

# KROSS KURRENTS

THE PAPER AT THE *HEART* OF BLAIR ATHOLL

Pre-edition

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## WELCOME TO BLAIR ATHOLL 2004!



It is a great privilege for me to welcome you all, from Scotland and around the world, to Blair Atholl and the 29<sup>th</sup> Scottish International Patrol Jamborette. Many Scouts have enjoyed the tremendous experience of the Blair Atholl Jamborettes in the past and everything is now ready to make this camp very special for you.

I know that you will have been working hard to prepare for the camp and now that you are here you are probably a bit anxious, as well as excited by all that you see around you. There is a superb staff team in place to help you enjoy the camp and if you need any help PLEASE ASK! Your sub camp uncles and aunts are your friends – ask them first.

Please work hard together setting up your patrol site and establishing an organised and friendly camp. I would ask that the Scottish Scouts remember that our overseas guests are a long way from their homes and families, so lets do everything we can to welcome them, make them feel at ease and happy to be here.

Smile, shake hands, introduce yourselves, tell each other about yourselves. Don't be put off if there is a language barrier at first, hand signals and gestures are a great way of communicating, and most of all, SMILE! That way we can help each other settle in to our Jamborette, which will be our home for the next eleven days.

I hope you all have a great camp, have lots of fun and make many international friendships. I look forward to meeting you all.

John Kennedy  
Camp Chief

## WELCOME TO KROSS KURRENTS

This is Kross Kurrents, your daily newspaper telling all the tales behind the woodsmoke. What will be in the paper is entirely up to you. Young people will be helping to edit and produce the paper and we are looking for regional, national and international contributions.

This is your newspaper so we need your stories, your gossip, your jokes and cartoons. We will hope to provide all the latest ground-breaking news.

We welcome pictures, sports reports, news from the subcamps, poetry, jokes (just the funny ones please!), in fact anything that will tell the story of Blair Atholl 2004.

If you have anything you want published, come and see the Kross Kurrents team in The Kross, or any of the Scouts working on the newspaper.

We are based in The Kross and our reporters will be hot-footing it around the camp on a regular basis. We hope to have a box in each sub-camp where you can leave your contributions. Please don't get terribly upset if your contribution doesn't get included as we have limited space in the paper.

So get out your pens and reporters hats, and tell us all the news. Forget the Scotsman, forget the Herald, Kross Kurrents is the ONLY newspaper at the heart of Blair Atholl.

The Kross Kurrents Team



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SUPPLIERS OF PAPER 2004

# So What Do We Want From You?

This is your opportunity to break into print! Here are some suggestions of what we are looking for. These are just ideas, please be as creative as you can.

- The Blair Atholl Weather!
- News from The Sub Camps – lots of it please!
- Evening Events
- Your Personal Problems for Auntie Freeze to solve!
- Your favourite TV
- Awards you may get on camp
- The 'Midge' Count
- Any Special Meals you cook
- Any sporty activities and the results
- Activities you take part in
- Puzzles and Cartoons
- Campfire Yells
- Ideas for Competitions
- The Quote Of The Day
- Countries – lots of International stories
- Songs you have written
- Jokes ( If they are good!)
- Running gags and stories

GET WRITING!

## Doctor Who?

The medical team, Dr Marian Rankin and Dr Anne Bryson, hope you will have a happy, healthy Camp. (We are selfish; it keeps our work down!)

If you do need us, come to morning – (9am – 10am) or evening surgery (5pm - 6pm). For accidents and emergencies you should let your sub camp or activity leader know you need assistance before coming to your medical tent. That way one of our team of First Aiders will be ready to help you or they can deal with the problem and save you a walk.

Prevention is better than cure so remember all those things your Scout Leader taught you

- Wash hands before eating and after about anything else
- Remember food storage rules
- Don't chop your wood in bare feet – wear boots!
- Wash your hands again!

Have an accident free Camp!!

Marian Rankin — Camp Doctor

# Embracing Diversity! Blair-speranto

## A new Local Initiative in Perthshire

On following up preparations for Blair Atholl 2004, I came across underground mumblings of a new language emerging from the Blair Atholl area. In wishing to embrace the International nature of the Jamborette, it is felt by many locals that a new language would embrace the many cultures and identities by the many countries who intend the high profile event. On interviewing Hamish Mc Spurgus, a local language interpreter I was able to record the following early attempts to record this amazing initiative. Blair—speranto is given first followed by the English translation.

Hallo	Hello
Bless	Goodbye
Bitte	Please
Spoostif	Thank-you
Hai	Yes
Beklager	No
Nie rozumiem	Sorry I don't understand
Whaur's the cludgie?	Where's the bathroom?

Kross Kurrents will be reporting on this important development and hoping to reflect news stories as they develop. We certainly intend to have some articles actually written in the new language as it nurtures and develops. The ability for everyone to communicate in the new language is within Scottish Scouting as being a huge step forward and as commonality of language gets bedded in the Blair Atholl tradition.



Picture by Mike Brown