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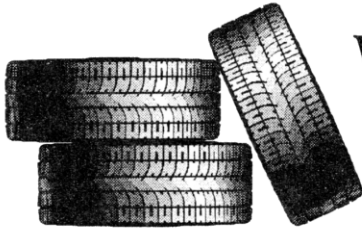
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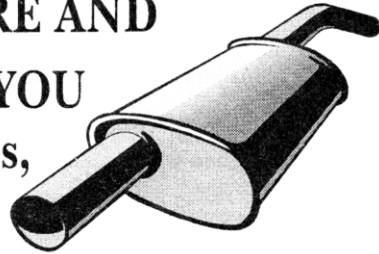
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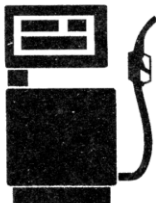
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Editorial

My apologies to Mr. Drysdale for trying to turn him into a Rainbow Guider. I hope that he was not bothered by too many phone calls, and I have now corrected the telephone number in the list at the front of the Newsletter.

This month's cover – Winter Flowers

These are what I picked from the Bank House garden on 13 January. Starting with the large marbled leaf, and going clockwise their names are: *Arum Italicum Pictum*, *Hamamelis Mollis* (Wych Hazel), *Garrya Elliptica*, *Helleborus Niger* (Christmas Rose), snowdrops and *Jasminum Nudiflorum* (Winter Jasmine). In a normal January most of these would be tight shut due to cold, or buried in snow, but in this mild one things are flowering a month early. Maybe by the time you

read this in February we will be experiencing the frost we need to kill some of the hibernating garden pests, and halt the premature sprouting of green shoots that are bound to be frosted later. The morning after I drew this, the hanging *Garrya* catkins had stretched in the warmth by two inches, flopping on the table and releasing a cloud of yellow pollen dust.

Maggie Lascelles

Glenfarg Presentation Clock

Writing from Brandhoef in South Africa, Mrs. Z. Forteinell said that recently an interesting item connected with Glenfarg Post Office came into her possession. It is a black slate mantel clock bearing the following inscription:

“Presented to Mr. David Rintoul, Letter Carrier, as a token of public esteem for 25 years’ faithful services at Glenfarg, 20th March 1891”

She would like to contact any relative who might still be living in Glenfarg. Further details are available from Mr. Ross, the Schoolhouse.

Community Council

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Community Council meeting held in the Village Hall on 5 January 1998, at which 24 members of the public were present. Cllr. Mrs. Janet Law (District Councillor), Mr. J. Lochhead (P&K Council Planning Dept) and Mr. J. Stephen (A&J Stephen) were present by invitation.

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL BUDGET AND FINANCE There was no representative from the Finance Dept. of Perth & Kinross Council at this meeting as there had been a misunderstanding over the date and place. There will be public meetings in the Town Hall, Kinross on 10 February, and in Bridge of Earn on 16 February, and it was hoped that representatives of Glenfarg CC would be able to attend.

PLANNING In a wide-ranging address Mr. Lochhead dealt with the Structure Plan and the Local Plan and their relationship to each other. There is a shortage of building land in Perthshire and Kinross. On this account the Council Planners are restricted in trying to meet the housing requirements of the district – those requirements

being specified by the Scottish Office. Furthermore the planners’ proposals do not necessarily become adopted by the elected members of the council as the council’s formal housing policy. Mr. Lochhead then referred to some of the on-costs consequential to the development of housing e.g. the provision of educational facilities. He was dismissive of the popular myth that much housing is occupied by commuters, and pointed out that, according to the Council’s records, 85% of the working population of the Perth area and its environs (but not Kinross) actually work in the Perth area. Also, far from the area being a favoured location for retirees, only 9% of the population are in the “third age” group.

Numerous questions were asked relating to the future development of Glenfarg. Mr. Lochhead urged the audience to visit the Planning Dept. representatives at the Glenfarg Hotel on 22 January. He mentioned that, by law, objections to planning proposals can only be sustained on planning grounds – community, social and environmental grounds are insufficient in themselves unless they can be linked with planning grounds. Proposed development at the south end of Glenfarg, adjoining

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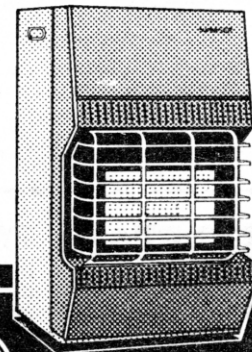
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Wallace Park, was discussed briefly and unconvincingly. In answer to a question from the Chairman Mr. Lochhead conceded that the planning process is loaded in favour of the developer, but he urged the CC to become involved in the planning process in relation to the area it serves.

DEVELOPMENT Mr. Stephen said that the purpose of his address was to correct a number of mis-statements, made by the Chairman in the November edition of the Glenfarg newsletter, about his company's activities in Glenfarg. He pointed out that the "Glenfarg Precedent" referred to the High Court judgement against P&K Council, and not against his company. He denied that his

company was involved in building a "vast number of houses at the south end of Wallace Park", and queried the Chairman's assertion that inadequate natural drainage will lead to the existing sewerage arrangements being inadequate. He stated that drainage is the responsibility of NOSWA.

Various members of the public asked Mr. Stephen about future developments. Mr. Stephen agreed that there is some scope for a greater variety of style and range of houses in future development, but he was adamant that under present day costs there is no scope for starter homes or houses for the aged. These categories of people would find suitable accommodation in flats in Perth.

Sunday School / Bible Class

The new term commenced on 11 January with a later starting time. The Church Service and Sunday School (age 3 – 11) start at 11am, and the Bible Class (secondary school pupils) now starts at 10.15am. All children from 3 upwards are very welcome. Come and join our varied activities including music, singing, stories and other ways of showing that the Bible is alive today!

"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" Hebrews 4v12.

Ken Hamilton

Glenfarg Public Hall Association

The special meeting on 20 January was very well attended, which is very encouraging with all the new and exciting plans ahead!! We voted through a new constitution, which will give us charitable status, and thereby open up the choice of grants for which to apply. At present an architect has been appointed re plans and costing. When available the plans will be put up on the noticeboard in the hall, together with a barometer for fundraising. A sub-committee has been appointed to "slog" through the paperwork for grant applications.

The village hall floor is to be painted during the Easter holidays.

A pro-active plan has been decided on, in connection with the ground in front of the hall (the reason that Glenfarg came only third in the Best Kept Village competition!!). The Cubs will start clearing the litter and attempt a few borders, with help from the Playgroup. It might become a new feature in the village, and all help is welcome.

A Valentine Disco will be held in the Glenfarg Hotel on 14 February as a fundraiser for the hall.

We need commitment and support from all the inhabitants of Glenfarg, as we will all benefit from a new-look hall. All residents of the Parish of Arngask are automatically members of the Public Hall Association, and are welcome at the AGM and any other general meetings. As well as a number of members from other sources, the committee is made up of a representative from each organisation based in Glenfarg, whether or not they use the hall, and we would welcome them to attend the "short and precise" committee meetings to make things happen in our village.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 22 April at 8pm in the ante room.

Glenfarg Accordion and Fiddle Club

Tommy Newcombe, Blairgowrie, was guest artiste at the December meeting held in the Lomond Hotel. In January we had our Christmas dinner in the Lomond, and afterwards the entertainment was by the Lomond Ceilidh Band. There was an excellent attendance at both meetings.

Ruby Peace

Venture Scouts

The Ventures have decided to wait until the weather is warmer before they do any more camps, but want to do a group camp this summer. They are planning a "learn to disco-dance" evening.

Scouts

Progress towards the Silver Zodiac camping award continues. In November the troop worked on a conservation project at Vane farm for a weekend. They felled a significant area of dense saplings, to allow the area to be regenerated as the original raised peat bog, creating a habitat for endangered bird species. Some of the troop camped at the farm.

December was the camp at sea level. The Scouts left the village on a dark wet night, and walked over Scott's View to Bridge of Earn.

Thanks to Stuart Cumming for being an excellent DJ (again) at the Icebreaker disco, and to Bob Ritchie for his generous donations for prizes.

Cubs

The Cubs all enjoyed working towards their First Aid badge. Using Resusci Annie was fun but the stitching arm was brilliant. To complement the First Aid the Scouts taught the Cubs enough knots to allow them to make a stretcher to carry each other up and down the hall.

We finished last term with an outing to the pantomime "Mother Goose", which featured both the Teletubbies and the Spice Girls. We even got a mention during the performance.

This term work at the progress badges continues with Road Safety and Craftsman badges being targeted.

Richard McHardy has written a report on the Panto, and Alastair Gourlay one about Cub Football

Panto report On Monday 15 December the Cubs went to Perth Theatre to see Mother Goose. After the first dance Jock came and said to his sister that the television wasn't working. Then the postman gave him a rent bill for his mother. When Mother Goose got it her cheeks were red and steam was coming out of her ears.

The Laird came out with his son, and was talking about putting Mother Goose out of her house if she didn't pay the rent. Jock's mother gave him the rent money, but instead he buys a magic goose and takes it home. At home Jock, Jill and Mother Goose hear

a funny noise, and it was the goose laying golden eggs. The golden eggs were more than enough to pay the rent. Later Jill and the Laird's son got married.

There was lots of singing and dancing. At the break we got ice cream. It was very funny and enjoyable for all the Cubs. My favourite character was Mother Goose.

Richard McHardy

Junior Cub Football I have been playing in the Junior Cub Football team since September. In that time we have played against other Cub teams every Saturday. The scores have been varied, but we improved towards Christmas. I most enjoy having fun and playing for our team. In the time I have been playing I have scored 3 goals; Paul has also scored 3 goals, and William has scored 2 goals. I am looking forward to starting games again in February.

Alastair Gourlay

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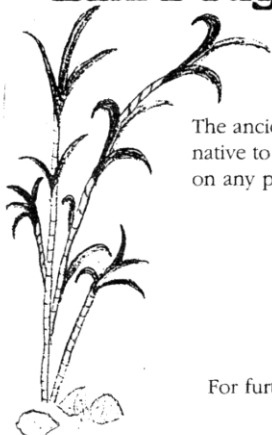
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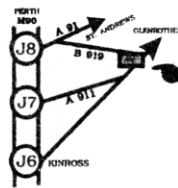
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Competition results -

Calendar	1. Mrs. Moran	2. Mrs. Fairweather	3. Mrs. Dickson
Fatless Sponge	1. Mrs. Adam	2. Mrs. Oswald	3. Mrs. Kirkland
Flower of the month	1. Mrs. Fairweather	2 Mrs. Ross	3. Mrs. Moran

The Christmas party was held on 11 December 1997 in the Glenfarg Hotel, when a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Following this meal the entertainment continued with games and competitions, the highlight of which was line dancing, ably led by Liz Yule and Lilijs Johnson.

Competition results -

Funny Photo	1. Mrs. Fairweather	2. Mrs. Oswald	3. Mrs. Scott
6 Truffles	1. Mrs. Kirkland	2. Mrs. Fairweather	3. Mrs. Mair

A Carol Service was held in Glenfarg Church on Sunday 21 December, at which the WRI ladies were joined by members of the Guides and the Sunday School. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. Mince pies, shortbread and tea were served in the Church Hall. A total of £226 was collected, and this has been donated to Perth & Kinross Blind Society and Children First. Many thanks to all who attended.

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Thursday 8 January. Mrs. Fairweather welcomed members, and wished them a Happy New Year. The theme of the evening was traditionally Scottish, so, after enjoying haggis, neeps and tatties, members were suitably entertained. Mrs. Mair recited in a way Burns himself would have envied, Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Campbell set toes tapping with their songs, and Laura and Lisa Cumming delighted everyone with their Scottish dancing. Mrs. Scott gave the vote of thanks.

Competition results -

Tartan Novelty	1. Mrs. Mair	2. Mrs. Kirkland	3. Mrs. Johnson
3 Shortbread Biscuits	1. Mrs. Kirkland	2. Mrs. Johnson	3. Mrs. Mair
Flower of the Month	1. Mrs. Kirkland	2 Mrs. Moran	3. Mrs. Messenger

Glenfarg Old Folks' Association

The committee of the above association would like to thank everyone who has given raffle prizes and donations over the past year for our Whist Drive and Christmas Party. We had a very successful year last year, starting with our outing to Peebles in June. This year it is our turn for the Fete, and it is the money from this every third year which pays for our outing and Christmas party. We will be having a fete meeting at a later date, when all interested parties will be welcome. Organisations will be notified.

Janette Kirkland

Riding for the Disabled – Glenfarg Group

1997 was a very active year for Glenfarg RDA. We provided rides for nearly 80 riders from April to December during school terms, and for 30 or so in the spring term. Great progress was made, especially by those who were able to ride in the spring term. The resulting awards gained by riders in the proficiency tests in early December bear witness to this.

Our more advanced riders travelled far and wide to National and International dressage competitions, and to the Special Olympics in Portsmouth in July, bringing home rosettes and medals in all grades from Bronze up to Gold. Congratulations to them all.

We had training days for helpers, social events for riders and helpers, and theory competitions for riders.

A personal highlight was the organized coach trip for riders and helpers to Manchester (in the luxury Earnside coach) to see the Spanish Riding School of Vienna performing with their immaculate white horses. Their amazing skills of horsemanship were a wonderful example of the best of high school riding.

We were sad, in March, to say goodbye to a dearly loved pony – Brynone, aged 30 – who had served

RDA in Leicestershire and Glenfarg for 24 years. His kind, gentle nature had encouraged many a timid rider. We miss him.

In contrast we have been joined by 4 year old Townend Tiffin, a black fell pony, (Brynone was very white in his old age), from the fells of Cumbria. He is settling in nicely, and beginning to work well with us – now he has stopped using the bars of his stable as a climbing frame!

As always we have a list of children wishing to join our rides – at the moment we have a full complement of riders. The sizes of any free pony and that of a prospective rider must correspond.

Where we do have spaces is for helpers. Any able-bodied people (over the age of 14) are most welcome to come along and see if they could help. They do not need to be “horsey” – just reasonably fit. We ride on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Any session would be pleased to welcome you.

If you would like further details please contact me, or Angela at the stables.

Anne Hulse, Group Organiser

01383 830285

Red Cross

The Arngask Centre had a successful Coffee Morning in September 1997, which was well attended and raised £1100.83.

The AGM was held in the Church Hall on 28 November. This will be the last AGM to be held by this centre, as, due to the re-organisation of the Red Cross, we do not have to hold another in the future. Several members of the Centre have attended meetings in Kinross and Perth to learn about the re-organisation, and how the Red Cross began and has continued to the present day.

Junior Red Cross

The members of the Glenfarg Junior Red Cross – Jane Bell, Kirsty Campbell, Scott Cumming, Ben Dickson, Kenneth Morton, Alisdair Morton, Jenna Ritchie, Ross Ritchie, Laurie Patterson, Laura Robertson, Ailsa Salmon, Ewan Smith, Adam Whyte and Katie Whyte – all successfully passed their First Aid Test.

At a meeting in the Branch Headquarters, Perth, on 19 December, Mrs. Sheila Harley and Mrs. Alexa

Gourlay were awarded the British Red Cross Society Badge of Honour in recognition of Devoted Service. The Trustee Committee of the Perth & Kinross Branch of the British Red Cross Society awarded Certificates of Appreciation of Services Rendered to Mrs. Elizabeth Carswell, Mrs. Claire Learmonth and Mrs. Mary McNiven. A Certificate of Commendation for Meritorious Service was awarded to Mrs. Margaret Scott.



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The Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The Annual General meeting of the Kinross Fundraising Committee will be held on Thursday 12 February 1998 at 10am, at Barrowmore, Mawcarse by Kinross. Coffee and biscuits will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Kinross Civic Trust

Wednesday 18 February	7.00pm	Chairman's Evening dinner followed by a talk at 8.30 – The landscapes of Sir William Bruce – a lesson in integration, by Dr. David Munro	Grouse and Claret, Heatheryford by Kinross
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Attendance at the above dinner is by ticket only, but members and non-members may attend the talk free of charge

The internationally famous

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

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

February	9	Ken Campbell & Wendy Weatherby (Glasgow)	A long-awaited return from this fine singer, guitarist and piper, who is joined by the excellent Wendy Weatherby, another artiste we have not had the pleasure of seeing for many years, on cello.
	16	Phil Hare & Penni McLaren Walker (England)	New names to Glenfarg, Phil and Penni come very highly recommended. Phil is one of the finest and most distinctive acoustic guitarists on the British Folk circuit, and a fine solo artiste in his own right, while Penni's songwriting and performance of traditional material have led the duo to be favourably compared with June tabor and Martin Simpson. This should be a real treat!
	23	Singaround/session	Another chance to join in a very informal evening of song, music and poetry. A great opportunity to "have a go" in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Good listeners equally welcome.
March	2	Jimmy Crowley (Ireland)	A welcome return visit from this excellent singer from Cork

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13 February Grand Ceilidh Dance in the Village Hall Tickets £4 from Athole Fleming 01738 626167

Glenfarg Hotel Special B&B rate £15 01577 830241

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 April 20th Glenfarg Folk Feast

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		<i>CLOSED</i>	
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

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Advertising rates for 1998(January - December)

Annual (6 issues) :	Full page	£120	Half page	£60	Quarter page	£30
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All fees for annual advertising to be paid by 28 February.

Single advertisements can only be accepted if paid for at the time of booking.

Dates to remember

FEBRUARY	12	Children 1 st AGM	Barrowmore, Mawcarse	10am
	13	Folk Club Ceilidh Dance	Village Hall	8pm
	14	Village Hall Valentine's Day disco	Glenfarg Hotel	
MARCH	2	Community Council Meeting	Church Hall	8pm
APRIL	17-19	Glenfarg Folk Feast		
	22	Village Hall committee meeting	Village hall	8pm
	15	ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE		

Mobile Library

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (4 & 18 February and March, and 1 & 15 April), 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
Duncricvie Road	11.35 - 11.50		

Mobile Bank

The Bank of Scotland van stops outside the Glenfarg Hotel: Tuesdays 11.15 - 11.40am; Fridays 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 (Safeway)	10.41	12.41	14.41
Kinross (Safeway)	09.27	11.22	13.22
Milnathort	09.36	11.31	13.31
Glenfarg	09.46	11.41	13.41
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Glenrothes	10.33	12.28	14.28

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