

Alyth Musical Society's OKLAHOMA



O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A - They couldn't
pick a better time to start in life

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Returning to the iconic show they have performed 3 times previously, most recently in 1994, proved to be a great success for Alyth Musical Society. Not only did Oklahoma turn out to be a crowd pleaser, it also turned out to be crowd puller playing to healthy audiences throughout the week.

Audiences were treated to a lively show with strong performances from all of the chorus and principals. Three Alyth stalwarts Claire Mallinson, Gerard Cameron and Ron Kirkpatrick were not only funny individually, but hilarious together in the "love triangle" that is Ado Annie, Will Parker and peddler Ali Hakim. Marjorie

Twivey played the strong, supportive matriarch that is Aunt Eller to a T, and Alan Calder-McNicoll was a dark, menacing Judd Fry. Graham Thomson put in an excellent performance as cowboy Curly managing to be strong, funny and tender as required.

A special mention has to be reserved for Heather Tweddle in her biggest role for the Society. Not only was her voice lovely, but she carried the strength and vulnerability in Laurey with ease from start to finish. Rudolph Gruneberg as Ado Annie's father, Andrew Carnes, definitely looked like he knew what he was doing with that gun and Belinda Kennedy's laugh as Gertie Cummings

was the stuff of Oscars! Billy Neilson, Ken Beck and Lisa Fairweather completed the line up of principals as Ike Skidmore, Cord Elam and the young Laurey respectively.

Congratulations to Kay McNab and James Beck for their lively choreography and fight scenes respectively, and to producers Wendy Birse & Sandra Ramsay for a memorable Alyth debut. Music throughout was excellent and a credit to musical director Colin Grant and his orchestra.

Overall a great night's entertainment in the tradition of AMS. I not only look forward to next year's show, but to the next AMS production of Oklahoma!

Norman West

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Alyth Musical Society's



Ali explains his vision of paradise to Ado Annie



Ali Hakim gets the three day belly ache



Will and Ado Annie settle a misunderstanding



It's little wonder the boys are getting excited!



Curley paints Laurey a picture of his Surrey with the fringe on the top



Curley and Laurey - Hitched at last

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Will and Ali Hakim - Who's Bunco-ing Who



Curly and Laurey - Let people say they're in love



Is it all or nothing for Will & Ado Annie

OKLAHOMA



Judd and Curley bid for Laurey's hamper (and affection)



Ali Hakim peddles some of his Persian Knick-Knacks to Aunt Eller and Ado Annie



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Many a new day will dawn for Laurey and the girls



Curley and Judd shake hands - no hard feelings!

CONGRATULATIONS
to everyone at
Alyth Musical Society
for an excellent
performance, and to
everyone behind the
scenes who helped in
any way.
**WELL DONE
TO YOU ALL.**

ALAN ROGER

1957 - 2012

Master decorator and avid Rangers fan Alan Roger sadly died on the 27 February 2012 in Ward 34 Ninewells Hospital.

Alan was loved and well thought of by many in the town of Alyth and further afield. He will be remembered by friends in other parts of the world including New Zealand, and his favourite holiday destination in Olu Deniz in Turkey. He was a master decorator and over the years his reputation grew as a conscientious tradesman with great attention to detail. He loved the game of football and it is well known that Rangers FC played a big part in his life from a young age, and his dedication to his team never faltered right up until his death. He had a great sense of humour and a great personality.

Alan dearly loved his wife, sons and grandchildren and in return was greatly loved and adored by them. Alan is sorely missed by his wife Ella, their sons Alan and Darren, daughters-in-law Lorraine and Alison, grandchildren Jamie, Ross, Dean and Carly. He was a dear brother-in-law, uncle, brother and son. All the family will miss him dearly.

Ella, Alan, Darren and families sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and telephone calls received, and all those who paid their last respects to Alan at Alyth Church and Cemetery. Special thanks to Dr Fergus Gilmour for his care of Alan and his continuing support to Ella, also the doctors and nursing staff of Ward 34 Ninewells Hospital for the care they gave. Our thanks to the Rev. Ian Knox for his comforting service and Gary Mitchell for his tribute at the church. Thank you to Billy and Margot Mackay and staff of David Scott Funeral Directors for their wonderful help and guidance throughout this very sad time. Thanks also to Piper Billy Townsley, staff from the Burnside Inn and the bar staff at the Alyth Bowling Club.

The fantastic sum of **£804.86** was raised from donations at the church and was presented to Ward 34 Ninewells Hospital on the 23 March 2012. Pictured below with Ella is the Consultant who treated Alan along with the Senior Charge Nurse and other nursing staff from Ward 34. It is hoped the money may be used to purchase a new settee for the Swan Room; this is a family room used by patients and relatives and allows them to feel more comfortable in the hospital environment at times of sadness.

Heartfelt thanks once again to all who paid their last respects and donated so generously.



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© M Kay

Left to right, Flt Lt Michael Kay (Alyth), Cadet Aidan Preston (Ardler), Cadet Rea Bloice (Luncarty), Cadet Ashton Dobie (Alyth), Cadet George Simpson (Lintrathen), and Flt Lt Roy Kemp (Luncarty).

AIR TRAINING CORP- EASTER CAMP

Four cadets and two members of staff from 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron, Air Training Corps, had a successful week's camp, from the 31st of March to the 7th of April with 20 other cadets and six staff drawn from 1145 (Dunfermline), 571 (Cupar), 1192 (Kirkcaldy), 2435 (St. Andrews), 2284 (City of Dunblane), 2311 (Glenrothes), 1370 (Leven), 775 (Burntisland), and 859 (Dalgety Bay) Squadrons, at Royal Air Force Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire.

The four cadets who attended from 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron were Cadets Ashton Dobie, Rea Bloice, Aidan Preston and George Simpson and the staff members were Flight Lieutenants Roy Kemp and Michael Kay, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training), the above photograph was taken in front of the gate guardian, a Tucano T1.

The cadets arrived at R.A. F. Linton-on-Ouse on Saturday the 31st March in the afternoon and after being allocated their accommodation and flights the cadets were given a security brief from a member of the Police Flight, followed by a health and safety brief by a member of the Fire Section, and were also introduced to all the camp staff members. After their evening meal the cadets carried out a familiarisation exercise in their flights to learn their way round the station. On Sunday the cadets started their camp with a visit to Eden Camp, the only modern history theme museum of its type in the World which covers six acres. Sixteen cadets went flying at RAF Church Fenton in the Grob Tutor T1 of 9AEF (Air Experience Flight), three cadets from 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron flew with 9AEF - they were cadets Rea Bloice, Aidan Preston and George Simpson. Four cadets were lucky to be allocated a flight with VGS 642 (Volunteer Gliding Squadron) gliding in Vigilant which is a self propelled glider that is based at RAF Linton-on-Ouse.

During the rest of the week the cadets had many section visits to the Squadrons and Units which are based at Royal Air Force Linton-on-Ouse, such as the Fire Section, Survival Equipment Section, 72 Squadron which fly the Tucano, the Royal Air Force's fast jet trainer, Air Traffic Control. They also undertook training for the Mk 8 .22 rifle or the 5.65. mm Cadet L 98 rifle and firing of the rifles on the barrack range during their camp. They all undertook Leadership Exercises at Adrenalin, North Yorkshire in a wooded area where they carried out exercises on two of the high ropes areas followed by all the cadets undertaking the assault course which was used for the Krypton Factor a number of years ago, which they all enjoyed.

They also had an afternoon at Elvington Air Museum where they saw many of the aircraft that the Royal Air Force flew in the past, and also a visit to the National Railway Museum in York followed by them all exploring York such as York Minster, the Shambles and some of the shops.

On Friday evening the cadets started their packing ready for returning home before the presentation of various prizes and awards gained during the week, followed by a fun night.

The cadets returned home on Saturday 7th April all tired, but having had a very enjoyable week and having made new friends from other squadrons.

If the above interests you and you are between the ages of 13 years old to 16 years old come along any Wednesday evening between 7.00.p.m. and 9.00.p.m. to 2519 (Strathmore) Squadron, Drill Hall Building, Union Street, Blairgowrie and speak to the Commanding Officer, Adjutant or any of the Cadets and discover what the Air Training Corp covers in its programmes/ classes/projects.

**Michael Kay Flt Lt RAFVR (T) Adjutant
2519 (Strathmore) Squadron**

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MAY

5th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	Isla Primary
5th	Opening of Community Woodland	AHUG (p25)
7th	AGM, Lesser Town Hall	Christmas Lights (p17)
10th	Bingo Tea, Town Hall	Guide Hut Fund (p7)
12th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	AYP (p19)
12th	Coffee Morning, Burnside Court	Red Cross (p9)
12th	Walk to Kitty Swanson's Bridge	Alyth Walking Grp (p25)
13-19	Red Envelope Door to Door Collection	Christian Aid Week (p13)
17th	Bingo Tea, Town Hall	BHS Malawi Trip (p17)
19th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	1st Alyth Rainbows
24th	Bingo Tea, Town Hall	Marie Curie (p17)
26th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	St. Ninian's Church (p24)
31st	AGM, Alyth Hotel	Alyth in Bloom (p17)

JUNE

2nd	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	Alyth Arts Group
2-5	Official Jubilee Celebrations	
9th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	Alyth Primary Sch. PSA
16th	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	Alyth Scouts
16th	Walk Rattray to Alyth	Alyth Walking Grp (p25)
16th	ALYTH SHOW Aberbothrie	
23rd	Coffee Morning, Airlie St. Hall	Alyth Lodge

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- VOICE TEASER -

What is the origin of MILLHAUGH?

Answer to April's Teaser— **Manitoba by Bardmony**
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[Extract from Meikle's 'Places and Place-Names Round Alyth' 1925]



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A clue for the explanation of the name McRitch is to be found on Stobie's map of Perthshire, published in 1783. There, the name is given as 'Macheriech' which looks to me like 'Machair riabhaich' in modern Gaelic. 'Machair' means 'plain'. Its present day use is preserved in the 'machairs' of the Uists. 'Magh' is another word for plain, as found in Magherafelt (the Plain of Fiolta, Fiolta being personal name, I should guess) in Northern Ireland. The word 'riabhaich' means brindled, possibly referring to a damp meadow with grasses, sedges and rushes and a host of flowers.

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L Gordon, Treasurer

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ALYTH UNITED 1960 - 61 season

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3rd row: M. Stewart (Secy./Treas.), A. Craig, J. Lothian, A. McKiddie, R.T. White, W. Barron, C. Stewart, J. Stewart (Com.), A. McKenzie (Trainer)

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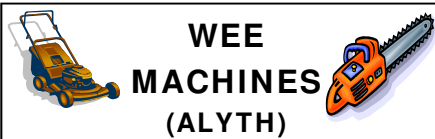
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On a personal level it was about losing weight
and getting fitter! I managed to lose 2 stone 2
pounds (30lb) in the 5 months leading up to the
event, for which I feel so much better for.

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about sign up for the Great Scottish Run in Sep-
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Festival of Museums - Life in the Trenches

Saturday 19th May 2012 | 12.00 - 3.00

Two historical re-enactors will take on the characters of a First World War soldier and nurse. Visitors will have a chance to handle replica military equipment from the First World War and learn about the different life, medicine and fighting styles of the Western and Eastern front. Performances will take place at 12 and 2pm.

These drop-in events will be free (standard admission charge applies for visitors to the Museum building).

Family Event - All at Sea

Saturday 2nd June 2012 | 10.30 - 12.00

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There are two orchestral concerts - the first on **Friday June 8th** with the title **Crowned Connections** and the programme is of music composed for or dedicated to or about all kinds of crowned heads.

This includes work by Delius, Mozart, Britten and Haydn, and for the first time the Festival welcomes the Perth Choir *Chansons* to perform a *Missa Brevis* by Mozart and Britten's *Choral Dances* from his opera *Gloriana*. The concert will be conducted by Howard Duthie. There is a wine reception at 7.30 for the concert starting at 8pm. As always there will be a finger buffet supper with wine after the concert.

The second concert with the title **Happy and Glorious!** takes place on **Sunday, 10th June**, beginning with a wine reception at 3pm, concert at 3.30 and followed by strawberries and cream!

The music is all by British composers - Purcell, John Ireland, Peter Warlock, with the second half of the programme given over to the "Regular, Royal" music from Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*. The conductor is Allan Young with soloists Alison McDonald, Helen Brown, Paul Vaughan, and Craig Dennis.

On **Saturday, June 9th**, a master-class in ensemble playing will be led by internationally renowned viola and ensemble player **Michael Beeston**. All kinds of ensembles are invited to enroll for this very special master-class which runs from 10am to 4.30pm. If you would like to attend just to listen to ensemble music, you will be most welcome.

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There was a good turnout at the SNP's Alyth Branch AGM.

Guest speaker was John Swinney MSP who gave an interesting insight in his role as Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth in the Scottish Government, he spoke about the Scottish Referendum for Independence and how any countries who had sought independence were being successful in running their own affairs. So why not Scotland? He also spoke highly of Perth & Kinross Council and how now that City status had been granted by Queen Elizabeth to Perth a new chapter in Perth's long history had been started. Perth had been considered by many to be the first capital of Scotland from the early 800s until 1437.

The following members were elected as Office Bearers:

Convener - Freda Smith

Vice Convener - Alistair Srimgeour

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

13TH - 19TH MAY

During Christian Aid Week the annual Red Envelope Door to Door Collection will take place throughout Alyth and District.

Around forty people from our local churches here in Alyth (Alyth Parish Church, St Luan's and St Ninian's) will set out to collect their allocated district. They will visit every household giving the occupants the opportunity to give a donation towards this very worthwhile charitable organisation whose aim is to help the world's poorest build a future out of poverty.

Christian Aid Week proves itself to be a tremendous boost to their funds and needs people to continue to give as generously as they can.

This year the UK Department for International Development (DFID) has agreed to match the first £5 million raised - pound for pound during Christian Aid Week. This is exciting news for them as it means donations will go even further and help more people here in the UK and around the world.

I would ask you to please support Christian Aid again and look out for your collector who will be readily recognised - sporting the Big Red Envelope, a C/A badge and C/A red canvas bag!! Grateful thanks to all supporters and collectors alike.

To conclude I would like to extend thanks to Morag Macarthur who is at present in hospital. Morag has been a valuable member of our Christian Aid team here in Alyth and throughout her life. She has always regarded collecting for Christian Aid a privilege. Grateful thanks Morag and our sincere thoughts and best wishes are with you. God bless. On behalf of Christian Aid, **Nan White** - local C/A organiser.

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SCOTTISH HYDRO DRUMDERG COMMUNITY FUND:

The fund is provided by the developers of the Drumderg Wind Farm, Scottish Hydro, 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.

The advisory Panel are delighted to announce following the latest round of applications to the Drumderg Community Fund; at their meeting on the **15th March 2012** has approved the projects detailed below.

Applicant	Project	Awarded
Alyth 45th Perthshire Scout Group	To carry out refurbishment work on the ground floor of the scout hall. This will include insulating the floor, ceiling and walls; rewiring and installing additional sockets, upgrading the toilet and kitchen facilities; upgrade to the lighting and alarm system. All of which will bring the hall to a standard to comply with current legislation.	£14,200.00
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust	To contribute towards the cost of a community-based archaeological excavation of an early medieval building at Lair, Glenshee.	£3,500.00
Alyth Hill Users Group	To contribute to the creation of Alyth Community Woodland this will offer a multi functional sustainable community resource for Alyth residents. This is part of a 5 year programme of work; this phase will support the development of a community orchard, offer training courses for volunteers and develop orienteering mapping, woodland play features and wildflower planting.	£9,282.00
Mount Blair Community Development Trust	To undertake a project that will collect, copy, collate and publish a wide collection of material which will provide a social history of the area.	£4,750.00
Glenshee Tourist Association	To build on the success of the Glenshee & Mount Blair Heather Festivals held in 2010 and 2011 & work towards making the Heather Festival a long term sustainable event; offering events & activities for local residents & visiting tourists.	£1,200.00
Alyth Community Council	To upgrade the Arches Churchyard to allow local residents and visitors to access it as a heritage site. By providing way markers, signs on the gates and to footpath the area - this will make the site more accessible. A historic churchyard leaflet will be produced to sign post and inform visitors.	£10,000.00
Alyth Parish Church Airlie Street Hall	To contribute towards the cost of providing photo-voltaic (solar) panels to Airlie Street Hall. The panels will work as an energy saving system for the hall and will allow the Committee to reduce some of their energy bills. This hall is well used by the local community.	£5,423.00
Alyth Youth Partnership	A 2nd year award to assist with project staff costs providing leverage for the group enabling them to secure additional funding from other sources which require match funding. The group offer a range of services and activities from their two locations in the town; The Hub and the community wing.	£10,000.00
Total		£58,355.00

**SCOTTISH HYDRO
DRUMDERG COMMUNITY FUND:**

Please note that there is now only one application form which can be used for all applications between £250 to £10,000. There is also a Micro Grants scheme in operation for applications under £250; applications to the Micro Grants can be made in writing directly to the secretary of the Alyth and Mount Blair Community Councils.

There will be **three deadlines** for applications to the Drumderg Community Benefit Fund during **2012**:

Grant application deadline	Advisory Panel Meeting	Decisions notified by latest
7 May	Thurs 14 June	6 July
6 Aug	Thurs 13 Sept	5 Oct
8 Oct	Thurs 15 Nov	7 Dec

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Scottish Hydro Energy Efficiency Fund

Scottish Hydro has provided the Advisory Panel with an additional Energy Efficiency Fund; this is not an open programme but is aimed at supporting energy efficiency measures in the local halls. Applications have been invited from the local halls and the Advisory Panel approved the following award;

Applicant	Project	Awarded
Alyth Halls Committee	To fund the cost of fully insulating the Alyth Hall roof. This will bring the hall up to standard, and make it more environmentally friendly by helping to reduce heating bills. This will enable the hall Committee to keep charges for use of the hall at a reasonable level thereby benefiting all local users.	£2,200.00
Total		£2,200.00

The Advisory Panel are hoping to support future applications from the Alyth Halls Committee on behalf of the Alyth Town Hall and Ogilvie Rooms.

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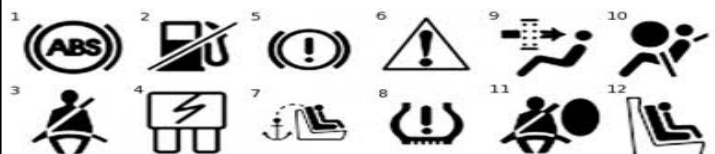
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Also can we thank John Robertson for preparing the ground for our wildflower bed.

Marguerite McKenzie, Chairperson

THANKS MACDONALD

Callum and Marie would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the wonderful flowers, gifts and cards they received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Grateful thanks and love to all.

To Friends & Neighbours

I would like to thank all those who sent cards and made enquiries about my going out and in to Ninewells over the last five weeks.

I am now at home and hope to see you all to thank you personally.
Thanks. **Edna Kydd**

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Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and supported our Coffee morning in March which raised **£649.00** It is much appreciated.

THANK YOU Coffee Morning 17th March

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Thank you all. **Irene Hendry**

THANK YOU Mollison & Tosh

Ryan Mollison and Alexander Tosh would like to thank everybody for helping us raise a total of **£72** for Sport Relief at our stall on the 24th March.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for donating prizes:
Lands of Loyal House Hotel, Solutions (Alyth) and Live Active (Blairgowrie)
Thanks again,

Ryan and Alexander

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TO THE MEMBERS & ADHERENTS OF ALYTH PARISH CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I'm afraid that I made a very poor reply speech on the evening of your Minister's Induction – but I'm sure you know why? My heart was quite heavy.

Both Betty and myself want to sincerely thank you – she for the lovely bouquet of flowers, and me for the very fine bottle, and the spirit in which it was given!!; as well as, for the lovely glasses and water jug etched with the old arches of Alyth. I am so pleased to have them, for they will serve to ever remind me of the friendship shown me in my short time among you. Apart from the sixty mile round trip on each occasion (which didn't overmuch enchant me), these past eighteen months for me have been happy ones. An Interim Moderator's task is not of itself an easy one, but thanks to the cooperation, support and help given me in so many quarters, it was made easy for me. I count it a privilege to have been able to minister to you, albeit in a minimal capacity, throughout the vacancy. You have been very loyal throughout these months. Thank you.

I was very happy with the large number who turned out for your Minister's Induction – but please remember now, that Mr Erskine needs your loyalty, support and help, just as much as you need pastoral care from him. It is a two-way traffic. You have made an excellent choice, a man who will laugh with you in your joys, and help you through your darker days. Give him your support in all things, especially in Church attendance.

Meanwhile, from Betty and myself, thank you again. May God's richest blessing rest upon you all.

Matthew Robertson (Revd)

THANK YOU

I sincerely thank everyone who volunteered to help with the catering for the Induction Service at Alyth Parish Church on Tuesday 27th March 2012. A big thanks also to those who helped with the clearing and washing up, it was all much appreciated. **Joy Reid**

ALYTH GALA DAY 2012 CANCELLED

Due to ill health and unforeseen circumstances the committee regrets to announce that this year's Gala Day has been cancelled.

We hope that people will still give their support to any fundraising events which will be put towards the running of future Gala Days.

More details of the Annual General Meeting will be given later in the year for anyone who is interested in joining the committee.

Alyth Gala Day Committee

Top o' Toon
12th April 2012

Sad news – last week I learnt o' the death o' a truly grand gentleman – farmer George McGibbon o' The Brae. Whit braw memories o' that man & his family. Aye ready tae help wi' his sna' ploo at the top o' the toon & elsewhere. Wonderful memories tae o' their Berry Balls in the Barn & the great Pipe Band music, mentioned in an earlier A.V. George played at a' meh Alyth Toon Hall shindigs. Whit a braw fiddler tae. Ye are greatly remembered & missed George.

Mair sad news – espeshully tae Pitlochry Theatre goers. The early demise o' that great favourite actor Martyn James – winnae be the same wi' oot his cheery greeting & great acting roles.

Again, outside that Alyth P.O. on that ane sunny day –

“Goodmorning, I'm Michael”
“Goodmorning, I haven't a clue who you are”
Should have noticed the dog-collar, but sensibilities were clouded by that friendly & personable kilted man. Welcome tae ye, Rev. Michael. Lang may yer kilt liit!

Also just recuperating frae a lovely week o' intense activity wi' grandson & very bonny girlfriend (frae Belarus – bit o' auld U.S.S.R.). They met in Dubai – changed times eh?

Whit did we no' dae? The Den & Hill : Glamis Castle in snow : The Hermitage : Dunkeld & Birnam : Glenprosen : St. Andrews : some pub lunches : Letham's Trumperton Forge : Perth Station. Enroute to Birmingham University the twa youngsters toured Edinburgh Castle & Royal Mile! Did we hae that energy when 20? Of course we did. IF I can remember that far back!

Josi.

THANK YOU



The Voice Committee would like to thank the **Losset Inn**

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Thanks again.

Thank you also to the **50+ Club** for their donation of **£187.21** to the Alyth Voice, which was received by Voice editor, Paul Ramsay at their 4th April meeting.

Thank you to **Marjory Macpherson** and **Margaret McKenzie** for their time over the years collecting invoice payments for the Voice. We welcome Mary **Hogg** to the Voice team who takes on this task.

Public Notices



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A large box from Childline and NSPCC charities is going to be placed at the reception of the **Alyth Health Centre** for

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BINGO TEA

Anne, Shirley, Jennifer, Irene and Helen Menzies are holding a Bingo Tea in **Alyth Town Hall on Thursday 24th May at 7.30 pm** to raise funds for Marie Curie.

We hope for a good turn out and any donations will be gratefully received.

If you can help please contact Helen on 01828 632929 or hand donations in to R. Doig & Sons, 82 High Street, Blairgowrie (01250 872216) Thank you .

ALYTH IN BLOOM AGM

Our A.G.M. will be held on **Thursday 31st May 2012, at 7pm, in ALYTH HOTEL.**

You are welcome to come and join us. Refreshments. Contact number 632749. Marguerite McKenzie, Chairperson

MALAWI TRIP BINGO TEA

Bingo Tea in order to raise funds for our Malawi Trip. Eyes down at 7.30pm, Alyth town hall, **Thursday 17th May**. Please bring your own cup. Donations are welcomed. **Rheanna Thom**, Blairgowrie High School

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L. Gordon (Treasurer)



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The Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on 31st March. The sum of **£920** was raised for Guild funds which are used to support our church and the national charitable projects. Your help is very much appreciated.

Our last meeting this session is our AGM on **Thursday, 3rd May at 7pm** in the Airlie Street Hall. Everyone is welcome.



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project on track to have all public oil paintings in Scotland online by year end. The Public Catalogue Foundation (PCF), in partnership with the BBC, has announced that an additional 4,000 oil paintings from public collections across Central Scotland Fife and Perth, Kinross and Angus have been added to the **Your Paintings** website for the nation to enjoy.

Your Paintings is a project to create a complete online catalogue of every oil painting in the United Kingdom's national collection, at bbc.co.uk/yourpaintings

Recent additions to **Your Paintings** mean that there are now 15,000 paintings from over 60 collections across Scotland on the site including works from Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow. By the end of the year all 35,000 oil paintings in Scottish public collections will be online for the world to view and admire. In total some 240 collections across Scotland will have participated in this project to make Scottish public art more accessible. These collections range from National Galleries of Scotland to many collections with just a handful of paintings.

Recent additions include works by **Fergusson, Opie, Lowry, Millais, Peploe, Pieter Brueghel the Younger and Raeburn**. From Perth, Kinross and Angus **Perth & Kinross Council** and **Angus Council** illuminate the history and artistic legacy of Scotland, particularly **The Fergusson Gallery**. Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment is represented in **The Black Watch Castle & Museum's** collection whilst the work of emerging and established artists across the 19th century to the present day can be seen at **The Hospitalfield Centre for Art & Culture**.

Emma Halford-Forbes, Museum Manager, The Black Watch Castle & Museum, said: "We're thrilled to see our paintings go online after all the work the team has put in to the PCF project. It's a great opportunity for us to research our collections, and make them more accessible too. And it couldn't have come at a better time, as we build up to our major redevelopment project."

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ALYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TULLYMURDOCH WIND FARM PROPOSAL -

RDS Element Power gave an initial presentation to the Community Council (which can be found on our website at <http://bit.ly/TullyWind>) for their proposed 7 turbine wind farm at Tullymurdoch. RDS have proposed a Community Liaison Group, with attendees from Alyth and Kilry Community Councils. We are keen to represent the full range views of Alyth area residents, so please get in touch with us at the contact details below with your thoughts. We have already raised questions about the combined impact of developing 3 new wind farms at Tullymurdoch, Bamff and Welton of Creuchies and will be asking the developers to agree common approaches between them if they are all approved. The 3 proposals would add an additional 21 turbines to the 15 already at Drumderg. Whilst this would still be considerably smaller than many of the wind farms around Scotland, we do need to consider the impact of construction traffic through an old town such as ours. We are therefore really keen to hear your views and ensure that they are represented to the developers at an early stage.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - HM

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, discussions are underway with a number of groups and individuals with plans for the Jubilee celebrations. If you are planning something or would like to get involved, please get in touch.

GALA DAY - The Community Council was disappointed to hear that the Gala has been called off, as I'm sure all of you are. It would therefore be really good to all pull together to make the Jubilee our lively summer celebration.

NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR - Finally, I would like to welcome the newest member to the Community Council, Gail Balfour, who is an Alyth local, having been brought up and schooled and lived here.

CONTACT - ACC uses a number of different methods to let you know about our work. Our website <http://alythcc.ning.com>. Or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AlythCC>. We also have a Community Box in Alyth Library and from time to time post notices on the board in the Square. Feel free to get in touch about any issues of concern by writing to us at: Viewpark, Meethill Rd, Alyth, PH11 8DE, Tel: 634 134 or email at AlythCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Sanjay Samani

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7.30pm Circuit Training

Blairgowrie Town Hall
Tues 6.30pm Zumba, 7.30pm BLAST FX
Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle

Wed 9.45am Circuit Training Alyth Town Hall

Thurs 7.30pm Zumba Kilry Village Hall

Fri 9.30am Bootcamp

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PLANTATION

The felling of the Whitehills plantation here at Bamff provokes many thoughts, among which the first might be regret at the loss of the wood as habitat for red squirrels. I keep thinking about this and hoping that there is scope for other plantations here to receive the displaced squirrels. Change in the landscape might be another; though for some the new light rich scene is welcome, as it is for Nick and Aileen in the lodge. For Jim Duncan, who helped plant the wood in the nineteen fifties there is the dimension of memory: his memories include those of the people he knew who took part in the planting and those who lived and worked at Bamff in those days. I can only think of a few: old John White, the estate overseer, his son Jack (who lives in Kettins). Then there must have been Jim's father, Will, and others such as John Ferguson, the gamekeeper. My great-uncle, Sir Douglas Ramsay, must have been present on occasion, as also his son, Neis, who succeeded him. I wonder if John McEwan, the well-known forester and radical land reformer, visited the planting to see how things were going? It may have been before his time.

John Ferguson was an Islay man who had served in the river police in Glasgow, but had been obliged to leave the Force after he threw some miscreant into the water. John was a famous breeder of gun dogs and had a great hatred for the Craighall gamekeeper, Geordie Sinclair, from Caithness originally, and also a retired policeman from Glasgow, though I don't think Geordie threw anyone in the river. Either way we knew about the Ferguson/Sinclair enmity because it manifested itself, mostly as barbed jibes, on the occasions when we shot over the old Drimmie commonity.

Soon after the planting of the Whitehills wood there was trouble with browsing by roe deer and John White suggested to my great-uncle that he put up some netting to keep the deer out. Sir Douglas's rejoinder was that he employed a gamekeeper and it was up to him to ensure that the young plantation was a success. Spurred on by this, John ensured that the young trees survived the browsing and fraying of the roe deer and grew to produce good timber. I often think about Uncle Douglas's strong line on the management of deer. We hear too often that deer should be fenced out of plantations when, in reality their numbers should be more rigorously controlled.

John Ferguson was hard on poachers. Jim Duncan once told me that a favorite ploy of his was to drive his car down to Alyth and leave it parked in the square. Then, he would return to Bamff. The poachers, seeing his car in the square, would assume that he was in the Commercial Hotel and make their way to Bamff, where he would ambush them. So much for memory: all those I have mentioned, except Jim himself and Jack White are gone, leaving only memories to those who knew and cared for them.

In the meantime...

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PLANTATION Cont'd...

... the plantation has been turned to timber and lorry loads are making their way to various places: to a sawmill in Haddington for the green log and other places, whose names I cannot remember, for the pallet and chip wood. Some loads were driven to Montrose to make up a load of timber that was to be shipped abroad for pulping.

This takes me on to another thought, which is that the Whitehills wood was always meant to be a commercial wood, a wood whose production would be turned into timber and so into cash, some of which would be used to replant the ground. I accept that (of course I do - I need the money after all), though with the misgivings I have mentioned: loss of habitat for red squirrels and other inhabitants of coniferous woodland (even if temporary), change of landscape and the memories that go with it.

In next month's article I am going to write about the prospect of replanting the Whitehills Wood.

Paul Ramsay

AHUG Bike Club

April has seen a ride in the "Sidlaws" with Norman West in charge. He met up with a few other local riders once there and had an excellent morning by all accounts.

Tuesday evening coaching sessions have also started at the Den car park, these are open to anyone no matter what age. Norman and Eliot both plan to be there and will organize plenty of stuff to keep all ages amused.

The June trip to the trail centers at Laggan Wolfrax and The Witches Trail in Fort William will now take place on Sat June 30th and Sun 1st July. This is a very challenging two day trip which requires suitable equipment. Anyone who wishes to take part please contact Andy Sangster (coiler69@hotmail.co.uk) or Eliot Palmer (eliotpalmer@btinternet.com 01828633772) by June 1st please.

Unfortunately at this stage in its development the club is not ready to take unaccompanied children with them, therefore under 18's must be accompanied by a Parent. The parent does not have to take part in the bike riding, but needs to be with the group at the trail centers.

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ALYTH PHOTOGRAPIC CLUB

Spring is with us (is it really?) and the club is now out on photo-shoots for a number of meetings. However, with the weather and poor light over the last month on Monday nights, we've had to chop and change our meetings and locations. Let's hope the weather is a bit kinder to us over the next four months. (See one of our member's photos on page 30)

We are continually changing our photographs on exhibition at the Alyth Health Centre.

We meet every Monday at 7pm at the Burnside Inn. We will still meet outside the Burnside at the same time on photo-shoot nights. Then we go to the locations in some cars. It is possible that there may be last minute changes to some meetings due to weather.

If you think that some of these meetings might be interesting then why not come along. There's no commitment, just see what happens and see if you enjoy it. You might get some ideas on how to take a different kind of picture, something you never thought about before. It's something enjoyable and inspiring to do now that the daylight is longer.

Programme for Club Meetings

May 2012 (Picture Theme – Reflections)

7th. Photo-shoot. Subject **Birds Fishing**. Location: Kinnordy Loch

14th. Photo-shoot. Subject: **Farm Animals**. Location: South Balloch Farm

21st. Photo-shoot. Subject: **Macro**. Location to be decided

30th. Projection Theme Pictures / Discussion Burnside Inn (**Reflections, Best of Recent Photo-shoots**)

June 2012 (Picture Theme – Wildlife)

Meetings to be decided

By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and elected new Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Committee. However if you need any more information, you can still contact Ron or myself this month, until new officials have been elected.

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Andrew and Mary Houston, Kirkhill, Lintrathen (next to Lintrathen Church and Cemetery) have kindly opened their garden to visitors on the following Sundays from 11.30am: **April 29th, May 13th and June 10th and 30th.** Donations will be in aid of the Isla Parishes Church funds.

Songs of Praises up Glenisla will be on 4th Sunday of the month and the next one will be **27th May** again at 6.30pm when Lamont Forbes will lead the singing. A cup of tea and time for fellowship will conclude the service.

Evening services will be held throughout the summer at Airlie Church on the second Sunday of each month and the congregation is delighted to welcome Reverend Leslie Barrett on **13th May** and on **10th June** Reverend David Butters. These evening services are all at 6.30pm and will also allow time for a chat and tea at their conclusion.

Sunday morning worship is held in the Isla Parishes Church at Kilry at 10.30am and is conducted by Reverend Ian Murray or occasionally by one of the other ministers within West Angus Area Team Ministry (WAAM).
(New Elders see p32) **Jenny Ralston**



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Recently a Perth businessman set to prove that he is very much "in Vogue". Award-winning stylist to the stars John Gillespie will have the honour of seeing his work featured in the May edition of the famous fashion magazine.

He was given the opportunity to complete the task after L'Oreal, for whom he is an international ambassador, championed his skills. Describing the opportunity as the "Holy Grail of hairdressing", the 42-year-old revealed that he was more than happy to drop everything to complete the assignment.

"It's the ultimate compliment and the accolade of a lifetime," he said. "It's the sort of commission you dream of throughout your hairdressing career."

Taking art director **Catherine Scobie** with him, John jetted off to London to join the Vogue team. Former Alyth lass Catherine is a daughter of Mary and the late Ally Gowans.

Surrounded by international fashion designers, stylists, make-up artists, editors and photographers, the Perth pair set about creating the perfect look for the four-page spread, all the while following a strict brief.

John added: "The Vogue brief explained that they wanted to show hair as something that could be cut and styled the same way fashion designers cut and style fabric to keep that total image. It was a really exciting day, but very daunting and exhausting.

"You're working with the best in the world and the pressure is immense."

Despite being well-known in the celebrity world for treating the tresses of A-list personalities, he admitted that this particular job was a "big moment".

"Styling for Vogue is the ultimate ambition of every hairdresser — from a career point of view, it's mega," he continued. "This really was my dream come true."

Although he created the inspirational looks, he wasn't privy to a preview of how the shoot went so he will be seeing the results at the same time as everyone else, so is eagerly awaiting the next delivery of Vogue to Perth.

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Meeting times and venues for future walks are listed below including a new walk at Butterstone in July.

Date	Walk	Meeting place/ time
Saturday 12th. May	Kitty Swansons	Meet Alyth Square 12.30 for 12.43 bus to Blairgowrie
Saturday 16th. June	Rattray to Alyth	Meet Alyth Square 12.30 for 12.43 bus to Blairgowrie
Saturday 14th. July	Butterstone	Meet Alyth Square at 1p.m. for car share

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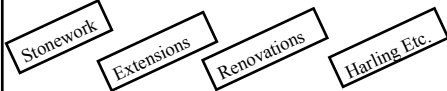
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I was expecting to hear the cries of 'not more sponsorship!' from parents, and had ear defenders at the ready, but thankfully they were not required as everyone agreed it was a good idea.

Trying to work out how to get a big cheque was the next problem, but that was happily sorted out at the bank who informed me they have some spares in the back (probably with all their stash of cash).

So after a brief synopsis of what to do - get in, swim, we'll tell you when to stop, the swimmers all carried on whilst the volunteer parents could sit and count the lengths, whilst having a blether. As some had finished before the rest, they set to cheering on the younger ones. Chloe and Nina had obviously not swam nearly as fast as they could have as their voices loudly echoed throughout the building, and 'come on Jordan and Holly' could be heard in Africa, where the bulk of their efforts will go to help those less fortunate.

The best of course was saved to last and little Lilly who is only 7, just kept going until all our hearts burst with pride as she finished her 80th length. I'm sure that cheer was heard on the moon.

Once they had all completed the required 80 lengths, the floats came out so fun could be had by all, though I'm not sure that Andie and Euan throwing others off; Ryan's face being imprinted onto a huge ball, and what looked like the appearance of drowning by Kitty and Erin is really what the swimming team should be doing, I was relieved that at least I didn't get wet, nor did the spinal board have to be employed.

So far these swimmers have raised **£538.50**. Well done to them all! Anyone looking for information about joining the team should speak in the first instance to Lindsay McNally.

(See photo on p32)

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We are delighted to be in receipt of further grants toward our downstairs project. The Drum-derg Wind Farm Fund has given the Group **£14,200**. Perth & Kinross Council have awarded us **£12,000** which has given the project a major boost. At this time we have only to hear from one further contributor to ensure we can proceed with the full project in the summer. As part of the project, the Group have to make a considerable contribution and this would not be possible without the services of our committee and the local community by supporting the fund raising activities. In addition to our normal fundraisers, Cath Jackson ran a sponsored darts marathon, Greg Neilson is taking on the Marathon Des Sables, a gruelling challenge and not for the feint of heart. The Cub Leaders with Mrs R Mitchell have compiled a cook book which they are selling for funds. The recipes were compiled by the Cubs favourites which is why there are only 5 savoury dishes and 35 sweets dishes. Now if you have never sampled such delights as Lantern tray bake or Wee Fi's Carrot Cake – then you do not know what you are missing and there is only one way to put this deficiency to rest – buy the book! We are indebted to the compilers, the contributors and the printers for their endeavours and I personally look forward to the Waffle berry Bread Pudding!

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- **Views** (Airlie Mount, Airlie St, Arches, Balhary Camp, Balhary Hse, Balloch Hse, Bamff Hse, Bamff Rd, Bardmony Hse, Belmont Castle, Bowling Club, Burn, Burnside Hse, Commercial St, Den, Episcopal Church, Georgesville, Golf Club, Harvest, High Kirk, Loyal Hse, Market Sq, Pack Bridge, Parish Church, Ruthven House, South United Free Church, Strathmore Tce, Toutie St, Town Hall, Train Station, War Memorial, Woolmarket)
- **Text** (publications for Alyth High Parish Church 1934 & 1950, Guides to Alyth 1948—1961, Alyth Railway Act 1858, Coronation 1953, James Sandy, Perthshire Volunteer Training Corps 1916, United Free Church North Subscribers 1843, Smith, Baxter and Donaldson Family Trees plus many almanacs (1900s), newspapers and 1930s good housekeeping diaries)
- **People & Events** (1,000+ photographs of past & present residents)
- **NEW Baptisms** (High Kirk and Barony Church baptisms from early 1900s to date)
- **NEW Weddings** (400+ wedding photos from 2011 exhibition)
- **Cemetery** (maps, burial records and headstone photographs for Alyth's 3 cemeteries)
- **Parish Records** (on microfilm from 1623—1854)

LET US COPY YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
TO ENJOY THEM TOO - BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH ANY WEEKEND

Alyth Museum: Open May to September

(for Wilson Laing Photos and much, much more)

Alyth Library:

(for FREE Internet access and advice on tracing your ancestors.)
Monday 10-12.30, 2-4
Tuesday 10-12.30, 6-8
Wednesday/Sunday Closed
Thursday 2-4, 6-8
Friday 2-4
Saturday 9.30-12.30

ADMISSION IS FREE AT ALL LOCATIONS

DID YOU GO TO ALYTH SCHOOL?

There are 100s of school photographs on the church computer and we would like your help to identify pupils in class photos. Bring your school class photo up to be scanned in too.

THANK YOU to our local fire services

A heartfelt thanks to
Alyth and Blairgowrie fire services
for the prompt action
which averted a serious disaster.
**Ian & Jean Anderson
Ruby & Claire Carmichael**



Alyth Parish Church Primary Sunday School collected over 90 chocolate Easter eggs on Palm Sunday, which were distributed to the Children's Ward at Ninewells Hospital & Belmont Care Home.

Above: Pictured at the Induction Service for Rev. Mike Erskine are, Rev. John Russell (Presbytery Clerk for Dunkeld & Meigle Presbytery), Rev. Mike Erskine, Rev. Bill Ewart (Presbytery Moderator for Dunkeld & Meigle Presbytery), Rev. Matthew Robertson (Interim Moderator for Alyth Parish Church during the vacancy period).

Right: The Revd Mike Erskine conducted a short service on top of Alyth Hill on Easter Sunday morning, keeping tradition with past years when members of the congregation and locals alike make their way to Alyth Hill summit to mark Easter Sunday, before returning to church for breakfast. This year over 50 people of all ages took part.



GET TO KNOW THE NEW MINISTER OF ALYTH PARISH CHURCH

Rev. Mike Erskine



Ruth Jolly asked Rev. Mike what his "Favourite Things" are, here are his answers...

Favourite piece of music?
"Caddam Wood" by Adam Rennie.

Favourite view?
That has to be the view of the skyline over the hills at Kilmelford, Argyll.

Favourite place to visit?
I love going back to Walkworth in Northumberland, it is such a beautiful place to visit.

Favourite book?
Excepting the Bible, of course, then that has to be "Winter Holiday" from the Swallows and Amazons series by Arthur Ransome.

Happiest moments?
They are, of course, the births of my two wonderful children, Laura and Euan.

What item could you not live without?
My radio.

And what stations are on preset?
Radio 4, Radio Scotland and Radio 2.

Favourite twin?
That has to be my twin sister Fiona.

Favourite thing to do on your day off?
Exploring new places with a good tearoom then finish the day with a trip to the cinema.

Favourite meal?
Prawn cocktail
Sirloin steak chasseur
Pavlova
A real 1970's feast!

Favourite restaurant?
The Peat Inn.

Favourite holiday?
Coniston Water in The Lake District.

Favourite cake?
Dundee cake or Christmas cake.

Favourite TV programme?
Anything which makes me laugh but especially Victor Meldrew, Only Fools and Horses, & Hugh Dennis in Outnumbered. Also, Midsummer Murders, if not too gory.

Favourite musical?
Has to be "Grease", great music and great fun.

Favourite Movies?
The Blues Brothers, KingPin and Dr Zhivago.

Favourite decade?
No contest - the "60's", the best music and lots of great fun, I think!

Favourite recent moment?
Alloa 8 Elgin City 1

and Least favourite recent moment?
Doncaster Rovers getting relegated.

East or West coast?
East coast for living,
West Coast for holidays.

Least favourite food?
Without a doubt that has to be tongue and tapioca.

What made you become a minister?
Meeting some great people, who were doing amazing work for The Iona Community in the Gorbals of Glasgow.

Quickfire Q & A

Football or Rugby? Football

Hillwalking or sailing? Both

Car or Bike? Bike

Cat or dog? Cat

Indian or Chinese? Indian

Our Wullie or The Broons? The Broons



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THE BLACK WATCH HERITAGE APPEAL Alyth Coffee Morning



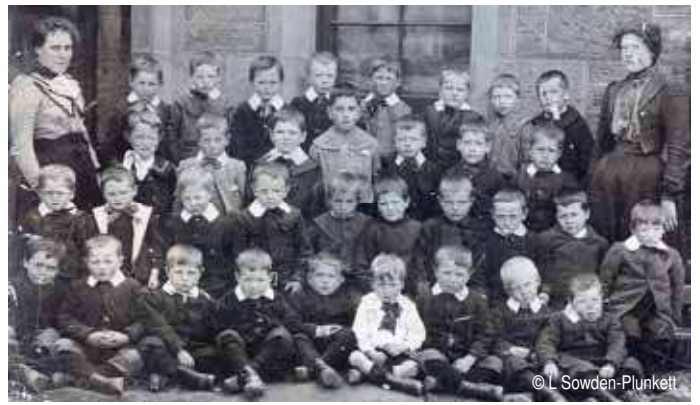
The Trustees of the Black Watch Museum would like to thank the organisers, stall holders and the good people of Alyth for the excellent support shown at the Coffee morning on the 14th of April. The turnout on the day was incredible and it was lovely to witness at first hand the real sense of community the coffee morning generated.

It warms our hearts when communities within our Regimental recruiting area come together to help us in our Heritage Appeal and it has to be said that Alyth comes high on the list when it comes to the money raised thus far. We will use the funds generated on the day to go towards the sponsorship of an artefact or case within the new Museum redevelopment, that way the generosity of the people of Alyth will be noted for all to see.

The event raised nearly **£1,000** on the day as well as sales generated in our small shop and donations gathered. This figure for an event lasting a few hours is incredible.

We were also heartened by the support shown for our planned development that visitors were able to see as the model and plans were on show during the event. As I mentioned on the day, our project is a reality now with work commencing on site next month.

Thank you once again and please feel free to visit Balhousie Castle whenever you are in Perth and we can update you on how our development project is progressing. Kind regards, **Alfie Iannetta**
Chief Executive, The Black Watch Museum



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ALYTH PUBLIC SCHOOL c.1901

Email: plunden@sympatico.ca

16 April 2012

Dear Alyth Voice,

I have attached a photo which I believe is of the **Alyth School** taken in **1901** approx. My grandfather David Fowler Irvine is in the last row 3rd from the left. He was born in 1896, and looks to be 4 or 5 in the photo. I am not sure of anyone else, but I am looking forward to photographing the school when I am there on the 1st of May.

My grandfather, his mother (Isabelle Reid Irvine) and two sisters Bertha and Sybil were to join their father in Canada but their departure was delayed due to illness as Sybil (2 years old) was too sick to travel. It was a good thing, as they were booked on the Titanic! Hope you enjoyed this little bit of history!

Lois Sowden-Plunkett, Ottawa, Ontario Canada



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DAFFODILS AT JORDANSTONE

By Alyth Photographic Club member, Iain Galbraith.

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ALYTH SCOUT GROUP'S visit to ALYTH FIRE STATION

Read all about it on page 27!



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NEW LIFE ON GLENISLA GOLF COURSE

By Dougie Dewar, Isla Road

Alyth Show - Aberbothrie - 16th June 2012

Not long now till this year's Alyth Show Industrial Tent, get your Entry Form completed and return to:
Mrs E.J. Crossley-Davies, The Farmhouse, South Balloch Farm, Alyth, PH11 8JN

Section 1 Baking Judge; TBC

1	Plain Victoria Sponge with jam filling (8"tin)	
2	Barra Brith – Welsh Tea Loaf (recipe supplied) See below	
3	Chelsea Buns (2)	
4	Drop Scones – Scotch Pancakes (3)	
5	Carrot Muffins (2)	
6	Oatcakes (2)	
7	Ginger Biscuits (2)	
8	Treacle Tart (1 individual)	
9	Millionaires Shortbread (2)	
10	Brandy Snaps (3)	
11	Diamond Jubilee themed 8" round decorated cake (decoration only to be judged)	

Section 2 Produce Judge; TBC

12	Lime Curd (small jar)	
13	Strawberry Jam (small jar)	
14	Onion Marmalade (small jar)	
15	Mint Jelly (small jar)	
16	Tomato Soup (small flask)	
17	Sausage Rolls (2)	
18	Potato Salad (small bowl)	
19	Poached Pear (1 whole)	
20	Chocolate fudge (3 pieces)	
21	Ginger Beer (ready to drink)	
22	Home Bred Hens Egg's (6)	
23	Other poultry Eggs (3)	
24	Red, white and blue sweet treats	

Section 3 Floral Art Judge; TBC

25	Floating Flower arrangement	
26	Jubilee Celebration Themed Table Centre	
27	"A Crown of Flowers"	
28	A Vase of Garden Flowers	
29	Red, White and Blue Floral Display	
30	A Floral Hair Fascinator	

Section 4 Handicrafts Judge; TBC

31	A Knitted Tea Cosy	
32	A Diamond Themed Gift Card	
33	Pin Cushion (any craft)	
34	Spectacle Case (any craft)	
35	A Wrapped Wedding Present (shoe box size)	
36	1 metre long length of Bunting (any craft)	
37	A4 unframed Pencil Sketch of a Castle	
38	A3 unframed Watercolour (any subject)	

Section 5 Photography Judge; TBC

39	A Farming Scene	
40	A Sporting Event	
41	"Celebration"	
42	Flags	
43	Reflections	
44	"In the Garden"	

Section 6 Children Judge; TBC

	0 – 4 yrs	
45	Colouring in Olympic Rings (picture supplied)	
46	Red, White and Blue Collage	
47	Make a Crown	
	5 yrs - 7 yrs	
48	Chocolate Cookies (2)	
49	Red, White and Blue Collage	
50	Make a medal	
	8 yrs - 11 yrs	
51	Decorated Cupcakes (2)	
52	Design a comic strip character	
53	Make a medal	
	12 yrs - 14 yrs	
54	Rocky Road (2)	
55	Design a CD cover for your favourite song	
56	Make an Olympic Poster	

Ingredients

- 450g/1lb dried mixed fruit
- 250g/9oz brown sugar
- 300ml/½ pint warm black tea
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 450g/1lb self-raising flour
- 1 free-range egg, beaten

Barra Brith (Welsh Tea Bread)

Preparation method

1. In a large bowl soak the fruit and sugar in strained tea and leave overnight.
2. Next day preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3. Line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with baking parchment.
3. Mix the remaining ingredients into the fruit mixture and beat well.
4. Pour the mixture into the loaf tin and bake the oven and bake for 1½ hours or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Congratulations



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MILNE

Mark, Jenni, and Ben would like to announce the safe arrival of **Rohan Milne** born on the 14th of March 2012



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RALSTON to COLVILLE

Graham Ralston, Loanhead Farm, Kilry and Diana Colville, East Mill House, Glenisla were married in Glenisla Parish Church on Saturday 7th April 2012.

PIANO EXAMS

Mrs Susan Marsh is pleased to announce the following successes in the recent examinations of The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music:

Fiona Murray	Grade 2 Piano (with Merit)
Esther Whitford	Grade 2 Piano (with Merit)
Rosanna Bailey	Grade 5 Piano

RUSSELL to RICHMOND ENGAGEMENT THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received for our engagement; it was so kind of you. Thanks to all who attended our engagement party and made it special. **Ewan & Marie**



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Pictured above are those who participated in the Blairgowrie Dolphins Swim A Mile for Sport Relief; Nina Anderson, Chloe Gruenberg-Mackenzie, Jordan, Heather Stewart, Erin Sutherland, Andie Todd, Ryan Aitcheson, Euan Kirk, Lily McCarthy, Charlie Bell, Holly McCarthy, Victoria Merrouche, Erin Sutherland. *Full article page 26.*



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ISLA PARISHES (SC031461)

Jill Aitchison, Alyth and Carolyn Richmond, Kilry were ordained as elders of the Kirk Session of the Isla Parishes on Sunday 15th April. The ordination was conducted by Isla Parishes minister Reverend Ian Murray and witnessed by family and friends as well as the large congregation. Pictured left to right are Carolyn, Jill, Rev. Ian, and Evelyn. *Full Isla Parishes article on page 23.*

Fundraising for Sport Relief

