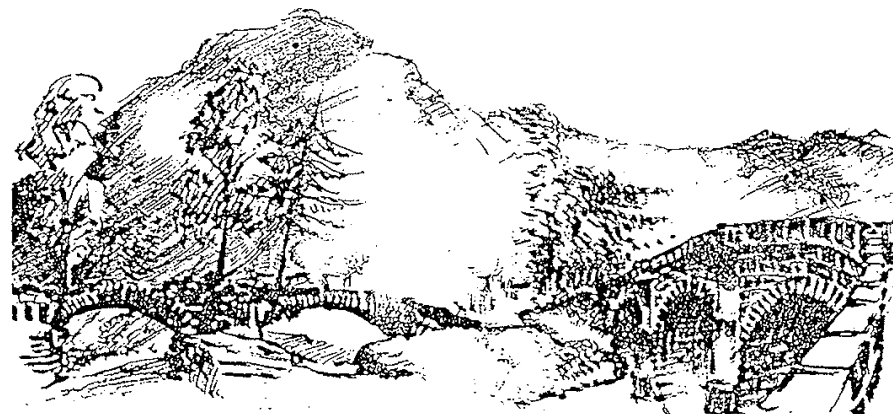


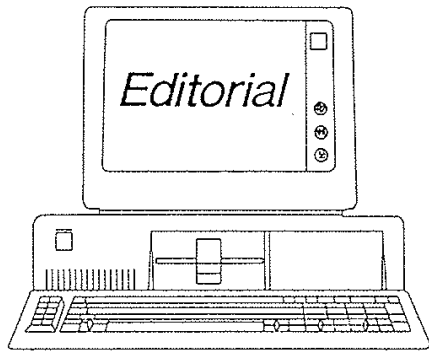
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What has happened to the Summer ?

There is still snow on the peaks, the growth in the garden is slow, the thermals haven't been packed away and the moths are still living in the shorts and the sun-dresses !!

Once again we are offering a bargain summer package of a year's happenings in the Glen (i.e. the last four magazines) These can be obtained at the same price as last year, from the usual outlets - the shop, hotel, craft shops, Redburn cafe or direct from the Editor. Unfortunately we have had to raise the cost of the magazine but I'm sure you will agree that it is still value for money and all funds raised go towards local worthy causes. We have managed to make a healthy donation to Crossroads thanks to everybody who buys the magazine.

At a recent barn dance I had a chance meeting with an old resident of Invermoriston. He took great pleasure in telling me that Moriston Matters wasn't as good as it used to be. Obviously everyone is entitled to their own opinion but his was based on the fact that he didn't recognize many of the people who regularly feature in the magazine. However, he did move away at least 15 years ago so that could have something to do with it ! He also promised to send me some 'decent' material for publication but I'm still waiting.....!!

Please send your material, decent or otherwise, to :-

The Editor, Moriston Matters,
The Old Well, Dalchreichart,
Glenmoriston, Inverness-shire
IV3 6YJ Tel (0320) 40205.

Aid Trip to Yugoslavia

On Wednesday 10th March I left the Blythswood Depot at Alness with a truck load of relief aid along with another three trucks heading for Yugoslavia (or what is left of it)

We crossed the ferry from Ramsgate to Dunkirk on Saturday 13th March, then travelled through Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, Hungary then into Yugoslavia. We arrived in Belgrade on Wednesday 17th March. The trucks were unloaded by Serbian prisoners. The three other drivers and I were then taken round a hospital to let us see where the materials we had taken out would be used. We were also speaking to some of the wounded people from the war. Next morning we set off home and arrived on Monday 22nd March.

Those twelve days were a big experience for me. It was terrible seeing those poor wounded people in the hospital; some with no legs, others with no arms. I think the Blythswood Trust is doing a great job taking relief aid out to these people.

Leonard Grant, Bhlaraidh.

TV Club

The TV Cub committee members have been busy in regard to the proposed upgrade of the Receiving and Transmitting equipment now in use.

There are two main activities being progressed. These are establishing the upgrade equipment required and its installation cost and applying for grant aid to assist in meeting the cost.

As regards the upgrade equipment the committee decided that a second quote should be sought. This is now being obtained and should be available in about a month. When this second quote has been obtained and considered, the committee will call another members meeting to make one or more recommendations for members to discuss and vote on.

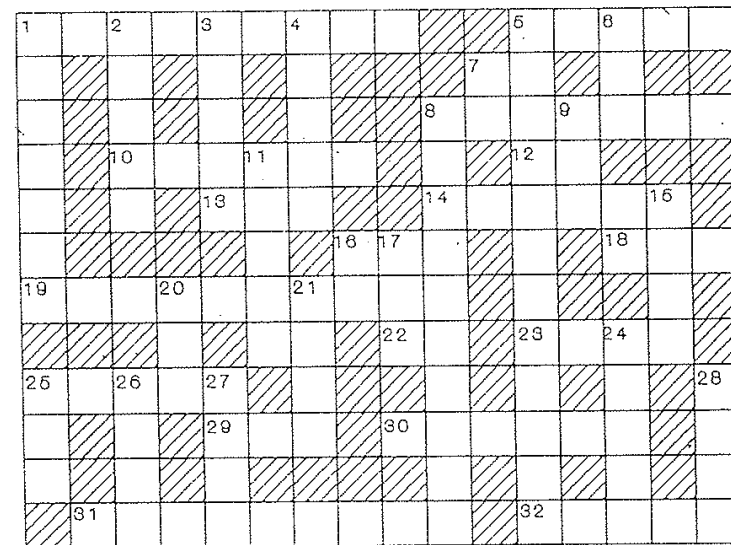
Grant applications have been made to both the Highland Regional Council and the H & I Enterprise Board for grants to assist in meeting the installation costs. These are currently based on the original quote. The Regional council has confirmed its help. The other grant is still going through the request procedure but there could be a successful outcome in about a months time.

Pantomime

On June the 4th and 5th the dancers of the Everett School of Dance performed what could be their last ever dancing display and Pantomime. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was the panto which was interspersed with dancing displays from all ages of dancers including some girls from the school of dance in Oban.

Michelle Webster (Redburn) took the lead role as Snow White, Fiona Norton was the Queens Courtier, Michelle Mcleod was a kitchen maid, Anne MacLellan was one of the forest's evil spirits, Katie Common was Smiler, one of the Seven Dwarfs, but the most outstanding performance was that of the panto dame, in this case, the palace cook, which was played by Hannah MacDonald. She was brilliant; a real natural. She could easily have a future career there. Amy Bissett, Cassie McEwan, Isla Bissett, Nicola Curley and Vickie Common all performed their dancing routines well. Although the panto was a lengthy affair I'm sure all those who went along to watch enjoyed themselves and appreciated all the effort and dedication necessary in order to put on a display such as this one. Our thanks go to Mrs Everett and all her dancers.

A video of the Pantomime can be obtained from Ray Berry (Tel 40210) for £5.



CROSSWORD

Across

1. The knoll of the crossing (9).
5. Silver Beauty (5).
7. Donald Angus only uses his initials (2).
8. Did this dove drink at the well? (7).
10. Get your teeth into this one! (6).
12. Not out! (2).
13. A --- or a miss! (3).
- 14 & 16. Boswell dined here (6,3).
18. See 24 down (3).
19. The field of the Dragon (10).
22. Ach--coneran (2).
23. Out (Gaelic) (4).
25. Does the Government aid this clan? (5).
29. The gaelic burn has lost its tail (3).
30. Fancy a whisky-drinking bird grumbling! (6).
31. The pig's snout (9).
32. Golden bird of the Glen (5).

Down

1. He spanned the river (7).
2. A mountain-climbing preacher? (5).
3. This Gaelic burn is red (5).
4. His prints are not finger ones (5).
5. The town of the yellow knoll (12).
6. What a sheep this mountain is! (3).
7. River of the upper glen (2).
8. Knoll at the head of the glen (10).
9. Highland girl's name (3).
11. A duck for your bed? (5).
15. This Chisolm was one of seven (4).
17. See 24 down.
20. Fort (3).
21. Gaelic speaker (4).
- 24, 17 & 18 across. Rock of the Birds (5,3,3).
25. Bird's mouth (Gaelic) (3).
26. At the mouth of (Gael) (4).
27. Mountain Loch (4).
28. Play for the sportsman? (4).

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Local Success

Ann-Marie Gillies (17) is to captain four young men in the Four Nations International Junior Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships, being held at the Loch Ness Gun Club range. Her fellow team members are John MacDonald, Acharacle; Donald Budge, Skye; Calum Maclean and James MacPhail, both Mull. Ann-Marie was placed third in last year's event and is hopeful of doing even better at the forth-coming championships. She was picked as captain by the team members and is delighted. "I think they picked me because they knew it was my last year in junior competition", she said.

At present, Ann-Marie is taking a pre-nursing course at Inverness College before hopefully entering the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow as a nurse. She plans, however, to continue with her shooting, and is seeking a sponsor. She started shooting only two years ago, encouraged by her brother, David, who won a gold medal at the British Grand Prix in Bywell, Newcastle at the beginning of June. Talent like this must run in the family !! We wish both Ann-Marie and David continued success in their shooting.



Church News

Recently my wife and I took two friends to visit the gardens of Balmoral Castle. The sky was overcast as we drove over the Lecht, but by the time we reached Balmoral Castle car park the sun was shining and continued to do so for the rest of the day. The towering pine trees which lined the pathway were quite magnificent. As we came out of the the pines onto the spacious lawn there before us was the Castle, its white granite shining in the sunlight.

What a difference the sunlight makes. It throws everything into bold relief and turns on a blaze of colour - not just in creation but also in the eye of the 'beholder'.

In another sense, but similarly, Christ is the Light of the World - the Light of Life. As we get to know Him and learn to trust and love Him, we will discover that, though His light is alarmingly bright and disarming, showing us up for what we are, it has healing and life producing powers. And these undo the dark, destructive powers of selfishness and death.

Come and worship at Urquhart and Glenmoriston Church of Scotland in Drumnadrochit every Sunday at 10.30am and 6pm. Creche and Sunday School are run concurrently with the morning service. Bible class starts at 10.15am in the Church Hall and finishes by joining in with the morning worship. The first Sunday of each month a worship service is held at 3pm in Dalchreichart School. You are most welcome to join in. About ten or twelve folk gather for that service. And a special Summer Holiday Club is being planned in connection with Scripture Union at the Church Hall in Drumnadrochit from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August for your children from Primary 1 to Secondary 2. For further information please contact Mr. Martin Rodgers, Tel. Drum 450 314.

Rev. F. B. Buell, Minister.

School Sports

Dulchreichard Primary School had its sports day on a sunny afternoon back in June.

The children had a great time and enjoyed the new events being introduced for the first time which included the dressing-up race for primary ones, team relay race and the tug-of-war.

There was dreadful cheating going on in the parents obstacle race but the Mums showed their superiority by beating the Dads 2 pulls to 0 in their tug-of-war !! Here are some of the children's memories of sports day.

Nicola

I was running backwards and I fell over.

Nicola Curley P.1



We were in the school sports. We were waiting for the whistle.

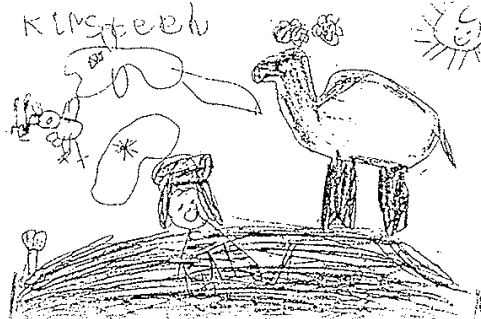
Sarah Turner P.1



Kirsteen

I saw a bird at sports and it was singing.

Kirsteen Smith P.1



We were all dressed up in clothes. It was fun.

Cassie McEwan P.1



I am doing the dressing up and I had a funny hat.

Vickie Common P.1



We ran at the school sports. It was fun even though I didn't win a prize.

Amy Bisset P.2



ISLA

We had a relay race and we won.

Isla Bisset P.1



Dulchreichard School

Another school year has come to a close and with it the departure of Miss Filshie who, after almost a year of teaching the 7 primary ones, has been offered a head teachers post in Aberdeenshire. She will be sorely missed. There will be four leaving the school; Darren, Alasdair and Anne will go to Fort Augustus, while Michelle is transferring to Culloden Academy. At present there are to be three new entrants in August but circumstances could easily change. With the numbers as they are there is now no entitlement to a second teacher and so Mrs Farndell will have to soldier on alone !

The childrens work this time is centered around a book called "So far from Skye" by Judith O'Neil. In the book the Macdonald family leave Skye to begin a new life in Australia. The children imagined themselves to be 'Morag' or 'Allan', the two children from the book and these are some extracts from their letters to the Rev. Cameron in Skye, describing the long voyage and also their feelings on leaving the old to start the new.

Georgiana,
Victoria,
Australia,
15th June 1812

Dear Mr Cameron,
It is cold and wet on the ship. We were heartbroken when we had to leave Skye. We didn't want to leave. We tried to look back to Skye but we couldn't. I liked Skye best. It was a lovely peaceful place.
Katie Common P.3

Dear Mr Cameron,
When we left Skye I felt sad. I thought I would forget what it was like to be a Scottish person. The weather here is windy. It is a cold winter wind. Life on the voyage was unpleasant and horrible but most of us had the ability to survive. When we arrived at the colony I felt like I had a second chance at happiness.
Caroline Kennedy P.5

Dear Mr Cameron,
When we sailed to Greenock we had gained a new member of the family called Katie, just months old. My Dad, Donald MacDonald found his cousin Iain MacDonald. His cousin was suffering from a horrible disease called Galloping Consumption so we got his little baby girl called Katie, his wife had also died from the disease.
A little while after we set sail from Greenock a big storm brewed up and the boat was swaying from side to side, up and down and as if that wasn't bad enough everyone started being sick. For one whole week everyone was being sick, below decks there was a terrible smell. The storm went on for another few weeks. I felt really sad when we left Skye but things have started to pick up.
Mistress Gordon and a few others have been teaching everyone to try to learn a little bit of English for the Colony. I am learning questions in the Catechism.
Darren McEwan P.7

Dear Mr Cameron,
I am writing again to tell you more about what we do. On the way there was a mutiny and the captain shot the cook because they were wanting a boat to get to the gold diggings. I feel rather sad that the cook died because we have to eat dry wheat now. We have got a new master. His name is Mr Martin and he told me about some animals which live in the bush. I just hope I don't meet them. I don't know if I will like the bush. I miss you a lot but I will try to be good. We have to learn English now but I will not forget the Gaelic.
Eva Turner P.5

Dear Mr Cameron
I hope you are feeling well. We have been on the Georgiana for a long long time now. I am not feeling very good at the moment. A sickness and storm had happened all at once. Mistriss Gordon taught all the boys and girls English. One day the Captains men decided to go off to the gold diggings so they shot one of the men and grabbed a boy for a hostage and jumped in a boat.
We have been seeing a lot of rare birds, one of them was an albatross. Every night we sing songs, tell stories or play games around a fire.
Alasdair Norton P.7

Dulchreichard School

Dear Mr Cameron

When we got on the ship we got clothes, some things called forks, knives, plates and scissors. You put food on plates and you use forks and knives to eat your food with instead of using your fingers.

A man called Mr Reekie came aboard the Georgiana. He is going to take us to our new homes and lives. We didn't get a very nice welcome from the Australians. It was upsetting in a way. It didn't make us feel very welcome.

We are going to live in Brogla Marsh. Dad has got a job on a croft. So far everything has gone quite well for us. I think I am going to enjoy our new life. But I will never forget the happy memories of Skye and your wonderful services.

Michelle McLeod P.7

Dear Mr Cameron,

The next morning I got up and saw that a man was taking people to some houses. He said that his name is Mr Reekie. He can take three families and we are one of them. Mistress Gordon must marry Alasdair Nicholson because you need a man and a woman so they will get married soon.

Anne MacLellan P.7



Miss Filshie (left) and Mrs Farndell with the class of Summer 1993.

Gala Day

This year's gala will be held on Saturday 14th August, and will include many of the usual events, as well as some new ones. One major change this year will be the absence of the Mountain Bike Race, which was held in April. The Gala Dance, which is always a huge success and a great night out, will be held in the Hall in the evening. The music will be provided by the local band 'The Bizz'.

We will again be passing out the begging bowl for donations of all sorts:- bottles for the bottle stall (anything in a bottle welcome !), books, material for bunting, baking, and - most importantly - TIME ! Please give generously. We would also welcome help with selling raffle tickets and ducks for the duck race. If anyone would like to help out or if you have any ideas for making the Gala a success, please come along to the hall on any of the following evenings and discuss it over coffee and cakes !

Monday 19th July

Monday 26th July

Monday 2nd August

Monday 9th August

Or alternatively, phone Mairi Dymond on 51267.

Remember, all money raised at the Gala will again go to the Hall funds, in the hope that we can eventually build a new hall.

Crossroads

On behalf of the Friends of Crossroads Fort Augustus/Glenmoriston Committee I want to thank the people of the Whist Drives at the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel and the people of the glen who buy "Moriston Matters" for the generous donation of £90 to our funds.

Our thanks also go to Lesley Common. Keep up the good work, Lesley (and David), with the magazine and its interesting subjects giving us the news and views of the glen.

Local News

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark McLeod and James Girvan who passed their driving tests back in April.

GOODLUCK to Mrs Marion Nicholson as she leaves Invermoriston to live in Fort Augustus. Mrs Nicholson came from Perth to Invermoriston 15 years ago in 1978 to take up the position of headteacher at Invermoriston Primary School from Mrs Morris. During her time at the school she has seen the numbers of children fluctuating from a high of around 15 to a low of 4 and the school's subsequent closure. Since retiring she has been actively pursuing her hobbies which include golf and bowls and she is still an active member of the Church. We wish her all the very best.




BADMINTON

Every Tuesday night from 8pm - 9pm, all year round.
16 and over - £1.50, 12 - 16 years £1.00

Everybody welcome, from beginners to expert.
All equipment provided.

Obituary

The whole Glen was saddened by the very sudden death of Jack Stitt from Fort William at the beginning of June. Many great dances were had at the village hall when Jack and his band were playing and he always pulled in the crowds. He will be sorely missed. A card has been sent to his wife, Mary, from all in the Glen.

<p>FIREWOOD</p> <p> FOR  SALE</p> <p>Blocked or Split <i>Allan Common</i> Tel: 0320 40205</p>	<p> HAIRDRESSING by DOREEN</p> <p><i>Ladies, Gents & Children</i> Tel. 0320 40214</p>
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