



## A Bear with No Name (but more than a little brain)

Hi there, I'm the Moray FoE bear who is spearheading a primary school competition to get pupils thinking about the environment.



A competition is being launched for primary pupils to design a poster highlighting an environmental message and giving a name to our as yet unnamed mascot. The best entry will win a selection of books for their school and one for the winning pupil. It is hoped that the entries can be made into a display to highlight various issues and (just as importantly) our mascot will have a name.

### Third Party Right of Appeal

At a recent Keith subgroup meeting the issue of Third Party Right of Appeal (TPRA) was discussed. This is a proposal to give communities the same right of appeal on planning issues which developers currently enjoy. A response from the group to a consultation paper from Sandra White MSP was formulated and returned. Copies of the consultation paper, our response to it and information on TRPA are available if members wish more details. This is an important issue in the ongoing fight for environmental justice for communities around Scotland.

## FoE HQ News

### Moving Office

FoE Scotland's Head Office will be moving at the start of March. The new address will be:

Friends of the Earth Scotland  
Lamb's House  
Burgess Street  
Edinburgh EH6 6RD

The phone and fax numbers remain the same.

### Local Groups Day

This is an opportunity for local FoE groups to get together to exchange ideas and network. The next day is Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April at FoE's new offices in Edinburgh. If you are interested attending contact Jo Heron at HQ.

## Annual General Meeting

The next meeting of Moray FoE is the AGM. This is to be held on **Tue 30 March at 7.00pm in the Elgin Resource Centre**. Guest speaker is Michael Johnston, an organic farmer from Balnamoon Farm, Grange. Michael is involved with Orkney Sustainable Energy Ltd in a scheme to build a wind turbine with the aim of providing local control and ownership of wind energy.

It has been suggested that Moray FoE might be interested in fundraising to invest as a group into the wind turbine project. What an original idea – *putting our money where our mouth is!* Come along to the AGM to discuss the project and whether Moray FoE should get involved.



Picture: Morag Smith

Gayle and Jofi leading a guided walk for Moray Foe members last year. It was a lovely walk to the Spey near Fochabers. The next guided walk is set for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May and will be along a section of the Speyside Way near Craigellachie.

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## Forthcoming Events

### Moray Wastebusters

The weekend of 24-25 April will see an open weekend at the Moray Wastebusters site at the Waterford Amenity Recycling Site in Forres. However in order to help them get ready Moray FoE members are going along the week before to give a hand.

Meet at Waterford Recycling Site on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April** after 11.00am (the train arrives from Elgin at 11.17). The site is at the north end of Forres and is a short walk from the train station. Bring a packed lunch and wear work gear.

Members of Earthships Moray will also be there constructing a shelter out of old tyres.

### Organised Walk

The next guided walk is set for **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** and will be along a section of the Speyside Way near Craigellachie timed to fit in with the bus timetable. More details to follow but keep your diary free for that day.

### Spey Bay Festival

The Speyside Environmental Festival is to be held from the 5 – 13 June 2004 at the Moray Firth Wildlife Centre at Spey Bay. The week contains World Environment Day (Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June) and World Oceans Day (Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June). On **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June** there will be stalls, events,

walks etc and FoE are intending to have an information stall and 'The Rubbish Game' an entertaining way of learning about rubbish!

### Meetings for 2004

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every second month at 7.00pm in the Moray Resource Centre, Maisondieu Road, Elgin. Dates for 2004 are: **Tue 30 March (AGM), Tue 25 May, Tue 27 July, Tue 28 September, Tue 30 November.**

All members are welcome.

## How You Can Help

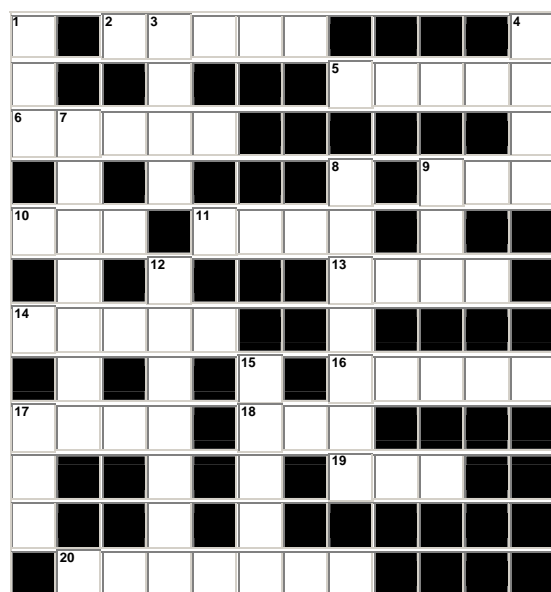
### Email Addresses

Although we try to put most information in the newsletter some information, minutes of meetings etc are distributed by email. If you want to be added on to the emailing list and keep up to date with developments please drop an email to [rod.lovie@virgin.net](mailto:rod.lovie@virgin.net) with your details.

### Newsletter

Articles, stories, features etc are always needed for the newsletter. Do you have anything you want to contribute or can you suggest a snappy title? If so we want to hear from you. Contact Rod or Mike – addresses at foot of first page.

## Competition Time



### Across

- 2 A load of tripe (5)
- 5 Capital protocol (5)
- 6 Measure (5)
- 9 Lube (3)
- 10 Cloud (3)
- 11 Down under bird (4)
- 13 Turf law (4)
- 14 Alternative power (5)
- 16 Past Indian PM (5)
- 17 Look into (4)
- 18 Anger (3)
- 19 Herb (3)
- 20 Fluid transition (7)

### Down

- 1 Vigour (3)
- 3 Opponents (4)
- 4 Earth (4)
- 7 Nature study (7)
- 8 Aquatic apparel (7)
- 9 Different (3)
- 12 For musical appreciation (7)
- 15 Grape appreciation (5)
- 17 Walking bird (3)

Completed crosswords can be returned to: *Mike Bowker, 1 Milton Lodge, Seafield Avenue, Keith, Banffshire AB55 5BS*  
Prize of an environmental book to the winner. Remember to include your details.