

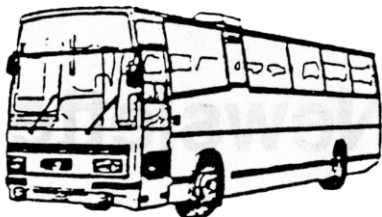
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It is hoped by the time you read this, that the 'Big Freeze' is over. Conditions in the village in January were atrocious, and had it not been for the kind efforts of local farmers etc., in clearing the main roads with their own appliances, conditions would have been so very much worse. Thanks are also due to the herculean efforts on the part of those who ensured that the milk, newspapers and letters were delivered. Although 'Meals on Wheels' to the elderly was suspended for a few days, kindly neighbours saw that no one was 'in want'. The break from school seemed to be enjoyed by the pupils, Wallace Park being in great demand from sledging and skiing. It was also very thoughtful of those who, seeing that some of the elderly were unable to clear their paths of snow, did it for them; perhaps some of the wartime spirit had returned.

E. Buchan.

We are now in the second year of the Newsletter in its new format, it being very well received by the villagers. I would like to thank Mrs. Buchan for editing the Newsletter, Bill McPherson for setting it up in print, and Mrs. Tarlin for doing the typing. Thanks are also due to the persons taking advertising in the Newsletter; without their help the printing of the Newsletter would be impossible. Therefore I ask that local people support them.

J.M: Lindsay.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It was 'standing room only' at the Community Council meeting in the upper room of the village hall on Wednesday 3rd December, when among many of the items discussed was a progress report on the suggested relocation of the local tennis courts. Mr. Lorne Findlay gave details of a meeting held in Perth on 12th November when various organisations from the village attended, and met with representatives of the Finance Dept. and the Parks & Recreation & Leisure Dept. of the Perth & Kinross District Council, when plans were outlined and applications from various authorities were discussed. See full details in the extract from the Courier, which is reproduced in full.

Another item fully discussed at the meeting was the frequency of the new bus service, or the lack of it. Councillors Ian Hume and Jim Lindsay attended a meeting in Milnathort when a representative of the Bus

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Company and Tayside Regional Council were present to listen to comments, (and there were many), about the new bus service. It was the same old story, lack of funds and passengers to make the various routes viable. Sir Alan Smith and Mrs. Ferrand. who both attended the meeting, expressed concern at the lack of the buses, and the Regional representative did concede that Glenfarg had been badly affected by the new timetables, but that it cost £50,000 per year to run one extra bus, and he was not very optimistic that the service, which was due to be reviewed in January 1987 would be improved. He did undertake to see if the 4.30 p.m. Perth to Glenfarg could be reinstated.

J.M.L.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO WALLACE ROAD and Approved Right of Way.

I am pleased to be able to inform the residents of Glenfarg that the above works have now been completed. We have now a parking area, step stiles at the side of farm gates, also waymarking signs, direction signs and Country Code plates. It will be of interest to note it is 50 years since the Rev. Dr. Jack had the first signs put up on the Wallace Road, and only one remains.

Ian M. Hume.

RIGHTS OF WAY IN GLENFARG AREA

It will be seen by the article by Ian Hume that the right of way to Scott's View has been restored by Kinross District Council, and for this we must thank Ian, who takes such an interest in the rights of ways, and has been in correspondence with Perth on the matter. When the brighter weather come in, a canny walk along the route to Scott's View is highly recommended.

J.M.L.

OLD FOLKS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. J.M. Lindsay, Chairman of the above Association, welcomed 75 senior citizens to the Annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 10th December, in Glenfarg village hall. The Grace was said by Mr. Ernie Bateson, then the usual Christmas fare was served by the Kinross Young Farmers (J.A.C.), while a wonderful feast of entertainment was provided by the 'Cornkisters' from Kinross, the compere and comedian being Tom Webster, who was in great form.

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Many prizes were distributed in the free raffle, and it appeared that those present voted the dinner 'the best ever'. Mr. George Ross thanked Mrs. Kirkland and her committee for preparing the meal and decorating the hall, and dispensing mince pies, coffee and tea during the interval. A truly wonderful evening thanks to the many villagers of Glenfarg and the surrounding areas, who had helped to make it so.

Those unable to attend the Christmas dinner through illness etc., were presented with a Christmas parcel, these being taken around and presented by members of the Committee.

A donation of £100 has been made to the Village Hall Repair Fund.

J.M.L.

O.F.A. 1987 OUTING

The summer outing this year will be to Inverness, the date being Saturday 6th June. High Tea will be taken at the Eden Court Theatre, while there will be ample time for a ramble around this lovely city. There will be the usual trip to the Caird Hall in May to attend the Fiddlers' Rally. The tickets this year will be slightly dearer, as it is intended to have seats nearer the front. So look out for the notice in the Post Office nearer that date.

J.M.L.

PAPER COLLECTION

This takes place on the first Saturday of each month, and is collected by Messrs. Willie Coventry, Colin Brough and Jimmy Lindsay. After collection, unless the papers have been tied up in separate bundles of newspapers, magazines and cardboard, they have to be tied up at the Bridge House depot. We have appealed in the past for younger men to come along to do this job, (for the January collection, only two men were available, both over 70). All that is required is ONE HOUR once per month from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. If this service is discontinued because of lack of support, then the village hall stands to lose the proceeds of the sale of this collection which amounts to £500 a year.

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CUBS

The Cubs held a, very successful Christmas party at which everybody brought along food and the pack provided drinks and. prizes for games. All the Cubs brought along a friend and all in all a great time was had by all.

The Webb Ivory sales have resulted in a profit of £111.00 which goes to Cub and Scout funds. Thanks to all who purchased the goods, but a very big thanks to Dawn Halter for the amount of very hard work she has once again put into this project. Dawn has asked if we could stand down from this job, so if there is anyone willing to volunteer to take over this task, would they please contact Steve Mee, or Hugh Brown.

For the benefit of anyone new to the village, the Cubs will accept boys from 7½ years old to 10½. If anyone is interested we meet at the Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays.

The football season has now finished with the team finishing half-way in the table, getting to the quarter-finals of the Cup. Results: League, Glenfarg 1 Academy B 2 (David Adamson): Cup, Glenfarg 4 Kinross 3 (David Mee 4); Cup, Glenfarg 3 Abernethy 4 (Tom Kitchen 1, Iain Carswell 1, Richard McCafferty 1).

W.R.I. REPORT

The December Meeting took the form of visit to Bishopshire.

Our hosts gave us a warm welcome and later -provided a delicious tea. To entertain we staged a novel version of Cinderella, written and produced by Mrs. Mair, and this was appreciated by all. Competition results were:- Chocolate Truffles - 1 Mrs. Messenger, 2 Mrs. Black, 3 Mrs Mair. Belt - any craft - 1 Mrs. Quartermaine, 2 Mrs. McIntosh, 3 Mrs. Messenger.

On Saturday 20th December the W.R.I. and Sunday School joined forces and put on a Christmas Disco for the children. A good time was had by all and a visit from Santa rounded off the afternoon. On Monday 2nd December Members and friends (including a good turn out of Girl Guides) went carol singing round the village.

The first Meeting of 1987 was held on 8th January, Mrs. Quartermaine presiding. The Carol Singing had, to date, raised £103 and it was

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decided to divide this between Cancer Research and Riding for the Disabled.

Mrs. Quartermaine thanked all who took part and also Mrs. Barlas who welcomed the singers to her home at the end of the evening.

A meeting to discuss our Kinross Show entry has been arranged for 5th February at 8 p.m. in the ante-room. Another date to keep in mind is 23rd April when we hope to make an evening visit to Taurus Crafts and Angus Heathers.

The evening's entertainment was "A Matter of Opinion". Mr. Ross was the question master and the panel comprised Mrs. Agnes Henderson, Mrs. Laura Keppie, Mr. A.F. Christie and Dr. D. Anderson. Mrs. Black thanked them all for their spontaneous handling of our questions. Competition results were:- Carrot Soup - 1 Mrs. McIntosh, 2 Mrs. Messenger, 3 Mrs. Mair. Pr. Knitted Mitts - 1 Mrs. Mair, 2 Mrs. Murison, 3 Mrs. Fairweather.

Dates to remember:- February 5th, W.R.I. Kinross Show Meeting 8 p.m. 12th W.R.I. Meeting. March 9th, W.R.I. visit to Cleish, 12th W.R.I. Meeting.

R.A. McGregor.

WOMAN'S GUILD REPORT

Arngask Woman's Guild held a "Social Responsibility" afternoon, highlighting the work of the "Social Responsibility" Council in Devotional Readings, the singing of "Were you there when I needed a neighbour?" etc., and a sketch entitled "Crime at Little Titterington", enacted by Miss I. Deans, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Rutherford. Miss Inglis thanked all who had taken part. The President and members of the Guild would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Sale on Saturday 29th November. The sum realised, after expenses, was £335.

A Christmas afternoon Tea on 16th December, with a short play performed by Miss I. Deans and Mrs. Mair, a solo by Mrs. Peace, and games, was enjoyed by all present.

Miss I. Deans thanked all the members who had provided the food and entertainment, and Mrs. Barlas thanked Miss Deans and Committee for such a pleasant afternoon.

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Owing to the inclement weather the meeting was cancelled on Tuesday 13th January.

Dates to remember:-

February 10th, 2.31 p.m. "Thine be the Glory" Miss K. Young.

February 24th, 2.31 p.m. "Mother Teresa" Mrs. J. McKenna

March 10th, 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. Houston.

March 24th, 2.30 p.m. A.G.M. Visit to the Holy Land, Mrs. Cunningham.

SCOUT REPORT

The 77th Scouts wish a very happy New Year to all parents and friends who have helped and supported us in the past year. Nineteen Eighty Seven will be a very good year to join Scouts. You don't have to have been a cub (though it helps) and you can join Scouts at any age. Scouts are now so organised that any boy between 10½ and 15½ years old can start and immediately have a challenge and badge-work to match his maturity.

The Programme until Summer '97 is already filling up. Apart from normal troop meetings (Thursday 7 p.m. till 9 p.m.) we join with Scouts from the 66th Perthshire (Abernethy) and the 11th Perthshire (Bridge of Earn) for swimming evening on the second Friday of every month at Perth Baths. This is handy as it coincides with the week we don't have use of the Hall. A special feature of our Spring programme is involvement in a five-a-side football tournament at the Bells Snorts Centre in Perth.

We are looking forward to the Area Camp 10th to 12th April which is being run by our District (Lower Earnside). The Camp is to be held at Kinmonth, Bridge of Earn, by kind permission of the Area Chairman Lt. Col. John G. Moncrieff. We will be kept pretty busy beforehand helping to lay out the campsite and making signs and building Pioneering Projects etc. The Chief Scout, who is Major-General Michael J.H. Walsh, C.B., D.S.O., will be visiting this Camp, as will the Perth Area Cubs and Beavers (why don't we have a colony?) on the Saturday 11th April.

We shall be entering for the County Flag Competition in May; it should be an interesting experience. It is also intended to go to Lochgoilhead Scout Activity Centre at Easter.

We are looking for books, any books, magazines, comics etc., for a Book



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Sale in Perth. This is a major fund-raising project to help send four Perthshire Scouts to represent us at the World Jamboree in Australia at the end of this year. The cost will be about £6000. We need the Books by mid February. We will be running our usual car washing effort soon, watch for the notices. Our high pressure wash will get rid of the salt! Summer Camp will be at Scone from 11th to 13th July at the Coriboree with Patrols of Scouts from all over the Country.

Hugh W. Brown
Scout Leader.

GLENFARG CURLING CLUB

On Sunday 2nd November the Club had an outing to Letham Grange Hotel and Country Club, near Arbroath. 16 Club members plus 15 wives and friends took over all four sheets of ice for an afternoon and an evening session. Between sessions a splendid meal was enjoyed in the restaurant which overlooks the ice rink. The curling took the form of a "fun" competition in which players all took their turn to be 'Skip' of their rink for two ends. Winning rinks also moved every fourth end to meet fresh opposition. The whole competition was played in the friendliest of "spirits", and excellent prizes in the same vein were provided by Lifting Gear and Hire Ltd. (Rosyth), courtesy of Steve Mee. The prizes were presented by Club President Alistair Duncan to members of the winning rink: Doug Buchan, Arthur Jenkins, Fiona Rutherford and Morag Cuthbert. Runners up: Edna Taylor, David Rutherford, David Cuthbert and Jim Thomson.

Competitions decided so far:

Colin Campbell Trophy. (Played for by last seasons Pyper Cup (Gents) and Hamilton Cup (Ladies) winners. Rink Skip David Rutherford, Arthur Jenkins, Steve Mee, John Swan.

Ladies Challenge Trophy Alan Taylor, Sandy Smith, David Cuthbert, Bruce Gloag.

BADMINTON CLUB

Thanks to Irene Findlay for taking the primary school age group for coaching last term, and to Sue Knowles for taking them this term 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. The teenagers are supervised by senior members in a rota 6.30 - 8 p.m.

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PLAYGROUP

Parents and friends really enjoyed the Christmas Show 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. The children performed well and were a delight to watch. Thanks to Stella and Alexa (the Playgroup Leaders) for all their work in rehearsing the children. Thanks too, to Alison Bett and Jenny Adams for their help and to Maureen McAlister for the costumes. Playgroup numbers have increased to 17 and an extra morning has begun for the pre-school children on Wednesdays.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

Alexandra Rose Day.

Dear Mrs. Logie,

Many thanks for your cheque for the sum of £64.65. N.C.H. depends increasingly upon the generosity of individuals as we continue to maintain and develop our vital work with children, teenagers and their families in the Scottish region and throughout the Country.

Thanks to collectors and those who gave so willingly in Glenfarg. With best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

David McMurray, Appeals Administration for Scotland.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club have continued to make progress with the idea of moving the courts to the Wallace Park. Various meetings have taken place with the District Council. Final discussions have yet to take place, but positive indications have been made about the prospect of grant aid. (See article from Courier).

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Winners for December: £100 Mrs. Bloor, Auchtermuehty; £20 Mrs. Ward, Perth; £10 Lesley Nimmo; £5 D. Whittaker, Glenfarg. Thanks to all who contribute to the '200' Club. Riding will resume after Easter, and as usual we are looking for helpers.

1st GLENFARG BROWNIES

At present we have 16 Brownies, two to be enrolled in the New Year. The following Journeys have been completed and badges presented in the last 3½ months; Footpath - Claire Marmion, Susie Carswell and Laura Findlay; Roadway - Laura Bett. Interest Badges have been worked for too, and are as follows: Safety in Home - Julia Eadie, Susie Carswell; Gardener - Laura Findlay; House Orderly - Claire Small, Ingrid Small, Claire Marmion, Tracey Knowles, Mhairi Smith, Vanessa Butterworth, Susie Carswell, Isla Archibald, Gillian Little; Collectors - Laura Findlay; Knitters - Kirsty Short; Swimmers - Laura Bett; Agility - Laura Findlay.

The Pack visited the Pantomime in Auchtermuchty on 9th December (Babes in the Wood) and thoroughly enjoyed this. Thank you to Mr. Findlay for helping the Guiders with transport.

On 16th December the Brownies, with the help of the Guides, entertained their families and the old folk, with a Nativity Play, Paddington Play, carols, poems, etc. Our thanks to all those who helped us in any way, and gave donations.

The Brownies party will be on the first Tuesday of the New Year.

Mary Winton.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

School Closure. During the recent week of exceptional wintry conditions which necessitated the closure of the school, the Emergency Closure Scheme worked very well and Mr. Ross would like to thank all those parents who, after their early morning calls to the School, kindly agreed to pass on the message - 'no school today'. We are pleased to report almost perfect attendance since we resumed.

Holiday Dates. Easter - close Friday 27th March. Open Monday 13th April. Summer - close Thursday 2nd July. Open Tuesday 13th August.

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CONGRATULATIONS to

Colin Brand, Pitillock Farm, on his engagement to Sheila Sheldrick, Firbank Road, Perth.

Linda Meldrum on being selected for 'Operation Raleigh'.

John and. Anne Bateson (Shetland) on the birth of their daughter Hannah Rose.

Graham Deuchars on his marriage to Anya Kramer in Bielafeld, W. Germany.

We hope that Mary Meldrum continues to make good progress after her operation.

Sadly we have to report the deaths of Charlie Bywater, Drunzie Feus, and Bob Stewart, Greenbank Road.

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THANKYOU

The following messages have been received from people appreciating the work done by local farmers in snow clearing.

Irene and. Doug Bruce, Duncrievie, would like to thank John Cumming and. Rob Chrichton and anyone else involved in clearing Duncrievie Road.

Thanks to Willie Small for clearing the village pavements.

The people on the estate would like to thank Charlie Murison for his help in road clearing.

The residents of Greenbank Crescent wish to sincerely thank Mr. D. Smith and. Mr. W. Small for all the attention given to them during the



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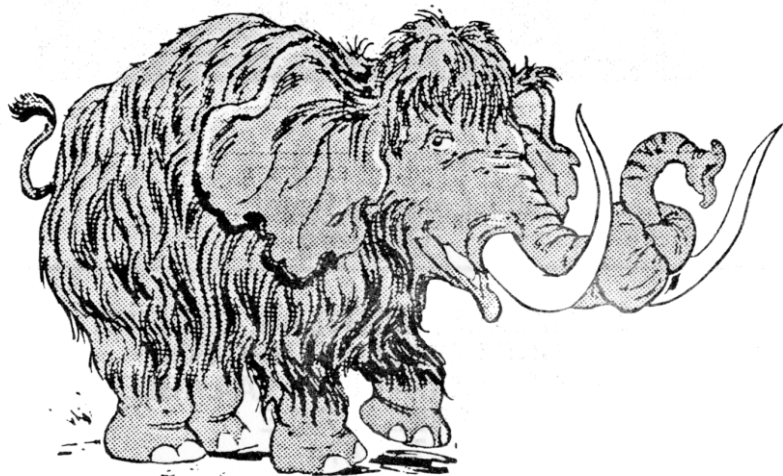
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February:	7th	Waste Paper Collection
	10th	Guild Meeting 2.30 p.m.
	12th	W.R.I. Meeting
	24th	Guild Meeting 2.30 p.m.
March: Weds.	4th	Community Council, 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	6th	Newspaper Collection
	9th	W.R.I. Visit to Cleish
	10th	Guild Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
	12th	W.R.I. Meeting
	24th	Guild Meeting, A.G.M. 2.30 p.m.
Mon.	30th	Annual General Meeting Community Council.

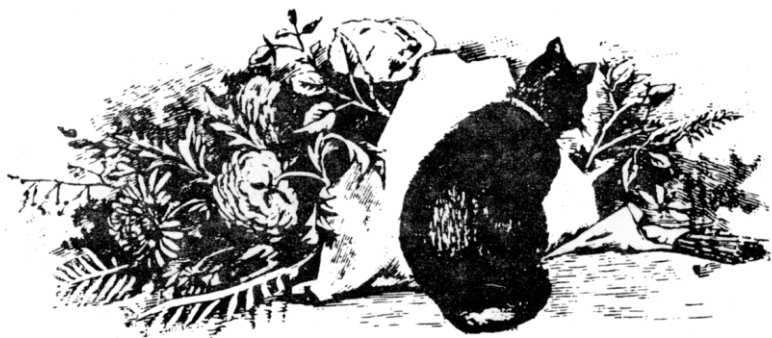


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NOTES TO REMEMBER!



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WOMAN'S GUILD Mrs. Cunningham, 5 Greenbank Cres., Glenfarg 446.

W.R.I. Mrs. W. Johnson, Colliston Farm. G.272.

VILLAGE HALL Mrs. A. Imrie, Rowan Cottage, Glenfarg.

OLD FOLKS' ASSOCN. Mr. J. Lindsay, 2 Lomond Bank, Glenfarg 332.

FOOTBALL CLUB Mr. J. Armstrong, 'Culmore', Glenfarg 343.

TODDLER GROUP Mrs. Mee, 4 Ashgrove Glenfarg. G.443.

RED CROSS Mrs. McNiven, 'Craigfarg', Glenfarg. G.545.

SCOUTS Mr. Hugh Drown, 1 Ash Grovel Glenfarg. 0.343.

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BROWNIES Miss Winton, Wellfield Farm, Strathmiglo.

CUBS Mr. S. Mee, 4 Ashgrove, Glenfarg. G.443.

RIDING FOR DISABLED Miss A. Stocks, Smiddyhill, Glenfarg 262.

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PLAYGOUNP Mrs. A. Imrie, Rowan Cottage, Glenfarg.

DISTRICT NURSE Mrs. E. N. Stewart, Greenbank Road, G.258.

MEN'S CURLING Mr. A. Duncan, Blairstruie Lodge, Blairstruie,
Glenfarg 223.

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BADMINTON CLUB Mr. R. Buchan, 25 Birch Lane, Glenfarg.

BOWLING CLUB Mrs. J. Ewart, 21 Green Road; Kinross.

WOMEN'S CURLING Mrs. Fiona Rutherford, 6 Lomond Bank, Glenfarg.
G.360.

£55,000 sports area

PLANS FOR a proposed new all-weather sport area at Glenfarg at a cost of more than £55,000 took a step nearer success yesterday when the district council's leisure and recreation committee recommended that grants and loans should be given by the district council towards the project.

Glenfarg Tennis Club, with a membership of 16 adults and 31 juniors, has two courts in need of resurfacing, which is expected to cost between £20,000 and £25,000.

As the area the club owns does not have enough room for a third court and as they do not have the financial resources for a resurfacing project, they have suggested selling their present site and building new courts in Wallace Park.

The capital from the sale of

their present site would go into the project, which is to construct a three-court facility with an all-weather surface which would be suitable for other sports such as netball, five-a-sides, etc.

The proposed facility would have floodlights which would allow the local football team to use it for training as well as allowing tennis to be played throughout the year, a report to the committee pointed out.

The proposals are estimated to cost £55,000, of which, subject to the sale of their present site, the tennis club propose to finance £20,000, leaving the remainder to be funded from other sources.

Director of finance Harry Robertson pointed out in his report, "In accordance with district council policy this appli-

cation could qualify for financial assistance to a level of 50% of the estimated cost—£27,500.

"To restrict financial assistance to this level would still require a further £7500 to be found and this could prove difficult to raise locally."

Mr Robertson added that if the application for financial assistance was successful, work could not start until the spring and therefore any grant would come from the 1987/88 capital budget for financial assistance.

He pointed out, however, that to grant £27,500 from that budget would leave only £12,500 to meet all other appeals during next year.

Director of leisure and recreation Malcolm Wood had met the Glenfarg Tennis Club and recommended that their

plans win support

appeal should receive "substantial district council support."

Mr Robertson recommended that if the district council was prepared to support it they should do so to the extent of 25%—£13,750—and that Perth and Kinross Recreational Facilities Ltd. be requested to match this.

This would result in a £7500 shortfall and to make this up he recommended that the district council offer loan facilities up to this amount, interest free, to be paid over five years.

He understood that the repayment of £1500 could be met.

The committee approved his recommendations, which still have to be ratified by the full council at their next meeting.

The committee have also recommended that Kingsland

Hall Committee should receive a grant of 50% of the cost of fire precaution and other work at the hall up to £290.

They have recommended that Strathtay and Grandtully Hall Committee should receive a grant of 50% of the cost of carrying out fire precautions and environmental work up to £887.

They have also recommended that Kinrossie Public Hall Committee should receive a grant of 50% of the cost of carrying out fire precaution and other work up to £593.

As the 1986-87 revenue budget for assistance to private halls is fully committed, Mr Robertson's recommendation that Perth and Kinross Recreational Facilities Ltd. should be requested to consider contributing the local authority's share of the projects was supported.

The committee also agreed to recommend that the grant for Bridge of Earn Tennis Club for repair to their court be increased to a maximum of £690 from the previous recommended figure of £253.

A grant of 50% up to a maximum of £1250 has been recommended towards the cost of installing playground equipment for Atholl Recreation Association.

St John's Amateur Football Club have been recommended for a grant up to a maximum of £575 towards the cost of alleviating and repairing damage caused by flooding at the clubrooms.

Crieff Municipal Bowling Club have been recommended for grants up to £872 for improvements to their clubhouse

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Letter from the Interim-Moderator

Dear Friends,

It is very unfortunate that circumstances have arisen whereby it became necessary for the Presbytery of Perth to appoint an Interim-Moderator.

However, the fact remains that Mr Scouller, of his own free will, and for personal reasons decided that he did not wish to remain as minister of Abernethy and Dron linked with Arngask.

It was my sad duty to preach the congregation vacant on January 4th. Electoral Registers are now being prepared and it is the responsibility of each one of you to make sure your name and correct address is on that register. In due course those whose names are on that register will have a say in calling your new minister. Before that position is reached there are many matters to attend to. The most immediate is for the members to form a vacancy committee comprising representatives from both congregations. Those elected should be drawn from the various groups and interests in the congregations.

In both congregations on Sunday 8th March communicant members and adherents whose names are on the register will have the opportunity to take part in that election. The times of the meetings are 10.45 a.m. at Arngask and 12.15 p.m. at Abernethy. The Committee so appointed will then proceed to advertise the vacancy, hear and interview ministers interested. and, in due course, bring forward the name of a Sole Nominee. That person will then conduct worship in Glenfarg and Abernethy on a Sunday duly intimated. That day and on the following day members will have the opportunity and the responsibility of voting for or against the person recommended by the vacancy committee.

It is a privilege and a heavy responsibility that falls upon the members of the vacancy committee which you will appoint. They are deserving of your understanding and prayerful support.

Quite a few months will have passed before there can be a settled ministry in Abernethy and Glenfarg. In the meantime, however, the work of the Church must continue and the needs of the community be attended to. So I urge all of you to give your wholehearted support. Everyone can play a part through their prayers, their financial contributions and, whenever possible, by being present week by week at the Sunday Services.

As far as circumstances permit, with my other duties at Friarton and Perth Prisons, I will help out by conducting church services, funerals, marriages and baptisms and the visitation of friends sick in hospitals. At my request a number of members in both congregations have volunteered to visit housebound members. In this way it is hoped that all in the Christian Family will be kept in touch even when prevented by age or sickness from sharing in the ongoing activities.

Together then, let us continue to strive to carry forward the work of Jesus Christ in our midst, always remembering his promise 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'.

With true pride in your past, with confidence in your future, with God in command, you can, and will do even greater things in the months and years ahead.

Every Blessing be with you and yours,
Duncan Bruce.

The Quiet Hour (For those unable to come to worship). - As infirmity increases we find ourselves less able to do those things which formerly brought us so much satisfaction, and allowed us to help others.

As a thank offering for all your active help and, concern for the local Church in Abernethy and Glenfarg two important services are available for friends no longer able to be out and about. Visitors are prepared to drop in from time to time to keep you in touch and help if need be with bringing in the odd message. Also, at the Communion season, Mr Bruce will be glad to arrange to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper celebrated in the homes of those unable to come to the Lord's Table in the Church. I am glad to be able to tell you of these services, and trust you will avail yourself of them.

Growing old can bring many problems, but so many senior friends have a wonderful spirit that challenges

everyone to do their best. I like the true story from the London Blitz that we see alive in so many.

'The old lady in London was being rescued from her house which had suffered a direct hit. Ambulance workers carried her from the wreckage to the ambulance. One of the men happened to say 'How do you feel now?' 'Oh' said she 'I'm fine thanks. But if one of you boys happens to be going back into all that mess you might bring me my knitting. I hate doing nothing'.

Woman's Guild - Both in Abernethy and Glenfarg successful and well attended meetings have been held in the past few months. Now that we have entered 1987 we are ready for the challenge of another year. This of course is a very special year in our movement as it is the Centenary Year of the formation of the Guild. As you will have read in the January issue of Life and Work, special events are being arranged. Below you will find details of the programme for the next few meetings. The Arngask meetings are held in the afternoons on the following dates:-

January 27th	Speaker Rev Colin Williamson, Subject : Church Music
February 10th	Miss K H Young, Subject : 'Thine be the Glory'
24th	Mr & Mrs Mackenna, Subject : Mother Theresa
March 10th	Rev H Houston, Subject : 'Work of a Parish Minister'
24th	A.G.M. Speaker, Mrs F H Cunningham, Subject : 'Visit to the Holy Land'

Abernethy Guild will meet on the following dates in the evening:-

February 5th	Speaker, Mrs Nicol, Presbyterian Guild President
19th	Local Entertainment
March 5th	Speaker, Mrs Clayton, Subject : The Church & Flowers
19th	Daffodil Tea — Open Meeting
April 2 nd	A.G.M.

A Warm invitation is extended to all ladies to come and enjoy the friendship provided.

Sunday School The Christmas Parties and the Nativity Plays were the highlights of the first half of our session's activities. Once more the girls and boys are sharing in the weekly meetings. All ages attend the first part of the morning service before moving into their teaching groups. The Leaders among the young give of their time and themselves, helping the girls and boys to discover more of the work and love of Jesus. We thank them for all their friendship and help. Let us support them by coming regularly to Church services as Families and encouraging the children by our example.

Sickness When a member of your family is admitted to hospital or is seriously ill at home please notify the Session Clerk or Mr Bruce. Do not leave it to someone else! They can be contacted by telephone or writing at the following addresses:-

Mr Ross, The School House Glenfarg - Tel : 263
Mr Macdonald, Craiglinn, Abernethy - Tel : 393
Mr Bruce, 'Vrackie', 223 Glasgow Road, Perth - Tel : 26088.

Worth Thinking About Do the work that's nearest, though It's dull at times,
Helping, when you meet them, lame dogs over stiles.

Simple Tribute I reckon that the most moving tribute ever paid to the value of missionary service was summed up in one sentence. A leprosy patient in India once turned to the doctor who was treating him and said simply: 'Nobody touched me till you came. Now I know what love is.'

Innocence Daisy, aged four was entertaining the minister while Mum was making a cup of tea. 'Do you say your prayers every night?' asked the minister. 'Oh no, mummy says them for me' answered Jennifer. 'Oh, indeed. And what does mummy say?'
'Thank God you're in bed.'

In our Power

A lump of clay the potter takes
And from it things of beauty makes.
So you and I, if we incline,
Can mould our lives to something fine.