

## DUTHIL PARISH CHURCH NEWS

### Morning Service Every Sunday 11.30am

Carr-Bridge being such a popular tourist destination we are used to visitors in Church throughout the year. The summer holidays bring extra visitors each Sunday, including familiar Boy's Brigade companies who camp in the field at Carr-Road and sometimes Scouts who camp at Sluggan Bridge. Sunday July 9th saw our regular congregation joined by family and friends for the Baptism of Iona Maver, some overseas visitors and over 100 Scouts and their families - Standing room only in Duthil Church for the first time since Christmas - It can happen.

We look forward to playing our part in the Carr-Bridge Village events planned for September and October, Chainsaw and Porridge days, and "T in the Hall" at 5pm on Sunday September 24th as part of Car-Bridge Live. Churches of every denomination will be looking forward to the next "UNITE" Event - "Simply Worship" will be held in Kingussie High School on Sunday September 10th at 7.30pm - Everyone Welcome!

*For further Church information Tel Rev David Whyte on  
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## STEAM RAILWAY

Passengers using the Strathspey Steam Railway are able to make the journey from Aviemore all the way to Grantown, albeit the last part of the journey done by the "Grantown Special" bus service from Broomhill every Wednesday. This service was launched in July and will run until August 30th. The pilot programme is paving the way for what organisers hope will be the completion of the rail line all the way to Grantown in the future.



## BOWLERS V CURLERS

The annual Bowling match between the Curlers and the Bowlers took place at the Riverside Bowling Club on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, and the Bowlers retained the trophy. Visitors and new members alike please come along for a warm and friendly welcome. For further information please call - 01479841620.

## BOATBUSTERS BALL

"Macmillan Cancer Support are hosting the "BOATBUSTERS' BALL" with the **Ann Dickson Band** in Boat of Garten Village Hall on Friday 18th August 2006, from 9pm - 1am. This will be a licenced event and a finger buffet will be served at 10.30pm. Dress informal. Tickets cost £10 and can be bought at M&B Stores or The Post Office, in Boat of Garten. Please support us if you can."

## SPEEDING ON STATION ROAD

It has come to the attention of the Community Council that some drivers are speeding and are not complying with the 30 mph speed limit on Station Road. We are constantly getting complaints from residents and other road users alike. We have informed the Northern Constabulary of this matter and action will be taken to try and stop the culprits. So please can you lift your foot of the accelerator and slow down!

## GRANTOWN TRY TRI

Are you aged between 8 and 80 and interested in an active, healthy lifestyle? Do you enjoy swimming, cycling and running? If the answer is yes then Triathlon may be the sport for you! The Grantown Try Tri on Sunday 3rd September 2006 is an opportunity to try out this sport in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Located in the Cairngorms National Park, the Grantown Try tri allows individuals and teams of all ages and fitness to participate in the sport. Combined with the Motor Mania Day and Cairngorms Farmer's market, it is a great day out for friends and family too. The distances are not too far - a pool swim of 300m, bike ride (road bike or mountain bike) of 14km (this is a bit hilly) and a flat run through the town and woods of just 4.5km. If you feel that this is too much for just one person - enter as a team of 3 with one swimmer, one cyclist and one runner. Most of all participants enter to have fun. This year the committee have produced a website with the assistance of local funding so to find out more information as well as enter online see [www.try-tri.co.uk](http://www.try-tri.co.uk) or call - 01479 872824. We hope to see you there - and happy training! Grantown Try Tri - enter online, places filling fast!

## HISTORY CORNER

### SATAN'S ADVICE TO THE "MEN"

Well done, those trusty Duthil men,  
Who work for me with might and main  
There's not you like in lowly glen,  
Or mountain high,  
I kindly greet you from my den,  
In Bemechlidh.

Chips of those ancient Highland blocks  
Who had their dwellings in the rocks,  
Ingrafted to some Irish stocks,  
Who Knows what's doin'?  
Ye'll soon mak' white the Parson's locks,  
And cause his ruin.

For generations far, far back,  
I've had a spite at folks in black,  
And Duthil men were never slack  
To give them pain,  
But now I trust a wreck ye'll mak'  
O' Parson Bain.

Though you and I do hate the cloth,  
Deny it stoutly, with an oath;  
Should a' the countryside get wroth  
What does it matter?  
Deprive him of his Sunday's broth,  
Wi' poisoned water.

And if his cow and hoggs do stray  
Beyond the glebe, by night or day,  
Remove the quietly round the way,  
Beyond the rails;  
It's safer far to wound than slay--  
Cut off their tails.

The next time ye get up a lark,  
And are resolved to leave your mark,  
If neighbours' dogs begin to bark,  
Don't smash the porch,  
But quietly, when the house is dark,  
Apply a torch.

Annoy and tease him a' ye can,  
The slumbering embers daily fan,  
Whate'er he says -- even lifts his han'  
To tell the truth --  
Just bribe ye weel another man  
To shut his mouth.

The student's well-advised confession  
At once made a profound impression:  
Tis' well 'twas not the Court of Session  
That tried the case,  
There might have been another version,  
And more disgrace.

Among his hearers quietly lurk,  
Advise them a' to leave his kirk,  
Promise three acres and a stirk  
Frae some officials,  
Besides a certain lawyer's work,  
Wi' his initials.

Within the lawyer's snug sanctorum  
I daily set my plots before 'im,  
And many a plan and jolly jorum  
We have together;  
No wonder though I do adore 'im  
Beyond a brother.

He says your cause he will defend --  
On that I know you may depend --  
He will advise or money lend,  
Upon the sly;  
But on my work, as your best friend,  
Ye may rely.

Meantime I'll finish my address,  
For time on me does sorely press:  
To spoil the Parson's usefulness  
You must try hard.  
Next time we meet we'll sift that mess,  
The old Kirkyard.

## A VISITOR'S CONCERN

I am not sure who will deal with this but perhaps someone can pass it on to the appropriate person. While on a visit to Carr-Bridge yesterday I went on a walk through the lovely Ellan Wood. Now this should have been an enjoyable experience, but approaching the overflow car park at the rear of Landmark from the Fairwinds direction, I was almost run over by two quad bikes (one with an adult and child on board the other with just a child) they were going pretty fast and fortunately I was able to get out of their way but had I been an elderly person or a parent with a small child, this could have proved very frightening to say the least. Whilst I believe that the wood is there for all to enjoy, I feel that allowing these inconsiderate, reckless individuals on quad bikes access is an accident waiting to happen. The Ellan wood is usually beautiful and tranquil with just bird song for company, please can the appropriate body take steps to keep it that way.

Yours in hope,  
A. Anderson