

KROSS KURRENTS

THE SUNDAY PAPER AT THE *HEART* OF BLAIR ATHOLL

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Fiesta Time!

Blair Atholl became a world market yesterday as visitors and camp participants wandered about sampling local traditions from around the world, food, dance, and music despite the variable weather. Organisers however had taken account of this having had arrangements for the Country Fair to be housed in a series of Marquees so participants and visitors were able to enjoy the event in relatively dry conditions.



There were many varied market stores, including the US contingent that had popcorn balls. Gibraltar were mamba-dancing, Austrians had Apple Strudel. The Polish had beat soup which had quite an unusual taste very much like turnip soup. Norway gave the opportunity to try dried fish, very tasty, and home made honey candy from the Singapore contingents. There were many other varied stalls that reinforced the international flavour of Blair Atholl in 2004.

"The Crazy Pipe Band" led the enthusiastic participants into the Kross. Weather remained inclement but it clearly didn't affect the enthusiasm of the participants who clapped, cheered and mingled around the stalls.

The fair was vibrant and exciting and clearly was thoroughly enjoyed by visitors to this 29th Jamborette, routed in the traditions of its founder Jack Stewart, and at the same time, re-positioning itself to be relevant to young people's needs of the 21st Century. By the creation of a scouting currency, the Atholl, young people and visitors were able to purchase goods and produce from all the various stores.

Emma liked the donuts and Singapore candy, Bjorn and Thomas loved the Japanese chicken, Laura had fun with pin the kilt on the uncle, and Neil especially liked the Galloway cheese tasting, and is trying to figure out a way to take some home in his duffel bag. All were from Robertson subcamp.

A PEACEFUL TIME....

Sunny weather greeted Blair Atholl as the whole Camp paraded to the castle for a short spiritual service, put together by Bruce McClaren. The service was accompanied by a keyboardist and supported by the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band who performed brilliantly.

The stirring sight of all the international flags being lead by the Pipe band and all the smart uniforms of such a variety of colours made everyone realise how large the Camp was

The sound carried well and there was a nice amphitheatre feel with the awe of Blair Atholl Castle in the background. The service lasted about 35 minutes and then Scouts paraded back to the sites. Thank you to the events team and Bruce McClaren for an effective service.

Campfire Lights Blair

If you were a visitor to Blair last evening you would have heard a muffled noise as you approached the camp. As you got closer and closer it became evident there was something going on. From the centre of camp, you were surrounded by tremendous sounds coming from each of the subcamps. The drums of Morrison, the shouts of "MacLean, Mac-Lean", yells from Stuart and the rest of the subcamps were indications that something was about to happen. Suddenly, as if on cue, every subcamp started the march to the campfire site. Hundreds of scouts filled the hillside by the campfire.

Camp Chief John Kennedy and the subcamp Uncles lit the main fire and the flames quickly reached into the evening sky. Kross Kurrents reporters are searching for the secret to such a blazing start. The whole hillside was involved in song and cheers. The campfire had sound difficulties at the beginning which tended to mar the early performances, but Scouts got into the groove, yelling their yells, and singing all their songs enthusiastically. Murray subcamp decided to "dress" for the occasion, providing much entertainment. A good dress rehearsal for the big final campfire of Blair Atholl 2004.

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SUPPLIERS OF PAPER 2004

Blair Connection Through The Years

Jonathan from Stewart subcamp is continuing a tradition started by his father 22 years ago. Jonathan's father, David, attend Blair in 1982 and went on homestay after camp. His dad told him that the homestay family were the nicest people he had ever met and, over the years, related many stories about Blair. Last night, Jonathan completed the circle by taking his father's homestay parent, Roderick Adamson, of Dunfermline, out to dinner. They spent lots of time catching up on the news. Jonathan says camp was just as his father had described, except that he has the advantage of hot, not cold, showers. Scouting does bring generations together. Maybe, in 20 years, yet another generation will meet in Scotland.



DEAD SKUNK (With Guitar Chords)

Chorus:

G D
There's a dead skunk in the middle of the road
C G
There's a dead skunk in the middle of the road
G D
Dead skunk in the middle of the road
C G
And its stinking to high heaven
G D
Crossing the highway late last night
C G
Well he should have looked left and he should have looked right
D
He didn't see the station wagon car
C G
The skunk got squashed and there you are cos theres a..
(chorus)



Take a whiff on me that ain't no rose
Roll up your window and hold your nose
You don't have to look and you don't have to see
You can feel it in your olfactory cos theres a ... (chorus)

You've got your dead cat and you got your dead dog
On a moonlight night, you got your dead bull frog
You've got your dead rabbit and your dead racoon
Aww the blood and guts are gonna make you swoon, cos theres

Weather for the Week:

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Weather: | Rainy | Cloudy | Cloudy |
| Max Temp: | 17c | 18c | 17c |
| Min Temp: | 9c | 11c | 14c |
| Humidity: | 75% | 69% | 85% |

Birthday Greetings



Shaun Johnson (MacLean) (July 24)
Clark Stewart (Murray) (July 24)
Alex Petersen (Morrison) (July 24)
Robert Huxtable (Stewart) (July 24)
Natalie Borsy (Robertson) (July 24)
Andrew Stark (Staff) (July 25)
Liang Wei Wang (Robertson) (July 25)

All Tied Up

Find all the different knots in the word search that Scouts should know. See if you can learn, by the end of camp, all of the knots in the word search.

U O W L Y N O O B G V B B C Z
S H E E P S H A N K R N O S T
R L V F M U U L P B H N K H P
T N D H O N G Z E B S N G E S
S S L Q C B O N X T N Z N E N
J Q Z H C T I H R E B M I T A
D W U Q Q L I I Q L T O L B M
J N D A W O C H O L C C S E R
N J A O R T E O E W P H G N E
B F B H O E D M Z V F G U D H
Z W X R R K K M J K O L J B S
J N T F N E B N J R J L X C I
Y M X O G E V U O D H M C A F
K B T L K N Z O F T S G E V R
B U D A E H S K R U T A I V W

WORDS TO FIND:

BLOOD KNOT
BOWLINE
CLOVE HITCH
CONSTRUCTOR
FISHERMAN'S
JUG SLING
OVERHAND
SHEEPSHANK
SHEETBEND
SQUARE KNOT
TIMBER HITCH
TURK'S HEAD

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COUNTRY FAIR



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