe in water DIVINING?
10. Do you ever pray for rain?

We look forward to hearing your comments

in the next issue and hope that the water shortage will soon be solved.

H.F.F.

## CONFRONTATION

The hen was cackling her angry alarm as she strutted up and down on the big round mossy stone in the line of the old wall. A few feet up in front of her on a low branch perched an impudently aggressive hoodie. He nopped down on to the grass and alarmed her still further, but she didn't leave the stone. Deciding evidently that discretion was the better part of valour the hoodie left the ground and circled disgruntledly from tree-top to tree-top. As the hen allowed her indignation to subside we went to see what it was all about and found she had successfully defended two lovely brown eggs in the lee of the stone.

M.E.F.

## A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME!

Some suggestions for a title (The sources not to be revealed by request).

"The Moristonian"  
"The Moriston Mail"  
"The Moristonian Mag"  
"The Moristonian Medley"  
"Moriston Muse"  
"Moriston Mixture"  
"Moriston Matters"  
"The Glenmoriston Gazette"  
"The Glenmoriston Fittle-Tattler"  
"Glenmoriston Gossip"  
"Glenmoriston Gas"  
"Glenmoriston Gleanings"  
"Gleanings of the Glen"  
"Glenmoriston Gatherings"  
"Glen Glimpses"  
"Glen Gen"

(Some interesting suggestions, you'll agree?

For a procedure for a final decision see editorial).

# GLENURQUHART AND GLENMORISTON

The Headmaster of Glenurquhart Senior Secondary and the writer of this excellent little poem have given permission for its inclusion here. While Alison continues to think that it should be less necessary for work, to go away, she agrees that five years on, her views have somewhat modified.

## GLENMORISTON.

These mountains are everlasting barriers:  
The ones I have seen always  
From my bedroom window.  
And now I want to be away;  
They form my prison  
They thwart my vision,  
I cannot see what is beyond.

Give me a horizon  
Where the sun dips low  
And casts a lovely glow  
The whole seascape wanning.  
These mountains are cold and bare  
They stand and shiver all winter  
Powdered with snow,  
And scarce allow the sun to show itself  
O'er their high eastern ridges.

Even the summer sun  
Grudgingly o'ertops these mountains high.  
And so I fret and rage:  
These mountains do my prison make,  
These iron bars my cage.

A. McD. Sec. II

A SENIOR REPLY (By our Personality No.1 - See Page 5.)

As wide horizons claim her youthful mind  
I hope she'll see a thrilling world and kind.  
But my work's here among these mountains  
With ridges cold with snow  
Where the wild foxes go;  
Among those rocks and splashing fountains.  
My work is here among those hills  
Where the river runs with dancing babbling rills,  
Where steep faces steep  
And the Glen lies deep.

What shall I do?  
With God's help here, what must I do?  
I'll climb the topmost peaks of those high mountains,  
I'll plant their slopes with green and waving trees,  
I'll keep a garden in a sunny corner,  
Among the heather I will set my bees,  
I'll wrest power from those foaming streams  
And light to spread in all the land its beams.  
With light and power I will fill my home  
That I may warmly welcome all who come.  
The beasts and birds, my furry, feathery friends,  
The waters shot with darting silvery life,  
Tall trees and flowers  
Will fill my hours  
With peace of heart and mind, to conquer strife.

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# PERSONALITIES N° 1

## ---THE REV. PETER FRASER B.D.

I am invited to write something for this worthy local Paper as from the Church of Scotland. I am made immediately conscious, with respect, of two other Congregations in our Glen, as well as worshippers in our midst from yet other backgrounds. All this confronts us with the big many-coloured Thing that the Church in the world is. In so far as I may speak for "My" Congregation I would say that we are very grateful for all who maintain their highest ideals of what ought to be the essential witness of the Church, to all people. This implies the essential help of God whose best title to us is "God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ". The heart of our Witness is when the Bell sends out its Invitation to all on Sunday morning. I am very thankful this continues, and always there are dear People there to keep the Tryst. Those not already committed elsewhere are most welcome with us - from there to take it into the world.

Coming to specific activities since the last issue of this Paper, we, like the Free Church, have held our Summer Season of Holy Communion with one visiting minister, the Rev. Graham Henderson, B.D. of Kilmorvaig and Glengarry, whose Parish meets with ours somewhere in the Mountains to the West. The preparation and Thanksgiving traditionally associated with the Presbyterian form of Communion Season signifies that it is the biggest event of our year, the personal remembrance of our Lord Himself. This Witness, commanded by Jesus, will be lost unless those who hold his Faith maintain it - again always with the help of God.

Three years ago, I was invited by the late Mrs Margaret Grant to conduct a Service for the Blessing of Animals, with domesticated animals present. The meaning of this Service is that the Blessings of the Christian Faith are to be communicated to the Animals, as indeed they are in every Christian home. This service underlines our responsibility to the "humbler creation". We would like to continue it at 4 o'clock in the grounds of Invermoriston House on Sunday, July 31st. All are welcome.

I can hardly end this little article without expressing deep gratitude for all the kindness I experience in the course of my Ministry in and based upon Glenmoriston.

P.F.

### NOT ONLY A MINISTER

The Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council has held its first meeting, but, owing to the holiday season, there is no business to report. Interim Chairman is Mr. Hamish Sherriffs and Interim Secretary Mr. Robert A. Everett M.A. The Regional and District Councillors, Mr. Alastair Mackenzie and the Rev. Peter Fraser have been co-opted to serve on the Committee.

### POET TOO!

Continued from Page 4.

The Life and Work that I've been given here  
Must so be lived and done from year to year  
That it will pierce clean through those  
everlasting barriers

Out into the wide world,  
Its banner here and everywhere unfurled,  
Till it meets up where she her calling finds  
For glad reunion of our minds.  
Then often Homeward she will turn  
Where pure and cool the whipling burn  
Runs down the mountain side,  
and the whole World wide  
For her and we together will be one

Under God's Sun.

P.F.

### HIS SUGGESTION FOR A TITLE

For a Title of the present "Glenmoriston News and Views" and in reply to the Editor's general invitation, I would submit the title:-

"The Glenmoriston Footprints":.

### RECOGNITION

The people of Glenmoriston are well-pleased to know that the services of their local government representative have been recognized by the award of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. Mr Fraser has served throughout the Queen's reign, first as County Councillor and now as District Councillor, and this honour is warmly applauded by his many friends throughout the community.

# from other climes

"Mountains divide us and a waste of seas,  
But yet the blood is strong, the heart is  
Highland  
And we in silence gaze upon the Hebrides".

## CANADIAN BOAT-SONG.

We intend to see this publication reaches those who have left the Glen, and warmly welcome any contributions, for it has been said that no matter how far afield a Highlander reaches he returns in body and soul to his Glen.

EDS.

## HARDLY GLENORISTON.

The Men don't drink and the women don't drive. The Mosque as opposed to the local hostelry is the popular meeting place. Indeed, hardly Glenoriston. But, given a day of torrential rain, the desert as if by magic turns green. And cascades of water stream down the mountain sides. Substitute the Monarch of the glen, the majestic stag, for the ship of the desert, the arrogant camel, add a little imagination and you could be standing on the hills around Glenoriston.

But on reflection AL HADA is hardly Glenoriston. The oil rich Saudis drive around in their air-conditioned Cadillacs - and I have yet to see an Edinburgh cab! Hardly the Glen. Alas, not even a wayward pair of plus fours!!

DONALD F. MACDONALD.

AL HADA, situated seven thousand feet up in the mountains of western Saudi Arabia is an oasis in an otherwise arid and difficult terrain. Clusters of houses, old and new, cling to the mountain sides, and sheep and goat rearing is the main occupation of the people. A remarkable road, constructed by Italian engineers, winds its way up through the mountains, where eagles float on the thermal currents, passes through AL HADA, then dramatically down an escarpment on the other side to the shimmering, relentless heat of the desert plains in temperatures in excess of 130 degrees F., by-passes Mecca, the holy city, and onward to Jeddah, the humid, modern Red Sea port.

The harsh unbending code of the Koran prevails in Saudi Arabia, the women veiled and in funeral black. The Muslim turns east to face Mecca five times a day in the blazing desert sun to pray, and the Muslim Friday is strictly adhered to. Shades of Highland Presbyterian Sundays past!

## HISTORICAL FLOWER DISPLAY

At the time of going to press The Flower Festival staged by the Women's Guild is in progress. The ladies of the Guild have been happy to welcome many friends from neighbouring parishes as well as Glenoriston and also visitors from further afield who have all expressed pleasure in the beautiful arrangements of flowers and interest in the history of the Glen depicted by them. The ladies greatly appreciate the support they have been given.

# FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN

The Forestry Commission started planting in the parish of Glenmoriston in the early 1920's. Since just after the last war, these woods have been regularly harvested for thinnings, but it is only in the past few years that clear-felling has started. The first major clear-fell area was the section between Rhu Bhan and Port Clair. This has produced timber for the new sawmill at Killallie, and the converted material is used for house-building and constructional work. A felling area is known as a "coupe" and the present coupe will be completed later this year. Replanting has already started with the main species used being, as before, Douglas Fir and Sitka Spruce. However, we are very conscious of the need to create variety in the landscape and at road edges and along stream sides, considerable use will be made of larch and hardwoods such as alder, birch and beech.

One of the most challenging tasks in the past year has been the commencement of clear-felling at Alltisaigh. The trees here are fifty years old and are some of the finest in the country for their age. Unfortunately working conditions have been very difficult because of the steep slopes and the amount of loose rock. Safety considerations have dominated our plans and as a result we have had to set up a traffic control on the main road to Inverness. We are very grateful to all road users for the way in which they have co-operated during this operation. Work has now stopped for the summer season but we expect further sales and, regrettably, delays on the road. These will be confined to the winter period over the next two or three years.

I mentioned that the current felling along Loch Ness-side between Invermoriston and Fort Augustus is almost completed. Work will switch to Glenmoriston itself with a major cut planned for the lower slopes between Livishie and Blaraidh on the south side of the river. The shape of this felling block has been carefully planned with advice from the Regional Council Planning Office. Replanting will take place within two to three years of felling.

It is anticipated that over the next five years, there will be harvesting work in the parish of Glenmoriston for about fifteen men locally and about thirty to forty elsewhere in haulage, sawmilling, paper making and construction, using the products of the Glen. The fruits of fifty years' work are now being harvested but at the same time we are setting the scene for our children, who will benefit in the 21st century from the next rotation of trees.

## WHO DON'T DO SO BADLY

The Sunday-school children from the Invermoriston end of the Glen turned out in full force and wellington boots after school on a beautiful afternoon to tidy up St. Columba's Well. As long as it was in use as a regular source of supply (until about 1960) this was unnecessary, but now that it remains unvisited for long periods during the winter, moss grows on the edges and litter is blown into the corners. But after an hour's diligent work the papers were burned, the mud was scraped away, the steps were swept, a new notice was nailed in position and the treasure found in the bottom was duly spent in the shop. The following Sunday the session closed with a service in the church when each child received a book.

By VOICING APPRECIATION

Nestlings in the trees so high,  
White clouds in the deep blue sky,  
Flowers blooming bright and gay  
Tell us it's a summer day.

KAREN TOMLIN.

AND By Hill Walking in the Glen.

Hill walking is a very good hobby, and since Glenmoriston is extremely beautiful and full of history it is one of the best places in which to walk.

"Bonnie Prince Charlie", a famous historic character of the Glen, hid from the Red-coats in a cave at Corrie Do. A walk up to the cave would prove very interesting. If you walked from Achlain to Fort Augustus you could follow General Wade's road. This road was built in or about 1726.

Another walk is from Dundreggan to Strath-Glass, an interesting walk of about six miles.

If you walked up the hill from Blaraidh you would reach a group of hill-lochs. The chief loch is Loch Stac, a beautiful loch with a tall narrow building of three storeys on an island at its east end.

SHAUN GRANGE.

# Schools

## Fort Augustus Secondary.

To mark the ending of the school year a service was held in the school hall on the Wednesday morning of the final week; in the afternoon parents and friends were entertained by pupils from primary and secondary departments at a concert organised by Mrs. Sheila Bruce.

For the summer term excursion, instead of going on a bus trip as in the past years, the secondary pupils, led by Mr. Pottage and Mr. Morrison, climbed to the summit of Corrie-yairack Pass.

Our own Donald Gillies won the Senior Boys' Championship at the School Sports.

Perhaps readers might be interested in a brief prospectus of the school - some people in Glenmoriston seem to be unaware of the change of status of the school from a Junior Secondary to a Four-year Certificate School.

Since 1974 all Primary 7 pupils from Fort Augustus and Invermoriston have moved up (transferred?) to the Fort Augustus Secondary School, where for the first two years they follow the "Common Course" - a course not only common to all pupils in their year, but also common to all schools in the Highland Region. On third year they start their 'O' Grade studies and can choose from these subjects:- English, Mathematics, Arithmetic, History, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art, Fashion and Fabric, Food and Nutrition, Woodwork, Metalwork, Engineering Drawing and Applied Mechanics. Since numbers are small, subjects such as Latin and Modern Studies can be covered for those pupils interested in them.

There are some pupils for whom a certificate course is not suitable, and for them a course of Integrated Studies is provided. Remedial teaching is available for those pupils in need of it.

Those of you who attended a public meeting in 1973 to discuss the possibility of having the school upgraded may remember the suggestion that staffing a school of that size might be difficult. However, this has not been the case and the teachers come from a wide variety of academic backgrounds - graduates of the Universities of Aberdeen, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, St. Andrews, Jordanhill College of Education, Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh and Dunfermline College of Physical Education.

Seven pupils from Invermoriston attend the Secondary School in Fort Augustus and by next term the number will be ten.

## Invermoriston Primary.

This year Invermoriston School Closing Ceremony took place in the Hall in the presence of a goodly number of parents and friends. The Rev. Peter Fraser presided and after Mrs. Morris's report of their interesting activities throughout the session, the children sang various songs and danced the Cumberland Reel.

Then Mr. Grant of Glenmoriston presented the prizes to:-

- Primary VII - 1. (and Glenmoriston Memorial Prize)  
Lorraine Service.  
2. Catherine Smart
- Primary VI - 1. Shona Robertson  
2. James Rodger
- Primary V - 1. Colin MacDonald  
2. Patricia Stoddart
- Primary IV - 1. Kirsteen Douglas  
2. Nyles Kennedy
- Primary III - 1. Marie Sandilands  
2. Yvonne Service
- Primary II - 1. Aileen Sandilands  
2. Iona Grant

Progress Prizes to:-

Willie Thomson,  
Ruairaidh MacDonald  
Miranda Grant  
Keith Melvin  
Marion Kennedy  
Alexander MacLennan

SSPCA Essay Prize - Lorraine Service

Margaret Grant prize for Handwork -  
James Rodger

Bible Prize - Shona Robertson

Mr. Grant spoke encouragingly to the children and wished everyone a happy holiday, and then Father Mark led the company in the Lord's Prayer and Mr. Fraser pronounced the benediction.



# UP AND DOWN THE GLEN IN HARNESS

On 3rd June a sale of Cake and Candy, etc., in aid of Dalchreichart School Funds, was held in the school and realised the splendid sum of £60 clear of expenses. Thanks are due to all those who made it such a success by their help or their contributions in kind or in cash.

On 10th June the school participated in a Jubilee Sports Meeting with Invercriston School, and enjoyed the occasion very much in spite of the cold, windy weather. Congratulations to Amanda Graage on winning the girls' championship, and to the school team on winning the relay race.

On 15th June, as reported elsewhere, the school enjoyed a bus trip to Cawder Castle and Nairn beach, in conjunction with Invercriston School. The school sports took place on 30th June, but unfortunately had to be abandoned shortly before the end of the programme because of rain. The sports champion was Colin Gordon, and the runner-up James McDonnell. The prize-giving ceremony followed, the prizes being presented by Mr. J.E. Grant of Glenmoriston. The children afterwards enjoyed ice-cream and jelly, while tea and biscuits were provided for parents and friends.

On 15th June the children of Invercriston and Dalchreichart schools enjoyed a bus trip, organised by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Grant, to Cawder Castle and Nairn beach. Mothers and friends filled up the vacant seats, and cheerfully looked after the children when they were split into groups, especially on Nairn beach, where all the fun of the amusement centre, the roundabouts, the paddling pool or just beach-combing proved great attractions. At Cawder Castle the relics of a by-gone age, especially in the old kitchen, aroused a lot of interest, as did the modern gardens with their wonderful array of fruit and flowers. At Cawder an open-air lunch was enjoyed in one of the delightful picnic areas provided. It was a most enjoyable outing on a day of beautiful sunshine, and a good deal of its success can be attributed, as always on these trips, to the willing and courteous service provided by the bus owner/driver - George Macdonald of Kiltarlity.

AT NAIRN BEACH -

A Junior View.

On Wednesday, 15th June, the two Glen schools went to Nairn beach after visiting Cawder Castle. Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Grant and several of the pupils of the two schools, went for a walk along the beach. The things we found were pieces of crab, mussels, periwinkles, cockles, limpets, whelks, razor shells and interesting sea-washed pebbles. We took some specimens home for our nature table. It was a lovely day, and the sea was quite warm.

AMANDA GRAAGE.

FROM DALCHREICHAFT PRIMARY

Yet some more Junior Views -

Observations on the Queen:-

The queen has a lot of jools and stuff. She is bycutiful. The Queen is good to me. She gave us a good Jubilee day. I love the Queen

(JOHN Age 6)

The Queen has a lot of necklaces and bangles and lovely dresses and shiney shoes and lovely handbags and shoulder bags, and horses and dogs and servants. She has a throne, and a nice crown, but she does not wear it all the time.

(JULIA Age 6)

The Queen has a nice garden. She has some servants to help her do her housework and clean the rooms.

(ROBERT Age 7)

### FREE KIRK NEWS.

A meeting was held in Fort Augustus Free Church on Monday 6th June at which Mr. Ernest Lloyd of the Christian Witness to Israel spoke and told of the great work which was going on among the Jews, not only in Israel but throughout the world. Mr. Lloyd, who is a Jew himself, was accompanied by his wife, and after the meeting there was a sale of literature, well received, bringing in a goodly sum, which was donated to the Christian Witness to Israel.

The Free Church held their Communion season in Glenmoriston from Thursday, 27th July to Monday, 11th July. The preacher on Thursday was Rev. Finlay Mackenzie, M.A. B.D. Croy, whose father Rev. D.S. Mackenzie, Maryburgh, is well known in Glenmoriston and whose great uncle, Mr. Hugh Mackenzie, lived at Holmwood, Glenmoriston for a number of years. Rev. Finlay Mackenzie's services were very much appreciated. The Friday service was taken by the minister. On Saturday, Sabbath and Monday, the Rev. Malcolm Laxond, M.A. of Plockton and Kyle preached. Mr. Laxond is no stranger in Glenmoriston and all enjoyed hearing again this faithful servant of the Lord.

Hospitality was provided in the Free Church manse, Glenmoriston, for all who came from a distance and there were those from South Logan as well as Fort Augustus and the fellowship was much enjoyed.

### HEALTHY MINDS IN HEALTHY BODIES.

Invermoriston School held their Sports on a beautiful afternoon in the Hall Field kindly made available by Mr. D. McDowell. After a varied programme had been carried through before an interested gathering of spectators the company returned to the school where there was plenty of ice-cream, orange squash, tea, sandwiches and biscuits for everybody. James Hodgler was declared the champion. Then Mrs. Morris announced that a shield had been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Elish MacMillan in memory of their son, Peter, to be competed for in the lower half of the school, and the first winners were jointly, Iona Grant, Keith Melvin and Yvonne Service.

Mrs. Morris and her helpers in the field and the kitchen were thanked for all their hard work by Mr. Fraser.

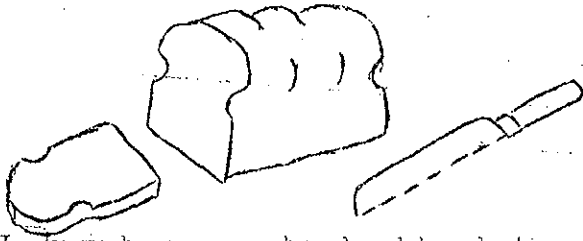
### VISIT TO IONA

At the end of May a party of pupils and staff from Markhall Academy, a very large, too large, Comprehensive School in Lanarkshire had a week's visit to Iona, one of the most attractive isles in the Western Isles, made even more so by a week of perfect weather.

The main purpose of the visit was to give industrialised urban kids a useful holiday - there was a blend of organised - history, geology, orienteering, even Gaelic - and free activities. In the evenings there was a period of "writing-up" time, followed by social functions - concerts, dances, film shows etc.

Since this issue contains a fair bit of religious matter, the following might be of interest. Both the Iona Community Youth Leaders and the Abbey were very persuasively keen to get us involved in their religious life. Now the members of staff were "agin" this. Not because they are anti-religion (in a wider sense) but because they teach in an area where, unlike this area, Protestant and Catholics are indoctrinated into hating each other. So it was made clear that while they were free to attend the Services, which, incidentally, because a member of staff always accompanied those who went, are very interesting, there was no question of compulsion. Yet most of them did attend. It makes you think.

# DO IT YOURSELF



I always bake my own bread and by adapting various recipes now make it the following way, which produces a lovely moist brown loaf. It is very easy to make and all the ingredients can be bought in the village shop, although interesting variations can be made using coarser grades of flour.

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs. wholewheat brown flour
- 1 lb. plain white flour
- 1½ pints warm water
- 2 tbs. dried yeast
- 1 tbs. sugar
- ¼ lb. melted butter
- 2 tbs. honey (or molasses or treacle)
- 1 tbs. salt.

## METHOD

1. Dissolve sugar and yeast in ½ pint of warm water and leave for ten minutes until foamy.
2. Stir melted butter into remaining water. Add honey (molasses or treacle) and salt.
3. Add this mixture to the yeast mixture and mix well into the 3 lbs. flour so that there is no dry flour left in bowl.
4. Knead for 10 minutes and place ball of dough in buttered bowl. Cover and leave to rise in a warm place for about an hour or until it has doubled in bulk.
5. Knead again for a few minutes. Divide and shape dough into loaves to fit available tins allowing for loaf to double in size again.
6. Place dough in greased tins, wrap loosely with polythene and leave to rise again for about an hour or until doubled in bulk. Be careful not to jolt the tins as this can deflate risen dough.
7. Bake in oven at 425° for ten minutes, then lower temperature to 375° and continue to bake for another 20 mins. by which time the bread should sound hollow when tapped on the top and bottom.
8. Remove from tins to cool.

NOTE: Further variations can be made by replacing ½ pint of water with ½ pint of warm milk or adding a tps. of dried herbs.

LINDA NALAN.

# IT MAKES UNORGANISED SENSE

For some years now, certain gentlemen from this Glen, have, under the guidance of "The Skipper", Hamish Alexander, well-kent not only in these parts but throughout the Western seaboard, taken off to go cruising among the Western Isles in a yacht called "Lambley Lass". The cruises range from Skye to Wester Ross, across the minch, then inwards again and southwards to perhaps the favourite port of call, the quaintly picturesque Tobernary in Mull, sometimes visiting the smaller isles en route.

Several features recommend this type of holiday. One is that in the Hebrides one meets with a unique philosophy of life. It is different (Glenmoriston, being situated between West and East has over the years been cross-fertilised). Another is that this kind of holiday is unorganised in the sense that it is unpackaged: that is, we sail when and to <sup>where</sup> the whim takes us (depending, of course on the tides and hours of business of refuelling facilities).

But perhaps the best feature of all is the scenery and climate. There are breathtaking sunsets and dawns which as the poet Yeats said are "cold and passionate".

Then we take night sails. But in the Hebrides in midsummer it never gets quite dark. A haze, betokening another fine day, descends and you can actually hear the silence. Visibility is reduced of course, but such are the accessories on board "Lambley Lass" that even sailing in a Hebridean haze is a safely enjoyable experience.

"GALLEY BOY".

## Crossword Solution

Across	Down
1. Tomcrasky	1. Pelford
5. Birch	2. Munro
7. Da	3. Ruadh
8. Columba	4. Saint
10. Redent	5. Balintonaibie
12. In	6. Raim
13. Hit	7. Do
14.)	8. Ceannacroc
16.) Aonach Inn	9. Una
18. Eun	11. Eider
19. Dunderrogan	15. Hugh
22. Na	17. Ncn
23. Foch	20. Dun
25. Grant	21. Gael
29. All	24. Creag
30. Crause	25. Gob

Across	Down
31. Sronawic	26. Aber
32. Eagle	27. Tarn
	28. Game

# MISCELLANEOUS

CONGRATULATIONS TO \_\_\_\_\_

Mary MacKintosh who is now a B.Sc. in Pharmacy and to Sandra McDonnell who is now a B.A. of the School of Business Studies and Administration, both of Strathclyde University, and to Marion Gillies on the successful completion of a course in Cookery at Inverness Technical College.

Fiona Grant on winning First prize in second year in Glenurquhart S.S.

Ronald Ferguson on winning a Gold Medal in Boxing in the Royal Corps of Transport. Ronald, stationed at Taunton and described by his troop Commander as a "willing young man with a tremendous work rate who has achieved excellent results in his first ten. in training", has also represented his regiment in cross-country.

John Ferguson on attaining the rank of J/LOPL in the Royal Corps of Transport. John described in his army report as "a smart, hardworking, young man with lots of determination, who has obtained an above average grading in Practical Leadership" is stationed at Salisbury, has been to Germany and goes to Denmark soon.

We are pleased to hear of the award of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal to Malcolm Strachan (husband of Christine James) for his work in the solar sphere of the R.N.V.A.

Patrick Finnie and Irene Dann on the occasion of their marriage in Aberdeen on June 22nd.

WELCOME TO \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the community to Catriona June Grange, daughter of Malcolm and Catherine, born on June 13th and to Iain James Walker, son of Willie and Rosemary, born on June, 24th. We also offer good wishes to Simon Scott Fraser, son of Simon and Ann (nee Girvan) Achnagairn, Kirkhill, born on June, 12th.

Mr. Michael Taitlin has now arrived to make his home in the Glen and we hope that he and his family will soon settle happily among us.

IN MEMORIAM

With regret we record the death of Mrs. Dolina MacKenzie, widow of Mr. Alexander MacKenzie, who was for a number of years Forester in Torgoyle Lodge, where those who enjoyed their friendship will long remember their hospitable home; and more recently that of Mrs. Korah Smith, who with her late husband, "P.D." made a unique contribution to the life of the community during the years when they lived in the caravan at Bridge-end.

Best wishes to Duncan & Betty McDonnell and their family as they settle into their new home in Dalcaitig.

The collection taken in June by the W.R.I. in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign amounted to £51.35 and the committee are grateful for the generous response they received.

The Annual collection for Christian Aid from the people of Glenariston amounts to £75.00 and this sum is gratefully acknowledged.

## SPORT

One of the most worthwhile ventures undertaken in the past two or so years has been the formation of a local Football Club, Glenariston F.C. Full details in next issue.

## PLEASE

Would contributors please write articles, no matter how small, on one piece of paper and use one side only for longer articles.