



The Craic Monthly

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Sandy & Willie MacKenzie – Fasnakyle 1954

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Spring is the air

by Allan Purvis

Welcome to the gardening column!

Spring is here and despite the unseasonal dry spell of weather the plants in the garden appear to be thriving well. However, the recent rainfall, whilst welcome, has seen the reappearance of armies of slugs and snails that have just been waiting their chance to chomp on our favourite garden plants. I try to follow an environmentally friendly regime in order to control them, but this is not always possible. Try laying a beer trap or putting small coarse gravel or chip around the area of plants/individual plants as they do not like crossing it. There is no failsafe idea so a combination of different ones may give you the best results.



Skimmia japonica 'rubella' (pictured) is an easy to grow plant suitable for our climate here and should be widely available. It grows to around 1.5m with around 1.5m spread and can be grown in containers as well as the garden in a sheltered spot. Flowering time is March to May but our later season means it should still flower into June. The small white fragrant flowers attract bees and butterflies and are followed by red berries which will feed an assortment of birds. It is an evergreen and therefore keeps its' dark green leaves throughout the year and in late winter the small red flower buds appear awaiting the warmer spring weather to open.

As we know gardening is not an exact science so if you have any tips and hints you would like me to share then please let me know. Finally, if you have any gardening questions then please email me at birchwoodhort@gmail.com or give me a phone on 07841432290. We can include some of the answers to your questions in the next issue of The Craic.

Happy gardening!

Allan Purvis

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What's on

June

- 1 – School Sports Day
- 3 – Strathglass Markets: Cannich Hall 10am-2pm
- 3 – Strathglass v Inveraray: Cannich 230pm*
- 5 – Bingo Night: Cannich Hall 6pm-9pm – All Welcome !!!
- 5 – SACC Board Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm-9:30pm
- 7 – Craft Group: Cannich Hall 7pm-9pm
- 10 – Strathglass (2) v Lewis: Cannich 1pm*
- 21 – Library Van: Cannich Bridge Primary
- 21 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm

July

- 3 – SACC Board Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm-9:30pm
- 8 – Strathglass v Skye: Cannich 230pm*
- 20 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 630pm – 1030pm

* All Shinty fixtures/throw ups are subject to change due to weather, unforeseen circumstances etc. For further information see www.strathglassshintyclub.co.uk or www.facebook.com/pages/Strathglass-Shinty-Club

Regular Events:

- Strathglass Indoor Bowling Club: Cannich Hall 1:15pm – 4:30pm every Monday
- Black Dragon Hapkido: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday
- Junior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 8:00 every Friday
- Senior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 8:00pm – 9:30pm every Friday
- GP Surgery: Cannich Hall 11:00am – 1:00pm every Thursday
- GP Surgery: Cannich Hall 9:30am – 11:30am every Tuesday

L to R: Donald Chisholm, Donnie Mackintosh, Bert Swanson & George Ross crossing Loch Beanavean in 1954

Source: A Glance in the Rear View Mirror



Classifieds

Wanted

Positions Vacant

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Strathglass Markets

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 August 5th
 October 7th
 December 2nd

10am – 2pm

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Down to the Loch Side

by Eleanor Tulloch

A long way up where the hills are old,
Where the sun is hot and the wind blows cold.

A long way down at the waters edge,
I dangle my feet calmly over the ledge.

I almost feel rhythm deep in my soul,
Beating quite peacefully making me whole.
The water is freezing but somehow I'm warm
And the lights disappearing and the darkness is born.

Now its almost as perfect as it was before
And I'm feeling happy right down to my core.

So if ever your feeling empty and low,
Down to the loch side is where you should go.



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