

Dear Reader,

Thanks to all those who contributed last time towards the Newsletter. For the first time the money in the tin covered the cost of production. It is getting colder and the days are getting shorter but plenty of signs of Christmas coming. Apart from this the village seems fairly quiet - no great turnover of houses for sale etc., and clubs winter activities well underway. I was sorry to hear of over £1000 theft recently from Mr. & Mrs. J. Curtis of Glendymill House. Perhaps Glenfarg is not as safe as it used to be.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members of the public will be welcome at the next Council meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday the 5th of December, in the Village Hall Ante Room.

As promised by the Regional Council has been started on the construction of a footpath between the Gallowhill Estate and the Post Office. Duncrievie Road is to be reinstated in the near future.

ARNGASK CHURCH

The last 2 months have been busy.

- 16th October - the Baptisms took place of George Graham Shand and Alisdair Douglas Imrie.
- 23rd October - Baptism of Jane Christina Carsewell.
- 30th October - Baptism of Andrew Matthew McLeod.
- 13th October - Remembrance Day with a parade of Scouts and Cubs with their Colours, admission of new Communicants Carolyn Murison and Susan Murison and followed by an Open Air Service at the War Memorial.
- 20th October - Communion Service.

Forthcoming events include the baptism of Lindsay Fiona Buchan on 4th December and there will be a Watch Night Service at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve - Minister to be arranged. On Sunday December 25th the Service will be in the form of a Christmas Celebration with a play "Lord of All" by the Sunday School with special music by the Choir.

WOMANS GUILD

On 4th October Rev. J. Caldwell gave an interesting talk on "The Courts of the Churches". We welcomed Mrs. A. Arnold along with two residents of Upper Springland to our meeting on October 18th. The first of the evening meetings took place on October 27th at 7.33 p.m. Mrs. Fraser gave a talk entitled "Personalities" and on November 1st Rev. J. Wylie reported on the work of Christian Aid.

Dates to Remember:

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| December 6th. | 2.30 p.m. | Fire Prevention |
| December 15th. | 7.30 p.m. | Christmas Fayre |
| January 17th | 2.30 p.m. | Talk on Scripture Union, Rev. Leslie Barr. |
| February 7th | 2.30 p.m. | Mrs. MacKenzie, Newburgh. |
| February 23rd | 7.30 p.m. | Miss Jacqui Seller. Ceramic Design |

The Guild Sale takes place on Saturday November 26th at 2.30 p.m.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

Admissions to Arngask School 1984-85

All children who will be five years of age by 28th February 1985 will qualify for admission to school in August 1984. Parents who have children who will be five years of age between 14th August 1984 and 28th February 1985, may delay the admission of these children until August 1985 if they so desire. Parents of children due to begin school in 1984 are requested to enrol their children in Arngask School not later than 31st January 1984,

The Gateway Quiz

The Arngask School team will be competing against Milnathort, Cleish and Kinross teams in the opening round which will be held in Milnathort School on Tuesday 13th December.

Football

The following boys played for the School team in a five-a-side tournament sponsored by the Kinross Boys Brigade as part of their centenary celebrations:- John Learmonth, David Cuthbert, John Murison, Brian Todd, Dale Hardy, Colin Burrow and Alan Gregg.

Poppy Collection

This year's Poppy collection was once again organised by Mr. G. Ross. The collectors, who raised the record sum of £73.90, were Julie Lawrence, Caroline Barclay, Joanne Hillcoat, Selina Cartlidge, Felicity Ruffe, Susan King, Gillian Wilson, John Murison, Steven Gourdie, John Learmonth and David Cuthbert.

Christmas Holidays

The School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 23rd December at 12 o'clock and will reopen on Monday 9th January at the usual time, 9.15 a.m. Mid-term holiday - Monday 13th February 1984. Spring term ends - Friday 30th March 1984.

PLAYGROUP

We'd like to thank everyone who helped and supported at our bonfire night. It turned out to be a successful and enjoyable evening, and the sum of £33.72 was collected for playgroup funds,

Christmas will soon be upon us, and our rehearsals for the nativity play are well under way. On the morning of Saturday 17th December everyone will be invited to see the children relate their own special Christmas story.

The Playgroup term ends with the childrens Christmas party on Thursday 22nd December and the new term begins on Monday 9th January.

A. Eadie, Secretary

SUPERTEED TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group which was previously held in the Church Hall has been wound up and a new and re-named toddler group formed. The new group now meets in the Village Hall on Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30 and offers the under 3's much more freedom to run and play and also gives more scope to the kind of toys they can use. The first meeting of the new group took place on 17th November and was encouraging. The children certainly had a lot of fun, but I'm quite sure there are many more Mums (and Dads) who have youngsters that would benefit from playing in a less restrictive manner than they would perhaps do at home and of course mixing with others of their own age group is always good for them. The group has had help from the Community Education Department in the form of a grant to cover the cost of the Hall rental for the first 6 months and I am hoping to obtain some toys from the Department as well. However if anyone in the Village does have old toys in reasonable condition would they please get in touch with me or come to Hall during any Toddlers meeting. Also in spite of being given the grant, there is still a need to raise funds for a Christmas Party, Summer

outing etc. I would therefore be grateful if you all would support our fund raising activities with your usual enthusiasm.

Stone, 9 Lomond Bank. Tel: 389

GLENFARG W.R.I.

Mrs. McGregor presided over the October meeting. A report from the Show meeting held in Kinross Town Hall was read. The schedule for next year's show was also given. Congratulations were given to Mrs. Duncan getting full marks at St. Andrews for her body warmer. After business a most impressive talk and slides of "The Royal Mile" were given by Miss Spencer and Mr. Thompson from Edinburgh. Mrs. Messenger gave the vote of thanks. Winners of the Competition were:-

Halloween Mask: 1st Mrs. Nair, 2nd Mrs. Curie, 3rd Mrs;Kirkland.

Apple Tart S.C: 1st Mrs. Messenger, 2nd Mrs. Kirkland, 3rd Mrs. McAndrew

Tea Hostess: Mrs. Braid.

Mrs. MacGregor welcomed members at the November meeting, and she thanked everyone for making the whist drive on the 21st October a most successful evening. The proceeds go towards the childrens Christmas party on December 10th. A members party is to be held in the village hall on December 8th and Mrs. MacGregor is hoping most members will be able to attend. There will be a buffet meal, also music will be supplied, and it is sure to be a great-night. After business a demonstration of starters and cold sweets suitable for Christmas was given by Mrs. Nancy Clark from Dowmill, who very kindly gave her starters and sweets to be included in the Raffle. The lucky winners were of course delighted. The competitions were 2 filled baked potatoes - toilet roll cover. Winners were:-

Baked Potatoes: 1st Mrs. Messenger, 2nd Mrs. Kirkland, 3rd Mrs. McAndrew.

Toilet Roll Cover: 1st Mrs. McAndrew, 2nd Mrs. Mair, 3rd Mrs. Kirkland.

Winners at Whist Drive: 1st prize Ladies - Miss J. Robertson; 2nd Mrs. Chalmers, 3rd Mrs. J. Crozer, Booby Mrs. Wall, Longest Sitter Mrs. R. Millar, Hostess Prize Mrs. J. Duff. 1st Prize Gents - Mr. R. Cairns; 2nd Mr. N. Brunton, 3rd Mr. J. Gourdie, Booby playing as Gent Mrs. M. McIntosh, Longest Sitter Mrs. F. Davidson, -.Prizes presented by Mrs. Ross.

Tea Hostess: Mrs. H. Clark. Vote of Thanks: Mrs. McAndrew.

December Competitions - Small Christmas-Pudding, Most Attractive Christmas Parcel. January 12th - Demonstration Scotch Quality Beef & Lamb.

Competitions - Meat Loaf or Roll. Pin Cushion any craft.

OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

1. Whist Drive – Friday November 10th

The Committee would like to thank all who contributed so generously in time and money to make the event such a successful and enjoyable evening. The final total (including donations) was £215.50. This will help defray the cost of the Christmas party.

2. Invitations to Senior Citizens for the Annual Dinner Party at the Glenfarg Hotel on Tuesday 13th December at 6.30 p.m. are being issued during the week commencing Monday 21st November. It would be appreciated if the completed cards are returned to Mr. Bateson as soon as possible and not later than Sunday December 5th.

E.H.B.

The Treasurer, Mr. Ross, is pleased to acknowledge the generous donation of £100 from the Sheep Dog Trials Committee.

FOLK CLUB

- 5/12/83 Singers Night:- Always a fantastic musical evening. Resident singers will include Stuart Martin, Isla Crombie, Doris Rougvie, Andrew Douals, Mike Ivey, Sheila Douglas and many many more.
- 12/12/83 Brian Miller & Charlie Soane:- Fiddle and guitar and great singing of traditional and contemporary folk music. One of the best duos on the folk scene today.
- 19/12/83 Iain McIntosh:- The quiet man of folk music. An international artiste of quite remarkable music, song and banjo playing. A very humourous, sad, sincere, tongue in cheek evening. Come early - this will be a full house.
- 26/12/83 Christmas Party:- Part 1 - Inter-club Quin
 Part 2 - "Games"
 Part 3 — Songs, songs, recitals, songs etc.
- 2/1/84 Singers Night:- Not for the faint hearted. Another great night of folk song.
- 9/1/84 To be confirmed.
- 16/1/84 Norman Stewart - A great singer from Inverness. Must be heard, so come along and enjoy good singing and songs you are sure to know.
- 23/1/84 Singers Night:- Always one of the most popular nights with excellent resident singers and guests.
- 30/1/84 To be confirmed

Watch the posters in the Post Office for further details and come along and support your village folk club (with its international reputation for friendliness good music -----!)

RED CROSS

Glenfarg Division, Perth & Kinross Branch British Red Cross Society.

Our Tea and Sale held on Saturday 29th October was, once again, a huge success, and following the pattern of the past few years an increase in the amount raised to the handsome sum of £674.46. Our sincere thanks to all who make this possible .

The Branch is holding a large Christmas Sale in Perth City Hall on 3rd December, opening hours 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This will be a good opportunity to buy for Christmas as well as helping with funds for famine and disaster work. Glenfarg division will be sharing a stall. All local folk will be most welcome. We will be selling 50p. tickets there for mystery parcels (everyone buying a ticket gets a parcel). Parcels to this value donated by friends in the village will be gratefully received. This also applies to sweets. Any donations can be handed to the President, Treasurer or Secretary. Deadline 2nd. The Committee wish all residents of the Parish a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

S.D. BELL (Sec)

GLENFARG RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

With the onset of the cold weather the children's riding sessions on Monday and Tuesday mornings have finished. We have been very fortunate with the weather this autumn and have enjoyed many sunny mornings in the fields round the riding stables. I'm sure helpers and riders alike have thoroughly enjoyed, and benefitted from the exercise. The adult sessions on Wednesdays will continue, weather permitting, until December 14th. The committee would like to thank all the many helpers who attend the riding sessions. Also thanks are due to all who contributed to the R.D.A "Baking & Produce" stall at the Charities Hypo market held recently in Perth City Hall when £180 was raised, and to everyone who support Mrs. Dorothy Wilson of Rumbling Bridge in her sponsored climb of 4 peaks over 4,000 feet (including Ben Nevis) in one day. She raised £552 for the Glenfarg R.D.A. and we thank her very much for her tremendous effort.

GLENFARG CUBS

Recent activities have included a visit to the Kinross pack for a games evening, which included their favourite game of Pirates, in which the boys are chased over an obstacle course constructed from P.T. equipment. The result - plenty of FUN and no broken bones! The pack held their Hallowe'en Party on October 31st and all arrived in Fancy Dress. Prizes were awarded for the best Fancy Dress, Lantern and Hallowe'en Poster. The evening was rounded off with a sing-along led by Bill McPherson and Andy Ramage.

The boys have progressed well with their Arrow Training Programmes and will shortly be concentrating on badge work.

Thanks to those who have helped with the Cub Football. They are a fairly young team but have done well to win some of their matches and have greatly enjoyed the chance to take part as a team against other groups.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

They recently had a very successful Hallowe'en party when fancy dress prizes were won by Becky Dover, Julie Lawrence and Fiona McAndrew. Morag Cumming was presented with her Young Leader's Certificate by the District Commissioner Mrs. Baird. The Guide Local Association held their A.G.M. when 3 members retired and Mrs. J. McPherson and Mrs. L. Tufton were elected. The Association are to Present the Brownie Pack with a new Flag. A trip to the Pantomime is planned for New Year's Eve.

KEEP FIT

This group under the able direction of Alexa Gourlay meets regularly in the Village Hall from 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. on Tuesdays. New members will be very welcome.

PLAYPARK COMMITTEE

Before deciding if further fundraising might be a good idea we are waiting for the equipment already ordered to be installed - which we were promised would be within the next fortnight. The further tree planting decided on by the Parks Department is now unlikely to take place before February. We hope the fencing will be away from the slide soon and a certain amount of construction round the top of the slide to discourage it from being used by cyclists. We are doing our best to encourage the Parks Department to carry out the necessary work.

CORRESPONDENCE

16th November
"Braeside"

I would like to say thank you to everyone who enquired about my health and offered help when required. Also for "get well" cards received after my accident, they were very much appreciated.

George Clark.

Dear Mrs. Lambie,

I am now at home and will soon be back at school. Thank you all for being kind to me while I was in hospital.

Jan Reid.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

George. D.M. Ross, B.Sc., M.Sc., The Schoolhouse, who has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Edinburgh University (Computer Science Department). He graduates on 26th November

Margaret & Bill Bernard on the birth of their son Shaun.

Mandy & Alistair Turner, Pitillock on the birth of their son Christopher.

Mr. & Mrs. Rodger, 2 New Houses, on the birth of their grandson, Paul.

Wendy Meldrum and Athol Hoey from Perth on their engagement.

Jim Gourlay, Edenhead Cottage, and Ann McIntyre on their engagement.

Margaret Smith, Hayfield Road, and Graham Bernard on their engagement.

Rosemary Davis, Broomhall Cottage, and Gerald from Devon on their engagement.

Aileen McKeefe, Birch Lane, and David from PRI on their engagement.

Susan Murison — first in the girls section of the Young Farmers Root & Grain Show.

Irene & Lorne Findlay and Janet Thompson, all members of the Perth and Kinross Lacrosse Club who recently won the Scottish Lacrosse Clubs tournament in Aberdeen.

Graham Deuchars, Davaar, who recently was accepted by the Army, who came top of his section for drill.

Morag Cumming, Duncricvie, on gaining her Young Leaders Certificate.

We wish the following a speedy recovery from their recent stays in hospital:—

GeorgeClarke, Braesidei; Jan Reid, P.O.; Mrs. Little, Greenbank Crescent; Miss A. Greig, Main, Street; Ernie Bateson, Main Street.

We regret the death of John Carr, younger son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Carr late of Heatheryleys; also Lena Ellis, younger daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ellis late of Pitillock.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December	January
3rd Waste Paper Collection	9th School & Playgroup restarts
5th Community Council Meeting	12th W.R.I.
6th Womens Guild	17th Womens Guild
8th W.R.I	20th Newsletter Time again.
10th W.R.I. Children's Party	
13th Senior Citizen's Party	
17th Playgroup Nativity	
23rd School finishes	
24th 11.30 p.m. Watch Night Service.	
25th Special Christmas church Celebration	
31st Cubs & Brownies Trio to pantomime	

I have only had to remind NINE people this month about reports — hope for better organisation by Secretaries next time.

I would like to thank Morag Reid for the duplicating and all her help in various aspects of Village Life - Community. Council, Red Cross, Folk Club etc., and am sure she will be missed. We wish her every happiness in her new home at Aldclunie, Killiecrankie.

Please drive carefully over the winter — road accidents can have nasty consequences. Seeing pictures of what happened to Mr. George Clarke's car it was a miracle anyone came out of it alive and he is an example of what can happen even if you are driving carefully.

Season:) Gi-eetings to you all.'

MAUREEN LAMBIE, Editor.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REV. CALDWELL

My Dear Friends,

It is time again for the Christmas message "Peace and Goodwill to all men." It is not difficult to think in terms of these things in the delightful parishes where I minister the love of God and preach His word, and at this season mark the birthday of the Prince of Peace. There is the surrounding beauty of the everlasting hills and the landmarks which speak of the centrality of Christianity in these parishes in the years and centuries that have gone. And I am conscious of a continuing spirit of goodwill among my people. But it is hard to think in terms of peace and goodwill in the kind of world we live in. We must be disturbed about the nuclear debate and the deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles, and we ought to be feeling and thinking deeply about the future of our world. In this kind of world of evil and madness how can we turn our thoughts to the familiar story of Christmas? Do we think of it as a lovely time for children, of yule logs and Christmas trees, Christmas cards and Christmas dinners, of carolling in the streets and Watch Night Services?

It will be Peace and Goodwill for a season, then the Christmas decorations will be forgotten, cast away like the poppies after Remembrance Day. Surely it is time we made peace and goodwill lasting realities, that we stood up for our Christian beliefs day by day as do the women of Greenham Common in their stand for peace. It was to a cruel, ruthless and warring world that Jesus came with His message of peace and it is our privilege to follow His lead in these terrifying times.

Let us then demonstrate that, in these historic Christian Parishes, their beauty unspoiled, we are still his followers by coming regularly to worship Him and by doing His work today through realistic and generous giving for the support of a suffering and needy world. We live in a dangerous world where the balance of power has become a balance of terror and we need a change of attitude if we are to find peace in the way ahead.

May the Peace of Christ be yours at Christmas and may our, and the worlds response to His call to worship and service bring us the prospect of a Happy and Peaceful New Year. There is no other way.