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Club wins
Club of the
Year Award
2005***

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***Village News
and Views***

***Glenfarg in
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Giggles &
Inspiration***

and more...

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Editorial

Happy New Year to all our readers! I hope this New Year edition of the newsletter finds you well and suitably rested following the festive break.

It has been great over the last month or so to see a hive of activity at the centre of the village again as the Glenfarg Hotel re-opened in early December. I have heard a lot of positive reports first hand, and most nights a number of cars are parked outside so business seems to be picking up nicely. Many villagers enjoyed a great night in the hotel on

Hogmanay,

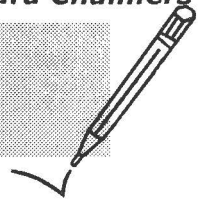
In this edition of the newsletter, the adults as well as the children get a chance at some puzzles. There is a Sudoku game, Mind Boggler and word game to keep you busy on those dark Winter nights!

As always, this newsletter is really for you and by you so please keep handing in items you would like to see included to one of the editorial team or drop us an e-mail at:

editor@glenfargnewsletter.org.uk.

Cara Chalmers

LETTERS ...to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Over the years I have from time to time written letters to the Glenfarg Newsletter to comment on the unacceptable behaviour of some of the children who had been using our swimming pool during the summer of that year.

This year I take great pleasure in writing to you to say how excellent the behaviour has been of all the swimmers. Noise levels were within reason, and the very few mishaps were of the sort that we have been known to do ourselves.

One thing that I would like to reiterate to parents, though, is that we do not have lifeguards on duty. It is like river-bank swimming, the **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY IS YOUR OWN.**

Robin Lambie 4

Memories of Wartime Bethlehem

Dear Editor,

Having the spirit of Christmas coming upon me I thought this little anecdote might be of interest to your readers, if not just "tear it up"!

"I am writing this in the middle of December, 2005 and with Christmas Day fast approaching, and having just heard the carol 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem', it cast my mind back to July 1942 (90% of your readers would not have been born then), when Bethlehem was indeed a "little town", merely a village, with the Church of Nativity the main attraction for Christian tourists.

Palestine, then under British rule, was still a comparatively peaceful place, despite the second world war, and tourists, mostly soldiers, were quite numerous. My first duty as a British Constable was on guard at the Star of Bethlehem, a large plaque at the supposed site of the stable where Jesus was born. The actual star was beginning to show signs of wear, where thousands of pilgrims had knelt down to kiss it. The door to the entrance to the church was very low, in order that donkeys and camels were prevented from entering.

A British Constable was permanently on duty inside the church, as the numerous religious sects had their part of the church as their place of worship, separated by a brass rail on the floor. Sometimes an overzealous priest, whilst sweeping his part of the floor, would go over the brass divider, which the other sect would take exception to, and the

'My first duty as a British Constable was on guard at the Star of Bethlehem, a large plaque at the supposed site of the stable where Jesus was born'

Police Officer was there to avoid a potential "punch up".

My first "arrest" in Bethlehem was chasing a "walad" (boy), and I finally caught him outside Bethlehem in the "Field of the Shepherds", where the Three Wise Men were supposedly on their way to visit the baby Jesus. Palestine since then has changed and the peace and serenity I experienced has disappeared.

Jimmy Lindsay

Rowan Cottage, Greenbank Road
Glenfarg

Dear Editor

**Re: Proposed development at
Lomond Hotel, Glenfarg**

Yes Folks, it's true – a 14-flat development is proposed at the Lomond Hotel.

Yes, 16 underground parking places.

Yes, access to parking from Greenbank Road.

Yes, walkway around upper two flats.

Yes, Glenfarg Community Council, with a few notable exceptions, all for it. 'It's better than what's there.'

They will 'express concern' about Greenbank Road access.

They will not express concern about the impact on Greenbank Road residents.

They will not express concern about possible damage to the water table.

They will not express concern about possible damage to surrounding properties.

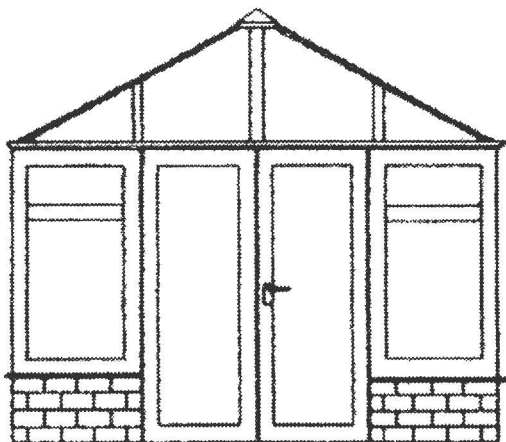
These are 'neighbour concerns' not community concerns.

I thought I, my family and other residents of Greenbank Road were members of this community.

Apparently not. Silly me.

Anne Imrie

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Dear Editor,

After attending the local community council meeting on 9th January hoping to discuss the proposed development that is the formation of 14 flats on the site of the current Lomond Hotel, despite having put forward various objections, myself and other members of the local Greenbank Road community were dismayed to find that the 'views' of the community council were 'anything is better than what is there are present'. Various points were brought forward, including risk of working below water table levels for adjoining properties, access of 16 vehicles to an underground car park from an already congested Greenbank Road, and the proposed height of the new building, which has two flats with a veranda through which I feel the occupants will be able to overlook and see into adjoining properties' upstairs windows. The community council voiced their opinion that perhaps apart from access in Greenbank Road, the rest of the proposal was acceptable and it was stated by the chairman that they, the council, were not there to intervene on individuals' behalves but were responsible for what was best for the community as a whole. Obviously (!) the residents of Greenbank Road do not fit into this category! I must at this point say that this decision by the community council was not unanimous as certain council members did voice their concerns

over some of the points raised by the members of the public present, and for this I am extremely grateful. I would hope that after reflection the community council might reconsider their position in this matter.

Bob Paterson, Greenbank Road

Glenfarg Village Hall

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 1st February @ 8pm

AGENDA: 1. Hall extension plans
2. Recent complaints

CAN ALL ORGANISATIONS
PLEASE SEND A
REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS
MATTERS OF CONCERN

*We still require a volunteer
URGENTLY to take over the post
of Property Convenor on the Hall
Committee.*

Burns Night: Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this great evening. The amount of £820 was raised and this will be split with the Glenfarg Scout Group. As one person said "Jimmy Douglas alone was worth £10, to then continue with even more talent was a feast! "

Pierette Melville, Secretary

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The suggestion that some or all of the buses that run between Perth and Cowdenbeath be diverted at the Glenfarg Hotel to run through Duncruevie and past Drunzie was discussed at the meeting of the Community Council in January. A number of views, both for and against the suggestion, were received, but the bulk of them came from outside our Community Council area. The Community Council is keen to get the views of people in our own community about this suggestion. **This is your opportunity to have your views taken into account.** Please pass your views to Community Council Secretary, Alex Johnston, on 830776 or by email to secretary@glenfargcc.org.uk as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2006

This notice is a call for nominations for people who would like to serve on the Community Council. This year there will be 3 vacancies to be filled. Candidates must be aged 18 and over and must be resident in the Community Council area. Their proposers and seconders must also fulfil those conditions.

Completed nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary no later than 6pm on Monday 6th March 2006.

Blank nomination forms are available from the Secretary, Alex Johnston, who will also be pleased to discuss what is involved in being on the Community Council with anyone who is interested. He can be contacted on 830776.

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Village News...

Glenfarg WRI

November– January

Helen Quartermaine presided at the November meeting and called on Sheila Harley who reported on the Group Meeting. After business members enjoyed a Wine Tasting with Cairn O'Mhor Wines. Margaret Cumming proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition Results

Bed Socks 1 A Messenger
 2 M Moran

Fruit Punch 1 L Yule
 2 M Moran
 3 A Messenger

Flower of the Month

1 L Johnston
2 I Bettaney
3 M Scott

At the **Christmas Party** members enjoyed a buffet meal provided by The Roost Restaurant. After the meal

Margaret and Philip Ponton entertained with music, verse and song and Santa Claus made a special visit.

Competition Results

Flower of the Month

1 I Bettaney
2 E Paterson
3 A Messenger

Gift Tag

1 M Moran
2 A Messenger
3 I Bettaney

Mince Pies

1 I Bettaney
2 A Messenger
3 M Moran

At the January meeting Mrs Quartermaine wished members success in 2006. Mrs Isobel Brown displayed her collection of Tea Towels from around the world and entertained with song and verse. Mrs Edith Oswald proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Competition results:

Favourite

Tea Towel 1 S Harley
 2 A Scott
 3 M Adamson

Slice of

Christmas Cake 1 M. Moran
 2 M. Cumming
 3 A Messenger

Pot Plant

1 A. Messenger
2 S. Harley
3 L. Johnston

CONGRATULATIONS!



Glenfarg Village Folk Club

won the "Club of the Year Award 2005" at the awards ceremony in the Queens Hall, Edinburgh in December. Here is a photo of some of the committee with the award on the night.



MUSIC at the HALL review

On 26th Nov. Ian Millar (sax) and Dominic Spencer (piano) mixed well-played jazz standards with their own compositions which were innovative and interesting. Ian's saxophone was great, having to help out the piano at times. The only thing lacking was some chat to engage the sparse (about 30) but willing crowd, and a fairly cold hall didn't help. Good music and good on them for playing small venues. *D. Watt*

S CLUB *The Youth Group at Arngask Sunday School*

We are now meeting at a new time of 11-12am. We have 12 members and have been busy... we printed our first S Club Newsletter and used the funds to go bowling and to buy a goat for Africa. We organised the Christmas party for Sunday Club and did our own play 'Three Wise Dudes'. We've also had breakfast with scones, pancakes, waffles, smoothies and chocolate spread. We are looking forward to going rock climbing in Edinburgh in February.

Scott Andrew

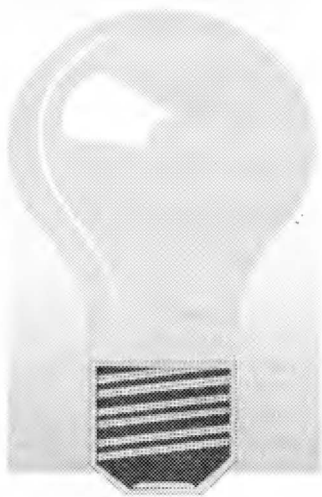
NEW INFORMATION

Duncricvie Garden

Waste Collection

is January 28th
February 25th and
March 25th.





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Village News

GUILD NEWS

Open meeting The Guild meeting on Tuesday 15th November was an open meeting, to which Mrs Rosemary Johnston welcomed a large company of members, friends and guests from neighbouring Guilds. A most enjoyable evening was spent listening to jazz music played by David Watt, Robert Watson, Alastair Blair and Jim Cant, members of David's band, Diminished Fifth.

The vote of thanks was given by Rev. Kenneth Anderson and the offering of £130.00 was donated to SHELTER.

The Christmas Party was held on 6th December in the church hall. This year the catering was provided by the committee helped by one or two other members. The hall was beautifully decorated, the meal delicious and the company pleasant, all of which, together with songs from Mrs Andzea Scott and some carol singing, made a very fitting start to the Christmas season.

Dates for Your Diary

Feb 7th Update On Chernobyl - *Mrs McFarlane*

Feb 21st Crystal and Gem Therapy - *Mrs L. Haworth*

March 7th *Mrs Ann Munro* - Floral Art Demonstration (note change of speaker and subject)

March 21st From Medicine to the Ministry - *Rev. M Keston*

March 28th Annual General Meeting. After the business there will be entertainment by the St Serf's Singers.

Spring Coffee Morning

March 25th In the Church Hall from 10 - 11.30 am.

As this is the main fundraising event on behalf of the Guild, it is hoped that it will be well supported by everyone.

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Sale Many thanks to every one who donated to the various stalls and hampers, to all the helpers on the day and to everyone who came on such a snowy wet day to make the sale such a great success. £1416.00 was raised for the church.

Prize winners:

Christmas Cake Mrs M McAinsh

Beans-in-a-jar Mrs L Kyle

Doll's birthday Mrs M Brady

Santa Mrs H Clark

Hamper Winners:

B Melville, N Ogilvie, L Herkness, M Simpson, J Ogilvie, Mrs MacKinoss, Mrs Herd, I watt, R McGregor, C Smith, C Murrison, V Hepplewaite, Ellen, J Connelly, B Cook, R Blaikie, B Anderson, A Blaikie.

The total collected at the **Christmas Eve Service** was £141.72 which was donated to SHELTER. £170.84 was collected at the **Carol Service** on the 18th December and this was donated to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

Wedding On Thursday 29th December at Ipm Jenny, Daughter of Peter and Ethel Wood of Forfar was married to Gary, son of David and Fiona Rutherford, Lomond Bank, Glenfarg. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Anderson.

World Day Of Prayer

March 3rd. This year the World Day of Prayer is hosted by Arngask Parish Church. The theme is 'Sign of the Times' and the order and content of the service has been prepared by women of South Africa. Although the service has been prepared by women, men are also encouraged to attend and it is hoped that the service, which is ecumenical, will be well supported.

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE THAT WAIT!

The Old Folks Christmas Party is a yearly event which draws approx 70 people for a very enjoyable evening with entertainment and a traditional Christmas dinner in the village hall.

This year the entertainment included Glenfarg's Jazz Kidz whose 'swingin', bluesy and

hugely entertaining style' was a great hit at the Fete in June. Other entertainers included Ruby (née Wylie), Donald McInnes, Jimmy Douglas, David Watt and Stuart Smith.

For your diaries

The Old Folks Association is also organising a **Dance in the Village Hall** on 24 February at 8pm with Stuart Smith and his band and a **Summer Outing** on Saturday 3 June to Largs.

To the Xtreme

"You mean I can't use adjectives!" When Anne offered to help Eddie Murison write his second book she didn't know it had to read as easily as a Mills & Boon.

Three years later *To the Xtreme* – the Eddie Murison story has just hit the shelves and Anne hopes that it will be an easy read for the many people who get caught up in the downward spiral which leads to violence, drugs, debt and crime.

Between the ages of fourteen and twenty-nine Eddie spent eleven years behind bars with convictions for assault, theft and burglary. The phrase "mis-spent youth" doesn't do Eddie Murison justice. Through a visit from a Church of Scotland minister whilst in prison, Eddie became a Christian and underwent a profound

change. His inspiring story tells of the struggles that followed as he learnt how to handle responsibility, relationships and marriage, to hold down a job and finally go back to his roots and minister to communities in Aberdeen.



"I've always wanted to write a book but I didn't anticipate writing something like this" Anne confesses. There is part of me that says 'never again' whilst I'm jotting down ideas and filing them away for the next time!"

The book is published by Christian Focus and available from bookshops for £5.99. ISBN 1-84550-078-4

Hairy Hezekiah

by Dick King-Smith

Random House

£7.99

ISBN 0385608470

This is the story of Hezekiah the hairiest animal in the zoo. A lonely soul in his solitary enclosure he is the only animal without a friend. So he decides to escape and goes on the run, crashing through hedges, hiding in toilets and breaking into a safari park where he meets another hairy creature and finally makes a friend. Dick King-Smith is the master of animal adventure stories and this tale doesn't disappoint.



wrong with his guardian and the village he lives near. Then Matt learns about the Old Ones and begins to understand just how he is different from other children and how he and four others have the power to save the world!

Raven's Gate

by Anthony Horowitz

Walker Books

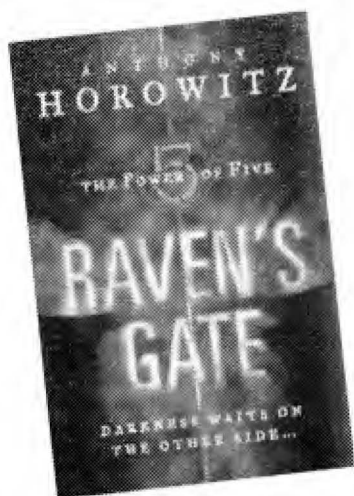
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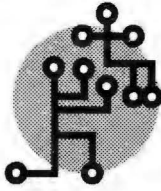
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This is a departure from Alex Rider and the world of hi-tech spies for Anthony Horowitz and he plans more books in this new series of sinister, supernatural adventures entitled The Power of Five.

When Matt Freeman gets into trouble with the police he is sent to be fostered in Yorkshire. Its not too long before he senses there's something

This was a really fast-moving and at times scary story and not just for boys!





**Peer Support at
Arngask Primary
School has started
again!**

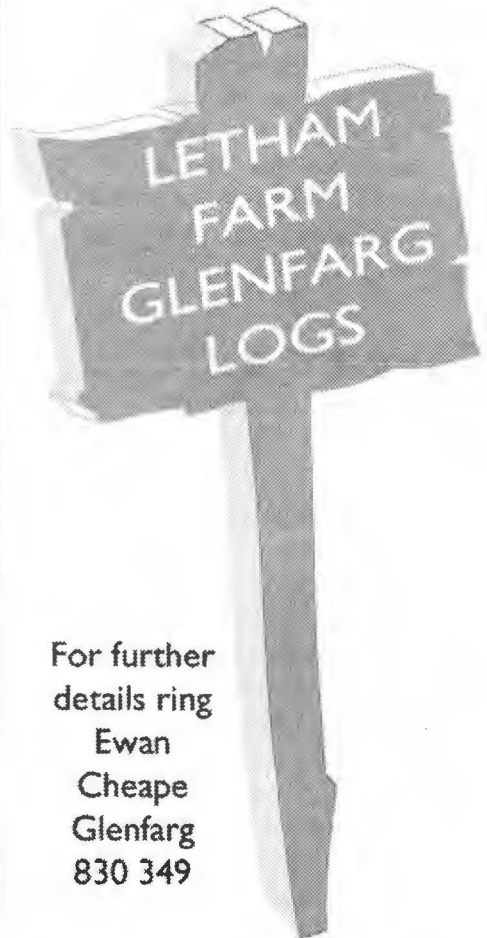
Peer support is a weekly activity of 30 minutes long in which 2 children from Primary 7 lead small groups of younger children through games and activities. These are designed to:

- make the younger children feel good about themselves
- help them get on better with other children
- be fun!

The older children are in charge of the groups and run them according to a given programme each week. They stay with the same younger children throughout and try to develop a good "family" atmosphere within their small group, so that the younger children will feel able to come to them with any problems they may have, especially problems they may not want to discuss with an adult.

Our new Peer Support leaders have started up their groups and are very enthusiastic. We wish them the best of luck.

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Gardener's Patch

For this issue we look at the thought and planning involved when attempting to create a garden from scratch!

Being presented with a bare plot or area of garden, may be daunting, but hopefully the following advice may help!

At the planning stage it is essential to identify what each garden areas are to be used for, and perhaps how each part of the garden should feel. For example a scented rose garden to lift the spirits, a garden bench for quiet thoughts or a patio for outdoor entertaining. Access to, and the location of the greenhouse, kitchen garden or cold frames should be addressed. One suggestion would be to look at the garden or ground from various perspectives, for example from an upstairs window, a neighbours property or distant point and see if the plans you hope to achieve appear compatible with the surroundings. A sketch pad or photographs may be useful to define the various areas.

Wall building, fencing, hedging and tree planting would be the first items to tackle as they form the basic 'bones' of the garden. Selecting the site for a stone or water feature would also be a good idea at this point, however, sometimes the ground itself can determine its' use. The ground may be exposed to winds, benefit from full sun or have poor drainage. These conditions determine whether plants will flourish or not and identify the need for any planting of shelter belts, improved drainage etc.

The exciting work of planting and preparing beds comes later. This provides the opportunity to welcome wildlife to the garden, plant berries to attract birds and to plant pots, containers and window boxes.



The Newsletter Team would welcome any tips and advice from experienced or knowledgeable gardeners and would love to print their suggestions to help budding enthusiasts!

Glenfarg Community Council

**Draft minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 9th January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

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

Apologies

Constable T. Pederson.

By Invitation

P&K Cllr K. Baird, Mr D Craigie, Glenfarg Developments

Members of the Public

11 members of the public were present.

1/01/2006 Previous Minutes

Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2005 was proposed by Cllr Graves, seconded by Cllr Campbell and agreed unanimously.

2/01/2006 Matters Arising

Glenfarg Hotel: It was noted that the hotel was now open for business once again. The Council welcomed this development.

Water Treatment Works: The sign has still not been removed.

Y.M.C.A. Bus: It was resolved to determine when the bus was available, recruit helpers locally for a fixed period and to make approaches about funding. Cllr Sutherland undertook to carry this out.

Glenfarg in Bloom: The Secretary reported that the request from Glenfarg in Bloom to have the 40 mph stretch of road at the south end of the village re-designated as 30mph has been rejected by P&KC.

Benches at Hilton of Duncrervie Road: The Secretary reported that he had found a Community Council minute 7/92 from the meeting of 6th January 1992 which stated that the Secretary had reported that Perth & Kinross District Council had provided 2 new seats and had refurbished a third seat. In view of this the Secretary was asked to contact P&KC to get the seats repaired or replaced.

P&KC Sustainable Energy Scheme: The Secretary reported that he had received a reply from P&KC stating that they had registered our interest in this scheme and that they would consult us at an appropriate time. Cllr Quartermaine had given all councillors a written statement of his position. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

3/01/2006 Police Report

Cllr Stake reported that Constable Pederson had asked her to report that several people had been stopped for speeding in the village. Two will be prosecuted and the remainder were given warnings.

4/01/2006 Treasurer's Report

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

Mileage Rate: The Treasurer reported that the question of the mileage rate to be paid to Councillors had come up. He contacted P&KC who said that the recommended rate was 25p/mile. The Secretary reported that the Convention of P&K Community

Councils had said that P&KC had been recommending that rate for over 10 years and they recommended 35p/mile. It was up to each council to decide their own rate. After discussion the Chairman suggested 30p. This was approved by the meeting.

5/01/2006 Perth & Kinross Council Website

CLr Sutherland stated that he thought that it would be best if the Council had their own website, with links to and from the P&KC and the Local Channel websites. It was agreed that CLr Sutherland would put together a group, to include the Secretary, to do the initial work.

6/01/2006 White Paper – Modernising the Planning System

The Secretary reported that this White Paper was no longer available. The Communities Committee of the Scottish Parliament has now introduced a bill, The Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill, and has launched a call for evidence from all interested parties. The Secretary was asked to obtain 3 copies of this bill, and it was resolved to set up a sub-committee of the Secretary, CLrs Campbell and Graves. They are to decide whether there is material upon which we should comment and make recommendations to the Council. The deadline for comments to the Scottish Parliament is 6th March 2006.

7/01/2006 Discussion Paper on Community Councils

P&KC are convening a meeting to discuss this paper on 21st January. It was agreed that the Chairman, the Secretary and CLr Graves would attend. (Subsequent to the meeting CLr Quartermaine also expressed an interest in attending.) All Councillors are to get their responses to the discussion paper to the Secretary by 16th January so that a Council response can be formulated.

(This meeting was subsequently postponed until 4th February.)

8/01/2006 Bus Routing

The Secretary reported that, following the article in the last issue of the newsletter, 48 people responded supporting the suggested changes and 3 were opposed. It was agreed to further publicise the matter by posters and another article in the newsletter. The Secretary is to make contact with Milnathort Community Council to get their views and CLr Baird undertook to contact the Transport Dept. at P&KC to get their reactions.

9/01/2006 Planning

Recycling Facility: CLr Sutherland reported that the small recycling bins of which he had supplied photographs were located in Glenearn Road and were about 5ft high. They had a wheely bin locked inside them. CLr Baird pointed out that the application for the Wallace Park site was due to go to committee on 18th January. (Subsequent to the meeting CLr Baird has indicated that this will not happen and that the application will now probably go before the February meeting of the committee.)

Windfarm Update: 5 applications, including those for Lochelbank and Tillyrie, were dealt with by the Development Control committee and all were unanimously rejected.

West Blair Offroad Application: This application was approved by the Committee to allow operation for 1 year subject to noise monitoring taking place. Mr Alistair Maclean of West Blair farm explained that there would be no paintballing or clay pigeon shooting. He also indicated that P&KC were responsible for noise monitoring and that they had indicated that they would probably carry this out 3 times over the next 12 months.

Lomond Hotel Application: A discussion involving both Councillors and members of the public took place. Mr David Craigie of Glenfarg Developments was present and answered questions about the plans. The Council welcomed the development and on a 6 to 5 vote decided not to comment on the structure of the proposed building, including the 2 flats on the top floor. The major concern of the Council concerned the vehicle access from Greenbank Road and the number of parking places being provided. Councillors indicated that they would not be averse to the use of Main Street for access. It was also agreed that a comment on the privacy issue raised by members of the public should be made.

Planning Applications: The only other application affecting the Council was for a 3rd chalet at Hilton of Duncricie. This was noted.

10/01/2006 Elections

The Chairman stated that Cllrs Curtis, Meldrum and Murison were due to retire at the AGM and all are eligible to stand for re-election if they wish. Notice of the call for nominations to fill the 3 vacancies would be placed on the CC notice board, in the PO window and in the newsletter. The Secretary has nomination forms and completed nomination forms should be lodged with the Secretary by 6pm on Monday 6th March. If there are more than 3 nominations then an election would take place on Monday 27th March.

11/01/2006 Any Other Business

Fire Engine: Cllr Graves reported that the local fire engine based at Kinross is now a model that has an automatic gearbox and that this feature prevented it reaching Easterton during the recent inclement weather.

Glenfarg & Duncricie in Bloom: Cllr Graves reported that GDIB were having a quiz night in the Glenfarg Hotel on Saturday 22nd January and the Council were being asked to enter a team. Cllr Graves agreed to organise this.

Flowers: Cllr Curtis thanked the Council for the gift of flowers sent to her following her resignation from the position of Secretary.

Duncricie Road: Cllr Sutherland and members of the public reported that there was a lack of gritting on this road during the recent bad weather, resulting in one serious accident. Cllr Baird undertook to take this up with the Roads Dept.

Glenfarg Village Hall: It was reported that the Village Hall Committee have to pay P&KC for the use of the recycling bin at the hall and they were wondering whether the Council could help in paying this. This was agreed to unanimously. The Treasurer will get in touch with the Hall Treasurer.

Road to Glendy Mill: Cllr Curtis reported that this was an adopted road that had previously been maintained by the water authority. Scottish Water have now said that they will not be maintaining this road any more and, as it is now getting into a dangerous state, P&KC need to carry out repairs. Cllr Baird undertook to take this up with the Roads Dept.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

The Date of the next Meeting is Monday 6th March 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

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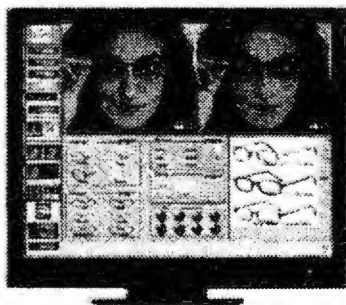
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Ashleigh Henderson has recently graduated from Perth College with a Higher National Diploma in Beauty Therapy. During the term she also received The Dermalogica Student of the Year 2005 award from the faculty.

In her spare time Ashleigh has been studying to become an Associate Member of The British Association of



Teachers of Dancing and successfully completed her exam in November. A pupil with Matthew Dance School,

Ashleigh would like to thank Nikki for all her help and guidance and is particularly pleased to recall being at Nikki's first dance class held in the village hall and is delighted to be one of her first pupils to complete this teaching award.

Congratulations to

David & Alison Mee on the birth
of Cameron Ramsay born 14
October 2005.

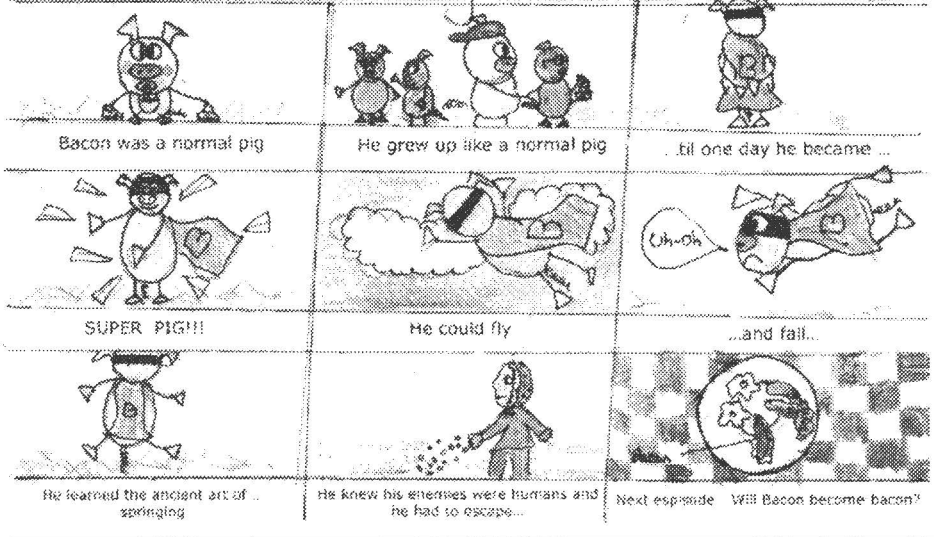
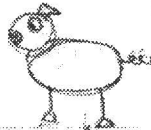
Congratulations to Jenny and
Gary Rutherford, who were
married in Glenfarg on Thursday
29th December 2005

Congratulations to Simon and
Elaine Morton on the birth of
Jamie Iain – born 30 October
2005 – second grandson for
Ian and Catherine Fairweather,
Marinden Park, Glenfarg.

Kevin Findlay (son of Lorne and
Irene Findlay, Hayfield Road,
Glenfarg) and Caroline
Birchenough on their
engagement.

Bacon The Pig

By Catherine Sutherland
and
Erin Hay



"T 4 Two"

The splendid views from the recently opened Loch Leven Larder (situated at Balgeddie on the A911) complimented our tasty lunch! From the self service menu we selected the mozzarella, roasted vegetable and pesto panini, which was as good to eat as it was to look at. A slight variation from the norm. the soup was accompanied by a choice of herby scone or chunky bread and we felt it represented good value for money.

Loch Leven Larder offers an interesting menu, with a selection of daily specials available.

Casting our eyes over our fellow diners' plates (as you do!) made us want to return to try the other menu options and enjoy the friendly ambience.

We were surprised to find an outlet, (the Leven Linen Co. Fabric Shop) within the premises, which sells an array of textiles and fabrics.

There is a small farm shop offering 'fresh from the field' vegetables and a range of Scottish produce and Scottish woolens.

It is open 7 days a week from 9.30 am and has a large parking area, outside seating (should the weather be fine) and easy access for wheelchair users. There appeared to be a child friendly policy, with toys available and we have no hesitation



awarding this establishment 4/5 teacups!

Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

Despite the fact that we're mid winter the Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom have been as active as ever over the past 2 months. Many of you will have seen the press coverage of the launch of our logo and the presentation to the 2 prizewinners, Rachel Vaughan who created the design and Lillian Swanson who came up with the slogan "A Community Making a Difference". The girls were presented with book tokens donated by Alison Grave.

We have been extremely grateful to a number of donors recently - Allan Macgregor of Binn Skips gave us free use of a skip when we were clearing the verge to the south of the village, he is also donating 6 half barrels which will be sited throughout the village, John Armstrong has donated 4 large wooden planters (2 of which have already been sited at the south entrance to the village and planted with bulbs and winter pansies), Derek Peggie has painted the bus shelter at Duncrievie road end, many people donated bulbs and most of all many, many people donated cash to our Carol Singers. On the night and with subsequent donations popped through my letter box we raised a total of £250.09!! This will go a long way to funding our plants this summer in addition to the purchase of necessary equipment.

Our fundraising continued with a Family Quiz on the afternoon of 22nd Jan when young and old enjoyed the light hearted, social occasion. We are also selling car/window stickers at £1 each and if you haven't already got some please contact me on 830343. These stickers depict our logo which will be cropping up all over the place - keep your eyes open. The logo has also been reproduced on to boards which will be attached to all our planters.

February will see us out continuing with general clean up duties and painting of our street signs (the paint being another donation) and in March we will be holding a plant and garden equipment sale. Please check the Post Office window for dates etc or log on to www.glenfarg.org.uk where we will hopefully have a regular update (David permitting)

During the summer we will have a rota of volunteers watering the plants and I would ask that ANYONE who is willing to help in this PLEASE volunteer now. With enough people volunteering it means that you would only have to do ONE stint for the entire summer. All equipment would be supplied and you are not expected to do anything difficult, dangerous or unhealthy. Please ring me on 830343 or Sybil on 830347 or Alison on 830595.

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Inspiration and Giggles!

I am not sure exactly how it works, but this is amazingly accurate. Read the full description before looking at the picture. The picture below has 2 identical dolphins in it. It was used in a case study on stress level at St. Mary's Hospital. Look at both dolphins jumping out of the water. The dolphins are identical. A closely monitored, scientific study of a group revealed that in spite of the fact that the dolphins are identical; a person under stress would find differences in the two dolphins. If there are many differences found between the dolphins, it means that the person is experiencing a great amount of stress. Look at the photograph below and if you find more than one or two differences you may want to take a vacation. No need to Reply, I'll be on Vacation.



Inspiration for Today

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes to do, but in liking what one has to do. ‘

James Barrie

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?"

Yes, I am. I married the wrong man."

A lady inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted." Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

Young son: "Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" "Dad: "That happens in every country, son."

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are attractive to the opposite sex.

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Puzzle Page



Sudoku Puzzle

Can you solve the Sudoku puzzle? Sudoku is a challenging game of reasoning and logic. Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. It's addictive!

?	7	6	1	9	3	4	8	2	5	?
3	3	5	4	6	2	8	1	9	7	5
6	9	2	5	1	5	7	6	3	4	7
8	2	1	9	5	4	6	3	7	8	2
?	4	3	3	2	7	9	5	1	6	1
	5	7	6	3	8	1	9	4	2	
	1	9	5	7	6	2	4	8	3	
	8	3	2	4	9	5	7	6	1	
	6	4	7	8	1	3	2	5	9	

Two Way Words

Insert a word in each row to make two compound words- one using the word at the left and one using the word at the right. The first one is done as an example.

R	A	I	N	B	O	W	T	I	E		
C	A	R					B	E	N	C	H
F	L	Y					F	L	O	W	
B	E	D					M	A	N		

(Answers to all puzzles on page 31)

Mind Boggler!

A farmer lives on an island. He has to get a dog, a goose and a bag of barley from the island to the mainland. He uses a boat but it can only carry one item over at a time. He can't leave the dog alone with the goose or it will eat the goose, and he can't leave the goose alone with the barley or it will eat the barley. How can he get everything safely to the mainland?

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"I've brocht ye a wee flower"

They're ploughin' up the heather Tam whar first ye laid me doon,
When I was but a servant lass an' you a strappin' loon;
A' the world was in oor airms and Oh! I mind the shame
When my Faither laid about ye for bein' late in gettin' hame.

Ye'll mind we used tae picnic Tam. up in Spinky Den,
Rakin' in the auld mill and up and doon the glen;
Roond and roond the village a' nicht without a stop
And they shouted, "Are ye winchin' Tam?" outside McGlashan's shop.

If you were here the day Tam and climbed the Temple Rock,
Ye wouldna' hear the chappin' 'o' the auld village clock,
It's hands are still like yours Tam, we'll never hear it chime,
Tae tell the ploughmen roond about it's near to lowsin' time.

They've built a muckel road Tam the likes ye've never seen,
And p'isened a' the burn troot frac Deuglic tae The Bein.
Kirsty's Thirsty's dry Tam, the quarry's gey near fu',
The smiddys lyin' quiet noo wi' scarce a horse tae shoe.

Abbots Deuglies closed Tam, Clochert Stane's the same,
There's neither stick not stane left o' Annie Lowries hame.
They've built a fancy hoose Tam wi' bits o' Glendy Mill,
And it's hard tae find a yellie yite on the Yellie Hill.

Ye canna' see the ladc Tam far less the water wheel,
They dinna' play at Cockie Rosie in the village skule;
The sea trout winna run noo abune the Paris Brig
An ye'll hardly see a tattie howker bendin' ower the rig.

But dunae fash yersel' Tam, there's aya a bit o' hope,
 For a Water Crow's still nectin' ahint the j'incer's shop;
 There's water in the burn Tam and stil' the bonnie sicht
 O' boolers on the rinks Tam on UMBERELLY NICHT.

But Oh! When lookin' back Tam, the weather was aye fine,
 We never felt the cauld then, the sun aye seemed tae shine;
 But years distort the view Tam for life was bitter sweet
 Wi' little on oor backs then and nothing on oor feet.

I'll ha'e tae hurry hame Tam there's messages I need,
 I'm makin' tattie soup the nicht an' a bit o' potted heid;
 But ye'll be pleased tae ken Tam, although ye are awa'
 And canna' share it wi' me - I'll mak' enough for twa.

I must be gettin' auld Tam, my feet are gi'en me gyp,
 As sune as I get hame the nicht I'll ha'e masel' a nip.
 It's cauld and weet up here Tam, the roads are thick wi' glar,
 Jist tak' my guid advice Tam an' bide ye whar' ye are

Solutions to Puzzle Page

Sudoku

7	6	1	9	3	4	8	2	5
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6	4	7	8	1	3	2	5	9

Mind Boggler

The man takes the goose to the mainland first, drops it off and goes back for the dog. He then takes the dog over to the mainland, picks up the goose and takes it back to the island. He then takes the barley over, then makes a final trip to bring the goose over. They are now all safely on the mainland, by taking only one item at a time.

Two Way Words

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Solution to 'Where is here?' on page 2

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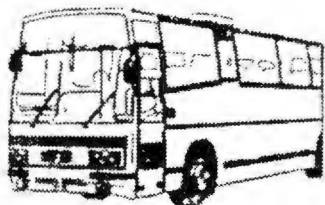
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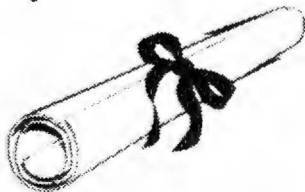
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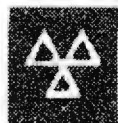
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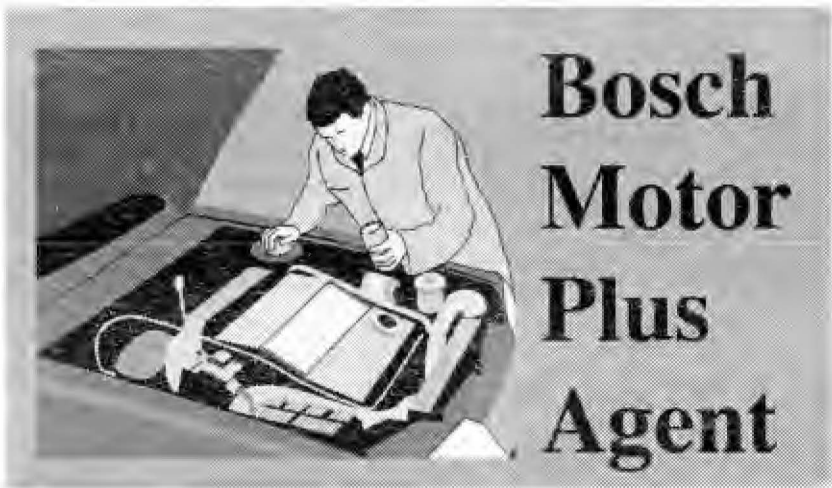
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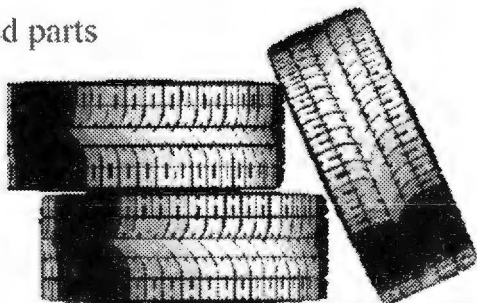
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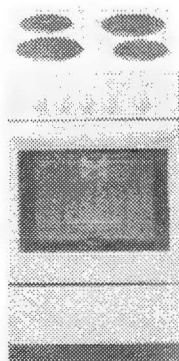
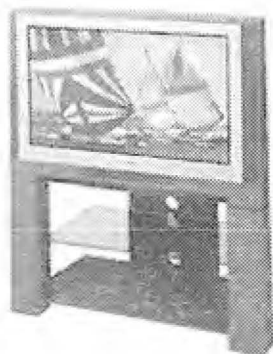
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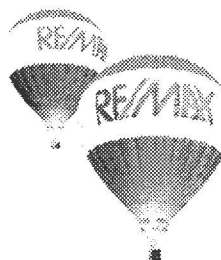
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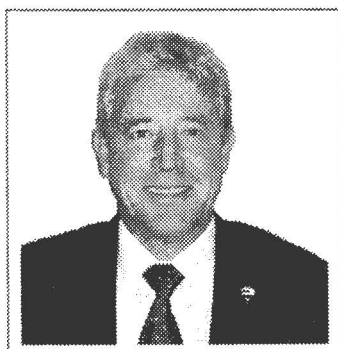
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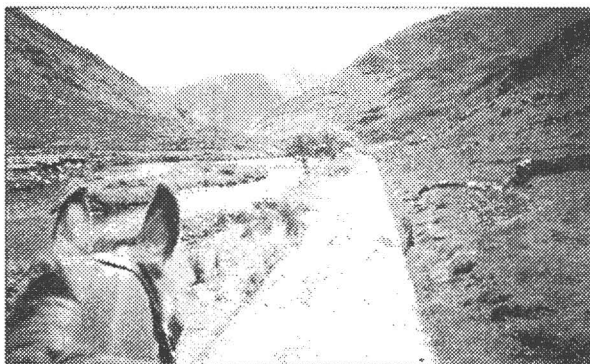
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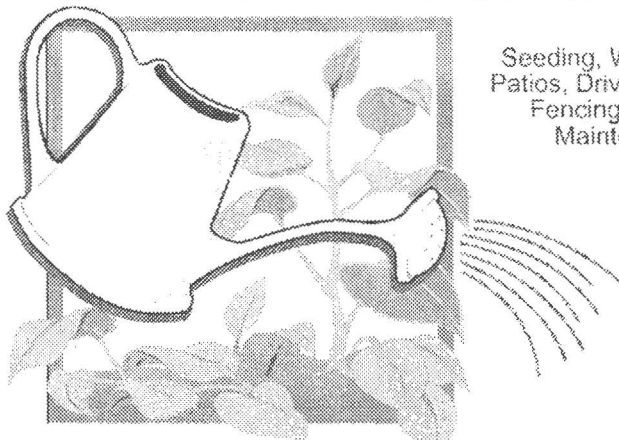
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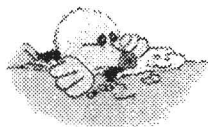
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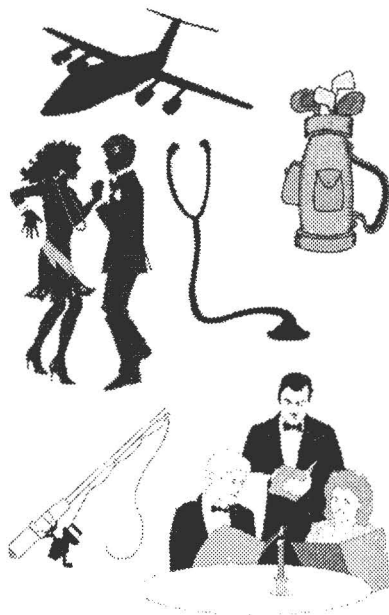
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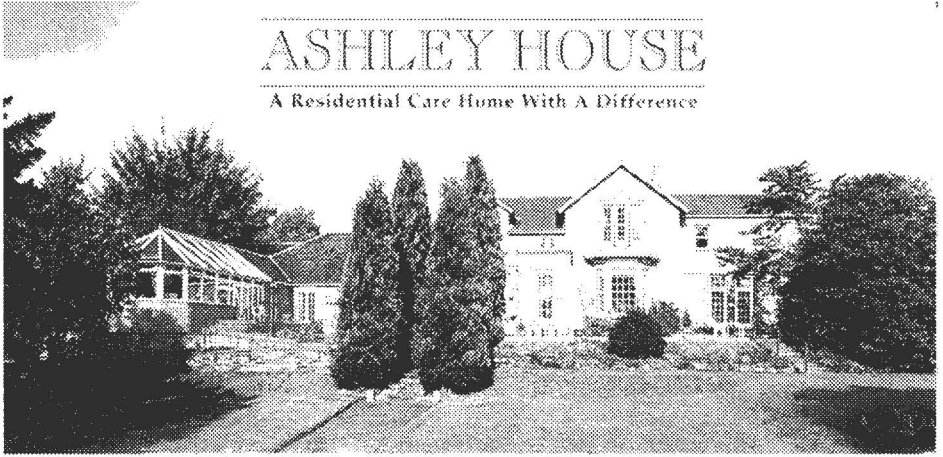
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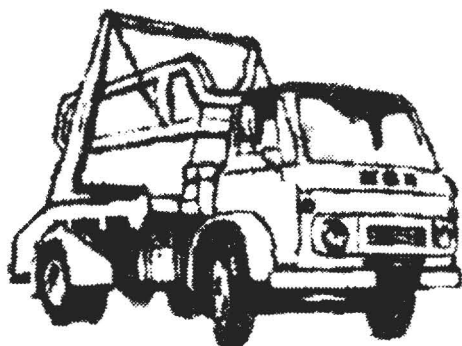
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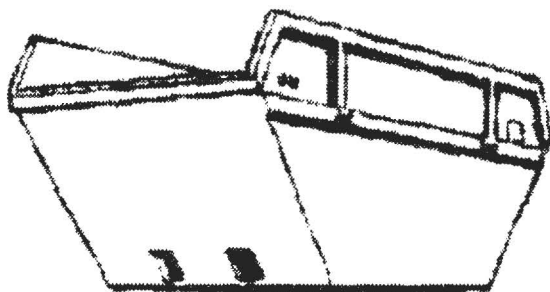
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The School: 09:30-10:15

Hayfield Road: 10:15-10:30

Ladeside (P.O.): 10:30-11:15

There is a new recycling service Planned for parts Perth & Kinross in 2006. The new recycling service is based on the existing 3 bin system that Perth & Kinross council already operates.

The types of materials that will be taken in the bins will be expanded to collect a greater number of recyclates and divert waste from going to landfill. Also a Change to The bin collections will be changed to the following cycle:

Week 1: General Green Waste Bin

Week 2: Blue-Lidded Bin, Brown-Lidded Bin

Week 3: General Green Waste Bin

Week 4: Blue-Lidded Bin, Brown Lidded Bin.

More Information will be made available when it is being introduced to the Glenfarg Area.

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Garden Waste Collection

Brown Lidded Bin

Friday: 10th Feb, & 10th Mar 06

Paper Collections

Blue Lidded Bin

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for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper

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for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper, Textiles & Books.

The deadline for the next newsletter is the 1st of March 2006.

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