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HAPPY NEW YEAR (Hic !)

Has anybody got any good recipies for using up left-over turkey ? I don't want to see another mince pie or brussel sprout for a long time !

Winter is well and truly upon us now although the last few weeks have necessitated waders and webbed feet rather than lots of layers and long johns ! Hopefully this magazine will help to brighten up these dreary winter days.

Well, we have had no complaints of not being able to read the last issue so that's an improvement. We haven't had a great response to our call for your own work (i.e. art, written, photographic or otherwise) Any material can be submitted and everything will be returned. Children's work doesn't have to come via the school either so let's have something to show in the spring issue.

David Gillies's article in the Autumn issue about his successes at clay pigeon shooting has earned him a prize so congratulations to him. You see its worth your while putting in some effort.

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Gifts for Head Teacher

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all former pupils, parents and friends for their gifts and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement.

Marion Nicholson.

Former Invermoriston head teacher Mrs Marion Nicholson, who retired last summer, was principal guest at the village Christmas concert, where she received gifts of a wall clock and money on behalf of the community from some of her former pupils - (from left) Thomas Grant (7), Eva Turner(7), Andrew Keogh(5) and organisers (back) Mr Pat MacDonald, community councillor; Mrs Ann Girvan, and Mr Jackie MacKenzie. Mrs Nicholson started her teaching career in Edinburgh and continued in Perth before moving to Invermoriston, where she taught for 13 years.



Childrens Committee

Glenmoriston Childrens Committee have their busiest period over the winter months. They held another very successful Bonfire Night back in November. Fireworks were bought with the funds and provided a spectacular display. We were extremely lucky with the weather too.

Many thanks to Kevin and Trudy Hodson for their help in building the bonfire, to Allan and Norman for the fireworks display, to Martin and Margaret Girvan for the super burgers, to all those who helped with the barbeque and to all who made donations, especially the Youth Club who donated £50.

The Annual Sale of Work was held at the end of November and this year an auction was introduced for the first time. This proved to be a great success and we managed to raise our greatest sum ever - £550 approx.

Santa made a surprise but very welcome visit and he was able to get some good ideas as to what people would like for Christmas, some of which you can see opposite ! We would like to thank all those who donated to the sale, all those who helped with the stalls and the teas, to Santa for dropping in and especially to Alistair MacIntosh for his brilliant impersonation of an auctioneer !

The raffle prize-winners were;

M&S Hamper - Rebecca MacDonald	Venison - Sarah MacKenzie
Wine - Sarah MacKenzie	Wine - Tommy Girvan
Wine - Lorna Fraser	Wine - Rebecca MacDonald
Wine - Dennis Gell	Wine - Mary-Laura Norton
Chocolates - Dorothy Reives	Coal - Vickie Common
Tapestry - Benny MacDonell	

Guess the number of sweets in the jar (95) was won by Christine Whitehead.

Guess the weight of the Xmas Pudding was won by Jackie McKenzie.

The card to win the bottle of whisky was the Ace of Spades which was held by Allan Common and the card for the glasses was the 6 of spades which was held by Lesley Common.

(stewards enquiry pending !)

Santa allowed us a sneak look at some of the Christmas letters that he received and here they are:

Please may I have a trip on concorde.
Lily Gell, Altsigh Age 21+

A racing car set please.
Angus Kennedy, Dundreggan 21+

I want 80 Regal king size and Kim Bassinger.
Barry Mcleod 13

Please may I have a baby doll so that I can look after her.
Nicola Curley 4

Please could I have a tool kit to help my Daddy.
Michael Curley 2

I would like some wrestling men and a ring.
Calum Grant 9

I would like a dashboard and some turtles.
Stephen Urquhart 8

Please can I have a cot, a car seat, a doll that cries,
ballet shoes and a Postman Pat video.
Kirsteen Smith 4

I hope Santa managed to fulfil at least some of their dreams !



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 21st December saw the children of Glenmoriston enjoying the fun and games of the christmas party. There were a few children who were unable to attend the party but Santa entrusted Simon the postie with their presents and he duly delivered them. Our thanks go to him, to all the parents who helped both with the providing of food and with entertaining the children and to Santa who spent some of his precious time chatting to the children.

Invermoriston School

We have had a very busy time so far this session, with our food project entailing a lot of baking and investigating. We even managed to go out on a 'bramble ramble' which was great fun although a little on the messy side ! The fruits of our industrious picking were jars of scrumptious bramble jam, some of which were given to our senior citizens at our Harvest tea in October. We raised £8 from donations which we sent to Age Concern, Scotland.

Another food item was our coffee morning on the 2nd November which raised £120 for our school funds. A special 'thank-you' to all those who helped at, contributed to or attended this event.

Our funds have also been helped by the commission from Ivory Webb catalogue orders. Thanks to Mrs Newton for organising it and to everyone who ordered goods from it. The resulting healthy funds mean that the children will be having a shared Christmas party with Dulchreichard and will be going to see Peter Pan at Eden Court too. There will, of course, be outings etc during the rest of the year.

I look forward to seeing you again in 1992 and wish you all a happy New Year.

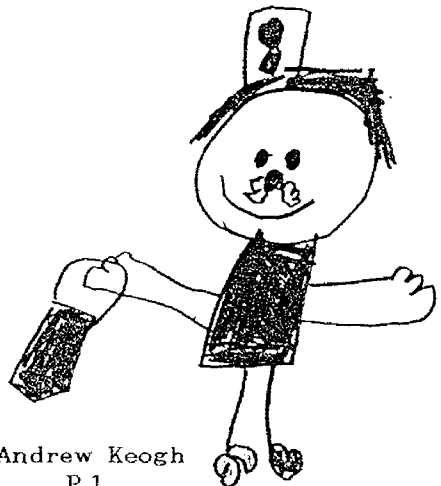
Lorna Fraser.

One sunny day we were having a halloween party. We had cakes and orange juice and ducked for apples. We had to put our face in flour and then had treacle scones.

Calum Grant P.5

Our project is on food. We looked at books and we made bread and bramble jam too. Calums mum came into school to help us with the bread.
Eva Turner P.4

We had a coffee morning in the school. I bought two books.
Steven Urquhart P.3



Andrew Keogh
P.1.

Bramble Jam

2 kilograms brambles
50 millitres cold water
2 kilo grams of jam sugar

Method

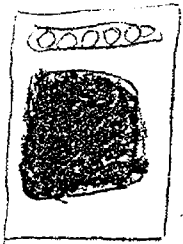
veigh the brambles

Take out the bad ones

Put in the water

Cook it slowly

Pour in Sugar after
10 minutes



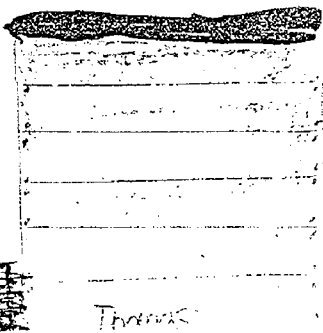
When jam
comes to
the boil
put on
saucer. It
is ready if
it sets.

Invermoriston School



We go to Fort Augustus for P.E.
When we get there Miss Wilson
helps us with the wall-bars.
My favourite thing is the box.
We jump off it and do rolly-polliey !

Thomas Grant P.3

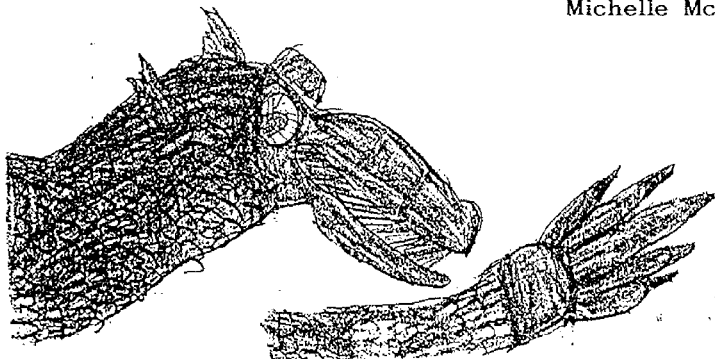


Thomas

Dulchreichard School

One cold and frosty morning I heard something and it came closer I was frightened. I suddenly jumped out of bed and opened the curtains. I saw a magical DRAGON. I opened the window. It said my name is Lazar and I told him my name. He asked me if I wanted to go with him to a magical land. I said I would love to but before I could do anything else he picked me up and walked off. We walked for miles. The dragon eventually stopped. I can't say much about the place except that it was magical.

Michelle McLeod P.6



Dulchreichard School

Here are some of the children's thoughts after having seen Peter Pan at Eden Court

I wish I could fly like wendy.

Amy Bisset P.1

One starry night Peter Pan flew inside the window. He was looking for his shadow.

Katie Common P.2

Peter is kind
Even though he looks bad
Time for bed
Even when he fights he wins
Rainbows are out



A.B.

Peter is nice
As he has fun in
Never never land

Caroline Kennedy P.4

Peter Pan is funny
Even when he laughs
Tell people to go and see him
Even while the tickets last
Round up at the door

Pay at the door
Away he flies to Never Never Land
Now he is gone again

Stephen Smith P.7

Peter is kind
Eerie though
The alarm goes off
Everyone everywhere
Running around



S.S.

Pirates chasing
Adventurous
No mothers though

Darren McEwan P.6



A.M.

Childrens Nativity Plays

On the wednesday before Christmas Invermoriston and Dulchreichard schools treated parents and friends to two nativity plays. "Don't forget the manger" was the title of Dulchreichard's play. It told the more traditional story of Christmas - the birth of Jesus. It was nicely performed and the many songs were well sung with a little help from some younger members of the audience. The photographer from the Press and Journal was in attendance for Mrs Nicholson's retrial presentation so he snapped ' Mary and Joseph '. He would have photographed the whole cast but some of the wise men had decided to swap their robes of gold for trousers of denim !

Invermoriston school had a few problems in that 40% of their cast were absent so Mrs Fraser and both Mrs Girvans had to step in at the last moment. The cast of Eva, Thomas and Andrew did really well in their multiple roles with rudolph the red-nosed reindeer putting in an appearance. It was such short notice for him that he forgot his lines and had to adlib, but he coped admirably (not bad for a reindeer !) The afternoon came to a close with some carols and a collection was taken for Childline. Our thanks go to both schools for an excellent afternoons entertainment.



Mary and Joseph, alias Anne Maclellan (9) and Darren McEwan (10) lay their baby Jesus in the manger

Local News

Glenmoriston Arms Hotel held a Christmas eve prize draw and, together with the proceeds from the New Year raffle, were able to donate £114 towards the old folks christmas party.

Prize winners were :

- 1st 2 litres Whisky - Alan Draper
- 2nd 1 litre Whisky - Billy Greer
- 3rd Bottle Whisky - Brian Potter
- 4th Bottle Vodka - R . Fraser c/o R.J. MacLeod
- 5th Bottle Bacardi - Kevin Hodson
- 6th 1/2 bot Whisky - Tom Pratt
- 7th 1/2 bot Vodka - Colin MacKenzie
- 8th 1/4 bot Whisky - Margaret Allen
- 9th 1/4 bot Vodka - Sarah MacKenzie
- 10th 6 cans Export - Leonard Grant
- 11th 6 cans Lager - Garry Wilson, Inverness
- 12th Box of Biscuits - Mary Laura Norton
- 13th Mystery - Jackie MacKenzie
- 14th Mystery - Cameron Johnston
- 15th Mystery - Christina Smith
- 16th Mystery - Colin Gourley

Alan Draper sportingly put back his 1st prize and it was re-drawn. The winner was Joanne McGregor.



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Historical

This is what H.V. Morton, the well known pre-war travel writer, had to say about Glenmoriston in his "In Scotland Again", published in 1933:

Fifteen miles of beauty lies between hills. They are called Glen Moriston. There is dark Loch Cluanie, there are scraggy deer forests, then the glen seems suddenly to peal with laughter as the road dives into thick birch woods alive with rabbits. This glen is the scene of one of the most romantic adventures in the wanderings of Prince Charlie. It is the story of the eight men of Glen Moriston..."

He then relates the story, and that of Roderick MacKenzie (I see that they've just managed to preserve his cairn alongside the new road), before continuing.....

"I went in bright sunlight through the deepening beauty of Glen Moriston. What a perfect glen it is ! If you wish to see a sudden switch over from wild highland to soft highland scenery, go through this glen. The deer forests end suddenly. You are in the dark fir and birch woods, and the river Moriston tumbles over falls which put Killiecrankie in the shade.

I have never seen so many rabbits elsewhere in Scotland. The woods are full of them. They dash across the road in suicidal clubs. Enormous families sit up and watch your approach and then go tumbling to cover with a bob of white tails."

Presumably the Cluanie and Dundreggan dams were not in existence then, and they would have altered the landscape somewhat. However, I feel that most of what he said remains true, although there don't seem to be so many rabbits about these days !

Peter Giddy, Redburn

Local Success

Who was inaugurated as the 46th president of the U.S.A ?
What creature has the largest eyes ?

These are just two of one hundred questions asked at the British Legion Club in Fort Augustus last October.

We sent two teams from the Glen. The 'A' team had Richard and Gina Jarvis, Alan Smart and Heather Williams. They scored 86 points and collected second prize of a bottle of wine each for their efforts.

The 'B' team consisted of Sue Cowen, Mairi Dymond, Christine Whitehead and Tom Kane, who finished the winners with 89 points. They took home a bottle of champagne each and the Arthur Vickers Memorial Shield. The 'B' team will now be referred to as the super B's (In a suitably reverent tone of course !)

We look forward to next years event, hopefully with three teams from the Glen.

What ? Oh yes - George Bush and the giant squid, not necessarily in that order !

Dry your eyes Richard.

Quiz nights continue in the Tavern every Thursday evening at 9.00pm. You don't need to have a team - just come along.

T.K.

FIREWOOD



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Club News

A Scottish Country dancing class was started back in October and initially there was quite good attendance. However, as seems to be the curse of this Glen, numbers declined until we couldn't even make up one set so it was disbanded. The 'teacher' and one other keen dancer now attend classes in Cannich and thoroughly enjoy it. It's a pity this Glen seems to be subject to this trend of not supporting its social life: The Youth club and the badminton club seem to be afflicted by the same 'disease'. The only thing that seems to be flourishing just now seems to be the whist. It now averages 4 tables. I hope I haven't spoken too soon.....!

The last session of the whist club concluded with it's now customary Christmas extravaganza ! I think everybody went home with at least one prize. If they didn't, a consolation toilet roll was dished out !

Our thanks go to Alan and Betty Draper for their continued support in letting us have the use of the tavern.

Prize winners were: 1st points - Alf Timcke
2nd points - Lesley Common
3rd points - Nan Grant
Highest score - Alf Timcke
Lowest score - Trudy Hodson
(this score normally belongs to Angus !)

Raffle Prize winners were:

Hamper - Christina Smith	Tea - Sarah Mackenzie
Shloer - David Andrews	Sweets - Peter Stoddart
4 cans - Pat MacDonald	Shortbread - Sheila MacLellan
2 cans - Mary-Laura Norton	Chocolates - Colin Mackenzie
6 pack juice - Vickie Common	Mystery - Colin Mackenzie
3 mixers - Jackie McKenzie	Mystery - Gran Common
Chocolates - Andrew Keogh	Mystery - Josie Smeaton
Mints - J. Wilson Inverness	Mystery - Sarah Mackenzie
4 Mugs - Willie the coal	Mystery - Sylvia Andrews

The new session begins on the 8th of January at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome, beginners as well.

Church News

It is measured by the clock and calendar. Diaries are kept to mark the milestones as it passes. It is precious, but can't be bought. Frequently it is squandered. Once it is gone it can not be recovered. The difference between two people is often the way they use it. By taking the most direct route between two points it is saved. But if we go the wrong way it is lost. When we go faster we make it up and lose it if we slow down. It respects no man, but every man has as much of it as the next. It flies like an arrow. At the year end it is represented by an old man with a sickle. And at the beginning of the year by a healthy looking baby.

A famous American Methodist minister, The Rev Ralph W Sockman, once said, 'Time is the deposit each one has in the bank of God and no one knows the balance.' How true! And so as we go into 1992 let us pray this prayer:

O Lord, how short you have made my life!
In your sight my lifetime seems nothing.
Teach me how short it is,
So that I may become wise.
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Rev. F.B. Buell.



The
saddest
picture of
1991 -
Katie with
Bertie
just
before he
had to be
put down.

Local News

WELCOME to Jim and Margaret Anderson who moved to Dalchreichart on the 13th November from Grangemouth.

WELCOME to Ian and Betty Common, also from Grangemouth, who took possession of their house at Dalchreichart in December. They won't be permanently in residence just now though as Ian hasn't retired yet.

WELCOME to the Cruickshanks and their children, Henry and Holly, who now live in Loch View Cottage.

GOODBYE and GOODLUCK to Alistair and Margaret Smart who have taken up residence in Fort Augustus after their house in Riverside Park was destroyed by fire.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Gillies who passed his driving test on the first attempt.

CONGRATULATIONS to Julia Grant, daughter of Leonard Grant and niece of Norman and Nancy McLeod, who got engaged to George Wilson of Kingussie on Saturday 28th December.

CONGRATULATIONS to Russell Webster, son of Maureen and Mike Webster, Redburn Tearooms, who became engaged to Dawn Stevenson on Saturday 21st December.

**24th January - Dance to 'Sound Affair' 10.30pm
14th February - Dance. See notice board
27th March - Dance. See notice board**

Youth Club will resume on 30th January at 7.30pm. All children between the ages of 5 and 18 can come along and join in the fun.