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## Jazz In The Street!



Inverurie Market Square comes alive to the Sound of Music from down under, as seen here being played by these members of the West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra during lunchtime last Friday.

## Petrol Prices - Government 'Opting Out'

THE Government are opting out of their responsibility to ensure fair prices for petrol in the remoter and rural areas especially in the North of Scotland, according to Gordon Liberal MP Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Party's Parliamentary Energy Spokesman.

Mr Bruce was commenting on a reply received from Alick Buchanan Smith to a recent letter from Mr Bruce asking for Government action on petrol prices in the North and North East of Scotland.

"The argument that the market is working is simply humbug as far as the North of Scotland is concerned. The Minister talks about a spread of prices at around 25p but to get the benefit of that people in the North of Scotland will probably have to use a tank of petrol to seek out the cheap stations and in some cases make a ferry crossing as well.

"Unless there is Government action, petrol prices within the North of Scotland and in rural areas will continue to be unacceptably higher than in the conurbations.

"I am pleased that the Minister has passed on my proposals for regional variations of petrol duty to his Treasury colleague Ian Stewart. I believe that such a scheme is viable and is likely to be the only way we can get a fair deal."

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# 9/63 Hill Enthusiasts Will Gather For Annual Rally

ON Sunday a unique group will gather in the shadow of Bennachie to share a cup of tea, a bite to eat and a good blether (writes SHEENAH COBB). Many will not have met since the previous year and will enjoy renewing old acquaintances and making new friends.

Around 200 people became members of the Bailyes of Bennachie this year, membership now totalling 3075. Founded in 1973, the group grows stronger by the day, each man, woman and child sharing a deep respect for their own mountain 1,733 feet high.

In 1973 a few friends got together to express their concern over the amount of litter and damage on their beloved hill. They called a public meeting, hoping to find a few dozen people willing to share their concern and to help in maintaining the paths.

The response was most encouraging and in a couple of years 900 had come forward. Dr. James Gill suggested the name "Bailyes of Bennachie" and it proved ideal.

The objectives of the Bailyes of Bennachie are four-fold: To preserve amenity and fight litter and vandalism; to preserve rights of way and footpaths; to study the geology and biology of the mountain and to preserve the flora and fauna and to collect and preserve the bibliography of Bennachie.

## LEADERSHIP

Thirteen years on, the Council of the Bailyes of Bennachie still works hard to maintain those objectives. Under the leadership of Senior Bailie James T. Kelman; Depute Senior Bailie Bert Cadenhead; and office-bearers Gordon Ingram, Treasurer, Michael Davidson, Clerk and Mrs Helen Fraser, Membership Secretary the work goes on. Repair work on various paths, both on the main hill and on Millstone Hill and the stepping-stoned area at the Rushmill Burn has been completed.

The fence erected some time ago to help prevent further path

erosion between the Rushmill Burn and the Mither Tap has been strengthened and is proving beneficial. It is hoped to undertake further investigational work on the Maiden Causeway and to obtain from below the stonework samples of organic material for carbon-dating purposes.

Damage to the stone lining of Hosie's Well caused by vandals has been repaired and a new map board has been erected at the Rowan Tree Car park. A donation from Mr Douglas Ledingham of California has helped to pay for the board.

They have a special room in Inverurie Town Hall which is open during the summer months, and is manned voluntarily by the Bailyes. The Council of the Bailyes is to mount a display of photographs and other artefacts together with a tape/slide presentation.

Some 2550 copies of the 1986 Bennachie Calendar were sold and the 1987 edition which consists of seven colour photographs from Mr James Mackay's wonderful collection will be available for sale at the rally.

## WET WEATHER

The wet weather last year brought problems on Rally Day with hundreds of cars merging on the Car Park but thanks to the help of Mr Lindsay Cook of Little Meldrum, Tarves who provided machines and labour, the field at the Back o' Bennachie will be well drained.

The field is ready, the catering arrangements are well under way - all that is required on Sunday is dry weather and perhaps a bit of sunshine to add a sparkle to a special occasion, as Bailyes from every corner of the world gather to honour their own mountain - Bennachie.

## Joinery Business Expands

KEMNAY Joinery Contractors were granted full planning permission this week by Gordon District Council for change of use of the former Lawrence's car body repair workshop in Paradise Road to a carpentry business and joinery manufacturer.

The firm, formed in October last year by partners David Legg of Kemnay and Alan Abel of Inverurie, is operating meantime from Mr Legg's home in Bridge Road, but they now feel that the time is right to find suitable premises to help them become established.

They hope eventually to employ three other people in the business which consists of window and door manufacture, kitchen units, alterations, extension and repair work. They are fairly busy at the moment, but expect to gain much more work if their application is successful.

The application brought two letters of objection from adjacent residents on the grounds of noise, dust pollution, potential fire hazard, and poor access. However, the Director of Planning has expressed the view that the proposed use of the building and site will have a lesser effect on the area than the previous use made of it by Lawrence's Garage.

The application was approved subject to a number of conditions.

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## Kemnay House Plan Turned Down

MR C. Robertson of the Mace Shop in Kemnay applied to Gordon District Council for erection of a house in the garden ground of Ashley House, St. Brydes Road.

At a meeting of the district council this week, the Director of Planning, Mrs Geraldine Scott commented on the fact that the proposed standard kit bungalow has no relationship with the design and character of the existing houses in the area. She added "Once provision is made for the erection of a single garage the plot ratio will become 1:2 and usable private garden space will be around 60 sq. metres which is below the Council's standard."

Six letters of objection were lodged from local residents and also the local Community Council referring to: poor road conditions in St. Brydes Road, deterioration in the character and amenity of the area, no requirement for additional housing, a lowering of design standards in the area and insufficient space for a new dwelling and a garage.

The committee decided to refuse to grant planning permission.

## Garioch Art Group's Fifth Exhibition

THE Garioch Art Group is planning its fifth annual Art Exhibition in Inverurie small Town Hall from Saturday August 16 - Saturday 23.

The artists meet weekly each Thursday in the Garioch Centre throughout the year and are currently enjoying some evening get-togethers in the outdoors.

The group consisting of just over a dozen people, is friendly and informal and new

members would be made very welcome. Why not pop into the Exhibition and see the results of their work over past months? Meet the artists who will be manning the show on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and from Monday to Friday from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

The exhibits which vary from landscapes and still-lives to portraits can be purchased. Further details on joining the Garioch Art Group may be obtained at the exhibition.