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**Head teacher
moves on
after 15
years**

**Tribute to a
village
character**

**Stars in their
eyes**

**Jordan wins
prize for
whole class**

**Duncrievie
youth gains
list of
honours**

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Photo: Jordan wins day at Gleneagles

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Next NEWSLETTER deadline
for the JANUARY/
FEBRUARY 2005 issue is no later
than 15 January 2005

EDITORIAL

It's different!

Ineke Watt, our present editor has asked me to step in and produce the newsletter this issue so that she can have a bit of a break.

I am very pleased to do so ... but it is a one off! The newsletter is a huge responsibility. This issue is an average size – 56 pages in this format and full of news, adverts, articles and pictures which show that Glenfarg is a great place to live and to work.

Has the Newsletter got a future?

No one wants the Newsletter to 'go under' but the way it's done needs to change. Ineke and I have been discussing how we can spread the load by forming a team which will be responsible for 'their bit'. Other local newsletters do it this way and it works.

We hope the next issue will start with a planning meeting of anyone who is interested, whatever their age, ability or interests, whether they want to write, simply collect together information, provide photos, or get involved in the layout. We know that people have lots of ideas and we want to give an opportunity for them to be aired.

Lets take the Glenfarg Newsletter forward! That includes Junior Reporters who have done a fantastic job in this current issue! Please get in touch with Ineke and let her know if you have an interest.

Computer users please

We also want to continue to develop technical solutions which allow more than one person to contribute to the design of the Newsletter and to improve future quality. Anyone who is able to use Serif Page Plus, Pagemaker, Quark, In Design, Photoshop (or equivalents) – we would love to hear from you.

Why is this issue so different?

- Because when it's a 'one off' it's a great opportunity to try something different and get people talking. Please let us know what you think, what you like or don't like.
- A4 folded to A5 is a really handy, handbag or pocket size. It's easier to design and it's just as easy to produce (so I'm told!).
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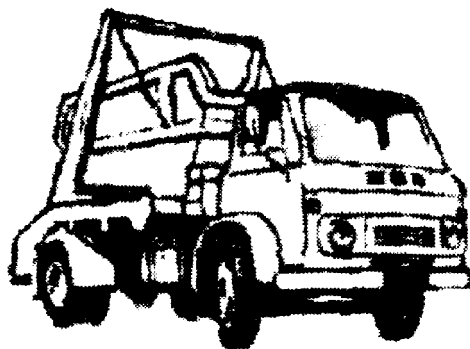
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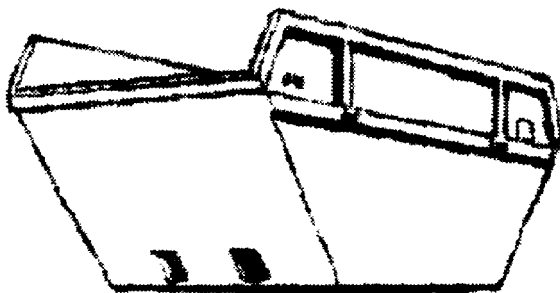


ORGANISATIONS IN GLENFARG

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Babysitting Circle	Ms W. Brown, Beechwood	830814
Badminton Club	Mr A. Clark, 3 Hayfield Road	830246
Beavers	Mrs H. Deas, Greenbank Road	830251
Bowling Club	Mrs C. Hayward, 3 Lomond Bank	830387
Bridge Club	Mrs J. Ross, Schoolhouse, Greenbank Road	830212
Brownies	Mrs A. Wall, 20 Greenbank Road	830460
Cubs	Mrs C. Morton, Folda, Church Brae	830210
Curling - Men's	Mr L. Findlay, Struan Cottage, Hayfield Road	830441
Curling - Women's	Mrs I. Findlay, Struan Cottage, Hayfield Road	830441
Dancing	Mrs N. Matthew, Wellside Ho., Milnathort	861516
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Meals on Wheels	Mrs J. Ogilvie, The Crest, Main Street	830512
Old Folks' Association	Mrs J. Kirkland, 7 Birch Lane	830514
Over 60s	Mrs M. Cumming, Duncrievie	830736
Playschool	Mrs J. Ingram, Belmont, Greenbank Road	830353
Pre-school music group	Ms T. Winterton, The Old Bakehouse, Main St.	830879
Rainbows	Mrs V. Gourlay, 2 Greenbank Crescent	830617
Red Cross	Lady Maclean, Arngask House	830311
Riding for the Disabled	Miss A. Stocks, Smiddyhill	830262
Scouts	Mr R. Morton, Folda, Church Brae	830210
Sunday School	Mrs L. Kinnaird, Greenbank Road	830337
Tennis Club	Mrs A. Imrie, Greenbank Road	830378
The Guild	Mrs M. Knox, Braeriach, Duncrievie Road	830493
Village Hall	Mrs E. Coventry, 7 Greenbank Crescent	830529
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WHAT'S ON?



Glenfarg Village Folk Club

Arngask Church Christmas Services

Sunday 5th December 11am
GIFT SERVICE

Sunday 19th December 6.30pm
CAROL SERVICE

Friday 24th December 11pm
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 25th December 11am
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

As from Sunday 2nd January 2005 the normal church service will start at 9.30am.

Glenfarg Hotel Xmas

**Diminished Fifth Jazz Band
Thursday 30th December**

A superb evening of live entertainment.
Tickets £7 Commences 9pm

Hogmanay Ceilidh Friday 31st December

Welcoming cocktail and delicious finger buffet with dancing thro' into the wee sma' hours. Piper at the Bells. Families welcome! Commences 7.30pm. Adults: £19.50 Children under 14: £9.50 Families: £50 (Based on 2 adults and 2 children under 14)

**New Year's Day Prize Quiz
Saturday 1st January**

Commences 8.30pm Tickets £2pp. Teams of maximum 4. Lighthearted fun for the whole family. Organise your teams now!

Early booking strongly advisable.

Mon 29th November Real Time
Kenny Speirs, Judy Dinning, Iain Anderson & Tom Roseburgh are "Real Time" who bring you a fantastic collection of songs and tunes with guitar, fiddle and keyboard accompaniment.

**Friday 3rd December
Winter Ceilidh Dance in Glenfarg Village
Hall at 8pm. Music by Neil Paterson and
friends**

This year there will be a bar in the village hall serving beer, lager and wine. Please bring your own snacks and savouries, and as many friends as you can to make this a night to remember. Donations of any kind for the raffle will be greatly appreciated.

**Monday 6th December
Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante**
In this collaboration Alan and Rob present a seamless fusion of folk music old and new.

Monday 13th December Jim Malcolm
Jim is one of the most outstanding talents to emerge from the Scottish folk scene in years. Jim has toured worldwide and won international recognition as a solo artiste and with the highly acclaimed band "Old Blind Dogs" Jim's first live-solo album was recorded in the Glenfarg Village Hall and released to great reviews last spring. Please come along early to be sure of a seat.

**Monday 20th December Christmas
Singaround**

Come and share some songs, tunes and mince pies in the best of company in the upstairs lounge of the Glenfarg Hotel

Monday 27th December Seasonal Session
Bring your instruments, new moothies, tin whistles etc and sing or play. Join us and bring your friends for a wee party in the Terrace Bar in the spirit of the festive season.

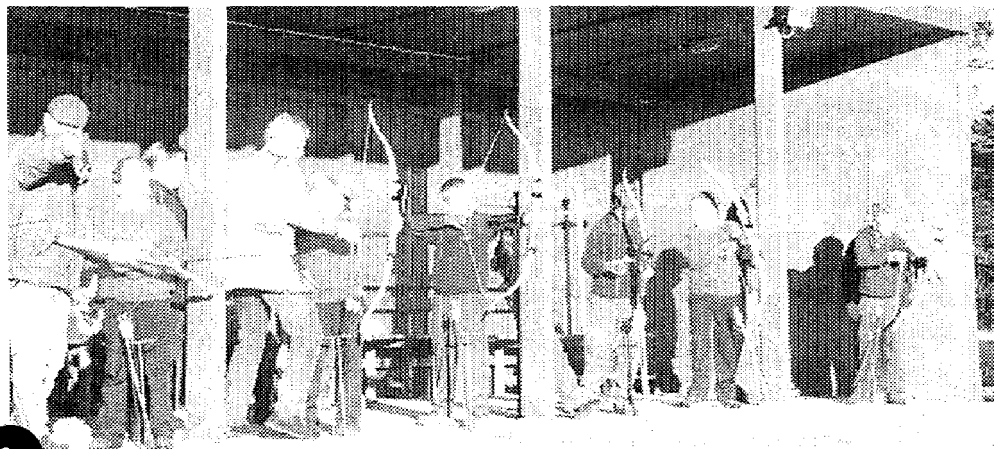
Art prize wins trip to Gleneagles

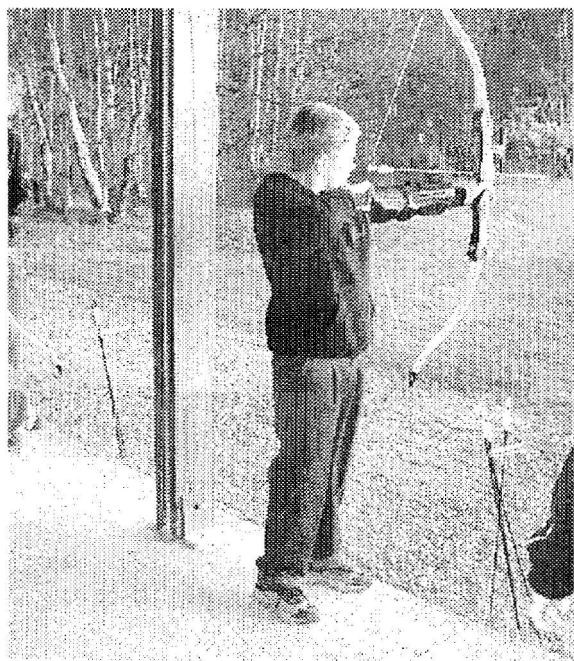
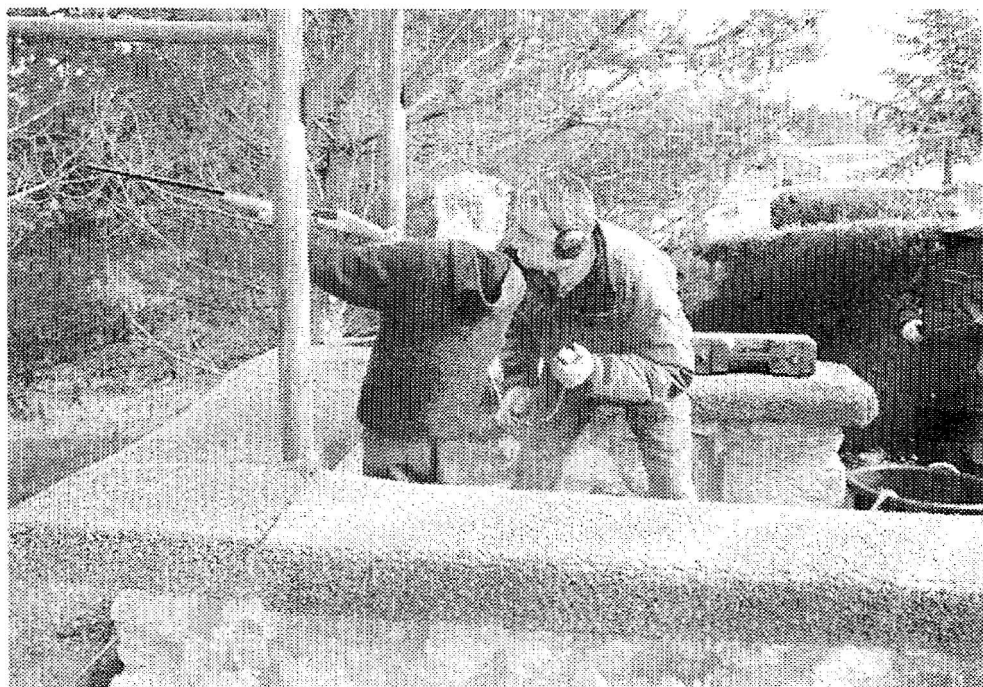
Primary 6 was thrilled when Jordan Leburn won an art competition organised by the Game Conservancy Council and P&K Council Education Department. The prize was a trip to Gleneagles ... for the whole class!

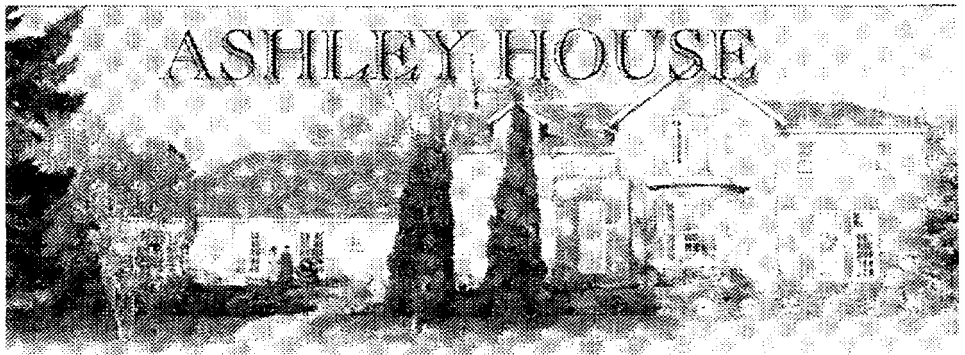
The school year finished before the Gleneagles trip was finalised and Mrs Moonie, their class teacher was worried that she would miss out on the trip when the class moved on to P7!

The 9th November day long trip to the prestigious outdoor school included activities in archery, clay pigeon shooting and falconry under the charge of fully qualified instructors. A packed lunch for all pupils was included as part of the prize.

Mrs Moonie, Mr Simpson and Mrs Leburn and all of P7 had a 'fantastic time' but didn't see anyone famous!







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A village character

A TRIBUTE TO

Ernie Henry Bateson

People in the community were greatly saddened by the death of Ernie Bateson at Rumbling Bridge nursing home on 8 November 2004 aged 91.

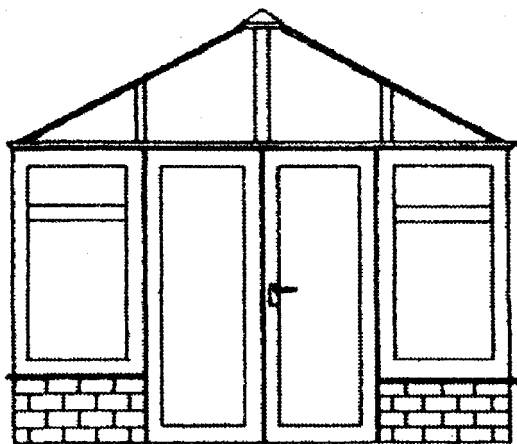
Ernie was born and grew up in Askham in Furness, the eldest of three sons whose father was the local schoolmaster and church organist. After attending Hereford High School Ernie trained as an engineer in the locomotive works at Swindon and joined the RAF in 1935 as a Radar Communications Technician serving in many locations both home and abroad. After his RAF career he lived in Glenfarg with his wife Isabelle and children Betsy and Johnny. He worked in the RN workshops at Almondbank. Between his service in the RAF and Almondbank he had a short career as a signalman on the railway at Glenfarg.

Ernie was energetic, enthusiastic, and conscientious about everything he did including many years as secretary of the Old Folks' Association, treasurer of the Scouts Association, organiser of the dog show at the Glenfarg Fete, ardent supporter of churches and all fundraising events as well as regular visitor to people in hospital and to the homes of his many friends in the village.

His leisure activities included the theatre, music, reading, photography, travel, social gatherings, and the Masonic Craft. Ernie was very much part of the life of Glenfarg and is sorely missed in the midst of many affectionate memories of him.

Rev Kenneth Anderson and Ernie were great friends and Mr Anderson gave the Tribute at the funeral service in St Paul's, Kinross on Friday 12 November 2004.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Harvest Outing for Glenfarg Playgroup

We had a wonderful outing during 'Harvest Week' to Blairnathort Farm.



The outing included a picnic on bales of straw and we lifted our own potatoes – some people had them for tea that evening!

Playgroup is open to 2-5 year olds. If you would like to visit, contact Pierette on 830 233 or just pop in on a Monday, Wednesday or a Friday.



Prepared to pay!

Dear Editor

We all enjoy reading the newsletter and rely very heavily on it for spreading village news and forthcoming events. Very few know how much work is being put in by the editor every time. The times have changed and it has never been just typing up a few items. We should show our appreciation to the Editor and pay her for all the hard work from Community funds. I would even be prepared to pay for my newsletter!

Pierette Melville

STOP PRESS!

Playgroup is 30 years old this year! **Join us for an Xmas Fayre, Xmas story and go down memory lane** with video clips, photos and stories of 1974-2004. You may just be mentioned...

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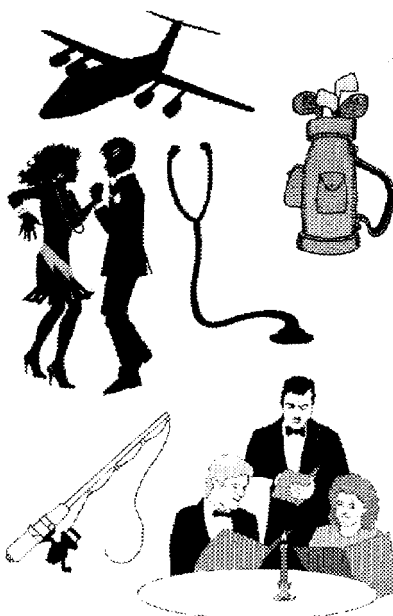
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Pensioners are reminded that the Pension Service Local Information Point held in Lochleven Health Centre, Kinross will now be held every Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.30pm.

This service is now appointment only and customers must phone: 01738 412 105 to make an appointment beforehand.

The Pension Service can give advice and help with queries relating to state retirement pension, pension credit and winter fuel payments.

GLENFARG WRI



Mrs Messenger, Vice President welcomed members to the October meeting. Unfortunately, the representative from Scots Porage Oats failed to turn up and in good rural fashion one of

the members, Andzia Scott stepped in and delighted the company by singing the Eriskay Love Lilt and Up the Carls O'Dysart.

Mrs G Ross and Miss M Ross kindly agreed to judge the competitions with results as follows:
Decorated wooden spoon: 1. Liz Yull 2. Ursula Stewart 3. Catherine Fairweather
Recipe using Porage Oats with Sample: 1. Catherine Fairweather 2. Sheila Harley 3. Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month: 1. Sheila Harley 2. Allison Messenger 3. Liz Yull

Traveller's Tales

At the November meeting Jess Smith from Glenturret enthralled members with her fascinating and humorous stories from the world of Scotlands Traditional Travellers. Helen Mair proposed thanks.

November competition winners were:

Flower of the Month: 1. Lillias Johnston 2. Janette Kirkland 3. Alison Messenger
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Pencil Case: 1. Catherine Fairweather 2. Liz Yull 3. Jean Grigg

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the Glenfarg
Public Hall
Association

Ladies Badminton

Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 25th September, in the national week of walking, seven fit members of the ladies badminton club (Monday evening) set off to do their 10k walk over the two Lomond Hills. Three helpers came along, just to make sure that they completed the task. The day was fine and sunny, although it was a bit windy at the top - too windy to make it worth while getting the rackets out. Some of the group

had never climbed the Lomonds before - and found the views at the top worth the effort. Everyone had a great day and may do this again, just for the fun of it. A total of £990.75p was raised for the Glenfarg Public Hall Association. The ladies would like to thank all their sponsors for their generosity which made the whole thing worthwhile.



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VILLAGE NEWS

Glenfarg Curling Club

List of honours for Duncrievie youth

Congratulations to Ben Norris, The Coach House, Duncrievie, who has been appointed leader of the Junior Academy orchestra at The Royal Academy of Music & Drama in Glasgow. He has also gained a place in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, which meets three times a year and has a busy concert schedule including a visit to the BBC Proms in August.

New arrivals

Congratulations to Ian & Alison Ayling on the birth of Finlay born on 11th August, in Perth, Australia, brother for Katie, grandson for Steve & Alice Mee.

Also to Mark & Anna MacNeil on the birth of their daughter Ciara, fourth grand daughter for Bill & Jan MacPherson.

Loch Leven Province Bonspiel
- Thursday 11 November 2004 at
Green Hotel, Kinross

GLENFARG Ladies Rink 1
- Agnes Muirhead, Margaret
Jenkins, Fiona Rutherford & Sheila
Steedman - 12 Fossoway Ladies 2
Glenfarg Ladies Rink 2 - Sylvia
Breslin, Gwen Poole, Jean Shand
& Christine Melville - 6 Fossow-
way Men 7

Glenfarg Men Rink 1 - Alan Tay-
lor, Eric Poole, Alistair Allardyce,
David Miller - 12 Kinross Ladies
2

Glenfarg Men Rink 2 - David
Rutherford, Cameron Gaudin, Jim
Bennie & Stewart Andrew - 12
-Dollar Men 6

Overall winners were Glenfarg
Men and runners up Glenfarg
Ladies

Perth and Kinross Council Environment Services
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SEASONAL VARIATIONS TO
SERVICES OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD**

Domestic and Trade Waste Collection

There will be no Domestic or Trade Waste Collections on 25th/26th December 2004 or the 1st/2nd January 2005.

Trade Collections that fall on a Saturday 25th December and Saturday 1st January 2005 will be collected on Monday 27th December and Monday 3rd January 2005 respectively.

Cardboard collections by Wyllie Recycling will operate as normal on Monday 27th/Thursday 30th December and on Monday 3rd January/Thursday 6th January 2005.

Special Uplifts: You can call the Environment Helpline on 01738 476476 to arrange special uplifts up to and including the 24th December. This service will resume on the 3rd January 2005.

Please bear in mind that, in the event of extreme winter weather conditions, it may not be safe for refuse vehicles to visit all parts of Perth and Kinross. The safety of other road users and staff is of prime importance. If snow and ice prevent heavy vehicle movements in your area, regular collections will resume within five working days of the return of less hazardous weather conditions.

**Recycling Centres (formerly Civic
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All Recycling Centres will be closed on 25th/26th January 2004 and 1st/2nd January 2005. Opening hours throughout the week 27th-31st December remain unchanged.

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Green Waste Collections

Wednesdays
December 15th, January 19th

Paper Waste Collections

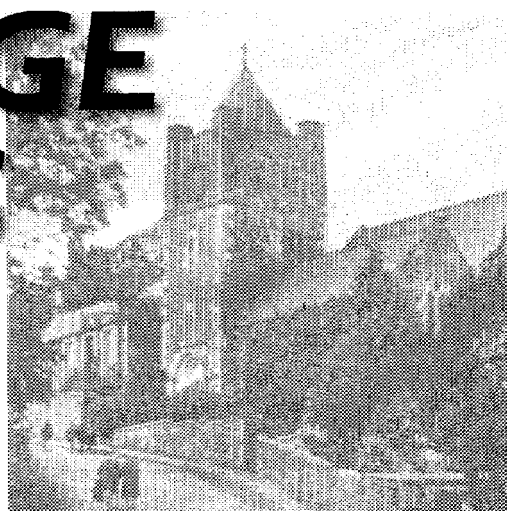
Thursday December 9th

VILLAGE NEWS

British Red Cross Glenfarg Coffee Morning success

We're delighted to report another successful Coffee Morning, Sale & Raffle with £866.25 raised, after expenses, on Saturday 30th October. Elizabeth Gunn, Senior Fundraiser for Mid Scotland & Argyll opened the Sale and later drew the raffles and other prizes. We are indebted to her particularly as her work with the British Red Cross covers such a large part of Scotland.

Special mention and thanks go to all of our supporters, particularly Tom and Carol McConnell of the Baiglie Inn, Perth Theatre Box Office and the management at LivingWell who all responded so generously to our appeal for prizes.



Arngask Church

On Sunday 31st October, Alexander Fraser, infant son of Colin and Eileen Burrow from Harborne, Birmingham was baptised.

29 Christmas Shoeboxes were given to the Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal.

Wolverhampton Marathon for PRI Haematology Unit

I would like to thank everyone in the village for their help and support in raising money for the Perth Royal Infirmary Haematology Unit. A very special thanks to WW and Fx. The total raised was £1206.00.

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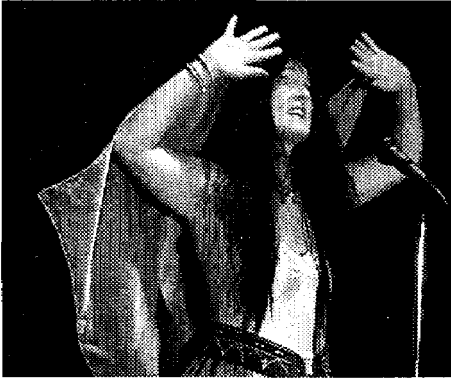


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VILLAGE NEWS



Sue Gordon as Kate Bush

Stars in their eyes

What a fantastic evening! Many, many thanks to David and Ineke Watt for organising such a great and fun-filled event with Steve Mee acting as a lithe and eloquent compère.

The ten contestants were all brilliant. It was a shame that a winner had to be picked – however the four hotly contested prizes went to Sue Gordon as Kate Bush, Sadie Allen as Catherine Zeta Jones, Tim Corcoran as Ray Orbison and Pierette and Richard Melville and Jean and Stuart Andrews as the Three (or was it four?) Degrees.

What a great way to raise over £300 for the Village Hall funds!

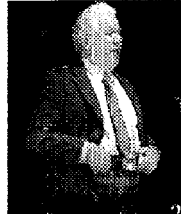
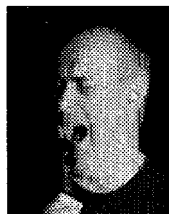
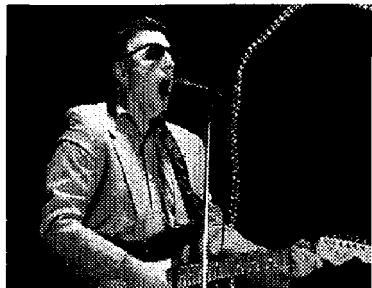


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After nearly 15 years as Head Teacher of Arngask Primary School, Ronnie Simpson leaves for pastures new at the end of this term. We invited his Primary 6/7 class to find out more...

When did you come to Arngask and how old were you?

Terribly personal question that! I came in 1990 and I was 35 years old.

What brought you to Arngask Primary?

I had been headteacher at Murthly for 8 years and I was looking for a career move to a slightly bigger school. I also knew a lot of people in Glenfarg because I organised the Perth and Kinross Tennis League and it seemed a nice village.

How long have you worked here and how long does it take to learn everyone's name?

I will have worked here for almost 15 years to the day when I leave. Learning everyone's name is pretty easy in a smallish school and it's very important.

Did all the staff listen to you when you first came?

I don't know but I certainly hope so! Listening to a new boss is pretty important! I can't ask them because there are no original staff members left although Mrs Milne came in my first year as a supply teacher.

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How long have you been teaching and where did you train? What made you want to be a teacher?

By next February I shall have been teaching 27 years. I trained in Dundee and somehow never moved far from home. Wanting to teach was always a wee thing I had in the back of my head but the thing that really decided me was being involved in a church camp for kids from a deprived background held in St Andrews. Then after I trained to teach I worked in a children's residential home for nearly a year and really enjoyed the work.

Why are you leaving?

Because I want to – I've been here

long enough and I've got itchy feet. I want to do something a bit different that doesn't involve driving 20 miles to work each day. I feel that life is short and I need to act now.

How do you feel about handing our school over to someone else?

I hope to meet the new person and perhaps by the end of the month I will know who it is. I hope that we'll have the chance to spend several days together sharing ideas.

What are you planning to do when you leave?

I'm still planning to teach – at least for the first six months to a year.

I'll do 'supply', hopefully fairly local and get some fresh insights and pick up lots of new ideas.

How do you feel about taking on a new job and do you like being a headmaster?

I'm actually excited about the 'unknown'. I shall be getting back from a holiday in Egypt and jumping into my car to wherever I'm needed. I've loved being a headteacher and it's a big challenge but I think the school needs a change.

What has been your favourite time at this school?

Almost impossible to answer. Every year is full of favourite times.

Have you always taught P7?

No not at all. The only classes I haven't taught are P1&2. The first class I had at Caledonian Road, Perth was P5. Then at Auchtergaven, P3 and at Murthly (a two-class school) I had P4-7.

Out of all your years here, what has been your funniest moment?

Some of the dance routines at talent shows! The teachers' doing the Bob the Builder song in a talent show. Forgetting to cook the baked potatoes at an Outdoor Pursuits weekend at Kinloch Rannoch (they shouldn't have left me in charge!). Just a few days ago, a younger pupil had an envelope to donate to my leaving collection but quietly slipped it into my hand. I'm sure he wasn't meant to do that!



A disco in the early years. Some faces we still recognise – David Murie, Stellie Thirtwall, Emma Murphy, Alastair Imrie, Lisa Gourdie, Zoe Eastman, Lee Beveridge, Tracy Rennie. The 'Heedie' needs a haircut! (Apologies to any faces we missed.)

What has been the worst thing that has happened at the school?

The ceiling falling down. I was through in what is now the back store and there was an almighty crash and when I got to the (then) dining room Mrs Scott (the dinner lady) was standing white-faced looking at a pile of rubble that had just missed her. Two pupils having a fight on the school grounds, one ending up seriously injured with a broken leg. The Bridge of Earn Hospital was still open and the boy was in traction for 11 weeks. The 1994 Inspection of the school which lasted for two weeks is also a bad memory although we came out of it quite well.

What is your fave lesson or your best topic and why?

Maths – believe it or not! It was a subject I struggled with when I was at school but I like teaching it because it has such a definite outcome. My favourite topics are anything to do with history or geography.

How many schools have you worked in before this one? Which is your favourite and why?

Caledonian Road, Perth,
Auchtergaven, Bankfoot,
Murthly Primary and Arngask.
They're all my favourites!

What is your best memory and why?

It must be linked to all the school shows – which have been especially good since Mrs Gordon has been teaching.



Thank You

Having survived the interview with my class of P. 6/7's, I did still want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the residents of Glenfarg over the past 15 years.

Many staff and pupils have come and gone during my time at the school and a large number of the 'children' are now adults themselves, either still in the village or further afield but I can honestly say that it has been an honour and a privilege to work with you all for so long. Part of my problem in deciding where to go next in my career was always the fact that I was too happy and settled in my work here. Once you have worked in a good rural school with a supportive staff and community, you don't really feel the need or perhaps have the desire to go elsewhere.

I am sure that most of you know that the job of a teaching Headteacher hasn't become any easier in recent years so I felt that with all signs pointing me in this direction, it was time to jump off the bandwagon and move over to a less stressful side of the teaching game. Time will tell if I have made the right decision!

I will always continue to take an interest in the school and the village (although I wouldn't expect to take on any supply teaching at Arngask in the near future) and I am sure that the existing staff with new, enthusiastic leadership will take the school forward with confidence. Thanks again to everyone connected in any way to the school for your support and friendship.

Ronnie Simpson

There is such a good feeling from seeing the teamwork, involvement of parents and the turnout on the night. Plus I've enjoyed Christmas parties ... lots of great memories.

Have you had a nice time at Arngask and have you a favourite time or year whilst you've been here?

YES! My favourite time of year is definitely Christmas and I love to see the younger one's getting so excited. I also like the summer and the warmer weather which allows us to do sport and athletics.

Will you be sad to leave the school?

Mixed feelings. I think it's really

important to look forward with anticipation and to try not to look back too much.

Do you like playing the piano or do you have a fave instrument?

I don't know where this question came from! I'm hopeless at playing the piano although I did take lessons when I was in primary school. I like singing though and my favourite instrument is guitar.

What has been your most embarrassing moment at Arngask Primary School?

My very first day. Someone had omitted to order heating fuel and the heating wasn't working. It was so



This lovely bunch had this picture printed on a t-shirt and Mr S. had to wear it on his holidays. He did too! L.to r. Fiona Howat, Stephanie Milne, Lorna Sabbagh, Jeanette menzies and Aileen Hutchison

cold that we had to close the school for the day.

Do you like teaching us?

So far so good ... although... there of some of you who's listening skills aren't as good as they should be!

And finally, a sneaky question... do you like giving us homework?

I used to really hate homework so I don't give huge amounts of it but if you don't put aside quality time and a quiet space to do the homework you do get, it's scappily done and not really worth the effort.

Thanks P6/7's. Didn't they do well?

Thankyou

I would like to thank everyone for their kind get well wishes, cards, gifts and flowers during my recent illness and hospital stay. They were very much appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils of last session's primary 7 who left gifts at the school for me. Unfortunately, not all of you put names on your gifts so it has been impossible to get in touch to thank you personally – What did I tell you about always naming your work?

I would like to close by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

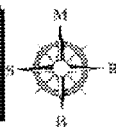
Anne Imrie



Councillor Lena Graham introduced us to these friends from Latvia in the early 90s. We held fund-raising events to help set up a music school in Riga. Director Educ., at the time, Jim Anderson is far left and Cllr. Graham is far right.



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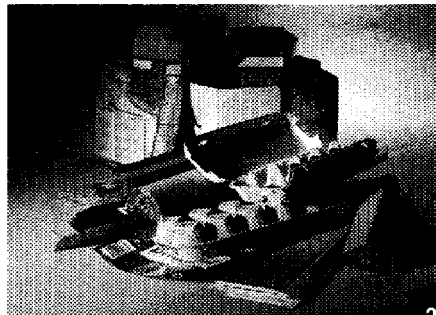
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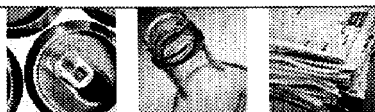
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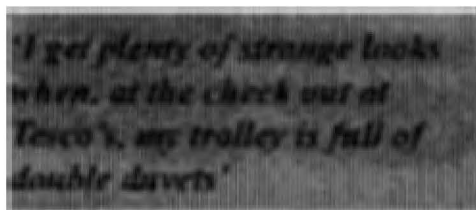
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Well I am sure you are aware that summer and to some extent autumn has now gone. Not only are the trees losing their leaves, clocks changed but evenings are now dark very early and to many people this not a nice time of year. However to us this is the true start of the National Hunt season: although jump racing is run throughout the year, only when it gets wet, cold and dark does the season really get going.

Now its woolly hats, scarves and



waterproofs for the humans and the horses have their thick coats clipped to stop them getting too hot and sweaty during exercise and racing. Their coats are replaced with lots of warm rugs and duvets for when it gets really cold. I get plenty of strange looks when, at the check out at Tesco's, my trolley is full of double duvets

-- I don't like to think what people are thinking.

We are hoping that this season will continue in the same way as we have started and already have some very encouraging winners on the board. Obviously we need the horses to be happy, healthy and fit but we do have some really nice horses in the yard and are very much looking forward to this season.

We had a great winner at Ayr last weekend. This is the first of the bigger meetings in the north and we ran a horse called Endless Power in the bumper, a flat race for baby jumpers run over two miles. He could not have been more impressive and it was especially nice for us as it was his first time on the racetrack. He is owned by two really enthusiastic guys from Dundee and this was their first winner, they are rightly on cloud nine. We will look after him this season and hope that he could be



really special in years to come.

Not only do we have some nice new horses in the yard but we have now got a full time jockey – Des Flavin. This not only helps hugely on the racetrack but also it is good to have someone at home who is able to do lots of schooling and give us additional advice on where and when to run horses. We hope that this will be a great partnership, he seems settled up here and has now got a cottage in the village.

We do at last have planning permission for our new barn. We originally started all the paperwork

for this in May and have only just got it finalised - there seems to be a vast amount to be filled in and it seems to take forever. The builders are due to start on the ground works this week and we hope that the barn will be up before Christmas. We will have our yard open day once this is completely finished and full of horses. This is more likely to be after Christmas but I will provide details in the Post Office nearer the time.

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The past month has been a fantastic period for the village hall for fundraising:

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The Wine club organised a most enjoyable cheese & wine evening which raised £475 and last but not least David Watt's "Stars in our eyes" (a night that everyone will talk about for a long time!) raised £318 for the extension fund.

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed.

The next few fundraisers are:
Burns Supper: Friday, 21st January 2005. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 10th January from Earnside Coaches or Pierette 830233.

Craft fayre: 7th May. Anyone interested please contact Sylvia Wall on 830408

Fete: Saturday, 18th June 2005!

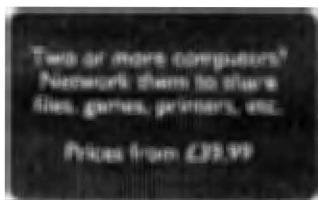
Extension plans: Planning permission has been applied for. An application to P&KC + Scottish Executive has been done and we'll hopefully hear results by April 2005.

No further outlay will be incurred until some funding has been secured. Trevor thanked the sub committee for all their hard work.

Next hall meeting: Wednesday, 12th January 2005.

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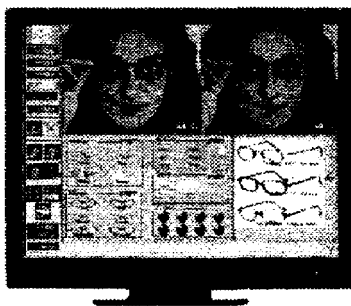
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Glenfarg Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st November 2004 at 7.30p.m.

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

Apologies: Cllr J. Sutherland, Cllr S. Reid.

By Invitation: Cllr K. Baird, Sergeant G. Binnie
Members of the Public

One member of the public was present

1/11/2004 Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes were accepted as accurate by Cllr C. Meldrum and seconded by Cllr J. Stake.

2/11/04 Matters Arising

Arrgask Cemetery:- Perth & Kinross Council workmen have carried out some paving and turfing but further work is to be done and the situation is to be monitored.

Notice Board:- Cllr Grave reported that she had arranged with Mr D Meldrum for the noticeboard to be taken down, prior to repainting.

Landfill Site :- The Chairman reported that he had received complaints from two households to the east of the village about the smell coming from the site, and had suggested that they contact SEPA.

Green Bins:- Cllr Murison reported that green bin collections for Duncrievie should start in February.

3/11/04 Police Report

Sergeant G. Binnie, standing in for Constable Pederson, reported that, following complaints

from local residents about youths congregating in the Primary School playground at night, the police had investigated and several teenagers had been found to be in possession of alcohol and drugs. Police visits will continue. A number of minor incidents had been reported including a number of traffic offences. Two people have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with the attempted break-in at Dr Moyser's house.

4/11/04 Treasurer's Report

Cllr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting.

5/11/04 Wind Farm Update

The Chairman reported that Tom Surman of Npower Renewables (formerly National Wind Power Limited) had indicated that they were continuing their investigations on various matters in the Environmental Statement raised by the Community Council, Wind Farm Awareness Group and others. It is likely that Npower will submit amendments to the Environmental Statement to the Scottish Executive in mid November, and that a 28 day public consultation period will follow. Cllr Curtis said that she had spoken to the Scottish Executive who confirmed that they awaited further information from the developer. It was also confirmed that Perth & Kinross Council had requested an extension of time for their comments, to allow them to take into account any amendments or further information from the developer.

There is to be a meeting in Kinross High School on 17th November arranged by Perth & Kinross Council to discuss planning issues in relation to wind farm applications.

Cllr Grave reported that applications are to be lodged for a wind farm at Mellock Hill and a cluster of turbines at Tillyrie.

6/11/04 Core Paths Network

The Chairman welcomed Mr D. Stubbs, Access Officer from Perth & Kinross Council and invited him to explain to the meeting what the Core Paths Network is and how it might affect the Community.

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Mr Stubbs confirmed that the Land Reform Act, which introduces a right of responsible public access to the countryside, also requires local authorities to prepare a plan showing a network of paths to facilitate that access. In order to assist in the preparation of the Core Path Network Plan, local communities are encouraged to put forward suitable paths in their areas. Mr Stubbs stressed the importance of involving both local landowners and potential path users in this process.

In answer to a query from Community Councillor Campbell Mr Stubbs confirmed that P&K Council have no duty either to build new paths or to maintain or improve existing paths. The Council has funding only for the preparation of the plan, but not for path building or maintenance. Access to funding and other practical assistance may be available through other organisations. The Chairman mentioned that the Community Council were already liaising with TRACKS regarding the proposed pathway between Glenfarg and Duncraevie, and Mr Stubbs confirmed that such a pathway is likely to be a suitable candidate for inclusion on the Core Path Network Plan. He said that there were no hard and fast rules or guidelines on the number and extent of pathways. This would differ from place to place depending on the needs of each community.

Community Councillor Grave asked how existing rights of way fit in with the Core Paths Network. Mr Stubbs said a public right of way would not automatically be included, but if it is reasonably well used, meets local needs and is not a source of contention with the landowner, then it would be a suitable candidate for inclusion.

Councillor Kathleen Baird expressed concern that there were existing public paths in the area which were not being properly maintained because of lack of Council funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stubbs for his presentation. He proposed and the meeting agreed that the question of how the Community Council should take the matter forward would be discussed at the next meeting.

8/11/04 Newsletter

The Chairman informed the meeting that Ineke Watt did not feel able to carry on as Editor of the Newsletter. Anne Sutherland has agreed to fill in as editor for the December Newsletter only. The meeting agreed that the Newsletter was an important source of local information for the Community, and that efforts should be made find a new editor to keep it going.

8/11/04 Dates for

Next Year's Meetings

10th January; 7th March; 9th May; 27th June; 5th September; 7th November

AGM: 4th April

9/11/04 Any Other Business

Out of Hours Medical Service: The Chairman confirmed that he had been in touch with Loch Leven Health Centre and with PRI and all households in the community should by now have received a leaflet explaining the new out of hours service.

Com. Cllrs. Grave and Johnston reported on the meeting of the Convention of Community Councils they had attended recently.

Com.Cllr Stake said that the drains beside the footpath running south from Main Street are blocked and after the recent heavy rain the footpath had been impassible. Cllr Kathleen Baird confirmed that she had reported the matter to the Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

The Date of the Next Meeting is Monday 10th January 2005

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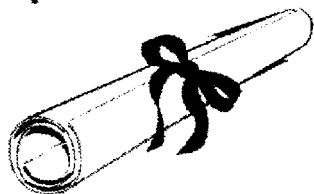
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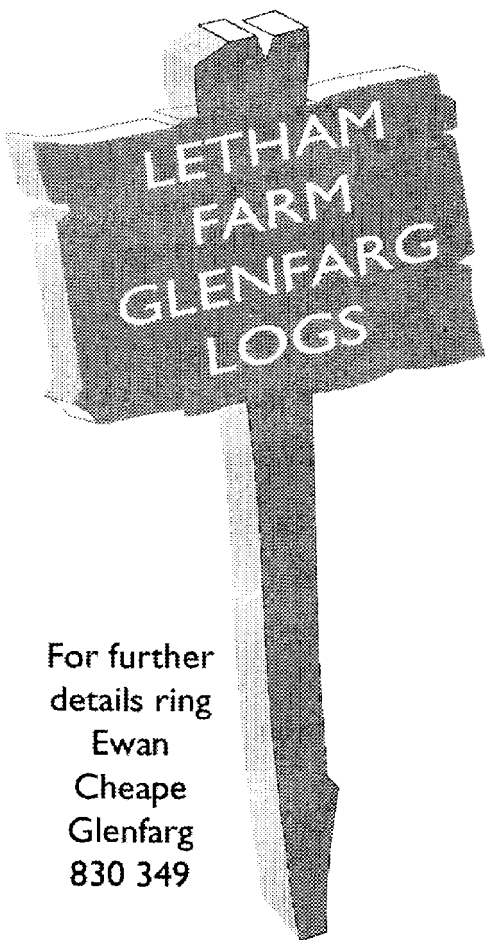
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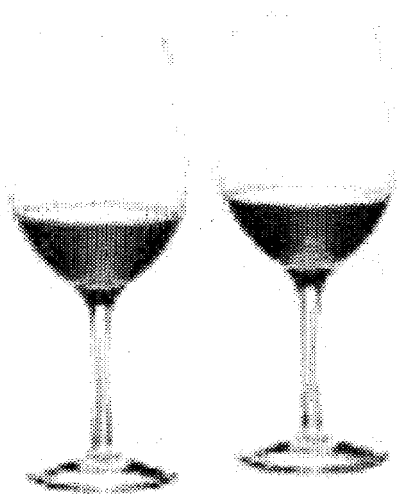
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THE WINE CLUB



Fresh from another diversification, this time into Wheeltapping and Shunting (thanks to everyone who helped raise £475 for Hall funds on 23rd October), the Wine Club continues to flourish with new members joining in the fun.

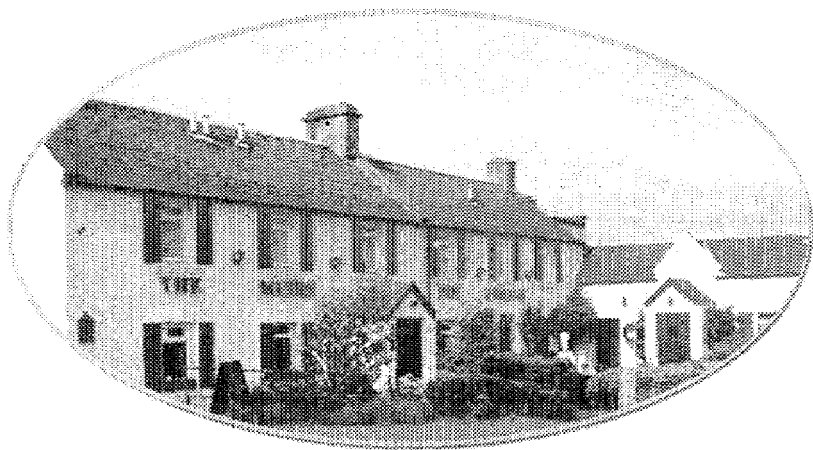
With a pause to draw breath over Christmas and New Year, the club will be getting back to business at the end of January. Right through the first half of the year, wine club meetings are going to be hosted by club members themselves. This gives people a chance to introduce their favourite wines to everyone else, or to try out something completely different.

This, of course, is the time of year when people who don't always drink wine will try a wee tippie. One of

the questions that always comes up is, "What wine do I drink with which food?" To which the best answer is, 'You drink whatever you like'. However, a bit of matching wine with food can help increase the enjoyment of each.

For example, the traditional turkey. It used to be the case that we thought that we had to drink white wine with fish or white meat. Not any more! If it is white wine you like, then a Chardonnay is usually seen as the most appropriate. However, Claret (the red wine from Bordeaux in France) is a traditional partner for turkey. Some of the Merlots from Chile and Australian wines made with, mainly, Grenache grapes, also work perfectly well.

If you're having steak instead



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of turkey, then a lot of people would say that wines made mainly from the Cabernet Sauvignon grape are the best match. Now, this includes so many different wines from all over the world, that the choice is overwhelming. But, again, if you want to stick with the classics, Red Bordeaux is hard to beat (but I'm just an old-world fuddy-duddy!). On the other hand, some people would argue that wines made with Malbec grapes are the perfect match with steak. And ... if you're a white wine drinker, the big, heavily oaked Chardonnay wines can cope with steak.

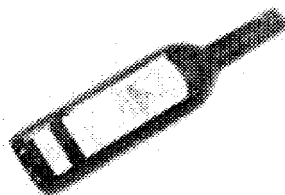
You might be trying some duck. Wines from the Burgundy area of France or Barolo region of Italy are often thought of as the ideal matches. If your taste is for intensely flavoured tomato dishes then a robust Italian red is the one to go for.

One of the other dilemmas is what to do with the unfinished wine. Of course the best solution is to drink it. However, if you've had your fill and want to keep some for the next day or two, the answer is ... put it in the fridge. Yes, even the red ones. Make sure it's well sealed. Put the cork back in and stand it upright in the fridge. Remember to let the red wines warm up to room temperature before you start drinking them again.

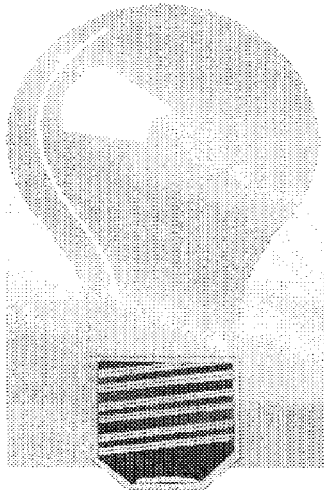
To help even more, you could buy a vacuum pump. Wine doesn't like

oxygen. This is what makes it go off. A vacuum pump is a special rubber bung with a little device on it that sucks most of the air out of the bottle. You can buy these in supermarkets or kitchen shops for about £5 - £10.

If all this doesn't work, don't worry. You've got yourself good wine vinegar!



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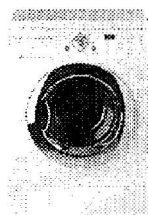
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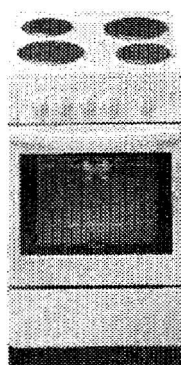
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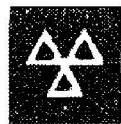
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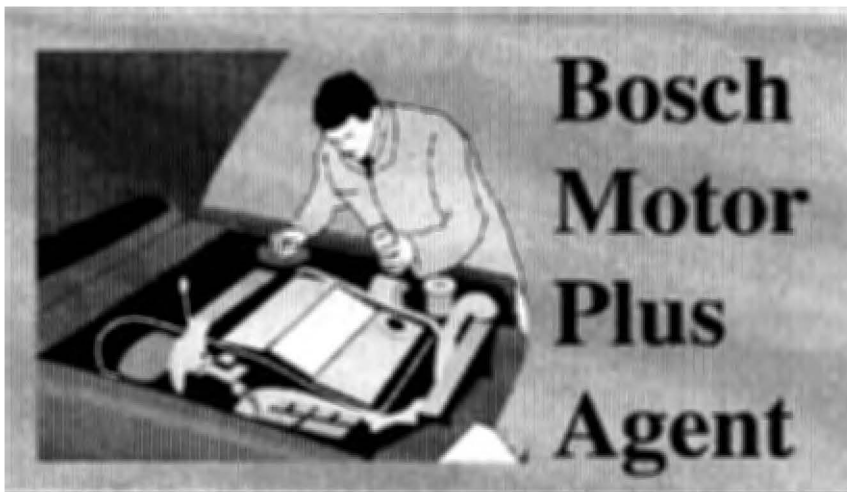


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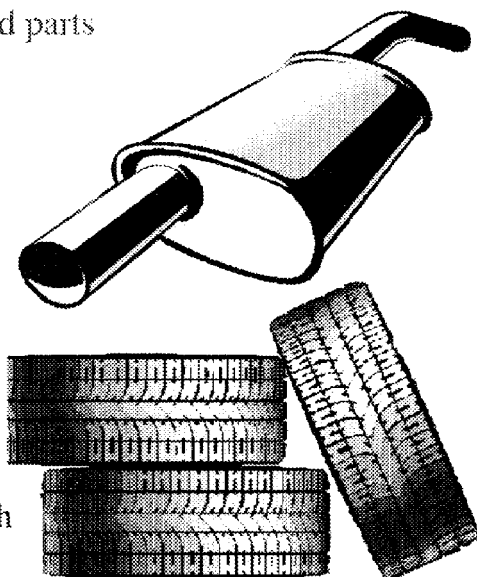
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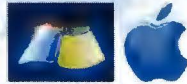
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