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# *Editorial*

Phew, nearly got this jam-packed issue out to the news-stands on time. These deadlines seem to creep up on me faster and faster. Anyway, a very happy and prosperous 1999 to you all. I realise that we have only just started this final year of the 20th century but already I am beginning to tire of hearing about the Millenium this and the Millenium that, the year 2000, computer bugs and system failures and who is going to celebrate where, with whom and for how long ! I only hope that the whole event doesn't nose-dive.

I suppose MM will have to mark the occasion in some way. Perhaps there should be an edition purely with "Historical Glen" articles in it, or one comprising solely of children's work, or even one full of the best of the "Wittie Ditties".

Also the magazine would like to mark the occasion of the opening of the new hall in some way too. Perhaps it could donate a notice board or some floral arrangements or some pictures or a bench for weary dancers, bowlers, badminton players, youth club members, etc etc etc.

If you have any suggestions for the above or for what you would like to see in the regular editions of the magazine then please get in touch with:

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## ***Senior Citizens Quiz***

At the end of 1998 a quiz was run to collect funds for the Senior Citizens. Entry fee was 1 and 35 was raised which included donations. Thank you very much to all those who took part (only 20) or gave a donation, and to Jackie MacKenzie for organising it all.

The answers are kinds of biscuits that can be found in a supermarket, and are listed on the inside back page of this magazine.

- 1) Pleasant resort on French Riviera.....
- 2) This poor little girl has meal.....
- 3) School Playtime.....

- 4) American Statesman assassinated in 1865..,
- 5) For example, you may evade this preserve.,
- 6) Red heads.....
- 7) Robin's merrymen drops his title.....
- 8) Leisure time for snooker players.....
- 9) They go round for cowboy's vehicles.....
- 10) You may pick this one up.....
- 11) British nobleman between Earl and Barron.
- 12) Extensive mountain range of North America
- 13) Fruit and part of a posh car.....
- 14) Domestic pet follows serviceman's issue..
- 15) Italian soldier and patriot.....
- 16) Playing card.....
- 17) Trifle topping goes bangl.....
- 18) You may join one.....
- 19) Whisky distilled from Maize and Rye.....
- 20) Found on a Royal Race Course.....
- 21) More than double.....
- 22) Could be called bigheads.....
- 23) These are not made with margarine.....
- 24) A place in America.....

The winners were:-

1st Lesley Common, Dalchreichart 24/24 2nd Mrs A. Kemp, Dalchreichart  
23/24 3rd Mrs E. Grant, Dundreggan 23/24

Guess what the prizes were.....Boxes of biscuits !!

## *Children's Committee*

Impressive as ever, Henry Cruickshank zoomed down the Glen to improve on his time of last year. I don't think he even noticed the rain much at that speed !

Results for the 25 mile race from Cluanie Hotel.

1st Gold Medal + Trophy Henry Cruickshank 56 mins 2nd Silver Medal Lesley Common 1 hr 25 mins 3rd Bronze Medal Ruairaidh MacDonald 1 hr 34 mins

The three brave cyclists were joined by Hans and Dower Schouton from Holland who just happened to be staying in their holiday cottage at Dalchreichart on the day and decided to join in just for fun (not my idea of fun *I*). They completed the ride in 1 hr 3 mins and 1 hr 14 mins respectively. Fantastic stamina to keep going in such dreadful weather.

The cyclists on the 17 miles from Cluanie Dam were just as impressive with most of them completing in under 1 hr 10 mins.

1st Gold Medal + Trophy Simon MacLellan 56 mins 2nd Silver Medal Jella Schouton (Holland) 1 hour 3rd Bronze Duncan Greer 1 hr 1

min Damian Longley came a very close fourth only 20 sees behind Duncan.

The younger primary children had their cycle in the morning when, thankfully, it stayed dry. Six cyclists took part and it was Kathleen MacLellan who took the shield this year. Leading them in the car, I clocked Kathleen doing 20 mph. She had to break behind me at one point as I couldn't go any faster because of the pot holes. Look out you older ones, in the next few years she'll be giving you all a run for your money no doubt.

Full list of times were as follows; From Cluanie Hotel (25 miles)

Henry Cruickshank		56	mins	00	secs
Hans Schouton	1 hour	3	mins	40	secs
Dowie Schouton	1 hour	14	mins	00	secs
Lesley Common	1 hour	25	mins	00	secs
Ruaraidh MacDonald	1 hour	34	mins	00	secs

From Cluanie Dam (17 miles)

Simon MacLellan		56	mins	10	secs
Jella Schouton	1 hour	00	mins	30	secs
Duncan Greer	1 hour	01	mins	30	secs
Damian Longly	1 hour	01	mins	50	secs
Alistair Levings	1 hour	04	mins	45	secs
Cassie McEwan	1 hour	06	mins	45	secs
Mike Allen	1 hour	06	mins	50	secs
Simon MacLellan (jnr)	1 hour	07	mins	30	secs
Connor McQuillan	1 hour	08	mins	10	secs
Kirsteen Smith	1 hour	08	mins	30	secs
Isla Bisset	1 hour	09	mins	30	secs
Nicola Curley	1 hour	11	mins	00	secs
Kit Slater (Drum)	1 hour	11	mins	05	secs

Donny McMillan	1	hour	12	mins	10	secs
Amy Bisset	1	hour	15	mins	00	secs
Tina Beet (Drum)	1	hour	13	mins	25	secs
Vickie Common	1	hour	24	mins	00	secs
Betty Common	1	hour	24	mins	56	secs
Katie Common	1	hour	27	mins	30	secs

\* Those marked with an asterisk improved their times from last year.

Dalcattaig Road (5 miles)  
 Juniors 1st Kathleen MacLellan  
 2nd Michael Curley  
 3rd Iona Greer

The walkers; what can I say about you all, keeping going the way you all did in the downpour. Well done to the youngest walker. Master Stuart Archibald, who is only four and he managed to finish with a jog ! Congratulations also to the other small people who completed the walk.

The most-senior-walker prize was won jointly by Terry Jones and his brother-in-law, Michael English. Most-senior-cyclist award went to Betty Common, made even more impressive by completing on a fold-away bike.

The prize for the most amount of sponsor money raised by the under 15's went to Kirsteen Smith who collected £130. Well done Kirsteen ! The over 15's prize went to Lesley Common who raised £112. Thanks to you all for the great effort of sponsorship. This year we have again realised a tremendous amount. So far the figure stands at £1,110.89.

The present committee would like to thank all those who transported bikes and ferried bodies, took the times, gave out drinks and crisps and to the hotel for, once again, providing the life giving hot soup and rolls. A big thankyou to the men at the work site near the Dam for the crisps and drinks they donated. Sorry no cyclists stopped to take up your offer en route but with medals and trophies to be won they all kept going. The goodies were hence used on Bonfire night.

This opportunity must be taken to thank two others, namely Lesley Common and Mary Greer who have stepped down this year from the committee owing to increasingly busy social and working schedules. Lesley has been on the Children's Committee since 1989 so anyone who has done their bit knows that that is no mean feat.

A great thanks Lesley. Where are we to store all the bits and pieces now ?! We welcome onto the committee Danny Muschate, The Old Post Office as Chairman and Vera Cosgrove, Youth Hostel as Vice Treasurer. I, myself, have stayed on as Secretary/shared Treasurer. Hope we can match your expert book-keeping, Mary !!

Bonfire night was another great success. This year was the first year Lesley was supposed to be able to put her feet up and enjoy the night. The only place she put her feet was firmly in a cardboard box (out of the mud) behind the BBQ area cooking burgers as usual. Colin Gourlay was the other cook and a jolly good job they did too.

On this bonfire night the catering helpers stayed lovely and dry (unlike previous years 1) under a huge canopy (except Colin who found a big drip) that was kindly lent to us by Ian Cameron from Fort Augustus. He came with his family and erected it in the pouring rain, and dismantled it again at the end of the night. Thankyou to him, and his wife and daughter who followed his orders! The fire was huge again with the expert stacking of all the burnables from around the Glen, done by Billy and Willie. The children themselves made the guy this year with help from Danny. The two aforementioned bonfire builders, ably assisted by Mattieu Curley, were responsible for the fireworks display.

Our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and later on at night, from those who roped off the bonfire area (even though it was too far away from the fire to warm the cockles!) to those who ferried all the equipment to and fro, to Vera Cosgrove at the Youth Hostel who lent the tables, to Cathy who provided the power, to the Fish Farm for the loan of the generator, to MacDougalls in Fort Augustus for the great burgers as usual, to the workmen at the Dam for the juice and crisps and to anyone else I have inadvertantly missed out.

Although the fireworks are expensive I'm sure you will agree they do give a lot of enjoyment. £40 was donated by the Community Council towards the display. As in the past the whole event went without incident due to the care and attention paid by those doing and those watching. This year the Committee thought that a Charity should benefit from the donation box which raised£54.44 for Children First who were delighted to receive our cheque.

Our Christmas party this year moved back into the Community again after a few years of having to "flit" to Fort Augustus due to the state of the Hall, or latterly, the lack of one, having been very kindly given the use of the Youth Hostel by Vera Cosgrove. This new venue proved ideal, with the dining room set out for games, and later, eating, and having the use of the large kitchen for preparing the feast. The children enjoyed the lovely crackers, which had excellent prizes inside, donated by Audrey Kemp, Dalchreichart. The games were organised by Danny who found the time much too short as he still had games left to do on his list! The favourite game I think was the flour slicing one. Santa arrived just as excited as the children, looking very cosy in his long trousers and jacket. Lots of photos were taken and hugs given. Everyone left happy and tired at around 5.30pm.

The teenagers were taken to the new Warner Village Cinema this year on the 21st December. The wider selection of films proved popular. A trip to the "chipper" rounded off the night. Vouchers were given to those who couldn't attend. Thanks to the taxi drivers; Simon MacLellan, Danny Muschate, Errol Levings and Lesley Common.

I sincerely hope that no one feels left out of any mentions in this report of our Children's Committee events. If so, I apologise profusely, as it is so difficult to name each person due to the wide support we receive each year. I'll end now with a reminder to anyone with an interest in the Children's Committee (and you don't necessarily need to have any children, just patience, oodles of it!) that there is to be an extraordinary meeting in the near future to discuss the proposed amalgamation of the Children's Committee with the Youth Club. The date, time and place will be announced and advertised in the shop shortly. Please attend if possible.

Grateful thanks and a great 1999 to you all.

Jean Curley.

## ***Loch Ness Gun Club***

(The first part of this report should have appeared in the last edition of the magazine but it got mislaid in transit so my apologies to David and the rest of the club - Ed)

Since my last article in the Moriston Matters we have been very busy at the club, not only with shoots but improvements to our existing facilities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped especially Colin Gourlay and Eddie Grant who helped construct our new sporting layout. This layout is designed to simulate real wild game flight such as pheasant and grouse. It has already proved popular and we are hoping that

shooters who do not shoot trap disciplines, such as game shooters will come along for a bit of fun at our sporting targets. We have also run some coaching courses for young and experienced shooters alike with Peter Croft who is an ex-European champion. I hope that the coaching has helped local shooters as well as those from further afield. We had some shooters who travelled from Ayrshire to attend.

Safety is a subject that we have always taken seriously and so in July we ran a Safety Officers Course in conjunction with the Scottish Clay Target Association (the governing body of shooting in Scotland). This provided us with an extra six safety officers which makes us the safest club in Scotland.

Along with the above we had our usual calendar of shoots along with a British Team Selection Shoot and a Scottish Championship. Our Wednesday night practices proved very popular bringing a welcome boost to the club's finances.

The Highland Field Sports Fair was held on the 7th & 8th of August at Moy Hall near Inverness with the gun club again organising and running the clay shooting activities. We ended up with over a thousand entries over the two days which was one of our best in recent years. The fair is the club's highlight of the year not only in financial terms but also in allowing the committee to have a short "holiday" in a couple of caravans with the exquisite delights of Colin's cooking! Although hard work, we all enjoyed the weekend especially the Saturday night after all the shooting has been done and the ground has been tidied up. This is when they are "allowed" to enjoy themselves!!

On the 26th of September we organised a Memorial shoot for Duncan MacDonell. This was well attended and it was nice to see so many of Duncan's shooting friends there. We all had a very enjoyable day especially with the presence of some of Duncan's family. The family had contributed a beautiful memorial trophy for the shoot which I am sure will be shot for in many years to come. The eventual winner was Peter MacKay from Alness closely followed by Neil Robertson and myself using the same gun and finishing with the same score! Hopefully we will get a local winner next year. I must thank everyone who contributed to the buffet we all enjoyed after the shoot had finished. It really rounded the day off well. The proceeds of the shoot are going to buy a wooden bench in memory of Duncan which will be used by people to sit and watch the shooting.

On the 19th of December we held our annual Festive Charity Shoot. This is always a favourite as it is our chance to donate money to local charities. We raised over £200.00 for charity with the Glenmoriston Senior Citizen's Christmas Party receiving £100 and the rest going to Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.



We had 45 entries which is up on last year. This shoot is an article shoot which means that everyone that enters ends up with a prize. The best shot choosing first followed by everyone else in descending order. The shoot was won by Peter MacKay from Dingwall followed by myself (maybe next year!) I would especially like to thank all the local businesses who donated generous prizes for the shoot and the raffle; without their help the shoot would not have been as successful.

We are again at the end of another shooting year and I would like to thank my committee and everyone else who have given up their free time to help out and improve the club. Hopefully the influx of shooters over the year has helped local businesses financially while they were here. I would also like to give special thanks to the residents of Bhlaraidh for putting up with us over the last year and hope that we can count on their support in 1999.

At the time of writing we have just been awarded two prestigious Scottish Championship shoots along with our usual dates. I would like to ask local hotels, guest houses and B & Bs to send me their details so that I can distribute them amongst the shooters that will be attending. I am hoping to put together a list that can be displayed in the club-house and leaflets that can be taken away by shooters. My address is Achlain, Glenmoriston, Inverness-shire.

Finally may I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope to see you at the gun club in 1999.

David Gillies.

## *Wildlife*

The Winter period can be a particularly harsh time for garden birds. This is partly due to the cold weather but also because their natural food sources tend to be in much shorter supply. By putting out some food and water you can really help many birds survive the winter period. Sunflower seeds and seed mixtures are great for attracting finches and robins and unsalted peanuts are good for blue tits. If you don't want to buy nuts or seed mixtures but would like to feed your birds then why not just put out your scraps or fatty foods like suet or chopped bacon rind. Apples of any sort are welcomed by fieldfares, redwings and blackbirds and crumbled cheese is a favourite of robins and wrens. Remember some species such as thrushes prefer to feed on the ground so it is a good idea to scatter some food on the lawn. The best time to put food out is early in the morning and, if you can manage it, also early in the afternoon before it gets dark. Don't forget birds need a clean supply of water too.

### Bird of the Month - The Robin

The robin is perhaps the most familiar of all our Scottish birds. Their tameness, sometimes verging on the edge of cheekiness, surely endears them to everyone. They also have a strong association with Christmas dating back to the 1860s. When greetings cards became fashionable postmen wore red tunics and were affectionately known as "robins" ! Robins have been a popular choice for Christmas cards ever since. Unlike Victorian postmen, the sole purpose of a robin's red breast is in territory defence. They are one of the few birds which hold a territory all year round. Territory defence can often result in a fight and in some populations up to 10% of all disputes ends in fatal consequences for the intruder. So the perky little chap that waits on the doorstep for food can be really quite nasty if he doesn't get his own way 1

If you would like a leaflet on feeding garden birds or on robins then please contact Maimie Thompson, Public Affairs & Community Liason Officer, RSPB, Etive House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW. Tel-, 01463 715000.

## *Historical Glen*

I came across a old copy of the "Craigellachie" magazine which is the official newsletter of the Clan Grant Society of North America. In it was an article featuring the Grants of Glenmoriston. I have included the article here but as the magazine was dated June 1979 obviously it is not very up-to-date. Perhaps someone could continue the next part of the story from 1979 till the present day ?

### The Grants of Glenmoriston

Although directly descended from the original Lairds of Freuchie in Strathspey, the Glenmoriston branch of the family has remained independent and self-sustaining for 470 years.

The original barony of Glenmoriston included the glen and environs of the river named Moriston, and the area of its confluence with the famous Loch Ness. Today this scenic and picturesque region is a favourite among tourists who enjoy trout and salmon fishing, and those who simply hope to catch a glimpse of the Loch Ness Monster. Regardless of personal motivation, Glenmoriston is one of the most beautiful and awseome areas in all the Highlands and a visit there will ne'er be forgotten. According to tradition, a boundary dispute between the Laird of Glenmoriston and his neighbour, the MacDonnell of Glengarry, was once settled by a wrestling match. Each clan sent its best

wrestler to the contest which was held on the property in question. The Grant champion was victorious and the boundary was established to Glenmoriston's advantage. However, the results of the contest vary depending upon whose newspaper one reads.

The Arms of Grant of Glenmoriston. Matriculated by James Ewen Grant of Glenmoriston, 14th Laird, and confirmed by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, K.C.V.O., Lord Lyon King of Arms, January 13th 1956.



Description of the Arms of Glenmoriston.

SHIELD: Three gold antique crowns on a red background, seperated by a silver fess with an azure-blue sinister bendlet.

ABOVE: A helm befitting his degree with a red mantling doubled gold, and on a red chapeau is placed a rock enflamed proper, accompanied on either side by a branch of Scot's fir.

MOTTO : "Creag Nan Eun"

SUPPORTERS: Dexter, a Scottish deerhound; and Sinister, a raven, both gorged with an antique gold crown.

On December 8th, 1509, John, 2nd Laird of Freuchie, and two of his sons received crown charters for lands in the county of Inverness, from King James IV. The barony of Urquhart was added

to the holdings of the Laird of Freuchie, while Corrimony was awarded to his son, John. At the same time, "Iain Mor" Grant (also known as John Grant of Culcabock in view of other properties he held) received the lands and barony of Glenmoriston for himself and heirs-male. With this charter, Iain Mor became the founder of the family of Glenmoriston.

Today, 470 years later (1979), James Ewen Grant, Baron and 14th Laird of Glenmoriston, is the direct lineal descendant of Iain Mor. Glenmoriston Estate office, established in 1934, manages much of the original territory granted in the charter of 1509. According to family histories, Iain Mor and the early Lairds were men of great physical size and strength. The following traditional anecdote furnished by the present Laird documents this idea:

During a visit to the King at Holyrood, Edinburgh, the 3rd Laird was prompted to accept the challenge of an English champion whose particularly insulting remarks were aimed at anyone who was brave enough to answer his dare. "Iain Mor a Chaisel", as the Laird was called, offered the Englishman his hand, and evidently his grip was so powerful, he broke the hand of the bully and ended his bragging - much to the astonishment and delight of the spectators.

In the latter stages of the 17th century and in the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745, the Grants of Glenmoriston supported the Stuart's attempts at restoration, generally aligning themselves with their neighbours, the Glengarry MacDonnells. In these forlorn campaigns, the family suffered much at the hands of the government troupes, having their homes burned, their livestock driven off, and their lands plundered and confiscated. In the aftermath of both the rebellions of '15 and '45, the family had to wait many years before their lands were restored to them.

In more recent times, during the 19th and 20th centuries, the family repeatedly distinguished itself by furnishing the Empire with men of exemplary administrative skills, especially to colonial India, and perhaps, most notably, men of exceptional leadership abilities and bravery, to the military. This is sadly and quite remarkably born out by the fact that no fewer than seven grand-sons of Captain John Grant (son of the 12th Laird) gave their lives in His Majesty's Service. They are as follows:

- (1) Lt. Col. Iain Patrick Grant, Younger of Glenmoriston, served in the Queen's own Cameron Highlanders, died in Italy, 1945.
- (2) Flt. Lt. Heathcote Andrew Grant, R.A.F., Gibraltar, 1929.
- (3) Maj. Alistair Grant, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, North Africa, 1942.
- (4) Maj. Hugh Murray Grant, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, killed in Civil Service, Kenya, 1946.

- (5) Frank P. Grant, R.A.F., Torbruck, 1942.
- (6) Allan James Grant, 9th Lancers, Tunisia, 1943.
- (7) Flt. Lt. William Astill, D.F.C., Germany, 1943.

Of these young men, and the family of Glenmoriston, it can be truthfull said,

"All you had hoped for, All you had you gave; To save mankind, yourselves you scorned to save."

Historical information included herein was furnished by James Ewen Grant, Laird of Glenmoriston and taken from a manuscript compiled by May Grant.

## *Dulchreichard School*

My name is James John McKay.

I am 9 years old. I have a rabbit and two dogs. My rabbit is called Thumper. One of my dogs is called Max, the other is called Jacko. I lived in Glasgow.



I moved up to Dalchreichart.  
It is a quiet place. I have no brothers and no sisters. My mum is called Ann. My Dad is called Jim.  
James John McKay P.6

On a Tuesday before Christmas we had our school play which was called Rock the Baby. Lots of people came to see us. The characters consist of the Innkeeper, Mary, Joseph, A wise man, Herod, Angel and Shepherd were, I think, excellently played. There were eight songs in the play and one participation song for the audience which was "O Little Town of Bethlehem". The dances involved were "Rockin around the Christmas tree", "The Virginia Reel" and the Spice Girls

"Spice World". There was also tunes played on violins and a cello by Vickie, Cassie and Isla, Cassie MeEwan P.7



Just before Christmas I went to America with Mum, Dad and James. I went to Epcot and I met some cartoon characters. Then I went to Magic Kingdom and we went on Thunder Mountain, the fastest ride in the world. I went to Universal and it was not good because there wasn't any rides to go on. I enjoyed my holiday to America very much.

Sarah Scott P.4

On Tuesday before Christmas we had a party and made place mats. Then we went to play 5 or 7 games. Then we had food and pulled crackers. There were truffles, sandwiches, sausages on sticks, crisps, marshmallows, drink and sweets. We had more games and they were Farmers in the Den, Pass the Parcel, Carrot, Carrot, Carrot, Cabbage, Musical Statues, Blind Mans Bluff. We all won a game each and we had a good time. We all got a ballon and sweets and we went home.

Kirsteen Smith P.7

On Tuesday 19th December we went to a pantomime held at Eden Court. The pantomime was really good starring the Gladiator Siren - Alison Baton and also starring local Moray Firth radio presenter - Tich MaCooey. It was really good. The special effects were excellent where Peter Pan

flew across the stage and took the children with him. The turnout was brilliant with half the audience taken over by Balloch Primary School. We had a box on the right hand side.

Vickie Common P.7



On the quiz night Dulchreichard School had a quiz to raise money. The quiz was for adults and children who came. The quiz was quite long but at last it stopped. Afterwards we all had a raffle and

there were a lot of prizes that were won by the people. At last all the prizes were gone and the raffle had finished. Then we all went and got food and drinks. There were pancakes, rock buns, chocolate muffins and chocolate slab cake to buy. Soon the food was almost finished and so people had started to leave.

Kerri McEwan P.3

Our project was about the Tudor times which was about 400 years ago. We started off with Henry the VIII who was a cruel harsh man. If his wives did not give him a son he would divorce or behead them. Then we learnt about Mary Queen of Scots who was sent away because Henry VIII wanted her to marry his son. He did not get to. She was beheaded in later life. William Shakespere had a very successful life writing plays. He had a wife and two children. We learnt a lot more about the Tudors.

Isla Bisset P.7



# Wittie Ditties

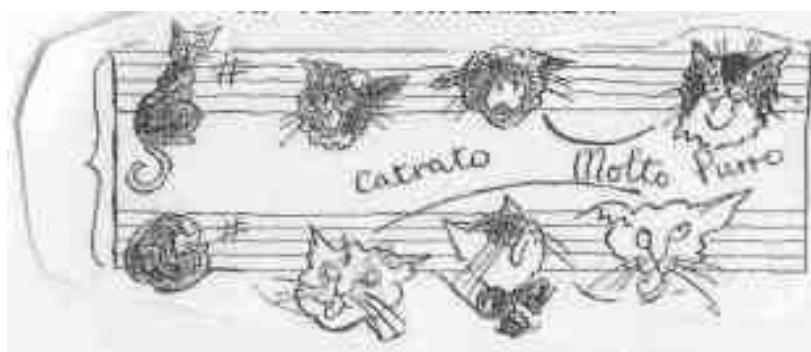
The following song words were received by Audrey Kemp, Dalchreichart from her friend in New Zealand as part of her Christmas letter. The song is entitled "Good Clean Whiskers" and is sung to the tune of "Good King Wenceslas".

Good clean whiskers wash them out  
Comb them straight and even Face is next now turn about  
Back paw, forepaw and then Lightly on the bit that's white

Shining like a jew-el Looking good now do it  
right  
Beauty and renew-ew-al.  
Nap a while then clean a tail  
Dry it by the heater Not too long to make it  
stale  
Smell a little sweeter Sing a washing song of  
fish



Birds and hot perus-al Check reflection in your dish  
'fore it fills with gru-u-el  
Was it whiskers was it ear  
Feel I've done so little Top of head or fluffy rear  
Running short of spittle Can't remember what I've done  
Have a quick review-al Better start again for fun  
Or face ridi-cu-u-le.



The following appeared on a birthday card I received recently.

Hello. Audi you do ? Are you Citroen comfortably ?  
Now, either I'm Daf or just too Cavalier to care, but I reckon



it's no Minor feat to fill a Card with puns. You'll be Cortina trap once you start reading it (Datsun other one 1)  
This is a real Triumph for me, and I'll keep going untill you Rolls Honda floor, pleading for Mercedes; and then the neighbours will shout, "Oi 1 Vauxhall the noise about ? If you scream any Lada, I'll set my Rover on you ! You want a kick up the Astra? Uno what I mean ? What an Estate to get into. They'll probably try to Escort you to the loony bin, shouting "Sierra doctor in the house ?" Well, I don't think I could possibly Fiat any more in, so I'll say, "Thats all Volks !"  
Sorry about all the puns, but I couldn't a Ford a Porsche card, just this Jeep one !



## ***Scottish Childminding Association***

IS CHILDCARE A PROBLEM?

DO YOU REQUIRE CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL OR DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

An Out-of-School Care Childminding Network is being set up for the benefit of working parents and schoolchildren in rural Inverness-shire and Nairn, where there are insufficient numbers to sustain a centre based Out-of-School Club.

A vacancy list of Registered Childminders offering flexible, quality, home based childcare will be available from the co-ordinator. If you would like more information about the service, or are interested in becoming a Registered Childminder, providing an Out-of-School hours service, please contact:

Mary Applegate or Katie Adam The Scottish Childminding Association (Tel. 01463 715545).

You could be placing your child at risk by using unregistered provision.

DO YOU ENJOY THE COMPANY OF YOUNG CHILDREN ?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING YOUR CHILDCARE SKILLS TO PROVIDE HOME BASED OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE ?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT REGISTERED CHILDMINDING ?

Registered childminders take a professional approach to their

work. They require a range of skills to provide a reliable, quality, home-based service.

As with other forms of day-care, Childminders are required to register with the Local Authority Social Services and hold Public Liability Insurance.

The Scottish Childminding Association provides training, advice and support to existing and prospective Childminders. They arrange Preparation Courses for prospective Childminders and follow-on Courses for Registered Childminders in various locations. Informal sessions include:- how to register, taking a professional approach to your work, equal opportunities in childcare, assertiveness, child development and setting limits on children's behaviour.

Anyone who would like further information please telephone:  
Mary Applegate or Katie Adam on 01463 715545

## *The Pony Express*

Just before Christmas the "Pony Express", armed with a full bag of post, set out to trudge through the snow to deliver the cards with a neigh and a seasonal good cheer. The post bag was fuller than ever this year and hopefully everyone appreciated the gesture. Thanks go to Katie and Vickie Common and "Pharoh" (who was most impressed with the polos and carrots thank you very much !) Perhaps some of the children of the village might like to have a similar scheme there this year.



# *Glengarry Ladies Shinty*

The "Garry Gals" have done it again! At a tournament held on their home ground on Sunday 5th October they emerged worthy champions after remaining undefeated throughout, scoring 17 goals and conceding none. Kingussie, Kincaig, Oban and St. Andrews Uni. all put in appearances and, along with Dunadd (Lochgilphead), Aberdeen, Glenurquhart and Strathglass who couldn't make it on the day, have agreed to the setting up of one league if not two, so the ladies game is steadily making progress.

The North league starts in February and consists of Kincaig, Kingussie, Aberdeen, Strathglass, Glenurquhart and Glengarry. We are always on the lookout for new players so if you feel like coming along, we are currently training indoors at Kilchuimen Academy, Fort Augustus on a Wednesday evening from 7.00pm. For further information please contact Catherine Cameron on 01809 501289.



# *Senior Citizen's Party*

The Senior Citizen's Christmas party was held in the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel on Saturday 5th December. Twenty pensioners along with a number of paying guests braved the elements to enjoy an excellent meal which was followed by music from the Doghouse

Ceilidh Band led, as usual, by Allan Common (accordion), Neil Robertson (guitar) and Johnathon Henderson, Fort Augustus (fiddle). Sheila MacLeod gave a fine rendition of some Gaelic Airs.

Many thanks to Christine MacDonald and Annie Girvan for their efforts in making the event such a success.

## ***Glenmoriston Millennium Hall***

You will all have noted the progress on the new hall with the roof complete apart from the finials which were kindly machined from timber salvaged from the old hall by Alan Smart. The roughcast should be completed by the end of February, weather permitting. Plumbers, electricians and joiners are all beavering about inside the building. The contractors assure us they will finish on time (March 5th 1999)

The grand opening of the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall is being planned for the 16th - 18th April 1999. It is to be hoped all the residents of the Glen, friends and visitors alike will be able to enjoy this new facility. KEEP THESE DATES FREE.

An excellent piano has been purchased and, courtesy of the muscle power of Alan Smart and friends, has been moved to its temporary home at Blaraidh. Our grateful thanks go to them and to all the other equipment and furniture "storers" for their continued facilities !



## ***Planning Our Future***

Ever wanted to plan our community ? Planning for Real is your chance.

Do we need more houses, new jobs, better facilities ? Where should these go ? What should we protect ? Everybody has ideas. Everybody's ideas count. Planning for Real gives each one of us the chance to have our say at an evening workshop to be held at the Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus on Thursday 18th February 1999 at 7.30pm.

It couldn't be easier. Just come along and play this exciting new board game !

Planning for Real is a model of our community with cards representing different kinds of development, land uses and actions. All you have to do is choose cards which best represent your ideas and put them on the model at the place you think best. There are blank cards to make your own if needs be. You may feel

strongly about local homes, business development or services; about transport, recreation or amenities; or you may wish to see certain things enhanced, protected or demolished. Whether your ideas are the same as others or different, Planning for Real allows us to state what we - as a community - feel most strongly about.

It is vital as many people as possible take part. Tell your neighbours and let your friends know. It promises to be an enjoyable event with plenty of "craic".

Planning for Real is important. This is a real chance to influence the new Local Plan which the Highland Council is about to start. This will set a framework for our community into the Millennium and a basis for getting things done in the future. Remember, this is our Local Plan. We must help prepare it.

This is our community. It is for all of us to look after it and make sure our needs are met. We have never had a better chance. If you would like further details please ring The Highland Council Planning and Development Service and speak to Colin MacKenzie (Inverness 702261), Tim Stott (Inverness 702265) or Iain Stewart (Inverness 702266)

## *Local News*

HIGHLAND VOLUNTEERING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

If you have the time to give. Volunteering can give you - Enjoyment, Experience, Confidence and Skills. Does your Club or Association need more Volunteers ?

Please get in touch with your newly appointed Volunteer Link agent;

Maureen Ferguson,

Rowan Lea,

Fort Augustus.

PH32 4BW Tel: 01320 366433 (Anytime)

# Quiz Answers

- 1) Nice 15) Garibaldi
- 2) Rich Tea 16) Ace
- 3) Time Out 17) Cream-Cracker
- 4) Lincoln 18) Club
- 5) Jammie Dodger 19) Bourbon
- 6) Ginger Nuts 20) Ascot or Ascot
- 7) Tuc Selection
- 8) Break Away 21) Trio or Triple
- 9) Wagon Wheels 22) Boasters
- 10) Penguin 23) Butter Biscuits or
- 11) Viscount Butter Puffs or
- 12) Rocky Butter Fingers
- 13) Fig Rolls 24) Maryland or Montana
- 14) Kit-Kat

## *Local News*

WELCOME to James John McKay and his family and dogs and rabbits, who have moved up from Glasgow into another new house at Dalchreichart. What a busy little place Dalchreichart is becoming !

WANTED any old photographs of the Glen to borrow to help with the creation of a wall hanging for the Hall. Contact Isobel Anthony in the Post Office or on 340227. Perhaps some of them could be reproduced in the magazine.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Joint Children's Committee and Youth Club meeting has been set for Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm at the Old Post Office, Invermoriston.

Grand opening of the new Glenmoriston Millennium Hall - 16th, 17th and 18th April, 1999. Cancel all previous engagements ! !