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# **M**orriston **Matters**



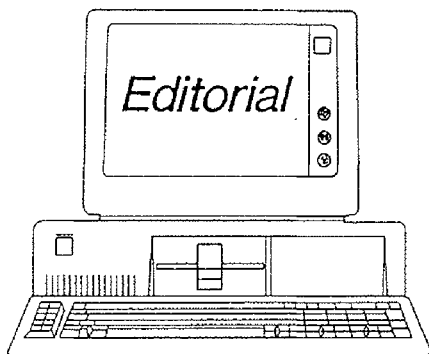
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*A Community newsletter  
serving the residents & visitors  
of Invermoriston and Glenmoriston*

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Summer is upon us. The deer are calving, the housemartins are busy searching for a suitable nesting site and leaving their trail of mud spots in their wake and then there are those detestable midges.....!

It's not very often in this Glen that we wish for rain. However it's now been about seven weeks since we had any rain worth speaking about. Plants are wilting, the grass is becoming scorched and the burns are drying up. All I can say is thank goodness for the county water supply !

We have reached another milestone in the history of Moriston Matters. There have now been four "home produced" issues and, to celebrate, we have put together an attractive package entitled "A Year in the Glen" containing all four copies and retailing at the bargain price of £1. We are hoping this will appeal to anybody visiting the Glen. Once again I am indebted to David and Sylvia Andrews for their continued support of the magazine.

It is very sad to see the closure of Invermoriston school and the children have shared their feelings about the closure. We wish them good luck in their new schools.

The next issue will be out in October so please send your articles of interest in good time to:

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# Local News

Back in May, the Glenmoriston Senior Citizens Committee met for their A.G.M. in the hall. Those present were Jerry Johnston, Christine MacDonald, Alistair MacIntosh, Nancy MacLeod, Lesley Common and Anne Girvan. The first four were the existing committee members and all expressed a wish to stand down and not be available for re-election. As there were not enough others present to form a committee, the elections are to be postponed until the next meeting in September. Three members of the community indicated that they would be willing to stand for election, namely Christina Smith, Anne Girvan and Lesley Common. However there is a requirement for at least four committee members. If anybody is interested then please could they get in touch with one of the three above mentioned people. All that is involved is assisting in the organisation of the Senior Citizens Christmas treat.

The Community is indebted to Jerry, Christine, Alistair and Nancy for the excellent work they have done for the Glen's "Old Folks" over the last few years and take this opportunity to give them a big vote of thanks.

## A BREAKFAST PRAYER

### English Version

Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge,  
Stiff, stodgy and hard to stir, but like cornflakes,  
Crisp, fresh and ready to serve.

### Scottish Version

Lord, grant that we may not be like cornflakes,  
Light-weight, brittle and cold, but like porridge,  
Warm, comforting and full of goodness.

# Local News

Four senior pupils from Glenurquhart High School ( two of whom are from the Glen ) missed out on the top awards at the Highland final of the Young Enterprise competition. However they received praise for their desktop publishing company, Glenprint, and are keen to develop their printing business.

Managing director Martin Girvan ( front, centre ) is pictured with Val MacIver (left), chairman of Highland Regional Council's education committee and Heather Sherrin, chairman of the Highland Area Young Enterprise Board. To the rear are David Gillies; James Munro, chairman of Highland Regional Council's development committee; Louise Macdonald; Sam Toy, ( Primrose Bay ) chairman of the judging panel; and Graham Rodgers. Overall winners of the competition were Plockton High School whose company, Write Away, produced stationery.



## Local Success

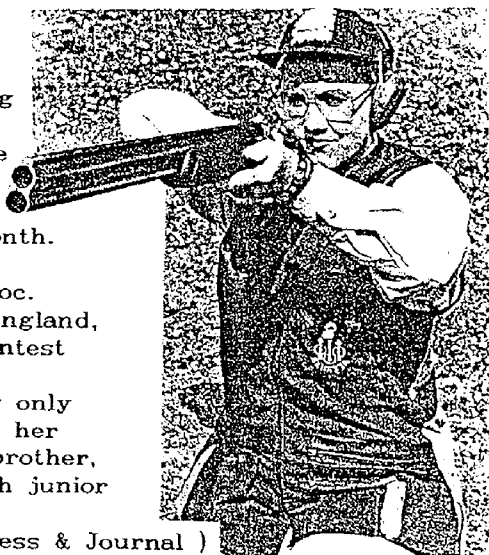
Since primary 3, I have been chosen to be in the Dulchreichard Primary School team for the Inter School sports held on the last Saturday in May. The first year I was very nervous. However we did very well that year - we came fourth out of 12 schools. The following two years we won the Murray Challenge Shield ( competed for by schools with less than 12 pupils in primaries 6 and 7 ) which was really brilliant. I got a lot of cloth badges as I came first in all my events. This year I was not nervous as I knew what it was all about. I was first for long jump (3.85 m), 80 metres (11.7 secs) and 200 metres (32.7 secs). We came third in the relay and our school came fourth out of ten schools. It was a fantastic day. I got £5 from Mum and Dad for doing so well for my school. I am now going to Inverness Harriers twice a week for athletic training which I really enjoy. My ambition is to be running in the olympics for Great Britain.

Stephen Smith P.7

As well as his £5, Stephen wins a gift token for John Menzies for his piece of reportage. Well done !

Anne Marie Gilles ( 16 ), Achlain has been chosen to represent Scotland in the junior clay pidgeon shooting international in Wales this month. She qualified for the competition at the Scottish Clay Pidgeon Finals at the Loch Ness Gun Club last month. Also in the Scottish team is Martin Girvan from Cennacroc. They will face teams from England, Ireland and Wales in the contest at Powys on July 10 - 12. Anne Marie started shooting only last September and believes her team place is down to her brother, David (18), a former Scottish junior champion coaching her.

( Report courtesy of the Press & Journal )



# Local Quiz

Fort Augustus/ Glenmoriston Community Council organised the annual quiz with the final rounds being held in the Lovat Arms Hotel on the 5th May. The Glenmoriston team were successful this year, beating the W.R.I. ( Fort Augustus ) in the final. Domestic friction seemed inevitable with Isobel and Ken Anthony in opposing teams !

## FIRST ROUND

|                     |    |   |              |                  |
|---------------------|----|---|--------------|------------------|
| School Board        | 27 | v | Canal Board  | 7                |
| Playgroup           | 17 | v | Hydro Board  | 9                |
| W.R.I.              | 13 | v | Police       | 12               |
| British Legion      | 15 | v | Golf Club    | 13 ( tie break ) |
| <u>Glenmoriston</u> | 26 | v | Bowling Club | 24 ( tie break ) |

TEAM ( Ken Anthony, Ann Harris, Judy Poore, Alex Harris )

## SEMI FINALS

|                     |    |   |                |    |
|---------------------|----|---|----------------|----|
| Playgroup           | 32 | v | British Legion | 25 |
| <u>Glenmoriston</u> | 28 | v | School Board   | 26 |
| W.R.I.              | 29 | v | Playgroup      | 28 |

## FINAL

Glenmoriston 40 v W.R.I. 19

TEAM ( Ken Anthony, Ann Harris, Judy Poore, Jim Anderson )

To complete a good tournament for the Glenmoriston contingent, Alex Harris won a bottle of malt whisky in the raffle after the first round. In the final, Ken won the hidden question prize, a 1/2 bottle whisky. In the raffle Margaret Anderson won a bottle of wine. Roll on next year !

# Church News

You will know that for the last two years Glenmoriston Congregation has been unable to sustain its required one-tenth of the cost of the ministry which it shares with Urquhart whose share is nine-tenths.

In the Spring of 1990 the Convener of the Presbytery Ministry Committee met with the Glenmoriston office bearers to discuss the matter.

And again, in Spring of 1991 Conveners of both Presbytery Ministry and Stewardship and Finance met the office bearers. As a result of that meeting and the efforts of the respective Conveners over the two years the 1990 and 1991 deficits of over £1,000 and £500 were cancelled by the National Committees. These meetings were followed by several informal ones between the office bearers from Glenmoriston and Urquhart and the Presbytery Parish Re-appraisal Committee to whom the Glenmoriston situation had been remitted. Finally, a draft basis of union was formulated and officially agreed upon by the office bearers and congregations concerned.

At its May 1992 meeting the Presbytery voted 33 to 3 for the basis of union, with Thursday, 27th August, 1992, as the projected date for the Service of Union which would be conducted by the Presbytery.

All this must await, however, the approval of the National Committee. Approval would mean the place of worship for the United Parish is Urquhart Church of Scotland in Drumnadrochit. However, services would continue on a monthly basis ( first Sunday of the month ) at Dulchrieard School at 3pm as usual.

Urquhart and Glenmoriston were disjoined in about 1893. Now, just about a century later they are on the edge of being re-united, to be known, as before, as the Parish of Urquhart and Glenmoriston.

F. B. Buell.

# Pony Club

On the 4th May, Casey produced a beautiful bay, soon to be grey, filly foal called Dundreggan Mrs Tittlemouse ( or Mouse for short ) and so far she appears to be perfect ! She made the long trip to the Highland Show in June and came home with a excellent 3rd place in very strong company so we are delighted with her. Hopefully she may improve on that as the season progresses.

Vickie has ridden in her first two shows and won both her classes much to her delight. Katie is looking forward to her residential camp at Dochfour in July. Both of them have a busy season ahead and are hoping to add a few more rosettes to their collection.

Sheila MacLennan is planning to take her two ponies to the annual sale in Inverness in July and perhaps return with a new mount ?

L.C.

## INVERGARRY FOOTBALL TEAM

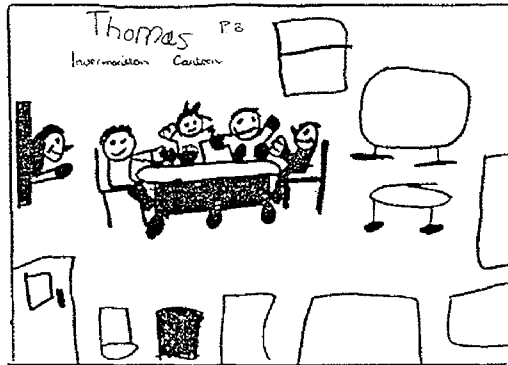
As another season approached, we filled ourselves with the promise of good football, lots of goals and plenty of points. The training sessions have been well attended with up to twenty players each Monday night. Despite this team interest we find ourselves with only two points from a possible twenty league points. We have been knocked out of all cup competitions for the season and our players are dropping like flies. The shinty has claimed back one player, two are under suspension and a couple are injured. From the ten league games played we have won only one game but we have been unfortunate in another five games (honest!) So the half season report looks poor but the effort and commitment of all players particularly the young inexperienced boys has been very heartening. As always we could cope with many more interested people to play. Training is at the school field in Fort Augustus on Monday evenings at 6.30pm. Games are played mostly on Wednesday nights from April - August.

So good luck to the lads for the rest of the season. Break a leg ! ( Oops, on second thoughts, don't ) D. McEwan

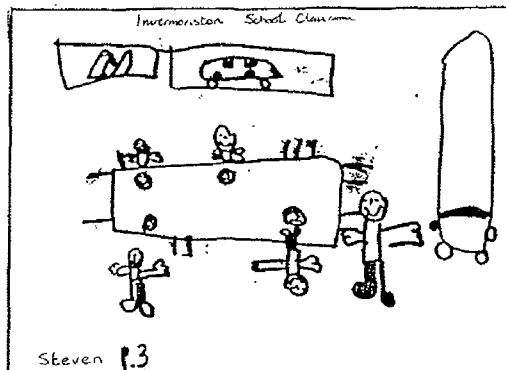


# Invermoriston School

I feel happy and sad. Happy because it's nearly the holidays and sad because this school is closing for ever. I am going to Dulchreichard and so is my sister Hollie.  
Thomas Grant P.3



Only two more days before our school closes. I feel sad because I liked this school, even though there were only 4 of us. Calum and I are going to Fort Augustus after the holidays. I hope we will like it there.  
Steven Urquhart P.3



I am very sad that Invermoriston school is closing because Mrs Fraser was a nice teacher and now we won't see her. I am going to Dulchreichard and I feel nervous. My sister Sarah is going there too.  
Eva Turner P.4

# *Dulchreichard School*

## " I WAS FRIGHTENED "

My tooth fell out and I got a fright. Now I am glad because I will get some money from the fairies when I am sleeping tonight.

Katie Common P.2

When I was young I had to go to the doctor. My heart started pounding and my palms were sweaty. I started to feel sick and my stomach was churning and I was scared. But it all stopped when it was over and we went home.

Caroline Kennedy P.4

Before we went to Alton Towers, we stayed at a Youth Hostel. There were about ten of us, and we went for a walk down to a grave yard. We danced round a devil tree and when we were about to go back to the hostel, four people jumped out on us. We all thought it was ghosts. We were running and screaming. My palms were sweating and I got a tingling in my hand. When we got to the gate, we found out who the people were. It was Mum, Dad, Kim and Andrew Munslow. We all were relieved.

Darren McEwan P.6

One night there was lightening and it was so scary and to make it worse the electricity went off. I went to bed and I was terrified. My heart was pounding and my body was getting hotter and hotter because everything around me looked like it was moving closer and closer to me. The door looked like it was closing and I was so scared if there was any noise. Then all of a sudden the lights came on. I was so relieved that it was all over I just tucked myself up and fell asleep.

Michelle Mcleod P.6

# Dulchreichard School

I was riding to school with Anne and Archie. We were 30 minutes late for school so we were going our fastest. My heart was pounding because I thought I was going to get a big row. I quickly jumped off my bike and ran in. "Sorry!", I said to Mrs Farndell. I sat down and my heart stopped thumping after a while.

Alasdair Norton P.6

One weekend I went to a fair in Inverness. There were lots of rides so I went on the rollercoaster. I never knew that there were three loops and my heart started pounding. My palms were sweating and my stomach was churning. When it was all over I felt sick. "Phew, at least that ride is over. I am never going on that again" I said to myself.

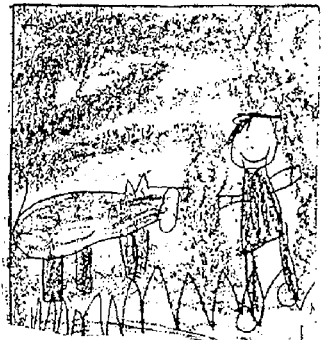
Stephen Smith P.7

One day when I was playing with my friend we decided to build a fire in the forest. We did not have any stones round it and it was getting bigger and bigger. It started to roar and spread. My heart started pounding and my palms were sweating because I thought it would burn down the whole forest. Luckily we were able to put the fire out.

Archie MacLellan P.7

Mark and Sam are going for a walk.  
Sam is on the lead. Mark takes off  
Sam's lead and throws a stick.  
Sam brings it back. What a good dog.

Amy Bisset P.1



# *Invermoriston School*

The end of this school session, a point which normally might be seen as yet another milestone in the lives of it's pupils, sadly brings Invermoriston school to the end of the road.

A proposal to close the school some years ago ( See next page ) was sucessfully warded off thanks to a vigorous protest from parents, former pupils and the community, but the constant low number of children on the roll made it inevitable that some rationalisation of educational provision should again be reviewed by the Educational Authority for educational as well as financial reasons.

The main school building has existed for about 120 years, and in the course of that time has undergone a few changes. The original entrance was at the front of the building, but this was converted to a store-room when an extension was added to provide an extra classroom, kitchen, cloakroom and toilets. The additional classroom doubled as a dining/general purpose room and latterly was also used as an office to accomodate the evergrowing demands of modern technology. The main classroom must have looked quite differnt in the days when heating was provided by a fire, and desks were uniformly arranged in tiers.

One or two relics of these earlier years remained in the school until recently but have now been taken for safe-keeping to the Education Office; among these are the large wall clock, the school hand-bell and the old Log Books.

It was sad to see the dispersal of all the school's resources which had been built up steadily over the years, thanks in somepart to the past generosity of parents and friends, but it is comforting to know that these resources have gone to the two neighbouring schools of Dulchreichard and Fort Augustus with whom Invermoriston has enjoyed close collaboration and friendship for many years, and to which Invermoriston children will now go. Perhaps it is worth recalling that it has been known for Highland Schools, including Dulchreichard, to be reopened some years after closure, and there must be many people who hope that history will repeat itself at this end of the Glen.

Mrs Marion Nicholson

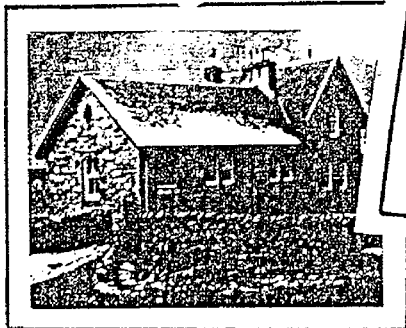
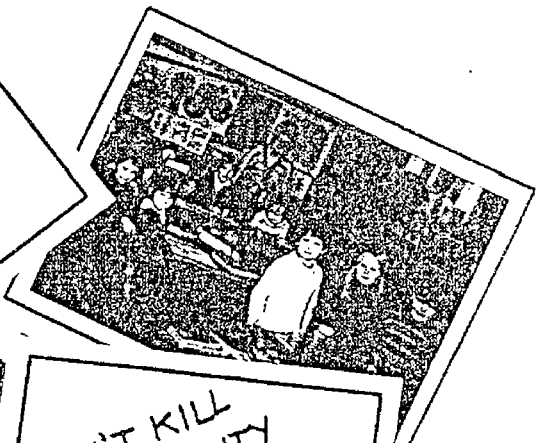


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# Historical

Moriston Matters started back in 1977 under the "conventional, dull and ordinary" ( their words not mine ), name of Glenmoriston News and Views. Three issues carried that name until December 1977 when number 4 was printed under the new name of 'Moriston Matters'. A competition had been held for someone to come up with a new name and these were the suggestions;

"The Moristonian",  
"The Moriston Mail",  
"The Moristonian Mag",  
"The Moristonian Medley",  
"Moriston Muse",  
"Moriston Mixture",  
"Moriston Matters",  
"The Glenmoriston Gazette",  
"The Glenmoriston Tittle-Tattler  
"Glenmoriston Gossip",  
"Glenmoriston Gas",  
"Glenmoriston Gleanings",  
"Gleannings of the Glen",  
"Glenmoriston Gatherings",  
"Glen Glimpses",  
and "Glen Gen".

Moriston Matters was subsequently chosen having been put forward by Mrs Grant, Dundreggan. It was short and snappy yet comprehensive and embracing the aims and purposes of the magazine. And so the task was : To publish ( Glen ) moriston matters ( chatter, natter, patter and the more serious ) in order to publicise the well known fact that ( Glen ) moriston matters.

The masthead on the front cover was introduced in August 1978 in the 8th edition. The original idea came from Shona Robertson, Riverside Park and the actual drawing was done by Mike Tomlin formerly of Redburn.

# Local News

WELCOME to Mr and Mrs H. MacAskill who have recently moved in to the new bungalow that Richard Jarvis built alongside the playing fields at Riverside.

The community was saddened by the death of Betty MacDonell back in June. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex Berry on passing his driving test in June.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tommy Girvan on becoming the Community Council Chairman. He takes over from Fred MacAllan.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those pupils who have won prizes at their respective schools. The only ones who let us know were Christopher Norton ( ENGLISH and HISTORY ) and Graham MacLellan ( FRENCH ). Well done to them.

DANCE to Jack Stitt in the Hall on the 10th July when the Gala Queen will be chosen !

DANCE to Sound Affair after the Gala on 15th August.

## TRIBUTE TO MARGARET FERGUSON

Margaret Ferguson has recently retired from the Forestry Commission after 32 and a half long years of outdoor work. Margaret has lived in Glenmoriston since 1939 and she shares a lot of special and happy memories. Margaret has always loved the outdoor life enjoying all the wildlife including Golden Eagles, wild cats, squirrels and many others. We all wish her well in her retirement.

Graham MacLellan

( Moriston Matters shares in the good will wishes to Margaret. She has appeared in the magazine on many occasions including the fantastic sponsored walk she undertook back in October 1978 when, along with Margaret Smart, Allan Nairn and Duncan MacDonald, she walked from Kyle to Invermoriston and raised £800 towards the Hall funds. )

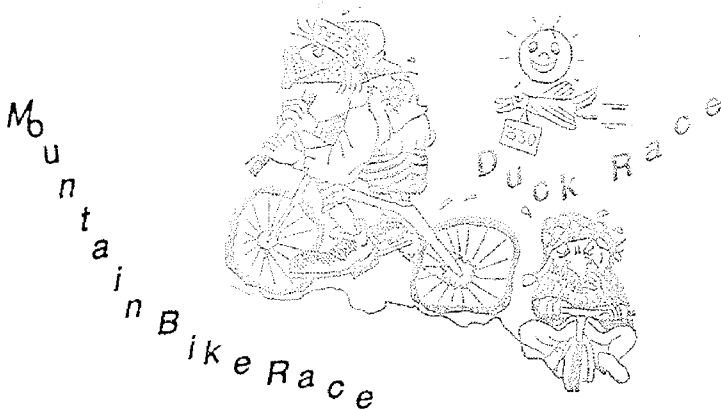
Our thanks to Graham for his reporting and a prize will be

# GALA DAY

at

## INVERMORISTON

15th August 1992 - Starts 12 Noon



*Highland Dancing, Barbecue,  
Bouncy Castle, Sheep Shearing,  
Log cutting, Wood Sawing Display, Beer Tent,  
Side shows, Argo rides, Argo races*

**GRAND RAFFLE - £100 1st Prize**

*Followed by*

**GALA Dance to "Sound Affair"**