

AE Village

*Celebrating
50 Years*



GLEN AE

*Trees look down from lofty heights
Blazing skies adorn the nights
Darkend hills stand up proud
Caressed by a passing cloud
Ae river babbles on its course
Quietly signals awesome force
Air alive with scents and sound
Night creatures stirring all around
A final call from a tiring swallow
An owls hooting fills the hollow
What else moves in field and glen
Best left hidden to survive again
Some distant star winks at the moon
Such moments pass too soon
Pause a while give thanks for the day
An eventide in bonny Glen Ae*

J. Rose

PREFACE

The idea of a booklet detailing the history of Ae Village and its people sounded like a good idea at the time that was until I realised just how much work was involved. However I have made it through eventually and with a lot of help from various sources, to this, the final product.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed photographs, newspaper cuttings and personal memories to the booklet. It could never have been completed without you. Also a big thank you to Muriel Jefferson for unlimited use of her computer, and to Bill Meadows and John Currie for their help and advice. I shall also apologise in advance for any mistakes made, I tried my best.

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Lisa Stitt

9th September, 1997



View from Tower Hill.

INTRODUCTION

On moving to Glasgow to attend university I was often involved in the following conversation:-

"So where do you come from?"

"Ae Village"

A blank expression spreads over the enquirer's face teamed with -

"But what is the village called?"

"Ae"

"What is the village called?"

"Ae! That is what the village is called. Ae, spelled A . . . E"

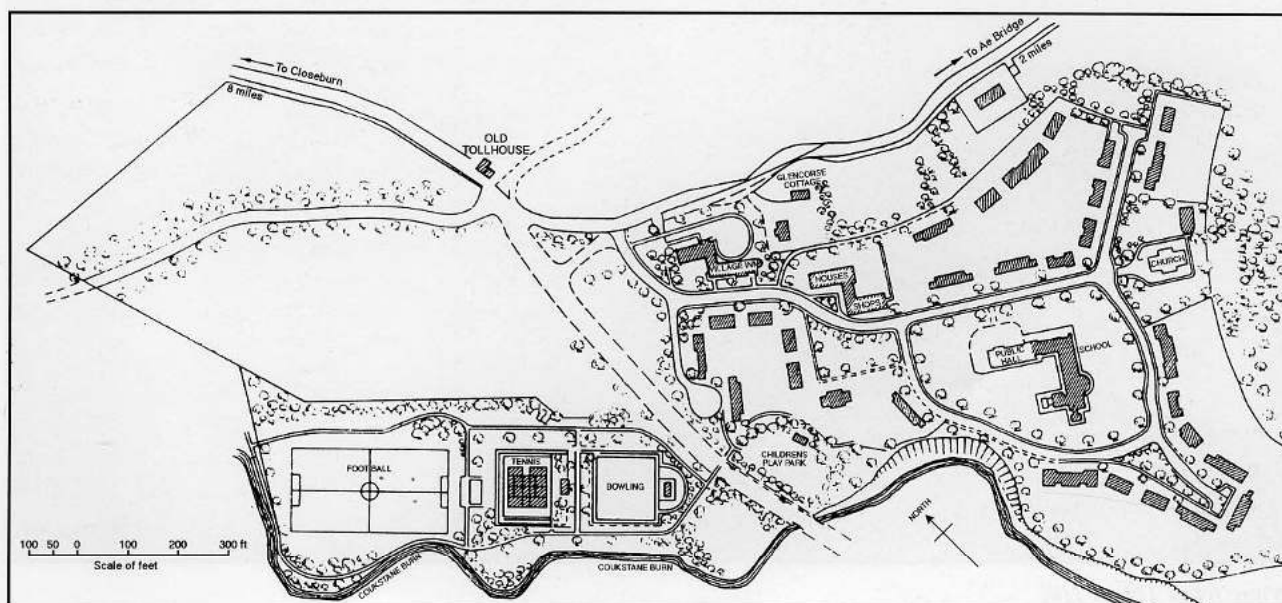
"Ohhh!!"

I then have to go on and explain where Ae is and how it gained such a strange name in the first place. This, therefore, seems a logical place to begin a booklet on the history of the village.

The Village of Ae is located ten miles to the north of Dumfries, in the shadow of the Forest of Ae. The village and the forest take their name from the Water of Ae, a tributary of the River Annan. The true meaning of "Ae" is not actually known but is thought to be derived from "ey", the Gaelic word for river.

The planting of trees in the Forest of Ae began in 1927, 20 years before the building of Ae Village commenced. The forest covers an area of approximately 17 square miles and due to extensive planting programmes and various other Forestry Commission projects, a large labour force was required for the site. This was to pose problems for the Forestry Commission, however, as it was hoped to house as many workers as close to the forest as possible. For this purpose ten houses, some wooden, were built at various sites, including the hamlet of Gubhill, to solve the immediate problem. As productivity increased, however, it was soon realised that this was not an appropriate solution and so the village of Ae was born.

The site chosen for the new village, the first purpose-built "forest village" in Scotland, was on the land surrounding the smallholding of Glencorse. The original plans, of which a diagram is shown below, showed the village was to consist of around 80 houses with facilities including shops, a school and village hall, playing fields, a church and even a village inn. The plans, however, did not reach full completion and the result is Ae Village as it is known today.



CLAIMS TO FAME

The most obvious claim to fame the village has is its possession of the shortest place name in Britain, a title which earns it a place in the Guinness Book of Records, or at least it did until such a record was deemed unnecessary.

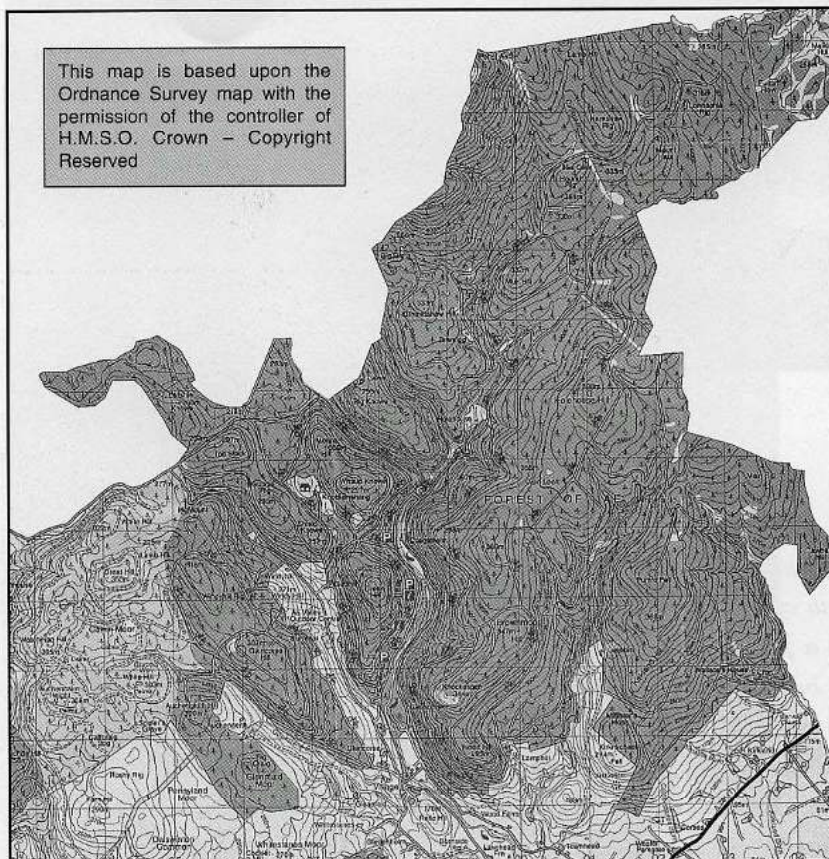
There have been a few traces of prehistoric burial grounds and homesteads found at sites around the village and surrounding countryside with some of the pieces of flint and clay pots being held by the Dumfries Museum.

Historical connections are sparse, although within the forest there is a structure known as "Wallace House" where it is rumoured Wallace camped with some of his men while preparing an attack on Lochmaben Castle. There is also a slight link with Robert the Bruce who is commemorated in the King's Well and King's Chair found within the boundaries of the forest. The Covenanter's of the area were also represented by the Harkness family who lived at the farm of Mitchellsacks. This farm was also the home of James Hogg, a poet, who issued one of his early books of poetry, the Mountain Bard, from the house.

The picturesque nature of the village and the surrounding forest have been of the greatest benefit, leading to its use as a backdrop for two films and a television advert. The first film to use Ae Forest as a location was a reworked version of John Buchan's "Thirty Nine Steps". Part of the film was recorded at and around Loch Ettrick in the mid 1970's. The other film was a Czechoslovakian production which even found a role for a local boy, Derek Burgess. The television advert was filmed to advertise a well known electrical goods shop and involved a stream of lorries and a few strategically placed sheep (one of the village greens was made into a makeshift field for the day).

No great historical events are recorded from within the boundaries of the Forest of Ae, but elsewhere, the land bears the traces of some 5,000 years of human endeavour.

Clearing of the natural mixed oak forest was well advanced by the Bronze Age some 4,000 years ago.



That farming communities had expanded to exploit the newly available fertile soils of the hillsides is evidenced by scattered groups of 'clearance cairns'. These low, rounded, sometimes turf covered mounds of stone cleared from the ground to improve its productivity are known from a number of locations in the Forest of Ae. At Glenmaiden Moor groups of such cairns and associated circular house foundations have been left out of planting as a reminder of the activities of these early farmers.

Burial cairns dating from around the same time are also known in the forest, though unfortunately not all have survived. One on the south flank of Threip Moor, two on Big Knowe and the 'Blue Cairn' with a modern cairn built on top, can however still be recognised.

THE RESIDENTS

As happens in any community, there has been a constant stream of families moving into and out of Ae Village. Many have stayed for a number of years, others moving on after just one or two.

In this, the 50th year of Ae Village, there is only one original resident remaining in the village. Margaret Finlay (nee Coupland) moved into 1 Dalcum Rise with her parents and two younger brothers, on completion of the first houses in October, 1949. Here she lived until her marriage to Jock Finlay, when she moved to 33 Hilltops View to bring up her family. Her daughters Caroline, Hazel and Susan have since left the village but son Ivan now lives next door to his parents with his two daughters Sarah and Nicola.



William Coupland, who is thirty-three, and his wife Gladys, a Yorkshire girl, live in one of the new houses in the Village of Ae. He is a forest worker, and has been in Ae since he was demobbed from the R.A.F. The house is rented to the Couplands for £20 a year, plus an extra £2 a year when electricity is installed. The house is already wired and is complete with fittings.



THE RESIDENTS

The village has seen many characters come and go but ask any one of the longer standing residents who they will remember most from their time in the village and the name on everyone's lips, will, in most cases, be Mary Deacon.

Mary was the original Ae Village resident, having lived for the majority of her life in the farm cottage of Glencorse, around which the village was built. She took over the running of the farm in 1953 after the death of her grandfather and despite the possibility of introducing some of the labour-saving machinery to her farm Mary preferred to stick to more traditional methods. Indeed electricity was not installed in Glencorse until after Mary's death in 1988.

Mary's animals were a hit with the children of the village, who would often wander round to look at the pigs and the poultry. The hens gave new meaning to the phrase "free range" as they were left free to roam the grassy areas around the village, but this never caused problems as Mary was such a well liked lady.



Mary Deacon and Nil

Mary was a major part of the community, best remembered for her part in running the monthly village whist and also her weekly whist school, where the children of the village could learn to play the card game with the assistance of one of the best players in the village. Mary was also heavily involved with the Community Association and played her part in the organisation of village social events.

On top of all that, however, Mary was always ready to stop for a chat or a cup of tea, with the door to her cottage always open. She had time for everyone, young and old alike and provided a handy service in keeping a store of cigarettes and sweets for those who hadn't managed to catch the shop.

Together with her dog Nil (or rather one of her many dogs called Nil - she always called her dogs by the same name) Mary had a presence in Ae which no-one could match and her death was much mourned in the village which grew up alongside her. In a way part of the village died with her.

GALA DAY



The crowd at Ae Gala, 1958

school age and the first queen to take up the post was 15 year old Agnes Horton. She wore a dress of white and at the crowning she was draped with a cape of green velvet and a specially made crown was placed on her head. After this she was carried around the village on the back of a Forestry Commission van accompanied by her page.

The page was also elected from the children of the village and surrounding area and the first to gain the honour was six year old Ian Laurie. The page was traditionally dressed in a kilt and sash with a white shirt and it was his job to bear the cushion on which the crown sat before the ceremony.

In the following year the retiring queen was given the job of handing over her title to her successor, a tradition which remained until the last Gala day in 1982 when Diane Krause (now McCubbin) was crowned Queen. She was attended on the day by page boy Neil Ostroznick, retiring page Paul Stitt

and myself as flower girl. (The flower girls were a later addition

to the ceremony and normally there were two chosen from the village girls in Primary One).



Diane Krause – Ae's Forest Queen, 1982

As mentioned the Village Gala began after a highly enjoyable day of games and fun to celebrate the Queen's coronation day in 1953. The following year saw the birth of the annual Gala day with the usual fun, games and sports, rounding off the celebrations with a dance in the evening.

Although the day was fun, it was decided a special focus was needed for the event. This brought about the coronation of the first "Forest Queen" in 1955. The queen was elected, by the villagers, from all the girls of secondary



Miss Agnes Horton – Ae's first Forest Queen

A major part of the Gala Day celebrations was the Tower Hill race. Men and boys from the village would line up at the playpark in the village for the start of the race which took them up to the fire tower on Knockspen (better known as Tower Hill) and back again. The track took competitors through the forest and over natural obstacles such as fallen trees and broken branches and the race lasted around 45 minutes.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

The primary school is an important part of any community and in Ae it is particularly important, especially after the closing of the village hall.

At the birth of the village the children had to walk one and a half miles to school at the small hamlet of Gubhill. As the population of the village grew the need for a new school became apparent and so in April, 1958 the council agreed to fund the building of the new school in the village. The six month project, costing £21,400.00, was completed in September, 1958, with the official opening in October of that year.



Ae School on the day of its official opening

On opening, the school roll numbered 49 pupils, peaking at 70 in the 1960's before dropping steadily with decreases in family size. Over the last 15 years the numbers have levelled off with numbers fluctuating around the 20 mark. The current school roll stands at 21 and from opening its doors until September, 1997, 434 pupils have passed through its doors.

One of the main events the school has seen was the celebration of the 25th anniversary of its opening. The night began with presentations and speeches and was rounded off with a buffet for the adults (the children had to make do with burgers and sausages), specially prepared by the women of the village. Then despite it being a rather damp evening, everyone moved outside for a bonfire and fireworks display.

OPENING OF AE VILLAGE SCHOOL – 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

After over a year of planning, fund raising and general organisation the Ae Golden Committee efforts were put to the test on 21st June this year. This date, rather than the actual anniversary on 11th April, was chosen as it was thought more likely to provide the required weather for such a large outdoor event, and with the exception of the occasional heavy shower in early afternoon, the gamble paid off.



Golden Jubilee celebrations

During the day the children happily moved between ball pools, Gladiator Jousting and bouncy castles. Adults found time to enjoy archery and trips around the forest in 4x4 vehicles whilst everyone was entertained by the Lockerbie Pipe Band and the Dumfries and Galloway Fire Brigade. The village park was crowded by villagers past and present and walking between groups of people you could hear the stories and fond memories being shared. Among the guests were Mrs. Coupland, the first resident of the village, and Mrs. Munro, the headmistress of first, Gubhill school and then the new primary at Ae for so many years.

The reminiscing was halted as at four o'clock the marquee was ringing to calls of "legs eleven" and "two fat ladies" as a fun game of bingo was enjoyed by young and old.

With little time to rest the Ceilidh Band took over and was soon providing the music for all fans of traditional music to strut their stuff in the Eightsome Reel and the Gay Gordons.

Energy stores were then replenished by the buffet, washed down with drinks from the bar, and given a little time to settle before the appearance of the bands, Tinker and village group, the Burn's boys.

Despite the chill which crept in after sunset, the party continued well into the early hours of the morning with reports of some not leaving the marquee until the emergence of the sun from behind the hills. From this, the day was considered very successful with glowing reports from all who attended, young and old, villagers past or villagers present.

The day of celebration was not the only gesture to mark the birthday however, as it was thought a permanent fixture was also required. This was achieved when two benches, situated at two sites within the village, were unveiled in April to mark this the 50th year of Ae Village.

The children from the village school also played their part in the celebrations. As well as conducting a survey, which led to the positioning of the commemorative benches, they also compiled the four-page "Ae Golden Gazette" which was printed in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard. The children gathered old photos from various sources and interviewed long-standing residents about their memories from the village. They then used this information to write articles about various aspects of the village life.



Lockerbie Pipe Band

A BASIC HISTORY

The village was inaugurated at a special ceremony on 11th April, 1947, by the Rt. Hon. Thomas Johnston, formerly the Secretary of State for Scotland. The first houses were occupied two and a half years later in 1949 and building in the village was finally completed in 1967.



Constructing the first houses of Ae village

The first four houses in the village were completed in 1949 with another ten houses completed the following year. Facilities were poor for the first residents of the new village. When the first houses were occupied, although they were equipped with all the necessary sockets, electricity had not yet been installed. Heating was carried out by log fires in all rooms, lighting was provided by candles and lamps and cooking was done on solid fuel stoves. Electricity was eventually

installed in 1950. To keep the villagers occupied in the evenings and to provide a meeting point in the village the Forestry Commission donated an old army hut to be used as a village hall. It was opened, initially as a temporary fixture, in 1952. It soon became a social centre of the otherwise isolated village, providing a home for numerous clubs, associations and societies.

The shop was not completed until 1956 and until that time groceries had to be brought in by a mobile grocery store. Other goods had to be bought in Dumfries and transported by car, though few could afford one, or residents had to wait for the fortnightly, Saturday bus service to go shopping or socialise.

The final major addition to the village was the building of a new village school, opened in 1958. Until that time all primary school-age children had to make their way, every school day morning, to the small school house one and a half miles away in Gubhill.

From 1947 onwards the building of houses continued until the completion and occupation of the bungalow's Roanoke, The Breoch and Cruachan. No building work has since been carried out and so the number of houses comprising Ae Village has remained at 54.

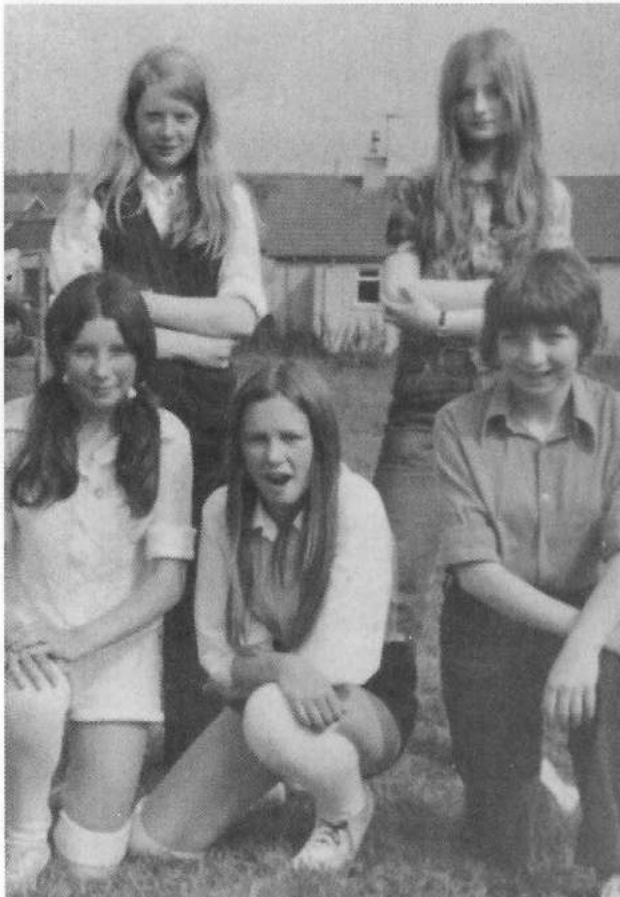


The front of the former Gubhill School House

At the birth of the village every household had ties with the forest in one way or another. The men were employed in planting, tree felling, road building and mill work while the women found work in the tree nursery. With the onset of mechanisation, however, manpower requirements were less and so ties with the forest have dwindled. The village instead has taken on the role of a pleasant home-base from which families can commute to school and work in nearby Dumfries and beyond.



Women's Football Team – M. McGowan, M. Binney, M. King, C. Robinson, A. Brown, M. Duff (standing)



Girls' Football Team – Back Row: J. Dunning, –, Front Row: J. Binney, W. Robinson, D. Young.





Gubhill School



Woodman and Horse



Ae Forest Rangers (Football Team)



Old Forestry Offices and Stables



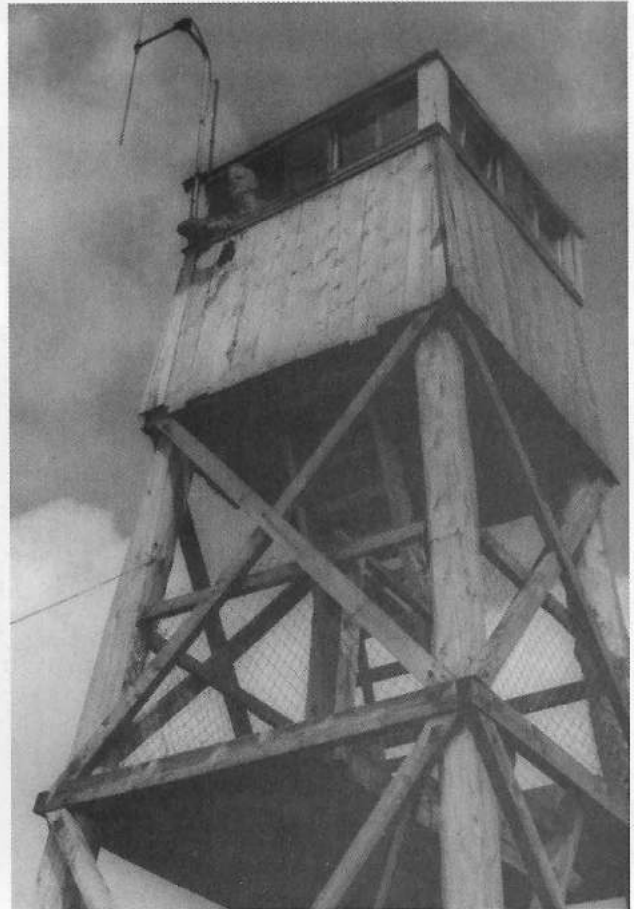
Tree Planting



Ae Forest Queen & Attendant – J. McBurnie & R. Little



Mrs. Couper at Golden Jubilee 21/6/97



Old Fire Tower on Tower Hill

THE VILLAGE HALL

The village hall was a gift to the community from the Forestry Commission and was opened in the early 1950's. The hall quickly became a social centre in the otherwise isolated village and was used as a base for many functions, clubs and societies. A Community Association was formed, by village residents and people from outlying cottages and farms, and became responsible for organising all events and social activities in the village.

The Association provided something for everyone, with Boys' and Girls' clubs for the younger members of the community and the traditional Men's clubs and a new branch of the W.R.I. to keep the senior members happy.



Ae village Drama Society

The hall was also used as a base for whist clubs, bingo, games nights, dances and discos, children's parties, village meetings and numerous other social events. It also provided a home for the drama society which was formed almost as soon as the hall opened its doors in 1952.

The Association hit some problems in the early 1980's, however. The village population had decreased in size, due to the smaller family sizes of the times. The easier access to Dumfries and its entertainments were proving a magnet for the people of the village and the hall was beginning to fall into a state of disrepair. This meant that the committee were unable to sustain the number of activities the hall was previously used for and due to the poor state of the building funding to repair it could not be raised.

The wooden building had originally been meant as a temporary fixture but after 30 years of constant use the strain began to show and despite an effort by the villagers to decorate and repair some of the damage, it was not enough.



The trophy winners at the 1970 Ae flower show

Two of the first events to disappear were the annual Gala day and the Flower Show. This was followed by the winding down of the whist and bingo clubs and gradually all other activities and clubs ground to a halt. The hall was crumbling and was declared unsafe for use in 1993. It remained derelict until its demolition in the summer of 1997.

NOTABLE EVENTS

One of the first events to be held in the village hall was a Christmas party for the children. This was not without its problems, however, as around the original date, before Christmas, there was an epidemic of chickenpox and the party had to be postponed until January, 1953.



Ae's first Christmas party?

In June, 1953 a day of celebration was planned to mark the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The success of the event led to the decision that a similar event be held every year and so this led to the first of many Ae Village Gala days in 1954.

7th January, 1955 was a special day for the village as the BBC chose Ae village hall as the

place from which to broadcast their radio programme "A Matter of Opinion". The programme was one of audience participation, where members of the audience could discuss subjects of their choice with a panel of well known figures. On the team at the village that night were Alistair Borthwick, Ben Coutts, Douglas Young and Tom Fraser M.P.

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Tom Fraser, M.P.



Alastair Borthwick



Ben Coutts



Douglas Young

At 7.20 the members of the team debate the views of an audience in the village of Ae in Dumfriesshire

A MATTER OF OPINION

7.20 A MATTER OF OPINION

Your views debated by a team of speakers. This week the team visits the village of Ae.

Team: Alastair Borthwick, Ben Coutts, Tom Fraser, M.P., Douglas Young
Chairman, Noel Stevenson

Produced by: Roderick MacLean

In the spring of 1956 the village was given a much needed boost, with the opening of the village shop and sub-post office. A special ceremony was held, with the ribbon being cut by Miss Riddick who had been a teacher at Gubhill school for 29 years. To mark the occasion, all letters and postcards posted on that day were stamped with "first day cover" and "Ae", giving the people who received them a unique keepsake, indeed many residents posted cards and envelopes to themselves that day.

NOTABLE EVENTS

The next point of note was the building of the new primary school on a site in the village. With the increasing village population in the 1950's the small school at Gubhill was struggling to cope with the large numbers of children passing through its doors. This, coupled with the fact that the school was one and a half miles outwith the village from



The platform party at the official opening of Ae School

which the majority of its pupils came, led to the decision to build a new school in the heart of Ae Village. The building of the new school began on 1st April, 1958 and opened its doors to the first pupils on 2nd September of the same year under the watchful eye of Headmistress Mrs. Munro and her assistant Mrs. Cooper. The official opening took place on 17th October and proceedings were carried out by Mr. J. A. B. MacDonald the conservator for the South Scotland Conservancy, the Forestry Commission.



The audience at the opening ceremony of Ae School

The village continued to build on its relationship with the Forestry Commission into the late 1960's with the residents turning out in force to helping the official opening of three specially created forest walks. Each route took walkers around a different patch of forest before returning them to their starting place at the picnic site by the

side of the Water of Ae. The walks were usually carried out on a Sunday afternoon and after being shown round the signposted path by forestry workers, who would also provide information on the flora and fauna of the forest, the rambler's would regain their breath at a picnic at the riverside. The three walks remain marked in the forest and are regularly used by villagers and tourists alike.

NOTABLE EVENTS

On the 50th anniversary of the Forestry Commission in 1969 the children of the village school were invited to help commemorate the day by assisting in the planting of four cherry trees of the Forestry offices. This was followed by a tour of the forest with a lesson in how the forest is managed.



Miss R. Rae

The forest provided villagers with a mystery in 1972 when the skeleton of a man was found by a forestry worker. The middle-aged man was thought to have died around ten years previously and despite a thorough investigation, aided by forensic experts in Glasgow, his identity was not discovered.

With the 1980's, events in the village became less frequent and, as mentioned, began to disappear. The last Gala day was held on 3rd July, 1982 and September of the same year saw the final Flower show held in the village hall.

Village trips to Moffat and Lowther, the occasional disco and children's party and valiant efforts at fund raising evenings kept a touch of community spirit with the villagers but the closing of the village hall affected everyone. The school became the community "centre", but it cannot be used in the same way as the hall could and so the village has no clubs, no whist, no bingo anymore.

However, the community spirit is not entirely dead and buried, as two successful days of entertainment in the not too distant past showed. The first was a village fun day in celebration of V.J. Day. The village park was the scene for a village barbecue and a day of fun with a bouncy castle and beat the goalie among the activities.

The celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of the village also showed that Ae villagers still know how to throw a party.

S. U. ROBERTSON – FORMER DISTRICT OFFICER

In 1947, I was a newly-appointed District Officer, based in Dumfries. Tom Johnson, Secretary of State for Scotland, was invited to dig the first turf for the Village of Ae. But he didn't dig it – I Did – he merely turned it over to inaugurate the construction of the first houses of the village. He was a much-respected Secretary of State, and was largely responsible for bringing the 'light' (i.e. electricity) to most of the remote places, and Highland glens in Scotland.

In those days, forestry was a very labour-intensive industry, from hand-weeding mainly by women in the nurseries, and felling trees with a cross-cut saw, snedding with an axe. The advent of efficient weed control in nursery seed beds, by chemical means, at Fleet Forest, almost overnight made some 30 women surplus to requirements. However, they were given employment brashing the young thicket plantations nearby.



Men and Women of the village band weeding

Likewise, the advent of light weight chainsaws meant that cross-cut hand saws, and felling axes, became museum pieces, and reduced the need for manpower. Today, manpower is reduced even further by the advent of machines which fell, sned, cross-cut and extract to roadside.

The result of all this is that the need for forest villages like Ae is negligible. Forest workers even have their own cars, quite unthought of in 1947!

In the early days, the public were not welcomed in the forest, they were actively discouraged, because of the fear of fire. Because of the need to produce useful timber as quickly as possible, after the ravages of two world wars when Britain needed so much wood to maintain the war effort, fast grown conifers such as Sitka, Douglas and Jap Larch were the main species planted. Broadleaves? Who needs them? With a rotation length

S. U. ROBERTSON – FORMER DISTRICT OFFICER

of over 100 years? Likewise, little or no thought was given to maintaining or encouraging wildlife. It was thought that these dense Sitka thickets were devoid of wildlife, and it came as a shock to bird lovers when a researcher discovered no less than 13 Sparrow Hawk nests in the Ae Forest. Since each pair needs about 500 small birds to rear its young, it was realised that there was a huge bird population inside the thickets.

Since then, of course, stream sides are left unplanted, or with a strip of broadleaves, and there is much more emphasis on planting sizeable areas of broadleaves, particularly native trees.

When the oldest conifer crops had reached a good merchantable size in the early '50's, or had been windblown, some clear felling took place. This coincided with the virtual elimination of the rabbits due to myxomatosis, and British foresters were astonished to discover that natural regeneration was taking place on a huge scale. Virtually the whole of Ae has now been restocked by N.R. – which raised other problems, of having far too many trees to the square yard. The Research Branch set up several experiments to determine what were the best means of dealing with the problem (I believe these experiments are still there).

Some of the best information on the changes in the last 50 years is contained in the 1979/80, 60th Annual Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission. There is a Special Review of the F.C.'s Diamond Jubilee, 1919 to 1979, which is well worth reading to get a picture of developments which are still taking place today.



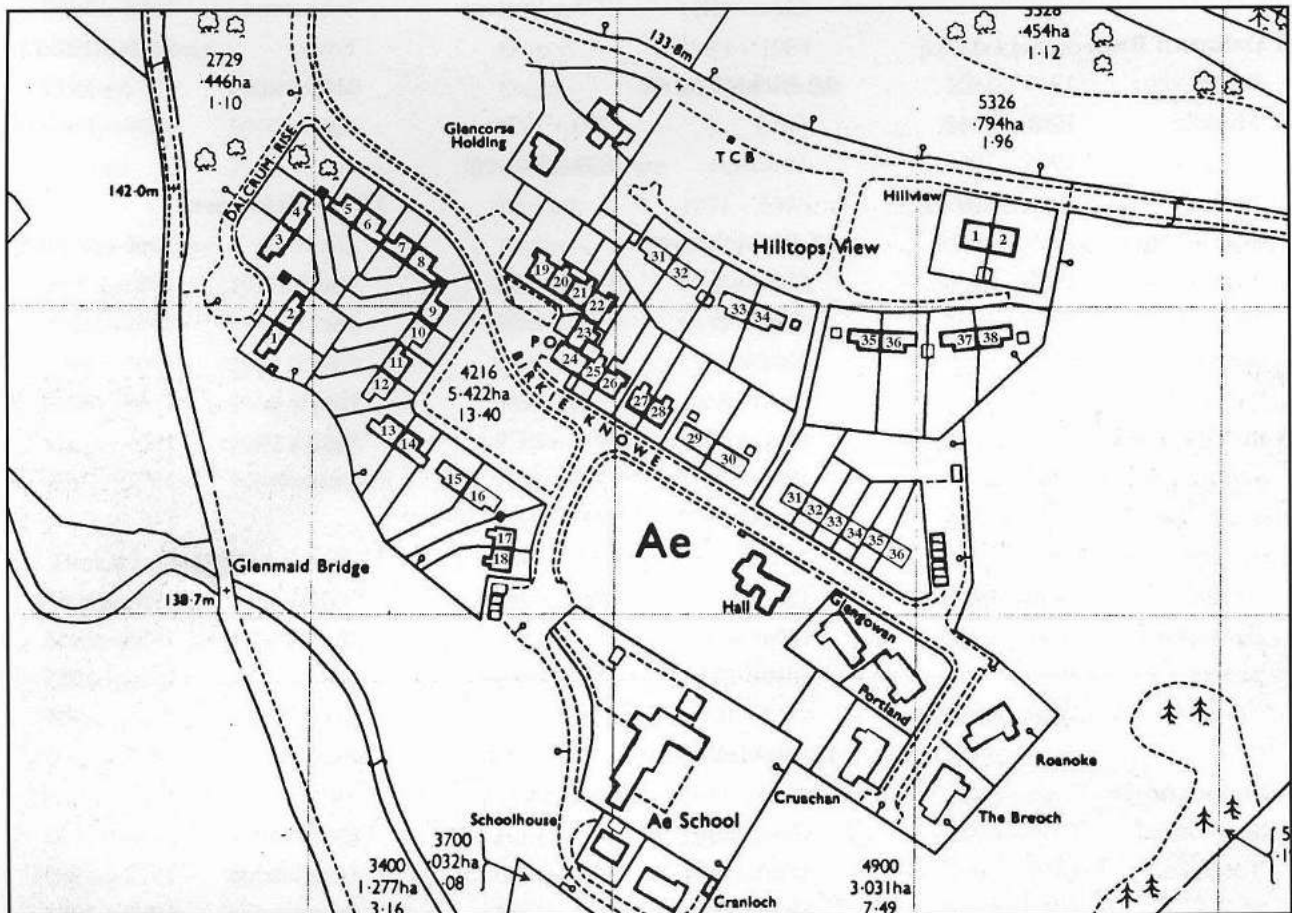
Forestry workers felling using a cross-cut band saw

WHO STAYED WHERE AND WHEN?

While researching the booklet I began examining the valuation rolls from the Ewart Library to try and establish who had lived for the longest time in the village. This gradually led to the compilation of a list of the families which have lived in each house in the village.

With Margaret Finlay being the only person to have lived in the village for 50 years, it was found Mr. and Mrs. Jahn have been the longest named tenants in the village. They moved into 28 Birkieknowe in 1951 before moving to 34 Birkieknowe in 1957, the house which they still occupy.

The resident who has been longest in one house is shown to be Jeannie Ostroznik (later Richardson) who has lived in 30 birkieknowe since moving in in 1954.



The following list was compiled from the valuation rolls held at the Ewart Library at Dumfries. All dates are approximate and some mistakes have already been pointed out so I apologise if there are any more.

1 Dalcum Rise		McArthur	1953 - 1956	Empty	1970 - 1972
Coupland	1949 - 1987	McGhie (Jnr.)	1956 - 1958	Webster	1972 - 1974
McCubbing	1987 - Present	Paterson	1958 - 1959	Drennan	1974 - 1983
2 Dalcum Rise		Kennedy	1959 - 1964	Empty	1983 - 1984
McArthur	1949 - 1951	Slater	1964 - 1966	Bell	1984 - Present
Graham	1951 - 1952	Empty	1966 - 1967	3 Dalcum Rise	
Empty	1952 - 1953	Carolan	1967 - 1968	Fletcher	1949 - 1952
		Bryne	1968 - 1970		

WHO STAYED WHERE AND WHEN?

3 Dalcrum Rise (continued)

McRobert	1952 - 1953
Empty	1953 - 1954
Orr	1954 - 1959
Green	1959 - 1964
Kemp	1964 - 1966
Carlaw	1966 - 1968
McInnes	1968 - 1973
Empty	1973 - 1974
Scott	1974 - Present

4 Dalcrum Rise

White	1949 - 1961
Muddle	1961 - 1965
Cooper	1965 - 1966
Pollock	1966 - 1969
Wallis	1969 - 1976
Bryson	1976 - 1978
McGowan	1978 - 1982
Alston	1982 - Present

5 Birkieknowe

Logan	1950 - 1952
McBurnie	1952 - 1953
Empty	1953 - 1954
Ballantyne	1954 - 1957
Patterson	1957 - 1968
Empty	1968 - 1969
Moore	1969 - Present

6 Birkieknowe

Scanlon	1950 - 1979
Torrance	1979 - 1982
Bull	1982 - 1983
Empty	1983 - 1984
Cook	1984 - Present

7 Birkieknowe

McGirven	1950 - 1959
McGeorge	1959 - 1962
Empty	1962 - 1963
Robison	1963 - 1968
Irving	1968 - Present

8 Birkieknowe

Rae	1950 - 1952
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McKinnon	1952 - 1954
Montgomery	1954 - 1955
Noble	1955 - 1959
Empty	1959 - 1960
Cook	1960 - Present

9 Birkieknowe

McGhie (Snr.)	1950 - 1969
King	1969 - 1972
Hunter	1972 - 1975
Ostrozniak	1975 - Present

10 Birkieknowe

Gray	1950 - 1974
Paterson	1974 - Present

11 Birkieknowe

Gilmour	1950 - 1958
Simpson	1958 - 1959
Nesbitt	1959 - 1960
Smith	1960 - 1969
McCrindle	1969 - 1970
Bain	1970 - 1980
Empty	1980 - 1981
Jahn	1981 - 1983
Empty	1983 - 1986
Edwards	1986 - 1993
Alston	1993 - Present

12 Birkieknowe

Clark	1950 - 1953
Campbell	1953 - 1954
Whitelaw	1954 - 1966
Empty	1966 - 1967
Swan	1967 - 1976
Empty	1976 - 1977
Johnstone	1977 - Present

13 Birkieknowe

Laurie	1950 - 1955
Brack	1955 - 1996
Scott	1996 - Present

14 Birkieknowe

Young	1950 - 1951
McWilliam	1951 - 1953

Empty	1953 - 1954
Bennet	1954 - 1955
Britton	1955 - 1957
McBurnie	1957 - 1966
Nichol	1966 - 1978
Wright	1978 - Present

15 Birkieknowe

Young	1951 - 1955
Empty	1955 - 1956
Johnstone	1956 - 1969
Empty	1969 - 1972
McCrindle	1972 - 1979
Stitt	1979 - Present

16 Birkieknowe

Atkinson	1951 - 1952
Dalziel	1952 - 1959
Dickson	1959 - 1965
Green	1965 - 1968
Laurie	1968 - 1969
Empty	1969 - 1972
Pearson	1972 - Present

17 Birkieknowe

Wood	1951 - 1953
Empty	1953 - 1954
Scott	1954 - 1955
Laurie	1955 - 1965
McWhir	1965 - 1967
Empty	1967 - 1968
Gordon	1968 - 1972
Loughridge	1972 - 1980
Empty	1980 - 1981
McIntyre	1981 - 1985
Bleasdale	1985 - 1987
Hamilton	1987 - Present

18 Birkieknowe

Horton	1951 - 1981
Paterson	1981 - Present

19 Birkieknowe

Little	1956 - 1971
MacInnes	1971 - 1976
Cowper	1976 - Present

WHO STAYED WHERE AND WHEN?

20 Birkieknowe

Schneider	1956 - 1963
Jardine	1963 - 1964
Rainey	1964 - 1966
Brown	1966 - 1969
Empty	1969 - 1970
Scott	1970 - 1972
Irving	1972 - 1983
Empty	1983 - 1987
Sloan	1987 - Present

21 Birkieknowe

Harper	1956 - 1959
Campbell	1959 - 1966
Stewart	1966 - Present

22 Birkieknowe

Kirkland	1956 - 1958
Kanopka	1958 - 1959
Empty	1959 - 1960
Robinson	1960 - 1982
Empty	1982 - 1983
Stitt	1983 - Present

23 Birkieknowe

Bannister	1956 - 1957
Harvey	1957 - 1958
Cichocki	1958 - 1959
Bone	1959 - 1960
Empty	1960 - 1963
King	1963 - 1969
Handley	1969 - 1970
Empty	1970 - 1972
Cruikshanks	1972 - 1974
Grieve	1974 - 1979
Empty	1979 - 1980
Campbell (Holiday House)	1980 - Present

24 Birkieknowe and the Shop

Struthers	1956 - 1964
Hunter	1964 - 1973
Routledge	1973 - 1976
Nelson	1976 - 1978
Torrance	1978 - 1980
O'Brien	1980 - Present

25 Birkieknowe

Penny	1956 - 1957
Dalrymple	1957 - 1968
McGinley	1968 - Present

26 Birkieknowe

Forlow	1956 - 1965
Halliday	1965 - 1969
Johnson	1969 - 1981
Empty	1981 - 1982
Robson	1982 - 1983
Empty	1983 - 1984
Ewart	1984 - Present

27 Birkieknowe

Weinert	1951 - 1953
Forlow	1953 - 1956
Empty	1956 - 1958
Green	1958 - 1962
Gabriel	1962 - 1968
Findlater	1968 - 1972
Grieve	1972 - 1986
Inglis	1986 - 1988
Chambers	1988 - Present

28 Birkieknowe

Jahn	1951 - 1957
Orr	1957 - 1958
Empty	1958 - 1959
Blair	1959 - 1965
Campbell	1965 - 1969
Empty	1969 - 1970
Thompson	1970 - 1972
Rae	1972 - 1974
Nichol	1974 - 1975
Empty	1975 - 1981
McKie	1981 - 1984
Empty	1984 - 1985
Armstrong	1985 - Present

29 Birkieknowe

Jack	1951 - 1953
McMillan	1953 - 1955
Smith	1955 - 1958
Empty	1958 - 1959
Hannah	1959 - 1963

Empty	1963 - 1964
Allan	1964 - 1966
Empty	1966 - 1967
Dunning	1967 - 1969
Halliday	1969 - Present

30 Birkieknowe

Campbell	1951 - 1954
Ostrozniak (later Richardson)	1954 - Present

31 Birkieknowe

King	1957 - 1985
House Fire	

32 Birkieknowe

Stitt	1957 - 1979
Paterson	1979 - 1982
Standring	1982 - 1986
King	1986 - Present

33 Birkieknowe

Patterson	1957 - 1984
Maxwell	1984 - Present

34 Birkieknowe

Jahn	1957 - Present
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35 Birkieknowe

Finlay	1957 - 1962
McGowan	1962 - 1977
Boyce	1977 - Present

36 Birkieknowe

Cowper	1957 - Present
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Roanoke

Bagnall	1967 - 1968
Beaton	1968 - 1973
Wolsham	1973 - 1978
Rainey	1978 - 1984
Empty	1984 - 1985
Priestley	1985 - Present

The Breoch

Cooper	1967 - 1970
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WHO STAYED WHERE AND WHEN?

The Breoch (continued)

Hibberd	1970 - 1971
Sturges	1971 - 1978
Russel	1978 - 1983
Hall	1983 - 1987
Warren	1987 - 1988
Coney	1988 - 1990
Burns	1990 - Present

Cruachan

Slater	1967 - 1970
Turner	1970 - 1976
Empty	1976 - 1977
Smith	1977 - 1979
Empty	1979 - 1980
Leslie	1980 - 19--
Main	19-- - Present

Portland

Kemp	1967 - 1970
Byrne	1970 - 1976
Priestley	1976 - 1985
Empty	1985 - 1986
Carlton	1986 - 1992
Grierson	1992 - Present

Glengowan

McBurnie	1966 - 1969
Dunning	1969 - 1972
Nicholson	1972 - 1983
Pearson	1983 - 1985
Empty	1985 - 1986
Harvey	1986 - 1987
Rendell	1987 - 1991
Rafferty	1991 - Present

School House

Munro	1960 - 1981
Stakounis	1981 - 1983
Empty	1983 - 1987
Myatt	1987 - Present

Cranloch

Jamieson	1961 - 1968
Empty	1968 - 1969
Young	1969 - 1981

Varrie	1981 - 1982
Godfrey	1982 - Present

Glencorse

Ross	1947 - 1953
Deacon	1953 - 1988
Empty	1988 - 1990
Evans	1990 - Present

31 Hilltops View

Cluckie	1952 - 1953
Empty	1953 - 1954
Cattanach	1954 - 1956
Carrick	1956 - 1965
Nicholson	1965 - Present

32 Hilltops View

Barclay	1952 - 1956
Irving	1956 - 1958
Harvey	1958 - 1960
Liddel	1960 - 1962
Paterson	1962 - 1966
Krause	1966 - 1990
Finlay	1990 - Present

33 Hilltops View

O'Mara	1952 - 1957
Dinsdale	1957 - 1960
Finlay	1960 - Present

34 Hilltops View

Marshall	1952 - 1962
Korus	1962 - 1969
Robinson	1969 - 1979
W. Krause	1979 - 1990
M. Kraus	1990 - Present

35 Hilltops View

McArthur	1952 - 1968
Binney	1968 - Present

36 Hilltops View

Ryan	1952 - 1954
McFauld	1954 - 1955
Dickie	1955 - 1958
Empty	1958 - 1959

King	1959 - 1965
Brown	1965 - 1977
Burgess	1977 - Present

37 Hilltops View

Laurie	1952 - 1953
Ullman	1953 - 1955
Empty	1955 - 1956
Peebles	1956 - 1958
Empty	1958 - 1959
King	1959 - 1968
Empty	1968 - 1969
Duff	1969 - 1976
Stitt	1976 - Present

38 Hilltops View

Somerville	1952 - 1953
Barrow	1953 - 1954
Ferguson	1954 - 1962
Nicol	1962 - 1963
Empty	1963 - 1964
Rippengale	1964 - 1970
Cronie	1970 - 1971
Little	1971 - 1976
Walsham	1976 - 1979
Little	1979 - 1987
Empty	1987 - 1988
Dickenson	1988 - Present

1 Hillview

Deacon	< 1949 - 1962
Cronie	1962 - 1963
Beveridge	1963 - 1965
J. Jardine	1965 - 1967
R. Jardine	1967 - Present

2 Hillview

Logan	< 1949 - 1950
Coupland	1950 - 1970
Kirkpatrick	1970 - 1981
Empty	1981 - 1985
McEwan	1985 - 19--
James	19-- - Present

AND THE FUTURE

Well no-one really knows what the future holds but I would like to think that the villagers can keep the community spirit alive, maybe even pulling together to find funding for the new village hall.

One thing is for certain, I fully intend to be around in 50 years time to bring you the next chapter in the history of Scotland's first "Forest Village".

