



The BRANie

Dear friends of BRAN,

As well as our day job of maintaining the core paths so much has been happening lately and we've been having such a blast we wanted to share details with you.

We appreciate your loyal support & hope you enjoy the read.



Brian Campbell, Work Party Leader, has been voted Volunteer of the Year by Paths For All. He is such a worthy winner devoting a huge amount of his time to BRAN beyond the work parties he organises.

He and his lovely wife, Edna, have been heavily involved in the planning & logistics for our members' BBQ, and our tombola stand at the Highland Games in addition to manning the Pick Your Own Blueberries sessions. Details of all these events are given below along with thanks to some of the others involved.

Brian you are an absolute treasure and we can't wait for you to receive the award formally at the Scottish Parliament on 27 Sept.



BRAN Members BBQ 19 August



Jamie Macpherson, Clan Chief of the Macphersons of Cluny kindly offered us use of the grounds at Newton Castle to hold a celebratory BBQ. It was fabulous - great company, delicious food & superb entertainment from the delightful Lyric Choir and Blair Ukes.

This took tremendous effort to pull off and we pay particular thanks to:

Helen Caswell for her meticulous event planning, cake baking & creative flair.

Stewart Caswell, chef supreme & calm under pressure. We dined like chieftans!

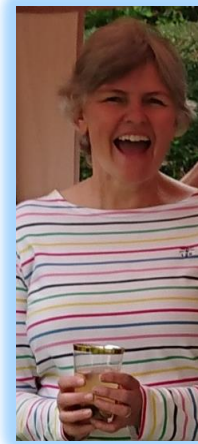
Aileen Crawford for her delicious strawberry tarts & desserts.



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Here's an extract from The BRAN song composed by Brian

IN THE TOWN WHERE I WAS BORN
THERE'S A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS
WORKING HARD, BLOOD SWEAT AND TEARS
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER NOW FOR EIGHT LONG YEARS
TO MAKE THE TOWN MORE SAFE AND CLEAN
IS OUR AIM YOU KNOW - WE'RE VERY KEEN
WE ALWAYS DO THE BEST WE CAN AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE TEAM BRAN.



AND WE ALL WEAR OUR **YELLOW** HI VIS VESTS, **YELLOW** HI VIS VESTS, **YELLOW**

Many of the BBQ photos are courtesy of David Stanghon, Alyth & Blairgowrie Camera Club

Pick Your Own Blueberries 20th, 30th Aug & 13 Sept



Thomas Thomson Blairgowrie generously donated their crop of Blueberries to local community groups for a second year.



Thanks to Catherine Robertson, BRAN were allocated three sessions manned by Myles Rice, Doug Muir, Helen & Stewart Caswell, Carol McGregor and of course, Brian & Edna. This has raised an impressive £450.



Community Garden at Mount Ericht 4 Sept

David Strachan, Ally Donald, Keith Reid & Brian took on the almighty challenge of cutting down all the overgrowth to help our friends at the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Garden.



We also strimmed the roundabout at Elm Drive for Blair in Bloom on 12 Sept.

Great job lads!



Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games 3 Sept



What a glorious day! The sun shone on our tombola stand as Keith Reid, Edna, Kirstie Macfarlane, Brian Ruffhead & Carol cheerily handed out many fab prizes raising a further £344. Much thanks to all who donated the prizes.

Ally, Brian C, David, Myles Rice, Doug Muir, & Rab Middleton enrolled as parking attendants at the event with Ally, Brian C & Myles also assisting with site preparation. In recognition, Highland Games made a kind donation to our funds.



BRDT Solis Tractor



Ally Donald is now able to drive the community tractor purchased by BRDT. He's put it through its paces on the core paths. It should take a little pressure off his and Grahame Mustard's mowing regime. They are incredible guys both committed to keeping the paths trimmed.



It's been a busy summer but there is so much pleasure from the camaraderie and being part of such a dedicated group of individuals.

If you'd like to join us on one of our work parties or feel you have skills we might benefit from that you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact briancampbell3@aol.com or derekballoch@hotmail.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Keith & Derek Co-Chairs

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