

# Readers get in touch

Dear Editor

Thank you for letting me put an ad in the Spring Issue of the magazine, requesting information about family and friends of my mother, Hannah Ward (née Forbes). As a result of the advertisement, I was delighted to hear from Ann Hamlin of Bridge of Allan, who has, and still is, providing much interesting news about many of my relations. I was especially happy to speak to Ann's own mother, Elizabeth Hannah Campbell, now aged 85 years (my mother's niece and good friend). My one regret is not having tried to make contact with Ann and Elizabeth and other family members many years ago when my mother was still alive.

The success of the ad - i. e. the information Ann has kindly provided - has encouraged me to continue the search for further missing links in the family tree, especially for details about my mother's first husband, Tommy Grieve, and his family of Raploch, Stirling.

Thank you once again, Bridge of Allan Times, for your kind help.

Jean Hughes

Dear Editor

I lived in Bridge of Allan from 1947-1962, and was Head Girl of the Beacon School in 1957. I emigrated to Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia in 1966. When my first marriage broke up, I became the Bush Nurse in Dajarra, 100 miles south of Mount Isa, for 2 years, taking my 3 children with me, aged 3, 4, and 5.



Ann Carruthers (now Ann Young)

I did my General Nursing at Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Part 1 of Midwifery at Airthrey Castle Maternity Hospital, now

Stirling University. My sister is now visiting Bridge of Allan, from Zimbabwe, and sent me some copies of your wonderful magazine. I have always hoped that I could one day return and introduce my family again to the Outback, which I love. Even my 10 year-old granddaughter will be old enough to remember.

I was Anne Carruthers before I married and still have some dear friends in the Stirling area. I have many happy childhood memories sledging down the Death Track at the Golf Course, playing in the Mine Woods, and of course playing tennis in the summer at every possible occasion. So you see, Bridge of Allan was a very big part of my happy childhood!

I will look forward to finding you again on the Internet.

Best Regards from "Downunder"

Anne Young.  
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Dear Editor

Two months ago my wife and I visited Bridge of Allan. It is a beautiful village and was our first choice of places we enjoyed the most. Might I add that your publication has been invaluable in learning about your community of today and its history. Well done. Could you direct me as to where I might find a schedule of events for the coming summer? We are planning to return to Bridge of Allan and spend several days with you.

Thanking you in advance,

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## Bridge of Allan Community Plan

We need volunteers in Bridge of Allan willing to help with creating a Community Plan.

Inputs could include ideas for future projects, distribution and collection of questionnaires, making teas and coffees at events, encouraging others - there is all sorts of help needed.

Please contact Sandi Grieve 833255 or Claire Gibbons 832745 if you feel you would like to be involved.

Bridge of Allan 100 Years Ago

### BRIDGE OF ALLAN TOWN COUNCIL A Public Improvement

At a meeting of the Finance Committee the Clerk reported, with reference to the Council's proposal to borrow £250 to meet the cost of erecting the public convenience in Blairforkie Drive, that the money could be obtained on a twenty years' loan, at 3¼ per cent. if the money was repaid in one sum at the end of the period of the loan, or 4 per cent. if the money was repaid by yearly instalments. Having considered the matter, the Committee agree to recommend the Council to borrow the money at 4 per cent. and to repay it by yearly instalments. On the motion of Bailie Brown, this was agreed to.

(Stirling and Bridge of Allan Reporter, November 6, 1909)

BRIDGE OF ALLAN TOWN COUNCIL  
Provost McCall's attitude - "Glasgow Herald" takes a serious view of matters  
In the "Glasgow Herald" of Thursday appeared the following paragraph:-  
"We are favoured with the following excerpt from a journal published in Bridge of Allan:-

Provost McCall said he considered it a very high honour to be elected Provost of that burgh. He was asked by a friend the other day, "What is it to be a Provost of a wee place like Bridge of Allan?" His answer to that was that it was as high an honour to be Provost of Bridge of Allan as it was to be Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Our correspondent suggests that this is a case for the High Court. For the present we do not propose to take any action in the matter. It rests with Mr McInnes Shaw to vindicate his honour either now or by challenging the aggressor to a duel with cabers at the Bridge of Allan Games next ensuing."

That such a paper as the "Herald" should take cognizance of the deliberations of the civic rulers of the quiet people of Bridge of Allan is surely flattery indeed, and we are profoundly thankful that it has decided to take no action for the present at least.

We shall, however, watch with interest what steps the Glasgow folk intend to take in the matter, and should it, as suggested, come to a "set to" at the Strathallan Annual Gathering in August next, between Lord Provost McInnes Shaw and Provost McCall, we venture to think that Provost McCall will tackle his man with a will, and will win at the finish. This no doubt would prove a splendid advertisement for Bridge of Allan.  
(Stirling and Bridge of Allan Reporter, November 13, 1909)