

This Community Newsletter, which is published every 2nd month, runs at a small loss. We hope to remedy this in future by taking on advertising in each issue. This will be discussed at the next Community Council Meeting. Those who help with the Newsletter each month, and deserve lots of thanks for their hard work in producing the Newsletter, are Mrs. Tarling who does the typing, Jan & Bill MacPherson who are now doing the duplicating, and John Reid at the Post Office for the distribution. There is a tin in the Post Office for donations towards the Newsletter should you wish to contribute.

ELSPETH BUCHAN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

IS IT YOUR DOG THAT FOULS THE PAVEMENTS? DO YOU JUST OPEN THE DOOR AND LET IT GO OUT TO DO JUST WHAT COMES NATURALLY? THEN IT IS YOU (not the dog) THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE COMPLAINTS WE (the Community Councillors) RECEIVE ABOUT THIS UNMENTIONABLE MATTER! CAN WE PLEASE HAVE YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING GLENFARG A PLACE OF BEAUTY AND NEIGHBOURLINESS. YOUR NEIGHBOUR WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL.

Our District Councillor, Mrs. R. Ferrand, will be available for consultation from 7 p.m. in the Ante-room of the Village Hall on Wednesday the 4th December prior to the Community Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

Admission to Arngask School 1986-87

All children who will be 5 years of age by 28th February 1987 will qualify for admission to school in August 1986. Parents who have children who will be 5 years of age between 19th August 1986 and 28th February 1987 may delay the admission of these children until August 1987 if they so desire. Parents of children who are due to begin school in 1986 are requested to enrol their children in Arngask School not later than 31st January.

Christmas Holidays.

The School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 12 o'clock, and will reopen on Monday January 6th at the usual time - 9.15 a.m.

The Spring term will end on Friday 28th March 1986. Mid-term holiday - 17th Feb. 1986.

Donation

Mr. Ross is pleased to acknowledge on behalf of the School receipt of a cheque for £100 from the local Red Cross Committee - part of the Mrs. Inglis Bequest. Donations received from the School last session have helped to purchase a tape recorder for the Music Centre and a trolley for the computer, and arrangements are being made for further spending on computer software, and reference books.

Children's Theatre

The children enjoyed a visit to the School by members of the Scottish Children's Theatre Company, who performed the play 'Rainbow the Clown'.

Footpath.

Thanks are due to the Community Council who successfully negotiated for the tarring of the footpath leading to the School gate. This has greatly improved the entrance to the School.

Poppy Collection

The Poppy collection was once again organised by Mr. Ross. Unfortunately, owing to a new age regulation, the School children were not permitted to do the collecting. However, Mr. James Lindsay, Mr. Ernie Bateson and Mr. Ralph Tarling kindly offered to do the house to house collection while Mr. John Reid helped by having a collecting tin on his counter. The sum collected was a record - £87.

W.R.I.

At the October meeting, Mrs. Quartermaine had, great pleasure in awarding Kinross Show prizes to the ladies who had gained them. Due to lack of support, it was decided to cancel the whist drive. A concert for the Spring has been arranged instead. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Smith from the "Hollies" Restaurant, Auchtermuchty, who demonstrated 'Different ways with chicken', a most enjoyable and informative demonstration.

Competition Results: Knitted toy - 1. Mrs. Murison; 2. Mrs. Black; 3. Mrs. Mair. Savoury Flan - 1. Mrs. Messenger; 2. Mrs. Kirkland; 3. Mrs. Black.

At the November meeting, the demonstrator for the evening was Mrs. Clark from Larbert who came along to show us the art of 3D decoupage. This proved to be a most entertaining and enjoyable evening, with many ladies showing an interest in producing their own 3D pictures from wrapping paper.

Competition Results: 4 Shortbread Fingers - 1. Mrs. Fairweather; 2. Mrs. Messenger; 3. Mrs. Murison. 3 Paper Flowers - 1. Mrs. Messenger; 2. Mrs. Mair; 3. Mrs. Black.

There will be a visiting institute at our December meeting, when the ladies from Bishopshire will entertain us. It is hoped that as many of our own members as possible will attend. Supper will be provided by the Committee.

Dates to remember: December 12th - Visiting Institute
December 21st - Children's Christmas Party
January 9th - Slides of flowers and gardens.

WOMAN'S GUILD

The new session of the Woman's Guild began on Tuesday 8th October with an Informal Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. On Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30 p.m. Miss C. Matthews, Perth, was guest Speaker. Her talk entitled "Living Water" was beautifully illustrated by wonderful slides and accompanied by music. Mrs. Mair proposed thanks. On Tuesday 5th November owing to unforeseen circumstances the guest speaker was unable to attend and Miss I. Deans, President, gave a most interesting and humorous talk on "Understanding the World of the Child". Mrs. Cunningham thanked Miss Deans for taking over at such short notice.

Dates to remember: December 7th, 2.30 p.m. - Christmas Sale
December 17th, 2.30 p.m. - Christmas Party
January 14th, 2.30 p.m. - Missionary Play
January 28th, 2.30 p.m. - Miss Wilkie, talk on Amsterdam, Illustrated.

ARNGASK/GLENFARG RED CROSS

On October 26th 1985 the Centre held a very successful 'Tea and Sale' in the Village Hall in aid of funds. The Sale was opened by past President Mrs. Jean Reid, late of Springhall Farm, Glenfarg. Dr. G. Flint was introduced as the new Chairman of the local Centre. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Reid by Miss Fiona McAndrew. There were stalls, raffles and a buffet tea was provided. Our sincere thanks go to those who donated the raffle prizes, the local children who sold tickets, the ladies who made the tea and all those who gave so generously in time, goods, purchases and donations, so enabling the centre to collect the magnificent sum of £700 for the afternoon.

PLAYGROUP

On behalf of Playgroup I'd like to thank all those who came and supported our Bonfire night. Many thanks also for the donations you put into our little tin. After paying for the fir works we made a nice profit of just over £20.

Although it was an extremely cold night everyone seemed to have a good time.

Well, dare I say it, Christmas is just around the corner. For Playgroup this means that the next few weeks are going to be extremely busy and no doubt rather hectic. We have just started our rehearsals, for the Christmas Show. The Show will be entitled 'The Animal's Christmas Presents' and will take place in the Village Hall on December the 14th. The Show commences at 10.30 a.m. The doors will be open from 10.00 a.m. as we will be selling raffle tickets etc. before the Show starts. Refreshments will be served after the performance, so please keep that date free and come and see the children transforming themselves into cows, pigs, horses and much more!

For children who will be joining Playgroup after Christmas could the parents please let Jan McPherson (430) know as soon as possible as we will be making up the new rota and roster in the not too distant future. Also the above children are invited to our Christmas Party which takes place on December 20th at 1.30 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on December 14th.

OLD FOLKS' SOCIETY

The Old Folks held a whist drive on the 8th November and made £150. As £103 was made from the raffle Jim Kirkland would like to give a special thank you to those who donated prizes. The Christmas party is in the Village Hall on 11th December. The catering for the meal has been organised by Mrs. Kirkland so everyone is looking forward to their Christmas fare!

ASSISTANT SCOUT LEADER

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING TO SHOW KEEN YOUNG MEN THE WAYS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE BENEFITS OF SCOUTING?

The Village Scout Troup is thriving with 14 boys eagerly attending weekly meetings and more boys moving up each year from the Cub Pack.

We need your help to assist the Scout Leader to encourage and train these young men in the Scouting way. Without someone to help the Scout Leader, the Troup will die. You don't need to have been a Scout, just interested in doing things. All we want is 2 hours of your time one evening a week and that only during School term time. Involvement with a motivated group is your reward.

Please act now and contact Mr. Les Barratt, The Spinney, Duncricvie Roads Tel. 276.

GLENFARG AMATEURS

It's a pleasure to report that at the time of writing Glenfarg are sitting proud at the top of the 2nd Division. Apart from the football side of things the Club has been busy raising funds. Following a great idea from John Armstrong, the players ran a relay race from the Tay Bridge to the Forth Bridge. Local businesses were invited to sponsor a runner or runners and once sponsored the runner ran in a vest bearing the sponsor's name. The whole event was covered by Radio Forth and Radio Forth. Radio Forth actually gave regular updates on the progress of the race throughout the day. As well as radio coverage the event was reported in the Dundee Telegraph, Edinburgh Evening News and Perthshire Advertiser. There is to be further coverage in Radio Forth's own magazine which is widely distributed throughout Fife and Lothian. The event was a tremendous success and with individual donations added to sponsorship the race raised approximately £700 for the Club. Most of this money will be used to renovate the club-house. The Club would like to thank everybody who donated money to this venture.

The local businesses who sponsored a runner were:- Glenfarg Post Office, Glenfarg Hotel, Glenfarg Potatoes, Earnside Coaches, George Gourdie, J. Wylie Coal Merchant. Other businesses were; Westmac, Haldane, Radio Tay, Radio Forth, Klix Systems, Case Cash Processing, Abbey Life. A big thank you to all the above businesses. We really appreciated your support. As well as the above we would like to thank David Meldrum for donating two match footballs John Swan for flooring materials for the Club House; Stewart Smith for giving a heater for the Clubhouse.

After the Bridges Race the players and Committee members returned to the Glenfarg Hotel for a celebration. During this time the participants were awarded medals to commemorate the occasion. (Thank you to John and Kate Armstrong for this nice gesture.) The medals had no sooner been given when Bob Boath announced that the Glenfarg Hotel were to present the Club with a brand new set of football strips. As many of you will know this is a major expense for any football club so another big thankyou to everyone at the Glenfarg Hotel for this marvellous gesture.

I've lost count of the number of thankyou's but they are all sincere and apologies to anybody whom I may have overlooked. There will be a Valentine's Dance in the Glenfarg Hotel on Friday 14th February Supplying the entertainment be the ever popular Trilogy. Everybody is invited and more details will appear shortly. In the meantime the 'Farg will try hard to stay top of the league — COME AND SUPPORT US!

LETTER FROM THE MANSE

"Unto us a Child is born, King of all creation."

Christmas is upon us again and I cannot remember where the quotation comes from but every year I think of the same one "Christmas comes but once a year", but it comes to mind and is said with that same feeling of weary exasperation as we battle through the crowds of shoppers, laden with our purchases. We say it as we stand amidst the debris of paper and boxes after all the gifts have been opened. We say it as we endlessly sweep up the dead pine needles from the dying tree. We say it as we reach for the Alkaseltzor after our over indulgence in the annual feast.

We seem to go through the whole Christmas season in a flurry of extremes, like sharks in a feeding frenzy. And yet - when we are swamped in the floodtide of our Christmas excesses, when we are glad that it does only come but once a year, it is salutary to note that these emotions reflect only our reaction to the commercialism that has become Christmas. So often we put such effort into celebrating Christmas that we tend to neglect to remember Christmas. We fail to remember that little infant in that humble stable and why it all began. It is a time of joy. It should be a time of happiness, but it can only truly be so when in our hearts we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, our Prince of Peace. And, like the Wise Men so long ago we should remember to bring our gifts to Jesus, the gifts we all possess: the only gifts which are ours to give - our hearts and souls.

This year as we stand amongst the tinsel and glittering lights, let us pause, if even for a moment, to remember why, what and who is at the heart of our celebration. In this world where so many live in darkness let us give thanks that we have been shown the light. In this world, where so many live alone, let us give thanks for the warmth of our Christian fellowship. In this world, where so many go hungry let us give thanks for the feast that we will share with our loved ones.

This Christmas let us remember to give the gifts that cost nothing and mean everything - a warm greeting, a friendly smile, a moment's conversation, forgiveness of someone we think has wronged us - for it is only in offering these gifts that we truly remember, and truly celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my family to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas, and may the blessing of God, the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be yours.

Rev. H. Scouller

CHRISTMAS WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Rev. Duncan Bruce, Abernethy, will conduct the Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve - 11.30 p.m.

GLENFARG GARAGE

Jim and Dill of Glenfarg Garage would like to apologise to villagers for any inconvenience caused during the building of their new shop and toilets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ann & Gordon Gregg, Main Street, on the birth of their daughter Katriona.

Nancy and Dill Doyle, Lomond Bank, on becoming grandparents again, to a grand-dauhter Rebecca.

Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, Hayfield Road, on becoming grandparents again, to a grand-son Ewan.

Toni Geddes, Hayfield Road, on winning a holiday for two weeks in Tenerife for herself and parents.

Alan Black and Anne Todd. on becoming engged.

Jim Kirkland, Coliston, Poultry Farm, for winning 1st & 2nd prizes for his Jacobs sheep (rams) at Stirling show and sale.

Andrew Jenkins, Elm Row, on going to Stirling University.

Audrey Laing, Greenbank Road, who graduated from Grampian School of Occupational Therapy in September.

Sadly we have to report the deaths of Mr. Norman Smith (President of the Bowling Club) of Maybank, Wallace Road; and of Mrs. I. Robertson, Greenbank Road,

DATES TO REMEMBER:

4th December	-	(Wednesday) Community Council Meeting
7th December	-	Newspaper Collection - Woman's Guild.
11th December	-	Old Folks Christmas Dinner. 12th - W.R.I.
14th December	-	Playgroup Christmas Show 17th - Woman's Guild
20th December	-	School holidays start
20th December	-	Playgroup Children's Party
21st December	-	W.R.I. Children's Party
24th December	-	Christmas Watchnight Service 11.30 p.m.
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9th January	-	W.R.I.
14th January	-	Woman's guild
28th January	-	Woman's Guild