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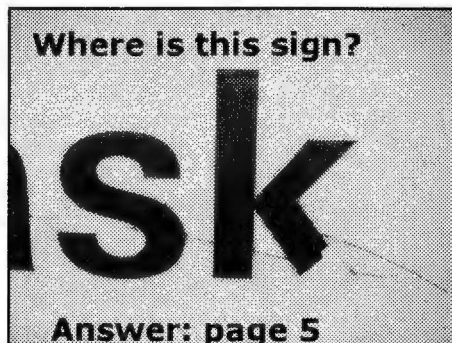
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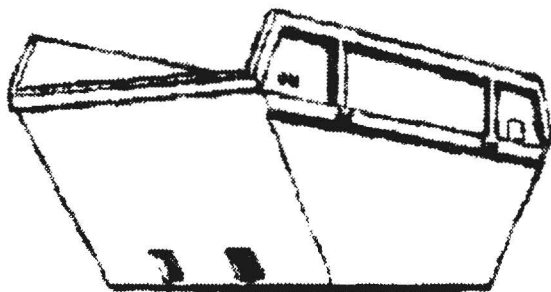


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here in Glenfarg? It means there is a strong likelihood that our post office will be closed. It is likely that the nearest post office to us will be Kinross, with a probability of Bridge of Earn remaining open. We would be serviced by a mobile unit that would visit the village for a couple of hours once or, possibly, twice a week. Parcels and non-standard letters would have to be taken to Kinross for posting.

There is, however, another issue that we will have to face. Income from Post Office Ltd is an essential ingredient in making the village shop a profitable business. Without it the viability of the business will be in doubt. A government report produced in England and Wales several years ago concluded that shops in communities of less than 3000 were at risk of closure. The electoral role for Glenfarg Community Council area has around 750 names on it, but this does not include all the under 18 year olds. However, a significant proportion of these live around the fringes of the area and will naturally gravitate to other places nearer to them. If the business is not viable it will not be able to be sold as a going concern if Grant Smith decides that he can no longer operate it. We must therefore start to think now about alternatives to the present set-up if this scenario is played out and the shop closes. For the village to be without a shop is unthinkable.

One possible alternative is to have a community owned shop. This shop would be run by some sort of community trust and would be largely

staffed by unpaid volunteers from the community working under the direction of a paid manager. This type of shop would have much less in the way of overheads than a conventional business and any profits generated would be used within the community. There would be many problems to be overcome, not the least being that of obtaining suitable premises. However this sort of venture has been undertaken successfully in some villages in England and so there is no reason why it should not work here.

Alex Johnston
Secretary
Glenfarg Community Council

Ladies who lunch

I always enjoy reading the Tea for Two article and feel this could be extended to Ladies who Lunch with local restaurant reviews, starting with our very own Glenfarg Hotel. I have been very impressed by the quality of food that the Allans are producing (their braised beef and lamb shanks are to die for) and if you haven't already tried our local then give it a go and I don't think you'll be disappointed. I'd love to be a Lady who Lunches but my waistline couldn't take it.

Kate Armstrong



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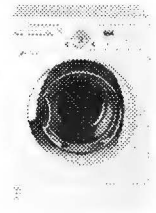
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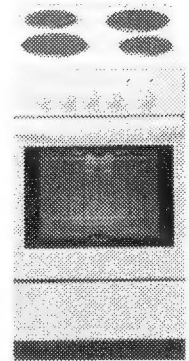
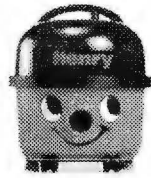
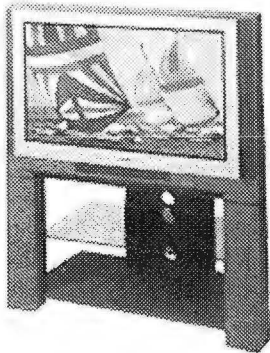
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WRI news

Flowers and Faeries was the theme for the excellent entertainment provided by the members of Auchterarder WRI when they visited Glenfarg at the April meeting. Competition winners for 4 Pieces of Tablet were 1. Catherine Fairweather and 2. Margot Moran. Flower of the Month winners were 1. Lillias Johnston 2. Allison Messenger and 3. Margo Moran.

The AGM was held on 11th May with a good attendance. Satisfactory reports were given by the secretary & treasurer and in her address the retiring President - Mrs Quartermaine thanked members for their support during her term of office. Two members of Powmill acted as tellers and Mrs Wilson also from Powmill gave an excellent demonstration on Curtain Making and Soft Furnishings. Mrs Messenger proposed the vote of thanks. The new President is Mrs Margaret Scott and Ursula Stewart and Liz Yull were elected to serve on the committee.

Competition winners for Rhubarb Crumble were 1. Sheila Harley 2. Irene Bettaney and 3. Margot Moran. Flower of the Month winners were 1. Margaret Scott 2. Liz Yull and 3. Allison Messenger. Margot Moran won the Trophy for most points in the Housewife & Handicraft competitions and Allison Messenger was presented with the Endeavour Cup for Flower of the Month.

On behalf of the members the retiring secretary - Mrs Edith Oswald thanked Mrs Quartermaine and presented her with a plant for the garden. Through this column thanks are also conveyed to Edith for the excellent service she has

given to Glenfarg WRI during her term of office.

Congratulations

... to Lisa and John Allison on the birth of Lucy Elizabeth on 4th February 2006. It's the first grandchild for Moira and George Gourdie, and eighth to Margot and Ronnie Allison and the first great grandchild to Jean Davidson

Minister set to retire

On Sunday 25th June at 11am the Rev Kenneth Anderson will conduct his last service at Arngask Church.

There will be a ceremony in the Williamson Hall in Abernethy on Friday 7th July where there will be a presentation to the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Margaret Anderson. Details will be confirmed neared the date.



Another win for Flaming Heck at Newcastle on the 18th March, ridden by Des Flavin (Arngask) and trained by Normile Racing

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Village News



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Upcoming sessions include:

Monday 29th May: Summer Session

Share your tunes and songs with us, or simply sit and listen and enjoy the company.

Monday 5th June: Bob Cheevers

Bob has earned his place in Americana music. He was awarded an Emmy for his song 'Big City Gambler' and now lives in Nashville.

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Sunday Club

The Sunday Club would like to thank Jeanette Kirkland for her help with making beautiful decoupage easter eggs with the children.

S Club

We have had a busy time with the S Club recently. We have been wall climbing at Alien Rock in Edinburgh and we had a coffee morning with Fair Trade and raised about £100 (for the famine in East Africa). **Lucy Gaudin**

Annual Fete

Saturday 10th June, 2p.m.

Proceeds of this year's Fete will go to Arngask Church Funds. As well as the usual stalls, tea tent and refreshments, there will be a dog show, bouncy castle, rides on a pony and trap, target golf and a backward steering bicycle. A treasure hunt in a bale of hay, a coconut shy, a ferret run and many more things to see and do will provide hours of entertainment!

In the ring our programme of entertainment includes music and dancers, dog handling and a tug of war.

PARADE: All children taking part in the fancy dress are to be at the village hall by 1.20 p.m. if the weather is

bad. The parade will leave the hall at 1.40 p.m.

Raffle tickets are on sale now and we are indebted to our generous sponsors for all the wonderful prizes. The following is a list of the stallholders should anyone wish to make a donation prior to the day of the Fete:

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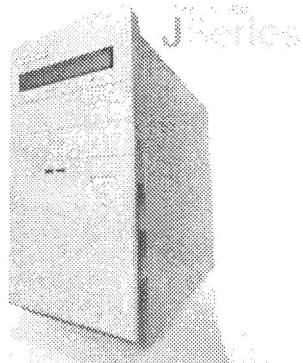
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A ROYAL INCIDENT

About 30 years ago, when I was a security manager at a 5-star hotel in the West End of London, an incident took place, the telling of which might be of interest to your readers.

I was just leaving the hotel Friday evening for a welcome weekend break, when I was called to the 7th floor, which was more or less permanently occupied by one of the Royal Arab families. One of the many Arab princesses informed me that her personal maid had been kidnapped that day. On questioning she told me "I was sitting in the Rolls Royce outside a department store and gave my Arab maid £50 to go and buy something for herself. I waited for a long time but she never came out of the store." I said to her to leave it with me and I would make enquiries. Back to the office (annoyed at my weekend being spoilt). I rang Marylebone Police Station to ask if they had an Arab female brought in for shoplifting. Sure enough, there she was, having been arrested for 'nicking' ten pairs of knickers. The reason the princess had not seen her being arrested was that she had been taken by police out the back door. On being informed of the facts, the princess asked me if I would go to the police station, bail and bring the maid back to the hotel, which I did. The maid did not look forward to meeting the princess.

I told her that the maid would have to appear in court the next day, whereupon she said "that's not possible, I am flying to Switzerland tomorrow." I said she would have to go without her maid. "That's not possible. I cannot do without her", she said. She then said she would stay if I could get her maid from court

back to the hotel by noon that day, and asked me if I would go to court to oversee the proceedings.

Next day we were off to Marylebone Court, London, to find our case was 26th on the waiting list, which meant we would be lucky to be heard that day. With a little persuasion, since I knew the officer who arranged the court lists, we were moved to 3rd. Prior to going to the court I had attended the hotel and told the princess what was likely to happen to the maid, which was that, should she plead guilty, the fine would be £300 and £30 costs for the store, whose security officer would have to attend. Remember, this was 30 years ago when £330 was a lot of money. This was the regular fine imposed by this magistrate.

The princess gave me £500 in cash to pay the fine, which was duly imposed. On return to the hotel with the maid I was told to 'keep the change', so my lost weekend was well rewarded.

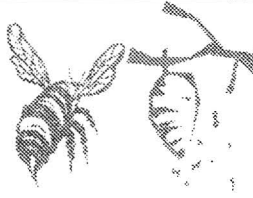
*Jimmy Lindsay,
2 Lomond Bank,
Glenfarg.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to James Bayne, who celebrated his 50th birthday on April 29th. Here is a photo of James holding his birthday present, a holiday to Jamaica for 2 weeks in July.



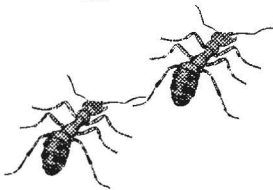
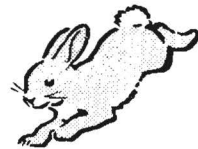
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Village Hall

AGM/New Committee

The Village Hall Committee AGM took place on the 3rd May. A vote of thanks was given to the sub committee for their incredibly hard work with the extension plans, Edith Coventry for her unrelenting work in keeping the hall running on a daily basis and all the organisations that have fundraised for the Extension Fund.

The new committee for 2006/2007 is:

Chair: Trevor Nicol

Secretary: Pierette Melville

Treasurer: Jean Andrew

Property Convenor: VACANT

Other: Liz Carswell, Elsbeth Buchan, Helen Quatermaine and Jan Esparon.

The subcommittee: Sue Sadler, Alison Elphinstone, Graeme Bruce and Bill Connolly.

The hall lets remain the same for this year, except that two lets are **reduced**.

Costs

Let per hour: £6.50

Ante room: £6 per session

Children's party: £20 per morning or afternoon session (9am to 6pm)

Evening party: £50 – kitchen use £10

Coffee morning/ whist drive: £40

Ceilidh/ Evening concert: £50 + kitchen use £10

People from outwith the village have to pre-pay the full amount.

Tables and chairs can be used from the hall for private functions but must first be cleared with Edith. A donation is always appreciated.

Extension Plans

We have been awarded money from SITA to upgrade the main hall. We hope to do this work during the summer holidays or October break to lessen the disruption to the hall. This work will include new double glazed windows, soundproofing, new heaters and lights and decorating. This is a stand alone project and does not affect the Extension plans.

The Big Lottery will be applied for in May for + - £160,000.

We have in promise :

+ -£15,000 from P & KC

+ -£75,000 from Gannochy Trust
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Confirmed:

£15,000 from Robertson Trust

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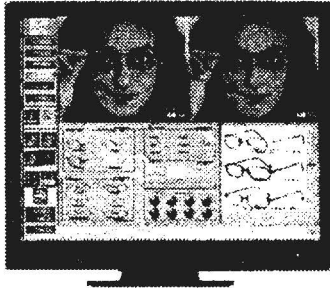
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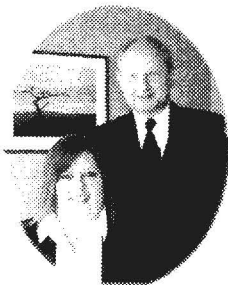
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Subject: Glenfarg & Duncrervie in Bloom

How quickly the months pass and how quickly the weeds grow!!! I prepared my last update as the snowflakes flurried outside my window and here we are now basking in glorious May sunshine. As I'm sure most of you already know our plant and equipment sale on 1st April was a huge success and £246 was added to the coffers. Our plug plants were delivered late April and are now being nurtured in greenhouses throughout Glenfarg and Duncrervie. Grateful thanks go to the green fingers of Yvonne Clarkson, Marion Dickson, Irene Findlay, Alison Grave, Caroline Hayward, Rosemary Johnston, Len McConnell and Margaret Scott not forgetting their friends who have helped out during holidays. Thanks also to Rab, Angus, David, Grant, Colin and John who answered my plea for strong men and got the first of the half barrels in place, moved stone from Donald and Robin's gardens in addition to acquiring rubble for base of planters.

You will have seen that the barrels by the school bus stops have been planted and are now giving the first splash of colour in that area. Planters filled with dwarf daffodils and pansies have been sited at the war memorial by the bench, which will be painted in the very near future. Robert Doig has donated tattie boxes which will be angle cut and sited along the south verge. We have also received a substantial number of Holly and Hebe plants from Langton Vaughan.

Our feature area for the village, agreed with P&K council, will be the area on the Main Street at the north end of the wall, which was beautifully cleaned



last November. On Sunday 7th May in conjunction with Action Earth, an environment improvement project supported by Scottish Natural Heritage, a group of volunteers set about clearing and shaping this area ready for the next stage of landscaping and planting. The children taking part were awarded Action Earth certificates and the school has been given the SNH Biodiversity in a Bag seed kit. Sybil Galbraith produced an artist's impression of the finished article and this will be displayed at the G&DIB stand at the Fete. If you're not already involved with G&DIB come along and find out what you can do to help, meet new people and have fun. You don't need to know a thing about gardening - we'll find a job for you!!

As we are a community group with our slogan "A Community Making a Difference" we have now offered planters, compost and plants to the Brownies who take care of the war memorial site and to the Cubs who look after the planting at the village hall. Because a community and environment doesn't end with pretty flower displays we have also offered new roofing felt and paint to the Playgroup for their hut.

Kate Armstrong 830343

Natural beauty on our doorstep!

“this area is home to a wide variety of truly beautiful plants and butterflies and provides year round interest.”

Many people will have walked the well known Wallace Road from West Dron to Lochelbank Farm and on the way admired the spectacular vista from Sir Walter Scott’s view over the Tay up past Dundee to Monifieth. But there is a lot more to this part of the Ochils than Wallace’s Road, it is well worth taking the time to look at this area in more depth. From West Dron there is a good track branching off the Wallace road to the right through a five bar metal gate, this track eventually divides into two and you take the left hand track which leads you past ruins of a farm settlement and out into heather overlooking Pitkeathly Loch with the well defined Castle Law Hill fort in the background. Pitkeathly Loch and the surrounding area is a Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) these two designations give this special place Natura 2000 status and is part of an ecological network of areas that are of European significance and forbids any development that might damage the integrity of the site unless for reasons “of overriding public interest”. Pitkeathly Mires has this designation because of the rare transition mires and quaking bogs that exist here due to an unusual hydrogeological regime and the largest areas of peat in the Eastern Ochils (ref 1); this in turn provides the ideal habitat for the very rare and protected slender green feather moss. So what? you may say, but please look closer. Because of the wet ground conditions this area is home to a wide variety of truly beautiful plants and butterflies and provides year round interest.

“There is a lot more to this part of the Ochils than Wallace’s Road”

The year starts with the appearance of the delicate pale pink cuckoo flower which colonises the outer margins of the boggy areas, look more closely towards the wetter centre of the bog and you will see many specimens of the spectacular bog bean (*menyanthes trifoliata*) beautiful star bursts of pale pink petals with frothy tendrils and dark maroon stamens clustered atop 4-5 inch stems which I think rivals any hot house orchid. This plant is used in the herbal world for treating rheumatism, the tincture, made from the leaves, tastes very bitter, also interspersed through the mires are a myriad of magenta common orchids. The mire area extends from the southern end of Pitkeathly Loch outwith the SSSI eastwards along the base of Hill wood, the insectivorous Butterwort is found in these damp conditions its fat leaves are arranged in a rosette, the juice from these leaves is very acid and has the same qualities as rennet turning warm milk into junket. .

Come June fat buds of the Bog Asphodel (*Narthecium Ossifragum*) are pushing their way through the raised bogs and in July – August a raised bog at the eastern edge of Hill Wood is carpeted with spires of bright yellow flowers. The Latin name “*Ossifragum* “ means bone-breaker, cattle that grazed on pastures containing bog asphodel suffered from brittle bones due to the low calcium levels in bog asphodel, it was also used to make a yellow dye. The delicate deep veined white petalled flower of the Grass of Parnassus with its bright green finger like projections surrounding the creamy white waxy stamens flowers between July and October and is truly stunning. These are just a few of the floral gems in this area that seem to thrive in large numbers, there are masses of tiny wild violas that attract the amber mosaic patterned small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly, marsh marigolds, the fragrant marsh mint and the devils bit scabious which marsh fritillary butterflies enjoy, to name but a few. The plumb velvet like cushions of sphagnum mosses richly coloured from chartreuse green to claret are home to scores of tiny frogs in the spring, with the many varieties of mosses providing year round interest.

There is still visible evidence of the turf fell dykes that lined old Drove roads such as the Cadgers Road which leads from near Rossie Ochil past Cairn Geddes to join the Wallace road. Because this area has not had too much disturbance, apart from the planting of Hill wood, you are able to see the old rig and furrow cultivation patterns, the more regular rigs are those formed by horse and plough whilst the irregular rig and furrow were formed by oxen pulling wooden ploughs.

If you are interested in maps the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh is well worth a visit and the Map of 1774, titled “Plan of the Community of Forgan-denny, ref no RHP 59, gives fascinating detail of the past farming practice of sheilings and what is more delightful is that standing south east from Pitkeathly Loch you can still identify from this map the areas that made up the Community, Tombuie, Tombreast, Fowl Hill etc and marvel at the high rents charged for the rights to graze animals egg Turf muir an area of 39 acres that cost £139 pounds and sixteen shillings in rent for a year. There is a wonderful peaceful atmosphere here and this may be a reflection of the past way of life where summer grazing of sheep and cattle took place. No doubt the folk that used this area appreciated its botanical wealth and would have used many of the plants medicinally.

By Alison Grave

Ref 1. British Geological Survey Scotland Sheet 40 –
Drift Edition (ref 4) (This is an abridged version of an article
that appeared in the Autumn 2005 Newsletter of Friends of the
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We first moved here because Avril had one horse, however anyone that has met her will know of her passion for animals and will probably be aware of the menagerie she has been putting together ever since. Goats were not originally on the agenda, however I think even I've now exhausted the goat stew jokes (Avril's vegetarian).



**Lulu, Annie and Chops
April 2006**

I am told with authority that there well under 1000 (male and female) of these pedigree beasts worldwide and they are officially recognised as a rare breed. So it was with more than a little excitement in the human section of our family when Roxie recently delivered two new additions (Sasha and Sammy). Both 'kids' were about two weeks premature and spent their first few days in front of the fire in our living room to keep them warm and alive. This was much to our dog's annoyance as this is her usual space in the evenings.

The weak condition of the kids meant they were initially unable to feed from the mother themselves, and a local expert in the matter gave Avril a crash course in some unorthodox feeding techniques. Feeding took place up to six or seven times a day and eventually bottle feeding was introduced which meant our seven-year-old daughter could lend a hand. Of course all this time my son and I were keeping the house in order and providing all the morale support we could muster.

If all this wasn't enough and just when things were starting to settle down, one of the local farmers arrived at the house with two orphaned lambs. From what was initially to be a temporary stopover, our daughter has now named them (Chops and Annie!!) and is contemplating becoming a vegetarian – what can I say.

From the photos you can see that the lambs now consider themselves to be honorary members of the goat fraternity, and along with the goats have undoubtedly brought something special to life-on-the-farm. For those of you with a more inquisitive nature, proper goatie information can be found at www.allgoats.com.

This photo shows Avril, Roxie, Sammy and Sasha.



As for me, I'm looking forward to Christmas and have already set aside a couple of jars of mint sauce!

Robert Garrett

May 2006

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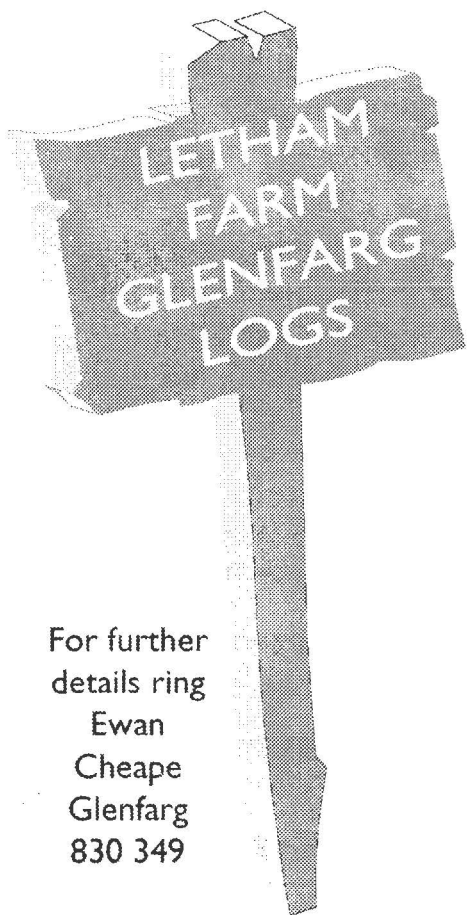
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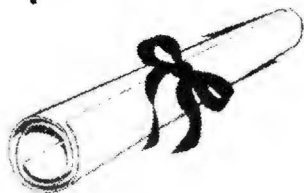
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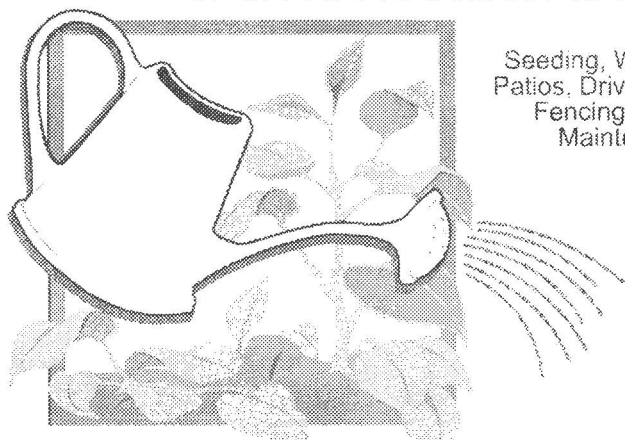
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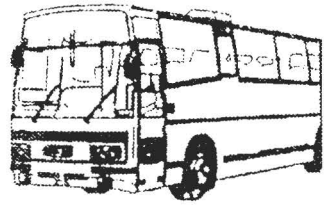
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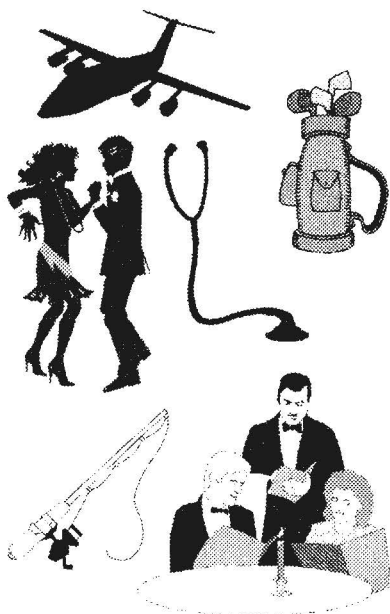
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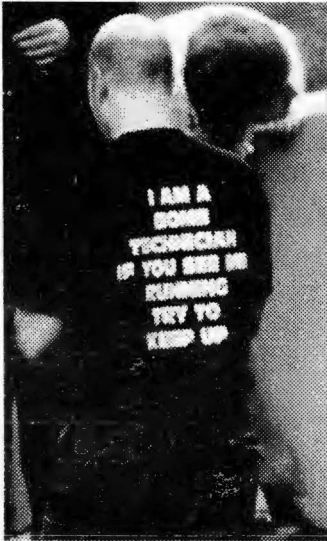
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Then there was the caller who asked for a knit-wear company in Woven.

Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?"

Caller: "Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland".

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: "I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on".

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Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop".

Customer: "OK".

Tech Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No".

Tech Support: "OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No".

Tech Support: "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Customer: "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'".

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th May 2006 at 7.30p.m

Present

Cllr D. Cameron (Chairman),
Cllr T. Bisset, Cllr C. Campbell,
Cllr P. Doran, Cllr A. Graves,
Cllr C. Meldrum, Cllr C. Murison
(Treasurer), Cllr R. Quartermaine

Apologies

Cllr A. Johnston, Cllr S. Reid, Cllr J. Sutherland

By Invitation

P&K Cllr K. Baird, Sgt R. Menzies, Constable M Hardy

Members of the Public

4 members were present

01/05/06 Previous minutes

The minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Bisset and seconded by Cllr Quartermaine.

02/05/06 Matters Arising

Water Treatment Works: The sign has now been removed and landscaping is to be carried out.

Benches at Hilton of Duncricvie

Road: P&K Council has accepted that responsibility for the benches is theirs. Work would not

commence on repairs until after May 2006.

Community Council Website: Cllr Sutherland has yet to call a meeting regarding this.

Bus Routing: P&K Council would consider the points raised by the Community Council.

P&K Council sustainable energy scheme: Item held over

Wallace Way Signage: Cllr Graves advised that Core Paths Network are seeking a volunteer from within the community, anyone wishing to assist should contact Cllr Graves.

Sound Control Barriers: No further information has been obtained.

03/05/06 Police Report

Sgt Menzies advised that 21 sheep had been reported missing from the fields around New Fargie House. Cllr Doran raised issue of children causing nuisance in Elm Row/Birch Lane, and Sgt Menzies advised that any member of the public should report immediately any problems as they occur.

04/05/06 Treasurers Report

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

05/05/06 Funds held in Community Council Accounts

The Chairman said that on the advice of the Secretary of the Convention of P&K Community Councils we needed to separate our accounts so that those sent to P&KC should only show income received from the Council and those expenses necessarily incurred in the running and administration of the Community Council. All other monies would be held in a separate account or accounts. It was agreed that professional advice would need to be taken on the mechanics of making those changes.

06/05/06 The Future of the Post Office and Village Shop

Mr Grant Smith addressed the meeting highlighting that the Government has postponed till the Autumn an announcement regarding the future of Rural Post offices. Mr Smith pointed out that the Government has vowed to cease funding after 2008. Currently funding is of the order of one hundred and forty seven million pounds per annum to rural Post offices. Mr Smith expressed concerns that the village shop may become unviable if the Post Office services were withdrawn. A draft article prepared by the Secretary for the next edition of the newsletter to make the situation more widely known in the village was agreed subject to three small amendments.

07/05/06 YMCA Bus

Item held over to the next meeting.

08/05/06 Calor Gas Awards 2006

Cllr Graves advised that Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom would be making an application under Category Five this year. If available Cllr Graves would present the application to the next Community Council meeting. Cllr Doran offered to assist.

09/05/06 Local Waste Plan

A letter from Robin Rowe, a Waste Consultant had been received by the Community Council seeking support for the creation of a Glenfarg Community Liaison Committee. After some discussion during which it was questioned whether such a committee was required, it was agreed to defer a decision pending more detailed information.

10/05/06 Right of Way to Arngask Cemetery

P&KC were dealing direct with the landowner over the state of a wicket gate by the Paris Bridge that formed part of a right of way.

11/05/06 Community Council Constitution

The Chairman reported that it had come to light that the Community Council had for a number of years been using a Constitution which had not been ratified by P&KC who had circulated a new document for consideration. The revised constitution varies little in substance but after full discussion it was agreed that a number of amendments

were required covering attendance at meetings (Para 1.8), dates of elections and the AGM (paras 2.0 and 3.0), and rights of audience by the Public (Para3.1). The proposed rewording of these paragraphs would be circulated to Community Council members.

12/05/06 Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils

Cllr Johnston was elected Vice Chairman of the Convention at the March meeting.

13/05/06 Planning

Recycling Facility: No decision has yet been reached. An update for P&K Council is awaited.

Wind Farm Update: The Tillyrie proposed development is to be resubmitted with amendments. The plan is still for five turbines but these will be on shorter towers and in different positions. It was agreed that the amended submission would be considered by the sub committee that considered the original proposal but with Cllr Bisset replacing Anne Curtis. Cllr Graves advised that the Pre Inquiry Hearing into 6 wind farms in the Ochil Hills will take place on 22 May 2006 at 11am, at the Lovat Hotel, Perth. It was agreed that at this meeting an objection should be made against the Public Inquiry being held conjointly. The full Public Inquiry would take place during October, November and December, and a request to give evidence would be forwarded to the Scottish Executive.

Erection of 5 houses at Duncreevie Farm: no decision yet.

Erection of 2 Houses at Church Brae: A new application has been submitted to alter the access route as a direct result of local residents liaising with the applicant.

Demolition of the Lomond Hotel and construction of 14 Flats: No decision yet.

14/05/06 Correspondence

A Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Roadshow will visit Bridge of Earn (David Sands Supermarket) 15-19 May. A representative from the Roadshow will be available for discussion/questions on 18 May 2-4pm at Bridge of Earn Public Hall, Cllr Graves agreed to attend. The Chairman drew attention to the "Standing up to Antisocial Behaviour" awards Scheme.

15/05/06 Any Other Business

The Chairman on behalf of the Community Council congratulated Colin Morton on his selection to the British Ski Squad.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

**The date of the next meeting
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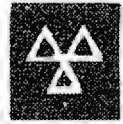
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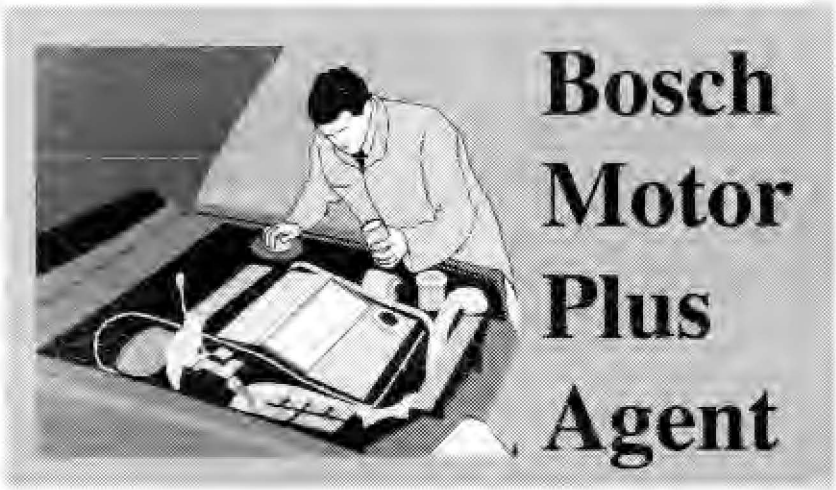


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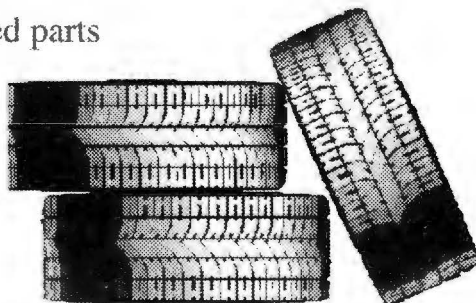
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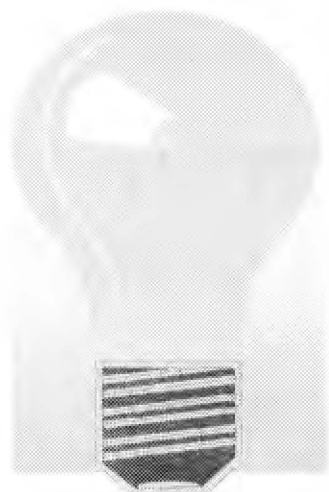
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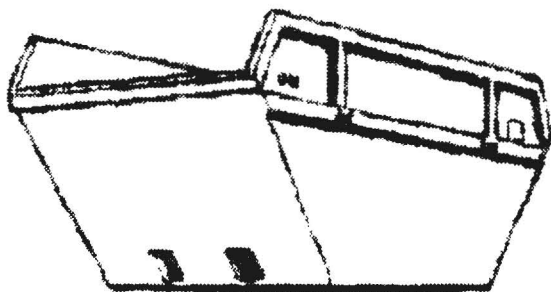
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Mobile Library

The van visits the Village on alternative

Wednesdays: June 14th & 28th, and stops at:

The School: 09:30-10:15

Hayfield Road: 10:15-10:30

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

Main Street: 11:15-11:30

Duncricvie Road: 11:35-11:50



Kinross library will be open an additional 9 hours per week from Monday April 3rd. The new hours will result in the library being open every weekday morning and afternoon as well as 3 evenings, Tuesday to Thursday, and Saturday morning. Also as of 1st April the Library Service in Perth and Kinross will be reducing its overdue book charges by 33% from 15p to 10p per day.

Mobile Bank of Scotland

Stops at Glenfarg Hotel

Tuesdays: 11:25-11:40

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Garden Waste Collection

Brown Lidded Bin

Friday: 9th & 23rd Jun, 7th & 21st Jul,

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Blue Lidded Bin

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Recycling Points:

Kinross: Causeway Car Park, Somerfield, Station Road
for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper, Textiles.

Milnathort: Thistle Inn Black Loan
for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper

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

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