

Alyth Voice

AVID, Pitnacree St, Alyth PH11 8DY
Tel: 01828 632 339

63rd Edition, September 2002
Minimum Circulation 1200

E-Mail paulramsay@bamff.demon.co.uk
or freida.murray@ntlworld.com

Email: info@alythvoice.com
Website: www.alythvoice.com

Alyth Parking, Speeding, Pedestrians, Pavements



Several locals including members of the Community Council and the Regional Councillor were invited to the inaugural meeting of a Traffic Management Review with the Roads & Transport Services of P&K Council in the Town Hall on the 26th August. This was the first meeting to discuss ways and means to improve matters within the Town.

Many areas were discussed including:

New Alyth—Speed control, Lighting and the Airlie place—New Alyth footpath.

Alyth—Meigle Rd, Airlie St, Primary School access—both sides, Bamff Road, Junction of Meethill & Loyal Road, Springbank, Commercial St, Market Square, Barrel Wynd, Wylies Brae. Let us have your thoughts on any of the above plus other areas which concern you.

Many suggestions were tabled BUT the P&K Roads Dept would also like to hear direct from you, the user—Do you have any suggestions, ideas or whatever which could be seriously considered during this debate.

Please note that this review has nothing whatever to do with the proposed Windfarm.

The next meeting will be in November and before then they would like to hear from you.

Please write, phone or e-mail:

Mr Gordon Drysdale
R,T & A S.

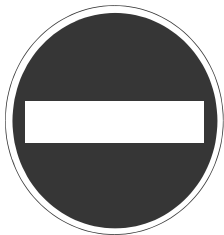
Pullar House

35 Kinoull St

PERTH PH1 5GD

Tel: 01738 476515

E-Mail: gmdrysdale@pkc.gov



Your Chance to have Your Say

STAY WARM the new deal for Pensioners

Pensioners will be able to benefit this winter from a new deal offering then unlimited heating at cut-price rates.

Staywarm is a social action scheme and was launched by Energy Minister Brian Wilson M.P, in response to fuel poverty in the UK.

It is a low cost “no frills” service exclusively for the over 60’s which offers peace of mind by allowing the customer to use as much energy as they need for a fixed low cost, this eliminates the worry felt by people about high fuel cost and uncertainty of the size of their fuel bills.

The scheme is powered by TXU, one of the largest energy companies in the UK and they are committed to providing electricity and gas at affordable prices to the people that need it most, making worrying about electricity and gas bills through the cold winter months a thing of the past.

Staywarm is a unique energy service designed exclusively for the over -60s.

All the electricity and gas you need will be provided at one low fixed price, even on the coldest days.

At the end of the year you will not be asked for a single penny extra to cover the previous year’s energy consumption, even if you’ve used more to meet the comfort condi-

tions you need.

The cost of Staywarm is based on the number of bedrooms your home has and the number of people who live in it. You can pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly, either by Direct Debit or by cash/cheque at the Post Office.

You can join Staywarm if:

- **You, or someone in your home is over 60 years of age**
- **You have three bedrooms or less**
- **Four people or less live in your home**
- **Energy is used only for domestic usage**

Dave Watson, your local “Staywarm” contact, would be happy to advise any individual by telephone, or attend any group meetings to fully explain the benefits of the “Staywarm” scheme.

For more information contact Dave on-

**Home—
01738 551450**

**Mobile—
07720490742**

Prices shown below are weekly charges including VAT and there are no other hidden costs.

Prices shown are for the total gas and electricity used or in rural areas electricity only.

Scotland Weekly Pricing Plan

No of People	1	2	3
	Bed	Bed	Bed
1	£8.00	£10.00	£11.50
2	£9.80	£11.80	£13.50
3	£10.50	£13.50	£15.00
4	£11.00	£14.00	£16.00

Alyth Area Tenants Association

At the July meeting held in the Ogilvy Rooms, issues raised included; the field at the end of Springbank Road, was it designated for building?

Councillor Ian Miller confirmed that planning permission had been granted some five years ago but no further action has been taken. Concern was voiced at the continued vacant tenancies in Alyth, two in Springbank Road and three in Smythe Street. The area office in Blairgowrie say the waiting list in Alyth is very short and all eligible applicants have been considered for them. The state of the gardens was also called in question. However the council claim the gardens of empty houses are added to the grass cutting list. It was pointed out that the Park house (Jubilee Park) was empty. Councillor Miller said it would soon be going up for sale. Concern was expressed at the toilets being closed during the summer in the Jubilee Park, reason being we were informed was drainage problems.

Improvements to the Jubilee Park play area appeared to have been badly planned, coinciding exactly with the school summer holidays.

Other issues raised included; bottles and broken glass, especially in the park, horse riders using the park, dog fouling, insufficient litter bins, state of public toilets in Mill Street, especially for visitors.

It was mentioned progress with the library/rent office seemed to be very slow.

Perth & Kinross Council have been awarded £2.4 million from the Scottish Executive, with some of this Alyth have been promised, repairs to the pavements in the Isla Road, Hazel Court, Elm Court, Beech Court, and Market Street areas and also the footpaths to New Alyth. Chairman thanked all tenants for their support and especially Jean Henderson for standing in as secretary at short notice.

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. and will take place on Wednesday 25th September 02 in the Ogilvie Rooms at 8 pm.

David Chalmers
Chairman

Alyth Voice Editorial Team

Paul Ramsay	632992	Editor
Jessie McLean	632684	Treasurer/Advertising
Margaret Mackenzie		Advertising
Marjory Macpherson		Advertising
Barbara Prettyman	633725	News
Jim O'Brien	632484	IBM Voice material/website
Will Burns Brodie MBE	632684	Scanning/ Printing
Freida Murray	632545	Layout/Typing

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.

Scouting Update

It has been a busy summer for the helpers of the Scout Group. Over a five week period the Scout Hut has been repainted and is now looking in excellent condition.

My thanks to everyone who took part, members of the committee, Leaders, Scouts and ex-members of the Troop who gave so willingly of their time. It was hard work, but the reward of seeing the hall in pristine condition made it all worthwhile. Well done everyone.

We have been very fortunate in getting some assistance from ex-Scouts, some who were involved in the original restoration of the hut some 30 years ago. We still have more to do and would welcome anyone interested to get in touch.

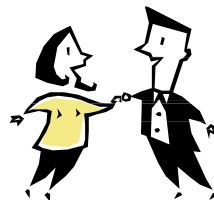
Our present committee are looking for assistance in running the fund raising events which have been very successful over the last two years, but is now depleted in numbers. The work they do is vital to the existence of the group and I congratulate them all on their achievements.

All the sections will be starting soon with a new training programme which will provide challenges for us all. Of particular note is the formation of a new section, the Explorers, which is designed for the 14 - 18 year olds. Norman West has kindly agreed to start up this new section -more information to follow.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Alyth public for their continued support of the Scout Group. Your help has made it possible to keep our group healthy. But you only get out what you put in and I look forward to a continuation of the same. If you can help either directly with the Sections or help provide the adult support in the running of the Group please get in touch.

We are also looking for people to join our 200 club, which is a major fund raiser for the Group, you never know you might win!!!!!!

Yours sincerely
Ron Kirkpatrick



Alyth Scout Group

Stovie Dance

Friday 27th Sept
8 -midnight
Alyth Town Hall
With

Benacally
(Jake Donelly)
(Bar) -Tickets £5

from Dot McNee (632560) or Ron Kirkpatrick (633962)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN ALYTH 2002

September 6th	Deck Chairs -in aid of Helen's Fund
September 6th	Alyth Rainbows re-starts
September 7th	Coffee Morning-Alyth Dist. Alzheimer carers
September 12th	Scottish Country Dancing
September 21st	Guild Autumn Fayre -Alyth Parish Church
September 27th	Stovie Dance-Alyth Scouts
September 28th	Coffee Morning-Hospital Car Service
October 26th	Coffee Morning-Alyth Scouts
November 8th	Cealidh Dance-"Raise the Roof" fund

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

ALYTH & DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Office Bearers and Committee Members after the Committee meeting on Thursday the 15th of August 2002

Office-Bearers

Chairperson Mr. Michael Kay Telephone Alyth 632252/632690
e-mail mike@atcalyth.freeserve.co.uk
Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Flo McNeil Telephone Alyth 632986
Secretary /Treasurer Mrs. Nancy Kay Telephone Alyth 632690

Committee

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

Squirrels Emporium Market Street Alyth

You'd have to be nuts not to come visit us (Ronnie & Kate). We're "OPEN ALL HOURS" and we have the largest selection around of Second Hand /Antiques /Collectables including Gramophones, Records, Musical Instruments, Furniture (modern and old) Lamps, Wee things. Very realistic prices to suit everyone. We buy and sell exchange—swap too—you can become a Squirrel as well by calling us on

07732 707368 or 01828 632238



*Glenfermate Estate
Enochilbu, Blairgowrie PH10 7PL
Tel: 01250 881 215
Fax: 01250 881 780
E-mail: sales@glenfermate.com*

Beef, Lamb & Venison

Direct from a Local Perthshire Farm
delivered to your door

Bred here and raised naturally with no intensive rearing, hormones or additives. Properly hung, cut and prepared on the farm. Just good meat that is tender and full of flavour with no fancy seasonings needed to give it taste. The venison is from our own wild deer from the same hills that the sheep and cattle graze.

If you are not satisfied, we will replace or refund in full.

BEEF PACK **£35**

3x450g (1lb) Steak Mince
3x450g Diced Shoulder
1kg Topside Rst
1kg Silverside Rst.
450g Braising Stk
230g Frying Stk.
450g Stk Saus. 450g Lorne Saus,
1 Pack Steak Burgers (1/4lb)

LAMB PACK **£30**

Leg of Lamb appx 1.5kg (3lb)
1kg (2lbs) Rolled Shoulder
450g Diced Shoulder
4 Dble loin chops
4 Leg Steaks
4 Noisettes
1 Pack Lamb Burgers (1/4 pounders)

BBO PACK **£25**

2 Packs of Stk Burgers 1 Pack of Lamb Burgers
1 Pack of Venison Burg. 1 Pack of Pork & Apple Burg.
1 Pack of Stk Saus. 450g 1 Pack Lamb Saus. 450g
1 Pack Venison Saus 450g 1 Pack Pork Saus. 450g
450g Lamb Stks appx 4 1 kg Frying Stks appx.6

PLUS FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR

We deliver every Friday in the Alyth Area

For more information, a price list, or to place an order, contact us, by Telephone, Fax, or E-mail



LOCAL CADETS ATTEND WINDERMERE ADVENTURE CAMP



Flight Sergeant Gavin Turnbull and Cadet Christopher Gordon who reside in Alyth and are enrolled cadets in 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron had a fantastic week, from the 10th to the 17th of August, at Windermere Adventure Camp.

They were there with 23 other cadets and staff from Dundee & Central Scotland Wing. The cadets undertook many duties such as cooking their own food, cleaning their own billets and general husbandry under the watchful eye of a member of the supervising staff.

During the week they undertook orienteering and navigation exercises in which they had to plan routes giving map references, distances, bearings etc, and then undertake the planned exercise such as walking up The Old Man of Coniston, Langdales and climbing Hellvelyn. Cadets also took part in; indoor rock climbing and abseiling down an indoor man made rock face at Kendal, outdoor rock climbing, pony trekking in the hills, kayaking on Coniston Water, canoeing and mountain biking over a difficult long course.

A Sergeant from the Mountain Rescue supervised indoor survival and team games on some evenings.

It was a hard challenging week for both cadets, but they would love to do it again.

If the above interests you and you are between the ages of 13 and 18 years old come along to 2519 (Strathmore) Sqd, Union Street, Blairgowrie between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00. p.m. any Monday or Wednesday and speak to the Staff and Cadets.

ALYTH RAINBOWS

Alyth Rainbows will start again on Friday 6th September from 6 pm till 7.15 pm in the Guide Hut.

The **Rainbows** cater for 5 –7 year olds and have a variety of activities on offer.

Why not give it a try, it's great fun

We look forward to seeing old and new Rainbows

The cost is now £1.50 per week

For more information contact-

Catherine Chalmers, Unit Guider on 633825

Alyth Youth Partnership

AYP would like to thank staff and customers of Marini's Fish & Chip Shop for Rising £12 in a loose change collection Every Penny Counts

Thank you

Alyth District Alzheimer Carers Support Group

Our Annual Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 7th September**.

With the proceeds from our last Coffee Morning, we donated a TV & Video to the Princess Royal Trust Care Centre at Blairgowrie, which has been a great success. We continue to purchase Memory Boards, Baby Alarms, Incontinence Pads, Aids and new on the market, 2 x Seal Alarms, these help to lighten the load from "Carers" and the "Cared for" We had hoped to buy a respite bed but as this has to be for a minimum of one year & would cost approx £15,000 this remains a pipe dream or an awful lot of Coffee Mornings!!!!

Classic Car Interiors

Cambridge St
Alyth, Perthshire. PH11 8AW
Tel: 01828 632974

All aspects of car trimming, redying, leather seats, new hoods, carpets etc... old and new cars catered for.

We do a full upholstery work e.g. dining chairs, stools, new foam cushions.

Call in, or telephone for more information

DAVIDSON CHEMIST

9 Airlie Street, ALYTH.
Tel 632302

Prescriptions dispensed
Delivery service available

**HOPE PARK HOUSE
BLAIRGOWRIE**

Residential home for older people
DAY CARE
LONG STAY CARE
SHORT STAY CARE (respite)
SEPARATE DEMENTIA UNIT

Tel: 01250 872349 for details of charges
and arrangements to view

COLIN & CATHY FORD

ARE NOW OPEN AT
Number 5 Toutie Street
Alyth

CHIROPODY
SUGARING, FACIALS
EYELASH/BROW TINTING
PEDICURE, MANICURE
by CREATIVE NAILS

For an Appointment
Tel: 01828 632297

RENDEZVOUS

(Margaret's)

****HAIRDRESSER****

59 Airlie Street, Alyth. Tel: 632097

Open Tues - Sat

Gift Vouchers

P C Consumables

Ink Cartridges, Photo Papers
CDR & Accessories

Visit our website for the full range of
products www.gfsupplies.co.uk

or call for a pricelist

45 Airlie St Alyth

Tel: 01828 633346

Email: lesley@gfsupplies.co.uk

Thinking about learning to drive!
Worried about the theory test!
Don't be, Get all the information you
Need, mock theory tests, CDROM.
Call Gladys on 01828 632135
Pennycook Driving School
Clar-Innis, Meigle Rd, Alyth PH11 8EX

VERY HIGH PASS RATE

**AIRLIE GARAGE
ALYTH**

Telephone: 01828 633363

**QUALITY USED CARS FOR
SALE**

**SERVICING: MECHANICAL
REPAIRS, WELDING, MOT REPAIRS
& PAINT WORK**

ALL TYPES OF
VEHICLES INCLUDING
CARS, COMMERCIALS
& 4X4'S



FULL OR PART CAR
VALETING
STEAM CLEAN ENGINES & UNDER
BODY

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICED &
REPAIRED. GARDEN TRACTORS,
ROTARY MOTORS ETC..

**FREE COLLECTION & DELIVERY
SERVICE**

NEW IMAGE

Come and see Our New Stock of
Kitchen and Household Items
Now stocking children's toys and
games

Also DIY Tools

Pop in and look around

SECOND TIME ROUND

3 Commercial St, Alyth

**CLASSIC RESTORATIONS
WEDDING HIRE**

Pitnacree St,
Alyth, Tel:
01828 633293

Let us make your day extra special
with our unique collection of classic
Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, Bentley
Mk V1 & Jaguar Mk 1X.

"LYNDEA"

Beautician

&

Complementary Therapist

Based in Alyth, Perthshire.

Mobile visits available

Specialising in the application of

skin camouflage to provide

temporary waterproof

concealing of tattoos and non

infectious skin disorders includ-

ing scarring, birthmarks, port

wine stains, vitiligo etc.

(Medical referrals welcomed)

Extensive range of body & facial

beauty treatments.

Special Wedding packages

available

Holistic /Therapies include-

Aromatherapy

Reiki

Therapeutic Massage

Indian Head Massage

Sports Massage

Swedish Massage

Touch Therapy

Hopi Ear Candling

Reflexology

Hand/Foot Massage

Back-care Massage

For appointments -

Telephone:- 01828 632820/640578

ITEC BAPTAC MGPBT BASC

**DAVID SIM
IRONMONGER**

For all those household and Garden needs
Crystal and Border Fine Art

Garden Centre Now Open
Large selection of Shrubs & Perennials

We promise a friendly, familiar welcome
and an excellent service.

Tel: 01828 632309

Public Notices

DOGGIES DAY OUT

On Sunday 21st July, Tasmin the guide dog puppy and myself has a lovely day on our sponsored walk round Scone Palace. We would like to thank neighbours friends and family for sponsoring us. A special thank you to Nan White for having a sponsor sheet in her shop. You all helped to raise £174.50. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Billy Gordon for donating used stamps, these are sold to stamp collectors to raise money for guide dogs, I am grateful to Billy and his customers who collected the stamps.



Thank you once again
Dot Appleby –and Tasmin

For “HELEN’S FUND”
ATHOLL PLAYERS
PRESENT

“DECKCHAIRS”
By Jean McConnell

On Friday 6th September
At Alyth Town Hall

Tickets, priced £5 (inc. glass of wine), from the Health
Centre or on the door.

All proceeds to “Helen’s Fund”

RACE FOR LIFE

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me for the Race For Life at Camperdown Park in Dundee. I raised £111 for Cancer Research UK.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to my teacher Mrs Pauline Alexander who ran with me, and whose help and encouragement enabled me to complete the 5 km course in just over 30 minutes. Thank you

Yours sincerely
Catherine Gordon
11 years old.

CEILIDH DANCE

(MIXED DANCING –OLD TIME, MODERN,
SCOTTISH CEILIDH)
TO BE HELD ON

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2002

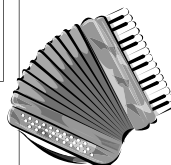
IN ALYTH TOWN HALL
IAN CRUICKSHANKS BAND
TICKETS £5.00(DANCERS)
£2.00 (SPECTATORS)

ADMISSION TICKET ONLY
SUPPER INCLUDED

THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER OR
NAMES AND MONEY CAN BE GIVEN TO

IRENE CRUICKSHANKS
TEL-01828 632730

**ALL PROCEEDS TO
ALYTH CHURCH
“RAISE THE ROOF”
FUND**



Scottish Country Dancing

SCOTTISH
COUNTRY DANCING
STARTS ON

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
7.30 PM

IN
AIRLIE STREET HALL

£2 PER NIGHT

ALL WELCOME

TEL: 632939 or 632929



Owners In the Dog House

There are still dogs going about on their own, and I think all dogs should be on a lead. Going through Burnside Court they should be on a lead at all times. Owners should not allow their dogs to make a mess without cleaning it up

ANON

**Alyth Parish Church
Guild Autumn Fayre
Saturday 21st September 2002
10 am to 11.30 am
Airlie Street Hall**

Ian Miller Local Councillor. SURGERY AT ALYTH TOWN HALL

(Old Council Chambers) on 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7.00PM

OR CONTACT BY Tel: SNP OFF: 01250 876576 Home 01250 873304

P&K Council Tel: 01738 475018 E-Mail: imiller@pkc.gov.uk

THE SUN SHINES ON ALYTH ART FESTIVAL & STREET MARKET

Saturday 10th August was a lucky choice weather wise for the Art Festival/ Street Market held by the Crooked Dreele & Con-cealed Hinge Society and mainly due to the sun shining a good crowd turned out.

The Photographic Competition judged by Pete Wishart MP was won by Alan MacFarlane with John White taking second and third place. Congratulations to them both.

Winners of the **Bonnie Baby Competition**—
under 1 year age group—Ben Milne
1-2 year age group—Charlotte Hunter Franks.
All the entrants were Bonnie and it was a very hard job for the judges.

Knobbly Knees winner was Bryan Young and in second place was George Grant –not sure whether we should say congratulations or commiserations in this case.

C.D.&C.H.S wish to thank the following people :-
Classic Restorations for the use of their yard , also help with dance platform materials and Ron Tripney and Ricky Don for putting it together.
T.C Commercials for the use of their forecourt.
Davidson & Son Chemist for sponsoring the Bonnie Baby Competition and Margaret and Jim Muir of New Image who sponsored the Knobbly Knees Competition.
Citizen of the year Jessica Edwards for judging the Bonnie Baby and Knobbly Knees Competitions along with Royal Teddy (Louise Thomson). Jean Redgrave & students of Alyth Art School for all their input for the Art Festival.

Linda Grant and her dancers for entertaining.

Thanks also to everyone who helped at the Ogilvie Rooms and at the Photographic Competition venue over the Saturday and Sunday, and all those who came along to support the events.

Last but not least a real big thank you to Kevin Smith who kept everyone entertained with his music and humour.

The Salvation Army Annual Appeal

After a two year break from door to door collecting in Alyth we are hoping to once again commence this very necessary task to enable the army to continue it's social work in this country. Whilst the army's work is already extensive there is always more help needed and new services to be provided. In September 2000 the Guardian newspaper highlighted the potential crisis faced by the Salvation Army, which threaten the organisations future role as "The Guardian Angel of Britain's Homeless, Poor and Needy". The Salvation Army relies entirely upon funding from public donations to meet the growing welfare needs in so-ciety-in 2000. The services in the West Midlands alone cost £2.3 million!!!. The gap between what is needed and what the gov-ernment provided continues to grow.

As a charity, the Salvation Army is extremely efficient—approximately 93p in every £1 raised goes directly to the cause.

The Salvation Army is an International Christian Church work-ing in 108 countries Worldwide. As a registered charity, The Salvation Army demonstrates it's Christian principles through social welfare provision. The Salvation Army in the UK has 840 local church centres, 85 social service centres with 5,662 em-ployees including S.A offices (ministers), these include 49 centres for single homeless people, 18 centres for the elderly, 6 substance misuse centres, prison visiting services and a family tracing service, handling 5,000 cases annually with a success rate of 83%.

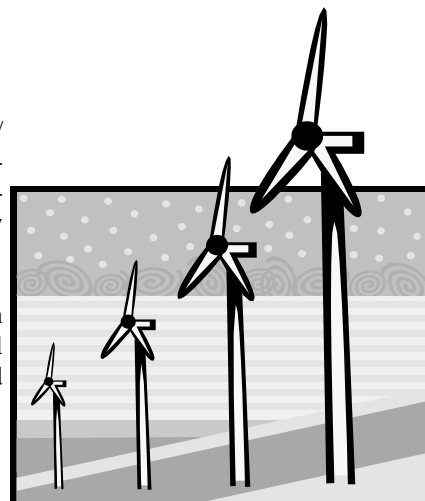
As you can see from this short summary, the need is great, so as the local Salvationist who organises the annual appeal in this area, I ask that if anyone would be willing to collect in their street, would you please contact me on— 01250 870692 (BT An-swer service) Just a couple of hours of your time could make a lifetime of difference to some one less fortunate.

We have an annual review of the "Army's" work which is free and can be collected from No 1 Reform Street Blairgowrie on a Monday or Friday (when our coffee lounge is open –from 10 am until 1 pm) or our charity shop on Monday—Wednesday & Friday.

DRUMDERG WINDFARM

Little more to report this month, it is expected planning application will be submitted in Sept/Oct. Copies of the "Scoping Report" (from Environs Ltd) which details all of the tests, enquir-ies, submissions, surveys, assessments etc.. which are to be conducted before planning sub-mission has been received for comment by the Community Council. Anyone wishing to view the same should contact a member.

The letter about Meigle Road access and the 5 ways roundabout in last months Voice has been passed on to both S&SE and Environs. There will be another public Meeting and a small exhibition in the Town Hall before planning submission. Any one with any concerns should contact a Community Councillor



ARTICLE FOR THE ALYTH VOICE

by Paul Ramsay

Away in Pembrokeshire for a few days, we stayed in a cottage in the Pembroke Coast National Park that had been taken by some friends. While there we spent a day in St.Davids, the smallest cathedral city in the British Isles, and someone showed me a photograph of Loch Lomond in 'The Guardian' of 25th July. The reason for the photograph was the inauguration recently of the new Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. I was glad to see that there is now definitively a national park in Scotland, and that it will soon be joined by the Cairngorms National Park.

National Parks have been deplorably long in coming to this country. Way back in the 1940s a committee was set up to look into the desirability of establishing national parks in Scotland. In due course this committee produced a report that recommended that national parks should be set up in a number of different areas, including the areas of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, the Cairngorms, Glen Affric, and a chunk of Wester Ross. The report of a similar committee (the Hobhouse Committee) for England and Wales resulted in the establishment of national parks in those countries. In Scotland, however, the recommendations of the Ramsay Committee were rejected. The reasons for this rejection were that Tom Johnstone, the then Secretary of State for Scotland, feared that national parks would promote a public awareness of landscape that would make it less easy for his plans for hydro-electricity in the Highlands to be carried out. He may have had in mind the effectiveness of campaigners for the preservation of the Lake District. The other main source of hostility to national parks in Scotland was a powerful group of landowners, who reacted badly to the statement in the Ramsay report that outright purchase of land would be the best and cheapest way of establishing national parks.

And there things lay. There were various attempts to raise the subject again from the 1950s to the seventies, but the next moment when the subject came up for public debate was in 1991 when Prince Charles landed at Ullapool and asked why there were no national parks in Scotland. A good question! The immediate outcome was that the then Countryside Commission for Scotland was asked to look into the subject. The resulting report recommended that there should be national parks. The then government, responding to the hostility of some local authorities, the Scottish Landowners' Federation and some others, decided that national parks were not for it, and the whole thing was shelved once again. Fortunately, however, not before the Scottish Council for National Parks had been re-established in the moment of enthusiasm that surrounded the publication of the CCS's 'Mountain Areas' report. Once embodied, this tiny group of activists (they included John Foster, John Arnott, Frank Bracewell, Brian Parnell and Tom Huxley, chaired by the Countess of Glasgow), embarked on a campaign of persuasion and lobbying.



Loch Lomond

I remember a friend of mine asking how 'the angry old men' of the SCNP were. It seemed that they were shouting into the wind. Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link began by refusing to support them. Some influential non-governmental organisations like the John Muir Trust refused to support them, but gradually opinions were won round.

Among the political parties the Liberal Democrats, perhaps surprisingly, saw no mileage in it for them, nor did the SNP. The Conservatives were hostile. An initially indifferent Labour Party was persuaded that national parks were a popular cause, particularly when it was pointed out that opinion polls showed clearly that well over 90% of Scots favoured the idea that there should be national parks in the country.

The change of government in 1997 meant that the tide had turned for national parks. They moved up the agenda and here we are in 2002 with one established and one on the way. National parks are no panacea, but properly administered and funded they offer many advantages in the management of areas of land that are important for reasons of landscape and ecology.

A really important characteristic of national parks is that they should have their own planning powers and for this reason I am worried that the proposed Cairngorm national park will not be properly set up. The history of local authority planning in Scotland is not one that inspires confidence from the point of view of environmental awareness and long term priorities. Still, at least we do at last have a beginning. Looking back to the Ramsay report of the 1940s it is interesting to reflect that one of the justifications for national parks at that time was that they would serve as important vehicles for rural regeneration.

ALYTH, MEIGLE & DISTRICT NURSING & SAMARITANS ASSOCIATION

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE



We will be holding a

Coffee Morning

in

Airlie Street Hall

on

Saturday 28th September.

Raffle Prizes etc will be greatly appreciated, to keep this worthwhile cause running.

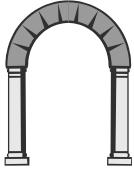
Any donations can be handed into Davidsons the Chemist.

Alex of Shoe Care Centre

Is poised and ready to
HEEL,SOLE,PATCH,
STITCH, STRECH

Your Shoes and Boots

Look Them Out **NOW!** And hand them
into **SEASON'S SHOP**
-Pick Up THURS - 2 pm



DAVID SCOTT FUNERAL DIRECTORS & MONUMENTAL AGENTS

OUR STAFF ARE HAPPY TO
ASSIST WITH ALL ENQUIRIES
CONTACT DAVID SCOTT LTD 7 TOUTIE STREET
ALYTH TEL: 01828 633433
OR 65 HIGH STREET
BLAIRGOWRIE TEL:01250 876400

G B BUICK & SON CENTRAL GARAGE ALYTH

*

FULLY STOCKED SHOP
WITH
BATTERIES, ETC
AND FOR THE HOME MAGAS LPG
13KG OR 7KG BOTTLES FROM £10

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR FUEL
CUSTOMERS AND RIX PETROLEUM, OUR
INDEPENDENT FUEL SUPPLIER, FOR THEIR
CONTINUING SUPPORT.

PLEASE KEEP BUYING WHATEVER AMOUNT
GREAT OR SMALL AND STOP THE MAIN OIL
PRODUCERS CLOSING DOWN RURAL
PETROL STATIONS.

CALL NOW FOR APPT 01828 632492

ARNOLD WHITE

JOINER AND CONTRACTOR



All types of
Joinery/Carpentry work
i.e.-Extensions,
Loft Conversions,
Double Glazing, Conservatories,
Kitchens.
Harwood & Laminate Flooring,
Fitted Furniture

1 Strathmore View Telephone
Alyth 01828 632467
Perthshire Mobile:07736248718
PH11 8JD

SBEF

James Tripney

Joiner & Undertaker



All aspects of joinery work,
domestic & commercial. Double
Glazing etc.

House No's
36 Smythe St 01828 632890
Alyth 01828 632717
Tel/fax: 01828 632260

GEO's BAR & THISTLE LOUNGE

AIRLIE STREET, ALYTH
Tel : 632276 Fax: 633939
e-mail: thisletopia@aol.com

Lounge available for meetings



FOOTBALL
'LIVE'
on Digital & Five

Drumnaerze House and The Oven Bistro



Do you find yourself dreaming of sun, sand and
delicious Mediterranean Cuisine?

Well we can't promise you the sun and sand but
we

can offer our Bistro menu packed with delicious
Mediterranean dishes

all cooked in our original wood burning oven.

Why not come along and enjoy the warm,
friendly

atmosphere along with fine food and wine?

Children are welcome

and can eat from their own special menu

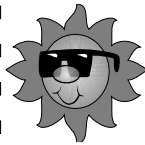
Evening meals are served from 6 pm

Tuesday to Sunday inclusive

For reservations please call

01828 632194

You know you want to!!!!



Carpet Care

Carpet, Upholstery and Leather
Cleaned and Protected
Call

Neil Stewart

for a Free Quote:

01828 632771 or 01250 875216

Mobile: 0771 391 5546

Established 1975

MURRAY PENNYCOOK

PLUMBING & HEATING
GAS, OIL & SOLID FUEL

Clar-Innis, Meigle Road, Alyth

Tel: 632135 Fax: 633980
Mobile: 07850-733-481

A & R ROBERTSON & BLACK PROPERTY

The Property

Alyth had been so buoyant over the last few months that our shelves are bare and we need to restock! Summer's a great time to move, so please don't hesitate to have a chat with Valerie in our Airlie Street office; she'll give you all the help you need to sell your home—starting with a **FREE** valuation and finishing with a nice, red **SOLD** sticker in our window.

So make the most of *our* expertise and the booming Alyth housing market by selling **now**—through the solicitors with offices right on your doorstep.

And, if you haven't already found the house of your dreams, tell Valerie what you're looking for and she'll get us all to join the search!