



# 2015 June Newsletter

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## From the potting shed JUNE 2015

Hello Everyone

The summer arrived quite late this year and spring too was late everywhere. This has a big knock on effect to wildlife, especially if they happen to have a lamb to feed and a limited supply of food. Everything has worked out well and there has been a good lambing and hatching of wild birds.

I have watched the local buzzard family getting on with the egg and nest business and I have had the luck to locate a sea eagles eyrie on the Ardtornish shore line. What a sight they are, and only about 60 pairs in the UK. The Kilchurn Castle ospreys are back again and being very busy with fishing activity on the Loch. They have a family to feed!

In the Garden department I have found that the early pansies and violas have been held back by the cold spring – even although the weather was good. At least we are free of the ‘rust’ plague we had last year - it is amazing what the correct spray can do!

We have become very green of late – and have reduced our waste very considerably with everyone involved and an awful lot of mulching being done in the Garden department. The hope is to grow our flowers on free very fertile compost – we will see!

We have started to paint the outside of the hotels in Tyndrum – looking better all the time – and soon to be joined by a couple of thousand new tubs and baskets. They look fantastic in the greenhouses as I write!! A great year lies ahead.

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### Donald's Aunt

Whilst his wife, *Big Maggie* was in America, Donald employed a pretty, young Housekeeper. One Sunday Donald's Aunt Ina came for lunch and upon seeing the young and very shapely Housekeeper she gave Donald that look, (you know the one I mean).

Donald asked his Aunt Ina, “why are you looking at me like that?” and Aunt Ina replied, “she’s very pretty for a Housekeeper”. Donald assured his Aunt Ina that their relationship was strictly professional. A couple of days later, the Housekeeper told Donald that there

was a silver jug missing since Sunday, and putting two and two together Aunt Ina became the prime suspect. Donald decided to write her a letter.

He wrote as follows - I’m not saying that you stole my silver jug, and I’m not saying you didn’t steal my silver jug, but it went missing on Sunday when you were here!

A few days later the reply came from his Aunt Ina, and it read. “I’m not saying you slept with your Housekeeper, and I’m not saying you didn’t sleep with your Housekeeper, but if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the silver jug by now!”

### Recipe: Smoked Mackerel Paté

#### Ingredients (Makes 4):

- 2 smoked mackerel
- 100g butter
- 4 tbsp natural yoghurt
- 2 level tsp lemon juice
- 2 level tsp creamed horseradish sauce

#### Method:

- Remove skin and bone from fish, and flake.
- Melt butter.
- Place fish, half of melted butter, yoghurt, horseradish sauce and lemon juice into a liquidiser.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- When smooth, turn into dish and cover over with the remaining melted butter.
- Refrigerate until well chilled.
- Serve with fingers of toast.

*A great snack for four people.*