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The cover picture is of Timmy from the Glenfarg Riding for the disabled Association.

Editorial

The June issue of the Newsletter is usually a big one and this one is no exception. I've added on four extra pages this month in order to be able to squeeze in all the articles sent to me. The deadline for the next issue is the 15th of July for the August edition - which is usually a pretty quiet one as most of the village organisations have stopped for the Summer. So, if you have anything you would like to share with the village then this is your chance to put pen to paper! The cartoonist would like to emphasise that the cartoons are light-hearted fun and in no way trying to target specific people or cause offence. Please take them in the way they are intended. Have a lovely Summer.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

I'm sorry for taking so long in expressing my heartfelt thanks for all your help and support I have received since suffering a stroke on the 13th of November. I was very fortunate to have been in the company of Alison Bett who was very quick in realising I had a problem and who stayed cool, calm and collected throughout, informing Bob and gave me moral support on the trip to PRI. I was also very fortunate in being admitted to the dedicated stroke unit at PRI within a few days. So was able to begin rehabilitation very quickly, all these things have all helped in my being able to regain much of my mobility. I am also fortunate to live in such a caring community as Glenfarg. My sincere thanks to Stewart and Isobel Smith and, Vi Todd for organising the ceilidh. Thank you to the members of the band for giving their services, it was so nice to see all the weel kent faces and the not so weel kent who were there. I am sorry I couldn't express my gratitude better on the night, but I was overwhelmed as I still am by all your kindness and generosity. Thank you seems very inadequate somehow, but because of your kindness I am now able to come into the village under my own steam, well four wee wheels. It was only when looking into it we realised there are rules and regulations when it comes to the use of powered wheelchairs. As the pavement is almost nonexistent at this end of the village and I may need to go onto the road at some bits the chair had to be capable of 8 mph or more. Thankfully we managed to track one down. Bob has fitted it with all the lights etc to keep me legal with that at least. We have also got a small three-wheeled one, which is transportable, as it is illegal to exceed miles per hour in towns. The nurses said it was unknown for patients to have such support from a community they all want to live here now! With the treatment I received and the on going treatment, I am hopeful of making a full recovery and taking part in community life again.

Thank you all once again

Jenny Adam



Dear Editor

Books to borrow

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Dear Editor

WINDFARM - PROBLEM?

I think it is important to find out all the facts about windfarms before we either accept or dismiss them. I believe that we need to explore the whole renewable energy field and try a number of options - not just one. Windfarms are not the only answer but they may be a part of the answer.

Noise I haven't heard one yet, but I have heard the motorway traffic and the low flying aircraft over Glenfarg which I find unbearable and which frightens the children and animals?

Wildlife I'm not convinced that windfarms will seriously affect the local wildlife. Will their impact be as bad as traffic, streetlights or general urbanisation?

Aesthetics They are a vast improvement on traditional nuclear or any other power station.

Unmet Need I am aware that the introduction of windfarms will not solve all our energy needs, but it might alleviate some of the strain on unsustainable fossil fuel supplies. It must be taken on alongside other renewable energy options - or do we reject every option because it doesn't on its own entirely meet our energy requirements?

Cost I don't know the costs of setting up a windfarm, but I do know that many industries are subsidised by government, including the energy industries.

Alternatively we can look at our consumption of energy - maybe we could consume less. Would anyone be prepared to:

1. turn off the central heating between April and September?
2. have fewer showers or share the bath water?
3. have individuals and companies allocated a certain
4. number of units of energy per day based on the amount we can produce within this country?
5. use public transport more and cars less?

We have to think about the energy we use and how we are using it as individuals, companies and communities. We have a generation now growing up with a sense of entitlement to energy - we think we have a right to as much electricity, gas, petrol or diesel as we want. With rights come responsibilities and that means not expecting power stations to be built on someone else's back green. Since most of the world has extremely limited access to energy or even clean running water, perhaps we should start to think of energy as a privilege. The question is not really about whether or not we 'save our hills' from windfarms.

The question is what are we each prepared to do to create a sustainable energy supply that we know we need?

Pat Doran

Dear Editor

Wind Generators in Glenfarg

Whether we like it or not all of our lives to some extent revolve around electricity from an electric can opener to a computer controlled life support system similar to professor Steven Hawkins, we all use it. Today almost all of us rely on electricity to heat & light our homes, places of work and play. Unfortunately our country has as with other utilities chosen not to upgrade our power generation infrastructure within the last twenty years, it is a similar story in the rail system and the main gas pipeline network is approaching its decommissioning date, in fact the B.P.Forties pipeline that passes within less than a mile from our village is operating beyond its designed life expectancy.

Since privatisation of the power companies the government has encouraged them to supply cheaper electricity, which they complied with, they achieved this by not spending on future generation plants, we now find ourselves in a situation where yes our electricity is going to cost a great deal more but not for the reasons the wind farm protesters are banding about but simply put it will cost more to replace the ageing power stations that have been neglected for the last twenty odd years.

I wholeheartedly welcome and support any proposal to construct a wind farm project in our area this is an exciting opportunity to generate our core energy on our doorstep, many people have far less graceful structures to wake up and look out to every morning, just ask the people of Grangemouth and Cowdenbeath to name but a few.

Yours Sincerely

Jim McHardy.

Dear Editor

We have just come back from a wonderful Scout camp with Christine & Robert Morton. We are so lucky to have them in the village. Could the village please ask for them to get OBE's.

from all the Scouts.

ps. Alasdair was also at the camp. He was great too, but is too young for an OBE!

Dear Editor

The need for Speed

The village hall is used for numerous activities including the playgroup, Children, Dancing groups, Scouts, Beavers and many others where children are travelling to and from the hall or congregating in the vicinity of the hall. Because of the excessive speed at which some drivers choose to drive up and down Greenbank road, Perth & Kinross Council were recently invited to examine the risk of death or serious injury to the persons using the hall and/or risk to children in the street.

The council representatives were able to see for themselves that there are large numbers of children using the street, travelling to school or to the hall and that some drivers, whilst perhaps driving at below the legal speed limit, were driving too fast for this narrow road. (Thanks to Stagecoach, TNT and a few other local motorists, the situation was conclusively demonstrated on the day).

The Council have suggested and/or agreed three steps. Having examined the problem they will consider 20 is plenty warning signs either side of the hall, at the top and bottom of Greenbank road, to be provided as part of an existing programme to protect schools.

The local residents of Greenbank road might consider parking on the other side of the road so as to reduce the straight run prior to the hall when travelling from Earnside Coaches to the School. This may not be practical, but would be worth trying if no one has any objections. The council has been advised that yellow lines would not be appreciated or solve the problem. The council has suggested that the village and local residents should be canvassed as to their support for wider traffic calming measures in the village including the installation of speed cushions in Greenbank road. To this end, we therefore invite you write conveying any opinions or suggestions you may have to the Editor or the Community Council.

In the interim can we all think about the speed at which we drive up and down Greenbank road at, remind ourselves of the risk to pedestrians, in particular children here and on all other roads in Glenfarg. A maximum of 20 is appropriate but 15mph is safest.

The maximum recorded speed on Greenbank road was 60mph ! If caught the motorist involved could conceivably face a jail sentence.

Thanks for your contributions.

Alistair Nicol & Pierette Melville
Greenbank Rd. Residents

Community Council

Glenfarg Community Council

Extracts of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2004 at 7.30p.m.

Present Cllr D.Cameron (Chairman), Cllr C. Campbell, Cllr A.Curtis (Secretary), Cllr A. Grave, Cllr L.Godsell, Cllr A. Johnston, Cllr C. Meldrum, Cllr C.Murison (Treasurer), Cllr J.Stake, Cllr J.Sutherland

Apologies Cllr B. Patterson

By Invitation Cllr K.Baird, Constable T. Pederson

Members of the Public 2 members of the public were present The Chairman welcomed the two new councillors, Alison Grave and Alex Johnston elected to the Community Council at the election on 22nd March 2004.

Matters Arising

Bin Landfill

It was agreed that a site visit by Councillors should be sought during June or July, preferably during the working day to allow observation of the site in action, and the Chairman undertook to arrange this.

Lomond Bank Entrance

Cllr K Baird reported that the P&KC Roads Engineer was due to return to inspect the condition of the roadway next week, but reminded Councillors that it was not adopted by the Roads Department. It was reported that Arngask Church had been approached for help in resurfacing the roadway, but was unable to assist.

Police Report

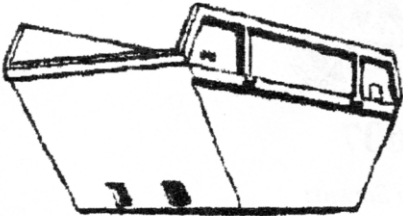
Constable Pederson reported that the theft of anti-wind farm signs was being investigated and that speeding continued to be a problem, with a number of motorists having been reported and others warned by the police in the period from the 1st of March to date. Cllr J Sutherland expressed concern at the speed of lorries accessing the Binn Landfill, pointing out that there had been an accident there last week. Constable Pederson undertook to highlight this to her Road Traffic colleagues.

Cllr Sutherland also reported that a lorry had been regularly parked on the pavement in Main Street and children observed playing on it. Constable Pederson to investigate.

Cllr Johnston reported groups of youths regularly playing football on the amenity area belonging to the residents of Ash Grove, using garage doors as goalposts, and being abusive to residents. Constable Pederson advised calling the police immediately such incidents occurred.

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Treasurer's Report

Cllr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting. There have been problems at the printers in respect of each of the last 3 newsletters and in the meantime the cost of printing has risen. The meeting agreed the need to monitor the cost of the newsletter and to review the possibility of an alternative printer.

TRACKS

The Chairman reported that he had advised Janet Croft of the difficulties of getting prams through the proposed kissing gates. It was pointed out that the same problem would face wheelchair users. Other than these points, the reaction from the community had been favourable. The meeting agreed to approve the TRACKS plan subject to these comments.

Tennis Club

The meeting considered a letter from the Treasurer of Glenfarg Community Amateur Sports Club (GCASC)(formerly Glenfarg Tennis Club) asking for financial assistance towards running expenses. While recognising that the work carried out by the club in refurbishing the toilets and changing rooms benefits the wider community, it was felt more information was required before any commitment to financial assistance was given and it was agreed that the Chairman would invite the Chairman and Treasurer of GCASC to attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

Marquee

The Chairman reminded Cllrs that there was a considerable amount of work involved in erecting, dismantling and looking after the marquee and that Jim McHardy who had given generously of his time to do this was no longer a Community Councillor. The Chairman would approach Mr McHardy to see if he was prepared to continue to assist, particularly at the fete. In the meantime the Treasurer pointed out that, for insurance purposes, a member of the Council required to be present when the marquee was erected and dismantled. Cllr Campbell agreed to take over this role.

Lochelbank Wind Farm

(a) The Chairman reported that since the last Council meeting there had been a public meeting arranged by GCC held in the Village Hall on 30th April attended by 80 members of the public. Presentations had been given by both National Wind Power Limited and Windfarm Awareness Group followed by a public question and answer session. The Director of Forward Planning from Perth & Kinross Council (P&KC) had attended and his input on P&KC draft Wind Energy Policy Guidelines was helpful and informative.

In addition, the Chairman and Cllrs Grave, and Curtis had attended various seminars on Wind Energy arranged by P&KC and Mark Roscall MSP. A questionnaire had been distributed to all those eligible to vote in the community Council area seeking their views on the Lochelbank Wind Farm and responses requested by 12th May.

(b) The Chairman thanked Cllr Sutherland in particular for all his work on printing and putting together the questionnaire and associated paperwork, the Scouts for distribution of questionnaires in Glenfarg and Duncrevie and those Cllrs who had distributed questionnaires to the outlying households. The meeting agreed that a contribution of £100 would be made to Scout funds in appreciation of their help.

(c) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Wind Farm Sub-Committee held on 12th April were circulated and noted.

(d) The Chairman proposed and the meeting agreed that the Community Council should express its formal support for the Perth & Kinross Council Draft Wind Energy Policy Guidelines.

(e) The Chairman reported that, as at the date of the meeting, 242 responses to the questionnaire had been returned. The breakdown of the voting was:-

Lochelbank Wind Farm

Total Votes	242
Against	167 69%
Neutral	30 12.5%
For	45 18.5%

Wind Energy in General

Total Votes	234
Against	102 44%
Neutral	50 21%
For	82 35%

As there were still a few days to run till the deadline for return of questionnaires, these figures would obviously be updated once all the returned questionnaires were available, and the results would be publicised in the Newsletter and on the Community Council Noticeboard.

(0) The Chairman tabled and the meeting considered a draft response by the Community Council to the Scottish Executive on the application by National Wind Power Limited (NWP) in respect of the Lochelbank Wind Farm. It was agreed that the Community Council should report the statistical results of the questionnaire to the Scottish Executive together with a summary of the reasons given by

voters for their opinions .

After further discussion it was also agreed by the meeting that the Community Council should object to the application on the following grounds:-

(1) Inadequate Scoping; In certain areas the scoping by NWP as part of its Environmental Statement is insufficiently thorough. Particular areas of concern are the effect of the proposed development on the water supplies to 24 properties on the southern side of the development which are sourced from within the development area; the effect on Pitkeathly Mires, designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest; and the fact that some historic sites appear not to have been identified /taken into account in the scoping document.

(2) Proximity to Occupied Dwellings: 46 occupied dwellings, 21 of them within the Community Council area, fall within the equivalent of 20 turbine height to blade tip (hbt) of one or more of the turbines, thus breaching P&KC's draft Policy Guideline Number 4.

(3) Visual/Landscape Aspects: — References made to P&KC's draft Policy Guidelines Numbers 1 & 2. As currently proposed the Lochelbank Wind Farm is likely to be a visually dominant feature clearly seen from many dwellings in the surrounding villages of Glenfarg, Bridge of Earn, Forgandenny and Path of Condie as well as from the M90 and many A,B, and minor roads in the vicinity with consequent risk of distraction to drivers from shadow flicker. The Council also feels strongly that the cumulative visual/landscape effects of other projected wind farms in the area for which plans have been lodged or are in preparation (particularly Knowehead, Snowgoat Glen and Mellock Hill) must be taken into account before any decision is made on the Lochelbank application.

Any Other Business

Community Council Noticeboard

It was noted that the noticeboard needs repainting. Cllr. Johnston suggested it might be repositioned, so as to make it more obvious to members of the public, and that it could perhaps at the same time be painted a different colour to make it stand out better. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Roads

Cllr Meldrum reported that the pavement from the 40mph sign into the village is in a bad state of repair. Cllr Johnston reported problems with visibility at Glendy Mill Crossroads due to overhanging gorse and a build up of gravel on Cafford's Brae. Cllr Sutherland reported run-off of water from the field gate onto Duncreivie Road. A member of the public, Mrs E Carswell, also complained about the water on Duncreivie Road and also raised the question of the

ditch running through the park, which requires clearing out.

Cllr Baird to raise these issues with the Roads Department.

Lomond Hotel:

Cllr Stake drew attention to the extremely untidy state of the back of the Lomond Hotel. The Chairman confirmed that this was a long standing problem and that he had drawn it to the attention of P&KC Environmental Health Department some time ago. They had inspected the area, but felt unable to take any action. It was observed that the Licence was due for renewal shortly and the Council agreed to write to P&KC again.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th June at 7.30p.m.

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE REGARDING NATIONAL WIND POWER LIMITED'S APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF LOCHELBank WIND FARM

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Glenfarg Community Council first considered the proposed Lochelbank Wind Farm at its meeting on 1st September 2003, which was attended by 57 members of the public. At that meeting it was agreed that no recommendation or comment would be made by the Community Council until a proposal had been lodged by the developers, National Windpower Limited (NWP) with either Perth & Kinross Council or the Scottish Executive. Progress would however be monitored carefully.

1.2 The project was discussed again at a Community Council meeting held on 5th January 2004 at which it was agreed that if and when a proposal was lodged by NWP, a public meeting would be held in the village and a document (including a short factual introduction, an outline of the proposal as lodged with plan, a short supporting paper by NWP, a short paper by the locally established Windfarm Awareness Group (WAG) and a Questionnaire) would be circulated to all eligible voters in the Community Council area.

1.3 At the request of 29 members of the local community, all either members of, or closely associated with, WAG, a Special Meeting of the Community Council was held on Wednesday 18th February 2004 and attended by 42 members of the public. The Council received views, but made no further commitments.

1.4 Shortly after the Lochelbank Wind Farm proposal was lodged, a public meeting, arranged by the Community Council, was held in Glenfarg Village Hall, attended by 83 members of the public. The document referred to in Paragraph 1.2 above was circulated by hand to all registered voters in the Community Council area. A copy of the document is attached for information.

1.5 At its meeting on 10th May 2004, the Community Council supported, without comment, the Perth & Kinross Council Draft Wind Energy Policy Guidelines of 3rd March 2004.

1.6 Since September 2003, a number of other meetings / displays have been organised locally by both NWP and WAG, and a tour of the NWP Wind Farm at Novar was arranged for Community Councillors by NWR

2. QUESTIONNAIRE: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

2.1 A total of 706 questionnaires were distributed and by the closing date, 12th May, 316 questionnaires (45%) had been returned. The breakdown of the voting was as follows (percentages relate to forms returned) :

(a) Lochelbank Wind Farm

Total Votes Cast	316	
Against	221	70%
Neutral	37	12%
For	58	18%

(b) Wind Energy in General

Total Votes	306	
Against	132	43%
Neutral	66	22%
For	108	35%

3. UNPROMPTED OPINIONS/NEWS

3.1 Almost all those voting in favour of the proposal mentioned the environment, often with reference to renewable/green energy, the need to reduce reliance on nuclear and fossil fuels, CO2 emissions and the Kyoto Agreement.

Reference was also made the prospect of economic growth in the area and the perceived immunity of wind farms to terrorist attack.

3.2 The main concerns of those voting against the proposal were:- Visual Impact/Effect on Tourism (122 comments), Inefficiency of Windpower/Uneconomic (108), the negative effects on the Environment /Wildlife (55) and Proximity/Noise (51).

Other concerns raised by significant numbers of respondents included Access/Increased Heavy Vehicle Movements (24 comments), Vested Interests

(24), Negative Effect on Property Values (14), Concerns about Hydrology (14) Health Worries (13), and Size of the Turbines (11).

3.3 There was however support from those voting against the proposal for off-shore wind farms (21 comments), Wave Power (15), Nuclear Power (6), Hydro Power (7), and Solar Power (5). There was also a feeling that much greater research into the various alternatives to wind energy is required.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECISIONS

4.1 Glenfarg Community Council invites the Scottish Executive to note particularly the number of people who opposed wind farms on the grounds that they are uneconomic and/or inefficient and the degree of opposition on environmental / wildlife grounds.

4.2 The Community Council objects to the proposed Lochelbank Wind Farm proposal as lodged with the Scottish Executive on three grounds, in no order of priority, as follows:-

(1) Insufficient Scoping :

In certain areas, the scoping carried out by NWP as part of their Environmental Statement has been insufficiently thorough. In dealing with archaeology and the cultural heritage, a number of sites in the wind farm area, notably historic ruins and some rig and furrow details clearly visible from aerial photographs, appear not to have been identified/taken into account. There are also known to be some Clearance/Consumption Cairns in part of the Hill Wood earmarked for felling. The Community Council also feels strongly that further investigation of the hydrology and water pollution aspects is required. There are some 24 properties on the southern side of the area (not all in the Glenfarg Community Council Area) relying on private water supplies sourced from within the Wind Farm area, some from springs. There is also a need for further hydrological scoping to cover the effect of the planned development on Pitkeathly Mires which is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and is a candidate European Area of Special Conservation, forming part of a network of protected areas known as Natura 2000.

(2) Proximity to Occupied Dwellings:

Forty six occupied dwellings, twenty one of them in the Community Council area, fall within the equivalent of 20 turbine height to blade tip (hbt) of one or more turbines, thus breaching Perth & Kinross Council Draft Energy Policy Guideline Number 4, with the consequent risk of serious impact in relation to visual intrusion, noise, health and possible disturbance to radio and T.V. reception.

(3) Visual/ Landscape Aspects - Perth & Kinross Council Draft Energy Policy Guidelines Numbers 1

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and 2. The Lochelbank Wind Farm as currently proposed is likely to be a visually dominant feature clearly seen from many dwellings in the surrounding villages (Glenfarg, Bridge of Earn, Forgandenny and Path of Condie) as well as from the M90 and many A, B and minor roads in the vicinity, with consequent risk of distraction to drivers from shadow flicker.

The Community Council also feels strongly that the cumulative visual/landscape effects of the other projected wind farms in the area for which proposals have been lodged or are in preparation (particularly Knowehead, Snowgoat Glen and Mellock Hill) must be taken into account before any decision is made on the Lochelbank Wind Farm application.

Sunday School

The children have been learning new songs and were delighted to have a special visitor, Julie Gourdie who taught them 3 new songs and the actions that go with them. Thank you Julie, your songs have become favourites in our repertoire!

The Sunday School children have also been concentrating on the story of Joseph and his multi-coloured coat.

They made a colourful coat out fabric scraps and take turns to wear it as they act out various small plays connected to the Bible story.

CHUMS the youth group have been meeting regularly at the same time as Sunday School, 11.00am Sunday mornings at the Church. All Welcome! Please contact Lindsay 830337 for details about Sunday School and Pat 830283 for details about CHUMS.

Bridge Club

Glenfarg Bridge Club

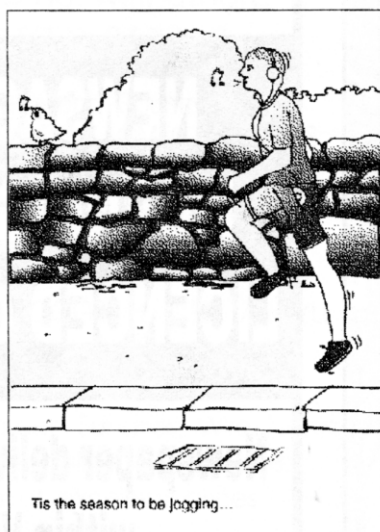
The annual end of session lunch and prizegiving was held in the Glenfarg Hotel. The winner of the Searle Cup was Mrs. Sheila Harley. The runner-up was Mrs Jean Ross and third was Mrs Mary Whyte.

The winners for the afternoon's play were

- 1st Mr Murray Whyte
- 2nd Mrs Mary Whyte
- 3rd Mrs Jean Connolly.

Summer Bridge Club

The Summer Bridge Club now meets in the Bowling Pavilion on Fridays at 1.45pm. Visitors and new members welcome. No partners required.



SWRI

SWRI Press Report GLENFARG Institute Perth and Kinross Federation.

Press Secretary: Mrs Ursula Stewart, Newtoft, Path of Condie, by Forgandenny Perthshire Ph2 9DP 01577 830 469.

Meeting 8th April 2004

President, Mrs Helen Quartermaine, welcomed Glenfarg Members and Mrs Chris Pilling and her ladies from Cleish Institute. Three cleish Ladies showed beautiful examples of work they had completed - knitting, canvas work and beadwork, with very informative demonstrations and tips on how to accomplish them. The fourth lady was the garden Guru and talked most knowledgably on plants. Last, but not least, the quiz lady made us fairly work for our supper. A really enjoyable night. Mrs Helen Quartermaine proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Coffee walnut cake: 1. Margot Moran (only entry)
Pin cushion: 1. Allison Messenger. 2. Margot Moran 3. Helen Quartermaine
Flower of the month: 1. Allison Messenger 2. Helen Quartermaine 3. Lillias Johnson

Anne Wallace Sugar Sifter Competition heat: Mrs Jenny Adam. (Jenny goes forward to the Federation Heats)

Meeting 13th May 2004 (Submitted by Helen Mair)

Mrs Helen Quartermaine welcomed members to the AGM. Tellers from Muckhart Institute, were Nancy Wilson and Jeanette Littlejohn. "Entertainment" for the evening was a recipe exchange. Members brought a favourite recipe, ready for sampling, with copies of the recipe. This was voted a success and after all that tasting tea and coffee were very much appreciated. Helen Quartermaine expressed thanks to all who participated.

Competition winners:

Small knitted bag 1. Margot Moran (only entry)
Non-alcoholic fruit punch 1. Margot Moran (only entry)
Flower of the month 1. Lillias Johnston 2. Liz Yull 3. Allison Messenger

Trophy winners:

Points Cup for the most points won during the year Margot Moran

Endeavour Trophy for flower of the months points Sheila Harley

New Committee Members:

Jeannie Black, Catherine Fairweather, Allison Messenger

Glenfarg Fete Saturday 19th June

The WRI will be manning the gift stall at the fete and any donations would be very welcome. Please come and buy as well!

RDA



The Glenfarg Riding for the Disabled Association won the Younger Cup in the West and Central Scottish region story and musical riding competition in Glasgow. Pictured are pupils from Tulloch Primary School, Perth with helpers Mary Aitken and riding instructor Angela Stocks.

Folk Club

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

Here are some dates for your diary.

Monday 7th June - AGM in the Terrace bar.

Monday 14th June John Hinshelwood - John is a well established name, performing Scottish roots music, bluegrass, folk and new country songs. He has appeared at many festivals and clubs and performed at two sell out Gram Parsons tribute concerts. Come along early.

Doors open at 8.00pm, Music starts at 8.30pm prompt. Glenfarg Village Folk Club is a no smoking venue.

Sunday 27th June - Annual Picnic 2.00pm - *venue still to be confirmed.*

For further details contact:

Graham Brotherston: 01337 831116

Doris Rougvie: 01738 583698 or check the website at: www.glenfargvillagefolkclub.freeserve.co.uk

The Church

Arngask Church

Church News

On Saturday 1st May at 3.00pm Miss Hazel Crocker daughter of Mick and Kathy Crocker, New Fargie Farm married Mr David Motley from Cambridge.

Horse Racing

Well another season has just ended and another one started. Last season was our best to date, not just numerically with regard to winners but we won our owners more prize money, and have had winners in Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland. The new season starts with a clean slate and we have to build up again but it is a good time to reflect on the last season.

All the horses were healthier than ever before and as a result have been working better and therefore we have been able to have more runners with more success, and plenty of promise for the future.

Vandas Choice provided us with our biggest and most exciting win at the Festival of Racing at Down Royal in November. He had previously won two races at Perth and then easily won the Stanley Tax Free betting handicap hurdle over two miles. This was a very valuable race and was thrilling for all involved, needless to say the Irish looked after all the connections very well.

Rodber has been a revelation since switching to fences this season and having previously thought that he was suited to long distances on bottomless ground he has proved us wrong, seeming to be at his best over two miles and ran his best race at Punchestown on good ground. He has only once failed to get around when unseating at the first at Aintree (he jumped every fence loose and even finished in front of the field) and has never been out of the first three. He won two races within 24 hours over one weekend winning a maiden chase at Bangor and a novice chase at Market Rasen the next day.

Arijaz provided the LBN Racing Club with a nice winner this season, winning a two and a half mile hurdle at Musselburgh. He has settled down really well since we bought him last summer and is really suited to fast ground.

Lochiedubs gave his local owner his first winner

when he won a chase at Newcastle and having had the horse with us for a few years he finally repaid the loyalty, which proves that perseverance does pay off!

Now most of the horses are having a well earned break and are turned out in the fields for six to eight weeks complete rest and are able to enjoy the good grass and warm weather, before coming back into work to start all over again. During this time all the stables are washed out and repainted and any repair work is done in the yard.

There are however always horses in the yard as there are some who race through the summer months and while we are not too busy it is a good time to educate the young horses and all the staff have their holidays.

Please let us know if you would like to come and have a look around the yard or see the horses working on the gallops.

Lucy & Alan Normile

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Bowling Club

Glenfarg Bowling Club

This Bowling Club is over 100 years old. Although the village has grown, sadly the club has not. We look forward to some new members this year, come along on a Tuesday night and try. We are a friendly bunch and will make you very welcome, young and old. Please come along on Tuesday nights at 7.00pm all you need is some flat soled shoes, we have the bowls.

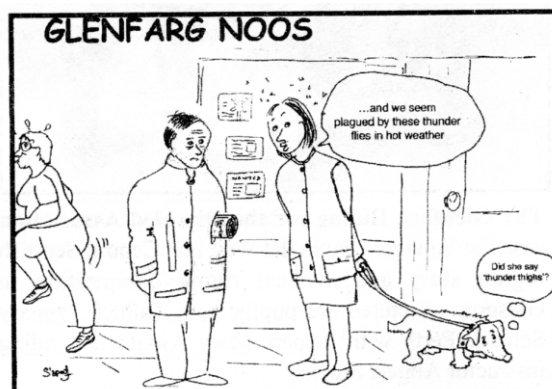
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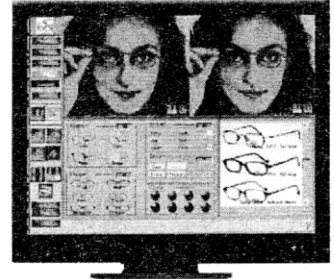
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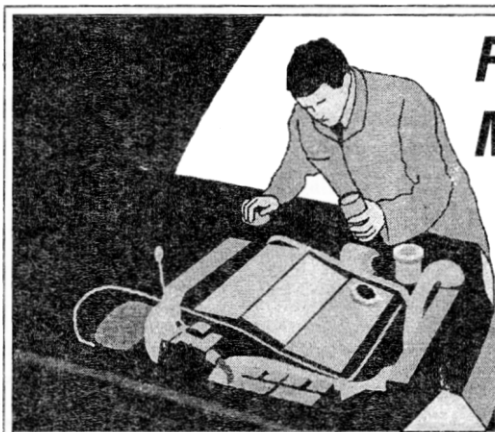
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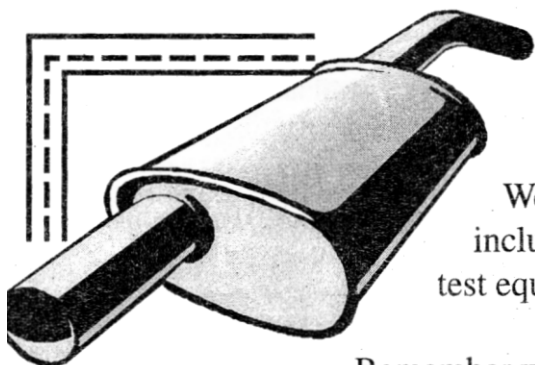
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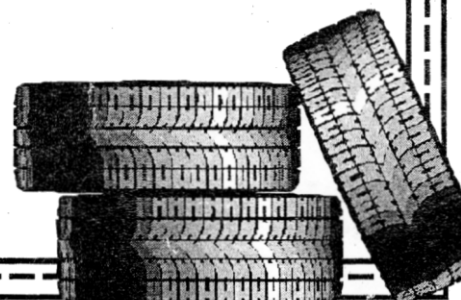
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Playschool

Glenfarg Village Playschool

The Glenfarg Village Playschool AGM was held on Friday, 14th May in the lovely home of Gail & Scott at Drunzie, followed by a barbeque.

Chairman's Report 2004

August 2003 session started with a new committed committee and 9 children at playgroup. Now we are at near full capacity and this is purely due to the hard work and commitment of our Playleaders, Marion & Charlene. A big thank you is due to them for putting up with all our children's whims with endless patience. It has been wonderful to see the very young, uncertain two year olds grow into confident little leaders. We are grateful for all the Abernethy and Strathmiglo mums/dads/grandparents that persevere driving through the glen every week to Playgroup.

It has been a very social year for all, starting with the usual cupboard clearout, Sports Day, followed by Halloween and Xmas parties and Mums Xmas night out. The highlight must have been the Christmas play with the Playleaders and cast excelling themselves. We have had the photographer at Playgroup and soon the Barnado's Teddybear Toddle will take place. This is all supported by frequent visitors to Playgroup, outings and a fun filled curriculum.

A huge thank you must go to the Committee, Joyce, Irene, Pippa, Gail and Kate who beaver away quietly in the background. A special word of thanks to Joyce Ingram whom is stepping down tonight. Joyce's dedication has kept Playgroup alive and thriving. The Committee has been working hard on the Action Plan, in conjunction with Perth & Kinross Education Services. We have focused on two main areas-management and resources. With this in mind we had applied successfully to Awards for All and received £922 for new equipment and craft, especially targeting the two year olds. The Care Commission inspection went extremely well and the Playleaders have been kept very busy with several risk assessment sheets to do.

We hope that the next group of parents will feel the same need to support the Playschool, as it is not only a super place for our children to learn and play but also a very central part of village life, where we all have had many tears of joy and sorrow, as well as forming long term friendships. We are all part of one large jigsaw, with all the pieces having to interlink to complete the picture. The most important piece will always be our children - and for this we are grateful

that Glenfarg Playschool enriches them.

New Committee: Pierette Melville, Bruce Hamilton, Pippa Weir, Gail Paterson and Julie Young.

The Committee are planning to write again to P&KC regarding split placements and will be applying for further grants to support Playgroup.

The fees for the new session August 2004 will be £4.00 per session. Children in their ante & pre-school year will be funded by P&KC if attending for three days.

Please contact Pierette on 830233 if you wish your child to attend Glenfarg Playschool.

Red Cross

British Red Cross - Glenfarg Centre

Red Cross Week 2004 A total of £741.95 was collected during Red Cross Week, 2nd - 8th May. Once again the generosity from our community has been outstanding and we are indebted to all those involved. To the many collectors and to all those making donations - many thanks!

Glenfarg Village Fete - Saturday, 19th June, 2004
We are now accepting plants and produce for the Fete Stall and would welcome donations of seedlings, cuttings, bedding plants, house plants, fruit, vegetables, preserves, eggs etc. The following members can be contacted to arrange for collection or you can deliver items to the marquee on the morning of the fete.

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Bill & Jean Connolly	830200
Anne Curtis	830445
Iris Fenton	830543
Maureen Lambie	830295
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Glenfarg Public Hall Association

Glenfarg Public Hall Association AGM

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting on 5th May 2004.

Present: S.Wall, G.Ross, J.Kirkland, H. Quatermaine, A. Elphinstone, R. Morton, G.Bruce, B.Connolly, I.Findlay, L.Carswell, A.Grave, S.Sadler, H.Deas, P.Melville, S.Cheape and A.Johnston

Apologies: J.Andrew, T.Nicol

Chairperson welcomed all.

Chairman's report and **Treasurer's report** Can be read on noticeboard in hall.

Now paying electricity bills for the first time in over three years. Hall lets just covering day to day running of hall. These will have to be reviewed in the near future again, to bring us in line with charges that other village halls charge. People will also have to get used to paying more, if they have a new, modern facility with the extension plans going ahead. The money raised at the 2002 fete was put into the Extension fund, this normally covers the maintenance for three years.

Property Convenor's report Can be read on noticeboard in hall. Has also been involved with Health & Safety Guidelines for the hall.

Election of Office Bearers

Chair: Trevor Nicol

Vice Chair: Sue Cheape

Secretary: Pierette Melville

Treasurer: Jean Andrew

Property Convenor: Bill prepared to cover until replacement found.

Other: Helen Deas, Irene Findlay, Liz Carswell and Sylvia Wall.

Pierette proposed a Hall Extension sub committee that will deal only with the extension plans and will feed back to the Hall Committee. The Hall Committee and representatives from the Hall Users will have the final say in proposed plans.

Sub Committee: Graeme Bruce, Alison Elphinstone, Sue Sadler and Bill Connolly.

Pierette and Jean will link with them as required.

AOB

Hall Extension S.Sadler fed back progress so far. Three letters were sent out to architects: D. Murdoch, R.Brunton and P&K Council. P&K Council declined as they were too busy.

The Committee met with Mr Murdoch & Mr Brunton on the 17th March to look at work that they had done and to discuss their proposed fee structure.

Some Committee members had been to look at other

places they had designed and spoke to one person on a hall committee. An "Awards for All" grant has been applied for, requesting a grant for initial architectural fees, cost of feasibility and design scheme study. Other application forms are being gathered. For an application through P&K Capital Grant Scheme and the Scottish Executive we must be in a position to give costings by October 2004. Their fees, up to what stage they were prepared to work at risk and their individual style was discussed at length. A show of hands was taken for each architect and Mr Brunton got the majority support. Graeme Bruce proposed that committee select him as the architect to take the village hall plans forward. Seconded by Pierette Melville.

Fundraising: Next fundraiser: Refreshments in Village Hall @ Lascelles Open garden day. Sunday, 20th June 2-5pm. Liz Carswell proposed that Hall Committee meet more frequently to support Sub Committee and to actively plan fundraising.

Chairs Mrs. Quatermaine requested a more user friendly and safer way of stacking the chairs. Enquired regarding the present position of the chair cupboard. This can't be changed at present but it will be regarded as very important in the design brief in the new plans. Agreed to leave +/- 20 chairs permanently on the stage for easier use. Need to review whether it is safe with all the children using the hall.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd June, 8.00pm in the ante room. All welcome.

The Guild

Arngask Guild

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 19th June

The Village Fete - The Guild is responsible for the Cake and Candy stall and donations for this will be appreciated.

Thursday 12th August

Garden Party at Gask Church Hall - cars will leave the Post Office at 6.00 pm prompt.

Tuesday 21st September

Opening Meeting - 2004/2005 Session - 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 10th October

Guild Dedication Service - 11.00am 60th Anniversary Year.

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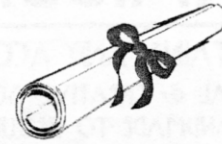
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Wine Club

The Wine Club

Unless they are still lost in the tasting room of a winery, 16 members of the Wine Club recently returned from the Club's first field-trip — a week in the vineyards of the Languedoc in southern France. We haven't had a detailed report as yet, but it is believed France is making a reasonable recovery!

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we looked at what grapes are associated with what areas and said that, in this issue, we would consider what you can expect from different grape varieties. A lot of nonsense has been spoken and written about the nose (smell) and taste of wines made from different grape varieties. Some people have gone completely over-the-top with the words and phrases they use in their descriptions. But some description is helpful, if for no other reason than to give you an idea of what you might expect once you open the bottle. So, as a rough guide to some of the more common grape varieties:-

White wine grapes

Chardonnay Very versatile. World's most popular white wine grape. Buttery, Smoky, Musky.

Reisling Fights with Chardonnay for title of the world's best white wine grape. The classic grape of Germany. Crisp fruity acidity, Aromatic, Delicate. When used in California and Australia produces a mature bouquet (smell) of Lemons and Petrol.

Sauvignon Blanc Original grape of the Loire in France. Now used in California, Australia & South Africa. Comes out very different in these countries —more heavy. Grassy, Gooseberry, Very refreshing. Aromatic. Best drunk young.

Gerwurztraminer Awful to spell, but easy to recognise. Gerwurz is German for 'spiced'. The great grape of Alsace. Lychees, Roses, heady. Usually high in alcohol content.

Red wine grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon The grape of Bordeaux, but now all over the world. At its best — imagine taking a big sniff of the inside of cigar box. Strong Blackcurrant. Cedar wood. Intense colour. Sometimes herby.

Syrah (also known as Shiraz) Black pepper, dark chocolate. Although, the Shiraz wines from Australia don't have so much of the pepperiness. Often gives a savoury taste after swallowing. Its home is the northern Rhône Valley in France, but is now being used all over the place.

Merlot Plump and Plummy. Blended with Cabernet Sauvignon in Bordeaux. Used on its own in America and Chile. Also used in northeast Italy.

Pinot Noir The grape of Burgundy. Regarded as very difficult to grow, but a classic grape. Others have tried to grow it, but failed. New Zealand, Oregon and cooler parts of California have managed to do it. Cherries, Raspberries, Violets, Game. Mid—Ruby hue. Nebbiolo Piedmonte's answer to Pinot Noir. The grape of Barolo and Barbaresco in Italy. Tar, Roses, Violets, Oranges.

Tempranillo Spain's most famous grape, Blended with Garnacha to give us all those Riojas. Expect hints of tobacco leaves, spice and leather.

So there we have a very quick run through of just a few of the many grape varieties that produce all that wine we see on the supermarket shelves. Of course, you don't have to worry a hoot about all these descriptions to open a bottle and enjoy it. But it does make it much more enjoyable when you do know that wee bit about the background, the grape, the style of the wine, etc. So, why not come along to the Wine Club and try it out. Look out for the posters in the Post Office window.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andrew Eadie on completing the half-marathon in Reading in March. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored him - the donations of over £200 will go to CHAS.

Congratulations to Kerri Winter and Laurie Paterson
joint winners of the Nicola Matthew Dance School Senior Award.

The School

Arngask Primary School

Primary Schools Cross-Country Event We are delighted to report some very good news on the sporting front. Our team of P. 7 boys competing in the Perth & Kinross Primary Cross-Country Championships at the North Inch achieved something unheard of in most of our memories — Arngask — team winners of a county wide competition !! Robbie Lindsay, 4th place, Christopher McLeish, 5th and Greig Marsden, 15th were the counting scores but they were ably supported by Joe Norris and Matthew Munro who made up the team of five. Medals were also awarded to reserves, Lucas Kendall and Jeff Hannah. There were close to 200 runners in the event so this emphasises the size of their achievement. We also offer congratulations to Liam Swanson who was 7th in the P. 6 race and Amy Peacock who came 12th in the P. 7 girls' event. Certificates were presented to all 19 competitors for competing the 1 mile course. Well done to everyone!!

Perth & Kinross Orienteering Championships Not content with the victory in the cross-country our orienteers continued the good work in the area heats at Strathallan School. The 'Dream Team' — Liam Swanson, Cameron Nicol and Stuart Elder came 2nd, 'Twiggy & Co.' — Matt Munro, Joe Norris and Grant Hay were 3rd and 'Speedfreaks', - Rachael Clark, Amy Peacock and Tom Bayne were a very creditable 7th. All three teams have qualified for the Perth & Kinross Finals which will be held on 24th May at Scone Palace. Look out in the next issue to find out how they got on.

Drama Club Following months of hard work, rehearsing and preparation of costumes and props, two performances of "Arngask Primary School and The Fate of Mrs McAinsh" were staged in the Village Hall on May 14th.

The evening show was a sell-out with a very appreciative audience well entertained by a cast who definitely 'rose to the occasion' on the night. Harry, played by the impressive Matt Munro was well supported by his side-kicks, Hermione, (Amy Peacock) and Ron, (Scott Andrew). Poor Mrs McAinsh had become petrified and it was up to our three gallant pupils, Cameron Nicol, Isla Reid and Cameron Gaudin to save the day. Erin Hay gave an excellent, if rather stiff performance as the unfortunate school secretary while Steven Millar was a pretty convincing, over-worked and stressed, Mr Simpson. You will be pleased to know that Mrs McAinsh was saved and Arngask School is now running smoothly once more.

Huge credit for writing, producing and directing the play must go to Mrs Gordon. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers by her pupils at an after show party in the school. Grateful thanks also go to Mrs Moonie for her unstinting work on props and costumes, Joyce Ingram for her superb art-work on back-ground scenery, David Watt for setting up the sound system and all staff and parents who contributed to the success of the show. We are also indebted to Marks and Spencer for the generous donation of 12 Harry Potter costumes.

Football Coaching Primary 5 pupils have now come to the end of their nine sessions with SFA Community Coaches, Steve Baxter and Dave Black. We look forward to seeing the positive results and improved skills in next year's football teams.

The scheme which was jointly supported by St. Johnstone FC culminated in a festival which all 10 pupils attended at McDiarmid Park. Following this the school was presented with 10 new training balls and a set of bibs, courtesy of sponsors, 'McDonalds'.

Waste Collection Glenfarg Green waste collection dates: Wednesdays: June 2nd, 16th & 30th and July 14th & 28th Paper waste collection dates: Thursdays June 24th and July 22nd

Mobile Library The library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays, 2nd, 16th & 30th June, 14th & 28th July and stop at:

The school	09.30 - 10.15
Hayfield Rd	10.15 - 10.30
Ladeside (P.O.)	10.30 - 11.15
Main Street	11.15 - 11.30
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Mobile Bank The Bank of Scotland van visits the village and stops outside the Glenfarg Hotel at the following times:

Tuesdays from 11.15 - 11.40 am
Fridays from 2.30 - 2.45 pm.

Items for the newsletter Next newsletter deadline is 15th July Please send to: newslettera.glenfarg2000.freeserve.co.uk or post them through the door at 1 Melville Terrace.

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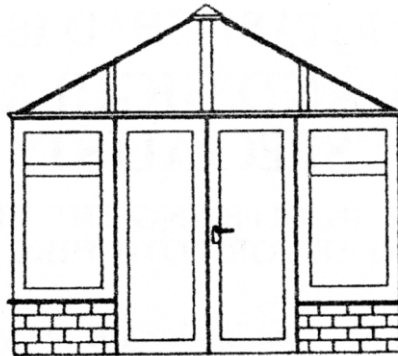
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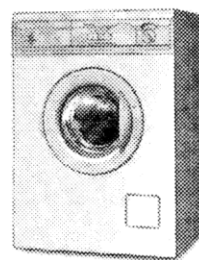
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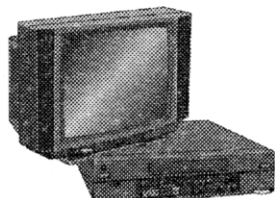


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