

## CATS HELPS TRAIN CAIRNGORMS' YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG people dreaming of a career in winter sports instruction, farming or conservation can now get help to make it a reality thanks to a new bursary scheme from the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA).

The CNPA's role to help economic and social development in the National Park means that better quality education and training is key, helping retain young people in the area and supporting local businesses.

The Cairngorms Action for Training and Skills (CATS) bursary scheme supports training in vocational skills. It offers financial assistance to young people aged 16-24 living in the Cairngorms National Park area, who take part in courses that will help them towards a career aligned to the Park's aims. The training will provide skills that may help them get jobs in areas such as conserving and enhancing the local environment, helping visitors enjoy the Park and jobs that involve working on the land.

The bursary will fund part of the training fees and could cover other costs like childcare or travel. Working alongside Careers Scotland, it will also help plan the individual training programmes. Those eligible for the bursary may currently be in low-skilled work, be unemployed or school leavers.

CATS encourages young people to look at developing a number of skills, as they are able to apply for funding for more than one course. Certificates will be awarded to those who have successfully completed their courses.

The scheme is currently in its pilot stage, following approval from the CNPA board earlier this year. It is designed for individuals to apply for, rather than for employers or training companies. Anyone wanting to apply for the scheme should contact CATS on 01479 870573 or email [cats@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:cats@cairngorms.co.uk) If they are eligible for the bursary they will meet the CATS team to discuss training options.

## KIDS CORNER KIDS CORNER KIDS CORNER KIDS CORNER

I have recently been given some of the work produced by the children of Carr-Bridge Primary School, and though it would be a good idea to put a selection in the news letter for all to see. I hope to get the children to edit their own page within the news letter so look out for it in future editions.

### Hydro Electricity

**Step 1** - You need to store water in a reservoir behind a dam. The water needs to rise in the valley high up in the glen or hills. You need to divert the river in another direction while you are blocking off the original river with the dam.

**Step 2** - Build a power station below the reservoir. You will need some turbines and offices to control the turbines.

**Step 3** - Send water through pipes down to the power station. You can control the water up at the dam to make it easier.

**Step 4** - Remember to allow piped water to turn the turbines to generate the electricity. You can now let the river go back to its original course. All this electricity is now pumped to our homes.

Caitlin Reid Primary 7

### THIS IS THE HAND

This is the hand that doesn't punch  
This is the hand that I like to munch  
This is the hand that picks up the fork  
To eat the sausage made of pork.

This is the hand that says peace all over  
This is the hand that picks up a clover

This is the hand waves hello  
This is the hand that goes deep down below

This is the hand that said hello  
That I like so munch  
That doesn't punch  
That picks up the fork  
That stabbed the sausage made of pork.

Alan MacIntosh Primary 7

### SNOWMAN LAND

Last year at winter time, Charlie was going to visit his friends, and on his way, he decided to walk over the bridge. Suddenly the sky started to go dark and thunder and lightning came down, suddenly a flash hit Charlie and he disappeared.

When he woke up he found himself in a oddly shaped igloo and there was a snowman staring straight at him. He shot right off his bed and ran out the igloo, he looked around and saw snowmen everywhere! They must have been having a meeting, "That must be the king of the snowmen, no wait, that must be the abominable snowman", he said to himself in terror.

"I've got to stop him before he destroys Snowman Land and kills all the snowmen". Charlie had a great idea it was to go into his freezing tent at night and set a bomb on his bed, and blow him to bits, and free Snowman Land for ever. That night he decided to use TNT. So he went into the abominable snowman's tent and set it. It was just about to go in 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 Bang!!! The abominable snowman was in bits and Snowman Land was free for ever. And when ever he woke up to snow he will always remember that day he went to Snowman Land.

### THE END

Martin Little Primary 6

### Instructions

#### How to use the climbing wall.

#### EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED

- Ropes
- Harness
- Wall
- Helmet
- Cabarinas
- Shoes

#### STEPS

First get into a team, one to climb and the rest to be the biele team.

Then put on the kit and get connected to the ropes by the cabarieas.

Next the climber starts to climb carefully choosing the route, the biele team pull on the ropes to get him/her up.

After that you reach the top and see the beautiful land scape.

Finally you abseil down to your team.

Duncan Coltart Primary 6

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR "NEIGHBOURS"

Introducing.....

MR IAN MCINNES  
PROPRIETOR  
CARR-BRIDGE TREKKING CENTRE



BORN on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1929, at The Ian Charles Hospital, Grantown-on-Spey, Ian was brought up with his parents Jimack and Betty at No 4 Station Road. He moved to Ellan in 1958 with his new bride Isobel, where he has resided ever since.

Ian attended Duthil School from the age of 5, leaving when he was 14. The then Headmaster, Mr Chisholm, taught a varied curriculum. As well as the three Rs the pupils were instructed in wood work, gardening and BEE-KEEPING\*. A woman bee-keeper came to the school every so often to tend Mr Chisholm's personal beehives and while there, the children were shown how to look after the bees.

Ian got to school by bus but had to walk home. Although the road was much quieter in those days – there were very few cars about then – it was a long walk – about 1 ½ miles every day. And sometimes it would be 3 miles a day depending on the weather. If the bus could not get through because of snow, the children had to walk to school as well as walking back home. No ducking off in those days. Oh no! You were walked there with the teachers leading the way.

During the war (1939- 1945) Ian was a Boy Scout and can remember going around the houses in the village collecting waste paper which was stored in a garage on Station Road just up from Ellan. It was kept there to be taken away for recycling. Cans and scrap iron were collected in an area opposite Dalrachney Lodge (golf course side of the road). After the war ended, Ian's father got the contract to move what was left of the scrap to a dump at the back of the Landmark site. Ian can remember one day he was throwing the cans on the cart when some landed on the horse's back which gave it such a fright that it bolted. The cart tipped over when it hit a barrel, depositing its entire contents back on to the ground. Ian says he was not flavour of the month

When Ian left school at 14 he went to work with his father in the wood at Auchterblair. He worked a horse drawing out wood. When the Carr-Bridge sawmill\*\* opened in 1963, Ian went to work for Mr Frank Sime and became Sawmill Manager - a job he held for 20 years. Upon leaving the mill, he went to work at Landmark where he remained until he retired. At Landmark he worked the horse which drew the wood to feed the working display mill. And so Ian had come full circle in his working career starting and finishing as a horseman drawing wood. He spent his entire working life in the timber industry.

Today Ian is still working with horses and ponies, running the Trekking Centre at Ellan which was started over 30 years ago. One of the first ponies he purchased was a Fjord Horse which he bought in 1974 from Lord Glentanar called "Glen Tanar Per", aka "Freddie". In 2001, Freddie was honoured with being the oldest Fjord Horse in Scotland and Freddie is still with Ian today at the grand old age of 36.

\* BEEKEEPING - The area was renowned for its honey. There were still several beekeepers in Carr-Bridge in 1965 (ref. "History of Carr-Bridge). Their honey, clover and heather alike, was excellent and in great demand. One keeper kept such detailed and accurate records of the income and expenditure of his bee-keeping that these were/are held –we understand – in the Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh. This man used to cover his honey sections with glass, putting a sprig of pressed purple heather under the glass on one side and a sprig of white heather on the other. The whole bound together with white braid. Such sections were sold for 1/1 (in decimal language - 10p). His honey was sold all over the world. So well done, Headmaster Chisholm for introducing children to Bee-keeping.

\*\* CARR-BRIDGE SAWMILL When it was opened in 1963 by the Countess of Seafield, was one of the most modern in Scotland being operated electrically. It employed between 20 and 30 men. Where Ian has his trekking centre today, there once stood a sawmill which was powered by the River Dulnain, this mill stopped operating around the late 1930s early 1940s.