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# Church News



**Another summer has passed us by without us even noticing it was there in the first place. We are already in the grip of frosts, chill winds and Autumn leaves. The stags are roaring, the bracken is turning and the colours are glorious.**

**This issue of the magazine is crammed full of success stories and we send congratulations to everybody involved. Unfortunately it is also full of obituaries and we extend our sympathies to those bereaved.**

**The residents of Dalchreichart are on the lookout for diggers, lorries and road rollers as they await the start of construction of their pavement from Kemp's corner to the school. Thank goodness we are not getting street lights as well!**

**If you have anything you would like others to know about then please send it to:**

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With the coming of Autumn: Harvest, Guy Fawkes, and Remembrance, I am reminded of what happened to an English friend of ours who worked in Japan some years ago. He lived in a less populated part of Tokyo with his wife and four children. It was Guy Fawkes Day and he thought it would be nice to celebrate the occasion with a bonfire. So, towards dusk he gathered up bits and pieces and set them alight making a good blaze which the family stood round to enjoy.

As they stood there, however, they were mildly aware of a growing commotion in the street leading up to their place. Eventually they realised they were encircled, at a distance, by fire engines and helmeted firemen. The fire-chief made his way towards them and their Guy Fawkes fire. Our friend discovered that he had done the unthinkable in Japan: He had lit a fire outside without permission. So he was hauled off to the police station to explain. What he regarded as an innocent custom was by Japanese law, in effect, a crime. After a couple of hours he was admonished and released.

In the same way, what we regard as 'natural' - like thinking covetous, hateful, selfish, immoral thoughts - God considers a crime. Jesus said that thinking these things was the same as doing them! God won't let us off as easily as the police did our friend. He regards us as criminal offenders, guilty before His bar of justice with a death sentence hanging over our heads. But strangely and wonderfully and mysteriously our God is also a God of the most winsome and just love you could possibly imagine. He sent Jesus Christ, His only Son, to take our place on the cross and bear the death sentence for us. He raised Him from death to endorse what He accomplished on the cross. Our part is to accept Him and what He has done for us. Even then, He doesn't simply release us to do our own thing, but to love and serve Him as part of His family.

Worship services are held in Dulchreichard School, 3pm the first Sunday of each month. Starting November 7th, Sunday School will be held concurrently with worship in the school. So plan to come and bring the children. Regular services are held in Drumnadrochit each Sunday at 10.30am and 6pm. You are most welcome.

There will be a brief service at the WAR MEMORIAL in Glenmoriston on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November at 10.55am, led by the Rev. J. Selfridge, retired minister from Inverness. That will be followed by a short service of worship in the Residents Lounge of the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel.  
F. B. Buell. Minister.

## **Loch Ness Gun Club**

1993 has been a particularly busy year for the committee of Loch Ness Gun Club. We have had no fewer than twelve shoots this year including the DTL Home International and the British DTL Championship. These two events were held on the 9th and 10th of July respectively and attracted shooters from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales.

The International is a team event with 40 shooters from each of the home countries (30 seniors, 5 ladies and 5 juniors). The seniors was won by Ireland with England as runners-up. The ladies was won by England with Scotland second. The juniors was won by a strong England team with Scotland a well deserved second only 12 points behind. My sister Ann-Marie was captain this year of the juniors which is her last year. The British Open attracted 300 shooters which was the limit the gun club could cope with.

The two events ran very smoothly with the help of locals to make it a shoot that will be remembered by shooters and spectators alike for a long time to come. The committee have all worked very hard this year and must be thanked for their commitment and the work they have done to make this one of the finest grounds in Britain.

I myself have had a very successful year. In May I won the juniors at the Scottish OT Grand Prix. On the 5th and 6th of June I travelled to Bywell which is near Newcastle to compete at the British ABT Grand Prix. I managed to win a gold medal and become British ABT Junior Champion. At the end of August I shot 97/100 at the Scottish ABT Championship to add the Scottish Junior title to my British title. I have also represented Scotland in the juniors at ABT. This event was held on the 8th of October in Cheddar Valley near Bristol (573 miles from Achlain!). Along with my team-mate Russell Marelo we managed to lift the International title for Scotland. This year is particularly special for me as I now hold all three titles in the one year.

I would like to thank my main sponsors Mum and Dad and the various other people who have helped me financially throughout the year.

David Gillies, Achlain.

## **Telford Centre**

As most of us are aware the Telford Centre is a Community Care Unit based in Fort Augustus but serving Glenmoriston, Glenurquhart, Foyers, Stratherrick, Invergarry, as well as Fort Augustus.

The Telford Centre provides residential and respite care and has a popular day care service where people from the above communities come along and spend a day in good company and share group activities.

The centre also provides Meals-on-Wheels, Home Care Service, Lunch Clubs and Highland Help Alarm Call system within each community.

We are establishing a "Friends of the Telford Centre" group with the aim of promoting the centre and organising fund raising events in each area, also to find volunteers to assist with activities and help identify and address community needs.

A committee was formed at the meeting on 10th September 1993 and your local area member is Ken Anthony, Dalchreichart (Tel: 40227) who will be happy to give further information to anyone interested in becoming a "Friend of the Telford Centre" and perhaps volunteering their services on occasion in the future.

News of forthcoming events will be given, when available, in the "Moriston Matters" and on local notice boards.

K.A.

## **TV Club**

The A.G.M. of the Dalchreichart Television Club is to be held on Tuesday November 2nd at 7.30pm in Dulchreichart Primary School.

Now that the club have overcome all the problems which they encountered in trying to get a much improved signal for its members, it is ready to go ahead and implement the new system. All members will receive a letter prior to the meeting outlining the system and its cost. Please try to come along.

Non-members of the club are most welcome to attend the meeting.

## St Andrews Visit

At the end of July, Audrey Kemp and myself set off, full of happy anticipation for St. Andrews. We had booked a holiday at the University, taking an art course. The course we had chosen was called "Creative Responses", chosen because the brochure described it as needing no artistic skills, but a willingness to experiment - ideal for a couple of 'non-artists'.

We were to board at McIntosh Hall, one of the University Halls of Residence. We each had a pleasant room to ourselves. I had a large window with a deep windowsill on which I spent a good deal of time sitting and looking out to the sea and the sky, the sands and the golf course. Just along the corridor was a small kitchen where you could make your own cuppa (all ingredients supplied). All our meals were provided in the dining hall and very good they were too.

We both enjoyed the course very much. The tutor was encouraging and helpful to everyone. There were twelve of us, all with varying degrees of skill, but all eager to develop and stretch ourselves further. It was not a course intended to instil in us any set techniques, or to produce any conventional realistic pictures, rather it was to draw on our own latent creative talent by stimulating us to view things from different angles. To which end we manipulated our oil pastels to music, drew things without looking at the paper, drew things with our 'unusual' hand, considered shapes of shadows and highlights rather than the object, and looked at overall form rather than the detail. The results of all this covered every available space in the art room with an immense variety of pictures and a wealth of colour by the end of the week. It was intriguing how twelve people would start with the same image and develop it into something totally different from each other. I found it a most stimulating week and came home full of enthusiasm. However, whilst still enthusiastic, I must own up to not having produced one masterpiece since I got back. Somehow there's always something to be done in the garden.


It was the first time I'd been to St. Andrews and I was enchanted by the town. At first glance all grey stone buildings, but on close inspection each one having its own distinctive architectural feature, from the smallest house to the grandest building. I loved the courtyards and gardens and quadrangles that lurked almost unseen until you ventured through a stone arch or ornate ironwork gate. I loved the magnificent array of chimneypots sported by every building in town. I loved that incredibly long sandy beach. In fact, I loved St. Andrews.

Want a good holiday next summer then send for the brochure and take a holiday course in St. Andrews.

Sylvia Andrews, Lizart Cottage, Dalchreichart.

## Local Success

Steven Smith has had another busy few months with his athletics for Inverness Harriers. In Glasgow, back in August, he won gold in the 200m and the long jump and silver in the relay. The Harriers team were 1st overall. At the Drum Highland Games he shared the under 16's trophy and also won a gold medal. The very next day he was competing in Grangemouth where he collected a silver in the long jump and again the Harriers team were 1st overall. From there it was on to Birmingham at the beginning of September. There he picked up silver in both the long jump and the 200m which was excellent for such a large meeting. The Harriers team finished 4th overall. Well done Steven - another budding Linford Christie ??

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# Obituaries

LESLIE WARD came from London to live in Glenmoriston in a state of semi-retirement with his wife, Winnifred, 32 years ago. From then until quite recently he was still actively practising, helping and advising both locals and those further afield with their accounts. He lost his devoted wife back in 1981 but he kept himself occupied with his work and his passion for boats and model railways. His expertise will be sadly missed.

June 12th 1993 saw the deaths of two nonagenarians - two ladies who for much of their long lives had been part of the Glen community.

MRS G.E.M. GRANT - Mrs John as she was affectionately known in the Glen - died aged ninety in a residential home near Nairn where she had lived happily for the past few years. She came to the Glen when her husband, Mr John Grant, took over as factor of Glenmoriston Estates in the early fifties. She immediately showed her interest in the community and put her many talents at it's disposal. Her interest in drama led her to produce a series of tableaux showing local history and she became president of Glenmoriston W.R.I. where she was always willing to pass on her skills in cooking and all kinds of needlework, and in the wider sphere of the Federation she played a full part. She was responsible for the making of curtains for the draughty hall door and half a dozen or so women gathered in her house on several afternoons when the tongues flew as fast as the needles as the curtains were stitched under her knowledgeable direction. The warmth of her friendship and the encouragement of her smile drew people to her. But probably she would like to be remembered best as a homemaker, for she ably supported her husband in his duties and allowed nothing to stand in the way of a happy family holiday for Ian and Peter when they came home from school at the end of term. She left the Glen for Drumnadrochit when Mr John retired but retained a lively interest in the people and was always glad to see the issues of Moriston matters.

# Obituaries

MRS JEAN MacTAVISH came to Balintombuie during the war to the house her husband had built where his forebearers had been crofters. She settled happily into the community and her home quickly became a haven for friendship and hospitality among the hills. She was a nurse by profession and her caring nature showed itself in the ease with which she related to young and old alike. It was a source of great satisfaction to her that her two daughters and two granddaughters followed in her footsteps. She was always young in heart and when latterly her home was in Inverness the grandchildren could always be found with her if they had time off from school or work. She was even known in her nineties to watch a football match on TV although she was 'not really interested' so that she would be able to talk knowledgeably about it when she met one of the younger members of the family later in the day.

To those who will miss her but have lively memories of her and to the family and friends of Mrs John Grant we offer our sincere sympathy.

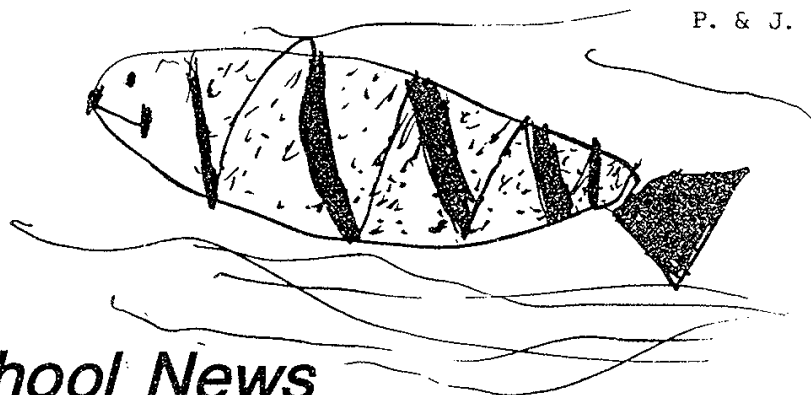
M.E.F.

( A tribute to Mrs MacDonald, Achnaconeran will appear in a future issue )

Lastly we mourn the demise of three of the Glen's most colourful and playful characters. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Nancy and Norman's 'PATCH' , Christina and Geoff's 'JESS' and my own 'MORPH'. These three Jack Russells have enjoyed full and adventurous lives and were very faithful friends. ( It also means I will now have to Hoover up under the dinner table !! - LC )

## Jaws gets Hooked

A shark hooked in the Pentland Firth earlier this year has been confirmed as a world record. The 507 lb porbeagle was landed by Chris Bennett from Bunloin, Glenmoriston after an epic two hour struggle off Dunnet Head. He hooked the fish - a sharp-toothed relative of the Great White shark - while out with local skipper Clair Calder on his boat, Karen, back in March. Chris, who runs a venison marketing business, was delighted with his catch. It has already been accepted as the biggest fish caught by rod and line in Scottish waters and it now goes into the record books as the world's biggest probeagle caught using any tackle. It easily beats the previous biggest specimen - a 465-pounder caught off Cornwall in 1977.



## School News

The children from Dulchreichard school joined with well-known local performers and some not so well-known to record a showcase of music for Balnain House intended to reflect the restored Georgian building's new role as a centre for preserving and promoting a diversity of Highland music. The tape, a compilation of 71 minutes of superb Highland traditional music entitled "Making Music in the Highlands", features amongst others the Inverness Fiddlers, Duncan Chisholm and Stuart Eaglesham from 'Wolfstone', East Ross pipers John D. Burgess and Duncan MacGillivray, Lindsay Weir and Jock Fraser, 1992 Mod gold medallist George Gunn and Coronach. The children thoroughly enjoyed their recording debut and were treated to a party courtesy of M & S afterwards. The tape, CD or cassette, is available from Balnain House in Inverness.

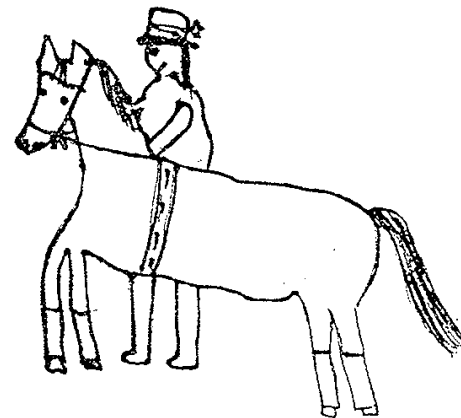
## Pony Club

The past season has had it's ups and downs as Katie will vouch for, judging by the number of bruises on her rear end !! It was her first year off the lead rein and she coped very well, collecting numerous rosettes in showing, jumping and gymkhana games. She attended Pony Club Camp in the summer holidays and both she and her pony, Sammy, were swimming in the lake at Dochfour ! She also managed to pass her Pony Club D+ efficiency certificate.

Vickie, however, was the star of the year, clinching the title of champion small riding pony at the Black Isle Show in August. We were all highly delighted and are looking forward to receiving the silverware which will take pride of place on the mantlepiece along with two other trophies which the girls won at Dornoch show in July.

Mouse, last year's foal, had three successful outings but her manners leave a lot to be desired ! She seems to be under the misapprehension that she is the boss. I will have to put her straight on that point over the winter !! Her big trip to the Highland show in June didn't turn out very well as the stress of travelling and being away from the other ponies took its toll and she wasn't looking her best. Hopefully next year she will be able to cope better with the pressure and live up to our expectations of her.

At long last there are two more additions to the equine population in the Glen. Amy and Isla Bisset are the proud new owners of two Shetland ponies named Bramble and Peat.

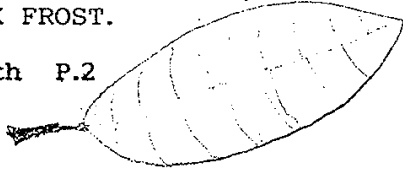


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# Dulchreichard School

JACK FROST bites my fingers,  
JACK FROST kills the flowers,  
Go away JACK FROST.

Kirsteen Smith P.2

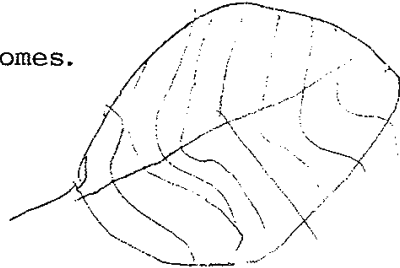


AUTUMN leaves fall  
on the ground.  
It feels crinkly,  
soft under my feet  
I feel cold.

Isla Bisset P.2

AUTUMN flowers are lovely,  
Pink and yellow and purple,  
But they die when JACK FROST comes.  
It makes me feel sad.

Vickie Common P.2



JACK FROST kills flowers.  
He kills the grass.  
He chases my feet.  
Sometimes he catches them and it hurts.

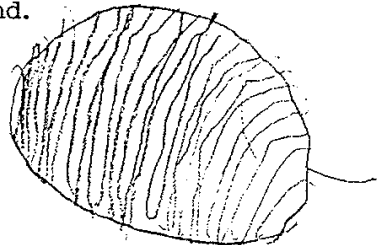
Simon MacLellan P.2

Colours of AUTUMN  
are red and yellow,  
brown and black,  
gold and orange.  
Lovely colours  
brighten up my day  
and make me feel happy.

Amy Bisset P.2

The leaves falling off the trees.  
Down, down they fall on the ground.  
They change colours.  
Red and yellow and orange.  
JACK FROST is about.

Cassie McEwan P.2



In AUTUMN,  
Where are the birds ?  
They are off to Africa.  
Except Robin.  
He stays in my garden.  
He is my best friend.

Nicola Curley P.2

AUTUMN is Jack Frost  
AUTUMN is flying birds  
AUTUMN is playing with conkers  
AUTUMN is leaves falling  
AUTUMN is birds flying south  
AUTUMN is orange trees  
AUTUMN is black birds flying  
AUTUMN is tumbling leaves  
AUTUMN is grass frosty  
AUTUMN is leaves crinkly  
AUTUMN is branches falling  
AUTUMN is dying life  
AUTUMN is lovely colours  
AUTUMN is BEAUTIFUL

Katie Common P.4

In AUTUMN Jack Frost is about.  
The leaves fall from the trees,  
orange, yellow, red, brown and gold.  
The flowers start dying.  
AUTUMN is a sad time of year.  
Summer is old times news.  
Lambs no longer play so happily.  
People start feeding the birds.  
Goodbye Summer.  
Hello AUTUMN.

Caroline Kennedy P.6

Can you see a  
Castle and a Rabbit  
under Sammy's bed?

Kerry Kennedy P.1



# Gala Day

Our fourth annual Gala Day was held this year on probably the wettest Saturday we could find. However, despite the rain and what appeared to be a small turnout, we managed to make about £1,300 profit. This brings our fundraising total up to £10,500. We would like to thank everyone who helped make the day a success especially the duck who didn't seem to mind the rain!

We would also like to thank our Gala Queen for 1993, Michelle Smith, for braving the weather, selling raffle tickets, drawing the raffle and presenting the prizes all with a smile on her face - She looked lovely!



Prize winners were :

Cross-cut saw: 1st - Geoff Mudditt & Brian Bisset  
2nd - Willie & Tommy

Shot Putt : Neil Robertson

Throwing the Weight : Geoff Mudditt

Duck Race : 1st - Fiona MacInnes (Invergarry)  
2nd - Donnella MacDonald  
3rd - Steve Ellis (Lochailort)

## Raffle Prize Winners :

£100 - Michelle Smith  
Lock Inn Dinner (2) - Ewan McDermott  
Glen Service Station 20 Voucher - Tom Pratt  
1/2 Bottle Whisky - Charlie Morse  
£15 - McAskills  
£20 - Marveen Dale  
Box of Chocolates - E. Williams  
Bottle Malt Whisky - Christine Whitehead  
Glennoriston Hotel Dinner (2) - Josie Smeaton  
Cruise on Loch Ness - David Henderson  
Jumper - Susan Cowan  
Ship in a bottle - Elsie  
Cruise on Loch Ness - J. G. Roberts  
Bottle Wine - Kevin Hodson  
Box Wine - Willie Archibald  
Bottle Wine - Emma MacDonald  
Cruise on Loch Ness - Julia Pratt  
Bottle Champagne - Mark & Jenny  
Bottle Wine - Jean Curley  
Bottle Whisky - Robin Hutton  
Picture - Rebecca Draper  
Bottle Wine - Doreen Simmons  
Cruise on Loch Ness - C. Niven  
Basket of Goodies - W. Bushell  
Bottle Wine - Kevin Hodson  
Butchers Voucher - Scott Brannigan  
Box of Chocolates - Helen Haddow  
Bottle Wine - Graham Buchanan  
Atlas - Mark Murray  
Bottle Wine - Kevin Cameron  
Bottle Wine - W. Bushell  
Travel Rug - Ron Lawrence  
Pot Pourri - I. N. Henderson  
Bottle Wine - Pauline McCormick  
Bottle Sherry - Mrs Dorson  
Garry Castle Hotel Dinner (2) - Adam Reay House  
5 bags Coal - Redpark  
Bottle Wine - Nicola Geddes  
Tomdoun Hotel Bar Meal - Mandy Gordon  
Bottle Wine - Dona Farndell  
Garry Goulach Days Pony Trekking (2) - Ian Cameron  
Bottle Wine - Mairi MacDonald

Grateful thanks go to all those who very generously donated raffle prizes - It was some raffle !!



# Local News

- CONGRATULATIONS to Tony and Jill Wyatt, Redburn on the birth of their first baby in September. 'Josie' weighed in at a healthy 10.00lbs
- CONGRATULATIONS to Una Grant, Dundreggan and Donald McLeod who were married earlier this year and who now live in Inverness.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Tricia Stoddart and Willie Archibald who were married on Saturday 9th October in the Abbey.
- WHIST - Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Glenmoriston Arms Hotel. All welcome.
- SEWING - Every Monday at 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Dulchreichard Primary School.  
Tel. Isobel Anthony (40227) for details.
- QUIZ - Every Thursday at 9.00pm in the Tavern. Either come along yourself and join a team or bring a team of four. General knowledge, sport and current affairs are included in the wide range of questions.
- BADMINTON - Every Tuesday at 8.00pm in the hall. All standards of players are welcome.
- GUY FAWKES NIGHT - Friday 5th November - Grand fireworks display and barbeque - All welcome.  
Riverside Park - 6.30pm
- SALE of WORK - Friday 19th November at 7.30pm - All the usual stalls plus Grand Auction.