

Dear Readers,

This year seems to have got off to an impressive start weatherwise with heavy snow and high winds - and probably the worst conditions in the village, certainly in the sixteen years we have been here. Much neighbourliness seems to have been apparent with anyone available clearing roads, moving stuck cars, shopping for others or carrying messages etc. We can hope the neighbourliness will continue, although hoping the weather improves and the snow clears.

Ski-ers and sledgers have been out in force and snow hut and snowman builders have not been short of materials, though not always ideal consistency.

The road in and out of the village has been passable most of the time - many thanks to the men on snow ploughs and gritters and thanks also to the farmers with snow ploughs and blowers who have done so much to keep minor roads passable.

News seems short this month - partly due to the general feeling of hibernation I suspect, and I have only rung one person this month to actually ask about news.

GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL

A special meeting was held on Sunday 22nd at 3 p.m. when 15 Committee Members discussed serious defects in the main Hall ceiling. Following a lively discussion a decision was taken in favour of renewing the ceiling, causing the Hall to be closed for a period of two weeks. Failure to take this decision may have resulted in Hall users being injured by falling plaster. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to Hall users.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Many thanks to those who completed the questionnaire regarding the claimed Right of Way over the Wallace Road.

One matter causing increasing concern to Councillors relates to a matter that has already been mentioned a number of times in the Newsletter. This is the unacceptable condition of the pavements and play areas resulting from dogs fouling them. These dogs must be owned by local people, but undoubtedly by an unthinking, and perhaps uncaring, minority who allow their animals to spoil the pleasures and amenities of our Village for the majority. If you are one who just lets the dog out to do its "business", please give a thought for the little girl who recently had to have her skirt prcelled up before she could go home from school, and for two others who had to be washed after playing in the school playing field. There are new laws that permit prosecutions to be made, but can we appeal once again to your community spirit and better nature, so that this problem can be resolved once and for all, and to the advantage of all in Glenfarg.

During a recent visit to the Police Station in Perth, at the invitation of Tayside Police, it was stressed that members of the public should use the 999 system immediately whenever anything suspicious is seen. For non-urgent matters either the Kinross Station on 8-63571 may be called during the day, or Perth on 9-21141 at any time.

The next Community Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall Ante-Room on Monday the 5th of March at 7.30 p.m.

ARNGASK CHURCH

Rev. Caldwell would like to express his thanks to those who have ferried him to and from Church when he has been unable to get his car out of the garage. One week the Service had to be held in the Hall - which was packed - when the Church itself was too cold. Although Guild Meetings have had to be cancelled and Sunday School numbers have been down the numbers in the Congregation have been good.

WOMENS GUILD

On Tuesday 15th November the guest Speaker was Mrs. E. McKay, Home Mission Women's Council Convener. Her talk was entitled "The Women's Guild in Word and Song." Mrs. A. Murdoch accompanied the singing. Mrs. Mair, Home Mission Delegate, and Mrs. Cunningham, Overseas Delegate, gave reports on the Perth Presbyterial Council meeting held in Perth on October 21st. Sister Mary O'Brian, Kilgraston, gave an insight-into the life and work of the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the second evening meeting on 24th November. The President and members of the Guild would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Sale on Saturday 26th November. The splendid sum realised was £420. A most instructive talk and film on Fire Prevention was given on 6th December by Mr. Moir of Tayside Fire Brigade. A Party was held on Thursday 15th December, when a varied programme of games, organised by Mrs. Caldwell, and a delightful supper prepared and served by Guild members, were such enjoyed by all present.

Dates to remember:

2nd March, 7.30 p.m.	World Day of Prayer
6th March, 2.30 p.m.	Miss Seath - "Dominions of Dunbarney"
20th March, 2.30 p.m.	A.G.M. and Talk
29th March, - 7.30 p.m.	Miss P. Cairn "Walking in the Himalayas"

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. S.H. Cunningham, Branch Secretary, would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the annual collection on behalf of the National Bible Society of Scotland. The sum realised was £71.08. Special thanks go to Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. S. Rutherford and Mrs. A. Gourlay who gave of their time to help raise this splendid sum.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

A reminder about the holiday dates, for the rest of the session. School closes Friday, March 30th and re-opens Monday April 16th. Summer term ends Wednesday, June 7th and school re-opens Tuesday August 11th. There is a May holiday on May 7th.

GLENFARG PLAYGROUP

Our thanks to everyone who came to see the nativity play; it enhanced our playgroup funds tremendously- and apparently gave a lot of pleasure to the audience. On Saturday 24th March at 10.30 a.m. we have booked a Magician who will entertain the children for about an hour in the Village Hall. All children under 3 years will be welcome to come along. This term ends on Thursday, 29th March and the Spring term begins on Monday 16th April.

A. Eadie Secretary.

SUPERTED TODDLERS

We would like to thank all who supported our fund raising efforts, for which a total of £39.80 was raised. The Christmas hamper was won by Mrs. Margt. Armit, Greenbank Crescent. The Teddy (which, was kindly donated by Mrs. Reid at the Post Office) was won by Ross Calderwood, Birch Lane. With money received we were able to provide the Toddlers with their own Christmas Party and buy additional toys. We would like to remind everyone that the Toddlers Group takes place in the Village Hall every Thursday 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. and any newcomers are extremely welcome.

Liz Stone, President.

GLENFARG W.R.I.

December Meeting: Mrs. MacGregor welcomed Members to the Christmas Party. There was a very good attendance. A buffet supper was provided and the table was groaning with so many good things to eat. Hamish Smith provided the music on his accordion. There was dancing and games which were hilarious. The one in which a garment was picked out of a bag and worn each time the music stopped was the highlight of the evening. Mrs. Harley was the winner. Everyone agreed the party was a huge success. The Competition winners were:

Most Attractive Christmas Parcel:

1st Mrs. Kirkland

2nd Mrs. Curle

3rd Mrs. Black

Small Christmas Pudding:

1st Mrs. Kirkland

2nd Mrs. MacGregor

3rd Mrs. McAndrew.

The Children's party on December 10th was most successful. Mr. Lindsay was Santa Claus.

January Meeting Mrs. MacGregor welcomed Members to the first meeting of the new year. The ladies who went carol singing round the Village and district collected for the two nights a total of £142 which will be divided between two Charities – Cancer Research and Multiple Sclerosis. The weather was awful but it didn't deter the singers. After business, Mrs. Harley entertained Members with a demonstration and slides on Scotch Beef and Lamb. She also talked about the various sales promotions which were organised all over the country. Mrs. Swan gave the vote of thanks. Competition winners were:

Meat Loaf or doll:

1st. Mrs. Messenger

2nd Mrs. Kirkland

3rd Mrs. Little

Pincushion, any craft:

1st Mrs. Maine

2nd Mrs. McAndrew

3rd Mrs. Black.

Forthcoming Meetings:

Thursday 9th February, Sheena McLeod, Highland Character Dolls.
Competitions - Peg Doll, 4 pieces Tablet.

8th March "Swipe" Cleaning Products
Competitions Pizza with Scone Base. Arran Ski Cap.

March - Group Meeting Kinross.

PLAYPARK

The frame is now up for the second set of swings but work has been unable to proceed further until the weather improves.

GLEN FARG BROWNIES

In this Autumn some of the Brownies were learning how to crochet under the guidance of Mrs. Panter. Before Christmas the Pack all made soft toys with the help of Mrs. McAndrew. We would like to thank both these ladies for giving up their time to help us with these projects. The Brownies had their Christmas Party on 20th December, and on 31st December, with family, friends and Cubs they went to Perth Pantomime. At present they are all working on their Journeys, and many Interest Badges have been gained. Our Thinking Day Service will be at Glenfarg on Sunday 19th February 1984, and we hope that many previous members of Brownies, Guides and Rangers will join us that morning, also past and present members of the Local Guide Association. Our Local Association have very kindly presented us with a new Brownie Flag, and we hope that this may be Blessed at our Thinking Day Service. Our Pack would like to thank all those who help us in any way, particularly Brownie Mums for their ever faithful support.

Brown Owl.

GLENFARG CUBS

In their first season the Football team finished 6th out of the 8 in their section - a very good try for a young team. They were very busy putting logs in bags and then distributing them to the elderly before Christmas. They enjoyed their trip to the Pantomime

CORRESPONDENCE

The Senior Citizens of Glenfarg would like to thank the Cubs and Cubmaster for the lovely logs delivered to them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mrs. Anna Murdoch, The Old Manse, on her appointment as the second Sunday School Adviser for Perth Presbytery.

Mike and Elsa Thompson who won a holiday in Japan from the Friarton Bridge Garage

Mr. Smith, Arngask, on the birth of his granddaughter Lorna Jean.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Bateson on the birth of their granddaughter Meghan Louise.

Mr. & Mrs. G. McArthur, Fergie, on the birth of their granddaughter Elaine Pamela Georgina.

Mr. & Mrs. McEwan, Greenbank, on the birth of their daughter Anastasia.

Mr. & Mrs. McLary, Forrester's Seat, on the birth of their son Robbio.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Ballantyne, Main Steet, and Mr. Bateson, Main Street, from their hospital stays.

It is with regret we report the cot death of Christopher Boyle, youngest grandchild to Mr. & Mrs. Boyle, Lomond Bank.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

4th Waste Paper Collection

7th Women's Guild

9th W.R.I.

19th Thinking Day Service

23rd Women's Guild

March

2nd World Day of Prayer

3rd Waste Paper Collection

5th Community Council Meeting

6th - Women's Guild

8th W.R.I.

20th News in for Newsletter
Women's Guild

24th Magician at Hall

29th Women's Guild
Playgroup Term ends

30th School Term ends.

I hope for more news and better weather by the time the next Newsletter is being put together. Remember Easter is late this year and the School holidays will be over before the Easter weekend.

MAUREEN LAMBIE
EDITOR

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club held a successful disco for the young people of the Village in the Village Hall on 28th December. The Primary School age children enjoyed games and prizes, and later the teenagers danced to 555 Disco..

The Tennis Club are holding a Valentine Supper Dance in the Glenfarg Hotel on Friday 10th February with the band "Trilogy" playing. Tickets price £3.50 are available from the Hotel, P.O. and Committee.