

James Smith (brother-in-law), and Marcus Keith and Sandy Mackay (nephews), Victor Ross, Neil Mackay and John Macleod.

**WRI** — Any ladies wishing to be included on the WRI mystery bus trip in September should pay their deposit of £3 as soon as possible at Cunningham's Newsagents.

**Community Affairs** — At a recent meeting of Brora Community Council, Mr Hamish Bruce, treasurer, submitted the annual financial report, duly audited, which was adopted.

It was noted that signposting for hotels in Golf Road were in need of correction.

Councillor Mrs Mary Fielding was able to tell the meeting that the District Council owned the land at Memorial Square, where there is a rose garden and were prepared to take over the upkeep of same.

Mrs Avison read a letter to the effect that Mr Morris Taylor, divisional roads engineer, had undertaken to repair the barrier at East Clyde.

Mrs Fielding informed the meeting that a replacement seat at the harbour mouth was on order.

Mrs Avison told the meeting that a copy of the works programme was available if anyone wished to refer to it. Various members observed that some roads etc were in need of attention.

Mrs Avison also reported from a paper "Grants Scheme for projects approved in 1993/94" in which Golspie had been awarded a grant for a feasibility study on the former Drill Hall.

Mr A Davenport suggested that the Council give its entire support backing a heritage centre, saying that he felt there was a definite move against this.

He also stated that he felt any suggestions for improving the amenities for the youth of the village were met with apathy. He also raised the fact that a public meeting had not been held with regard to the setting up of a heritage centre.

Mrs Fielding felt that it was a tragedy that money was not made available for a feasibility study for the Drill Hall.

A lively discussion took place during which Mrs Margaret Jaffrey suggested that the Carnegie Trust be approached for help with funding.

Mrs Fielding described how the Shetland Community Halls were operated. Mr George MacBeath pointed out that the Doll Hall had been operating along similar lines for years. It was agreed that a public meeting be called to discuss the issue.

Letters had been received from Mrs Pat May, headmistress, Brora Primary School, outlining her plans for the clearing of accumulated rubbish within the playground.

The religion and morals committee of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland had written requesting support for a public debate on a crematorium for the Highlands.

A letter is to be sent to the District Council asking for an update on the situation of the sewage works at Lower Brora. Complaints had been received regarding motor cyclists on the beach and mini golf course which were creating a nuisance.

The condition of the handrail at Jubilee Walk and the seat at viewpoint had also been complained about. Mrs Fielding had already addressed this last complaint.

## Dornoch

**Miss Ruby Dies** — Miss Ruby Munro, ninth from 11 of a family

born at Balvraid, Dornoch, died last week at the remarkable age of 101.

Her home recently has been in Clunie Crescent, Dornoch but she died at Mullhall Home, Barbaraville.

Miss Munro's father was a timber merchant and she attended Balvraid Primary School until the family moved to Dornoch in 1902. She continued her education from Dornoch to Edinburgh University following her sister Mary and Dornoch girl Jessie Murray, among the first two women locally to make the transition from school to higher education.

She studied English and History and graduated with a MA in 1914 when the outbreak of war obliged her to return home and help out with the family business.

Miss Munro became a teacher at the Sutherland Tech School in Golspie although she had no teacher qualifications or experience. Later she moved to join her sister in Bristol where she filled another teaching vacancy at a boys school.

Extensively travelled, Miss Munro became a private tutor in Denmark then returned to teaching at Liverpool in 1925. After a teaching post in Edinburgh she went on a year's exchange to the USA where she worked for a time in Sioux Indian country.

Miss Munro completed her teaching career in Edinburgh, latterly at Leith Academy and Preston Lodge.

**Save the Children** — Dornoch branch of the Save the Children Fund held a Birthday Party on Saturday, 18th June to celebrate the 75th anniversary of SCF. The party was held at Ross House Hostel, Dornoch.

Although the morning was wet, the afternoon was sufficiently dry to hold a variety of games outside in the garden for the enjoyment of old and young alike. Children came along in fancy dress in the hope of winning a prize, as the best dressed in each age group did, but none of the others went away empty handed — each entrant received a gift as a reward for their efforts.

The prizewinners were:— 5 and under, Ewan Mackay; 6-8, Jessica Gunn; and 9-12, Bryan Fraser.

A delicious tea was included, as well as a piece of birthday cake specially made for the occasion.

A local Punch and Judy Show was staged, much to the delight of the children, and was done with much professionalism, with an occasional piece of impromptu wit!

Face Painting for the children was also on offer, and was very popular.

At the end of the afternoon the raffle was drawn, with a wide variety of prizes. Tickets were also on sale for the National Raffle in aid of SCF, which carries a first prize of a Peugeot 306 XN 1.4i, a second prize of a Caribbean cruise, and third prize of a weekend in Edinburgh. Tickets for this raffle can be bought from any member of the committee before the end of October 1994.

The proceeds from the afternoon amounted to £218, and the committee are grateful to all who came along and joined in the fun.

**Heritage Society** — This year's outing began at Royal Brackla Distillery, near Cawdor, which commenced legal distilling in 1812. It was granted whisky's first-ever Royal Warrant Appointment by King William IV in 1835, since when it has been known as Royal Brackla.

Queen Victoria added her Royal Warrant in 1838. Nowadays it is part of the United Distillers Group. Our tour of the distillery ended in time honoured fashion with a dram

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