

LIGHTHOUSE STUDIOS WINS TWO AWARDS

Seppi opened Lighthouse Studios four years ago in Bridge of Allan and last year moved to larger premises in Causewayhead. His style is cool, contemporary and fun, which is reflected in his photographs.

Photographer Seppi Preston of Lighthouse Studios won two awards at the Scottish Master Photographers Annual Print Awards in May (the winning entries are shown below and right).

He won awards of excellence in both complete wedding and complete portrait categories.



These prestigious awards are open to all qualified Scottish professional photographers, so to win out of the hundreds of entries is a huge achievement. He was the only photographer in Stirlingshire to win an award at the presentation in South Queensferry.



This is the third year in a row that Seppi has been awarded a prize at these annual awards. "I often get great feedback from customers", said Seppi. "But to also get recognition for my work from some of the UK's top professional photographers is really exciting."

BRIDGE OF ALLAN'S NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The new members of the Community Council, recently elected for a three-year term of office, are shown above. They are (left to right) Jim Christie, Marjorie Russell, Stuart Ritchie, Alison Logie, Les Ferguson (Chairman), Frances Hamilton, John Gill, Community Officer P.C. Paul Colquhoun, Ian Anderson, Keith Ironside.

A Century Ago in Bridge of Allan

An Offensive Piggery (May 11)
The Cleansing Committee, after having heard a report from the Sanitary Inspector, requested Mr Oliver, innkeeper, to have his piggery removed.



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Girlguiding Airthrey District

3rd Bridge of Allan Guides are looking forward to their long-awaited visit to Adelboden in Switzerland in July. 26 girls and their leaders have been planning and fundraising for their trip for two years now, and have raised over £4000 by bagpacking at local supermarkets, and many other fundraising events.

This will be a truly International experience as the guides will be staying at Our Chalet, a World Guiding Centre, along with Girl Scouts and Guides from Canada, USA and Japan. The guides were successful in receiving a Lottery grant which has helped them take advantage of the many excursions and activities available in the Bernese Oberland.



The adventurous programme they have chosen from includes white water rafting, horse back riding, canyoning, paragliding, hiking and mountain biking. They will also have excursions to Interlaken, Thun or Kandersteg and the nearby Reharti Adventure Park.

The ten-day holiday will start with a night in London before flying to Switzerland, when they will see *The Sound of Music* at the London Palladium and will finish with two days to take in the sights of Geneva.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are thriving in Bridge of Allan, but there is a constant need for new Leaders to ensure that we are offering the best possible opportunities to our girls. If you think you could spare even a little time to help us, especially with the younger age groups of Rainbows and Brownies, please ring Anne Marie on 01786 833945, or email: airthrey_district@yahoo.co.uk

ABBEYFIELD'S ANNIVERSARY QUILT



This picture was taken recently in Abbeyfield, Bridge of Allan. It shows the current residents against a background of the quilt which has been created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Abbeyfield. This beautiful quilt reflects Abbeyfield Scotland today. Each house was asked to sew a square depicting their local area or the House they live in. The Jubilee Quilt then travelled round the country and has been on show in all the Abbeyfield Houses or local libraries.

There are many bright and colourful images on the quilt. Easily recognisable are the Falkirk Wheel and St Andrews with its golf course, university and beach, but there are other images such as teacups, sunshine and strawberries to represent the happy, homely side of the Houses.

Bridge of Allan Abbeyfield chose familiar local images - Park House itself, next to the Royal Bank of Scotland on Henderson Street, the bridge with its resident heron, and the former music hall across the road with the dome-shaped roof. Congratulations to Margaret, the housekeeper, and members of the House committee who created this so skillfully. On the back of each square are the signatures of each resident which have been embroidered over, and will be there

for eternity. It is a beautiful tribute to a very caring organisation.

For any further information on Abbeyfield contact Margaret at Park House on 832399.

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