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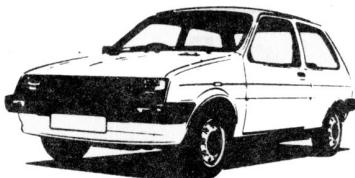


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The Newsletter, which is bimonthly, is issued each EVEN month of the year.

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EDITORIAL

As Mr. Lindsay mentions in his paragraph on advertising, this will be the last issue of the Newsletter for the year 1987. I think most readers will agree that the NEW Newsletter, which commenced with No. 43, has gone from strength to strength, improving with each issue. This is mainly due to the increase in advertising revenue, which enables us to meet the rising cost of printing - as the Newsletter gets larger so does the cost. But we do not want the Newsletter to consist mainly of adverts, and it is asked that residents consider submitting articles, letters to the Editor on any topic, complaints, suggestions, and any other subject matter. Preferably NOT on dogs fouling the pavement or the unsightly state of the old school playground. These come up at every Community Council Meeting, and although both are very important matters, seem to have no solution so far, although the Community Council keep trying. The Newsletter is funded by the Community Council, and I would like to thank Mr. Bob Millar for keeping these funds in good order, and Mr. Jim Lindsay for looking after the advertising side. So let us commence the February 1988 edition with items from disgruntled, happy, readers. In conclusion I would like to thank the officials of all the village organisations who regularly supply the information which we hope makes the Newsletter so interesting.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

What does the Council do and what does it achieve? Its purpose is to advise the District and Regional Councils of matters that require attention or could improve the local environment. So what subjects have been dealt with during 1987? These include the following:- 1) Interest has been maintained in the possibility of the Tennis Club moving from Hayfield Road to Wallace Park, and there has been good co-operation between the Club and the Council. 2) The Regional Roads Department has been contacted regarding various matters, including: the condition of the footpath adjoining the Motorway Footbridge to Arngask; the overhanging bushes along Main Street between the Village and Crawford Brae; and the state of the parapet to the bridge over the Farg in Greenbank Road. 3) The effect of Bus Deregulation in respect of times of buses suitable for visits to the Doctor's Surgery in Kinross. 4) The ownership of the ground behind the Village Hall. 5) The Wallace Park entrance from Birch Lane - which had become part of a "speed-track" for young cyclists! 6) The proposed School Boards. 7) The annual selection of local persons thought worthy of an invitation to attend the Royal Garden Party at Holyroodhouse. Those honoured this past year were Mr. & Mrs. W. Boyle, and Mr. & Mrs. J. Lindsay.

Regarding the "young cyclists" we would urge parents to ensure that lamps are fitted to all bicycles used after dark - or early in the morning. Many thanks to all those who did cut their trees and bushes back after our request.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday the 7th December. If you have a matter of public concern that you would like raised, please advise the Secretary on 362.

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ARNGASK CHURCH

From the Interim—Moderator:

Dear Friends,

Masses of people from all walks of life, regardless of their personal beliefs, will have felt a sense of loss by the news that Eamonn Andrews has died. His name will always be linked with the programme 'This is Your Life'.

Few of us may be chosen for a T.V. edition of 'This is Your Life', but we have all been entrusted with Life with all its possibilities as well as problems. Human life is a unique free gift. Through our coming into this world, irrespective of our sex, achievement or otherwise we exert an influence on other human beings. Indeed we can go on to claim an even more profound truth. The arrival of any human life on this planet ultimately leaves an impact on the history of mankind.

Such indisputable truths we may find hard to accept at times, but they are true as they are wonderful. For we must never forget in the eyes of God every person from the youngest to the oldest is precious, so precious that Jesus Christ was prepared to die that through His dying and rising again from the dead we are offered Life in all its fullness. We enter into this world to a childhood made beautiful by the possibilities with which it overflows. Alas early possibilities do not always blossom and flourish with the passage of the years. Yes, it is true that the poet who said 'Heaven lies about us in our infancy' also went on to declare 'Shades of the prison house begin to close upon the growing boy'. In contrast to that word of foreboding I prefer to remember the word spoken by another poet who said 'Grow old along with me the best is yet to be'.

This is a far more encouraging truth to remember and respond to, the more so as once again our thoughts turn to the season of the year when God visited this planet in the birth of Jesus. The power that moves this universe is Love despite all the events that challenge that claim. Indeed God loves us each one no matter our age or circumstances. Christmas when clearly understood comes with a message of Hope and the offer of Fulfilment. So let us try to make time to reflect on the Good News made known to this weary world by the birth of Jesus. I know that for many in

the community this has been far from a care-free year. The absence of a settled ministry has brought fresh difficulties. There is a strong possibility that early in 1988 there will be a Family living in the New Manse at Abernethy, and that soon the Minister will be a well-known figure in both communities, and a much respected friend in the homes of the people.

During the past twelve months many of us have learned anew that 'Failure is not known when men and women learn to persevere and share'.

As ever you will be most welcome at any service in the Church on Sunday 20th. December and Thursday 24th. There will be the usual special Christmas services with the well-loved carols.

Seasonal Greetings to you and yours,

DUNCAN BRUCE.

NB:

The Kirk Session have been pleased to welcome into their membership additional members namely Hugh Brown, Gordon Flint and Gordon Neil. We look forward to their active participation and we assure them of our prayerful support as they undertake their duties in the community. DB.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

In August, Mrs. Marjorie Bruce began at Arngask School as Head Teacher. Since then, there has been a series of meetings with parents with a view to establish a Parent Teacher Association. A committee has been formed, and the first event is to be a Bingo Tea on December 2nd. Several parent helpers have taken on a variety of roles in the school itself, assisting with administration, cookery, and working with children in the classrooms.

Some children from Primary 4/5 have visited Colliston Farm and Springhall Farm as part of their project in environmental studies.

A Hallowe'en party was held in the school. All the children took part, and even the staff joined in with fancy dress.

Preparations are now under way for a Christmas Concert to be held in the school hall on Wednesday, December 16th, and for parties the following week. A trip to the pantomime is also planned for the whole school on Thursday 17th December.

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EXTRACT FROM PERTHSHIRE ADVERTISER

Council is fined £750 for water plant acid leak at Glenfarg.

Hundreds of fish died when sulphuric acid poured into a Perthshire river from a Fife Regional Council Water Works, Perth Sheriff Court heard yesterday.

Fife Regional Council admitted that on September 15 at Glenfarg Water Works, Glenfarg, they caused poisonous, noxious and polluting matter, namely sulphuric acid, to enter the River Farg contrary to the Control of Pollution Act.

The court heard that fish life for quite a distance downstream was wiped out by the leak.

In a letter pleading guilty the Council explained to Sheriff John McInnes that sulphuric acid is stored and used to adjust the acidity of the raw water.

The Glenfarg works had been designed so that in the event of any leakage all the contents of the various storage tanks would be contained within a secondary tank or "bund" surrounding the storage tanks.

On September 15 at 4.15 a.m. a leakage of acid was discovered and steps taken to stop it.

"Unfortunately the pressure generated by a full tank caused the acid to spray outwith the walls of the bund, where it found its way through a valve into the River Farg," their written explanation went on.

Less than 0.2 per cent of the total spill of acid entered the river, but this was sufficient to change the Ph value of the water to a level fatal to fish life but which would not be injurious to human beings and animals.

Water was released from Glenfarg Reservoir to dilute the river and at 9.10 a.m. the acidity level was found to be normal.

"The Council view this incident as a very serious matter," the letter said. Steps had been taken to ensure that such an incident did not arise again.

These include changes so that there is now no direct drainage link between the works and the river; a protective screen round this bund to contain any spillage or spray; and a reconsideration of the acid pipe work. A communication system has been introduced so that locals who could be affected by a pollution incident will be notified as soon as possible. In addition the Council have replaced the fish stock lost in the incident. Sheriff John McInnes fined the Region £750.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

On 8th November 1987 a short Memorial Service was held at the Village War Memorial, in front of a large gathering. After the usual Church service a contingent of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts marched down to the Memorial with their colours flying. The service was conducted by the Rev. James Urquhart. After the laying of the wreath by the Chairman of the Community Council, Mr. Lindsay, the Eulogy was rendered by Mr. Bateson, the service ending by the sounding of the Last Post by Mr. Eric Reid. The total amount raised in the village as a result of the Poppy Day appeal was £133.15, and we thank all who were in any way connected with the collection.

J.M.L.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

This issue being the last of 1987, I would like to thank all those who have taken advertising space in the Newsletter. Without their support, which usually meets the cost of the printing, the continuance of the Newsletter would not be possible, and it is hoped that this support will continue throughout 1983.

J.M.L.

WOMAN'S GUILD REPORT

The new session of the Woman's Guild opened on Tuesday 13th October, with an Informal Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. On Tuesday 27th October at 2.30 p.m. the guest Speaker, Rev. J. Wylie, was introduced by Mrs. Rutherford, Vice President. His illustrated talk dealt with the tremendous help given by Christian Aid to Ethiopia, Mozambique, Bangladesh etc. at times of disaster and afterwards in setting up projects to help the people become self-supporting. Mrs. Mair proposed thanks.

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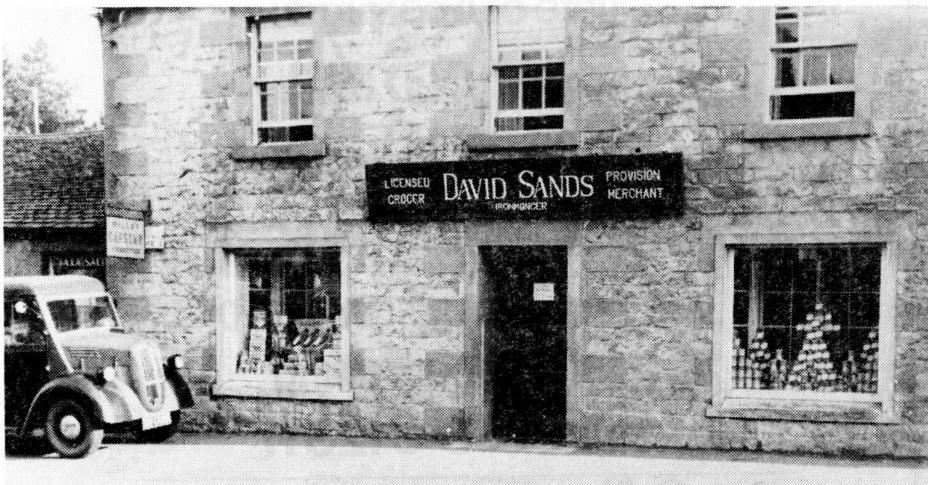
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On Tuesday 10th November at 2.30 p.m. the theme of the meeting was "Praise for the Past; Hope for the Future". Keeping to this theme an amusing and informative Play was enacted by Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Peace, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Rutherford. Miss F. Deans proposed thanks.

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

Mrs. S.H. Cunningham, Branch Secretary, would like to thank all who contributed to the annual collection on behalf of the National Bible Society. The sum of £60.10 was realised. Special thanks go to Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. S. Rutherford, who gave of their time to raise this splendid sum.

GLENFARG W.R.I.

The October meeting was held in the Church Hall on Thursday 8th, Mrs. Black presiding. After business, Mrs. Black introduced Mrs. McLintock from Quilters Place, Perth, who gave a superb display of her work and much helpful advice. Mrs. Kirkland proposed thanks.

Competition results were as follows:- Plum Jam: 1. Mrs. Mair, 2. Mrs. McIntosh, 3. Mrs. Kirkland. Plum Jam Novices: 1. Mrs. Wylie, 2. Mrs. Campbell, 3. Mrs. McKee. Article in Patchwork: 1. Mrs. Black, 2. Mrs. Lindsay, 3. Mrs. Bateson.

The November meeting was held in the Church Hall on Thursday 12th, Mrs. Black presiding. Mrs. Black thanked members for their assistance when they were hostesses at the recent Group Meeting and Mrs. Johnston gave a report on the meeting. Mrs. Black introduced Mrs. MacGillvray who gave a most enjoyable demonstration on making Christmas decorations. Mrs. MacGregor proposed thanks.

Competition results were:- Turkish Delight: 1. Mrs. Adams, 2. Mrs. Black, 3 Mrs. Mair. Plant Pot Holder - any craft: 1. Mrs. Messenger, 2. Mrs. Kirkland, 3. Mrs. Lindsay. Dates for our Diary:

Thursday 10th December - Members Christmas Party

Saturday 19th December - Childrens Christmas Disco Sunday 20th December - Members & Friends, Carol Singing. Thursday 14th January - Monthly Meeting, Demonstration Coffee Making/Film.

YOUTH CLUB

It is hoped to start up a youth club in the village under the guidance of Mrs. Baird, helped by a youth committee. As yet there are no final details, but it is planned to run from 7.30 - 9.30 (which night still to be decided). Food and drinks will be sold, and there will be a small membership fee. Anyone aged 12-16 will be welcome, and there will be lots to do. The club will be held in Bountree with the kind permission of the Lambies.

Further details will be given shortly.

GLENFARG THEATRE GROUP

On Saturday 24th October, 50 members of the Group attended a matinee performance of "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole" at Perth Theatre. The acting which was extremely funny was enjoyed by all. Thanks are due to Mrs. Beth Rutherford for arranging the 17 members from Bridge of Earn to join the party, and Mrs. Jessie Deas and Mrs. Kirstin Carsewell are also due thanks for the efficient and smooth running of the project.

OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION

A whist drive in aid of the funds of the above association was held in the Glenfarg Hotel on Thursday 29th October, when a large party enjoyed the evening. Prizewinners were:- Ladies: 1. Mrs. Stewart, 2. Miss R. McDiarmid, 3. Mrs. J. Davidson. Gents: 1. W. Coventry, 2. Mr. Fraser, 3. C. Murison. Thanks are due to Mrs. Wall, our hardworking Secretary for making the evening the success it was, to Mr. Ross, the Cardmaster, and Elinor and Alan Wilkins, mine hosts at the hotel. Jim Kirkland would like to give a special thank you to those who gave to the raffle, and for donations to the Whist Drive, which gave a good boost to Association funds.

OLD FOLKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party which for the past 2 years has been held in the village hall, will not this year be able to have the usual venue, due to the hall being closed for repairs, thus necessitating the function being held elsewhere. At a special committee meeting it was decided that this would take place at the Abernethy Hotel on Tuesday, 8th December, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Buses will leave the garage at approx. 5.45 p.m., picking up those living some distance from the garage. Any one unable to travel to the departure

points will be picked up by car and conveyed to the buses, or perhaps in some cases directly to the Abernethy Hotel. Anyone desirous of this facility please ring Mrs. Wall on G.408 or Mr. Lindsay on G.382. Please do not hesitate to use this service.

The usual Christmas Dinner will be supplied, the mince pies being provided by the lady committee members. Entertainments will be supplied by the Cornkisters. It is realised that this is a complete change from the usual, and might prove difficult for some to make the effort to come along, especially if it is a bad night, but I am sure that those who do will be in for a good meal (with a free dram or sherry) and a very pleasant evening.

VILLAGE HALL

At a Village Hall committee meeting, held on 28th September it was reported that the building was affected by dry rot and would have to be closed until further notice. A Council grant for the work had been applied for and Mr. David Meldrum was willing to undertake the work, and arrange for a guarantee and insurance. The immediate problem of where various organisations were to meet was solved by some generous offers from, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson of the Lomond Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Lambie. We are indebted to these people, and indeed to any others who have loaned their premises, of whom I may be unaware.

We are most grateful to Mr. Brough for supervising the work, and he tells me that everything is going ahead according to plan, but at the moment it is not possible to say when the Hall will be in use again. Hopefully it won't be too long into the new year when everything will be back to normal.

Jan Macpherson. 430.

GLENFARG CUB & SCOUT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

On Monday 16th November the Glenfarg Cubs were presented with new silver grey football strips and a gleaming new ball. On behalf of the boys, coach, Mr. Tom McAndrew and the Committee I would like to express our grateful thanks to Mr. David Rutherford of Earnside Coaches for the ball, and to our four strip sponsors, Mr. William Chalmers and Mr. Jim McHardy of Glenfarg Garage, Mr. John McGregor of the Bein Farm Freeze, Mr. Alan Wilkins of the Glenfarg Hotel and Mr. Ralph Curie of R. Curie & Sons, Livestock Agents. Together they donated £120 which enabled our secretary to purchase the tops and shorts.

I am sure that all this new equipment will encourage the boys to play even better, and we would love to see some more supporters come along to the park on a Saturday morning, or have a run out and attend our away matches.

C.J. Curie.

SCOUT REPORT

77th Perthshire (Glenfarg)

I begin my report yet again by thanking all the parents and friends who have so generously given their time and talents to help the troop.

The village bonfire and firework display was a success. We were lucky to have a dry calm night. I must thank Mr. A. Reid of Lochelbank farm for the loan of a tractor and trailer and much other equipment, Mr. J. Swan, Birch Lane, for all his help and Mr. Reid for his kind donations and for his displaying the poster and collecting box for fireworks in the Post Office. Thanks also to all the people who supplied material for the bonfire, particularly Mr. R. Curle of Springhall Farm.

The Scouts did a good job lifting the turf from the fire circle and building the fire. They worked hard and long getting much dirtier than last year, well the wood was very wet!

Thanks to the team who set off the fireworks. The display lasted over half an hour, well done!

Thanks to the Scouts who turned out for the Remembrance Service. I'm sure we shall see more on parade next year.

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The Troop has done rather well in the District five-a- side tournament at Bells Sports Centre, Perth. We managed to take second and fourth places. Our "A" team, otherwise known as "Glenfarg City", won watches for coming second.

The team were:- Scot Atfield, Graham Baird, Ross Baptie, Anders Archibald and Kevin Baird. Stewart Smith was playing substitute. Kevin also won the player of the tournament award. The play was fast and furious and two of our players had to be carted off to the P.R.I. with injured fingers?? A big thankyou is due to Mr. C. Archibald for our pre-match training session.

The Troop is now meeting at "Bountree" thanks to Mr. R. Lambie. It is hoped that we can return to the Village Hall early in the new year.

There are several membership fees now well overdue and I use this report as a reminder.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome John Robinson back to the 77th. John is joining in the capacity of Assistant Scout Leader.

Hugh Brown, Scout Leader.

BROWNIE GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Butterworth, presiding, welcomed parents and the District Commissioner to the A.G.M. held at 'Lyndhurst', Ladeside, by kind permission of Mrs. Macpherson, on Wednesday 4th November.

Following satisfactory reports from office-bearers, Miss Winton and Mrs. Macpherson reported on a busy year of Brownie and. Guide activities.

The District Commissioner, Mrs. Baird, reported on both national and international guiding activities, and stressed the need for continued support from Parents and helpers to ensure progress of the guiding movement. Mrs. Kennedy retired from the committee, and. Mrs. Kyle was elected as a new member.

A. Eddie (Secretary)

GIRL GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

What is it? A club for the select few or a secret society?

No.

The Local Association is open to anyone interested in Guiding; not only Mums, Guiders or ex-Guiders. Any member of the public who adheres to the Guide promise.

A female member who has made the Guide promise is entitled to wear the Local Association badge.

The Local Association has no responsibility in the running of the Unit and no decision affecting members of the movement may be taken by the Local Association without consultation with the District Commissioner.

The Local Association works in conjunction with the District Commissioner to help her communicate with parents and the general public.

Maybe you still feel that you cannot help. Everyone can. The Guider needs your support to promote Guiding locally and provide financial support.

Glenfarg Local Association now pays hall rent for Brownies and Guides which amounts to over £200 per year. Fortunately Perth & Kinross Girl

Guide Association refunds one half of the full amount.

Weekly running costs are not covered by 20p subscription. Badges alone cost at least 20p. The Annual Subscription of £3.70 due on 22nd February is not kept locally, the bulk goes to Scottish Headquarters.

Next year the Garden Festival is in Glasgow. There are special Brownie and Guide Days, and as the Guiders would like to take the girls, fund raising for this special day out will be necessary. Please support this venture.

I am sure many of you have skills which you could share with Brownies and/or Guides, don't be afraid to volunteer. Badge testers are always required. Guides in particular are always looking for Service projects. If you can help or know of a special need please tell the Guiders.

It is a pity that more parents did not attend the last A.G.M. when they would have heard of all the work that goes on throughout the year, and would have had an opportunity to meet Guiders and find out more about the Local Association.

It is the duty of the Local Association to promote Guiding and may be put back a little of what you got out of it. Most of us look back on our Guiding Days with affection. Please let the girl of today do likewise with your support.

I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Lambie very much for permitting the Brownies and Guides to meet in their home whilst the Village Hall is being repaired.

Kathleen Baird,
District Commissioner.

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FORWARD TO THE EDITOR

GLENFARG BROWNIES

At 17.11.87 we have 27 Brownies, with three girls going up to Guides shortly. We had enrolment last week when Rowan Morrison, Sarah Webster, Johanna Dawson, Karen Neil, Jennifer Little and Samantha Adam made their Promises as Brownies. Gillian Little gained her Gardeners Badge, and Gragie McCulloch gained her Writers Badge. Along with the Guides and. Cubs the Brownies attended the Remembrance Service. We would like to thank the Lambie family for allowing us to use their premises for our Meetings.

Mary Winton, Brownie- Guider.

GUIDES

Meetings resumed after the October holiday with a Hallowe'en party on 30th October. All the girls dressed up, and prizes were won by Toni Geddes, a punk, Anna Macpherson, an ugly sister, and Aileen Swan, who came 'with her head tucked underneath her arm'. The turnip lantern contest was won by Elaine Fairweather's patrol. The Guides enjoyed various activities, such as ducking for apples, and a Witch Drive - similar to beetle, but more topical! Since then the Guides have been learning to make Christmas decorations, cards, calenders etc. On 8th November we joined with the villagers and the other uniformed youth organisations for the annual service of Remembrance. Judith Kesson, Anna Macpherson, and Simone Bett made up the colour party. Last Saturday nine Guides, and our new Guider, tried their hands at canoeing in Perth swimming pool, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks to all those parents who kindly offered transport - if we didn't need you this time, your turn will come!

Mrs. Thirlwall has kindly offered to give a talk on Hair Care to the Guides at the beginning of December, and they are looking forward to what should be a very interesting evening. If anyone else has a talent that they would be willing to share with the Guides, we would be pleased to hear from you.

In conclusion we would like to thank Robin and Maureen Lambie, who so readily offered the use of their swimming pool (floored, of course!) for Guide meetings, while the Village Hall is out of use.

Jan Macpherson. 430.

PLAYGROUP

Many thanks go to those who participated in our car boot sale which, despite the cold weather, proved successful and raised £150.

The recent Hallowe'en party was an exciting and enjoyable event for the children with an obvious wealth of talent and imagination from the mothers having gone into the fancy dress costumes.

Due to the closure of the Village Hall for repairs the playgroup is meeting in the Lomond Hotel and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the management for their hospitality. Unfortunately due to being in temporary premises there will not be a Christmas play this year, but we are hoping to have an Easter concert instead.

GLENFARG BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club held the annual Presentation Dance in Glenfarg Hotel on 21st November. President Mr. J. Wilson welcomed everyone and hoped they would have a good night.

Club Champion: W. Coventry. Runner up: A.R. Smith.

Weekly Points Winner: J. Smith.

Ladys Trophy Winner: E. Stewart. Runner up: J. Meldrum.

Hunters Trophy: Winners, A. Smith & W. Coventry.

Runners up, A. Duncan and J. O'Donnell.

Lochrie Cup: winners W. Coventry & D. Meldrum.

Runners up: J. Wilson & R. Smith.

Norman Smith Trophy: A. Smith, J. Meldrum, R. Peace, E. Stewart.

MR. AND MRS. TEMPLETON, of 11 Birch Lane, Glenfarg, wish to thank all those who sent cards, flowers, letters, and the Church for the lovely gift of fruit from the Harvest Thanksgiving, during Mrs. Templeton's stay in the P.R.I. and Bridge of Earn Hospitals. She is now home, and though a long way to go to full fitness, is progressing slowly.

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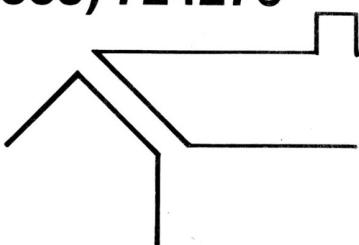
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THOMAS (TAM) McDONALD - KILLED IN ACTION, 1944.

"I've brocht ye a wee flower"

They're ploughin' up the heather Tam whar first ye laid me doon,
 When I was but a servant lass an' you a strappin' loon;
 A' the world was in oor arms and Oh! I mind the shame
 When my Faither laid aboot ye for bein' late in gettin' hame.

Ye'll mind we used tae picnic Tam, up in Spinky Den,
 Rakin' in the auld mill and up and doon the glen;
 Roond an' roond the village a' nicht without a stop
 And they shouted, "Are ye winchin' Tam"? ootside McGlashan's shop.

If you were here the day Tam and climbed the Temple Rock,
 Ye wouldna' hear the chappin' o' the auld village clock,
 Its hands are stilled like yours Tam, we'll never hear it chime,
 Tae tell the ploughmen roond aboot, it's near tae lowsin' time.

They've built a muckle road Tam the likes ye've never seen,
 and p'isened a' the burn troot frae Deuglie tai the Bein,
 Kirsty Thirsty's dry Tam, the quarry's gey near fu',
 The smiddy's lyin' quiet noo wi' scarce a horse tae shoe.

Abbots Deuglie's closed Tam, Clochert Stane's the same,
 There's neither stick nor stane left o' Annie Lowrie's hame.
 They've built a fancy hoose Tam wi' bits o' Glendie Mill
 And it's hard tae find a yellie yite on the Yellie Hill.

Ye canna' see the lade Tam far less the water wheel,
 They dinna' play at Cookie Rosie in the village skule;
 The sea troot winna' run noo abune the Paris Brig
 An' ye'll hardly see a tattie howker bendar' ower the rig.

But dinna fash yersel' Tam, there's aye a bit o' hope,
 For a Water Craw's still nestin' ahint the j'iner's shop;
 There's water in the burn Tam and still the bonnie sicht
 O' boolers on the rinks Tam on Umberelly Nicht.

But Oh! When lookin' back Tam, the weather was aye fine,
 We never felt the cauld then, the sun aye seemed tae shine;
 But years distort the view Tam for life was bitter sweet
 Wi' little on oor backs then and nothing on oor feet!

I'll ha'e tae hurry home Tam there's messages I need,
 I'm makin' tattie soup the nicht an' a bit o' potted heid;
 But ye'll be pleased tae ken Tam, although ye are awa'
 An canna' share it wi' me - I'll mak' enough for twa.

I must be gettin' auld Tam, my feet are gi'en me gyp!
 As sune as I get hame the nicht I'll hate masel' a nip!
 It's cauld and weet up here Tam, the roads are thick wi' glar,
 Jist tak' my guid advice Tam an' bide ye whar' ye are:

Bob Bell, 1987.

NB: Tam and his widow are entirely imaginary characters and bear no relationship to anyone I know or have known.

B.B.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ian and Margo McLaughlan, Elm Row, on the birth of their son.

Eric Reid on raising £306.75 sponsorship money for a gruelling 150 miles along the West Highland way and climbing Ben Nevis.

Jim Kirkland, Isobel Nicholson and Barbara Webster for winning numerous prizes at the summer agricultural shows.

OBITUARY

It is with deep sadness that the death on 29th October 1937, of Sadie BELL, 22 Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, is reported, after an illness bravely borne. Sadie was well known in the village, and during a career in which she served as a childrens' nurse, Glasgow City Police, and a pharmaceutical representative, she had gained an insight into life, which few of us experience. At the cremation service which took place at Perth on 2nd November, there was a large attendance from the village, among them being representatives of the Red Cross Society, which Sadie had been connected with for many years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chris and Bob and their families. Chris (sister) and Bob (Brother) would like to thank through these columns, all those who during Sadie's illness showed so much concern for her welfare and for their attendance at the funeral service.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 5th Saturday Paper Collection

7th Community Council Meeting - Church Hall Monday, 7.30 p.m.

8th Old Folks Christmas Dinner

10th Rural Members Party

15th Guild Christmas Party

16th School Concert

19th Rural Childrens Disco

20th Rural Carol Singing

24th Watchnight Service

JANUARY Paper Collection

12th Woman's Guild - 2.30 p.m. 'Our God Reigns'

14th Rural Meeting

26th Woman's Guild - 2.30 p.m. 'World Mission
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