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Editorial

As I have said on numerous occasions, I would very much appreciate it if readers would contact me if they find any inaccuracies or omissions in the Newsletter, particularly in the long-standing information which may change over time. I don't, for example, use the mobile bank, and am never in the village on a Wednesday morning when the library van calls, so I would be grateful if users of these facilities could let me know if their times or locations change.

I refer to the minutes of the Community Council meeting, published in this issue. I was aware that the Kinross doctors' information was well out of date, but had failed, on more than one occasion, to extract new information from the surgery. In retrospect it may have been better to publish nothing, but at least newcomers to the village knew that the practice existed and how to make contact, and I have now received a letter from the practice manager, so the new information will appear in future issues.

I was not aware of new winter opening times for the Kinross skip, but have now been to the skip to find

out what they are. According to the notice none of the opening times have changed, and are exactly as stated in the last edition of the newsletter. Had the person who made the request to the Community Council also volunteered the information, a lot of time and effort could have been saved.

The moral of all this is "Please Communicate". Lack of communication causes all sorts of problems in the modern world, but it doesn't have to happen in Glenfarg. My address and phone number are published in the Newsletter, and I am always pleased to receive contributions and comments. By all means also take your comments to the Community Council, but please speak to me as well.

Finally, if you find you are going to miss the deadline of the 15th of each odd month, again "please communicate". I do not have a problem with contributions coming in late (as long as they're not very late), but occasionally, for various reasons, I need to get the newsletter to the printer promptly, and if I don't know that yours is coming, it could miss out completely.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed.,

I was pecking away at a black bin bag, which smelt promisingly of containing a tasty snack, when I came upon a copy of the Glenfarg Newsletter. My eye fell on an article complaining about my flock numbers being too prolific in Glenfarg. Pardon me, but we are hardly the most prolific species in the area! A lot of elaborate nest building is going on, so we can expect more humans, more vehicles (which from time to time squash rabbits for us to eat) to the detriment of our slug and worm fields.

Apparently we are also having too many youngsters surviving to adulthood because of the food put out for us and others. These donations are not only convenient, but lessen the necessity for us to rob the nests of smaller birds of eggs and chicks, to keep

our own young from starving to death. It also, therefore, gives the more attractive bird species a better chance of survival in this area. Outwith this area there is a sad decline in the number of bird species.

I gather the black binbags are to be replaced soon by wheelie bins. A sad day for me, unless some boisterous canine reads this, and obliges by knocking a few over.

Yours truly,
Jock McCraw



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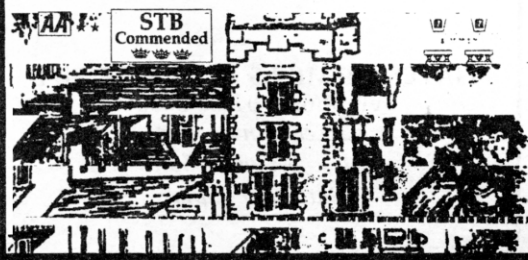
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From Roseanna Cunningham's Constituency Office:

Since my re-election I have held a number of surgeries at my parliamentary office, dealing with a wide variety of issues. My office has also dealt with the large amount of correspondence which it receives daily. I have also managed to visit various facilities and community events throughout the constituency, as well as meeting with other bodies, such as Perth & Kinross Healthcare NHS Trust to discuss the concerns of my constituents. In Parliament I managed to secure an adjournment on the Environment, as well as asking questions on subjects as varied as the Child Support Agency and the Scottish Film Industry.

From Councillor Janet Law

If you have anything you wish to raise with me I will be happy to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me on any issue. If I am not available, please leave a message at the Council (01738 475000) or at home (01764 682315), and I will return your call.

Glenfarg - I look forward to meeting the new School Board at Arngask Primary, and working with them.

Work has started on site at the Water Treatment Works. The main construction work should start in August, and take 3 - 4 months. The project should be completed in a year.

The site to the south of Glenfarg, which has interested a housing developer in the past, is being considered again by the Council as part of the Perth Area Housing Land Review.

It is planned to replace and upgrade the street lighting on Main Street, south of Ladeside, later this year.

Community Council

The following is a summary of the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Monday 1 September 1997, at which 4 members of the public were present.

GLENFARG RESERVOIR The heavy construction work is due to be completed by around the end of January 1998, although this is dependent on the weather. The Secretary undertook to contact the Roads Dept. to encourage them to carry out repairs to Greenbank Road immediately after the construction traffic has ceased, to minimise damage to the road surface by frost and water.

A member of the public drew the meeting's attention to the fact that construction traffic is being forced to pull into the end of Lomond Bank to allow traffic to travel down Church Brae, thereby causing damage to the road surface. It was agreed that Degremont Ltd. should be advised that this is a private road.

NOTICEBOARD A Community Council noticeboard is in the course of construction, and Cllr. Smith has kindly agreed that it should be sited on the side of this garage in Ladeside.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE The Secretary announced that Glenfarg had come third in this competition.

Apparently the state of the Village Hall had prevented it from winning.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES A roadshow will be held in mid-October illustrating the new system of rubbish collection, and offering an opportunity to discuss any problems or questions which villagers may have. There followed a lengthy discussion of the problems of rubbish dumping at the amenity sites in Kinross and Perth, and the consequent fly-tipping, especially in the Glen. It was agreed that Mr. Renton, P&K Council, should be invited to attend the November meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT Unfortunately Mr. John Stephen was unable to attend the meeting. He is to be re-invited to the November meeting. Following some discussion on the proposed development at the south end of the village, it was decided that a representative of SEPA should also be invited.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH The Secretary reported on detailed discussions with the police

about the introduction of further Neighbourhood Watch areas in the village. The agreement of 60% of residents within each area is required. Questionnaire forms were distributed, and if there is a desire for further areas in the village, a member of the Community Liaison Dept. of the police will be invited to a future meeting.

LOCHELBANK WALK The Chairman undertook to speak to the landowner about the possibility of tidying the Scott's View monument site. Funding might be available from Heritage Scotland.

TELEPHONE SERVICES It will be late 1998 before a date for the conversion of this exchange to the digital system is known. The Secretary encourage villagers to write to the address on the back of their BT bills to complain about the lack of services, and proposed to write to our MP on behalf of the Community council.

FRENCH TWINNING A letter has been received from P&K Council asking if Glenfarg would be interested in twinning with a village in the Loire area of France. A member of the public pointed out that this would be very costly, and it was agreed that a notice would be inserted in the Newsletter asking for opinions about this suggestion.

AMENITY SITES Two members of the public requested that the new winter timetable of opening hours for the Kinross skip be published in the newsletter, and that the timetable be printed in every issue.

KINROSS DOCTORS A member of the public requested that the list of doctors in the Newsletter should be amended.

OVERHANGING TREES A plea was made to residents to cut back trees and bushes in their gardens to ensure that branches do not overhang footpaths.

The Bank House Garden & Glenfarg Green

We had fewer organised groups visiting the gardens this year, but still raised £191 for the Prison Phoenix Trust, which does such splendid work to help long-term prisoners. Two of the groups were from overseas: one from California, the other a rather alarming group of twenty professional garden designers from Belgium. Few of them spoke English: one who did looked hard at the Flowform water cascade down the steps opposite the house, and declared it to be interesting but "kitsch". Not our favourite visitor!

Next year we plan to have an Open Day under Scotland's Garden Scheme, probably in July. Do please come and support us.

Glenfarg Green has come on well this year. The wildflower meadow was a splendid sight in full bloom, particularly when there was sufficient breeze to set the Ox-eye daisies swaying and rippling.

The pond now looks as we intended. The plants have grown together and clothed the banks. Particularly striking are the huge gunnera leaves near the Bowling Green. They get bigger each year.

An unexpected joy has been the arrival of four mallard duck, which flew in during August and declared themselves residents. With a little encouragement they will now feed from your hand. It remains to be seen what they will do when the pond freezes, but we hope they will stay, or at least return when it thaws - and wouldn't it be nice to have ducklings bobbing about here next year.

Lastly we are delighted to say that there was much less vandalism this year, in fact hardly any. However, will those in a position to see please continue to be vigilant.

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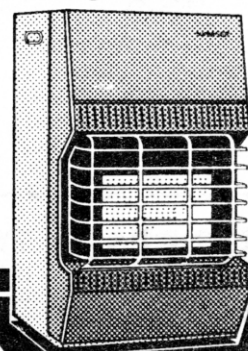
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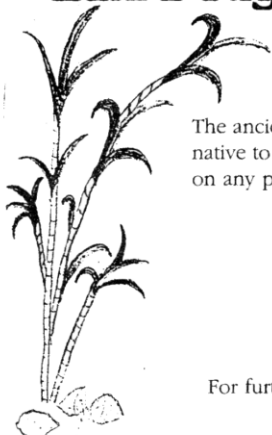
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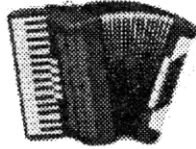
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November	4	Traidcraft Talk and Sales	Mrs. Rosemary A. Sowerby
	18	Crammond Canticum in Church	Visitors welcome
	29	Christmas Sale	Village Hall 10am - 12noon
December	2	Cath's Kitchen Talk	Mary Carrol
	16	Christmas Party	

All meetings are held in the Church Hall at 7.30pm unless mentioned otherwise. New members are made welcome.

Arngask Primary School

The school year has started with a bang..... There are 16 P1 pupils in Mrs. Milne's class, and an overall number of 77 pupils in the school. A warm welcome to Mrs. McGregor (P2&3) and Mrs. Jackson (P4&5).

The P2&3s visited Vane Farm Nature Reserve on 12 September, and had a most exciting time. Thank you to Mr. McGregor, Mr. Whyte and Mrs. Stewart for their help.

The PTA charity swim at Loch Leven Centre on 13 September was great fun, except for the swimmers! They swam 51 lengths in 25 minutes. A big thank

you to the swimmers - Rachael Webb, Catherine Milne, Barbara Whiting, Ineke Watt, Pierette Melville, Katie Wood and Team Captain, Jane Walters. They raised approximately £270, of which 50% will go to the PTA fund.

A bingo tea was held at the school on 19 September - once again thank you to all the helpers and people who joined in the fun.

A cheque for £11.70 was received from the Council for the first can collection. This is a useful addition to school funds, so please continue bringing all the empty post-weekend cans to the school!

WRI

The new President, Mrs. Catherine Fairweather, welcomed members old and new. She congratulated everyone who entered the Kinross Show - trophies won were on display.

On completion of business we were entertained by Mrs. Sheila Harley and Mrs. Allison Messenger demonstrating savouries and cakes suitable for a children's party. This was much enjoyed, and thanks were given by Mrs. Roberta MacGregor.

Tea hostess was Mrs. Margaret Swan.

Competition results - judged by Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Sutherland (Young Mums)

Two Novelty Biscuits	1. Mrs. H. Mair	2. Mrs. L. Johnston	3. Mrs. C. Fairweather
Party Invitation	1. Mrs. C. Fairweather	2. Mrs. H. Mair	3.
Flower of the Month	1. Mrs. J. Kirkland	2. Mrs. H. Quartermaine	3. Mrs. C. Fairweather

Venture Scouts

Ian Johnston and Brian Adamson participated in the Scottish Venture Scout expedition to Mount McKinlay in Alaska. The weather was atrocious, and tested their skills to the limit, but they enjoyed themselves. The lads are taking a back seat while the new Venture Scouts are planning their first camp.

Scouts

The Scouts have had a busy year. They are participating in the Zodiac Camping Award, and have to camp, under canvas, each month. Just to make it even harder, there are additional challenges - camping on an island and a camp below zero are two that the troop has done.

The summer camp to Coll was enjoyed by all, and the hot weather enabled us to swim in the sea. The

troop even tried fishing - with some success. Thanks to all who contributed to the car wash in support of the camp.

The Scouts would like to thank the very tolerant WRI committee who held a meeting during the Scouts farewell party to the Craigie children.

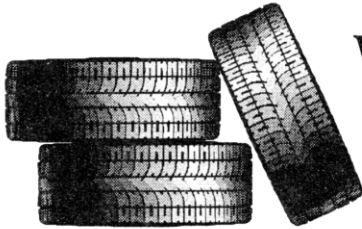
Cubs

While the Beavers are hibernating I have been asked to follow in Lindsay Kinnaird's footsteps as Akela - an awesome task. Richard and Pierette Melville are helping, and are planning to be in charge next year.

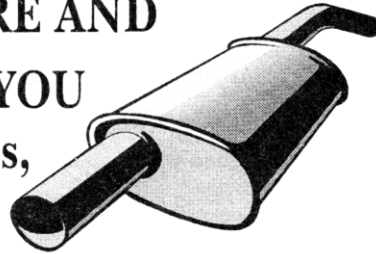
Some of the Cubs are going to the District Cub

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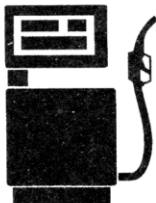
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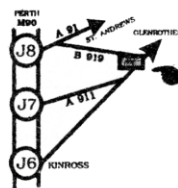
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Beavers

The Beaver Colony finished the last session with our second family camp at Newport. The Beavers and their fathers must have enjoyed themselves as some of them were there for the second time. Thanks to all those Scouts who helped.

After 7 successful years the Beaver Colony is in hibernation. To run the Colony I need a minimum

of four boys. If your son is aged 6 to 8, or will be 6 this school year, and is interested in joining the Beaver Colony, could you please contact me on 830210. Etienne Melville will be delighted when the Colony re-opens.

From the Tree Warden

The Alder was a sacred tree to the Celts, as it was associated with resurrection and regeneration. Its roots fix nitrogen into the soil, to the advantage of other plants such as wood violets, primroses, mint and garlic. Its Gaelic name is "fearn", pronounced "fiarn", and many places are named after it, such as Fearn in Easter Ross, Ardfarn and Alltfearna, and Glen Fearnach in Perthshire. In the past it formed dense swampy woodlands called "carr", dark and secret places for hiding from enemies. When the alder wood is cut the timbers turn blood red, a fearsome sight for some. The wood is especially rot-proof, and was used to support crannogs in the lochs, and its water resistance made the wood ideal for building walkways, bridges, waterwheels, loch gates, clogs and charcoal for smelting, and as a base for gunpowder. The wood has an attractive grain, the dark colour giving it the name of Scotch Mahogany. In spring, before the leaves appear, the

whole tree is covered in mauve buds. The leaves are roundish, and they and the bark were used to make dye. It is the only deciduous tree to bear cones, round and green when young, almost black when ripe, they float easily, and so are carried downstream to regenerate. However, the seeds need the companionship of a mature alder's root nodules to germinate successfully. If an alder is cut down it will grow new shoots like its water-loving cousins, the willows.

The dense alder woods of the past were extensive, dark, dank and secret places. It was in such a wood that lovers Diarmid and Grainne hid from Finn MacCuil and his warriors. If you are prepared to get wet feet off the beaten track, a remnant of such a woodland might still be found, hiding streams and keeping its mysterious secrets.

Congratulations to

Glenfarg, for coming third in the KCT Best Kept Village Competition

Susan Scott, Easter Fordel, and **Leslie Crockart**, Letham, Perth, on their recent marriage

James Scott, Easter Fordel, on being awarded his long service medal at Perth Show, for 30 years service to Balmanno Farms.

Alison Peters, granddaughter of Ruby Peace, and **Willy Milne**, who were married on the beach in Australia on 2 August.

Thanks

Jan & Tim Esparon send sincere thanks from Switzerland to all their friends in the Glenfarg area for the beautiful water colour painting of the Lomond Hills. Many thanks also to the artist, James Douglas. The picture has pride of place in our living room over here.

The internationally famous

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

Meets every Monday in the Glenfarg Hotel, Glenfarg at 8.30pm

OCTOBER	6	Ian Walker & Jimmy Scott (Bo'ness)	It has been far too long since we had an evening with Ian Walker. Now we can hear him with new partner, Jimmy Scott. Their material covers many of Ian's popular songs, with some Country/Gospel thrown in for good measure!
	13	Julie Henigan (USA)	A new face at Glenfarg, Julie is one of a growing number of American folk artistes with a great love of traditional Scottish and Irish music, not to mention her native songs and tunes. A fine entertainer, with plenty of talent and lots of humour.
	20	Keith Hancock (Manchester)	Described as "the Jimi Hendrix of the melodeon", Keith has appeared at both the Club and the Folk Feast in the past, but this is his first visit for some time. Powerful songs, powerful music and a great sense of fun are the ingredients for an exceptional evening!
	27	Harvey Andrews (Staffs)	An evening with Harvey Andrews, one of Britain's top performers and songwriters for more than 30 years, is something special. Many of his songs have been acclaimed internationally, and will be a treat for those who have not heard him before. For the rest of us, it will be like meeting a lot of old friends.
November	3	Dave Goulder (Rosehall)	A welcome back to our favourite "biker, hiker, dry-stane dyker". Dave's songs have charmed and entertained the Scottish Folk Scene for many years, with his vast range of work containing some absolute gems. Do yourself a favour - don't miss him!

Kinross Skip

	Jan. Feb. Nov. Dec.	Mar. Apr. Sept. Oct.	May - August
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	1 pm - 4 pm	1 pm - 6 pm	5 pm - 9 pm
Tuesday, Thursday		CLOSED	
Saturday	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 9 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 4 pm	1 pm - 6 pm	1 pm - 9 pm

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The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (15 & 29 October, and 12 & 26 November), and stops at:

The School	09.30 - 10.15	Ladeside (P.O.)	10.30 - 11.15
Hayfield Road	10.15 - 10.30	Main Street	11.15 - 11.30
Duncrievie Road	11.35 - 11.50		

Mobile Bank

The Bank of Scotland van visits the village, and stops outside the Glenfarg Hotel, on Tuesdays from 11.15 - 11.40am, and on Fridays from 2.00 - 2.30pm.

Bus Timetable

Monday to Saturday

Glenrothes	09.35	11.35	13.35
Auchtermuchty	10.02	12.02	14.02
Gateside	10.11	12.11	14.11
Glenfarg	10.22	12.22	14.22
Milnathort	10.32	12.32	14.32
Kinross (Presto)	10.41	12.41	14.41
Kinross (Presto)	09.27	11.22	13.22
Milnathort	09.36	11.31	13.31
Glenfarg	09.46	11.41	13.41
Gateside	09.57	11.52	13.52
Auchtermuchty	10.06	12.01	14.01
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EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY	Kinross 865252
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CONTACTING THE HEALTH CENTRE

Appointments may be made by telephoning Kinross 862112, or calling into the Health Centre from 8.15am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Patients are requested to wait until after 10am before telephoning for test results and on other matters. This is to free the telephone lines for those wishing appointments. Anyone telephoning between 8.15am and 10am, other than to make an appointment or to ask for a house call, may be asked to call back after 10am. We have three telephone lines taking incoming calls, and prefer to keep them all free for appointments during this period of peak patient demand.

Surgery consultations are strictly by appointment only. Patients presenting as urgent cases (to relieve pain or suffering) will be seen the same day as an emergency appointment, but it may not be with the doctor with whom you are registered. Routine appointments will be given the first available time, and if this is not suitable, an earlier appointment with another one of the doctors of the same practice may be offered. Please let us know when you have to cancel an appointment, in order that we may offer it to another patient.

If you are unable to attend the surgery and need the doctor to visit you at home, please telephone Kinross 862112 before 10am whenever possible. Please remember that home visits are for serious illnesses and people who cannot travel to the Health Centre - the doctor can see 3 or 4 patients at the surgery in the time it takes to do one home visit.

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Emergency/night/weekend calls - A doctor is on call for emergencies at all times. Always telephone Perth 812000. When the surgery is closed a recorded message will tell you how to contact the doctor on call (usually Dr. Kirkwood or Dr. Urquhart, but occasionally a doctor from a neighbouring practice)

GENERAL CONSULTING HOURS (no appointment required)

Monday to Saturday 8.45am - 10.00am

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