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I always think this issue of the magazine is the most difficult to find time to do, especially when we have been treated to such a fine spell of weather. However, knowing how dedicated I am, I just have to knuckle down and get on with it !!

I think I had better apologize in advance for the story that appears on page two ! It is told only in fun and I hope no one will take offence !!

Congratulations to Steven Smith, Dalchreichart who has been doing exceptionally well with his athletics. His full report begins on page 3.

If anybody else has been doing exceptionally well with a sport, pastime, business or leisure pursuit then please let us know about it.

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## Historical Glen

EDITOR'S HEALTH WARNING !!

Those of you with a nervous disposition towards stories which belittle our fellow men who have the misfortune to be born south of the border should bypass this page quickly and move on to articles of a less volatile nature !!

THE HISTORY OF SCOTLAND ( as told by one of the aforementioned unfortunate souls who just happened to come upon this historical gem whilst on holiday in Skye !! )

In the beginning, when God was creating the world, he was taking a well earned ambrosia-break, and getting the crack with his buddy, the Angel Gabriel, letting him in on what he planned for Scotland.

"Gabby", says he, as he handed him one finger of his Kit-Kat,

" I'm going to give this place high majestic mountains, purple glens, streams laden with salmon, golden fields of barley from which an amber coloured nectar can be made, coal in the ground, oil under the sea, ....."

"Hold on, hold on," interjected the bold Gabriel, "Are you not being a smidgen generous to the Scots ?"

"Not really", replied God, "Wait until you see the neighbours I'm going to give them !!

## Local Success

Since resuming training in April, Steven Smith of Dalchreichart has gone from strength to strength in his amateur athletics. Steven competes in the under 15 age group to which the following results refer.

He travelled to the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow on 7th May and achieved a Gold Certificate for 1st place in the "Speed Bounce" event. He was representing the Inverness District in competition with other athletes from the Scottish Athletes Federation.

On May 14th he took part in the Scottish North District Championships, representing his club, the Inverness Harriers. At this event he was awarded two Gold Medals, for the Long Jump at 5.23m and for the 200m in 25.1 secs.

Also at Inverness for the Harriers on 28th May, he competed in a qualifying event for the McDonalds Young Athlete' League Competition ( at which he ran in the finals at Birmingham last year ). On this occasion he got three more firsts under his belt. In the long jump he leapt 5.23m. Another first for Steven in the 200m in 25.0 secs and another with his team in the 4 x 100m relay at 48.52 secs which is approximately 1 sec outside the Scottish record.

On June 3rd Steven gathered 3 more firsts at the North of Scotland Inter School Sports in competition with 50 other teams. He was awarded certificates for 1st places in the long jump at 5.93m and in the 200m (24.9secs) and, with his team, came first in the 4 x 100m relay.

Travelling to Grangemouth on June 6th for the semi-finals of the North of Scotland Schools Athletics Association event, he continued his impressive winning form with firsts in the long jump at 5.51m and in the 100m in 12.0 secs. His age group for the 200m was cancelled, but competing instead with the under 17's, he ran his heat in 24.6 secs and came 2nd in the final in 24.9 secs.

## Local Success

Back to Grangemouth again on 17th June for the Scottish Schools Championships, Steven was awarded a Gold medal for 5.51m in the long jump and reached a joint 3rd in the 200m in 24.6 secs.

The Scottish Schools Inter Area Match (Finals) was held at Grangemouth on 21st June, where Steven again improved his personal best with a first in a time of 11.8 secs in the 100m and 1st again with his team in the 4x100m relay (48.5 secs). The results here go towards his points score for 1995.

At Glenurquhart School Steven was awarded the MacDonald Westfield Trophy, a certificate for achievement in P.E., a certificate for being the over-14 boys cross-country champion and the Honour Shield for bringing honour to the school.

On Sunday 2nd July Steven took part in his first International event, against a team from Australia. He again showed them what he can do, with 1st place in the long jump against three Australians. ( Who needs kangaroo's !! )

Steven's excellent results so far this year (including relay events), are: 1st - 15, 2nd - 1 and 3rd - 1, with nothing less than 3rd ! This makes Steven the Scottish champion for under-15.

Keep up the good work !!

And a final note.....Steven's school are going to have to extend their long jump pit so he doesn't jump right over it !!

G.W. Buzzacott

STOP PRESS : Dalchreichart's answer to Billy the Whizz has done it again !! At Pitreavie near Dunfermline at the Scottish under 15 championships Steven clocked 23.74 for the 200m, yet another personal best and then, not content with that, took gold as well in the long jump with a jump of 5.9m.

Steven,  
well on  
his way  
to  
becoming  
the  
Scottish  
under  
15 champion  
at  
Pitreavie.



## **Dulchreichard School**

Members of the Dulchreichard School Board have decided after much discussion that from the start of the new term the school is to have a uniform.

Already many of the pupils have a navy blue school sweatshirt with the school logo on it but this is to be taken one step further with the stipulation that any other clothing worn i.e. skirts, trousers, shorts, leggings, culottes, cycling shorts etc. should be black.

## **Local Success**

On Saturday 11th March the pupils of Mrs Everetts dancing did an exam. We had our hair done up in a bun. Only three dancers at a time went in from the youngest to the oldest ones. Nobody was allowed to look in the doors. An examiner watched us as we did our steps.

Nicola and myself got Honours in Stage and highly commended in Ballet, Highland and Tap. Most of us got highly commended, some of us got commended. Mrs Everett was very pleased about it. Our Mums and Dads and other relatives were very pleased. The good thing about it all was that we all passed.

Cassie McEwan.

On Thursday I went to Ballet and all the Mums and families watched us do our steps. We got our medals at the end of the dancing. We watched the bigger ones, Michelle and Susan do the Sword Dance. They were good. Mums and Dads were all very pleased with us. We were glad to get home after a long day.

Nicola Curley.



CONGRATULATIONS also to Michelle Webster and Anne MacLellan who passed their exams in Ballet and Highland with distinction.

# Local News

Four of the Glens most historic houses are currently up for sale.

The Old Manse at Invermoriston which lies above the now disused church is currently being used as a holiday home but the poor economic climate ( and the dismal ordinary climate ) has brought about a drop in bookings for its owners, Mr and Mrs David Malin from Warwickshire, forcing them to put the house on the market.



Torgoyle Lodge, built at the turn of the century, is also up for grabs. The house was originally used as a shooting lodge for Glenmoriston Estates but for a period of time it was also a coaching Inn before being bought by the Hydro Electric Board and laterly by the Forestry Commission from which Malcolm and Catherine Grange obtained it.



Also on offer are the Free Church and Manse at Cul-na-Carn and Lochview Cottage, owned by the Cruickshanks but formerly lived in by Linda Nairn and her family.



# Local News

A big thank you to everyone at Glenmoriston and everyone who came in to see me in hospital. It was very nice of you and I would like to say thank you to those of you who sent me cards and presents. All the nurses and doctors went to all that work to put on dressings and put in tubes and then it all gets thrown away. Ellenor, my physiotherapist, helped me to get where I am. I made 5 friends Stewart (9), Nicola (15), Brendan (12), Darren (7) and Richard (13) who encouraged me to try and get better so I would like to say thank you to them too. Everyone was very nice to me and I enjoyed having you all come in to see me.  
Caroline Kennedy.

## AN UPDATE ON CAROLINE'S PROGRESS.

As was reported in the last issue of the magazine 11 year old Caroline Kennedy was involved in a major road accident that saw her spend several weeks in hospital. Since leaving the confines of the hospital bed, Caroline has been back attending school, albeit just for half a day. She still gets tired quite quickly and becomes very emotional when excited or upset. However, she is now a common sight on her bicycle, a mode of transport that she finds much easier and less tiring than walking.

She still has to make regular trips back to the hospital for routine checks to be made on her leg. When Caroline makes her next visit to the specialist in August he will hopefully be able to make the decision as to whether or not he will have to operate on the knee or not. In the meantime Caroline will still have to wear the special splint to keep her leg straight.

Caroline was in her final year at primary school but even though she was confined to hospital for so long she managed to keep up with her school work so that her progress on to secondary school is not going to be hindered. Come August 15th, all things being well, she will be on the bus and on her way to Fort Augustus Secondary School to start the next phase of her education.

# Save our Hall !!

Following the wishes expressed at the Special Meeting held in February, your present Committee has been looking into the preparation of plans for a new hall on the present site and confirming our eligibility for grants. Although the latter can never be guaranteed, Janet Graham, from the Dept. of Libraries and Leisure was able to assure us that the needs of the Community are sufficient to merit 75% of costs from HRC and the Scottish Office. A further 10% can be contributed by Inverness and Nairn Enterprise.

The main criterion we have to meet, in order to receive the grants is to have available our share of the money. Over the last five years, a phenomenal effort has been made in such a small community to raise just over £14,000 - and a very big debt is owed to those committee members who spearheaded the campaign and to all of you who supported their efforts. Without that amount in the bank, we couldn't now begin to think about the next step: i.e. precise plans.

As the mathematicians among you will have noted, another £1,000 in our kitty would mean we could look at a building costing £100,000. "Plenty!" you might think. However, to release public money, we have to fulfil certain conditions, one costly item being the employment of an Architect, who must have professional indemnity. Only recognised building firms may do the construction work; the original fitting out may be included in the grant, etc. Janet Graham recommended that we look at a high quality facility, possibly closer to the £200,000 limit. The balance between this and the length of time it might take to achieve, is something we don't as yet know the answer to. Until we can get exact costing, it seems reasonable to look at a figure half-way between: £150,000 (of which our share would be £22,500)

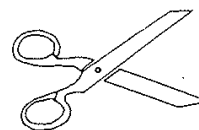
To help us towards the extra thousands, we are holding some local events this year and also applying to the Millennium Fund. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organise a Gala this year but would be willing to support any individual or group who felt they would like to have some big ( or small ! ) event later in the summer.

The May plant stalls raised £241.45 and we should like to thank the SWRI for their magnificent support and all who donated plants and cakes.

The V.E. barbeque at the Tavern raised £38.50. Our thanks go to Alan Draper, who made things very simple for us, by setting up the stall and providing all ingredients at cost price. Something similar is planned for the week in which V.J. day falls ( 12th - 19th August )

Our next event is the Car Boot sale on July 22nd, when you can not only make a profit out of your unwanted possessions but also make it a no-cooking day by eating out at our excellent barbeque.

Margaret Allen.



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## School Sports

Dulchreichard School held its sports day back in June on a lovely sunny day amongst the daisies in Riverside Park.

There were 11 races to be run including the relay and all children competed against each other with the start being staggered to allow for the vast differences in ages throughout the school. The overall winner was Graham Taylor (Primary 7) with Isla Bisset (Primary 3) only 1 point behind and Kerry Kennedy (Primary 2) just 2 points behind her. There was also a toddlers race won by Iona Greer with Kerri McEwan 2nd closely followed by Joe McEwan, Sian Curley and Josie Wyatt all 3rd equal. The parents race was full of dissent with the argumentative competitors all disputing the staggered start. Eventually the race got underway with the two local talented Linford Christie type sprinters, Angus and Lesley, ( modest, aren't I ??!! ) rapidly eating up the ground between them and the finishing line when, lo and behold, the aforementioned finishing line started to run away in the opposite direction so the race never really finished and a winner was never really found although a few might have liked to lay claim to the gold medal and may feel cheated out of their moment of glory !! Nutters, oops sorry, parents taking part were Mary Francis and Billy Greer, Christina Smith, Davy McEwan, Angus Kennedy, Mattieu Curley, Jim Anderson and Lesley Common. At least everybody went home happy with a sticker and a sweetie.....and the kids enjoyed it too !!

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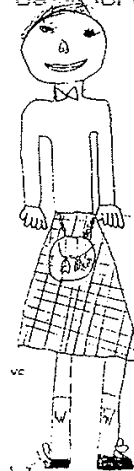
## Obituary

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Sheena Furey having lost her battle against cancer. Sheena and her husband, Brian, have only lived in the village since last Autumn, moving into what used to be Rose Cottage. Our sympathy goes to Brian, son Connel and daughter Deidre.

## Dulchreichard School

Some of the pupils of Dulchreichard School have been corresponding with some Danish children and a group of those children from the same school in Denmark paid a visit to Scotland back in May and stayed in Cannich Youth Hostel.

A ceilidh was organised for them in Cannich Village Hall and it turned out to be a super night. Children from Cannich Bridge primary school joined with our children to provide a very worthy array of talent. There were tunes played on the recorders and violins, with Miss Ross, the violin teacher, giving us some smashing jigs and reels on hers. Both schools sang selections of songs both in English and Gaelic with accompaniment from Mrs Bruce, the music teacher. Dulchreichard school danced the "Virginia Reel", Cannich danced the "Highland Fair", they both danced the "Cumberland Reel" and everybody joined in with the Dashing White Sergeant and the Gay Gordons. Some of the Dulchreichard pupils performed some Highland Dancing and their costumes, along with the kilts worn by Michael Curley and Stewart Atkins, were much appreciated by the Danish visitors. Everybody was then served with a lovely tea and delicious home baking to round off a great night in the Scottish tradition.



## Local Success

Congratulations to David Gillies, Achlain who has been awarded a B.A. in Business Administration from Inverness College. He completed the 3 year course in just one year after having done a two year course in business studies. This was the first year in which the college was linked to Stirling University. Not content with just passing all his exams, David has also managed to find himself one of those rare commodities, a job !! Well Done !!

## Local News

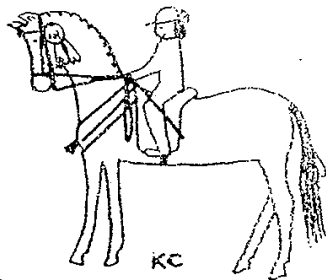
D-Day in Glenmoriston was celebrated both at the top and the bottom of the Glen. There was a short service of remembrance at the cenotaph followed by a barbeque and music by our local lads; Allan Common on the box, Neil, Gary and Shona Robertson singing and playing the guitars and Derek McFarland on the pipes. They were also joined by Calum Stewart from Invergarry who brought along his pipes too.

Dalchreichart celebrated with an all afternoon and evening street ( or rather hill road ) party. There were games and races for the children, a barbeque and plenty of food and drinks for the adults. The music had a distinct 40's feel to it and some imaginative people even managed to raid their wardrobes and come up with some authentic clothes which befitted the period. A great time was had by all. Our very grateful thanks go to Alex and Sharon Harris for the organisation and facilities.

## Pony Club

Both children have been doing well with their ponies during the spring and early summer months.

Katie has been successful in cross-country, dressage, show-jumping and gymkhana games but her best performance was at the British Horse Society show at Dochfour at the end of May. Not only did she win her Working Hunter Pony class thereby qualifying her for the Scottish Show at the end of August but went on to become reserve champion beating several other really good horses and ponies. We were all delighted. Vickie won her lead rein class that day too. The next few weeks will be quite busy with the start of the County shows at Perth, Black Isle, Turriff and Keith.



## Local News

Glenmoriston and Fort Augustus Community Council are once again holding their annual garden competition. Everyone living in the area is invited to enter whether you have a pocket handkerchief sized garden or a veritable estate !! Entries can be made in just one of the sections e.g. Best Vegetables or in them all.

The categories are: Best Garden Overall  
Best Flower Garden  
Best Vegetable Garden  
Best Children's Garden  
Best Newcomer

The judge this year has been decided upon slightly differently this year. Last years Best Garden Overall winner has been asked to adjudicate and will be visiting the gardens on July 27th.

Those wishing to participate in this years contest ( to which entry is free ) should contact:-

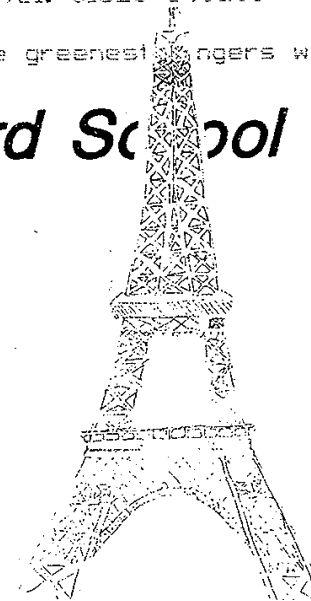
Jane Burnett Tel: 01320 366408 or  
Tommy Girvan Tel: 01320 340203

And may the one with the greenest fingers win !!

## Dulchreichard School

The Eifel Tower is 320m tall and it is in Paris, France. We have been learning about it at school where we have also been learning to speak French. This is the Eifel Tower I draw at school.

Katie Common P.5





# Local News

WELCOME to Stephen and Wini Lowe who have moved up from Cottingham in Leicestershire to live at "Burnside", Shlaraidh.

WELCOME to Terry and Fay Stevens who, along with their two dogs, goat, chickens and hens have moved out from Lentrán, Nr Inverness to take up residence at Inchmore, opposite the fish farm. Although originally from Kent, the Stevens have lived at Lentrán for 13 years so they are not entirely new to the area.  
FREE RANGE EGGS FOR SALE !!

GOOD LUCK to Simon, Sheila, Graham, Archie, Anne, Simon and Kathleen MacLellan as they move in to their new house, BRACARINA, in the village.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda MacMillan on the birth of Nathan, a brother for David.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 22 July - Car Boot Sale in aid of Village Hall funds.

Friday 22nd September - Dulchreichard School Board are holding a Sale of Work.

Glenmoriston Children's Committee are once again running a sponsored bike ride. A date has still to be arranged but this prior warning gives you all time to get the bikes all oiled up and raring to go. This year we thought we would also have a ride for the primary school and any enthusiastic pre-school children over a much shorter route. Details will be posted.