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## ALYTH HEALTH CENTRE FLU CAMPAIGN

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Once again an unexpected delay at the printer's has resulted in the late appearance of the 'Voice'. This has meant that notices advertising certain events have appeared after those events have taken place.

To avoid disappointment, therefore, contributors of notices advertising functions should send in their advertisements one month ahead. i.e. advertisements for events that are to take place in

December should be sent in time to appear in November's 'Voice' (21<sup>st</sup> October).



Marguerite McKenzie, Jim McColl, Margaret Aitchison and David Bell at the Awards Ceremony

## Alyth in Bloom

Members of the Alyth in Bloom committee attended the Awards Evening of "Take Pride in Perthshire" held in the Bank of Scotland Business Centre, Cherrybank. The group who are only in their second year, achieved the prize of 3rd place in the category of Small Country Town. The Awards were presented by Jim MacColl of the BBC's Beechgrove Garden.

Councillor Ian Miller, Alyth and Old Rattary, said

" This is a great achievement in such a short period of time for the Committee and it's a just reward for the hard work already been done. It shows what can be achieved by a small group when they have the will to succeed. Their efforts have helped to enhance the appearance of Alyth and I wish them even more success in the future."

I would like to add my thanks to Ian Miller for these encouraging words plus the help and advice he has given us in the past. I would also to thank everyone who helped us this past year with weeding, disposing of weeds, contributing to and assisting at our coffee mornings, printing forms etc, not forgetting the shops who very kindly displayed our posters. A mention also to the shop keepers who made an effort to enhance the town with floral displays.

Hopefully next year we might see a few more flower basket, containers around the other shops! Our thanks also go to David McIntyre of Moyness Blairgowrie, who was our judge for the gardens this year.

*Marguerite McKenzie for Alyth in Bloom*

## “A Royal Start for the Literary Society”

The Alyth Literary Society starts its 2002/3 season on the 15<sup>th</sup> October with a talk from HRH Prince Michael of Albany, a descendant of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Prince Michael who is in great demand as a speaker will talk about the History of the Stuarts. Two weeks later Bill Hendrie, who previously gave a talk on the River Forth, will continue down river and give his thoughts on the Firth of Forth. The 12<sup>th</sup> November brings a cancellation from last year with Alistair Chisholm from Kingoldrum on a charity Bike Ride in Italy. A complete change on the 26<sup>th</sup> November with a talk on how to start researching your family history from Jack Blair from Bridge of Earn. The first half of the programme concludes with supper at the Glenisla Golf Centre, Sir William Macpherson from Newton Castle, Blairgowrie being the guest speaker.

The first talk of the new year is on 14<sup>th</sup> January, when we will be introduced to the Small Isles of the Hebrides by Dr Terry Isles, followed a fortnight later by Steve Murdoch, from Aberdeen with a talk on the Emigration of the Scots. The Annual General Meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 after which Joe Richards from Coupar Angus will reveal the secrets of the Gold of the Incas, an illustrated account of his time in Peru. Our last speaker, on 25<sup>th</sup> February, will be Andy Carroll of British Waterways whose subject will be, appropriately, Canals, a topical subject with the recent opening of the Falkirk Wheel. The season will be wound up in the traditional manner with an evening of Scottish music and song on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The meetings of the Literary Society are open to members and non-members. Any enquiries should be made to Bill Davidson on 01828 632001.

The Editor: Alyth Voice

Sir,

On Behalf of Alyth Youth Partnership I would like to thank the Management of the Alyth Golf Club for the generous donation of a pool table.

We now have two pool tables & hope to run tournaments for out young people through the autumn and winter.

Yours faithfully  
Caroline Shiers  
Treasurer, AYP

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**In Order to avoid disappointment please ensure that Articles/ Ads for publication are submitted by 21st day of each month.**

**Note: The views expressed in the Alyth Voice are not necessarily those of the Editors, nor can they accept any responsibility for accuracy/spelling of any article.**

## ALYTH & DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Office Bearers and Committee Members after the Committee meeting on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2002

### Office-Bearers

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### Committee

Mr. S. Eno, Mr. D. Brough, Mrs. R. Hognadottir and Mrs. J. McGill

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2002

October 12th	Coffee Morning-Alyth Gala Day-
October 15th	Alyth Lit Society -History of the Stuarts HRH Prince Michael of Albany
October 19th	Coffee Morning- St. Ninians Church
October 26th	Coffee Morning-Alyth Scouts
October 26th	Alyth in Bloom Presentation-Lesser Hall
October 29th	Alyth Lt Society- The Firth of Forth-Bill Hendrie
November 8th	Cealidh Dance-“Raise the Roof” fund
November 12th	Alyth Lit Society- Bike ride in Italy- Alistair Chisholm
November 26th	Alyth Lt Society- Researching your family tree- Jack Blair
November 30th	Coffee Morning-Alyth out of School Club
November 30th	Charity Tables on Victoria Day



Please send us details of your events for the diary...

## Charity Tables on Victorian Day

Would any charity or charitable group who would wish to have a fund raising table, on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, Victorian Day, in the Airlie Street Hall between 12.30 p.m. and 4.30. p.m. Please contact Michael Kay, Chairman of Alyth & District Business Association, on 01828 632252 or 01828 632690, who have rented the hall for this purpose. There will be no charges made as Alyth & District Business Association will pay the cost of the Airlie Street Hall rental. It is hoped that anyone taking part will be willing to be attired in dress from the Victorian period.



## Congratulations to Scott Strachan

On being selected to play for Scotland under 25 Bowlers in Belfast. Scotland lost to Wales but defeated Northern Ireland and England. to receive the Tom McIlvenna Trophy. Scott can still play for another 2 years at this level.

WELL DONE SCOTT  
Scoob

## A SPECIAL VISITOR

Mr Alfred Anderson, our oldest resident and now officially Scotland's oldest man, had a very special visitor recently when Prince Charles called in at his home in Isla Road for a cup of tea and a chat. Now 106 years old, Mr Anderson served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Black Watch during the First World War alongside two of the late Queen Mother's brothers - Patrick, Lord Glamis, and Fergus Bowes-Lyon. The very private visit was co-ordinated and hosted by the Rev Neil Gardner, himself a former chaplain to the Black Watch. "The Prince of Wales was fascinated by Mr Anderson's memories of the First World War in general and of two of his Great Uncles in particular", commented Mr Gardner. "He stayed for 45 minutes, much longer than I had expected, but Mr Anderson coped brilliantly and seemed quite unfazed by the heir to the throne sitting on his settee!"



## Rainbows

will start again after the October break on Friday 25th October at 6pm in the guide hut.

For more information contact-  
Catherine Chalmers, Unit /Guider On 633825



## Gliding



On the 1st of September five cadets from 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron, Cadet Craig Handford and Cadet Duncan Telford (both from Luncarty), Cadet Mark Harper (Blairgowrie), Cadet Brian Duncan and Cadet Christopher Gordon (both from Alyth) accompanied by Flying Officer M. Kay and Civilian Instructor Paul Prettyman journeyed to R.M.Condor for gliding.

When they arrived at R.M.Condor they met up with another four cadets and one member of staff from 2163 (Auchtermuchty) Squadron who had also been allocated gliding launches. After a briefing on the expected weather conditions, circuits to be used, possibility of Royal Flights, air safety, etc, a video of the Viking glider and its controls was shown.

At this point they all journeyed out to the airfield and were shown how to attach the launching strop, how to hold the wing tips and what to do at launch time when the glider is winched up into the air.

Then one at a time each cadet was kitted up with a parachute then into the glider and away they went.

All cadets from 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron undertook a G.I.C.1 (gliding induction course 1) which consists of one familiarisation flight, one flight-covering pitch-using elevators and there last flight-covering roll using ailerons. Three Cadets from 2163 (Auchtermuchty) Squadron undertook a G.I.C.2, which is as a G.I.C. 1 but with an extra flight-covering yaw using the rudder. While the final cadet from 2163 (Auchtermuchty) Squadron undertook a G.I.C. 3 which is as a G.I.C. 2 but involves been shown the stall characteristics of the Viking glider. All the cadets cannot wait for their next gliding experience.

If the above interests you and you are between the ages of 13 years old to 18 years old come along any Monday or Wednesday evening between 7.00.p.m. and 9.00.p.m. to 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron, T.A.V.R.A.Building, Union Street, Blairgowrie and speak to the Commanding Officer, Adjutant or

## The Golden Jubilee Teddy Bears Trail

The Golden Jubilee Teddy Bears Trail sponsored by Alyth & District Business Association was a resounding success this year with so many entries

The winning entry's were drawn at the September sub-committee meeting were:-

1st Prize a large Bunny Rabbit to Jamie Docherty, Rosefield Road, Kirriemuir.

Consolation Prize a small Teddy Bear to Serena Alexander, Beech Court , Alyth

Thanks must be expressed to Mrs. J. McGill for the compiling of the Golden Jubilee Teddy Bear Trail competition sheet, Mrs Flo McNeil for supplying all the paper and prizes, Alyth Post Office, Paul's Spar Commercial Street and A.V.I.D. for issuing the entry forms, Mr S. Eno, Camno Workshop for collecting all the completed entry forms, to all the 35 Business Establishments for their involvement and their Teddy Bear displays, and to all who had entered.

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Many thanks to my friends who came along to help count the money (mainly in 1p, 2p and 5p coins) from each individual box and to the many loyal supporters of Barnardo's in the town.

If anyone would like a box or has a box in the house from the time the children were at school and would like to bring it back into use please contact me Dorothy Lothian on Tel no 632456



*Alyth Out of School Club*  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Airlie Street Hall**  
**Saturday 30th November**  
**10 am -12 noon**



**If you have any query regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Sheena Fotheringham on Tel no 01828 633589**

*Alyth Gala Day*  
**Coffee Morning**  
**12th October 2002**  
 in  
**Airlie Street Hall**  
**10 am -12 noon**



**Adults 80p Children 40p**

**Alyth Scout Group**  
 (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts)  
**Coffee Morning**  
 in  
**Airlie Street Hall Alyth**  
 on  
**Saturday 26th October**



**Adults 70p**  
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## Thanks

Ian and Isobel Fotheringham would like to thank there Family for the Surprise Party they held in the Alyth Bowling Club for our 40th Wedding Anniversary.

We would also like to thank all the people that were there for making it such a great night and for all the cards presents and donations for Parkinson's Disease which was £270 thanking you all

Mrs and Mrs Fotheringham.

## Coffee Morning

**St Ninian's Episcopal Church**  
**On Saturday 19th October**  
 at  
**Airlie Street Hall**  
**10 am—12 noon**



**Alyth in Bloom**  
**Garden Trophy Presentation**  
**Saturday 26th October 2002**  
**2 pm**



**Lesser Town Hall**  
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*Thus, thanks are due tae oor local Councillor Ian Miller for having removed the detritus (a BIG pile of tyres) of some anti-social cretin, and a very pungent deer carcass, dumped in a car park there.*

*Josi frae "Top O' Toon"*

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## ALYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2002

In continuation of the successful and firmly established Alyth Citizen/Young Citizen of the Year Awards the Community Council invites nominations for 2002/03. Any person from the Alyth area or immediate vicinity will be eligible.

In making their choice from nominations received the Community Council will have particular regard to those who have given freely of their time to help others in the Community, have worked for the betterment of Alyth or perhaps in their everyday work have constantly gone beyond the call of duty or have been noteworthy in some other way.

Please complete a form with your nominations for both Citizen and/or Young Citizen of the Year.

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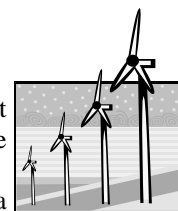
Little progress to report, it is now understood that planning submission is now unlikely to be before December this year.

The Community Council decided to create a small sub-committee led by Cllrs R Stewart and J McLean together with co-opted, experienced members of the public to ensure that the Town is suitably recompensed should the project proceed.

Anyone with experience of such matters who wishes to be involved should contact either of the above Councillors at the earliest opportunity.

It is stressed that this is not a Committee set-up to oppose construction of the site, but to ensure that the Town will benefit if it proceeds.

Committee members names will be published in the next edition of the Voice



## Article for Alyth Voice for October 2002

by Paul Ramsay



Autumn is here again and red squirrels are fattening on nuts and seeds: freshly stripped scales of Norway spruce cone, scattered over tree stumps, being evidence of this. The swallows have left for their wintering grounds in sub-Saharan Africa and by the time you read this we shall have heard the sounds of the first geese returning from their northern breeding stations.

One morning, as I walked out, blackbirds cried out in alarm as I disturbed them gorging on rowan berries. Later, a fox jumped through a gate and trotted towards me. I stood still and watched it through my binoculars. Closer and closer it came and the earlier grey brown of its coat became a brilliant russet that contrasted with the white fur at its throat. When would it scent me and turn back? About twenty yards away the fox stopped, looked towards me and made a side step. Still it didn't run, but trotted a few more steps off its earlier line of advance, and then the sound of a human voice reached us. Someone was shouting at a disobedient dog: the fox turned about and fled.

You might think from this that my walks are always full of incident, but this is not so and sometimes the thought of trailing up in the morning to feed the wild boar is oppressive. There is enough of interest, nonetheless. Autumn is a great season for fungi and I have been noticing Wax Caps. I first noticed them two or three weeks ago, but couldn't place them in my mind. Then, wondering about them, the name 'Wax Cap' came to mind. A couple of days later I photographed the fungi and compared the result with the illustrations in Roger Phillips's great mushroom book: they were Blackening Wax Caps (*Hygrocybe nigrescens*), orangey red caps, turning black with time. A couple of days later I saw another species of Wax Cap: a brilliant group of scarlet fungi, nearby.

The water level has been dropping slightly in the pond during the dry spell of the last fortnight. However, the dam that the beavers have built at the outlet is ensuring that the loss of water is much less than it would have been in the past. This is one of the reasons why beavers are so important as managers of fresh water habitats: their dams retain moisture in time of drought and hold back the flood in time of rain and winter thaw.

This a specially busy season for beavers as it is for squirrels. They lay in supplies for the winter, and then mostly stay quietly in the shelter of their lodges until spring returns. In countries where rivers and lochs ice over it is important for beavers to store branches and twigs of willow, birch, poplar and aspen, and other suitable broad-leaved trees, under water before the freeze up comes. Then, after the pond or river have iced over, they can leave their lodges, pick up stored branches from the bottom of the pond, and take them home to strip off the bark and eat it at leisure without having to brave the dangerous world above the ice. The experience of the last fifteen or so years tells me that we are unlikely to have a long enough cold spell for the ponds to be frozen over for long. In all likelihood the beavers shouldn't have any problem in getting out and about through the greater part of the winter, but these are things that the animals will have to learn for themselves. In the meantime, however, they continue to be as busy as if they were still in their native Norway.



## Jubilee Tree

Jubilee Eventers have chosen the tree, a Pine Oak, to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It will be planted on **2nd Nov** at the memorial in Alyth. The ceremony will take place at approx. **11am** with local conservationist, Laird, and editor of the "Voice" Paul Ramsay in attendance.

All are welcome to attend as the tree is "From the people of Alyth"

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEB SITE

WEB: <http://alyth.8bit.co.uk>



A WEB site is currently under construction for the Community Council and it is hoped that it will embrace many topics and links as did the Alyth Voice site which has been on-line for a number of years and needs to be updated/modernised/replaced.

The current WEB address is: <http://alyth.8bit.co.uk> and direct contact can be made with the designer via the site.

Please pay it a visit, we will be glad of any comment and endeavour to include any sensible ideas or a link to your own site then please let us know - an enquiry via any community councillor or the Voice Editorial staff will suffice to put you in touch.

## Alyth Amateurs Football Club

Diamond Jubilee Park, Alyth, Perthshire, PH11 8AR

### Press Release: September 2002

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The town of Alyth in north-east Perthshire has a long and proud football tradition. At one time, the Diamond Jubilee Park, was the home to no less than 3 football clubs.

Whilst Alyth are displaying some of good form recently, there is a feeling in the club that we would like to take the chance to celebrate the successes, joys (and woes!) of Alyth football of the past.

So the club is planning to organise a dinner for former players, officials and supporters of Alyth clubs. Whilst preparation for the dinner is at an early stage, the date that is being considered is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2003. We would very much hope that past players, officials and supporters will contact us so that we can gauge how much interest there is in this function.

At the same time as the dinner, it is hoped to put on a display of photos, match reports and other memorabilia related to football in Alyth.

Would anyone interested in attending the dinner or supplying photos, articles etc. please contact:-

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Vice President

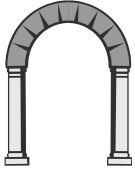
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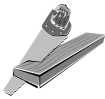
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