COSTCUTTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN ALYTH

The local branch of Costcutter is making a difference in Alyth. The branch chose to donate its annual share of the charity scheme, ‘Making a Difference Locally’, to the Alyth Guide Hut Restoration Fund.

Over the course of a year, each Costcutter branch takes part in this national scheme which raises funds through sales of certain products advertised in the regular consumer leaflet. Each branch chooses where to donate the money raised.

Colin Macdonald, manager of Costcutter Alyth, was delighted to pass this year’s branch total of £990.52 to the Guide Hut Restoration Fund in Alyth. The current, and original, Guide Hut in Airlie Place, Alyth, is in desperate need of refurbishment and the Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows have been fund-raising for the past year to make this happen. Thanks to generous donations like Costcutter Alyth, and from the people of Alyth, the fund is growing steadily.

Above picture shows, left to right, Fiona Young (Brownie Young Leader), Rhona Middleton (Alyth Friends of Guiding Chairman), Colin Macdonald (Costcutter), Sheena Fotheringham (Brown Owl, Tuesday Brownie Pack), Rebecca Fotheringham (Brownie Young Leader).

Alyth Musical Society presents Cole Porter’s

ANYTHING GOES

in Alyth Town Hall
Tuesday 20th — Saturday 24th April 2010
Curtain up 7.30pm

Tickets for the show are available from 6th April in Alyth Post Office. Or book through our dedicated ticket line on 07523 284 786. Prices are Tuesday – Thursday £5 & £6, Friday and Saturday £8 & £9.

ALYTH 2020
COMMUNITY SURVEY
You should by now have received your Alyth 2020 Community Survey. If not, you can either complete it online at: http://bit.ly/alythsurvey
or contact Sanjay Samani, Viewpark, Meethill Road, Alyth, PH11 8DE, T: 01828 634 134, E: alyth2020@googlemail.com
Please return the surveys to The Hub, 43 Airlie Street.
We will be holding a final vote on submitted ideas as part of the Better Place to Live Fair on May 23rd. More details in next month’s Voice.
STRATHMORE CARPET BOWLERS

Triples – Held at Alyth Bowling & Tennis Club on Sunday 21st February 2010. 16 teams entered. Final was played by (above L-R) Jean Crighton, Finella Smith, Anna Sullivan, Scott Strachan, Alan Strachan, Steve Bodle. The competition was won by the gents team from Rattray. A good day was had by all.

ALYTH EXPLORERS - WINTER 2010

The Explorer Unit had a great start to 2010 with Kenny Moyes moving up as a leader from the Scouts to the Explorers. Kenny brings with him enormous experience of and enthusiasm for the great outdoors, and with 12 Explorers attending regularly and more on the way I was definitely in need of assistance.

We have also been fortunate recently in getting help from qualified instructors willing to give their time and talents to the Explorers, but more of that later.

So what have we been up to? Well we took advantage of the fabulous winter conditions to take the Explorers skiing for the first time in a very long time, (I seem to remember we used to do it every year!). Thanks to Rob Pogson volunteering to instruct the guys we had a great day and the perfect start for the beginners in the Unit.

We also had a great weekend at the Mount Blair bothy where we had great conditions for sLEDging for the second year in a row. If anything this year was better as the snow was excellent for building igloos as well as sledge jumps. Not only that, we managed to take advantage of some great weather to climb Mount Blair, although it was rather windy at the top. On our return to the bothy we had a fantastic, (if not a bit hot) curry with homemade naan breads.

Thanks to Eliot Palmer who volunteered to take the guys kayaking, we started a course in the pool at Blair last week that will eventually see the guys kayaking in the open water and hopefully gain some certification.

In these days of ever expanding rules and regulations covering adventurous activities, qualified instructors are like gold. So to Rob and Eliot for volunteering to give us your time and talents we salute you!

So all in all a pretty exciting time for the Explorer Unit. Kenny and I have plans to run other adventurous outdoor activities with the Unit, and if you would like to be a part of them as an Explorer, leader, instructor or helper don’t hesitate to get in touch with us at www.alythexplorers.co.uk

Norman West - Explorer Leader
Alyth Musical Society’s 2010 Production

Only a few weeks and it’ll be ‘anchors aweigh’ as Alyth Musical Society’s 2010 production sets sail. As indicated in previous articles the music was written by Cole Porter, and P.J. Wodehouse of ‘Jeeves’ fame was co-writer of the script.

It’s a fast moving story set on the SS American where Billy Crocker, employee of the millionaire Elijah Whitney decides to stay on the ship despite boss orders, to try to woo back his true love Hope Harcourt. The problem is that Hope is engaged to be married on board to an English Lord.

Tickets for the show are available from the 6th April in Alyth Post Office at certain times. They can also be booked on our dedicated ticket line on 07523 284 786. Prices are Tuesday - Thursday £5 & £6 and for Friday and Saturday £8 & £9. Curtain up at 7.30pm.

Please note that due to health and safety legislation there will be less seats available in the Town Hall this year, so make sure you don’t miss out.

John White, Director

Losset Inn Reopens

Hopefully you will be aware that The Losset Inn reopened on the 5th March under the new management of Robert (Rab) Miller & Amanda Blakeman who are ably assisted by their two sons and some new staff.

Regulars will be pleased to see that the public bar has been redecorated but still retains its lively atmosphere and a new big screen TV is being installed.

The Creel lounge bar on the other hand has been completely redecorated and refurbished and a cosy log stove has been installed creating a warm friendly atmosphere. It is now the perfect setting for a more relaxing and quiet drink and is perfect if you just want to pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or sandwiches.

For customers wanting something a bit more substantial, The Losset will soon be offering a range of good home cooked food that will offer fantastic value for money. It is also our intention to offer Real Ale in the near future and we would be delighted to discuss our plans with Real Ale enthusiasts.

The lounge bar will also be available for private functions and parties.

Rab & Amanda would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive and has helped them with the refurbishment and the reopening of the Losset Inn - far too many to name. A big thank you also to all the loyal customers who gave us a fantastic opening night and hopefully many more to come – thank you all.

Pictures below show the newly refurbished cosy lounge with wood burning stove.

Latest news at www.alythmusical.com

See front page for show advert

Above picture shows the full cast at rehearsal.

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The iconic Losset Inn pictured from Toutie Street

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More details next month...
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ALYTH VOICE ADVERTISING

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The submission of an advert does not necessitate acceptance.
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Half page adverts are now restricted.

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**~*~* Dates for Your Diary ~*~*~

MARCH
31st Bingo Tea, Airlie Street Hall Jamin the Den

APRIL
2nd Hoolie in the Hall, Alyth Town Hall Jamin the Den
3rd Coffee Morning, Airlie Street Hall Local Pupils Malawi Trip
4th Easter Alyth Hill/Mercy Ships Breakfast Alyth Parish Church
5th Exercise Class, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Senior Citizens Club
8th Ambulance Talk, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Parish Guild
10th Coffee Morning, Airlie Street Hall Alyth in Bloom
14th Volunteer Drop in, Airlie Street Hall VAP (see page 23)
17th Coffee Morning, Airlie St Hall - B. Lovegrove for Victims of Disaster
17th Alyth Family History Project reopens Alyth Parish Church
19th Exercise Class, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Senior Citizens Club
20-24th Anything Goes, Alyth Town Hall Alyth Musical Society
24th Coffee Morning, Airlie Street Hall Bike ‘n’ Hike for Maggie’s Centre
25th Litter Pick Alyth Burn & Den Alyth Environmental Grp
26th Lunch Club, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Senior Citizens Club
28th Volunteer Drop in, Airlie Street Hall VAP (see page 23)

MAY
1st Coffee Morning, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Out of School Club
1st Caring Cuppa Coffee Mom., Bumsdie Lge Red Cross Week
3rd Exercise Class, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Senior Citizens Club
6th Rev Rob Ramsay, Airlie Street Hall Alyth Parish Guild
7th ‘After Juliet’, Town Hall Scrap Happy Theatre Co.
8th Coffee Morning, Airlie Street Hall Alyth School PSA
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PRODUCTION OF THE AYLTH VOICE
By Paul Ramsay
Do you ever wonder, as you look through your copy of the ‘Voice’, how our newsletter is produced? I have been editor of the ‘Voice’ for the last eight years and a regular contributor since 1998 and still find the process something of a mystery. Still, there is nothing like having to write about a subject to clear the head, so here goes...

The first thing to say is that the production and publication of the ‘Voice’ depends on the efforts of a group of UNPAID volunteers. This group comprises the editorial team, the Voiceteers, who deliver it, and the advertising group. Without any of these components there could be no ‘Voice’.

Now, where to start? Every month we of the editorial team gather in Derek Todd’s house. Each meeting begins with Michael Kay, our treasurer’s, report on the state of the ‘Voice’ finances. Barbara and Paul Prettyman speak next. They head the distribution team (the gallant Voiceteers who travel out through mist, snow and rain to deliver the ever heavier ‘Voice’ to its readership) and report to us how things have gone the previous month. Were there enough copies of the ‘Voice’ to go round? Were there any glitches? May be one of the members of the group has heard a complaint from someone who did not receive one of the ‘Voice’ till late in the month, or at all. Perhaps some ‘Voices’ were never uplifted from the distribution shops (or something of the kind)? All these questions need to be answered so that we know that we are reaching our readership and that we are not being extravagant in having too many copies printed.

Advertising is discussed next. Pamela Luscombe is the team member who is in charge of this vital aspect of the ‘Voice’s’ existence. She then tells us about the people and businesses, who would like to advertise with us, the size of advertisement they would like to take, when and so forth. There are questions of design to be considered and the amount of space available in the ‘Voice’ for this purpose. There are other things to consider too: such as questions of balance. At our most recent meeting someone suggested that we should change the name of the ‘Voice’ to ‘The Alyth Advertiser’ because there are so many advertisements that the articles seem rather obscured. And yet the advertising is the lifeblood of the ‘Voice’. It makes it possible for the newsletter to be distributed free of charge and pays for the process of production. All the same we wonder what would improve the balance. Should we have fewer, larger ads and charge more for them? But this would cut out the smaller people and are they not a very important part of the purpose of the ‘Voice’ in its aim of encouraging communication among the people of Alyth?

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If you look at the website at www.alythvoice.co.uk, you will find a very fine example of the kind with helpful links to all our back copies, and much more.

Finally, our indefatigable compiler, Irene Robertson, takes the floor and describes how things have gone for her and how things seem to be shaping up for the coming edition. Once again the balance of the newsletter's content may be discussed and our communication with our printer, Blair Copy Shop, considered. They have stood by us over the years and we are grateful for their continued support.

This is the moment to describe the progress of an article or letter from arrival at the 'Voice' to the moment when it reaches the reader.

Most articles and advertisements arrive electronically, though some typescripts or hand-written contributions are dropped off at Michael Kay's barber's shop. Emailed articles can be copied and pasted straight into Microsoft Word files. Other pieces for publication have to be typed out or scanned first. It takes over two days to copy/paste/type/scan, check and correct all submissions. Irene likes to wait until the deadline date before laying out the material that she has received. This means that she doesn't spend the whole of the month adding articles to the newsletter's layout and then finding that she has to change everything later in the month as other and perhaps unexpected material arrives in the hope of publication. In this respect the deadline is very important for the compiler. Nothing is more disturbing for her equilibrium of mind than having to change everything because somebody has sent in a article late, when the layout was apparently complete, and she does her best to fit it in so as not to disappoint any contributor. The compiling process takes Irene three full days to lay out, squeeze in, arrange, and proof all that month's submissions, before converting the finished computer file to a type the printer can use.

Microsoft 'Publisher' is our desktop publisher, but we often discuss changing from that to another software program that is easier to use. This in itself demands a certain level of expertise: I find that quite a lot of time is taken up in discussing the merits of various aspects of computer technology.

Three days after the submission deadline, Irene takes a CD loaded with the 'Voice' to Blairgowrie, where Blair Copy Shop prints it. By this time the web version of the newsletter is probably on-line. Before the first of the month's publication 1,725 freshly printed copies of that month's 'Voice' are uplifted from Blair Copy Shop by Paul & Barbara Prettyman, and brought to Alyth, where they are separated into bundles and left at Cost Cutter, Hodbies, and Meg's Mini-market to be collected for distribution.

Meanwhile Pamela Luscombe prints up advertisement invoices, and the Prettymans and Michael Kay organise postal copies for the growing mailing list of the 'Voice' to wing its way to numerous ex-pats all over the United Kingdom and as far as America.

The description ends with the fearless Voiceteers trudging round the streets to deliver 'The Alyth Voice' to its readers.

All in all a truly remarkable example of voluntary work at its best.

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GALA UPDATE
Thank you to everyone who attended the Gala coffee morning last month. You helped us raise £445 after paying our expenses etc. All of that money will now get ploughed in to the costs of the day.

There are many, many shops in town who continually provide assistance to the organisations who frequent their doorsteps, and ask for assistance to put on this or that event throughout the year. I must however pay due recognition to a shop from out of town, Victors of Blairgowrie, who have continually over the years given support to our Gala and provided medals, cups etc at exceptional prices and without their support we would find it extremely difficult to provide such memorabilia for the participants in events.

We are now getting down to the fine detail of organising specific events. We are looking for four volunteers to help marshal the fun run and the parade. We are looking at the criteria for police attendance and marshalling. Please respond to the police of the numbers using the main roads in the parade as it sets off.

It would be nice to have a letter back or a phone call to say if we have our say in the events inviting them to take part in the parade. Only a few have responded. We are now getting down to the fine detail of organising specific events. We are looking for four volunteers to help marshal the fun run and the parade. We are looking at the criteria for police attendance and marshalling. Please respond to the police of the numbers using the main roads in the parade as it sets off.

Drumderg Windfarm Community Benefit Fund
The fund is provided by the developers of the Drumderg Wind Farm, Scottish and Southern Energy, for the benefit of residents in the geographic areas represented by the Community Councils of Alyth and Mount Blair. £64,000 will be available annually.

SCF are delighted to announce following the first round of applications in 2010 to the Drumderg Windfarm Community Benefit Fund the Advisory Panel at their meeting on the 11th March 2010 has approved the projects detailed below.

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- VOICE TEASER -

What is the origin of The Glebe?

Answer to last month’s Teaser - Gilfaillzie?


Gill, from Latin cella (hut, cell, shrine in a temple), through G. cell (locative case of cella) = at the church.

FAILZIE is the genitive of a personal name = of Paldoc, or Pelagius; of Faith and Fillan (since the initial is not always as pirated; and since final was often dropped like that of the ordinary genitive in Middle English). The pronunciation would be Fail’y e, but there are no traditions, and records differ.

The site is made certain by Panton (1772-3), who marks the “Well of Gilfaillzie” near the south bank of the Slentyn Burn, known then as the Burn of Bumylton. The well is now drained, but it was evidently within what is the first cultivated field (O.S. 621) east of the heath-covered skirts of Barry Hill, and 40 or 50 yards from its north-west corner. Above the well, and above the old land from Inverqueith, and mostly within the same field, were half a dozen scattered cottages, with a kin; and, as baptismists in 1649 tend to show that there were more houses than one in Gilfaillzie, the whole group, though nameless in the map, must have been so named. Naturally, the only ruins or foundations left are in Barry Heath.

This name keeps alive the record of an early and otherwise forgotten Christian mission beside the important fortress of Banie. At no great distance the missionary would have his cell, a word better known in the dative (cell), and not well translated in this connection either by church or cell, for the cell was not a place in which people would worship or in which the missionary would live. It was a small shelter for his portable altar, before which in the open air the people would gather to hear the Word. Sometimes a shallow cave, such as still exists on the hill-brow, served the purpose; sometimes the shrine had to be built.

[Extract from Meikle’s Places and Place-Names Round Alyth‘ 1925]
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Community Council Update
The Community Council was saddened to hear of the passing of Ricky Don. Ricky was one of these people who just got on with things without making a fuss. A stalwart in the Christmas Lights organisation in town, his involvement will be sorely missed. Our respects and sympathies go to all of his family.

Recently we became aware that Helen McDonald, winner of Alyth Citizen of the Year 1993, is being cared for at Hope Park House, Blairgowrie. Helen was an active Community Councillor in her time, an active supporter of Alyth Youth Theatre and the 50+ Club. We wish Helen well and hope that she enjoyed the card and flowers given to her by the Community.

Recent communication from Perth and Kinross Council has asked for feedback from the community regarding Perth and Kinross Councils efforts to keep our roads, local and further afield, open. You can see the letter at http://alythcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk. Although that is a P&K Council provided email address your email will not go to them, it passes through something called a firewall (so it throws anything with bad language in the bin) it is then redirected straight back in to my own email address, so have your say in anonymity.

May traditionally brings the Community Council elections. At this present time we have eight full Community Councillors, one of whom has already tendered notification to stand down fully at this forthcoming AGM, leaving us with seven. We have one co-opted individual who may bring our numbers back to eight. That still leaves us three places short of our full quota. If you have an interest in your community and would like to join the Community Council then watch the Community Council web site and the notice board in the Square for details of how to apply.

Better Place to Live Fair
On Sunday 23rd May we will be having our Better Place to Live Fair in the Town Hall. Many organisations across town have already been invited to attend and take stalls. Organisations from out of town including various departments of Perth and Kinross Council have been invited to attend and provide information to our townpeople. I know of other organisations in Perth who have requested stalls to advertise what they can provide individuals and organisations with. PLEASE make sure your organisation has replied to our Secretary, Sanjay Samani, Viewpark, Meethill Road, Alyth. Tel – 01250 634134 to ensure a place.

Stuart Clark
Chairman, Alyth Community Council

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**Albert Street, Alyth**

Dear Editor,

On Friday 26th February my daughter arrived from Glasgow to spend the weekend with us. Before she arrived at our home she visited the Co-op branch in Airlie Street to pick up wine and cigarettes.

She was somewhat surprised to be asked to produce evidence to prove that she was over the age of 18 years. Her surprise was mixed with delight as she is a married woman approaching her mid-thirties, and is a Social Worker specialising in, child protection!!

We would like to fully commend the member of staff for his/her vigilance and to the Co-op management for their policy in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Derek G.M. Mowatt

Address supplied

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Dear Alyth Voice,

I would like to make a brief point regarding the ongoing articles on “shopping locally”. In last month’s Voice there were several pointers aimed at shop keepers and what they should do to encourage further trade.

I would only imagine if you were one of the shop keepers who not only got into the spirit of Christmas, but also did actually do the things outlined, this article would have been quite disheartening.

For example ‘Buy Design’ in Airlie Street held a wonderful Christmas shopping evening, with ginger and mulled wine, there was a great atmosphere. I bought the majority of my Christmas presents there and if anyone wanted a reason to shop locally then I can say that all the gifts were perfect, it was something different rather than the same old presents recycled from various large High Street stores around the family. Decorating, cards, batteries, everything you need for a special Christmas is available in Alyth.

I would like to say a big thank you to all shop keepers in Alyth, I personally find you friendly, helpful and resourceful.

M. Thomson

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Dear Alyth Voice,

My positives about shopping in Alyth are that the fresh, locally produced stuff and specialist products are excellent. The negatives are the quality of fresh fruit, and most crucially for us the price and choice of baby products, such as nappies, and children’s food.

Name & Address supplied

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Dear Alyth Voice,

For a small town we have a great range of shops. The bakers have a great selection; our ironmonger is no dearer than B&Q for many items, especially when you take petrol for Dun-dee into account, and Costcutter, which I use a lot, always has special deals, which often match places like Tesco.

With the town growing due to permission for housing developments, hopefully these shops will remain and flourish. Perhaps some could consider letting people know of special offers they may be running (I know Costcutter does) and go on a campaign to woo the reluctant Alyth shoppers who still prefer to travel to Perth or Dundee. It is obvious from the quiet streets on a Saturday afternoon that is where many go.

The shops also aid many organisations in the town by contributing prizes for raffles, putting up posters and so on. Too many towns and cities report a falling off of trade in their centres and it’s a sad sight to see many closed premises. I’d hate to see that in Alyth.

However, I am guilty of still going into Tesco for the weekly shop and using their Club Card, and often buying items which I could pick up in Alyth.

Name & Address supplied

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Dear Alyth Voice,

We should appreciate & value the shops we have by using them, but also make sure they know our requirements & can respond. Inevitably, some shopping out with Alyth is essential, but it can be minimised to mutual convenience. Local produce is particularly appreciated & those shops which offer it have a head start. Do keep going.

Name & Address supplied

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Thank you to my family, also Hamish, Jean and Margaret who provided transport for Elma to come and visit me. Feeling much better.

THANKS - Fraser

George and Margaret, Airlie Street, would like to thank their family for the party, and friends for all the lovely flowers, gifts, and cards, they received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

THANKS - Kirly WRI

On behalf of Kirly WRI I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to the success of our coffee morning on February 27th when we raised £778.49. Grateful thanks, May Hadden

THANKS - Ed Kydd

I would like to thank all who sent cards and enquired about me when I was in Ninewells for 2 weeks. Thank you to my family, also Hamish, Jean and Margaret who provided transport for Elma to come and visit me. Feeling much better.

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**BT at its best**

At 7pm on a recent Saturday evening an incoming telephone call was drowned by the noise of interference. Establishing it was neither the caller, nor my telephone, I contacted BT customer services to report the fault.

Line tested, the call handler told me, “the fault will be fixed by Tuesday”. Cynically I thought “yeah right, that means Thursday”.

At 8.05 the following morning (Sunday), I was rudely awakened by my mobile telephone. A BT engineer was sitting in his van outside the house, patiently waiting on signs of life! He said he lived in Dundee and started work at 8am, but had been up early with his baby daughter, so thought he’d just go to his first call-out early (conscientious!).

Within five minutes he had determined the fault was not in the house and left to identify which telephone pole was the culprit. By 10am he had returned, having found and fixed the fault near Alyth Cemetery(!) and proceeded to test my now crystal clear line. Very impressed with BT’s service I made sure to share the experience with friends and family throughout the day.

Monday morning at 7.43am you can imagine my surprise to be rudely awakened, again by BT, this time a customer services representative wondering whether the handling of the fault had been to my satisfaction!!

Talk about customer service!

Irene Robertson

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**CORRECTIONS**

Janey MacFarlane was Citizen of the Year in 1995, not 2003 as stated in March Alyth Voice. Apologies to all concerned, [Ed.]

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Page 25 – Alyth J.S. School 1947/48
Please note front 4th left is Agnes Gray, and 5th left Frances Lumsden should read Frances Mollison. Apologies to all concerned, Finella Smith

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Dear Alyth Voice,

I am interested in the Ramsay estate for historical reasons as my ancestors were tenants in the “Faulds of Bamff” in the early 1800’s. My grandmother’s maiden name was Helen Agnes Alexander and was a direct descendant of David Alexander listed in the following marriage record: The Marriage record in Alyth, Perthshire in 1799 states “David Alexander in Faulds of Bamff and Jean Craigie there, daughter to the deceased Peter Craigie late in Coquhat - proclaimed 25 Aug.”

I would like to know if “In the bulds of” refers to the name of the farm located in the eastern half of Kinakley. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Glenn Morrison
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**ST NINIAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
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**JESSICA’S BIG GO**
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**SWINEHERDER & JANITOR**
The snowdrops and aconites are now flowering thickly and have been coming out here over the last ten days or so, at least that is the case with the snowdrops. I think the aconites are a little later. I wondered if this was an especially late year for these flowers, but see from my past contributions to the ‘Voice’ that I described a middle of March flowering for aconites and snowdrops in the number for April 2001. In 1999 these plants were flowering in February, as they were in 2008 and 2009. So these plants, at least, are not amazingly late, but late by the standards of the day. What happened in the intervening years I could not say because my articles for those years ignored the snowdrops and aconites.

The melting of the snow and ice, the cries of the departing greylag goose as they fly in skeins to their breeding grounds in Iceland, and the first signs of growth in plants all suggest the onset of spring. In the howe of Strathmore the ploughing has happened in a great pulse of after-winter energy as the dry spell of the last weeks has let the winter high water tables drop and allowed machinery onto the ground.

Here at Bamff the wild boar sows, after looking increasingly pregnant for about a fortnight, have stopped coming in to feed, which indicates that they are on the point of giving birth. This is the time when it is wise to stay away from wild boar. A sow that has farrowed recently does not welcome visitors. Keep away! This is the message of the sow.

In a week or two, while they are still busy with their young, I plan to move the yearlings to another plantation where they can get to work and prepare some of the ground for replanting next year.

A brisk and blustery south-westerly is blowing, which seems to set the seal on the idea of the arrival of spring. In the meantime our new wood chip boiler is undergoing its sea trials. We had hoped that it would be installed rather sooner, but winter snows and the hard weather of the first months of the year have delayed progress. Now, however, the boiler is running and Colin Macmillan of Highland Wood Energy has initiated me into the mysteries of its operation and maintenance. It seems that I have now truly reached the summit of my career as janitor and caretaker of Bamff House. Not only are there the windows to open and close, the stove to light, roofs to study and various other domestic chores, but also the supervision of the new boiler that will fire our community-heating scheme. Swineherd and Janitor – my future is assured.

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A FRACTURED VERTEBRAE IS A RIGHT “PAIN IN THE NECK”

Continued… It was our turn for the Church Flowers on the third week so we got them and went up and filled 5 vases. I stepped up with two and put one on the table and went to the left side, turned round to pick up the other one, but my foot stuck to the carpet and my back went (Grrrrr) on the other side. I had to be taken home by car. The Dr was called and he said “Tom ligaments, keep pottering about and taking the painkillers”, which I did for another 2 weeks. We were having friends from Australia to stay for three nights. My chef friend make me a big pot of stew, my husband was going to cook the potatoes, he had made enough soup for the two lunches and of course it was frozen rasps or strawberries and ice cream for afters. The second night was to be a “chop shop tea” all choosing their own dish, haggis, black pudding etc… (surprise, surprise, everyone had haddock).

The day they were coming I wasn’t at all well and sent for the Dr, he sent me to Ninewells for an X-Ray where they discovered a fractured vertebrae, although they couldn’t say when it happened, and I was in Blair Cottage Hospital by 6pm. where I stayed for two weeks. I left the house at 2.15pm. and our visitors arrived on the bus at 3.10pm. they came and visited me one night and were gone. Dan had looked after them well they said. My stay in hospital was fine and we managed a song in Ward 9 most mornings. “Oh, it’s nice to get up in the morning but it’s better to lie in bed” was the favourite, when the nurses came at 6.30am, the electric bed was necessary for getting up and down. The highlight of the first week was getting lowered into the bath and having my hair washed even if it was only towel dried. When I looked in the mirror, Shirley Temple came to mind. Three weeks later it was ‘The Wild Man from Borneo’ that looked back from the same mirror. I walked first with a zimmer, then two sticks, and ready for home after 2 weeks with one stick. The podiatrist was to do my feet the last day and she said “Sit on the table and lift your feet up”, my bum stuck to the table and when I lifted my feet up my back went. Grrrrrr Back to square one. I went home but was back after 4 days for another 2 weeks. Once more I enjoyed my bath and I did exercises for 20 mins. and when I was “winded out” I couldn’t put my clothes on, all my energy had been used up. You live and learn. Continued next month… Joy Dewar
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JAM IN THE DEN
Hi folks, Just a few words to let you know we are on track for this year's event. Sadly as many of you will be aware, we are no longer receiving the stage from Torih Ltd, but not to panic other plans are in motion (see p27) and Jam in the Den will be going ahead on Saturday 24th July. We do still need volunteers for the clean up on the Sunday, to which every one is invited!

Onto fundraising we are sorry to report disappointing turnouts to some fundraisers. While the coffee mornings and bingo teas are well attended, and we thank you sincerely for this, we were recently asked why we don't do any jumble sales or table sales, so we tried this and were devastated at the turnouts. Our recent table sale attracted 20, so to those of you who did turn up and the 3 other stall holders, we gratefully thank you. If we are not doing the type of fundraising events that you would attend, then please tell us, and we will try something else - it's your Jam in the Den.

BOOKSTART RHYMETIMES AT ALYTH LIBRARY

Bookstart Rhymetimes are fun, free, friendly sessions for parents/carers and children aged up to 4 years, incorporating songs, stories and nursery rhymes old and new. The sessions last for about 30 minutes and are run by a specially trained Bookstart Rhymetime leader. They run every two weeks in Alyth Library on every second Wednesday at 10.30am and are designed to encourage children to learn to love books, stories and music. No child is too young to enjoy songs, rhymes and musical instruments, so bring your baby or toddler along and join in the fun! Dates for 2010 are as follows:

April 14 & 28 / May 12 & 26
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Still shivering from the winter and dreading the next one? If you live in Parkside Road, Morrison Terrace or Barony Park then the chances are that the sloping (coombed) ceilings upstairs are completely un-insulated. About 25% of the heat in your home escapes out the roof so the more you can do to stop it the lower your heating bills will be, the warmer your rooms will feel and the less likely you are to have problems with damp or mould. ACAT is currently running a campaign to train 3 local insulation companies how to insulate coombed ceilings and our Energy Advisor, Charlie Dobb, is calling round all the houses in this area to provide further information. He can also be contacted directly on 01828 632764.

Want to know more about how to save money on your electricity and gas bills, the latest on grants and subsidies and how to have a warmer, more comfortable home? We are running a series of information raising events - everything from a pub quiz at The Burnside Inn to a chat at the Alyth Lunch and Socialising club. Each presentation is tailored to the needs and interests of your group, at a time to suit you and completely free of charge. If you would like to know more please call Rachel Bower on 07763813334 or call into the Hub. The Hub (on Airlie Street next to Geo’s Bar) is open Wednesday and Saturday 10-12.

Rachel Bower, Energy Advisor, Alyth Climate Action Town or visit www.alythclimateactiontown.org.uk

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Memory Lane

William Barron
Public House
(now Geo’s Bar)
39 Airlie Street
Alyth
with original owner
William Barron in front.

Possibly taken about 1930
as property was changed
to a public house in 1927.

Previously Sandilands
Drapers.

Note long windows with
original Bulls’ eyes which
were removed about 1949-50.

Submitted by Margaret
Bell, Airlie Place, Alyth
(daughter of William
Barron), information by
George Robertson

ALYTH SCHOOL 1952, 1ST YEAR Submitted by Muriel Tasker (nee Robertson)

Back row: Ian Lyndsay, Jack Gillison, Ian Straith, John Doig, David Stephen, James Robertson, David McFarlane, Hugh High

3rd row: Amos Lundie, Isobel Robb, Erna Findlay, Pat Toomey, Morag Adam, Margaret Fairweather, Robert Petrie, Miss Robertson

2nd row: Edith Fleming, Lynda Munro, Margaret Stewart, Sheila Dick, Isobel McLean, Alison Whyte, Rita Duncan, Muriel Robertson, Margaret Morrison

Front row: Craig Bumess, Brian Mollison, Alan Edward, George Ferguson, Donald McLean
A neighbour, on seeing the rainfall statistics I’d collected, suggested that readers of The Voice might also be interested. Rather than tables of numbers, perhaps a few graphs might be more digestible.

The data was, and still is, collected in an urban back garden setting. Whilst the rainfall data is applicable to the whole Alyth area, the temperature data does rather reflect the micro-climate in my garden area with its false horizon of trees and buildings sheltering the sensors from early and late sun, especially in winter. Recording commenced on 19th January 2008 so the bars for January 2008 represent only 13 days-worth of data.

Wet Days – more than 0.2mm of rainfall in a day (0.2mm is the smallest measure, triggered by heavy dew, thawed frost etc).

Annual Total mm
2008    760 (Jan 1-18 missing)
2009    848

Compiled by “Weather Geek”

HELP! Telephone 07763 211 551...
if you have, or know someone who has, a 24ft curtain-side lorry we can borrow for one day, Saturday 24th July, to use as a stage for Jam in the Den?

ALYTH WALKING GROUP
Join the Group for a social and leisurely walk on the following Saturdays:-
10th. April - Jordanstone & the secret gardens of Balhary. Meet 1pm Alyth Square.
17th. July - Little Bamff and Bamff Estate. Meet 1pm Alyth Square.

Further details from Ron McGill on 01828 634114 or ron@plumtree.myzen.co.uk.
Congratulations on your Silver Wedding
Ronnie & Lynn Glen
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marrried at Alyth Parish Church
on 27th April 1985
with love & best wishes from
all the family xxx

END OF AN ERA AT THE ALYTH LITERARY SOCIETY
The Alyth Literary Society held its annual end of season supper at the Strathmore Golf Centre on Tuesday, 16th March at which the guest speaker was Elizabeth Quigley, who spoke on her career as a journalist. Jim Lindsay, Vice-President and Treasurer gave the vote of thanks.

The Annual Supper also signalled the end of an era for the Literary Society with a presentation to Mr Gordon MacGregor to mark his retiring after 35 years as President. In presenting Mr MacGregor with a history of the Society, his successor, Mr Bill Davidson, looked back on Gordon’s early days as President and spoke of his contribution to the Society and of the many well known people that he had brought to speak at the Lit. At the recent AGM, Gordon, who is also the longest serving member, was elected Honorary President, a post not held for many years, and Bill hoped that he would continue in this role for many years to come. In reply, Gordon said that he joined the Lit because he believed the headmaster of the local school should be involved in such a society. He had been very fortunate in always being supported by good office-bearers and committees and thanked the members for the presentation and for the Honorary Presidency conferred upon him.

An eventful and enjoyable evening was drawn to a close by the President who looked forward to seeing old and new members when the new session starts in October.

Above Photo L-R: Pat Davidson (committee member), Jim Lindsay (Vice President), Elizabeth Quigley, Bill Davidson (President), Gordon MacGregor (Honorary President).

LEE
Kevin and Kirsty (nee Buick) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter (Ava Isabella) on Friday the 19th February 2010.

Fifth grandchild for Jimmy and Margaret, and first granddaughter for Brian and Nickie.

Special thanks to ward 37A, and the labour suite at Ninewells Hospital.

MAJOR PROCTOR RETIRES
Major Ronnie Proctor retires as the Assistant Regimental Secretary of The Black Watch on 31 March 2010 after nearly 50 years of service to the Regiment. He joined the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion in 1960, aged 15 and after joining the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, he rose through the ranks to become Regimental Sergeant Major and subsequently he was commissioned.

He left the Regular Army in 1999 and has worked at Balhousie Castle, helping amongst other things to mastermind the modernisation of The Museum of The Black Watch. He is actively involved in the Black Watch educational outreach team which provides a bespoke educational service for schools and through life learning groups.

Ronnie is a native of Kirriemuir and serves as Chairman of the Community Council, but his mother and maternal grandfather both came from Alyth.

He will continue to work at Balhousie Castle on a part time basis, running the Regimental welfare and benevolence on behalf of The Black Watch Association.