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The fact that you are reading the **Alyth Voice** demonstrates that, as a community, we have succeeded in our objective of producing a news-sheet for and by the people of Alyth.

Since the distribution of the initial "flyer" in early May, the response - both verbal and written - has been tremendous and has given great encouragement to the Editorial Team. We hope that the sceptics and critics are not just "keeping their powder dry"!

A couple of weeks ago, I went back to my native heath - a settlement the same size as Alyth - and was delighted to find that it had a monthly newsletter

It looked good, even with adverts covering the front page just like the old **Courier**. It was, however, a disappointing read as it soon became clear that at least three quarters of the articles had been written by one person - the editor. We are therefore delighted to present you with a news-sheet which consists mainly of the articles which you, the people of Alyth, have submitted for publication. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has contributed to the **Alyth Voice**.

Please remember that the continued success of the **Alyth Voice** depends on a steady

flow of articles and features from yourselves. If you haven't already put your thoughts into writing, please don't be shy - just do it! Don't worry about spelling - the computer's "Spell-Checker" will take care of that side and there is an Editorial Board whose function is to ensure that your article or letter means exactly what you intend it to mean and to try and save you from the risk of litigation!

Once again, "thank you" and please put pen to paper for Issue 3!

YOUTH MATTERS!

This is a short story about GOODIES and BADDIES!

Alyth has a baseball team for the under-16's - the Alyth Adders. There are about 18 - 20 young boys who want to play and who practice in the Diamond Jubilee Park every week during the summer. To play baseball, the batsman needs a bat!

Baseball bats are quite

expensive and the British Baseball association very generously donated four new bats so that the Alyth youngsters could play baseball. The Team competes nationally every Saturday.

That was the GOODIE part.....

now for the BADDIE part.....

Two local youths took two bats without permission and have not returned them.

Hopefully, by printing this story, someone can persuade the two lads to return the bats which are desperately needed for the Team.

If you can help, to recover these bats please let the Editors know, thank you.

Karin & Iain Donaldson, Alyth

ALYTH GALA DAY

This year's Alyth Gala Day was held on Sunday 8th June in the Diamond Jubilee Park, between 12.00 noon and 5.00pm.

The main attraction this year was the Radio Tay Roadshow with additional attractions including displays from Linda Grant's School of Dancing, Karate Club and line dancing from D.L.M. School of Dancing.

The Alyth Fire Brigade was in attendance all day, along

with the Territorial Army unit and a magician was there to entertain the children.

The funfair, tug-of-war competition and games were also on the agenda to help make this a fun-filled day.

The event began with the Blairgowrie Pipe band escorting the Gala Queen, Prince and Princess into the park. The Gala Day was then officially declared open by John Swinney M.P.

A new event this year the hill

race which it was hoped would prove popular along with the usual stalls including tombola, cake & candy, knitted toys, etc.

There were trade stalls and car boots, not forgetting the £100 note grand raffle with lots of other wonderful prizes - courtesy of local businesses.

It was a great day out for all the family and the weather just stayed fine!

NB: Could M. Duffy contact us as she won our photo competition.

YOUTH MATTERS!

Now for Youth Matters of a more encouraging kind!

Every Monday for a 12 week period, Alyth Red Cross Youth Group have been doing a Baby-Sitting Course which was taught by Angela Don, the Red Cross Youth Worker.

The course-work included practicalities such as nappy-changing and how to bath a baby, as well as teaching about how to look after children of different age groups. It also covered how to cope in an emergency, including mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

All of the Youth Group who attended this course passed the overall exam.

At the end of the course a party was organised for a group of 5 - 7 year olds. This was a practical test of what had been learned and it was held on Saturday 3rd May.

The party was a great success which was enjoyed by the Youth Group as well as by the children.

So..... Alyth now has a team of trained babysitters!

Claire Gordon &
Isla Van Den Berg

BUSINESS NOTICE

Alyth and district Business Association subscriptions are now due for payment.

If any business wishes to join the Association, please contact either:

Michael Kay - Chairman

Tel: 632252

or

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BLYTHESWOOD INTERNATIONAL

Blytheswood International is a Christian charity which started up many years ago in Blytheswood Square in Glasgow, since when it has gone from strength to strength.

These days, the help that people receive in this country comes from Blytheswood through the Social Services.

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All of this work takes a great deal of money and this is the reason for the existence of our

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME.....

Many thanks to all those people who responded to the appeal for a name for this newsletter. After much deliberation, the Editors chose Michael Kay's suggestion - the ***Alyth Voice***.

Charity Shops. The latest fund-raiser is our "KEEP OUR WHEELS ON THE ROAD APPEAL".

Volunteers are essential to keep the organisation running smoothly, so if you are willing and able to give up some of your time to Blytheswood Charity Shop in Blairgowrie, please contact us at the shop in Allan Street, Blairgowrie, or telephone 01250 874999 during shop hours from 10.00am - 4.00pm daily.

All donations for the shop are gratefully received.

CROOKED DREEL & CONCEALED HINGE SOCIETY

Now that you have seen some of this Society's work - e.g. ***Images of Alyth***, and the ***Alyth Voice*** newsletter, why not come along to the next meeting in the Thistle Lounge, Airlie Street, at 7.30pm on Thurs. 19th June.

The Society consists of Alyth folk and it exists to promote Alyth. Our only rule is that we must have fun while we work!

PS: Can anyone lend us a croquet set?

School News

CITY OF YORK TRIP

Primary Seven teacher, Mrs Church, and her class will be staying in the city of York between 9th and 13th June. They hope to visit a variety of sites like the Wax Museum and to go on the Ghost Trail. We all hope they have a great time!

PRIMARY 7 GET A TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

Primary Seven pupils are away on yet another adventure to their next step in life - HIGH SCHOOL!

They will go up to get acquainted with Blairgowrie High School for two days on the 17th and 18th of June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th - 13th June, P7 trip to York
- 18th - 19th June, P7 Induction Days to Blairgowrie High School
- 20th June, Alyth Primary School Fun Run
- 2nd July, School prize-giving: Infants (am), Upper (pm)
- 3rd July, End of Term Service, Alyth Parish Church (am)

Readers' Letters

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the first edition of the Newsletter. I am most excited at this initiative and feel that it will be a great asset to the town.

However, I do have one complaint: where was the Scratchcard? Perhaps it fell out or was it an oversight on your part.

I am sure that you will put this right and look forward to winning the first £20,000 on offer.

Yours sincerely,
Mr G. Reed.

The Alyth (Newsletter)?

A warm welcome to Alyth Newsletter.

My congratulations to all concerned in producing this new and much needed forum for local opinion. As your local Councillor, I hope everyone in the Alyth area will give their wholehearted support to this publication. Alyth has a real sense of community spirit and this can only help that feeling.

Councillor Ian Miller.

A Clean Sweep!

The dogs and I are just back from a walk in Alyth Den with faith renewed. Why? No litter anywhere - so thank you to all those who are tidying up these lovely woods.

Thanks also to that young man who regularly clears up the playpark, Square, the pavements and the verges out of town.

More thanks to the Council workers who, in the early mornings, clean up the mess strewn around the bridge and the Square from the previous night's revellers.

Anon.

The Alyth & District Business Association welcomes the "Alyth ?" - the new voice in local communications for the Alyth people. We wish it an extremely bright future.

There is a tremendous wealth of knowledge and information just waiting to be tapped in Alyth.

Alyth's name is supposed to come from "A Licht" - let's make your newsletter a light for all - readers, writers, compilers and printers.

Once again, here's to a successful future for the "Alyth ?" on behalf of Alyth & District Business Association,
Michael Kay, Chairman.

A Letter to the People of Alyth.

We all live in a fairly small town. The crime rate, including vandalism, is horrendous, but you probably do not know what crimes have been committed because nobody tells us.

If you would like to know what is happening please ask your local Councillor to help. Perhaps the Alyth Newsletter could print a list regularly. Maybe we could have a local

Special Constable. Would it be a good idea to report all acts of vandalism and petty theft?

What do YOU think?

It is our Town and I for one am proud of it. Let us all try and make it better.

Iain Donaldson, Albert St.

The role of the Alyth Voice in terms in terms of crime prevention and publicity will be discussed at the next editorial meeting - Editor

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