

KROSS KURRENTS

THE PAPER AT THE *HEART* OF BLAIR ATHOLL

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Be Prepared, Earlier

Actor and action man Peter Duncan is set to take on a new challenge as Chief Scout for the UK's largest co-educational youth charity.

Famous for his round-the-world expeditions, as well as his stint on Blue Peter and Duncan Dare in the 1980's, Peter is delighted to be breaking new ground with the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom.

Peter takes up the five-year appointment from the 5th of September. He follows in the steps of only eight others who have held the role of Chief Scout since Baden-Powell was declared the first Chief Scout in 1921.

Peter Duncan, a former Cub Scout said "Scouting is alive and well in twenty first century Britain. I can think of no better organisation to provide a creative and challenging frame work for the positive development of tomorrow's adults".

Having recently backpacked around China with his family, Peter is looking forward to the UK Scout Association hosting EuroJam in 2005 and the World Scout Jamboree in 2007. Each event will bring tens of thousands of Scouts from around the world to the UK to celebrate Scouting's centenary.

Sally Milner, a nine-year-old Cub Scout said, "I've met the new Chief Scout and he's cool. He really knows how to talk to children." She added: "It's great, we have a real action man as our new Chief Scout!"



Extreme Survival

Yesterday a team of 15 scouts headed out for an over night adventure. They took a five minute bus ride out of the camp to a campsite owned by the castle runner. When they reached their destination they carried their supplies to a canvas carried area and were told to set their stuff down and were to create a bivvy for 5 to sleep. They were then told to split up into 3 patrols, choose an area and create a bivvy. About 20 minutes into creating they went to HQ and had to create a fire. We then got birch and other bits of wood. Team haggis was the first to light the fire. The other two had to be lit by a lighter. Then we created a pizza. We cooked it on our fire and it was delicious.

After dinner it all went down for team haggis but up for two fish and the other patrol. Team haggis was building then the leaders came up and the bivvy was too high. After that it was to big and then hours went by and the leaders worried because the 2 other teams were almost done and they didn't even have a roof. Then we decided to move but there were too many rocks to clear out. Then one of the leaders suggested to take away the sides and lower it so we did. After the first try it was too small. So we had to widen it.

After widening it was a tight fit. We then cooked dinner, which was potatoes, pork chops, and chicken. When we looked at the others they were good. They had plenty of space. Then in haggis at three a clock in the morning Daniel got really cold and slept by the fire. The rest of us had to sleep on cold ground the rest of the night. In the morning we had to cut and gut a fish for breakfast. We cut them and pulled out all of the guts the heart stomach everything we then dismantled the bivvies and left back for home. At the end it was a great experience. I had fun doing it. But if I did go back I would change how we did the bivvy and make more space. But if you get a chance to go you should try it.

By Taylor

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SUPPLIERS OF PAPER 2004

Polska Atholl Experience

W Polsce każda osoba, będąca pierwszy raz na obozie, musi zostać 'ochrzczona'. Są to tak zwane 'BISZKOPTY'. Atholl Experience bardzo przypomina te zajęcia.

Najpierw mieliśmy mieszane odczucia. Nie wiedzieliśmy co nas czeka. Na początku wszystkich ogarnęło przerażenie. Potem stach mieszał się z ciekawością. Początkowo starałyśmy się nie pobrudzić. Jednak szybko zrezygnowaliśmy z tego pomysłu. Baaardzo szybko ☺... Ledwo się zaczęło już byliśmy całe z mąki, wody, jakiegoś płynu (co to było za okropieństwo!!), a no i błoto ☹... Ale tak szczerze to było zabawne, jakby na to spojrzeć z drugiej strony ☺... Zachęcam wszystkich!! Tego się nie da opisać...

In Poland, every person who is on their first camp, has to have a 'christening'. It's called 'BISZKOPTY'. The Atholl Experience is very similar.

At first we had mixed feelings. We didn't know what would happen. We were really frightened. Our fear mixed up with curiosity. First of all we wanted to be clean, but we forgot about it very quickly ☺... I don't know why ☹... yeah... mud, flour, water, liquid (or something like that), that was terrible, but funny, too. I encourage everybody to take part in it ☺... We can't describe it, you have to join and do it!

Blair Atholl Rescue Team (BART)

On Meall Reamhar, the hill behind the camp, is located the BART. In this base we do a little of everything. First aid basics, recovery positions, explanations and displays of specialist mountain rescue equipment, McInnes stretchers, vacuum mattress, and splints. The team requires lots of physical exercise and great teamwork. During this activity we get one of the Scouts to be a casualty and we assess them on the hill, repair any broken bits, and evacuate them off the hill and back to camp on a stretcher.



Weather for the Week:

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weather:	Sunny	Clear	Rain/Sun
Max Temp:	19c	20c	20c
Min Temp:	15c	15c	12c
Humidity:	69%	72%	80%

Castle Tour



The castle was good fun. Dating from 1269, Blair Castle has been the home of the Atholl family for over 700 years. Outside the Castle you can hear the fabulous skirl of pipes. While within, the 30 rooms on display offer an infinite variety of fine objects. Beautiful plaster work and exceptional collections of arms, china, lace, furniture, and paintings. Blair Castle is steeped in history. It is reputed to have been the last castle besieged in Britain and is home to the only remaining private army in Britain, The Atholl Highlanders. The Castle presents a stirring picture of Scottish life from the 16th Century to the present day.

The Castle contains:

- Perthshire's 5-star Historic Home
- Modern Restaurant and Gift Shop
- Piper playing daily
- 18th Century Walled Garden
- Deer Park

DID YOU KNOW?

There have been 11 Dukes of Atholl so far. The 11th Duke lives in South Africa and is 70 years old.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- April 23rd - 25th - Tartans of Atholl
- May 21st - 23rd - Galloway Antiques
- May 29th - Highlanders Parade
- May 30th - Atholl Gathering and Highland Games



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*I can't believe it's not
butter!*

Today's Pennant Winners

Subcamp Pennant Winners:

- Banff & Buchan - USA (Murray)
- Forth Valley - USA (Murray)
- Forth Valley - USA (MacLean)
- Perth & Kinross - USA (MacDonald)
- Fife - Sweden (Morrison)
- Dundee - Austria (Stewart)
- Fife - Japan (Robertson)



Camp Chief Pennant Winner:

Fife - Sweden (Morrison)

Subcamp Tales

Robertson

Helmut from Austria was doing inspection this morning and couldn't find any litter anywhere. He now has to come up with a plan to find some.

Stewart

Yesterday, at some time, the Costa Del Stewart sign was stolen by another Scout, but today someone felt sorry and returned the sign to its rightful place.

Live Rock Music!



The newly formed Morrison Party Band performed live at the International Showcase, performing two covers of two of the greatest rock bands of all time, Nirvana and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, and then again when the well appreciated Pipe Band took a break last night. They performed shortened versions of 'About a Girl' by Nirvana and 'Californication' by The Chili's, as time was tight and full versions of the song could not have been played in the time given. Although the Morrison Party Band consists of mainly members of the Morrison sub-camp, the bassist known only as 'Shorty' by the other band members was from Macdonald sub-camp, although I'm sure he'd rather be in Morrison. The other band members are as follows. From Scotland, we have Colin on lead guitar, Peter on rhythm guitar, Louise on vocals, and myself (Luke) on drums. From Longhorn USA we had Cameron, also on vocals. And last but not least our second drummer 'Jos' from the Netherlands came on to play our second song to finish off the evening of rock entertainment. We would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders involved in organising the event, and of course to all the folks that supported us last night!

Written by Luke (Morrison Sub-Camp)

Staff Club Showcase

International Showcase in the staff lounge last night was filled with dances and acts of all kinds. One of which was an old Seminole Indian dance performed by Kyle and Sebastian. A U.S. scouting organisation called the Order of the Arrow taught them the dance. The American Indians created the Order of the Arrow or OA. Now their fellow Scouts elect the members if they are at the rank of First Class.
By Travis and Sam

Amy of Stewart A Modern Iliad



Morrison View

We found out that Amy Gordon belongs to Morrison. The story behind it is that she is an auntie in Stewart. Steven MacLean said that she wanted to be in Morrison but Andrew Sharkey didn't allow her, so she then became a cousin in Morrison. Here, she supposedly won the Morrison Silver Circle Award for cousins.

Regarding the broken 'M', Steven accuses Sharkey of doing it, thus the argument started.

Stewart View



When confronting Sharkey with this information, he quickly jumped in saying that he had nothing to do with the broken 'M'. He also said that Amy belongs to Morrison, and that she is there as a spy to find something dirty from Morrison, (though we doubt she will find anything). Whilst leaving Stewart, Sharkey said "no information will be given out," making him more suspicious. When we went to the reception, we found out that Amy does actually belong to Stewart. So the question remains, where does Amy go? Here we have a modern tale of the story of Helen of Troy.

Since we were confused from the info, we decided to look for Amy to clear the whole thing up. Sadly, we never got around to interviewing her.

By Gian and Stijn

Chief Scout Awards

Yesterday, three Scouts were presented their Chief Scout Awards. The Scouts were Scott Duncan of Stewart, Anthony Kent of Robertson, both from Dundee, and David Magill of Morrison, from Perth and Kinross. After working very hard on different badges and challenges, the Scouts had a special presentation of their awards by the Chief Scout himself, George Purdy.



A Scout's Life

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

WORDS TO FIND:

BLOKHUT	(DUTCH)
CZUWAJ	(POLISH)
GROEPDAS	(DUTCH)
HALSDUK	(SWEDISH)
HYTTE	(NORWEGIAN)
KNUTE	(NORWEGIAN)
KOFI	(ICELANDIC)
KRAWATTENRING	(GERMAN)
LOFORTH	(ICELANDIC)
MUNDUR	(POLISH)
STUGA	(SWEDISH)
TREFFPUNKT	(GERMAN)

Try to find out what each of these words mean in your language.

FAREWELL FLING

T Wednesday night, the flag will go down but the party will rock on! Come to the Kross, we promise you an action-packed night! A large farewell to everyone we've met and befriended and the crowning of the Kross's King or "Kween". A big event on Wednesday night will be the multi-category fancy dress show.

Come in national, scary, bad taste, comedy or "Kross" dress and party the night away with everyone else! Dress as wildly as you can and be prepared for a lot of dancing. Remember, just because it's the last night doesn't mean it has to be sad. It should be a happy celebration showing we can all get along, no matter what country we come from! Have fun! PARTY THE NIGHT AWAY!!!

Auntie Freeze

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 My patrol calls me ginge, I do have ginger hair cause I dyed it and it went wrong, please help me... I need to be blonde again.
 Ginge!

Dear Ginge,
 I would either bleach your hair and wait to re-dye it, or dye it a brown color and wait a few weeks to try again. Also, when buying it, ask for help to find the right color.



Dear Auntie Freeze,
 I recently got told by my boyfriend had cheated on me. When I asked him, he said it was not true. Should I believe him over her, or just forget it and lose trust in both of them.
 Hurt & Sad.

Dear Hurt & Sad,
 You need to communicate with both people. Sit down and talk to him about it.

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 There is not enough entertainment at night. And to early rise. We also aren't getting enough food. We will go on strike unless demands are met. Also the toilets need to be unplugged more often.
 Unsatisfied Scout!

Dear Unsatisfied Scout,
 Your camp should consider itself lucky that it has toilets at all. Ask your uncles how to get more food.

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 In subcamp Murray, there seems to be a B.O. problem. The smell is coming from a certain tent where (stinky) and (smelly) are camping. What should we do?
 Good Smelling Scout.

Dear Good Smelling Scout,
 If its bad, spray them with something that smells good.

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 In Murray subcamp our male PL is now considering a second layer of fake tan. And he has already worn women's clothes. What shall we do?
 A Worried Fiffer.

Dear Fiffer,
 Have your subcamp make up a collection and send him to a beach. But he has to bring his own clothes.

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Amber	Bradley	Lyle
Sam	Thomas	Stephanie
Samuel	Sarah	Anthony
Peter	Kirsten	Kai Yao
Euan	Travis	Robbie
Robert	Verena	Fraser
Shane	Angelika	Elise
Calum	Conny	Kristine

Mandarin Guide

One	一	yī
Two	二	èr
Three	三	sān
Four	四	sì
Five	五	wǔ
Six	六	liù
Seven	七	qī
Eight	八	bā
Nine	九	jiǔ
Ten	十	shí

Here are some rudimentary Chinese vocabulary the Chinese people use when speaking Mandarin. Have fun mixing around with them and when you are done with it ask any Singaporean Scout in the vicinity to test you or even expand on your Chinese vocabulary.

If you have trouble pronouncing them, you can look for any Chinese Scout or leader to guide you. At the bottom right is a little challenge. Try to translate what I have written. Excuse the handwriting. It doesn't turn up as nice as when written.

By Samuel Ravi Choudhury (S'pore), MacDonald's the Best.

恭
吉
苦

Everybody
Me
You
Love / Like
Hate / Dislike
Want
Eat / Drink
Sleep
Scouts
See
Play
Run
Walk
Fire
Suck
Smoke
Wooden Board
Name
Greenery
Volleyball
Football
Toilet
Rubbish
Throw
Aunt
Myself
Are/is/Yes
Age

每个人	mei ge ren
我	wo
你	ni
爱/喜欢	ai/xi huan
恨/不喜欢	hen/bu xi huan
要	yao
吃/喝	chi/he
睡	shui
童子军	tong zi jun
看	kan
玩	wan
跑	bao
走	zou
火	huo
吸	xi
烟	yan
木板	mu ban
名	ming
花草树木	hua cao shu mu
排球	pai qiu
足球	zu qiu
厕所	ce suo
垃圾	la ji
丢	diu
阿姨	a yi
自己	zi ji
是	shi
岁	sui

我喜欢每个人。
我恨自己
我喜欢吸烟
我要去垃圾
Mo阿姨喜欢吃童子军
你是几岁？

Now let's translate the following:
I love to sleep.
The toilets are rubbish.
Everybody loves to suck volleyballs.

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Uncle Steven- Morrison

By Euan

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Gallery

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