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## *Editorial*

Firstly apologies to those people involved with the newsletter in past times, whom I forgot to mention in the birthday edition. Jimmy Lindsay reminded me that he, of course, had been very involved with the advertising, and also used to go to Auchterarder in all weathers to collect it from the printer who produced it in those days. He was also involved, as Chairman of the Community Council, at the time that it was first produced in the A5 format. I also forgot all the other people who did such a valuable job with the advertising, which brings in valuable revenue for the production of the newsletter: Margaret Ponton, who took it over from Jimmy, and did a sterling job for a number of years, and Charlie Murison, Treasurer of the Community Council, who now spends many happy hours collating adverts and collecting payments. I think that the late Ray Gent was also blessed with the task of looking after advertising when he served as

Treasurer of the Community Council. I also forgot Susan Crockart nee Scott, who followed her sister, Fiona, as typist. Without the efforts of all these people the newsletter would not have been able to continue, and I apologise to them, and to anyone else I did not mention.

I was faintly amused to read the article from the Playschool. It seems no time at all since my children were young, and went first to Playschool, then later to Playgroup, because the former title implied formal teaching, which was unacceptable for such young children! Not that it made any difference, of course - we all continued to call it Playschool, as long as the "powers that be" weren't listening! If you wait long enough everything comes round again, doesn't it!

I hope that everyone has a very Happy Christmas, and wish them all the best for the New Year.

## *Letters to the Editor*

Bill Macpherson  
Lyndhurst  
Ladeside

It has come to my attention that there is a move afoot to integrate the local Loch Leven Health Centre with a Fife Co-operative system with regard to out of hours care. This is not at the command of the NHS, but by request of a number of the local G.Ps

The co-operative system would be manned from Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline. Emergency out of hours calls would be fielded by a call centre, where nurses would talk to and advise callers if within their remit. It is expected that about 50% of such calls would be dealt with by the nurses. Of the remainder over half would probably be instructed to attend at the Queen Margaret Hospital by their own means of transport, where some of them would be seen by staff at Accident and Emergency, and others would be seen by an on duty GP. In extreme cases an ambulance with paramedics would be despatched to attend to the caller. It is estimated that the number of emergency calls attended by a GP would be less than 5% of the total.

The upside of being part of a co-operative system is (1) GPs would have much less overnight and week-end on call duty, and (2) the system would be manned by doctors working regular hours and presumably always fresh and alert. There may be other advantages that I do not know about.

The downside of the co-operative system manifests itself in many ways, e.g. 1) The centre of operations is too remote from rural Kinross-shire, and in point of fact would probably exclude present patients resident in the Glenfarg area. 2) The time factor in attendance of emergency units would increase dramatically because of distance, and a lack of local geographical knowledge. Imagine directing a stranger to Upper Warroch or Seggiebank. 3) There would be no local doctor available to attend road traffic accidents, agricultural, industrial or domestic accidents, where in the past such quick attendance has been instrumental in saving countless lives.

Several local GPs oppose the proposal on the grounds that such an amalgamation would seriously impair the quality of after normal hours health care enjoyed by this community for so many years.

One other factor occurs to me, and that is that there has been no attempt to inform the general public, or the patients of the various practices at the health centre, about this proposed merger. As tax paying contributors to the coffers of the NHS surely we should be able to express a view with regard to any proposed changes.

I have written to my own GP expressing my concerns regarding this matter, and would urge anyone who is worried about the proposed changes to do the same.



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## ***Fiddle and Accordion Club***

Donnie and Deanne were guests at the October meeting of the Glenfarg Fiddle and Accordion Club held in the Lomond Hotel. Fourteen people turned up to the AGM on 18 October, and we had eleven musicians. In November we had the Gary Donaldson Trio. We have lost one of our members, Phemia Small, who was a very staunch supporter, and will be sorely missed – here today, gone tomorrow.

Ruby Peace.

## ***British Red Cross – Glenfarg Centre***

**Coffee Morning and Sale** As a result of our Coffee Morning, Sale and Raffle at the end of October £981 was raised, after expenses. Many thanks to all who contributed, and who supported our annual fund raiser, the proceeds of which will be split between the Land Mines Appeal and the work of the Red Cross within Perth and Kinross.

**Junior Red Cross** Some considerable time has passed since the Junior Red Cross Group was a thriving Friday after school activity. It is felt that local children are missing out by not having this facility available to them, and we now, once again, appeal to parents of children aged between 7 and 12 years to give serious consideration to restarting a Junior Group in Glenfarg. In fact, anyone with a little time and enthusiasm would be more than welcome. John Simpson, a First Aid Trainer who is resident in the village, is keen to re-form the group, but without a female assistant he is unable to do so. It is a requirement for a male leader or assistant to

have a female leader or assistant to work with him. Anyone interested should, in the first instance, speak to Liz Carswell (830206) for further information.

**First Aid Training** We periodically arrange training courses in the village if sufficient interest is shown. It is therefore proposed to run, early in 2001, a 2 hour Save a Life Course, which covers resuscitation and basic first aid knowledge dealing with everyday minor, or not so minor, problems. There would be a charge involved to cover costs. Initially we need to assess the viability of running a course, and would ask you to register your interest by telephoning Glenfarg 830200, and speaking to Bill or Jean Connolly. Once we have sufficient numbers we can proceed with making final arrangements.

## ***Keep on Moving this Winter***

The new year brings a new and exciting development at the Village Hall for older people in and around Glenfarg. Due to popular request, a new group will offer older residents the chance to exercise gently to music in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

The group will be led by Sue Whisler who says “The music and movement sessions are designed to help people maintain mobility in later life, but, above all, the emphasis is upon having fun. As people participate whilst seated in chairs, nobody need fear that they’ll be expected to leap around in lycra leotards! All sessions are designed so that individuals can do as much or as little as they wish.”

In order that people can come along and have a go, the group will be run on a trial basis, and will be free of charge to participants for the first four weeks. After four weeks, if there is still a clear demand, a small charge will be made to cover hire of the hall and a well-earned cup of tea for all participants.

If you require further information or if you would like to arrange transport for yourself or someone you know, please contact Sue on 830728.

The first session is on Monday 15 January in the Village Hall at 2pm.

## ***Thanks***

Moira, Mark and Linda Brady would like to thank everyone in Glenfarg who sent letters and flowers, and generally gave them support in their recent sad bereavement. They found it to be a great comfort. They are particularly grateful to George Drysdale, who played the organ for the service in St. James's Church, Kinross.

## ***Police Box***

Welcome to the December edition of Police Box. Since my last article the following crimes have taken place: three cars at the Glenfarg Garage were broken into overnight on 27/28 September, and there was a theft of jewellery from a house in Arngask on 6 November. These do not represent high crime levels, but are two too many as far as I am concerned. We are now in the winter months, with longer hours of darkness, and consequently there is a greater need to ensure that your house is not left in darkness when you are out.

The criminal looks for vulnerable property, and will actively seek houses where it looks as if there is no-one at home. Try and get timer switches if you can, and make sure you use them.

Another aspect of the winter is the need for extra care when driving. The secret is to be prepared and expect the worst. The most important thing is to have the vehicle prepared, making sure that lighting, tyres and brakes are in good working order. Ensure that there is

antifreeze in the cooling system, and that you have a good concentration of screen wash. Clear the windows of ice and snow before setting off, and make sure you keep your distance from the vehicle in front. If you are driving on slippery roads, decelerate in good time, by taking your foot off the accelerator earlier, and dropping a gear or two – don't rely on the brakes alone to stop. If you do have to brake on an icy road, particularly going downhill, pump the brake pedal. This is called cadence braking, and is simply a manual form of ABS.

Since this is my last article before Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Glenfarg area a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PC Steve West  
Community Liaison Officer  
Kinross

## ***The Arty Farty Investment Club***

At the end of February 2000, The Arty Farty Investment Club was born. The club's name originates from an 'outsider' who once described Glenfarg as "full of arty farty people". I'm not quite sure whether that was a compliment or not, but it was agreed at the inaugural meeting that this would be a good (and original) name for the new club.

The club currently consists of 13 members, 5 ladies and 8 gentlemen, all except one being from Glenfarg and the surrounding area. The idea is that

we have some laughs, a few drinks, learn about the stock market and hopefully make some money at the same time. All members are aware that this is a long term commitment and there is some degree of risk. We meet on the 1st Sunday of each month, at the Hotel (normally before the brilliant new Wine Club meeting). Basically we just pool our resources, knowledge and wit, and buy into the stock market. All members can propose which shares we should invest in, and then a blind vote decides on how we should

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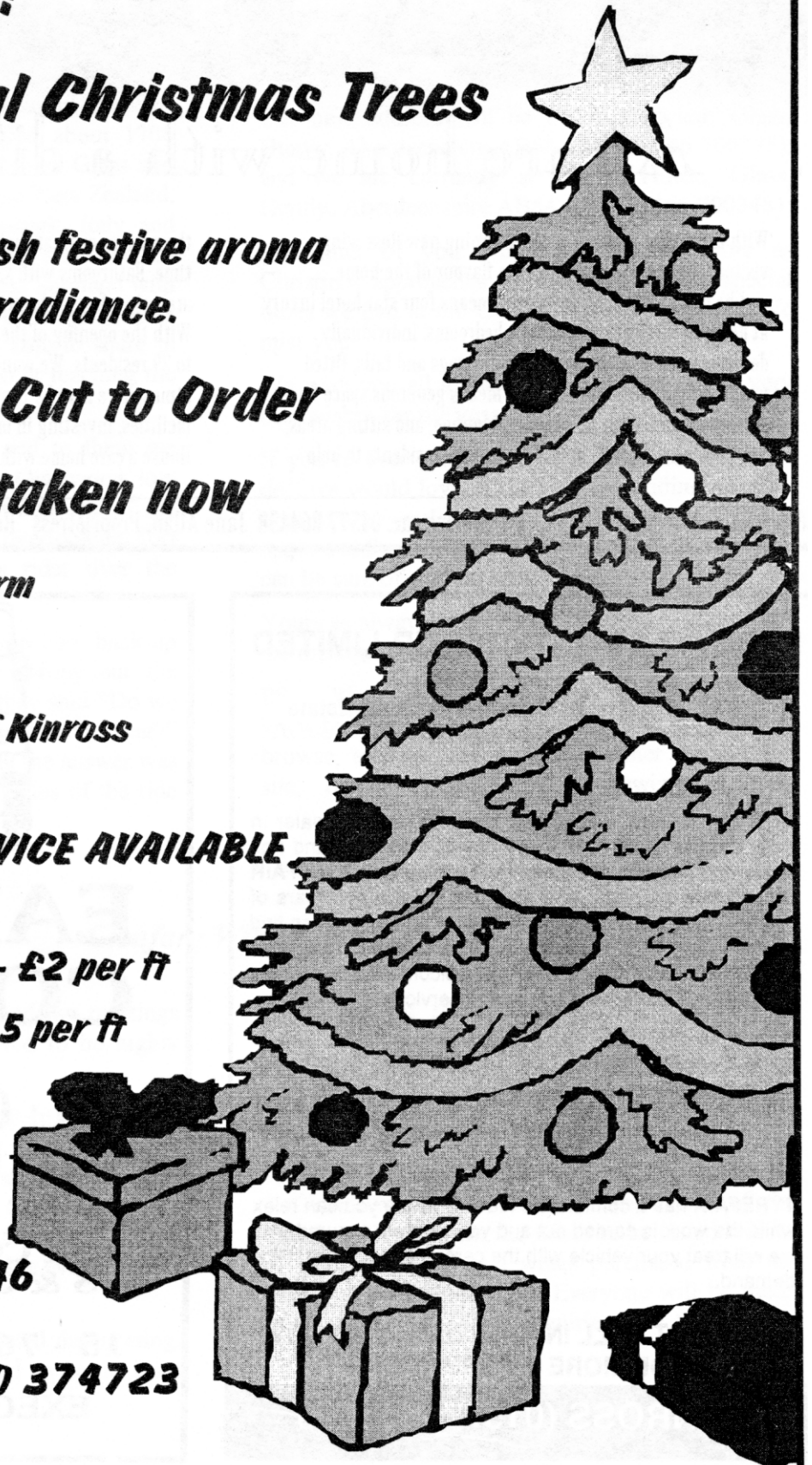
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This summer has been, for us, an incredible blend of exhilaration and excitement, mixed with (a few) disappointments and (lots of) exhaustion! Between them, Ken and Fiona have travelled about 1700 miles on horseback, on a route between Glass and Shiel Bridge. People have come from New Zealand, Australia, the USA, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland, and from far-flung places like Gateside and Rumbling Bridge, to travel across Scotland with Highland Horseback. It has been a privilege to meet so many lovely people, and to be able to share in their challenge and their satisfaction at reaching the end of the ride.

The horses have been brilliant – and to them we owe the success of the business. Our worst low point came early in the summer, when one of the horses dropped dead on a hillside overlooking Fort Augustus, having just carried his rider over the Corrieyairack Pass.

Stephen and Kathryn have been the best back-up team we could have wished for throughout the summer. At the end of the season they said “Do we have to do that all over again next year?” Thankfully they seemed pleased that the answer was “Yes”! They even rode about 100 miles of the ride themselves in October. They have also done

more “normal” things – like settling in well at school, making friends and having chickenpox (Kathryn).

We're all excited to see our new house developing. It's an old farmhouse and steading, which requires extensive renovation work. It has taken longer than we had thought – we are hoping to move in in February (2001 we hope).

Our new address will be Easter Bodylair, Glass, Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 4XR (01466 700375), and we are currently at Nether Hilton, Glass, Huntly, Aberdeenshire AB54 4XT (01466 700348)

We think of you often, and all the more as Christmas approaches we remember all the special times we had at the Church and in the school. We miss you.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and very best wishes for the year 2001.

If you're ever passing this way (not many people do!) we would love to see you. Depending on what time of year you come you may be offered a cup of tea, a saddle and bridle or a paintbrush ....but you can be sure of a warm welcome anyway.

Yours as always, Ken, Fiona, Stephen, Kathryn and the menagerie.

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## *Glenfarg Wine Club*

The newly formed Wine Club has had two meetings recently, both of which have proved to be highly successful.

The Majestic Wine Company of Perth hosted the first meeting, held in September. Their manager talked to the club about the Syrah grape variety, together with its direct descendant, Shiraz. In all, six different wines were tasted, and for some strange reason they seemed to get better as the evening drew on!

In October Oddbins from Perth hosted the meeting. The wines on offer were supposed to come from

Chile, but for some reason Oddbins decided to bring a mixture of wines from different countries. Once again as the evening wore on it did not matter here they came from – they could have come from Mars for all that anybody cared!

The Wine club will hold its next meeting on Sunday 3 December at 8pm in the Terrace Bar of the Glenfarg Hotel, when the wines to be tasted will be a selection of seasonal wines purchased from the Sunday Times Wine Club. Everyone will be made most welcome. Any enquiries to Steve Mee (830395)

## *Argask Guild*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members – past, present and future – a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2001. Our year starts with an informal Scottish Night on 16 January at 7.30pm. Look out your tartan!

February looks like being a busy month, with Call my Bluff on the 6<sup>th</sup> (why not come and see I you can beat the panel), the Presbyterial Council Meeting in Crieff at 2pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>, a visit to Perth Museum at 7.30pm, also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and a talk by the Cyrenians from Simon House on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

In March we take part in the World Day of Prayer at Forgandenny at 7.30pm, and we are pleased to announce that **The Kingdom Singers** from Fife will be entertaining us in the Church on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an open meeting, and everyone is welcome. The proceeds from this evening will be donated to charity.

Jean Connolly.

## *Public Hall Association*

**Could all Village Hall surveys please be returned to the Post Office, the Village Hall or the Old Manse.**

The Village Hall committee is delighted to have been awarded £2000 from Awards for All. This has been granted for:

- a) 40 new chairs (120 now in total)
- b) new stage curtains, and interlining to prevent curtains from improving sound proofing and retention of heat
- c) a portable ramp for wheelchair users and buggies, to provide access from main hall to toilets and kitchen
- d) a table tennis table for the youth groups

These will be put in place over the next few months, and we hope everyone will use the new hall facilities.

Unfortunately there is a small group of young people who continue to vandalise the hall and equipment. Recently the glass window of the notice board was purposely smashed with a stone. Any guilty contributions towards fixing it will be greatly appreciated.

A complaint has been received about the noise levels when the sound system is used inappropriately and unsupervised. Could all users please keep the sound at an acceptable level for all. The Hall committee is looking into better soundproofing for the hall, as well as issuing a letter of terms and conditions for private lets.

It was with disappointment that the committee received Jeff Wall, Property Convenor's, resignation. Jeff made a huge impact and difference in the year that he was on the committee, and his valuable input will be missed. Anyone wanting to take on this challenging post (!) can contact Jim Kirkland on 830514.

Future fundraising events planned are:

1. the wonderful past/present calendar produced by the Ladies Badminton
2. a jumble sale
3. a local telephone directory
4. an evening of culture with local exhibition and crafts

Any help or suggestions will be warmly welcomed.

The Hall committee would like to thank:

- a) the Beavers, Scouts and other co-opted helpers for distributing the hall surveys. The return response has been poor, and we hope that many more will be returned. They are a very important tool when applying for grants.
- b) the badminton Group for its DIY skills in "changing the ante room"

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The next hall meeting is on 22 January at 8pm

spend our money. Democracy rules, and often gives us a few surprises when the votes are counted! Currently we have shares in the AIM market, banking, leisure, media, transport and telecoms sectors. We have also recently sold shares in a building company, with a tidy profit.

A fantasy league is also run with monthly and annual cash prizes. Each member is 'given' £10,000 to invest in up to 6 companies. This tends to highlight who likes to play it safe and who likes to take a few risks. The current leader has gained over a third since April but at the opposite end of the scale, one canny investor has managed to 'lose' £6,500.

If you are interested in joining the club or want further information you can contact me on 01577-830553 or email [david@brookes.ndo.co.uk](mailto:david@brookes.ndo.co.uk) for further details. You can also visit our website at [www.artyfartyclub.org.uk](http://www.artyfartyclub.org.uk)

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	11	<b>Michael Marra</b>	The “bard of Lochee” visited us for the first time last year and went down a storm. This time will be no different, so come early and grab a good seat! Accompanying himself on keyboard, guitar and moothy, he sings both witty and poignant songs. He writes about life as he sees it, and it is guaranteed to be a very entertaining evening. See you there!! Members £2.50 Non members £4
	18	<b>Blackeyed Bidy</b>	Kris and Lionel are regular visitors to the club, and Kris was in the team that won the car treasure hunt earlier this year. A good mixture of traditional and contemporary songs, as well as some written by themselves. The last guest night of 2000, so come and send out the year with a bang!!
	25	<b>Crimbo</b>	No club! One of the few nights we get off, but don't relax too much as we are back on 8 January with local group <b>Kinrick</b> . Enjoy the New Year and see you on the 8 <sup>th</sup> .

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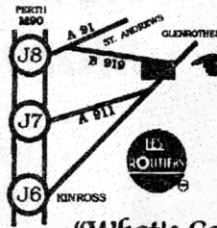
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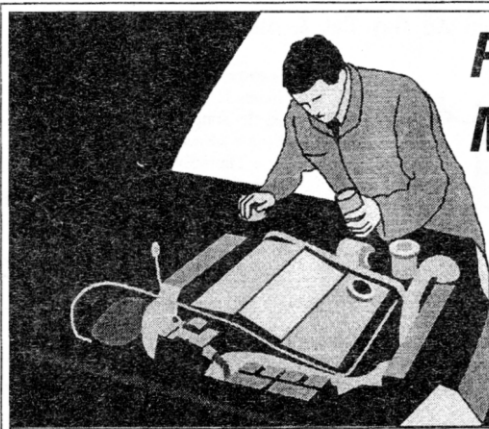
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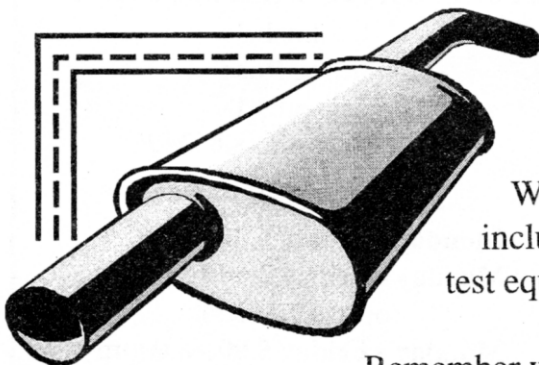
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## ***Youth Club Pantomime***

Dale Hardy's Mum is still looking for a copy of "The Sheriff of Nottingham". Somewhere out there two copies of the video are hiding, and Mrs. Hardy would dearly love to have one. After all these years you may have forgotten that you have one, so if you had any involvement at all with the panto, could you please have a good look in all the hidden places. It would be a smashing Christmas present for Mrs. Hardy if we could find it. Perhaps if you know of anyone who was involved, who has now moved away, you could pass this message on to them too. If you can help, please contact the editor, Val or Stuart Baird (830230) or Mrs. Hardy herself (830591). Obviously you won't want to part with your own, but arrangements can be made for it to be copied.

### ***WRI***

There was a good turn out for the October meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Cooper. Their talk on the Antarctic was most enjoyable, and the slides of the birds were lovely. Mrs. Margo Moran was tea hostess, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Allison Messenger.

Competition results –

<b>Sultana Cake</b>	1. Mrs. Messenger	A. 2. Mrs. M. Moran	3. Mrs. M. Scott
<b>Aurtumn Leaves and Berries</b>	1. Mrs. E. Oswald	2. Mrs. L. Johnson	3. Mrs. M. Moran
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1. Mrs. L. Johnson	2. Mrs. S. Harley	3. Mrs. M. Scott

At our November meeting Mrs. Jenny Adam presided, and Mrs. Janet Wishart from Weight Watchers gave a good talk, and demonstrated a quick menu. The tea hostess was Mrs. Alison Messenger, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Margo Moran.

Competition results -

<b>Weight Watchers Sweet</b>	1. Mrs. L. Yule	2. Mrs. A. Messenger	3. Mrs. Oswald
<b>Coaster</b>	1. Mrs. M. Moran	2. Mrs. M. Moran	3. Mrs. L. Johnston
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1. Mrs. Oswald	2. Mrs. S. Wall	3. Mrs. S. Harley

### ***Beavers***

Twenty Beavers meet every Tuesday at 4pm for fun, crafts and games in the Village Hall. Christopher Ness was invested after mid term, and Tom Esperon, Sam Stuart, Jeff Hannah and Greig Marsden will be moving up to Cubs. Good luck to all these boys. The winning lodge for the term up to mid term was the Crocodiles (Tom, Scott, Cameron

G., Jordan and Craig). Activities for the term included a superb Hallowe'en party with the Cubs, attendance at the Remembrance Day Service, an outing to the Pantomime in Perth and exciting Christmas crafts and gifts.

Any boy aged between 6 and 8 year is welcome to come and join us.

## ***Glenfarg Village Playschool***

You may remember from the last article that the playgroup had a name change ... well we have since been advised that the word "nursery" can't be used unless we have suitably qualified nursery nurses. The committee decided to ask the parents to vote on a selection of names, and Glenfarg Village Playschool was the chosen name. This name, we are assured, is fine.

Although the weather is turning colder, the playleaders are keen to do more outings with the children. We live in a lovely village, and it is good to be able to make the most of that situation. On these outings though, more volunteers are needed to make sure there are enough adults to supervise the children. So if you, or someone you know would be fit, willing and able to help, then please contact Marion, Nicky or one of the committee to let them know. The outings are planned ahead, although they can depend on the weather, so some notice is available for those who are interested. To encourage an interest in the great outdoors, and tie in to the trips around the village, a nature table has been set up. There is a great variety of autumn leaves and many different nuts and seeds. There is also a lovely selection of small gourds in different shapes and colours, and books on nature, which the children can look at. Any seasonal contributions would be much appreciated.

The children have also started to have a gym session once month, and a swimming outing is

planned, so we should have fit and healthy children at the Playschool.

Travelling Ted has continued to be a popular bear, and he is currently making his visits with the younger children. He has been a very active bear, and some of his activities include: swimming (with trunks, I hope), ballet, a trip to the garden centre, cycling (with helmet, of course), somersaults with Heather's Dad, a trip on a motorbike ( hope he held on tight), and eating chips for tea ..... no wonder he needs his own bed!

We hope to give the children some experience of other countries, and Isabelle Sturgeon is currently setting up links with a French nursery.

On that note the children have been learning a bit about beans .... jumping beans, runner beans and French beans, so if you know any Playschool children ask them for a demonstration, especially the French bean – I guarantee it will make you laugh!

### Dates for the diary:

22 November	Jack and the Beanstalk Puppet show
16 December	Christmas Play
20 December	Christmas party
21 December	Swimming trip

## ***Bridge Club***

A lunch and competition were held in the Glenfarg Hotel at the start of the winter session. Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Isobel Ross; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Muriel Davidson; consolation, Mr. Bob Miller.

At the AGM Mrs. Muriel Davidson was elected President, Mrs. Jean Ross, Treasurer, and Mrs. Jean Gent, Secretary. Mrs. S. Harley was thanked for her time as President.

The Club meets on Fridays at 1.30pm in the Church Hall, and new members are always welcome.

## ***Newsletter Advertising Rates***

Advertising rates for 2000 (January - December)

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### *Dates to remember*

<b>DECEMBER</b>	16	Playgroup Christmas Play		
<b>JANUARY</b>	15	Exercise Class starts	Village Hall	2pm
	<b>15</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE</b>		
<b>MARCH</b>	13	Kingdom Singers	Arngask Church	

### *Mobile Library*

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays ( 20 December; 3, 17 & 31 January and 14 February), and stops at:

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Hayfield Road	10.15 – 10.30	Main Street	11.15 - 11.30
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**Please note that these dates are based on the usual fortnightly cycle, and may vary with the Festive Season.**

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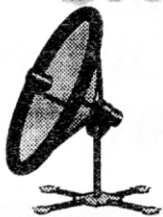
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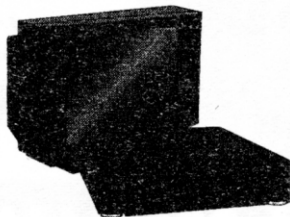


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