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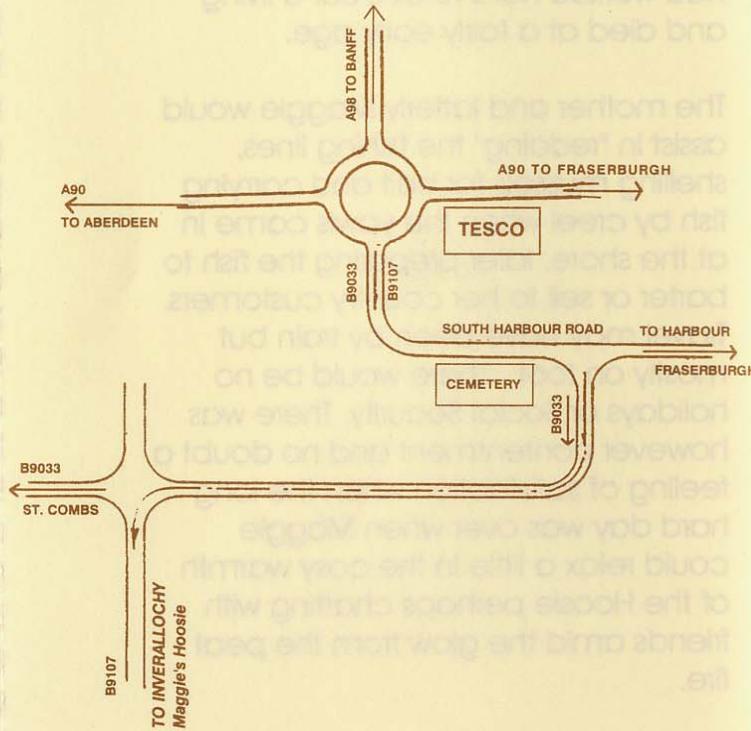
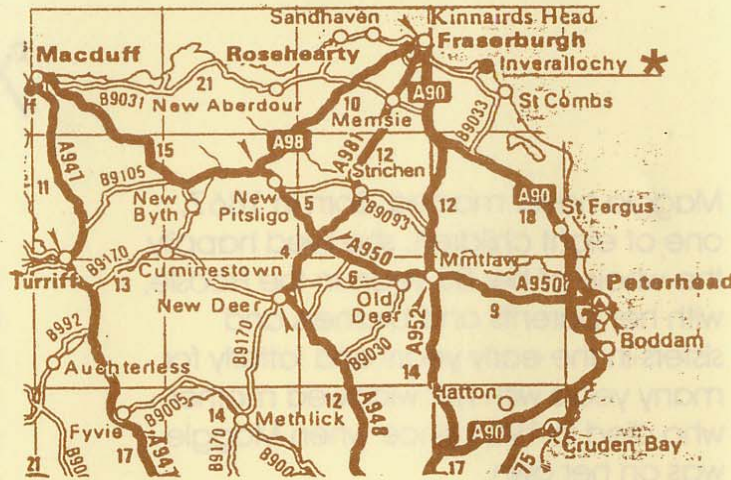
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Maggie's Hoosie



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Situated close to the rocky shore of the twin villages of Inverallochy and Cairnbulg, Maggie's Hoosie, a but & ben fisher cottage, is unique in many ways with its stout stone/clay walls and red tiled roof occupying, it is believed, an original site where the village of Inverallochy began centuries ago. One can imagine the attractiveness of the area to the primitive dwellers of this North East corner at a time when fish in abundance swam in the nearby sea.

Throughout many decades of change the Hoosie has survived as a timeless reminder of a bygone age. This is largely due to the type of person Maggie was and the particular circumstances of her life. In her day paraffin lamps, peat/coal fire and water carried from the nearby public standpipe were the order of the day. Being content with her simple way of life Maggie Duthie had not permitted any change and therefore when she died in 1950 the Hoosie still retained much of its original character including earthen floor and box beds.

Maggie never married. Born in 1867, one of eight children, she lived happily the whole of her 83 years in the Hoosie, with her parents and brothers and sisters in the early years and latterly for many years with her widowed mother who died in 1923 since when Maggie was on her own.

Life was not easy for Maggie and her forbears. Maggie's fisherman father had worked hard to eke out a living and died at a fairly early age.

The mother and latterly Maggie would assist in "redding" the fishing lines, shelling mussels for bait and carrying fish by creel when the yawls came in at the shore, later preparing the fish to barter or sell to her country customers. Travel may have been by train but mostly on foot. There would be no holidays or Social Security. There was however contentment and no doubt a feeling of satisfaction when the long hard day was over when Maggie could relax a little in the cosy warmth of the Hoosie perhaps chatting with friends amid the glow from the peat fire.



Maggie's Hoosie

Maggie's Hoosie Preservation Trust was formed some years ago to preserve this unique part of our Scottish heritage as a public museum. The museum was officially opened on Saturday 8th June 1996. Any donations to the Fund will be most gratefully received by the Trustees and should be sent for the attention of Mr. MacKinnon at the Secretary's office as follows:-

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