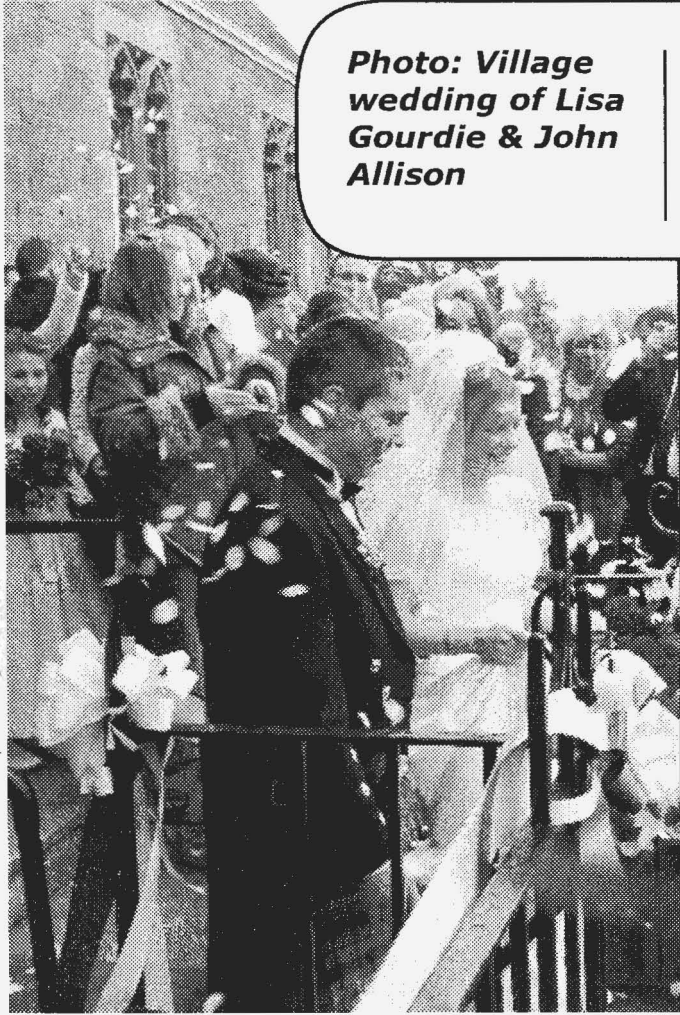


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Editorial

Welcome to the third edition of the new format newsletter, just in time for Spring. This has been the first time the whole of the new team has been on board, and things are really beginning to take shape in terms of organisation and ideas to take the newsletter forward. The team, who all give up their



LETTERS

...to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I had to chuckle when I read about Mrs. Mayhem in the report about Playgroup's 30th Anniversary celebrations. I'm sure she often thought it was mayhem, but the lady's name is actually Muriel Mileham! She was absolutely thrilled to have been invited, and didn't want it mentioned on the day, but it's probably safe to tell everyone now that she celebrated her 90th birthday last month.

It was a wonderful morning, with lots of happy memories rekindled, and many thanks are due to all those involved in the organisation.

Jan Macpherson

time on a voluntary basis, have been encouraged by a lot of positive feedback from readers on the newsletter's new look and content, but we would appreciate continued comments, suggestions and constructive criticism. Contact any one of the team directly with your views on what you like, don't like or what you would like to see included in future editions. The email address to send items to is: newsletter@glenfarg2000.freemove.co.uk, or you can hand items in to any one of us.

Cara Chalmers

Village News

Red Diesel Warning

The police have reported that there have recently been a number of thefts of red diesel in the local area, one of them in the Community Council area. Those storing red diesel should take all reasonable precautions to ensure its safety.

Lochelbank Windfarm

NPower Renewables will shortly withdraw the plan lodged with the Scottish Executive last year and lodge a new plan for a smaller Wind Farm with Perth & Kinross Council. It is likely that the number of turbines will be reduced from 17 to 12 and the height of each turbine from 111 metres to 91 metres. Details of the new plan will be available in the Post Office and there will be a 28 day consultation period with an opportunity for objection to be lodged with Perth & Kinross Council. Please watch out for further details in the Post Office.

Duncan Cameron

School Eco Committee

Arngask Primary School's Eco Group have had their first meeting and have started to improve the school grounds almost immediately by placing large planting tubs at the side gate of the school. They could do with a few more plants though so if your garden is overflowing, or if you feel the urge to buy a few Pansies then please feel free to pass any extras our way.

The next project is to plant Hazel trees at the top end of the pitch near the 'bunny field'. The holes have been dug with help from pupils, but the young trees now need protection from the many rabbits nearby. If you have any empty 2L plastic bottles handy we would be most grateful for them as quickly as possible. There is now also a silver coloured bin outside the school where all villagers are encouraged to place their scrap cardboard. The Eco Group are in the process of putting together a news letter to keep everyone informed about progress. As always this type of enterprise will not be as successful without the help and support of parents and so far the Nursery and P1 and P2 parents have been particularly helpful. Don't worry because the other parents will no doubt be pounced upon in coming months, so there is no need for you to feel left out yet!

Brownies win prizes at Flower Show.



The Glenfarg Brownie Group have won third place overall for all the Brownie Groups in Perth at the recent Royal Horticultural Society's Spring Show.

Held at St Matthews Church Hall the individual groups within Glenfarg Brownies each came away with a prize too.

The Gnomes achieved a first prize for their entry in the card section.

The Elves got second prize for their card entry and the Pixies got second prize for their flower arrangement.

Glenfarg Community Council

**Update presentation by NPower
regarding the Lochelbank Wind
Farm proposal**

**Minutes of the meeting held Monday 21st
February at 7.30pm.**

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr L. Godsell, Cllr B. Patterson

By Invitation Cllr K. Baird

Members of the Public

24 Members of the Public were present

1/2/05 Lochelbank Wind Farm Update Presentation by Npower Renewables

The Chairman welcomed Harry Malyon (NPower's Development Officer for Scotland) and Tom Surman (the Project Officer for Lochelbank) and explained that the meeting had been called at the request of NPower to allow them to update the Community Council on developments since their application to the Scottish Executive was lodged last April. As NPower were not able to attend the next scheduled Council Meeting on 7th March, a "single issue" meeting was arranged. The Chairman stressed that the meeting was not part of a consultation process and that no decisions would be made by the Community Council at this meeting, the aim of which was to get an update from NPower and allow Community Councillors, and members of the public, the chance to ask questions of NPower. The Community Council would decide on its response to the amended application once it was lodged.

Cllr Cameron reminded the meeting that the Community Council had lodged an objection to the original application, on the basis that it contravened Perth & Kinross Council (P&KC) draft Planning Guidelines and citing three main grounds, viz insufficient scoping, proximity to occupied dwellings and threat to visual amenity. He also drew the meeting's attention to P&KC revised draft policy guidelines, published since the original application was lodged. These

guidelines propose "preferred areas" for wind farm development (one of which includes the site of the proposed Lochelbank development), but also state that only one commercial wind farm should be developed in the Ochils, which should comply with various conditions, including a restriction on the height of turbines to 60 metres.

Tom Surman of NPower confirmed that it had been decided to reduce the number of turbines from 17 (each producing up to 3mW) to 12 (each producing up to 1.3mW). As a result, the application would no longer fall to be decided by the Scottish Ministers under s36 of the Electricity Act. They would therefore withdraw the original application and a new application would be submitted to P&KC. They propose to reduce the height of the turbines from 111 metres to 91 metres. The position of a number of the remaining turbines are to be altered to give a better landscape fit, the total area of the site had been reduced and the footprint moved further from the area of the SSSI and towards the road.

The rationale for the changes is:

- to reduce the visual impact of the turbines and their dominance against the landscape;
- to increase the buffer zones around the SSSI, the Wallace Road and the Scheduled Ancient Monument;
- to reduce the impact on neighbouring properties by reducing the number and height of the turbines;
- to take account of P&KC Wind Energy Policy.

They had addressed the concern about private water supplies by commissioning a report from Daigleish Associates which would be published as part of the Environmental Statement when the new application is lodged. They were also reassessing various archaeological sites which were overlooked in the original application.

It is likely that the new application will be lodged in early/mid March and there will follow a period of 28 days in which representations from the public may be lodged with P&KC.

The floor was then opened for questions:-
Cllr Grave pointed out that the P&K Guidelines provide for a maximum turbine height of 60 metres as opposed to 90 metres as proposed by NPower. Tom Surman said that they had reduced the turbine height as far as possible consistent with maintaining a viable level of megawatts.

Cllr Grave reminded Tom Surman that at the time of the original application he said a turbine height of less than 111 metres was not viable. She wondered what had changed.

Tom Surman said the original application provided for a connection to the National Grid which would have been very expensive. They now propose an alternative grid connection at Abernethy, which would be less expensive.

Cllr Campbell pointed out that the Landscape Study commissioned by P&K states that as a result of the topography of the Ochils, there is an irreconcilable conflict between preserving the Ochils' landscape and the development of windfarms because of the height of the turbines. It also recommend that turbines should not exceed 60 metres. **Why did NPower consider that the proposed turbine height of 90 metres should be allowed?** Tom Surman said the efficient use of the turbines required a minimum height of 90 metres, and that, in the opinion of NPower, a height of 90 metres was acceptable, particularly as they proposed to pull some of the turbines back off the ridge, thus complying with the spirit of what the Landscape Study was recommending. **Harry Malyon said that in their judgement, the height restriction of 60 metres was not necessarily appropriate throughout the whole of the Ochils.**

Cllr Curtis asked about the extent of the report commissioned from Dalgleish Associates on Private Water Supplies. Harry Malyon confirmed that the full report would be published as part of the Environmental Statement accompanying the new application.

Cllr Campbell asked about access arrangements during the construction phase. Tom Surman said the reduction in the size of the blades from 46 metres to 30 metres meant it would be easier to get the long loads to the site, and that they envisaged using both available routes; i.e. from Bridge of Earn and from Glenfarg. Some realigning of the road on a right angle bend would be required.

Mrs Lascelles asked whether a botanical survey had been carried out. Tom Surman confirmed that a botanical study was being carried out which would form part of the new application.

Catherine Macmillan asked whether NPower would be prepared to plant up an area to compensate for the wood they propose felling. Harry Malyon said they would consider this.

Mrs Hebblethwaite asked how many large loads were going to be required and what disruption to local traffic could be expected.

Tom Surman said the longest loads would be a maximum of 30 metres and these would have a police escort. Details of the 10 month construction period and the number of loads would be published with the new application. Harry Malyon said they anticipated that the largest loads would come in towards the end of the 10 month construction period. The construction of the roads would take approx 4 months; platform construction approx 2 months; the major disruption would be over approximately a month towards the end.

Cllr Grave said she noticed that there was now to be no batching plant; did this mean that concrete would be brought in rather than being made on site? Harry Malyon confirmed this was to try and reduce the threat of pollution.

Mr C Grave pointed out that Npower originally proposed 50 turbines and asked that, if P&K accept their application for 12 turbines, would NPower simply regard the consent as a first stage, and go on to apply for more. Tom Surman said that bearing in mind the constraints of the site it was unlikely that they would apply for more.

Cllr Curtis asked whether they had not recently applied to put in more and larger turbines at their Novar site. Harry Malyon confirmed that this was the case, but that Novar was a very different site. He agreed that a further application could not be ruled out absolutely.

Mr R Quartermaine asked about a change in the capacity. Harry Malyon confirmed that change meant the transformers now required would be cheaper and contractual conditions less onerous.

Mr R Passe asked whether the Dalgleish Associates Report covered the effect of microbiological levels in water supplies. Tom Surman thought it did not. Mr Passe pointed out that the main danger to human health from contamination of water supplies came from microbiological contamination.

Tom Surman agreed that he would provide the Council with copies of the various plans and photomontages he had brought to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Tom Surman and Harry Malyon for their presentation. The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Arngask Church

Weddings

Miss Hester McCulloch, Daughter of Elma and Derek McCulloch, Blairfield Farm, was married to Mr David Niven from Milnathort on Thursday 10th March at 2pm.

Miss Lisa Gourdie, Daughter of George and Moira Gourdie, East Blair Farm was married to Mr John Allison of Duncruevie on Saturday 12th March at 2pm.



Dates for Your Diary

April 16th 2005 Communion.

Anyone requiring a lift to Church, please contact Charlie on 830337

Obituary

The funeral of Mr George Drysdale took place in the Church on Friday 28th January at 1.30pm.

George Drysdale died suddenly on Monday 24th January in Perth Royal Infirmary. Born in Edinburgh in 1922, he was educated at George Heriot's and was particularly gifted in languages, mathematics, music and rugby - playing full-back for the school.

His University studies were cut short with a commission in the Black Watch during the Second World War. He rose to the rank of Major and served in East Africa and the Indian Ocean.

He married Margaret in Wilson Church, Perth in 1946. Alasdair was born in Perth and Euan in Nairobi where George worked as a chartered secretary with the Uganda Liverpool Company in East Africa. On leaving Africa, he and Margaret went to live in Essex and George worked in London with the Blue Star Shipping Line.

George and Margaret came to Glenfarg in 1987 and immediately George involved himself in both community and Church life - he was secretary to the Community Council for a number of years and an enthusiastic elder in Arngask Church where he was both treasurer and organist.

Throughout his life George showed integrity and a sense of duty in whatever he undertook. He did encourage others by his example and found much enjoyment and fulfilment in his life with Margaret and in the lives and families of his sons. George had many talents which he bore with humility and shared unstintingly for the good of others.

Silver Medal for Village Sportsman

Congratulations to Ian Marsden for winning a Silver medal in the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne, Australia. Ian shoots clay targets in what is known as Olympic Skeet. Australia won Gold on 188, Scotland won Silver on 187 and Canada won Bronze on 186. It was very close - the total was out of 200 targets. We hope to have some pictures of Ian receiving his medal in the next newsletter.

Craft Fayre

**Saturday 7th May
Glenfarg Village Hall
10am - 4pm**

Proceeds from the fayre will be added to the Hall fund for the necessary modifications.

On display will be a variety of exhibits from local people, art from the village school children and a variety of craft stalls offering the opportunity to purchase items.

Entrance charge of £2.00
(accompanied children free of charge)
includes tea or coffee and home baking.

"The friends I made were
the ones I met outside the
blue door at Playgroup"
PARENT

"I love playing in the kitchen like
my Mummy at home"
CHILD



"Playgroup staff interacted in a very warm,
caring and sensitive manner"
CARE COMMISSION

"I would miss being part of a group
that cared about my child"
PARENT

After 30 years Glenfarg Playgroup is facing closure this Summer. This is because numbers attending are not meeting the running costs of the group.

Come to the OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 27th April Village Hall 8pm and make a difference.

ALL OPTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

SATURDAY 18 June – put it in your diaries NOW!

Liz Carswell, Lindsay Kinnaird, Christine Brooks and Pierette Melville, the committee members behind the 2005 Fete, are determined this year is going to be special...

Starting with the traditional parade from the village led by the school 'King and Queen', the Majorettes and children in fancy dress the afternoon is crammed full of activities – including a bi-plane aerial display, a static display of birds of prey, gun-dog demonstration (a practice run for the Royal Show the following week!), the Jackie Crawford Highland Dancers (Kinross), Glenfarg's own Children's Orchestra, a Tug of War, a Pet's Corner and a Ferret Maze.

Expect all the traditional events – Dog Show, Bakes and Bottles, Splashboard, Tea and Beer tents, White Elephant, bouncy castle, Plants and Books, Parade with Majorettes and Fancy Dress and King and Queen... and more

'This is a big year for the village hall', explains Lindsay Kinnaird. 'We've now got planning permission so this is a big fundraising opportunity. We hope the sun will shine and Glenfarg and surrounding area will turn out in force to enjoy the day'.



Wallace Park makes a great site for the Fete but there's a lot of work to do erecting marquees – if you are available to help phone: Liz Carswell on 830206

Big raffles

'We've already secured some excellent prizes for the raffle including a weekend away, a day's shooting ... and a breadmaker PLUS this year there's a separate raffle for a bi-plane flight worth £450'.

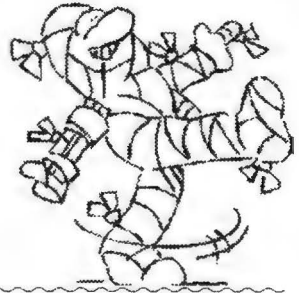
Sponsorship

Lindsay is also very keen to encourage any local companies to sponsor events and suggests that if anyone is interested they can phone Jackie McGee on 830 450 for further information.



The White Elephant always attracts eagle-eyed bargain hunters

**CALLING ALL KIDS –
join the parade in fancy
dress! Go on – you can
think of something!**



Arngask Church Guild

The last meeting was an open meeting on Tuesday 15 March when the Rev. Tom Findlay came to talk about Mercy Ships. The proceeds of the offering went to help fund the work.

Our Annual Spring Coffee Morning was held in the Church Hall on 19th March from 10-11.30am with cake & candy, gifts, books and a raffle for some Easter Goodies.

The final meeting of the session brought our 60th Anniversary to a close when we had our AGM and a daffodil tea. David Watt entertained us to round up what has been a successful year.

The Annual Council Meeting was held in St Matthews Church Hall on March 18th and the Summer meeting will be on June 2nd in Crieff Church at 7.30pm when the Rev. Gillian Munro, head of Spiritual Care in NHS Tayside will be the speaker.

The Garden Party will be at Muthill on 2nd June.

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No cold callers

thank you ...

Anne Sutherland comments on a community initiative being implemented around the UK.

How many people in Glenfarg have been conned into accepting some tar left over from motorway repairs? Apparently quite a few. 10% of all cold calling complaints in the UK are about driveway repairs.

If you spend a great deal of time at home you will have experienced plenty of cold callers ... art students trying to sell their pictures, lads with holdalls full of dusters and ironing covers, travellers offering heather for good luck, gardeners wanting to tidy up the garden, transit vanloads of rugs offered on the cheap, aerial photographs of your home, double glazing experts and more.

In a recent national survey 97% would like to see a complete ban on cold callers. Whilst the Government is promising to clean up unscrupulous traders by shaping future legislation (deciding whether they are a civil or criminal matter) several communities are taking a much more practical step.

In Essex, Yorkshire, Bedfordshire and elsewhere communities are putting 'people power' into operation and establishing 'No cold calling zones'. Similar to a

Neighbourhood Watch scheme, disks and stickers are displayed and communities work with police and the Trading Standards Authority in their District to enforce the zone.

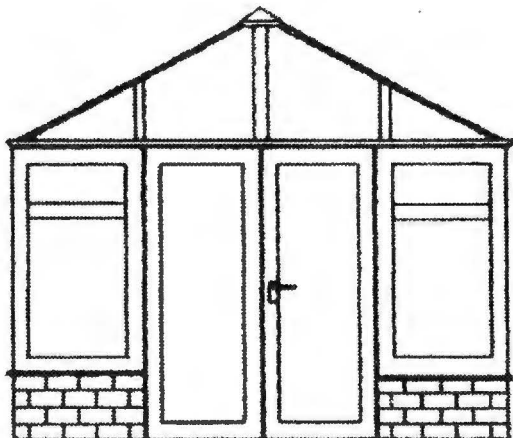
A blanket ban on cold calling would certainly help to protect our vulnerable and elderly residents but it has potential problems. By definition *all* cold-callers including non-traders would also be unwelcome from JW's to the Conservative Party and just as importantly Scouts calling for White Elephants for the village fete, your neighbour collecting for Christian Aid or the Betterware catalogue coming through the letterbox.

This initiative will be attractive to many because it protects their perceived right to privacy in their own homes. But it also signals (I believe) a more worrying trend. In the 90s there was a huge decline in 'community' and 'neighbourliness'. Nowadays over 50% of our UK population know very few people in their neighbourhood. Glenfarg look out!

One elderly person used to ring us and ask us to come round if they were worried by a cold caller. That seems infinitely better than curtailing other peoples' freedoms in order to protect a community. Let's face it, people pay £2billion over the doorstep to cold callers so it can't all be bad. As for protecting the elderly... some of our Glenfarg folks could teach the 'young uns' a thing or two about how to get rid of unwelcome callers!

By the way... anyone know how to stop unwelcome telephone sales calls?

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VILLAGE NEWS

British Red Cross Glenfarg Centre

It is with regret that, following a recent meeting, it has been unanimously agreed to disband the existing committee of the British Red Cross Glenfarg Group. As numbers decrease and there is an increasing trend towards donations being directed through the International Disaster Fund, it is felt that the local group is no longer sustainable.

The Perth office of the British Red Cross (telephone 01738 622474) at Royal British House, 113 Leonard Street, can deal with enquiries regarding local needs, i.e. First aid courses, medical loan etc., and Bill Connolly (830200) has kindly agreed to be a local contact should anyone require information. As members of the Perth & Kinross Branch we will be collecting during Red Cross Week in May.

we would like to thank everyone who has so willingly helped us in the past

We are also committed to this year's Fete, when we will as usual be manning the plant and produce stall. In the past we have enjoyed generous donations of plants and produce and we again appeal to you to support the stall. Bill Connolly will be happy to accept or collect donations in the week prior to the fete, or items can be delivered to the park on June 18th.

Most importantly, we would like to thank everyone who has so willingly helped us in the past and supported our cause, whether that be fundraising or other events. Over the years funds raised in Glenfarg have made a considerable contribution to the work of the Red Cross both in Perthshire and further afield.

Glenfarg WRI



Mrs Quartermaine presided over the February meeting and after attending to matters of business introduced Jan Macpherson, who showed examples of computer generated greetings cards. Margaret Cumming proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition Results

3 Valentine Biscuits: 1. Allison Messenger 2. Catherine Fairweather 3. Sheila Harley

Valentine Verse: 1. Catherine Fairweather 2. Ursula Stewart 3. Lillias Johnston

Flower of the month: 1. Lillias Johnston 2. Alison Messenger 3. Sheila Harley

Mrs Quartermaine again presided over the March meeting and after attending to matters of business introduced Joan Taylor from Powmill who showed a selection of antiques and members had to guess what they were used for. Mrs Jeannie Black proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition Results

Savoury Flan: 1. Lillias Johnston 2. Liz Yull

Recycled Articles: 1. Catherine Fairweather 2. Helen Quartermaine 3. Allison Messenger

Flower of the month: 1. Allison Messenger 2. Lillias Johnston 3. Helen Quartermaine

Fond memories of country life

by Bob Bell

The Lapwing has a number of names, Peewit, Peeser or my Mother called it Tewchat (ch as in Loch.) It is best known for its crest and acrobatic tumbling flight. Farming practice as it was then, suited this bird and they prospered! Well, they had prospered, so long as harvesting the eggs was confined to the ploughman and boys like me!



Lapwing eggs were delicious and in Southern England, news of this spread. London restaurants were prepared to pay five shillings a dozen! Demand was such that the birds needed protection from the law, and so a new law was introduced prohibiting the taking of the eggs.



The birds bred in open countryside and nested all over the Parish on ground that was damp, with short grass. I recall days when the exposed, buff and black eggs were easily collected from the fields and fried on the range in the kitchen.

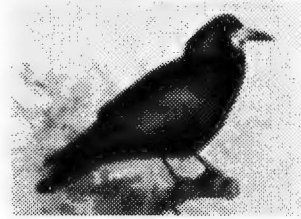
In early Spring it was assumed that all the eggs were fresh, but later we had to read the signs: Were the eggs losing their shine? Were there indentations in the nest where they lay? When shaken - did they rattle? When placed in cold water did they float or sink? We were skilled at it but sadly mistakes were made and we lamented the death of developing chicks.



In the Spring I regularly ate the eggs of Moorhen, Wild Duck, Pheasant and best of all, the Curlew. Curlews did not exist in large numbers, they chose more remote locations where grass bracken or heather was longer, but not long. One would never find two curlew nest within yards of another.

We knew their protective habits, would ignore the noisy one and watch for the silent hen, head down and running, to distance herself from her eggs before rising, flying low and silently away from the intruder. One day with Bill Deas not far up the Deuglie Road, we came upon a nest with two eggs, I would have taken them but Bill suggested we wait a couple of days and return when the bird had laid its' clutch of four. We did and we each had two eggs - too large for the egg cup! Bill was of course older and wiser!

**“It was not calculated cruelty,
but we were thoughtless and no
doubt, stupid in our vandalism”**



It was not calculated cruelty, but we were thoughtless and no doubt, stupid in our vandalism. I do not recall anybody suggesting that we should behave differently. The rooks used to build on the south bank of the den in the tall trees that bordered East Fordel. There could be scores of nests in a single tree and the birds would add material every year; one boy would climb while two held out a jacket or jersey to catch the eggs as they were thrown down. One might here the shout “Have ye gaun tae sleep up there?” This was not as ridiculous as it sounds because the ‘cups’ of the nests could form an unbroken mass which would easily support a child, and on a sunny day the temptation was real.

In Summer we would set off in the strange casual undirected way, like the hunting packs we see on the television, slowly and instinctively coming together before moving on with a purpose. We were barefoot and being on Holiday, were probably unwashed. We would not have recognised a packed lunch if we stumbled over it! We had no headgear or protective clothing. We each had a stick and maybe a pen knife. Our parents were unaware of our Destination and we would not return until near to sundown. *Food, if any, would be gleaned along the way!*



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Glenfarg Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th
March 2005 at 7.30pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr B. Patterson, Cllr C.Meldrum,

By Invitation

Cllr K. Baird,

Members of the Public

1 member of the public was present.

1/3/2005 Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2005 were accepted as accurate by Cllr J Stake and seconded by Cllr C. Campbell. Minutes of the extra meeting on the 21st February 2005 were accepted as accurate by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Johnston.

2/3/05 Matters Arising

Arngask Cemetery:- The Chairman said that he had been advised that the work at the cemetery was now to be done over 2 financial years and should be completed by the end of next financial year.

Planning Aid Seminar:- Cllrs Curtis, Grave and Johnston reported on their attendance at the Seminar, which had been helpful in relation to the Community Council's role in planning matters, in particular in respect of input on the Local Plan and Structure Plan. There is often a difficulty in responding to consultation documents within the time scales set by P&KC (typically 4 - 6 weeks) especially as this Community Council meets bi-monthly. It was noted that a number of the other Community Councils in the area meet every month.

Cllr Grave proposed that Cllr Johnston should be nominated as Planning Liaison Officer. This was agreed subject to Cllr Johnston clearing any response to P&KC with the Chairman and/ or Secretary in advance.

The Chairman asked Cllr Grave whether she had received a response from Shell to her

letter about the proposed wind farm at Lochelbank and she confirmed that she had had a response, but that it was fairly non-committal at this stage.

Core Paths :- Cllr Grave attended a Core Paths Meeting in Dunning where interest was expressed in a path network linking Dunning, Forgandenny, Milnathort and Glenfarg.

Newsletter:- The Chairman reported that a payment of £100 had been made to each of Ineke Watt and Anne Sutherland in recognition of the work they had done in revamping the Newsletter.

3/3/05 Police Report

Constable Pederson said that there was little of note to report, with the exception of the theft of diesel from a farm near the village. There had been an increase in fly tipping in the Cleish area and she was keen that all residents should be vigilant so that the problem did not spread to this area.

4/3/05 Treasurer's Report

Cllr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting. He also reported that, because of the new format of the Newsletter, it now cost £30 less per month to produce.

5/3/05 Wind Farm UpdateThe Chairman reported he had been advised by Tom Surman of NPower that their new application to P&KC would probably be lodged in the week of 21st March. Tom Surman thought that the public consultation period was likely to be early April to early May, but there may be some slippage on this. Depending on the timing of both the application and subsequent consultation it may be possible to consider the Council's response to the application at the Community Council's next scheduled meeting on 9th May, but there may have to be an extra meeting. The Dalglish Report on Water Supplies should come to us before the application goes in. The Council's objection to the previous application sent to the Scottish Executive will fall and a new response will have to be lodged with P&KC. The Chairman proposed and the meeting agreed that the wind farm sub-committee should consider the

new application and bring a draft response to the full Community Council for discussion: the sub committee to consist of Duncan Cameron, Colin Campbell, Alison Grave, Alex Johnston and Anne Curtis.

It was agreed that a notice should go in the Post Office alerting residents when the new application has been lodged and asking for any comments to be notified to the Community Council in time for them to be taken into account in preparing the Council's response.

Alex Johnston to contact Gordon MacFarlane of P&KC and ask for a copy of the full Environmental Statement once the new application is lodged and to ask that the Community Council be made a Statutory Consultee in relation to the application.

6/3/05 Community Council Elections/AGM

The chairman confirmed that the Secretary had received valid nominations for Judith Stake, Leslie Godsell, Shona Reid and Ronald Quartermaine. There being four nominations and four vacancies there was no need for an election on 29th March. That being the case he proposed bringing the AGM forward to 29th March 2005, which was agreed.

7/03/05 Draft Local Plan/ Binn Farm Landfill

The Chairman reported that he, together with Cllrs Campbell, Johnston and Curtis had attended the public meeting at Bridge of Earn on when Perth & Kinross Council had presented the draft Local Plan. Matters of relevance to this community were:-

- Constraints on further housing until the public drainage system is extended;
- The proposed extension of the landfill at Binn Farm and expansion of activities on the site;
- Comments had to be lodged with the planners by 4th March (prior to the current meeting) and a copy of the comments sent on behalf of the Council was circulated, raising concerns about the adverse traffic implications for Glenfarg, and noting that some residents had already complained about the smell from the existing activities.

Cllr Johnston and Cllr Stake said they had had complaints from residents about the proposed line of a new link road between the A9 and Crieff Road which would go through the Garden of Remembrance at Perth Crematorium. The Secretary would write to P&KC about this.

8/03/05 Kinross Library

The Chairman reported that he had received a

letter from the Kinross Community Council secretary regarding the shortcomings of the temporary library service at Kinross, in particular the restricted opening hours, limited stock and level of the fee for requesting books. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Secretary of Kinross Community Council supporting them in their campaign to improve the temporary library service.

9/3/05 Any Other Business

Cllr Sutherland reported that BEAR Scotland, who are carrying out resurfacing on the A9 opposite the village had been using heavy equipment late at night, causing noise and vibration disturbance to village residents. When he complained to the BEAR engineer he did not receive a satisfactory response and had raised the matter with Environmental Services at P&KC. He was informed that there were restrictions both as to hours of work and noise levels which it appeared BEAR were not observing. The Secretary to write a letter of complaint to BEAR and Cllr Sutherland to pursue matters with P&KC and BEAR.

Cllr Godsell pointed out that Bells Sports Centre was frequently used for special events at weekends which meant facilities were unavailable to local families, and could this be raised with P&KC. Cllr Baird confirmed that the Bell Sports Centre was not run by P&KC but a private enterprise.

The Chairman said that he had been approached by the Village Hall Committee asking whether the Community Council would waive its normal fee for the hire of the marquee at the fete this year. It was pointed out that the Village Hall Committee had already had the marquee free 3 years ago, and the other two organisations who benefited from the fete had to pay for using the marquee. It was agreed after a vote that since the village hall was for the use of the whole community, a donation would be made by the Community Council to cover the hire cost of the marquee, as a one-off, but that the Village Hall Committee must meet the cost of insurance. Cllrs Grave and Johnston said complaints had been received about the poor quality of the patching carried out to Hayfield Road, which had washed out again almost immediately after it was carried out. The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

**The AGM is on Tuesday 29th March 2005.
The Next Meeting is on Monday 9th May 2005**



'Dance Magic' - the Ballet Show for Glenfarg & Portmoak Ballet was performed at the Lochgelly Centre on the second weekend in March. The show was directed by Rachel Webb who runs the ballet school. Parents and friends were treated to a visual and musical feast ranging from Jazz and Scottish dance to 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' composed by Felix Mendelssohn. The costumes were designed by Wendy Dover and backstage everything was kept in order by Val Gourlay who tirelessly prompted the girls as they came and went from the stage. Some of the dancers performed their own choreography and there was a guest ballet solo by Meghan Brodie who is also a teaching assistant with the ballet school.

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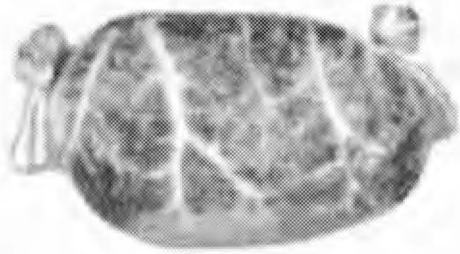
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Pace frenetic, eyes a sparkle
Keeps the minutes, sets the fees
At either three or four degrees

The lippie clippie wards off dragons
Forms a circle with the wagons
Staves of pestilence and slaughter
With eternal firewater

Lindsay of the Kinnaird tribe
Says what's allowed and what's proscribed
At 2 p.m. in Sunday classes
For honest braves and bonnie lasses

Our history we oft recall
With tribal meets in village hall
Willows stripped in legend and myth
By Violet Todd and Isobel Smith

The Sue we trust with our kids education
Is not a tribe but a reincarnation
A flailing reminder of an ancient crush
On a Banshee scream from a burning bush.

Our crops and livestock do applaud
The services of **Medicine Maud**
With fingers green she rules the land
But for her brave an iron hand

Up the hill past village steeple
The homeland of the **Sheona people**
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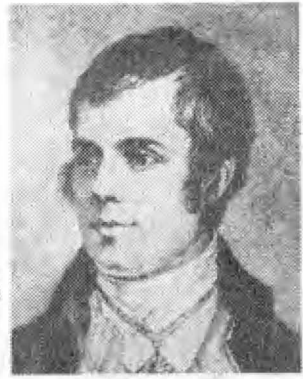
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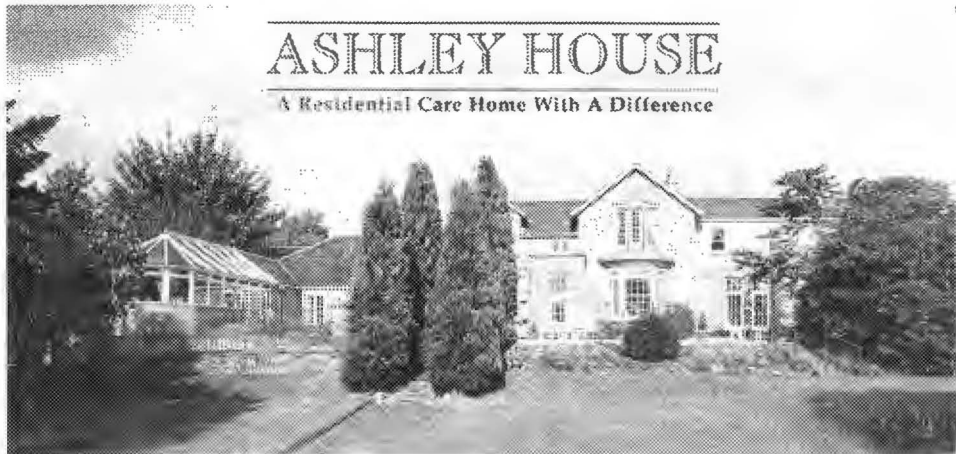
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Janettes galore
There's Marettes and Margarets and
Collettes and more
While our beautiful apples fill our
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Theres ne'er a badden in the crop

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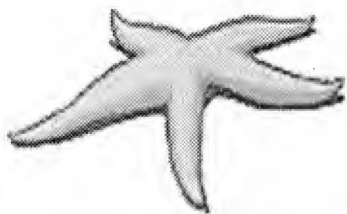
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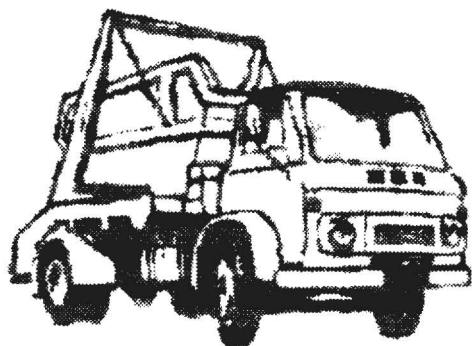
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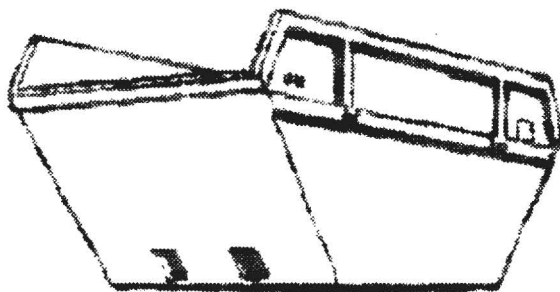
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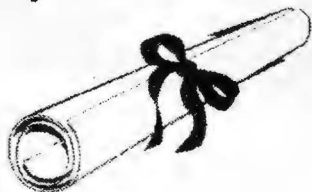
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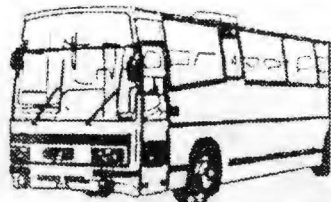
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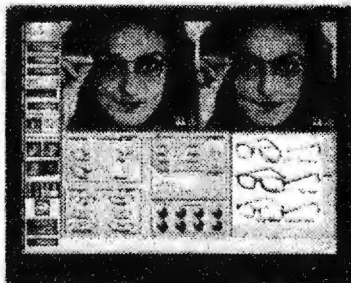
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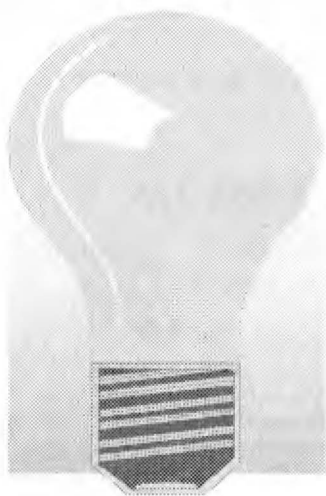


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Saturday / Sunday April 23/24	9:30am	Junior Coaching Starts
Sunday 5th June	1pm	Adult Championships (Singles)
Sunday 12th June	1pm	Adult Championships (Mixed)
Sunday 19th June	1pm	Adult Championships (Doubles)
Saturday / Sunday June 25 /26	9:30am	Junior Coaching Ends
Saturday 27th August	2pm	Annual Duck Race
Sunday 28th August	10am	Juniors Final Day
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Saturday 3rd September	8pm	Finals day Ceilidh
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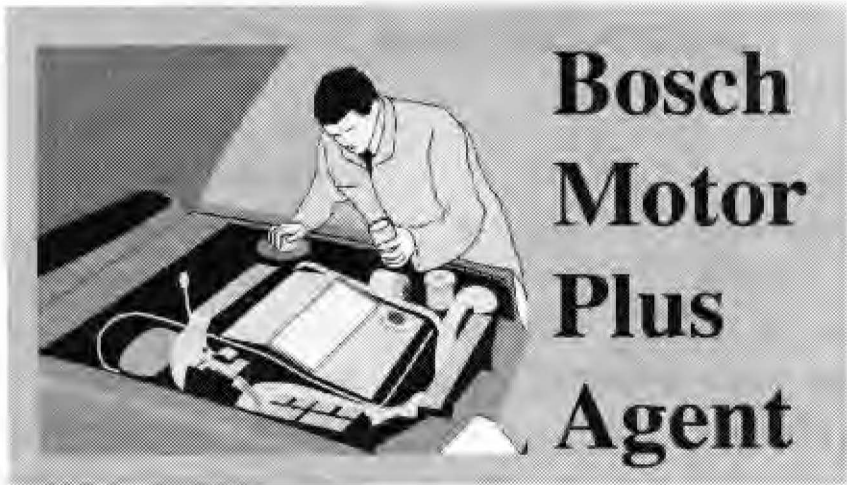


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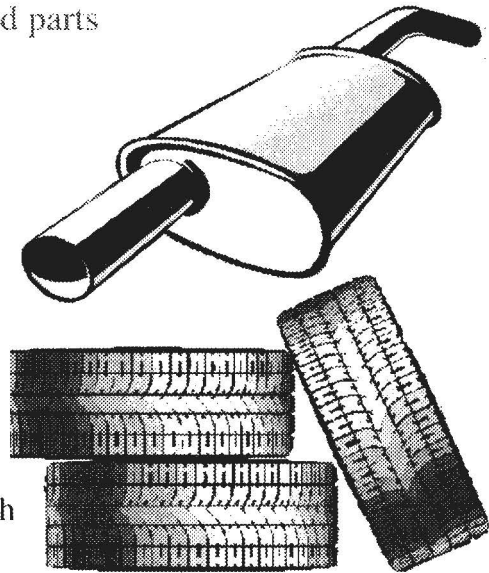
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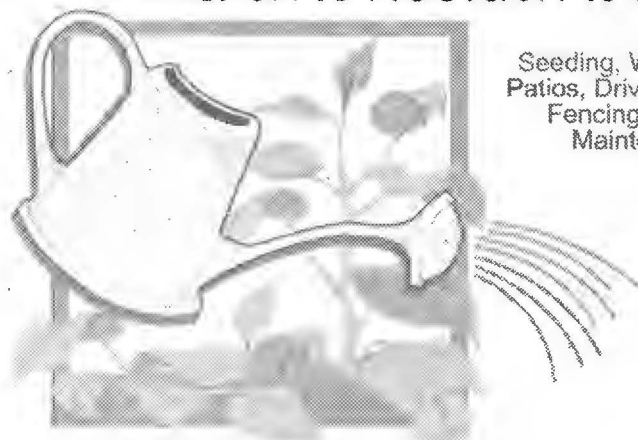
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• *What do you call a sheep with no legs?*
A cloud!

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Cows go who?

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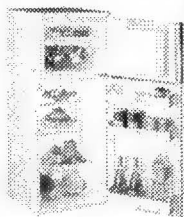
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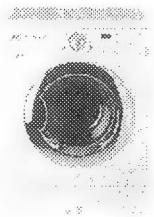


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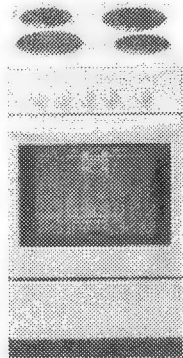
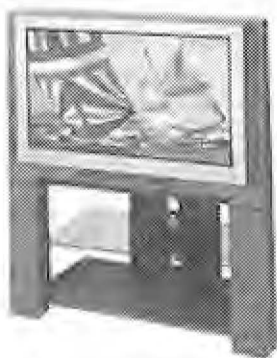
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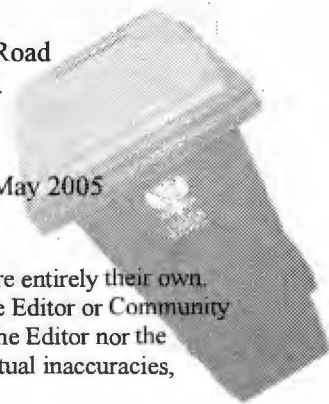
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