

Press Release from *Save Gillies Hill*

If Cambusbarron's most Frequently Asked Question in 2007 was: "How's the Gillies Hill campaign going?" (answer below), then it's been run very close recently by "Where *is* that beautiful waterfall?"

The query relates to *Save Gillies Hill's* 2008 calendar, and in particular, one of the photographs that illustrates the month of April (photo attached.)

The beauty spot, its site just visible at present from a part of the Gillies Hill that would be swept away by a resumption of quarrying, the magnificent west-facing cliffs, is on the Touch Burn, and can best be accessed near Stirling Waterworks.

A *SGH* spokesperson said: "The waterfall actually has two names – Gilmour's Linn, and the more glamorous Bonnie Prince Charlie's Cave. The first refers to the deep pool formed by the pressure of the water; the second alludes to Bonnie Prince Charlie's stay at Touch House on 13 September, 1746. Whether he had time to walk up Touch Glen and admire the cataract from the cave behind it, is debatable: but it's long been called after him."

The figure in blue is, of course, not Bonnie Prince Charlie, but the equally glamorous, well-known local musician and *SGH* campaigner Davy McFarlane.

And the success of the Gillies Hill campaign - so far - is best measured by the silence from the quarry site: re-activation, scheduled originally for last summer, has not happened - yet. *Save Gillies Hill* supporters await Stirling Council's delayed response hoping that that silence becomes permanent.\*

A few calendars are still available: order from the Village Hall, the Post Office, or phone 461305, all Stirling numbers.

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\* Stirling Council's QC was initially to report to full council on 13 December; this has now been postponed, perhaps till January