

THE WEDDING

Annabel Youngson and Adam Gouldsworthy chose to be married during the Club outing on August 23, 1992. They and their guests joined the bus in Aberdeen and walked from Ballater to Glen Esk on a fine day which, unfortunately, became showery. This affected their plans for the wedding to take place in the old church yard on the north-west shore of Loch Lee, so the Rev. John Forbes conducted the ceremony in the nearby church at Invermark. This was packed with relations who had come by car and 43 club members, some of whom provided musical accompaniment for the hymns and the song shown below. It was a very moving and special occasion which we were privileged to share. The high tea in a Laurencekirk hotel was supplemented by wedding cake, and the newly-married couple sat beside each other in the bus on the way home.

THE HIGHLAND WEDDING BLESSING

To be sung to the tune of the "Skye Boat Song".

Bless dear Lord this husband and wife,
 Make them live as one.
 Bless them each day, all their lives long,
 Learning from you to love.

Deep is their trust, warm is their love,
 Grant that they never fail.
 Life's path is hard, weary they'll be
 Help them to trust in you.

Bless dear Lord etc.

Much joy they'll have, sadness they'll share,
 Your strength will lead them on.
 After this life, in heaven above
 Grant them to be with you.

Bless dear Lord etc.

Anon.

Bel and Adam later left on a world tour, lasting several months. The following article describes one of their many adventures.



The happy couple, Bel and Adam Gouldsworthy, after their wedding ceremony at Invermark Church.