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EDITORIAL

Well, it's here! After nearly eight years' absence, it's back! 'Moriston Matters' matters again.

In June 1977, the first issue of 'Glenmoriston News & Views' (which was subsequently to become 'Moriston Matters') was produced. It was begun in response to the official suggestion that villages should mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee by some effort that would be of benefit to the community. At that time, a number of incomer families, some of them refurbishing old croft houses, were settling in Glenmoriston, and to help the population (just on 300) integrate, 31 editions were printed, the last one being in February, 1983. In those days the magazine was bi-monthly but, until we get established, we will aim at quarterly publication.

Many of the historical articles which were included in the original magazines will still be of interest and so will be repeated in this and subsequent issues. Hopefully they will provide the newer members of our community with an insight into the history of their surroundings. This doesn't mean, however, that we do not require fresh material. Any magazine or newspaper needs new articles and ideas and we are no exception to this, so any contributions will be gratefully received. Hopefully we will be able to resume the old custom of regularly presenting prizes to the school children for the best piece of reporting and the best piece of creative writing. We are heading for the next issue to be out in April and so all articles will need to be in our hands by the middle of March at the latest.

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LOOKING BACK TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

OLD FOLKS PARTY

On Friday 4th January, the old folks were treated to an evening of entertainment at the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel. The compere for the evening, Alistair MacIntosh, welcomed the guests; Father Andrew, Rev. & Mrs. Buell, Rev. & Mrs. Fraser and the Rev. and Mrs. Allan.

After a lovely meal there was dancing and games with the music being provided by John Grant on the accordion. Sheila Smart and Ann-Marie Gillies sang a selection of songs between them, both Scottish and Gaelic. There was also an impromptu get-together of the Glenmoriston Male Voice Choir, consisting of Neil and Gary Robertson and Brian Bisset. They were excellent and really got the feet tapping!

Mr. & Mrs. Ewan Grant were victorious in the Spot Waltz, Susan Cowen was the winner of Pass-the-parcel and Lesley Common won the Musical Arms (she must have been practising at the children's parties!). Alf Timcke had a terrible job in the "Pass the orange under the chin" game. Mind you, he may just have been enjoying himself so much that he didn't want to pass the orange on! In the balloon game, there were a few shouts of anguish as the kilted members of the gathering sat on their balloons and tried to burst them (make a note for next year - don't wear the kilt for that game!).

The very good raffle prizes, which were mostly donated, were won by the Gillies' (Achlain), Geoff Mudditt (Dalchreichart), Mairi Dymond (Altsigh), Doreen Burrige, Tommy Girvan (Tomchrasky), Jackie & Sarah Mackenzie (Riverside Park), Sheila MacLellan (Torgoyle), Mr. MacDonald (Achnaconeran), Maggie Smart (Riverside Park), Susan Cowen (Hotel), Marjory Stoddart (Riverside) and Heather Williams (Inverness).

Alistair gave a vote of thanks to all who helped in making the party a success, especially to Christine MacDonald (Achnaconeran) and to those who made donations (the Gun Club, Glenmoriston Arms Hotel and the Whist Club), and the party broke up around 1 a.m. L.C.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

The Glenmoriston Children's Committee held two fundraising events in November\December. The first to be held was our annual Sale of Work on November 30th, which was very successful and raised approximately £300. Many thanks to all who donated and helped us on that evening.

The following week, on Friday 7th December, we organised a Ceilidh which was very enjoyable but unfortunately poorly attended, probably due to bad weather conditions. The profit from the Ceilidh was about £72. Mr. Leslie Cameron provided the music, helped along by Mr. Stewart MacLean and Calum. Mrs. Sheila Smart and Ann Marie Gillies sang a few songs. Children from Mrs. Everett's School of Dance entertained us with the Highland Fling and Sword Dance, and the ladies from Glenmoriston gave a display of Scottish Country Dancing. The children from Dulchreichard School sang Flower of Scotland and a carol called Christmas Light. After a little persuasion, Neil Robertson and Brian Bisset gave us a hearty rendition of The Wild Rover.

The purpose of raising these funds every year is to enable us to give every child in the Glen who attends the Christmas party a present and every teenager a treat to the cinema in Inverness. Last year we bought over 40 presents and 30 teenagers went to the cinema.

The Children's Committee is run on the basis that any parent can come along to our meetings and help us organise these events. We rely entirely on support from the parents, but recently this has been somewhat lacking, so please support us in the future.

The Christmas Party was held on Saturday, 22nd December and, as the saying goes, a good time was had by all. Santa arrived in a rather unorthodox method by police car to whoops of delight and screams of Jingle Bells from the children. Each child present received a lovely gift from Santa.

The Committee for 1991 are as follows:

Chairman:	Lesley Common
Secretary:	Nancy McLeod
Treasurer:	Mary Laura Norton

Nancy MacLeod
Secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

DULCHRECHARD SCHOOL

The Autumn term drew to a close with the presentation, along with Invermoriston School, of the Christmas story in song and rapping in Invermoriston Hall. We were pleased to welcome so many parents and friends who enabled us to send a donation of £18.38 to Leukemia Research. The following day we relaxed and enjoyed a Christmas Party in the school.

The new term began on 7th January with a drop in roll to 12 as two pupils have left the area. We were pleased to welcome Miss J. Wilson, P.E. Teacher, on to our staff. Despite the frost and snow fortunately so far we have had no interruptions and we are now settled down to a term of hard work.

D.M.F.

OUR VISIT TO THE CINEMA

As a Christmas treat the Children's Committee organised a trip to the cinema for Primary 7 and upwards and the date was set for the 15th December 1990 at the La Scala cinema in Inverness. The films on offer were The Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles or The Never Ending Story Part II. About 30 people went to the cinema but only 8 went to the Turtles film. Afterwards we all went for a take away at the West End. In the end I think most were pleased. And I agree it was a fantastic night out. We thank Mr. Grange and Mr. Stoddart for volunteering for transportation and the Children's Committee for organising the trip. Without them it would be impossible.

Barry J. MacLeod.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Friday, 22nd December there was a Children's Party when Santa comes and gives all the children of Glenmoriston presents. Santa came at half past five. The party was in Invermoriston Hall. All the children got ice cream and jelly before Santa came. We were playing loads of party games. Simon Maclellan was organising the games. We had food half way through the party. I would like to say thank you to the Children's Committee. I liked it very much and I hope all the other children did.

Michelle MacLeod.

On Friday 22nd there were a children's party. Santa came with presents. The children's party was in Invermoriston at the hall and there were games at the party. Mr. Maclellan did the games. There were Strip the Willow, Grand Old Duke of York, and the best dancer. Then we had food. I liked it. It was good. Then I said goodbye and thank you.

Anne MacLellan

SPORT IN SCHOOL

Dulchreichard School have been keeping up their stamina and building up muscles with help from our P.E. teacher, Mrs. Macdonald, who has helped us train and entered Dulchreichard School in many competitions and some of them we have won. We also have our own School competitions, and they can be great fun, but it also keeps us very fit. All of us in School learn other games like unihoc, cricket, dodge ball and other games that are certainly not dull. The training we get is very good for us. We now are pleased again with our new P.E. teacher, Miss Wilson and we all are going to work hard for her.

Michelle Webster

In June, our school ran in the Inter School Sports. That time was the first for a long time. Mrs. Macdonald was our P.E. teacher then but now Miss Wilson is our P.E. teacher. Then in September we ran in a cross-country. In enjoy sport and so does everyone else.

Archie Maclellan

YOUTH CLUB

In the summer the youth club took some people to Alton Towers down in England for the night. The people in charge of the youth club are Mr. & Mrs. McEwan and Mr. & Mrs. Munslow. They all do it very well. The youth club is on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. There are good exciting sports to do, for example unihoc, football, basket ball, table football, table tennis and a snooker table. Not very long ago the youth club took some people to the Scotland v. Switzerland match and all the people who went to the football match would have been happy because Scotland won 2-1. The youth club is held in Invermoriston Hall.

Graham MacLellan

CEILIDH

On Friday 26th October there was a Ceilidh. All the Dulchreichard Primary School sang Flower of Scotland. It was really funny because Stephen said flower at the wrong time. There were all kinds of dancers.

Alasdair Norton

OUR VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME

On Thursday 13th December at 2 p.m. we set off for the Pantomime at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness. We eventually reached Inverness with the help of the bus driver. The pantomime was Red Riding Hood. At the start everybody got a fright because the wolf burst out of a side door with lots of smoke coming behind him. As the wolf burst out he was howling, then he went on to the stage and disappeared under the floor. In the story the wolf was trying to catch Red Riding Hood to get her red hood for the magic in it. In the end the wolf got blown by the audience in to a big incinerator and was burnt to death. We all enjoyed our trip to the pantomime.

Fiona Norton

CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Wednesday 19th December, Dulchreichard and Invermoriston Primary School had a Christmas Play down at Invermoriston Hall. The Hall was decorated beautifully and the tree was lovely and the decorations on the tree were nice. The Play was called Christmas Rapping. It was about Mary, Joseph, Jesus, three Kings, three Shepherds and Angel Gabriel. Our art teacher Miss Semple helped us a great deal by helping us do the back drop. We were glad so many people came to the play. We were also glad that people helped raise £18.38 for Leukemia and Cancer Research.

Darren McEwan

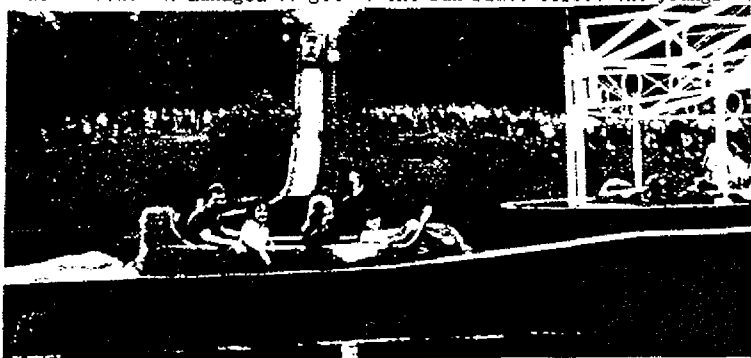
CLUB CORNER

MORISTON YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is for all ages between Primary 1 to Under 18s and serves the whole Glenmoriston area. Apart from the obvious sporting activities in the Club, it also reinforces social interaction that the young people would not receive on a big scale other than normal school days and various events and parties that are held during the year. It also encourages competitiveness generally.

Since we started a year ago, we have amassed a great deal of equipment from our own fundraising events and generous donations from the community, which are gratefully appreciated.

We had a successful trip to Alton Towers in June 1990 that everyone thoroughly enjoyed (especially the Club leaders! Not to name anyone in particular, but there was someone who managed to get to the fun rides before the youngsters!).



We are at the moment trying to raise funds again for the general upkeep and replacement of equipment as well as a skiing trip which was scheduled for January, but due to the fact that we have not received enough raffle prizes or even sold many raffle tickets, the proposed trip will have to be postponed until we have enough funds.

The Youth Club was due to re-open on 10th January 1991 from 7 - 9.30 p.m. (please note new times), but due to weather conditions, it was decided to cancel until it becomes milder.

The fees are still the same: 25p members; 50p non members and visitors.

Subscriptions are £5 per person; £10 per family, whichever applies (i.e. 3 children in a family would benefit if they paid £10 per family as opposed to £5 each). These charges were set by the young people and are due to be reviewed at the A.G.M. in February.

Any parent who wishes to come along on a youth club night to help out etc. is welcome to do so at any time - PLEASE!!!

Claire McEwan
Secretary

LOCK INN FOOTBALL TEAM

Despite the fact that the 1990 season was somewhat dismal for us, we did complete our fixtures although sometimes not with a full eleven players. Our main problem since we started in 1985 has been raising enough players consistently.

In our first season in the Inverness Amateur League Division 3, we finished third bottom of a ten team league. We fared much better in our second season, winning the League cup and finishing third in the league. We were promoted to Division 2 in 1988.

Although up until last year we had managed to maintain a mid-table placing, we did not fair well in cup competitions. Sadly last year we paid for our lack of player power by finishing last in the division. We have probably been relegated to the third division for the 1991 season.

We would still like to attempt a revival and a meeting will be held in the near future to determine what interest there is. We would appeal to anyone who may be interested in playing, managing, financing or assisting in any way possible. It costs around £500 per season, which has to be paid usually by the players. Any budding sponsors please come forward and voice your interest. Watch our for notices of the meeting.

LOCH NESS GUN CLUB

The club held many successful shoots throughout the year and raised £900 for the Red Cross fund and also donated to the Blind Institute and to Drummond School. At the end of the year the club gave the old folks a treat by giving £100 in their aid.

Our local shooter, David Gillies, shot again to a high standard to represent Scotland for the second year and returned high scores at the International to help win the Junior Section with a record score for the squad. He looks set for the year to come by putting one big score below his belt ready for 1991. One score puts him back in the team so the year ahead looks exciting.

M.G.

WHIST

Every Wednesday the card-sharpers meet in the Glenmoriston Arms tavern at 7.30 p.m. for a friendly, non-serious game of Whist. There are good prizes and we usually have a small raffle as well. The proceeds are split between the old folk, the children and the hall, with the other clubs benefiting as well if there is sufficient funds, so it is all in a good cause.

Be you young or old, able to play or not, come and join us for a good laugh and an inexpensive night out.

HALL

VILLAGE HALL

At the first A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee since December, 1987, a new committee was formed on 19th January, 1990. The committee had two main targets, (1) to improve the number of functions held in the hall, and, (2) to increase the very poor bank balance. To achieve the first aim, the hall had to be improved. This was done in the following way: rear meeting room and toilets painted; broken roof tiles replaced; external snowcemming; fire doors reinstated; plumbing restored in toilets; E.L.C.B. unit fitted; holes repaired; fire extinguishers reinstated; curtains installed; regular clean outs.

A range of activities were organised to achieve the second aim. Seven dances were held throughout the year with a substantial cash return. The first Gala day held in the area for many years took place at the Riverside park playing field on Saturday, 18th August. Many activities were featured: Bouncy Castle; Argo rides; clay shoot; Forestry & Marine Harvest displays; fly fishing competition; pipe band; side shows, and many more. The highlight

of the day was the Mountain Bike race which had four age\skill categories, and was over 5 mile and 15 mile courses. This proved a great success with over thirty competitors. All in all, although an enormous amount of work and effort was put in, it was a very enjoyable and satisfying day. The support from the whole community was, to use a Turtle phrase "awesome"! Many donations were given, not just locally but from all over the country.

The hall itself was used not only by the hall committee but other organisations: Badminton, Youth Club, Church, Football Team, Community Council, Children's Committee and the Dulchreichard School Board. We also had our first wedding reception in many years on 6th October. Discos and Ceilidhs were also the flavour of the year. So, from a very stagnant few years, the amount of people using the hall has increased dramatically. The bank balance has increased from around £400 to £4000 in ten months.

That's the story so far. Now we have to look at what everyone wants to do with the hall. This will require the assistance of every member of the community in some form. We know how much grant aid we can get and how much we would be required to provide. The options open are:

1. New Hall
2. Renovated Hall
3. Superficial Repairs
4. Do nothing

The last option is probably the easiest to achieve but I think we can go a long way to achieve option 1.

Thank you for your support over 1990. Please continue to give it for 1991.

The Committee for 1991 are as follows:

Chairman	Tommy Girvan
Vice Chairman	Jeff Dymond
Secretary	Davy McEwan
Treasurer	Janet Robertson
Committee	Claire McEwan, Alan Draper, Lesley Common, Leslie Bisset, Pat McDonald, Neil Robertson, Maurice Burrridge, Doreen Burrridge, Peter Stoddart, Mairi Dymond.

TARIFFS 1991

Friday Night Dance	£25 Local
Saturday Night Dance	£20 Local
Dances	£30 Non local
Sale of Work	£20 Local
Sale of Work	£30 Non Local
Ceilidh + Concert	£12
Whist Drive	£ 4.50
Church	£ 2.50 per hour
Tea Room	£ 2.00 per hour
Evening Functions	£24
Afternoon + Evening functions	£30
Film Show	£ 1.50 per hour
Youth Club	£ 5.00
Badminton	£ 5.00
Football	£20 per season

Please remember a request must be made to the committee to hold any licensed functions.

RECIPES

TURKEY STEAKS WITH CREAM SAUCE

4 turkey steaks or chicken portions
4 thin slices of Gouda cheese
4 rashers smoked bacon
2 ozs. butter
salt & pepper
1¼ pt. double whipping cream
1 tsp. tomato puree
1 tsp. sugar

Method

Beat the steaks and season with salt & pepper. Fry in butter on both sides for approximately 7 mins altogether. Remove from pan. On each steak place a slice of Gouda cheese and top with rasher of bacon. Place in dish and bake at 200C or 400F for 30 mins. Blend cream with tomato puree and sugar, pour round the steaks and bake for further 30 mins.

MILK CHOCOLATE CAKE

7 ozs. or 175g S.R. Flour
8 ozs. or 200g caster sugar
1½ tsp. salt
1 oz. or 25g cocoa
4 ozs. or 100g margarine
2 eggs beaten with 5 tbls. evaporated milk and 5 tbls. water
few drops vanilla essence

Method

Sieve flour, sugar, salt and cocoa. Rub in margarine. Stir in eggs, essence and liquid and beat well. Grease and flour 7 in. round cake tins (not loose bottomed as mixture will run out). Divide mixture between them. Bake in moderate oven 180C or 350F Gas Mark 4 for about 30-35 mins. When cold, cover and sandwich with Milk Chocolate Icing.

Milk Chocolate Icing

2 ½ oz. or 60g margarine
4 tbls. cocoa
8 ozs. or 200g sieved icing sugar
3 tbls. hot milk
1 tsp. vanilla essence

Melt margarine, blending in cocoa, then stir in icing sugar, milk and essence. Beat until smooth and thick. Use as required.

Both recipes have been kindly given by Nancy Mcleod, Dundreggan.

OBITUARY

Robert Smeaton

The people of Glenmoriston were saddened last week when they learned of the death of Robert Smeaton.

Rab, as he was known to all, was born in Crieff in 1911. He served with the Royal Signals during the second world war and came to Invermoriston in 1959, first to Bhlaraich, then Aultsaigh before finally settling in Riverside Park.

Rab, who was a timber contractor, was known to be a fair and kind employer and was held in high esteem by all his employees.

Of a friendly nature he always created a happy atmosphere in company and he will be sadly missed.

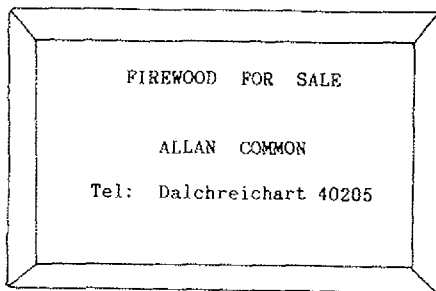
His popularity was reflected by the large gathering of family and friends who attended his funeral service which was held in Glenmoriston Church of Scotland followed by interment in the local cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to his wife and family and his surviving brother and sister.

A 20TH CENTURY PARAPHRASING OF THE 23RD PSALM

The Union is my Shepherd, I shall not work
It makes me to lie down on the job,
It leadeth me beside stilled Factories
And restoreth my fringe Benefits
It leadeth me in the paths of disruption, for its own sake.
Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of dismissal
I will fear no victimisation, for the Union is with me,
Its restrictive practices and go-slows they comfort me.
It prepareth a strike Committee before me in the presence of my employers
It annointeth my head with Pay rises
And my Bank balance runneth over.
Surely, Shop Stewards and Union dues shall follow me
All the days of my membership,
And I shall dwell in a Social Work subsidised house forever!

The above was contributed by a person who wished to remain anonymous in August 1979 but whose identity was known at the time - ED



PUZZLE

All completed entries to be in the Editor's hands along with £1 entry fee by 1st March. The first correct entry drawn after that date will receive a cash prize so get your thinking caps on! Proceeds will go towards prizes for children's creative writing and reporting.

The clues are all names of Sports or Sporting Activities, e.g. THE SPORT OF KINGS = HORSE RACING.

1. Only on December 26th?
2. Run in ancient Greece and modern Britain
3. Ten in a stable
4. China seconds?
5. Tumbled when not even running
6. OK to snore
7. Sick I am surrounded by poets
8. In bed on pillow, rest lingeringly
9. Strike back
10. Pot bird potting
11. Tall Ben?
12. Mixed gin in the ocean
13. Find it at the kebab stall
14. Cold perm?
15. Not at Aerobatics
16. Do it to a thimble, then mix yourself a gin!
17. The cobra stings easily to start with
18. Skipping none too quietly
19. Key choice
20. Circle with some hesitations
21. Bite at a cherry
22. East, east, east circle
23. Dangle around one army award
24. Excited toddlers are retarded at kindergarten being initially backwards