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## **\*\* EDITORIAL \*\***

Well, I have just managed to tear myself away from my sweet peas and my frosted marigolds in order to produce our summer issue ( and what a start to the summer it has turned out to be!)

The next edition of the magazine will hopefully be produced on a word processor thanks to the very generous offer of the use of his computer by David Andrews, Lizart Cottage. This should enable the print size to be enlarged and remove the need to issue a free magnifying glass with each copy!!

As nobody entered the competition in the last issue there is obviously no need to publish the answers. That particular feature will be absent from now on!

If there is anything else that anybody would like to see in the magazine or anything that people feel should be omitted then please let me know. After all it's YOUR magazine.

We have managed to get ourselves noticed. The following article appeared in the Press and Journal on May 24th.

**Moriston Matters back after eight years**

By DARRY MACKAY

GLENMORISTON residents are once again keeping abreast of news, views and local history in their area, with the re-appearance of their community newspaper.

Moriston Matters is being produced by Lesley Common, The Old Well, Dalchreichart, after an eight-year lapse.

The paper was first produced in 1977 as a means of bringing local families into contact with the many incomers to the glen at that time.

The next issue will be out in October so all articles to be in by the middle of September please.

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## ~~~~ GALA DAY ~~~~

It is now only a matter of weeks until the Gala Day ( Saturday 17th August ). Already things are beginning to hot up. Attractions this year include the Mountain Bike race which has classes for novices, juniors and ladies as well as for the more experienced riders. There will be helicopter rides ( 99% definite this year! ), Argo rides and an Argo obstacle race, dog agility demonstration, Highland dancing display, duck race, log cutting, slippery pole, barbeque, sheep shearing, pipe band, wood sawing and chainsaw demonstration, bouncy castle, throwing the weight competition, terrier racing plus all the usual stalls. Raffle Tickets are now on sale and these can be obtained from any committee member. If anybody feels they would be able to sell any tickets to friends, relatives or workmates then please do so. The prizes this year are mostly cash ones with the 1st prize being £100.

However we desperately need volunteers not only on the day but setting up before hand and the horrible task of clearing up afterwards. If you are available then please let one of the committee members know as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in helping to set up the mountain bike course or marshalling the race itself then please get in touch with Jeff Dymond.

Lets hope for a lovely sunny day so that we can better last years figure of £3000. ( Committee members are Davy and Claire MacEwan, Jeff and Mairi Dymond, Neil and Janet Robertson and Lesley Common )

P.S. Since the above was typed, The Helicopter rides have had to be scrapped.

So much for 99% certain!!

Also there will be a meeting on Monday 15th July at 8.00pm in the hall.

We would be very pleased to see some new faces!





# LOCH NESS GUN CLUB

The Gun Club, now in its 25th year, has already had a very good season. To date, the Club has hosted 9 shoots with another 6 to go. Included in these shoots was a 100 DTL ( Down the Line ) sponsored by Roy Homes Construction in aid of the Red Cross. The total sum raised by the Club was in the region of £1,100. On the 29th June the Club will host a charity shoot, the beneficiaries being the Not Forgotten Society and the Highland Hospice. This shoot will be sponsored by MacRae & Dick Ltd.

Last year the Gun Club raised £180 for the Old Folks of Glenmoriston's Xmas party and were pleased to hear that they all had a most enjoyable time.

The Club is also proud to have 2 of its members being picked to represent Scotland in the International DTL Shoot and also the British Championships in Dublin on the 12th & 13th July. Shooting in this, his last year as a junior - David Gillies, hails from Achlain, Glenmoriston and is a Gun Club Committee Member. Shooting for the first time in an International is Gun Club Secretary, Judi Smith from Inverness.

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## \*\*\* The Inter-School Sports \*\*\*

On Saturday morning our team set off to Inverness for the sports at Bught Park. In the morning when we got there, it was the high jump. Michelle Webster and Graham MacLellan competed in it. Michelle came 1st and Graham was 2nd. After Stephen Smith and Michelle took part in the long jump which they both came 2nd in. After lunch Stephen and I took part in the 80 metres; Stephen came 1st and I was 2nd. Michelle then ran the 150m and came 2nd in it. Stephen was 1st in the 200 m. Then we had quite a long wait for the relay. By that time our points were 42 and Kilchimen Primary ( Fort Augustus ) were only 4 points behind with 38. We came 4th in the relay but (wait for it!) we won with 46 points and Kilchimen with 1 point behind with 45. So we went happily home with the shield for the 2nd year running. We all enjoyed the sports.

Siobhán Webster D 7

## ∴ INVERMORISTON SCHOOL ∴

Children and parents joined up with Dulchreichard School and travelled to Landmark for a very happy, exciting day in the adventure playground. Although Mrs Farnell and Mrs Catriona Cirvan thought that once was more than enough on the tunnel slide, the children, some parents and Mrs Fraser braved all the hazards and thrills and spills to make it a happy and successful trip. The school sports took place at Invermoriston playing fields again along with the children of Dulchreichard. The sun shone for a few hours, long enough for the children to run their hearts out and win some flags.

On the second last day before the holidays Mrs Fraser, the Headmistress, and the children performed, not without problems, Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Mrs Fraser has 10 children when she started on the play, then Kimberly joined Fort Augustus primary, Kevin and Simon returned to Inverness and what next could happen? The Dreaded Chicken-pox! Christopher, Callum and Steven struck down on the eve of their stage performance. Undaunted the intrepid remaining four, Eva, Emma, Martin and Thomas put on a brilliant performance. After the play there was the prize-giving. Mrs Marion Nicholson very kindly presented the prizes after which Thomas presented her with a large bouquet of flowers in gratitude for all she had done. Mrs Nicholson then thanked Mrs Fraser and Mrs Stoddart. So the end of term ended in a happy atmosphere the way the summer holidays should be for all children.



Long John Silver.

## † CHURCH NEWS †

'The verdant Glen of great water-falls' is how Archibald Grant, the Glenmoriston bard, poetically described Glenmoriston years ago. His description bears out the meaning of Moriston, which is probably 'of great waterfalls'. Presumably this name arose from the fact of the great falls below the A82 road bridge between the village and Dalcataig.

Indeed it is the rain and the river which makes the Glen so lush and green at this time and such a treat, especially to the unaccustomed eyes of the urban dwelling tourists, who come our way about now.

Though, as a rule, we don't suffer from a shortage of water, neither we nor the Glen could do without it. As water is a source of life for us and all growing things, so it is a symbol of God's blessing and spiritual refreshment. In the Bible the supreme blessing - symbolised by water - which God gives, is eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, '...whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life..To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life....Come whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. ( John's Gospel chapter 4 and verse 14; Revelation chapter 21 and verse 6 and chapter 22 verse 17) F.B.Buell, Parish Minister - Glenmoriston/ Urquhart

## CLUB NEWS

The Whist season ended on 27th March with the now customary last night special. We had a superb raffle with more than 20 raffle prizes most of which were donated. Most people managed to go home with at least one prize although some ( not mentioning any names, Angus! ) could have done with a shopping trolley to take theirs home in!

Over the year we managed to raise £195 which was distributed between the Old Folks, The Childrens Committee, Youth Club, Moriston Matters and the Badminton Club.

Outstanding performances throughout the season included;

Most points - Jackie MacKenzie,

Highest score - Alf Timcke 188, Lesley Common 186

Lowest score - Angus Kennedy 118. Angus also had the distinction of sharing the record for the longest sitting (20) with Lyn Kanel



# PONY CLUB



Summers here ( I think ) and sometimes I wonder whether it is any better than the winter for the ponies. Instead of the rain and the cold they have to put up with the flies, midges and sunburnt noses! ( Yes, ponies do get sunburnt, especially especially those with pink noses )

At the beginning of May my grey mare produced a beautiful chestnut colt called Dundreggan Johnny Town Mouse or Bertie for short! Unfortunately he only lived for 3 weeks. He was born with a tumour on the side of his face. A tumour so rare that the specialists at the Royal *Veterinary College in Edinburgh* *hadn't* seen anything like it. Unfortunately they couldn't do anything to save him and he had to be destroyed. It was an awful tragedy and I felt wretched taking Casey away and leaving the foal; the tears were pouring down my cheeks.

However she seems to have got over it as animals tend to do, and has paid a return visit to the stallion so hopefully it will be third time lucky for her.

Katie has been doing well with her pony, Tam. She is unbeaten in lead rein classes this year apart from a 2nd she got at Gleneagles.

Ann-Marie Gillies has recovered from her nasty fall she took from Cindy earlier in the year. She sustained broken and cracked ribs and damaged a bone in her neck. It just shows how dangerous riding can be.

Sheila MacLellan has recently purchased a nice grey 14hh Highland cross connemara mare called Freckles. She is often to be seen out riding with the wee shetland, Midge trotting along behind, trying valiantly to keep up! Sheila has the opposite problem of Sheila and Hannah Macdonald. They are desperately trying to keep weight off their ponies whereas Sheila is desperately trying to get some flesh on Freckles! Life is never simple with ponies - There are always problems.

July and August are always busy months with plenty of shows to go to so we are hoping for some silverware before the end of the season!





## SCHOOL REPORT

### :: DULCHREICHARD SCHOOL ::

The 1990-91 session draws to a close and we hope the sun will shine as the Children go home for a well earned holiday. This year Fiona Norton, Michelle Webster, Barry MacLeod and Graham MacLellan leave us and we wish them well in their new schools but we look forward to Amy Bisset joining us at the start of the new session.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been busy with sports and outings. Our trip this year was to the Land Mark Centre, Carrbridge where the children ( and some parents! ) had great fun in the Adventure Park before seeing the Highlander show and Exhibition. Rain slightly dampened our Tree-top Trail and Nature Walk but spirits were not dampened and a good day was had by all.

Our sports, along with Invermoriston Primary School were held on Monday 24th June. Heavy clouds looked threatening but fortunately the afternoon stayed dry and all the children enjoyed running the various races. The children were again racing two days later at Kilchuimen Academy Sports ( Fort Augustus ). Despite the rain, they enjoyed the afternoon and again, did well in the races.

Mr. Cooper gave us some  
eggs. They hatched into  
hairy green caterpillars.  
Soon we will have lots of  
chinese oak silkmoths.



by Katie R.1



## GLENMORISTON CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

There has always been a village church! But for how long? Do the people of Glenmoriston realise that the doors of their village church could soon be closing and the building and site be sold. This is what the powers that be in Edinburgh will have decided on or soon will be deciding on, whether we like it or not. It is not an easy decision for them to make but it all comes back to the problem of finance. How can the doors of the church be kept open when barely a handful attend? Heating, repairs and the daily upkeep do not come cheaply now. We are all guilty of saying we have no time on a Sunday or are much too busy to spend an hour in church, but in times of bereavement or for marriage we expect the church doors to be open and the minister to be there in times of need. The church needs us all the time not just when we need it! The church is always full for a funeral, wedding or christening. Where will the service be held when local people die? Where will our children be married or christened or our children's children? Drumnadrochit? Fort Augustus? Inverness?

### WHERE WILL WE BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD ?

How many of us are guilty of blaming the minister for the reason that we do not go to church? It is very easy to put the blame and responsibility onto someone else's shoulders but when the doors close on our church we are all responsible not the minister or church members. A minister can be replaced but if a church closes, the doors will never open again for worship. Rev. Buell and the church goers are trying very, very hard to hold together a faith and tradition which has survived in our Highland village and Glen for generations.

We are fighting to keep open our village hall. I hope our village church will not close without a passing thought. The Glen has one empty church. If we lose our most important visual landmark what does the future hold for Invermoriston and Glenmoriston. We shall have lost our identity and tradition. If Glenmoriston Church of Scotland is your church and you only attend on special days or Christmas services, it's just not good enough. We have to work to keep it open. We need people to attend.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH BEFORE WE HAVE NO CHURCH TO SUPPORT!



## RECIPE PAGE



### Liver and Bacon Hotpot

1lb Liver cut into slices and  
diced (about 1/4 thick)  
4oz streaky bacon with rind removed  
and cut into small bits  
1 carrot peeled and cut into chunks  
1 celery stalk cut into chunks (optional)  
2oz turnip cut into chunks  
1 large onion sliced  
2lb potato cut into fairly thick  
slices  
1 tbl spoon seasoned flour  
1 teasp sage or basil  
1 teasp worchester sauce  
stock or water  
salt and freshly milled black pepper

oven heat 170 C (325 F)

Toss the liver in the seasoned flour to coat and put into casserole and sprinkle leftover flour on top. Add the bacon carrot, celery, and turnip with the herb and a good seasoning to salt and pepper. Pour enough stock or water to cover the ingredients then add the worchester sauce finally cover with layers of potato overlapping each other. Cover the casserole and cook for 2 hrs. Take off lid and cook for a further 30 mins. When ready to serve cover top with melted butter and put under grill to brown for a few minutes.

### Tipsy sponge

1 7" sponge or use any stale leftover sponges  
4 tblesp brandy or whiskey  
1 pt. milk  
3 eggs  
4oz castor sugar  
flaked almonds (optional)

Place in a 8 1/2" baking dish (round) and marinate with brandy or whiskey leave standing about 1/2 hr. Bring milk to the boil then remove from heat to cool. Whisk eggs and sugar together and gradually add milk. Spoon over cake. Bake in preheated oven 180 C (350 F) for 15mins or until set. Decorate with the almonds and leave to cool before slicing.

These recipes were very kindly given by Mrs Isobel Anthony, Dalchreichart.

# »»»» YOUTH CLUB ««««

The 1991 session ended with a Barbeque which had to be held at the hall due to the weather but was a great success. A game of hide and seek in the woods afterwards helped work off some of the beefburgers!

The numbers have been quite good recently and some of the members attended an M.C. Hammer concert in Glasgow. We have bought quite a few games with our funds which were supplemented by a raffle held earlier in the year. Results were as follows:

Mrs D. MacDonald - Wine	Meggie Stoddart - Chocolates
J. Wilson F.A. - Table Mats	Jackie MacKenzie - Turtles Bubblebath !!!
Chris Gillies - Stereo Cassette	M. Girvan - Kettle
Christine MacDonald - Styling Tongs	Emma MacDonald - Wine
Alison Wilson - Chocolates	Pat the Pier - Curling Tongs (Pat with curls!)
Maureen Webster - Sherry	Chris Gillies - Scarf
M. Girvan - Lady Shaver ( Hope it was Margaret and not Martin!)	

A total of £75 was raised and our grateful thanks go to all who donated prizes. The Club will resume on Thursday 5th September from 7.00pm till 9.00pm.

Membership is open to all from Primary 1 tp to the age of 18. The annual fees are £10 per child or £20 per family and that covers everything apart from special trips and outings. Non-mebers can attend club nights at a cost of £1 per night.

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## The M.C. Hammer Concert

On Saturday 18th May the Moriston Youth Club bought tickets for an M.C. Hammer concert. In case you are wondering who M.C. Hammer is I will now tell you. He is a very popular rap star. His concert was in Glasgow and many people arrived there to see him. The people who were going arrived at Falls House about 2pm. Mr. MacEwan arranged a mini bus for transport. We left at half two and we were allowed stops on the way. At about 7 pm we arrived in Glasgow. The concert was very exciting and had many dancers. M.C. Hammer sang his songs, Pray, You can't touch this and other series of songs. The concert ended about half past 11 and we arrived home about 4 am in the morning, but we all had a very good time thanks to the Moriston Youth Club.

..... **LOCAL NEWS** .....

Welcome to David and Sylvia Andrews from Hemel Hempstead who have now taken up residence in Lizart Cottage, Dalchreichart.

.....to Freddie and Irene Brownlee who now live in Mike Tomlin's old house at Redburn.

.....to Mr and Mrs Aitken who bought Alison and Peter Wilson's House at Bhlaraidh.

Congratulations to Colin Gourlay and Evan Girvan on passing their driving tests at the first attempt.

..... to Fiona Norton, Darren McEwan and Barry MacLeod for taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in the Glen Albyn Heritage Society's logc competition.

..... to Katie Common, Michelle MacLeod, Michelle Webster, Fiona Norton, Hannah MacDonald and Eilidh Nairn who all passed their various Ballet, Tap and Highland exams recently.

..... to Davy and Claire McEwan who got married on 22nd June. It made the day into a double celebration as they also got their baby daughter Kerri christened at the same time. It was quite a surprise for some of the guests as they thought they were just attending a christening!

Good Luck to Norman and Nancy MacLeod as they take command of Glenmoriston Village shop. I'm sure everyone wishes them every success.

Our thanks go to Hamish for providing such a good service up to now. Good luck for the future.

