

# Kastle Kurrents



Tuesday 20th July 2010



## By plane, by train and by automobile our overseas guests have arrived

The Scouts from outwith Scotland started to arrive by the bus load from about 11am. Greeted by the skirl of the pipes and the “high heid yins”, the sun came out to give a false impression of our Scottish July weather.

In no particular order, there were arrivals with their first impressions from:

- New York State. P.L. Jordan said that “folk were very friendly, unlike people back home who were very gruff” “Cities less crowded, beautiful country”
- Basel, Switzerland. Staff Leader Tassilo said “Raining, colder”
- Vancouver, Canada. Staff Leader Mike said “nice and green”. Staff Leader Karen was lost for words.
- Orlando, Florida “cool here”
- Germany
- Denmark
- S. of Oslo,
- Norway
- Maryland, E. Coast USA “awesome”
- Gibraltar, English speakers, supported England in the World Cup in South Africa. “huge site, lots of mud (fango)”
- Austria
- Hong Kong Leader Antoine, 10 in group. Apparently 80,000 scouts in H.K.
- Iceland 20 minutes walk from Reykjavik. 20 scouts “nice place, awesome”
- Dublin, Eire 6 scouts with hurling (like shinty only rougher) sticks. “big site, awesome”



## The Six Subcamps

6 Subcamps: Macdonald, Maclean, Murray, Morrison Robertson and Stewart

Macdonald: Auntie Jackie Duncan

Maclean: Auntie Eva Will

Murray: Uncle Robert Anderson

Morrison: Uncle Steven MacLean

Robertson: Uncle Colin McGregor

Stewart: Uncle Robbie Hay

And you all know the camp chief, John Kennedy, and the depute , Andrew Sharkey

The overseas guests are arriving from many countries, so for those of you who may not know much of the language of your guests, here is a head start on the basics: hello, and other greetings from each of the different countries and languages we have as guests.

Austria: Servus or Halo

Canada: Hello

Denmark: Goddag

England: Hello

Fance: Bonjour

Germany: Guten tag

Gibraltar: Hello

Hong Kong: Lei hao

Iceland: Godan Daginn

Ireland: Hello

Japan: Konnichiwa

Namibia; Oshili ngiini, or Ongiini

Norway: Hei

Russia: Zdra-stvu-eetee, or Pryvet

Sweden: hejsan, or hei

Switzerland: Greutzi

U.S.A: Hello

Not forgetting Scotland, with Och aye the noo, or the traditional favourite “awryte” And if you do happen to spot a pirate or two, “ahoy me hearties”, although pirates, at Blair Atholl, isn’t such a thing un-heard of?



Construction has begun on the grand entrances and gates to several of the subcamps

From Christmas lights to drawbridges we have them all, With Stewart having a working gate, to Robertson with full lighting, although the best gateway by far has to be the entrance structure, which “site services”, along with many willing volunteers worked tirelessly into the night to have completed. So many different designs for many of the patrol gateways and entrances, from saloon doors to spiders web like designs, some “borrowed” roadwork signs, and even a traffic cone or two. Robertson’s gateway by day, looks like a normal structure, but by night, thanks to some rope lights, glows in a space age fashion. Whereas Stewart, can raise or lower the gate to keep the other subcamps out, or is it to keep the scouts in? As we write this, Maclean and McDonald have no gate as yet, will these structures appear? Watch this space!



We welcome a French Scout contingent from Strasbourg, comprising 12 scouts and 2 leaders. Half of the the scouts are with Morrison and the others are with Stewart. The

French P.L. , Thibaut, was surprised by the huge number of people about and was looking forward to a new experience. He said that the weather was “triste” and colder than back home at this time. Thibaut is a keen follower of the Tour de France and is disappointed that he cannot watch the event daily on T.V. He wants Andy Schleck of Luxembourg to win as he is relatively local to Strasbourg. Unfortunately, Schleck had a bad day yesterday, losing more time to a Contender with mechanical trouble.

## Challenge of the White Cockade

The White Cockade was the badge worn by the followers of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) during the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-6. The Marquis of Tullibardine, son of the 1st Duke of Atholl, carried the Prince's standard when he landed at Moidart and gathered the clans at Glenfinnan. The White Cockade which was worn by the Marquis, can be seen in a display cabinet in Blair Castle. The Marquis' brother, Lord George Murray, was the General in charge of the Jacobite army.



Every Scout here at Camp can win a Cockade badge by successfully completing 12 Activities (an all day activity will count as 2) and organise and participate in two social activities in the evenings as approved by the Subcamp Aunt/Uncle. In choosing their activities, Scouts must select at least one activity from each of the Activity Zones (Adventure, Basics, Creative, Sport and Treks & Tours). After each activity, the scouts get a sticky badge to put into the back few pages of their camp handbook to keep track of their progress.

## Getting To Know You

Over at Morrison, there are two neighbouring patrols, one from Dundee and one from Inverness. The Inverness patrol, led by



P.L. Harry Newmark are enjoying their stay so far. Iona described the camp as "well – organised, good". Aimee said that everyone was "very friendly". Neil attended Blair Atholl 2008 and hoped that 2010 would be even better. He was "looking forward to Canyoning".

Harry said "We are the best patrol, we have the best mess tent". The Inverness scouts like leaders Elaine, and Stephen MacLean, whose kilt is "cool, awesome". "Uncle Ryan is good".

The Dundee patrol, led by P.L. Tim agreed that the "food was fab but the weather poor". Tim liked the black market venison. Liam liked the oranges which were bigger than he gets at home!



Dear Auntie Freeze,  
Last night I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep because someone was snoring in my tent. I was awake for a long time and could hear lots of other people snoring too. I am so tired today but we have lots of work to do. What am I going to do tonight if I hear all the snoring again?  
From Sleepy In Murray

*My poor wee Lamb, you could record all the snoring and listen to it during the day so you are use to it for bed time or why not work on perfecting your own snore there are so many to choice from and that way you could join in at night and not feel left out.*

*Love Auntie Freeze*

Dear Auntie Freeze,  
I met a girl last night who I really really liked and I thought she kinda liked me, but I have seen her flirting with two other guys and it made me feel so angry.  
Confused C

*My o my, what the hearts wants it sometimes canny have. Why not try a wee cuppa tea and try and meet someone else. There are plenty more haggis in the river Tilt. So go on my wee lad and see what you can catch.*

*Love Auntie Freeze.*

### WEATHER

Wednesday is to have heavy rain, with sunny intervals reaching a maximum of 17° C



The Opening Ceremony camp fire is TONIGHT! All cousin should meet at their subcamps at **8pm** ready to parade to the ceremony.



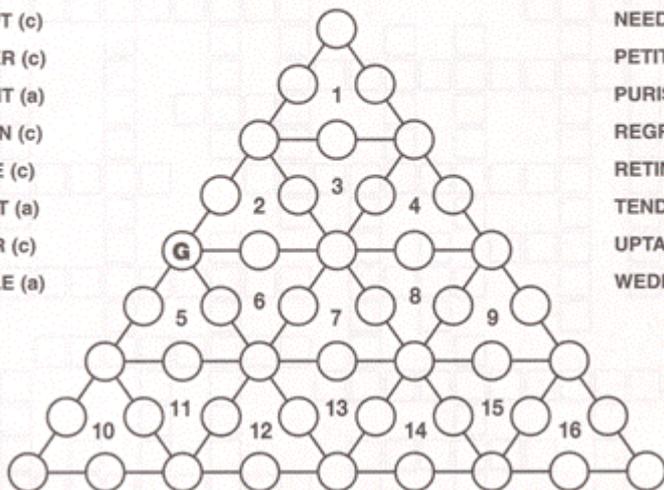
Are you a damsel locked up in your lonely tower waiting for just the right knight to start loves young dream. Why wait for him? Write in to our Blair Harmony Page and we could match you with your perfect knight.



### TRIANGLE

Fit the listed words into the grid so that each word runs round the three sides of a numbered triangle. A (c) after a word indicates that the word runs in a clockwise direction, an (a) indicates that the word runs in an anticlockwise direction. We've filled in the first letter of one to start you off.

- ABRUPT (c)
- BADGER (c)
- CEMENT (a)
- DEEPEN (c)
- DESIRE (c)
- ELDEST (a)
- GAITER (c)
- MEDDLE (a)



- NEEDED (c)
- PETITE (c)
- PURIST (c)
- REGRET (c)
- RETINA (c)
- TENDER (c)
- UPTAKE (a)
- WEDDED (c)



Wednesday 21st  
Day-Glo Disco  
In The Kastle  
8pm.

#### Did You Know...

- The Canary Islands were not named for a bird called a canary. They were named after a breed of large dogs. The Latin name was Canariae insulae - "Island of Dogs."
- There are 701 types of pure breed dogs.
- A polecat is not a cat. It is a nocturnal European weasel.
- Tapeworms range in size from about 0.04 inch to more than 50 feet in length.
- A baby bat is called a pup.
- The biggest pig in recorded history was Big Boy of Black Mountain, North Carolina, who was weighed at 1,904 pounds in 1939.
- Cats respond most readily to names that end in an "ee" sound.
- A cat cannot see directly under its nose. This is why the cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.
- Pigs, walruses and light-colored horses can get sunburn.
- Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

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#### WORD FIT ANSWERS

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#### No. 1 ANSWERS

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