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# *Editorial*

Although it is officially Autumn now I don't think it really ever stopped being Winter and Spring. Summer got by-passed except for painfully few brief glimpses. However enough about the weather. Isn't it lovely to see the Hall inching up bit by bit. The anticipation of what the finished article will look like will be unbearable by the end of the winter. Let's just hope that there will be no more unforeseen happenings which may delay the proceedings even further.

I think all those who attended to the floral arrangements deserve a hearty vote of thanks. The village has never looked better. Perhaps we can take on Fort Augustus next year ?!

As this issue is crammed with Community Council happenings and local wrangles over the proposed move of the War Memorial some articles, which were intended for this issue, have been held over until the next edition of the magazine.

If you have any articles that you would like held over, pushed through, tied in or pasted down then please send them to:

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## ***Dalchreichart T.V. Club***

The AGM of the Club was held at the school on Thursday, 23rd July, attended by eighteen members.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement and explained that, although the end year balance was significantly higher than a year ago, two factors prevented him recommending a reduction in subscription from the present 20:-

1. Since the end of the financial year, 640 had been spent on repairing the system after serious storm damage.
2. The Club is still faced with the prospect of having to replace the cable at a cost of approximately 1,300.

In view of the above, the Meeting agreed that the current year subscription remain at 20.

The present members of the Committee were re-elected:

Treasurer	Secretary	Technical	Grant Harris	Peter Giddy	Ian Common
Advisor			Isobel Anthony	Colin Gourlay	
Member	Member				

And a new member, Linda Bostock was elected.



## *Poet's Corner*

### THE GARDENER'S HYMN

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.  
But what we never mention, Though gardeners know it's true, Is  
when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.  
All things spray and swattable, Disasters great and small, All  
things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.  
The greenfly on the roses, The maggots in the peas, Manure that  
fills our noses, He also gave us these.  
The fungus on the goose-gogs, The club root on the greens, The  
slugs that eat the lettuce, And chew the aubergines.  
The drought that kills the fuchsias, The frost that nips the  
buds, The rain that drowns the seedlings, The blight that hits  
the spuds.  
The midges and mosquitoes, The nettles and the weeds. The pigeons  
in the green stuff, The sparrows on the seeds.  
The fly that gets the carrots, The wasp that eats the plums, How black  
the gardeners outlook. Though green may be his thumb.

But still we gardeners labour, Midst vegetables and flowers, And  
pray what hits our neighbours, will somehow bypass ours.  
All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

#### FALLING LEAVES

One by One the leaves are shed,  
Gold and russet, rose and red,  
Until the bone bare branches rise,  
Stark against the stone grey skies.

#### I'D PICK MORE DAISIES

If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more  
mistakes next time. I would relax. I would limber up. I would be  
sillier than I have been this trip. I know of a very few things I  
would take seriously. I would take more trips. I would climb more  
moutains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets. I would do  
more walking and looking. I would eat more ice-cream and less  
beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary  
ones. You see, I am one of those people who lives  
prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day  
after day. Oh, I've had my moments; and if I had to do it over  
again, I'd have more of them. In fact, i'd try to have nothing  
else. Just moments, one after another instead of living so many  
years ahead each day. I have been one of those people who never  
go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle,  
a raincoat, aspirin, and a parachute. If I had to do it over  
again, I would go places, do things and travel lighter than I  
have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefooted earlier  
in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I wouldn't  
make many good grades except by accident. I would ride on more  
merry-go-rounds. I'D PICK MORE DAISIES.

## *Church News*

The summer is past - or is it ? Did you notice it, or were you  
dozing that afternoon ? We joke about the lack of sunshine this  
summer and how brief has been the summer, yet, if the truth be  
told, many of us would say that every summer seems shorter than  
the previous one before - just as each year seems shorter than  
the previous one.

Is all this a sign of the aging process ? Is this something which  
worries you ? Is it something which you would ever discuss with  
anyone - even your closest friend or your partner ?

I write this letter in a week where I will be conducting three funerals of people within the parish. If you ever have a week when you attend three funerals, you will surely have experienced some of these questions. Three of your friends and family taken from the earthly scene in one week would make most people think about their own mortality and brevity of life.

The reason we are not prepared to speak about such things is that we fear that people would consider us morbid - but can it really be morbid to speak about that which comes into ALL our minds ? Can it be morbid to express our fears and questions about that which will inevitably come to us all ? Far from morbid, it should be the most natural thing in the world for us to discuss.

Maybe you cannot find the right environment in which to explore your mortality and life beyond the grave. Can I suggest to you that one place where we are unafraid to speak of these things is within the Christian family. Maybe you would be prepared to come along and listen - and even ask some of your questions - the minister is always willing to speak about eternal matters.

There are services in Dalchreichart School at 3pm on the first Sunday of each month and at 10.30am and 6pm every Sunday in Drumnadrochit. You are very welcome at all of these services.

## ***Glenmoriston Children's Committee***

Back in September Glenmoriston Children's Committee held their AGM in Jean Curleys house. After a rather strongly worded note about the meeting was issued to all parents, unfortunately there was only a slight increase in turnout, leaving the load upon the same few shoulders once again.

However some of the said shoulders felt neither strong enough nor wide enough to continue. Both the chairman, Lesley Common (10 years service) and the treasurer, Mary Greer (3 years) elected to stand down in favour of new blood.

Their positions were taken up by Danny Muschate, The Old Post Office as Chairman (the first time we have had a "man" as opposed to a "person" for a long long time) and Vera Cosgrove, the Youth Hostel, who shares a combined Secretary/Treasurers job with the only remaining committee member, Jean Curley.

As outgoing chairman I would like to sincerely thank all those who have shared the workload with me (often taking more than their fair share) over the past 10 years. I hope you will give the new committee as much help and support as you can, even if they don't ask for it because it is always required. They can't do it and shouldn't have to do it all on their own.

Lesley Common



## *The Royal Mail in Glenmoriston*

In the 1890s, public transport between Inverness and Fort William was by MacBraynes paddle steamer. The "Gondolier" left Fort Augustus for Inverness at 6am with the outgoing mail, calling at Invermoriston, Foyers, Drumnadrochit and Abriachan collecting mail, passengers, goods and livestock, arriving at Inverness about 9am. The steamer left Inverness at 3pm arriving at Invermoriston pier at 6pm. There, Peter MacDonald, piermaster, collected pier dues (1d per passenger) goods, parcels and mail. Goods and parcels not collected were stored at the pier while mail was delivered to Invermoriston Post Office. After sorting, the mail was delivered that evening to Dalchreichart post office, returning to Invermoriston PO where after sorting and sealing, the outgoing mail was delivered to the pier to be put on the steamer in the morning. Peter MacDonald, aka Peter Ruadh or Peter the Pier was Mail Contractor and was responsible for the mail coach which delivered the mail to the post offices but not the door to door delivery. The postman at Invermoriston in 1890 was Francis Fullarton, succeeded by his son Roderick. The Fullarton family were postmasters at Invermoriston for many years. The mail coach was a four wheeled waggonette drawn by a pair of horses or sometimes a light dogcart. The mail coach, as well as mail, carried fare paying passengers and goods.

Horse drawn transport was superceded by motor car very early in the century. Peter's son Donald, by then P. MacDonald & Sons, acquired a French Clement and later a French Vinot about 1908. In 1913 they bought a Model T Ford from MacRae & Dick for £100 (see receipt in Inverness Museum) These cars were of course used on the mail service, no doubt alternating with the dogcart as available during the first war years. In the 1929s the first bus was introduced. It was a 12 seater motor wagonette on a Ford Model T chassis. This was resurrected in the 1940s to provide transport for the Home Guard.

In the 1930s the mail service was extended to Cluanie Inn. This service continued until in 1966 the post office put on a red van, thus ending the postbus era in Glenmoriston.

During this time the mail was delivered locally at Invermoriston and Dalchreichart officially by bicycle but often by moped or 3 wheeler car.

A particularly busy time for the mailbus was in the 1950s when the Cluanie Dam was built. More than 100C men were employed and 29 seater buses carried mail and passengers in the Glen. The weekly wages arrived at Cluanie Camp under Police escort. Next day the money plus Money orders were returned by ordinary mail to Invermoriston and on to Inverness without any special precautions. Extra services were of course supplied with half a dozen buses running to Inverness and at weekends as far as Buckie.

Until the late 1920s MacBraynes steamers carried the mail but then buses started running between Fort William and Inverness. The mail was delivered and collected by MacBraynes buses. In addition to through mail, the buses carried a letter box and on? could post mail on the bus. When the bus was due, and they ran to time in those days, one stood in the middle of the road, held up ones letters and the driver grabbed your mail without stopping. In the early days three bus companies, MacBraynes, MacRae & Dick and MacIntyre, ran in keen competition, sometimes racing one another. The road was still single track, narrow and twisty. An example of the old road still exists between Inchnacardoch and the old Oich bridge.

Pat MacDonald



## *Obituary*

In the early hours of Sunday 17th August 1998 Richard Jarvis was fatally injured in a road traffic accident outside his home at Creag Nan Eun, Invermoriston.

The funeral service took place on Saturday 23rd August at Fort Augustus Parish Church, with a private cremation being held later. His family and friends attended the Church service, during which Chris Beavan paid tribute to Richard in words much

appreciated by all those who knew him well.

We first met Richard shortly after he moved to Invermoriston about 8 years ago, having come up from North Devon with his Range Rover, caravan, and dog. Rex. His wife, Gina, joined him here a few months later.

As most of you will know, Richard built a number of houses both in the Glen and further afield. His first project being Alan and Betty Draper's house, and his most recent being Mave Ersu's house. Alan worked alongside Richard on all these projects, and we particularly appreciate that it is as a direct result of the skills and know-how passed on by Richard, that we were able to achieve our dream of building our own home.

Richard was a regular participant in the weekly quizzes held in the Tavern, and demonstrated a wide range of general knowledge. However, his contribution to the SFA team tended to become less reliable in the second half of the quiz as the other teams (the "Late" team & the "Hopefuls") will testify !

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Badminton Club, turning up promptly every Tuesday night in the Tavern, waiting for the Badminton Club to join him. He was also a fervent supporter of the TCP Club, and spent many a Sunday afternoon in the Cocktail Bar waiting for the "girls" to return home after a day on the hills.

On a more serious note, Richard's sudden death has hit us very hard, and we know it has had a similar effect on his other close friends in the village. He is already greatly missed, both as a trusted friend and as a workmate.

Heather and Alan Smart.

## *Thank you*

Ian, Barbara, Richard and Graham would like to take this opportunity to thank their friends and neighbours in the Glen for their help and kindness after their house fire. Hopefully rebuilding will be starting soon and we hope to be in our new home around Easter. Once again many thanks and a special thank you to those who were especially helpful. They will know who they are.

We will be closing the tearooms for the season at the end of October this year. We are having an end of season sale with 10% OFF all crafts and gifts.

Please feel free to call in for a browse or to buy an early



Christmas gift.

The Taylor Family, Redburn Tearooms.

## *Glenmoriston Camera Group*

The Camera Club have meetings once a month and are at present capturing the step by step progress of the new hall on film for future reference. The meetings are fun and informal and if you would like to come along then please contact David Webster on 351201 for more details. Happy snapping!!

## *Spending a Penny ?*

The following article appeared in the Inverness Courier on Friday 27th October 1995 and is quite apt after the problems the Millennium Hall Committee have had regarding the new toilets in Invermoriston.

### MATTERS OF CONVENIENCE

How can public conveniences fulfil their function if they are shut for the winter ? When bolted and barred these discreet and necessary edifices are automatically rendered neither public nor convenient - ask any hapless passer-by who, gripped by an urgent call of nature, has rushed for their relief giving sanctuary only to discover them in a state of lavatorial hibernation. You would think that bodily functions cease in certain Inverness-shire communities once the tourists depart.

So what happens to a person when the need arises and it is the close season for local authority-funded WCs ? Well, in the case of Invermoriston, anyone desperate to spend a penny usually hot-foots it from the locked loo to a near-by hotel, buys a drink, takes a perfunctory sip for the sake of appearances and heads straight for the toilets. It is, of course, a classic way to save public money and increase local trade at the same time. Going private you might call it.

However, these invigorating dashes to purchase a pint and peace of mind are over in this particular Loch Ness-side village. The local district councillor has finally won his six year fight to have the bladder-straining winter ban lifted, thereby adding an unexpected cost to the cleansing department budget which could go up and up if other places deprived of a convenience from October to March insist on parity with Invermoriston. All this at a time when intense pressure is on councils to save money.

Never mind, there could be a way out and the irony is that the cash-conserving wheeze was hinted at in the speech made by the very man who persuaded the authority to unshackle his local toilet block. It was when he remarked that people in rural areas understood what bushes were for that it clicked - here was a natural solution to a natural problem which could be adapted easily and cheaply for use in every village, summer and winter. Two groves of densely planted evergreens (not holly), clearly labelled "Ladies" and "Gents", are all that is required - and from then on they are maintenance free. They won't even have to be watered ! And as for all those little brick buildings that are only used for half a year anyway, they can be sold for conversion into holiday chalets or craft workshops and whatever is raised is clear profit.

The wonder is that this inexpensive and environmentally-friendly method of providing the people with open-all-hours comfort stations has not been exploited already by cost and conservation conscious councils across the North. Now it will probably just be a matter of time before there is a proliferation of bush-growing programmes. Of course, from the point of view of educating the public in the use of these minimalist conveniences, the message will have to be; "When in the Highlands, do as the real Highlanders do". Going native, you might call it.



## *Glenrowan Highland Fayre*

WINTER OPENING

We will be open from 9.00am - 6.00pm for the usual array of snack and meals.

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Fax: 01320 351346

#### **HOGMANAY** DINNER MENU

7.30pm Hot Mulled Wine Reception 8.00pm Dinner will be served

Smoked Salmon Parcels

Mushrooms stuffed with Scottish Blue Cheese

Glen Rowan Pate and Oatcakes

Melon soaked in Sherry

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Glen Rowan Soup Fruit Sorbet

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Fillet Steak au Poirve Whisky and Peat Smoked Salmon Fillet

Venison in Orkney Ale and Pickled Walnuts Chicken Breast in a

Honey and Mustard Sauce

All served with Seasonal Vegetables \* \* \*

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Sauce

Stollen Cake with Brandy Cream

Chocolate Torte

Winter Trifle



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## *Service Point Snippets*

Registration District of Fort Augustus  
The Service Point is now also the Registration Office for the District of Fort Augustus where you can register Births, Deaths and Marriages. Heather Smart is the Registrar. Please phone to make an appointment if you wish to make a Registration.

### Adult Guidance

Margaret MacPhail, from the Adult Guidance Unit, is available at the Service Point on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (18th November, 16th December 1998). Appointments need to be made in advance, by contacting Heather at the Service Point.

### Voting - Don't Lose Your Vote

The Draft Register of Electors for the Inverness Area (including Glenmoriston) will be on display in the Service point from 27th November 1998. Please check to see that your name is included and that your address is correct. If your details are incorrect, forms are available to send to the local Electoral Registration Officer.

### Suggestion Box

There is now a suggestion Box in the Service Point and I would welcome any suggestions as to how the service provided could be improved. All suggestions will be considered and referred to the appropriate person.

Heather Smart,  
Service Point Officer,  
Fort Augustus Service Point,  
Memorial Hall,  
Fort Augustus.  
Tel: 01320 366733

# *Community Council*

The following are extracts from the minutes of Community Council meetings since 25th June 1998 which are related to Glenmoriston. Copies of the minutes in their entirety can be obtained at the Post Office.

25th June 1998

No mention of Traffic Calming report to be carried out in August after request in January 1998. Letter to be sent to the Trunk Roads department.

The Area Health Organisation re-opened the old controversy about boundaries for the Drumnadrochit Medical Practice. It was agreed that the existing arrangement be continued - residents on the boundary be allowed their choice of doctor.

Mr. T. Pratt (Craig Nan Eun) had complained about the notice at Inchnacardoch prohibiting the use of power boats on the Loch. This was a local bylaw invoked for safety reasons. The Chairman would be replying to Mr. Pratt.

There was a general discussion on footpaths and in Invermoriston it was intended to request for an extension of the path at Riverside to cover the three houses going west. The footpath to the Caravan Park was a separate issue and still "on the books" subject to land purchase.

30th July 1998

The Chairman to contact Planning & Development Services, Highland Council, regarding the offer of St. Columba's Well and land by Mr Draper.

Members were asked to highlight areas on the A82 which would profit from country-style walkways and cycle tracks before 9/9/98. This was a request from the Scottish Office as an idea to improve safety for walkers and cyclists where existing roads could not be widened or improved.

It was reported that Invermoriston Car Park has an unfinished look about it and there are no proper signs. The area has still not been designated as an official car park, the bell mouth entrance/exit still requires construction. It was agreed to write to the Highland Council to ascertain their actual plans and dates for completion.

A special project grant has been requested to provide picnic tables for the car park at Invermoriston. A quote to be obtained from Jet2000 for construction and fitting.

27th August 1998

Mr M. Alien produced a draft copy of a letter to the Scottish Office regarding the lack of information about improvements to the Dalcattaig junction and the footpath from the village to the Caravan Park at Rubha Ban.

A letter had been received from the Chief Executive, Highland Council, stating the Director of Roads & Transport would be replying to our letter regarding plans for the completion of Invermoriston Car Park. St. Columba's Well will be taken over by The Highland Council, under control of the Country Ranger.

Mr Johnstone introduced the Memorial Garden Project for Invermoriston and it was agreed that it could go ahead under the umbrella of the Community Council for the purposes of grant applications etc. There were some reservations about the move of the War Memorial.

Planning application IN/1998/628 Dalchreichart for 2 houses was contrary to the local plan and a letter would be sent objecting Planning Permission.

9th September 1998

This meeting was mainly to agree the calming measures for Fort Augustus planned by the A82 Working Group of the Scottish Office. Invermoriston was discussed and it was advised that the overtaking on the bridge would be considered and Gateway Signs introduced at each end of the village on the A82. These signs do not introduce a speed limit, this will always be difficult to introduce in Invermoriston, but advises drivers that they are in a rural village area and to consider pedestrians and other hazards. Gateway signing is something new and is still in the course of being considered by the Scottish Office but everyone is hopeful of its introduction.

24th September 1998

A letter from the A82 Working Group confirmed the Traffic calming measures for Invermoriston given at the meeting on 9/9/1998. The quote from Jet2000 for picnic tables in Invermoriston was considered too high and it was decided to obtain quotes from elsewhere.

Planning Application IN/1998/628 for 2 houses at Dalchreichart was approved by the Planning Dept. The chairman of the CC will be attending a meeting at the Town house on 29/9/98 to find out why it was approved and raise further objections.

(The next item which appeared in the minutes seems to have caused a bit of a furore so I thought it would be wise to include here a copy of the original open letter to all residents which was sent round in August this year.)

It was been suggested that a Memorial garden be constructed as a permanent celebration of 2000. This would be at the end of the new car park, opposite to the hall site, next to the A82 with access only through the car park. The idea also includes moving the War Memorial from its current position into this memorial garden. The main reasons being:

The memorial is in need of repair and the plinth will probably have to be broken down to do this.

The present position gives traffic problems at the annual service. When the memorial was originally erected the main road went behind the hotel.

The suggested position would make it easier to hold the annual service and make it more accessible to visitors and residents. It would give the area a "village green" look.

It is intended to apply to the New Millenium Experience for a grant of upto £5,000 to fund the costs. It is also intended to ask the "Hit Squad" from BBC Beechgrove Gardens to design and help construct the garden, failing that we would approach the Council Gardens Department. A few residents have intimated that they would be prepared to assist in the maintenance of a garden of this nature and this would be our in-kind contribution to any grant that we obtain.

The Highland Council Planning Services will approach Army HQ in Edinburgh to assist in the actual physical movement of the War Memorial.

If anyone has any objections, comments, are prepared to help in any way or have other ideas for a Millenium Project would they please contact the undersigned before the next meeting of the Community Council on 27th August.

A. C. Johnstone (Community Councillor)

#### Memorial Garden - Update

In addition to the support from the Community Council Police Sgt Henderson confirmed that from a road safety aspect he would wish to see the War Memorial moved.

In addition to Simon and Sheila MacLellan, the prime movers for a garden, Hylton Garriock, Hill Cottage, has offered his services when the garden is opened.

The Area Manager for Roads & Transport has no objections to the garden at the end of the car park and again for road safety reasons would wish to see the war Memorial moved.

Army HQ Scotland have advised that a move of the War Memorial is not

suitable to be considered as a military engineer project. The project has been referred to the Area Manager, Highland Council for advice but after 4 weeks no reply or acknowledgement has been received.

Grant aid is available through the latest Community Involvement from the National Lotteries Charities Board and an application form has been downloaded / through the Internet.

The family of the late Richard Jarvis have indicated that they would like to donate a memorial bench for the garden.

A petition against the relocation of the war Memorial was received on 8/9/98 from Mr. N. B. M. Scott, Glenmoriston Arms Hotel and Restaurant, signed by 39 residents of Glenmoriston and 3 others. The petition has been returned to Mr Scott mainly because it was written on the basis that the garden was to be "adjacent to the new village hall" and not as proposed at the "hotel end" of the car park.

## *Glenmoriston Millennium Hall*



### *In the spirit of the future* **Glenmoriston Memorial Hall**

Is it curtains for the Hall ?

No ! This is not another pessimistic Hall report, on the contrary work is well under way with the foundations visible from the A82. The floor was scheduled to be complete by the end of September. If construction continues to programme the hall should be watertight by Christmas and complete by March.

The tenders which were opened on July 27th made happier reading than the previous batch. The contract was awarded to the lowest tender, that of O'Brien Properties of Dingwall at a figure of

196,000. Work started on the 1st September with The Millennium Commission's approval. Final contracts have yet to be signed and



this is anticipated towards the end of September. The higher than budgeted cost of construction means we have had to cut out cloth accordingly (just like in 1926).

We are pleased to announce that The National Lottery Charities Board, Scotland under the "Awards for All" programme have agreed to award a grant to the Glenmoriston Millenium Hall Management Committee the sum of 3,809 subject to the Board's conditions. The award is for the purchase of chairs, tables and kitchen equipment.

Good News ! What relevance the title ?

With the necessary trimming of our cloth this may mean curtains which still require funding. We are however trying to make a case to our fund holders. Staging certain shows may be inhibited by the lack of such fittings. Since "stage" has been mentioned may we clear up one point. The proposed stage is of a Moveable Section design and is most certainly not Revolving!

Most residents of the Glen have contributed of their time, effort and hard earned money. This is a crucial time in the construction and development of the Glenmoriston Millenium Hall. The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee will be held on Monday 9th November 1998 at 8.00 pm in the games room of the Invermoriston Chalet Park courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Levings. Put forward your ideas and join this committee so that the Glen may benefit.

STOP PRESS : Community Garden - Invermoriston

Further to the letter in August 1998 we have received an application form from The Hit Squad Beechgrove Garden. In conjunction with Scottish Enterprise they will fund and design a community garden with a six minute slot in the TV programme in 1999.

There is a snag; we have to provide labour for the whole project and also for the future maintenance of the garden. We don't want your money but your physical support is necessary. Forms have been sent to all residents in the Glen requesting approval of the project, ideas regarding structure and content of the garden, help and support.

The idea of moving the war memorial has been dropped but the garden is still planned for the shop end of the car park.

# *Local News*

CONGRATULATIONS to Katie Common and Amy Bisset on their Eden Court debut. The girls, along with other members of the Glenurquhart Fiddle Group, took part in the "Rythms of the North" concert staged at the theatre recently.

WELCOME to Roy and Liz Jones from Northern Ireland who have taken up residence in one of the many new houses at Dalchreichart.

BEST WISHES to Anne MacLellan who has embarked upon a computer course at Inverness College. (3 down, 2 to go !)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Thursday 5th November - Bonfire Night at Riverside Park at 6.30pm. All the usual entertainment and fun.