

LADY GODIVA COMES HOME TO MAINS OF TAYMOUTH

Fresh from raising funds for Kenyan Charity Orphanage Mission in Action through her Edinburgh-based modelling agency Stolen, model Danni Menzies, the daughter of Mains of Taymouth owners Robin and Irena Menzies, has continued to prove she is not just a pretty face. She gamely posed for a Lady Godiva-style photo shoot for charity Macmillan Cancer Care in the beautiful Highland Perthshire surroundings of Mains of Taymouth, where Danni, who became the Scottish face of the charity earlier this year, also abseiled off the castle walls to raise funds. Macmillan is the main charity of the Blair International Horse Trials.



Above: Model Danni Menzies rides bare-back in support of Macmillan Cancer Care

CAPE WRATH PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS DECORATE PLAYING CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

Images featuring on playing cards to be given to soldiers training at Cape Wrath have been chosen from over 230 entries to a photography competition. The competition was organised by Defending the Past, a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Defence Estates, and run by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. The high-quality entries to the competition highlight the archaeology, architecture and stunning visual landscapes of North West Sutherland. The four winning entries and 21 runners-up feature on over 9,000 sets of cards, most of which are going to soldiers, with the remainder on sale to the public. Winning images include beautiful Sandwood Bay, Beinn Spoinnaidh, a stag on Cape Wrath and a stunning shot of Balnakeil Church in Durness.

Below: This stunning image of Sandwood Bay in North West Sutherland will be on 9,000 sets of cards given to soldiers stationed at Cape Wrath



Save Old Castle Lachlan

Old Castle Lachlan, ancient seat of Clan MacLachlan on the banks of Loch Fyne, was built in the early 1300s and is now a romantic ruin that desperately needs to be saved. The castle, two tenements surrounded by a solid stone keep and walkways, is architecturally unique. The MacLachlan Trust's medium-term goal is to raise £2m to completely upgrade the castle; but they are currently trying to raise the £150,000 needed to address emergency problems. The castle is also one of just two buildings in Scotland (the other is Abbotsford House) to be landscaped in the 'picturesque' style of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Visit www.oldcastlelachlan.com to make a donation, or stop by to appreciate for yourself the tranquility it has to offer.

CHARITY FIELD SPORTS

The Scottish Countryside Alliance Educational Trust is running three special charity events this autumn: a Ladies' Charity Casting Day at Forbes of Kingennie, near Dundee (17 Sept); a Ladies and Teenagers shooting day (2 Oct); and a clay pigeon day in support of the World Pheasant Association and SCAET (8 Oct) at The Scottish Clay Shooting Centre, Leuchars. For more info, contact Nicola on 0131 335 0200 or info@scaet.org.uk

Walk for Water

Over £15,000 was raised when 80 people, including MSPs Murdo Fraser and Elizabeth Smith, climbed one of Scotland's 283 Munros for the 'Walk for Water' appeal to provide water to 100 girls housed in the Soila Maasai Girls Rescue Centre in Kenya. The charity can now investigate a long-term solution to the water problem at the Centre, which is run by The Balcraig Foundation, as well as provide all the water required for 2011. The Centre provides young girls with an alternative childhood free from arranged marriages and female genital mutilation. www.kenyachildrenshome.org.uk

