

# THE GLENFARG Newsletter

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**Picture: A Winter afternoon at Balvaird Castle**

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# ***Editors' New Year wish list***

The editorial team are uncomplicated souls. All they want is to produce the next mag with the least fuss possible. But every meeting...we end up at Ineke's house...sitting in front of a roaring fire with mugs of coffee and bits of paper and wishing that:

1. Contributors would send their articles and news to the same e-mail address. The right one is [editor@glenfargnewsletter.org.uk](mailto:editor@glenfargnewsletter.org.uk). It's great fun thinking we've got all the articles only to find that one or two of the committee are sitting on 3-page articles sent to their own e-mail address.
2. News would arrive before the due date. Although this may be classed as a miracle we are thankful for small mercies - articles reaching us just one week late! We print the 'deadline' for news on at least two pages of each issue but think it will only work if we deliberately get the year wrong!
3. We didn't have to badger, hassle and beg for news at the last minute.

Enjoyable though it is we've decided that in future we're going to badger, hassle and beg well in advance. Be warned - and be ready!

Oh and we received an e-mail letter from Willie Reid, 400 miles away in Buckinghamshire who really likes the idea of a subscription-based Glenfarg Newsletter. He says:

'Yes definitely by subscription.

I have lost count of the copies I have missed as there seems to be no sure method in place at present to ensure continuity of payment for all future issues when the supposed donation has run out.'

Does anyone else have views on the matter? Carrier pigeons for example?

Happy New Year everyone!

**Editorial Team - Ineke Watt, Cara Chalmers, Anne Sutherland and Lynsae Tulloch**

# **Call for public meeting support as Glenfarg decides on Community Shop Co-operative**

Glenfarg residents have been urged to attend a public meeting in February which will help shape the future of a community-owned, not for profit shop for the village.

Following extensive work by the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative, which in late December received the green light from the Big Lottery in Scotland to proceed with a full application for funding, the community is now being asked to approve the establishment of a legal co-operative to run the proposed new community shop business.

The meeting, which will take place in Arngask Parish Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 February, will be chaired by Donald MacKenzie, chairman of the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative (GCSI).

More than 400 homes within a two-mile radius of the centre of the village have been leafleted about the meeting by the GCSI team to encourage a positive turnout.

Donald commented: "From the survey we carried out last year, where 83 homes in our community responded, we were given a clear mandate to take forward our plans for a not-for-profit community owned shop for Glenfarg to safeguard this essential facility in our village.

"We now need those who supported us on paper, and anyone who has an interest in retaining a shop in the village, to attend this meeting. Come along and find out more about our plans for the new shop, our achievements to date, and funding information.



“Specifically, we are also looking to recruit members for the proposed new Glenfarg Community Co-operative Limited Company - the organisation which will run the new not for profit business on behalf of us all.”

Donald explained there would be no financial input required from new limited company members. All members would have the opportunity to vote at general meetings, including the election of a Board of Directors, of which there will be a minimum of three and a maximum of 12.

If the meeting approves the creation of the new limited company, then a further public

meeting will be called in the next two to three months to elect the Board of Directors from within the community and to transfer assets from the GCSI to the new company.

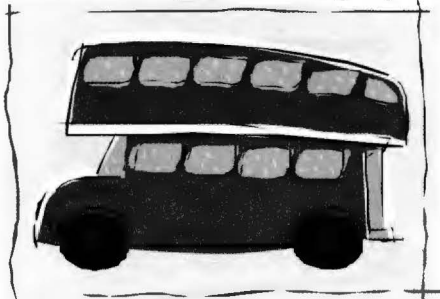
The GCSI would continue to work on behalf of the new company to secure funding.

While no date has yet been set for opening Glenfarg’s new community-owned not for profit shop, it is hoped that there will be no loss of the facility in the village.

For more information about the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative, visit [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)

## **YMCA bus rolls back in to town!**

After some mechanical troubles in 2007 which unfortunately called a halt to the weekly Wednesday night visits, the YMCA youth bus will be back in Glenfarg every week from April following repair.



Offering teenagers a safe place to gather and enjoy activities, from computer games to hockey and football, the YMCA bus will roll into Glenfarg every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8.30pm from 15 April.

If uptake is good by June, the plan is to open a Youth Club in our fantastic new village hall with the help of the YMCA to get the club up and running.

Anyone interested in helping out can contact Lindsay Kinnaird for more information on 830337.

# Plans take shape for week-long celebrations for new hall opening!

The opening of the new Glenfarg Public Hall is only months away as work continues on site, on time and on budget!

Thanks to the commitment of the building firm, SPP Ltd, bad weather and Christmas holidays do not look set to delay the handover of the hall back to the village in the spring.

There is also confidence that the hall will be open in time for the 30th annual Glenfarg Folk Feast at the end of April - the highlight in the calendar of the award-winning Glenfarg Folk Club featuring musicians from across Scotland and internationally.

With work proceeding on site at a confident pace, the Hall Committee has now turned its sights to the summer fete, which it is responsible for organising this year with proceedings going to the ongoing hall appeal.

As the newsletter went to press, a meeting was being held to plan not only the fete but a week of celebrations for the official opening of the hall in June.

Pierette Melville, secretary of the Glenfarg Public Hall Association, said the problem was deciding on what exciting things to arrange rather than a drought of ideas.

"We are taking bookings now for when the hall reopens. We will definitely be open in the spring but our official week of celebration will coincide with the fete in the first couple of weeks in June. We are brainstorming what to do, but you can bet it will be a fantastic week of celebration for the whole village!"

She added that as a new venue with facilities for all ages, the hall provide an ideal base for a range of education and learning courses. Pierette added: "If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to be our dedicate Learning Co-ordinator, to encourage education providers such as local colleges and businesses to use the hall as a learning centre, then we'd be delighted to hear from them. This wouldn't involved fundraising, just making contact, promoting our facilities and organising bookings."

Want to volunteer as the hall's dedicated Learning Co-ordinator? Please contact Edith Coventry on 830529 for more information.

With plans taking shape for the 2008 fete, anyone with time to dedicate to this short-term project, or who could help with running stalls, organising events or even help plan family fun-runs and 10K races can contact Pirette Melville on 830233, or visit [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org).

# SWRI



## **December Meeting**

President, Margaret Scott welcomed members to Christmas dinner at the Glenfarg Hotel. The meal was followed by hilarious games and carols.

Jessica and Grace from Milnathort WRI displayed and talked about the book made to commemorate Milnathort's 90th birthday showing photographs, capturing stories and memories of members.

### **December Competition**

#### **Winners**

#### **- Cake Decoration**

**1st** A Messenger

**2nd** L Yull

### **January Competition**

#### **Winners:-**

#### **Pot Plant**

**1st** I Bettaney

**2nd** S Harley

**3rd** L Johnston

#### **Sewn Polybag Holder**

**1st** A Messenger

**2nd** H Quartermaine

**3rd** J Grigg

#### **Fruit Loaf**

**1st** M Scott

**2nd** J Grigg

**3rd** A Messenger

## **January Meeting**

Mrs A Gourlay, Palliative Services Manager, told members about the new Macmillan Cancer Support Complex at PRI where support of all kinds will be offered to cancer patients and their relatives. The new building will have 12 bedrooms, a hairdresser, quiet places inside and in the garden, coffee room etc and should open in 2010.

# ***Sadness as Glenfarg Village Playgroup closes after 37 years***

After months of uncertainty and appeals for support, the Glenfarg Village Playschool has closed after more than 37 years.

Alison Coyne, chairwoman of the Playschool, explained that despite the best efforts of parents and supporters, there were just not enough children attending the three-times-a-week play and learning sessions for 2 to 4 year olds.

Despite glowing HMI and Care Commission reports, the Playschool has experienced occasional financial problems and falling numbers since the school nursery opened.

In recent months, the number of children attending fell from around 15 to just eight - sparking an emergency public meeting in November.

Prior to securing space in Arngask Church Hall in at the end of last year, relocation to Milnathort Town Hall due to temporary closure of the village hall for renovation seemed to seal the fate of the group established in 1975.

Alison said: "We did all we could

with trying to promote the playgroup and get more children to attend, but in the end it just didn't seem enough.

"It's not that there's not enough children in Glenfarg to keep the Playschool going, just more a case that parents were not willing to send their children there."

"It's very, very sad. The new hall is set to open in the spring with fantastic new facilities, and there won't be a playgroup there to use them. Once a playgroup closes, it's very difficult to set one up again as it's a massive task, so it's very sad that this has happened in Glenfarg."

Alison added she was surprised at a telephone call shortly after closure was announced from parents interested in starting up a club for two year olds, requesting some of the items from the now defunct Playschool.

She explained that under the Village Playschool constitution, all assets will be handed on to the Public Hall Committee for future use by the children of Glenfarg using the village hall.

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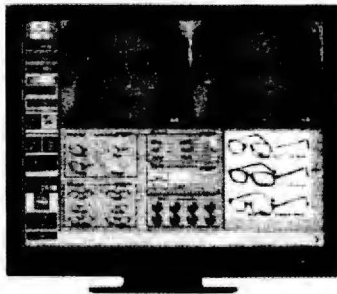
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# Goodbye Mr Humphries!

As many villagers will be aware, the Primary School said farewell to Mr Humphries who decided to move to pastures new.

In an address at the end of the school Christmas production in Arngask Church, Stephen Humphries recalled his first few weeks in his job as Headteacher.

“I could feel that everyone was very wary of me. Mrs Gordon informed me a few years later that of all the people interviewed for the job that I was the one they least liked the look of. A slight resemblance to the devil was mentioned....”

A moment Stephen would never forget was very early on in his time at the school. He took the decision to shut the school in January during a snow storm.

However, 30 minutes later the sky turned blue and the sun shone brilliantly. He recalled standing around feeling a bit sheepish as children left looking forward to an afternoon of playing on their sledges and getting sunburnt.

*“a slight resemblance to the devil was mentioned....”*

Arngask Primary School is undoubtedly an excellent primary school to attend. Stephen recalled his own school days and compared them with what we have now.

“As a child myself I recall going to this old building where a group of fierce old ladies led by a rather eccentric Head Teacher stalked the corridor.



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Perhaps the two main personal things which happened to Stephen during his time at Arngask were getting married and then the birth of his son.

"They were really special moments and the support I received from everyone was overwhelming and I thank you for that."

As the Head Teacher it was his job to take decisions. Sometimes they were popular but sometimes unpopular. On a number of occasions when things landed on his desk to be dealt with he knew some people would not be happy but he learned that if they had to be done then they were done one way or another. "I learned a huge time during my time at Arngask and probably encountered some issues which Head Teachers will never encounter in their lives - but I survived"

"Finally, whenever I got bogged down in email or paperwork I always remembered who I was there for - the children. This is their school. This is their chance. I drifted into teaching many years ago ( I was supposed to become a rock star) and fortunately it is a job that I enjoy and it is the children that make the job enjoyable. If what we are doing does not benefit the children then we should not be doing it. I would like to thank all the children for making my job enjoyable and especially to the children who were in my class for the last few years."

*"I will never forget my time at Arngask Primary School"*

Stephen finished by thanking all the parents and staff who supported the school over the time he was there.



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# ***Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom***

A crisp and clear December evening saw some hardy souls out on the streets of Glenfarg exercising their vocal chords with a few Christmas carols and with the help of Santa and a couple of his elves they managed to raise £179.33 for Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom. This year the singers concentrated their efforts on Main Street, Marinden Park, Greenbank Cres and Greenbank Road. Apologies if we didn't make it to your door but Glenfarg is a BIG village when it comes to singing at every door but the generosity of the residents makes the effort well worthwhile.

Although the snow is still lying outside as I write this, the bulbs are pushing their noses (or whatever the correct horticultural term is for the first shoot) through the soil. Last year's daffodil display on the south verge was spectacular and, when added to the 1000 crocus bulbs planted in October, we can expect an even grander show this year. Another area of the village which is maturing very nicely is the Dupplin area - Where? I hear you ask - the Dupplin

area is the small permanently planted area on the motorway side of Main Street opposite the Gourlay's and the Dow's, so called because the plants were donated by Dupplin Nursery of Forgardenny. The simple planting and mix of plants could provide inspiration to anyone creating a garden from scratch as it shows how established an area can become in only 1 year with minimum ongoing Maintenance.

The committee have ordered the plug plants for this year's displays and the happy band of greenhouse keepers can expect a call in the near future so get these wee pots ready.

It may be a little late but the sentiment is still the same

*"Happy 2008 to all. May the sun shine aplenty and the slugs be few."*





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# **Soup's on!**

## **Make the most of winter veggies with our delicious lentil soup recipe**

Keep warm this winter with our quick and easy lentil soup recipe. Suitable for vegetarians - just replace the chicken stock cubes for vegetable stock cubes and you've a hearty, healthy soup in minutes! Want to see more recipes like this in the Glenfarg Newsletter or share your own? Just contact the team (details in the inside cover) and let us know!

### **Mrs Tully's Lentil Soup**

#### **Ingredients**

A knob of butter or low fat spread  
One large onion (red has more kick!)  
One large leek  
Two medium sizes carrots  
150g of washed lentils  
1 chicken (or vegetable) stock cube



#### **Method**

Gently melt the butter or spread in a large saucepan.  
Top and tail the leek, giving it a quick wash in a sieve to make sure all the dirt is removed. Chop into small pieces.  
Cut and chop the onion into small pieces.  
Add the onion and leek to the pan and stir well, putting the lid on the saucepan (the steam will help soften the veg without the need for more butter). Cook until softened.  
Peel the carrots and chop into small pieces.  
Add the carrots to the onion and leek, stir well and again replace the lid.  
Cook for about 7 or 8 minutes until the carrot is softened.  
Add the stockcube and stir in well.  
Add the lentils, again stirring well.  
Add seasoning to taste.  
Add water to the top of the pan, allowing space for the soup to boil.  
Bring to the boil for about 5 mins, then reduce to a simmer for 35 mins.  
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# **Scottish Polish Partnership Dinner**

To thank the Polish builders involved with the construction of the Glenfarg Village Hall extension, for all their hard work so far, a Christmas dinner was arranged by members of the hall committee and held on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

A great night was had by all, many thanks go to Tim Corcoran for hosting the evening and making an outstanding meal including his now famous Yorkshire puddings with turkey and wine jus! Thanks are also due to Etienne Melville

for entertaining all with his bagpipes, Ben Norris for fantastic fiddle playing that would have left Aly Bain worried and to Philip Pontin for leading the Scottish sing along, a big hit with the Polish contingent.

Without Swavec, the site manager's translation skills, the evening would have been much more difficult. All present are now familiar with the Polish version of Happy Birthday although the Hall committee need a bit more practice to be word perfect!

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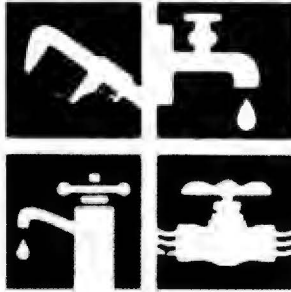
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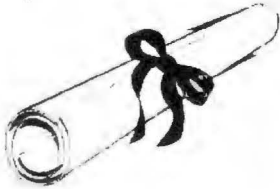
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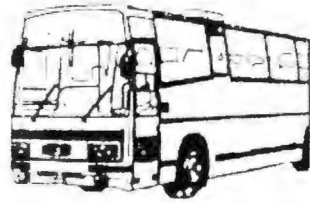
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# Arngask Church News

## **Hail and Farewell!**

Our church has a new Minister! Following a combined morning service in Arngask Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, at which he preached, the congregation of Abernethy & Dron & Arngask Parish voted overwhelmingly for the Rev. Alexander Wark to be our new minister. His induction will take place in Abernethy Church at 7pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and will be followed by a social in the Williamson Hall in Abernethy. Alec Wark will then lead worship at the normal morning service in Arngask Church at 11am from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February onwards.

This means that the Rev Riada MacMillan, who has acted as our Locum Minister and served us so faithfully and well for the last 18 months, will be able to return to a very well-deserved retirement. It is proposed that a presentation be made to her at the Social following the Induction Service. Donations towards this gift may be made by placing them in a sealed plain envelope marked 'Rev Riada MacMillan' and deposited in the collection bags at Sunday services up until Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Alternatively, donations may be given to Mrs Sheona Reid, 8 Lomond Bank, Glenfarg.

## **Blythswood Care Shoe Boxes-**

15 boxes were sent from Arngask Church.



**Christmas Sale & Our Decorated Church-** A total of £ 1280 was raised on the 1st of December for Abernethy & Dron & Arngask church. .On behalf of the Kirk Session I would like to thank everyone who contributed donations or helped to make this a very successful day. To the Ladies who decorated the church a very big thank you. It really was a beautifully decorated church.

**Hamper Winners-** B Grieve, M McAinsh, D Knox, I Fairweather, F Skinner, T

Green, A Swanson, V Hephlethwaite, M Scott, G Leslie, L Leslie, M Robertson.

Winner of the Christmas Pudding- E Paterson.

**Carol Service on 23th December -** A total of £166.16 was donated to CHAS.

**Watchnight service** Offerings of £152.25 were donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support (Perth Unit Appeal ).

On the 24th December The Rev Riada Macmillan conducted a funeral service for Mr William Ferguson of Greenbank Cres at Kirkcaldy Crematorium.

Easter Sunday falls on the 23rd of March, any services to take place at this time will be intimated in church after the 24th February when the Rev Alex Wark takes over.

# Arngask Church Sunday Club and S Club

A huge  
**THANK YOU** to Elaine  
McLaughlin  
for making the cake for the  
Birthday Party for Jesus.

The children of the Sunday Club at Arngask performed their nativity play on Sunday 16th December.

The play featured two angels from 'Angel College', one apprentice (Mia Watt) being taught by the other (Carol Andrew) to do general angel duties including delivering messages to the Shepherds. The Head Shepherd, (Henry Melville) and his mother (Annabel Simpson) both lifted the performance to a new level and also supported the little children playing animals and some of the wise men. Little Hannah Nicol did a fabulous job at carrying the star around the church and holding it high up in the air for a very long time!!

The children finished with a medley of seasonal songs - old and new.



**AFRICA APPEAL** - In 2007 Sunday Club and S Club set out to raise £252 for their Africa Appeal. However, they managed more than this!! In total, £374.27 was raised.... £172.27 was raised from the cake decorating morning and £202 from earlier coffee mornings.

The money was donated to Farm Africa, Christian Aid and Oxfam.

# ***IN THE PAST - 1937***

## ***Glenfarg celebrates***

The eyes of the world were on London on May 12th 1937. What was the event?

Throughout the UK celebrations were organised and Perthshire was no exception. Whether it was a large town or a small village there were elaborate plans.

The PA produced a very special copy priced one shilling from its Munro Press on Tay Street, boasting 'special articles by noted personalities and exclusive pictures' making it a complete record...'that it is not too much to expect that you will want to keep...and refer to it again and again'.

Guessed yet? When local farmer Charlie Murison unearthed a souvenir copy of the Perthshire Advertiser, he asked if we would be interested in what Glenfarg was doing on May 12th 1937.

Some of us newsletter editors knew the date instantly (er...just not me) and guessed that Charlie had found a Coronation Souvenir copy of the

perthshire advertiser for King George VI.

A lot of things have certainly changed! How would you like a new and unusually attractive body...I'm talking about the NEW FORD TEN motor car of course! Complete with the Girling system of braking...prices started from £143! At least I recognised the car manufacturers Ford, Daimler, and even Humber...and Grassicks in Blairgowrie had an advert. But most of the local businesses I'd never heard of and I wonder how many of the businesses are still operating today.

The slightly yellowed copy of the PA is full of articles with 'arresting pen portraits', 'intimate knowledge' of the Royals, 'new and refreshing angles', colourful history, fashion, (with particular emphasis on dresses and hats), a 'veritable cocktail of interesting ingredients' and even 'a racy contribution' on Queen Elizabeth's girlhood. Racy? I don't think so. Not if you compare it with our tabloid press...or even the Glenfarg Newsletter come to that.

# So what was Glenfarg doing on May 12th 1937?

Whilst the King and Queen were leaving Buckingham Palace and trotting down the Mall in the State Coach for the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, Glenfarg, like the great majority of other villages, joined in worship in Glenfarg Church which was conducted by the Rev J. W. Jack.

The village was decorated for the occasion and at 1.00pm the village had a fancy dress parade organised by the Ladies Committee and half an hour later Sports in Marindin Park - much better

fun than the Royals who were barely passing Piccadilly Circus on their way back to the Palace. And whilst the Royals probably put their feet up, Glenfarg enjoyed a 4.30pm tea and presentation of souvenirs by Major-General Marindin, CB, DSO

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and Mrs Marindin of Fordel presiding in the Public Hall. The souvenirs were 'beakers' provided by the local committee funded by contributions from residents and friends of Glenfarg.

Then it was straight out to Five-a-side football and a tog-o'-war followed later by a dance in the Public Hall.

At 10.30pm the village celebrated with fireworks and a bonfire in Wallace Park.

Below: Major General Marindin (in the foreground) commanding the 51st (Highland) Division. Formerly of Fordel, Major General Marindin gifted Marindin Park (now the school playing fields). The name Marindin Park is now continued with the housing adjacent to the playing fields.



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**-Thomas Paine**

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**- Ashley Smith**

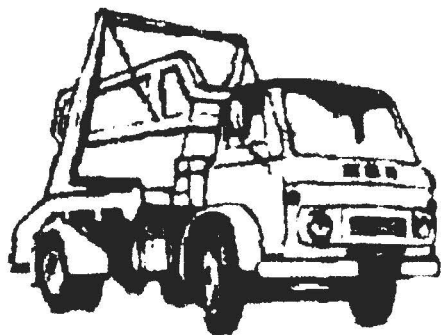
"One measure of friendship consists not in the number of things friends can discuss, but in the number of things they need no longer mention."

**-Clifton Fadiman**

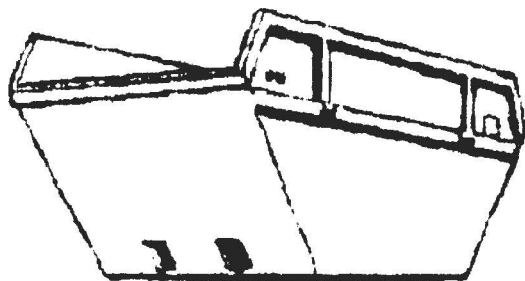


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£9.95 for two courses.

## How to enter

Just answer the question below and send your entries to: Glenfarg Newsletter: Baigle Inn Competition, c/o L. Tulloch, Greenbank, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, PH2 9NW.

## What is the price of a two-course Sunday lunch at the Baigle Inn?

All entries should be received by Saturday 1 March. Full terms and conditions are available on [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) where you can also enter online. Good luck!



## December issue competition winner

There was a flurry of entries for our December issue where we offered our readers dinner for two at the Glenfarg Hotel.

The answer to our question: "What is the name of Glenfarg Hotel's award-winning chef" was

Alexander Quinn.

Well done to Margaret Ponton from Glenfarg whose name was first out of the hat at our last editorial meeting!

Thanks to all who entered by post and online.

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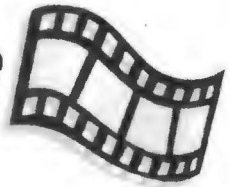
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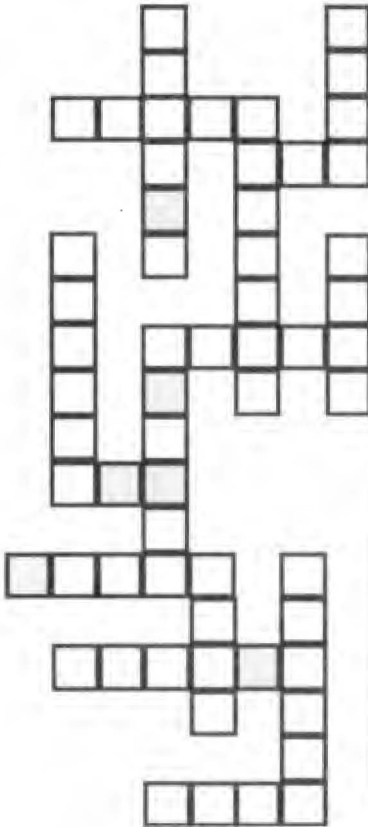


# Activity Zone



## Mystery word puzzle

Can you enter the words listed into the grid correctly? The letters in the shaded boxes will spell out the name of a mystery word.



**3 LETTERS**  
RED  
TAN

**4 LETTERS**  
BLUE  
GOLD  
NAVY  
PINK

**5 LETTERS**  
BROWN  
GREEN  
LILAC

**6 LETTERS**  
BRONZE  
PURPLE  
SILVER  
VIOLET  
YELLOW

**7 LETTERS**  
CRIMSON

**Rearrange the shaded letters to spell a mystery word. Solution is on page 2!**

## FILM REVIEW

**-Release date 1st February-**

If you enjoy classic fairytales with a modern twist, then this is the film for you! Starring Christina Ricci, James McAvoy and Reece Witherspoon, this is the story of Penelope, the daughter of an aristocratic couple. Born with a curse, her parents, who are ashamed of her unsightly appearance, hide her away in a sprawling mansion. As Penelope breaks free to seek adventure and discover her true self, can true love lift the curse?



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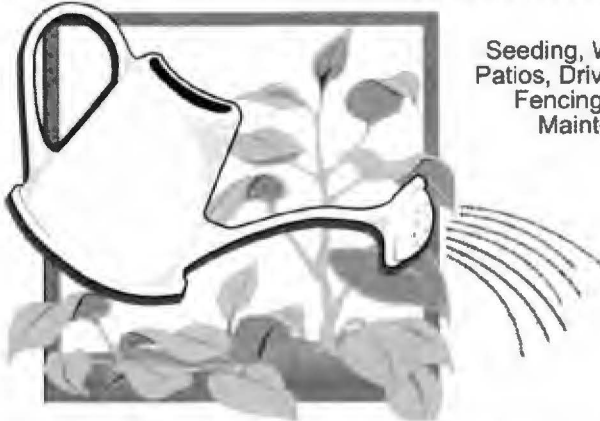
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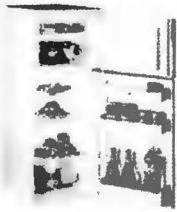
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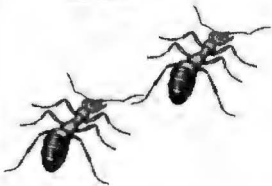
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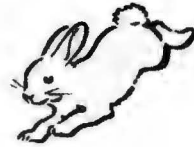
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# **Glenfarg Community Council**

**Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30pm**

## **Present**

CCllr K Armstrong, CCllr C Campbell (Chairman), CCllr P Doran, CCllr A Grave, CCllr J Holt Brook, CCllr A Johnston (Secretary), CCllr D McKenzie, CCllr C Murison (Treasurer), CCllr R Quartermaine.

## **Apologies**

CCllr T Bisset, CCllr W Connolly, CCllr S Reid.

## **By Invitation**

P&K Cllr K Baird, P&K Cllr Robertson, PC Stevens.

## **Members of the public**

3 members of the public were present.

## **01/01/08 Previous minutes**

It was pointed out that the name of CCllr Holt Brook was missing from the list of those present.

Subject to this correction, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Proposed CCllr Armstrong, seconded CCllr Grave.

## **02/01/08 Police Report**

PC Stevens reported that Operation Homesafe had now completed successfully and no major incidents were reported.

He also reported that, since the first snowfall on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, there had been 25 accidents in the area covered by the Kinross office and that drivers should take extra care when driving in wintry conditions.

In response to a question, he said that he did not have the figures from the traffic survey carried out by the police.

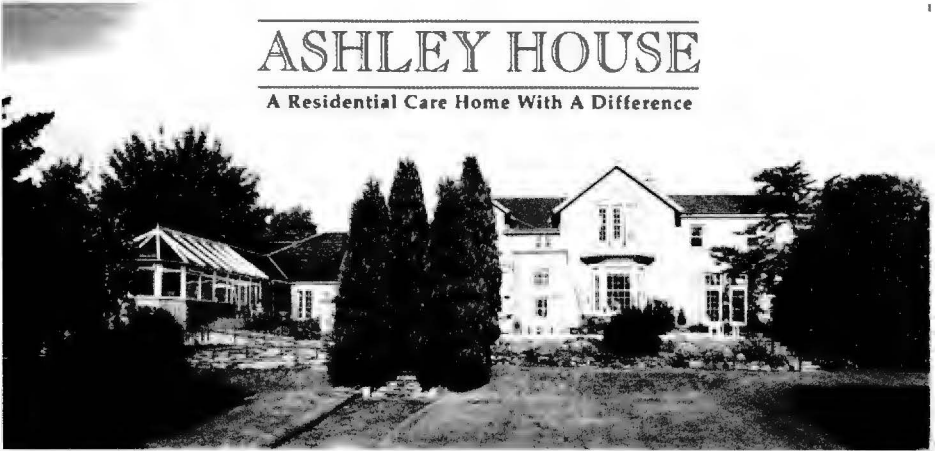
## **03/01/08 Scottish Water Solutions Presentation**

Scottish Water Solutions was represented by Steve Mason, Project Manager for the Glenfarg Water Treatment Improvement Project, Glenn Ford, Communications Advisor and Charlie Bull, Contracts Manager with Black and Veatch who are the main contractors for the project. The presentation was given by Steve Mason.

It was explained that Scottish Water is spending £4.2m over 18 months to upgrade the Glenfarg Water Treatment Works to new required standards. Amongst other things a new concrete sludge holding tank and a new chlorine plant are to be constructed. There will also be below ground pipeline works and structural modifications to buried structures. All the works will be contained within the existing site boundary. Site offices and temporary storage facilities are being established in a neighbouring field and this will be returned to agricultural use at the end of the project. CCllr Quartermaine asked if SEPA had been involved and also if the design had taken into account the possible emissions from the planned EfW plant at Binn Farm. He was assured that SEPA had been informed of the work to be carried out and that SEPA were responsible for ensuring that any emissions from Binn Farm meet laid down standards. CCllr Holt Brook asked about water quality standards and was told that there had been 1 failure in the last 25 years. Water is monitored at several places and it is also monitored for toxins and treated for their removal. SWS

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were recommended to notify The Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board of the proposed activities.

In order to minimise the amount of traffic through the village most of the concrete components will be pre-cast rather than being poured on site. This will reduce the number of vehicle movements but will not entirely do away with the need for concrete to be poured. The traffic route will be from the B996 (Main Street) via Ladeside and Church Brae to the Treatment Works. A 20mph speed limit will be observed on this route by all vehicles associated with the works and all drivers will be briefed on the need to observe the route and speed limits. Whenever possible, large vehicles will be escorted and they will wait for the escort vehicle in the layby on the B996 to the south of the village. There will not normally be vehicle movements during the periods in the morning and afternoon when children will be going to and coming from school. The site hours will be 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Very occasional evening and weekend working may be required, but this should not involve large vehicle movements. Black and Veatch are an ISO 14000 accredited company and are monitored on an ongoing basis against this standard.

Residents are asked to report any breaches of these conditions to the site office quoting, if possible, the registration number of the vehicle involved. The telephone number will be displayed on posters as soon as BT has installed the phone at the site. Scottish Water Solutions has agreed to have a representative at all Community Council meetings until the project is completed. They will also keep the community informed of any

significant events via posters, articles in the Glenfarg Newsletter and the Perthshire Advertiser and items placed on the Glenfarg Village website.

#### **04/01/08 Matters Arising**

**Arngask Walk Bench:** The Chairman reported that the bench has been put in position. He will contact Mrs Ross to arrange a suitable date for it to be officially installed. Once the date was known the Perthshire Advertiser and the Courier are to be informed, with a view to them sending a photographer.

**Speeding Petition:** The Secretary reported that P&KC had now responded to the petition and that they would be carrying out their own speed survey although, because there was a backlog of surveys to be done, it would be 2 or 3 months before they would be able to carry out one in Glenfarg. Surveys carried out in 2006 showed that the average daily traffic flow was approximately 1,500 vehicles. This is not considered to be a significant volume of traffic and compares positively with other Class B roads in the Council area. No speed measurements have been carried out since the installation of the 40mph countdown signs and the speed detector sign.

**Website Update:** CCllr Armstrong reported that there had been no progress on this matter, but she would contact Mr Barwick to get estimates for the work to be done.

**Buses to Kinross High School:** The Secretary reported that a letter in support of parents request for a review of this service had been sent to P&KC.

**Marquee:** The Treasurer reported that he had been in touch with P&KC about the

insurance cover that we have. As a result of these discussions he had carried out a risk assessment and from that judged that the risk of an accident occurring during erection and dismantling of the marquee was low. The Chairman will contact Field and Lawn to see if they provide training in the erection of marquees. He will also contact P&KC. It was agreed that the marquee would be available for the fete this year.

### **05/01/08 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting.

### **06/01/08 The Village Shop**

CCllr MacKenzie reported that the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative (GCSI) wished to record their thanks to Grant Smith for his efforts towards making this project work. The Committee is still committed to holding a Public Meeting in the middle of February and the Kirk Session of the local church have been written to, seeking permission to use the church for the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to seek the support of the community to proceed. Notices about the meeting will be issued fairly soon. He also reported that the first meeting had been held with the advisor appointed by the Big Lottery Fund to assist GCSI with their application. It is clear that there is a lot of work to be done in the next 8 to 10 weeks.

### **07/01/08: TRACKS**

The Secretary reported that Janet Croft of TRACKS had said that work was due to start on the pathway between Duncricieve and Glenfarg in January, weather permitting. The work has to be completed by the end of March.

### **08/01/08: Core Paths**

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from P&KC stating that the proposals for this area will be issued by the end of January. Informal consultation on them will continue until the end of March. The statutory consultation on the Draft Core Paths Plan will take place around April. After the end of this month plans can be seen at [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) and in P&KC offices at Pullar House in Perth and 21 High Street, Kinross

### **09/01/08: Planning**

**Draft Perth Area Local Plan:** The Secretary reported that he had received a response from P&KC to our letter expressing concerns about housing in the countryside. These comments will be taken into account when the Housing in the Countryside Policy is reviewed and the agreed Policy will be incorporated in the Finalised version of the Perth Area Local Plan.

**Windfarm Appeals Update:** The Secretary reported that he had received responses to our letters from BP, Shell and Ian Hudghton, MEP. The Chairman has arranged a meeting of the sub committee to take place next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Energy From Waste plant:** The Chairman reported that he had had a positive reaction from the Secretary of Abernethy CC, CCllr Ann Sangster, to the proposal that we should set up a joint sub committee to cover issues to do with the Binn Farm development. This will be put for approval to Abernethy CC at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January. At this meeting, TEG, who operate the composting facility at Binn Farm, will be giving a presentation.

Applications Considered by Planning Sub Committee:

Two applications were considered by the sub committee. The first was to reconsider the objection that we lodged to the proposed house in Hayfield Road. This objection was based on contravention of guidelines supplied to us by the Planning Dept in 2006. It would appear that these guidelines were never ratified and that they were only intended to apply to groups of houses and not individual houses. The planning officials were recommending approval, but because this Community Council had objected it had to go before the Development Control Committee. They have a large backlog and this was therefore going to put a delay on the applicant getting a decision. We therefore decided to withdraw our objection, as it was fairly clear that the Committee would go along with the official's recommendations and approve the application.

The second application was for a house on a gap site in Elm Row next to the path to the Wallace Park. It was decided that there were no reasons to object to this application.

Other Planning Applications  
No other applications were considered.

#### **10/01/08: Correspondence**

The Secretary advised Council of correspondence received since last meeting. The letter concerning an area representative for the ASCC is to be copied to all Councillors. CCllr

Armstrong said that she had taken part in the Mail Delivery Study for Postwatch Scotland.

#### **11/01/08: Any Other Business**

**Collapsed Fence in Hayfield Road**  
CCllr Grave reported that the fence in Hayfield Road opposite Glendeuglie had fallen down. It was thought that this might be a P&KC responsibility. Cllr Baird said that she would take the matter up with the appropriate Department. It was also pointed out that the burn was eating under and into the edge of the road at this and other points up towards the Easterton road end.

#### **The Village Fete**

The Secretary reported that he had been contacted about arrangements for running the village fete. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was also stressed that if there were to be any changes they would not affect the 2008 fete.

#### **Dog "Poo" Bags**

The Chairman reported that due to difficulties with supplies Grant Smith was no longer willing to stock these items and that this could give rise to problems for dog owners. The Secretary reported that the matter had already been dealt with and that Mr David Aird had agreed to be responsible for keeping a stock until the new Community Shop was up and running.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**The date of the next meeting is  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008.**



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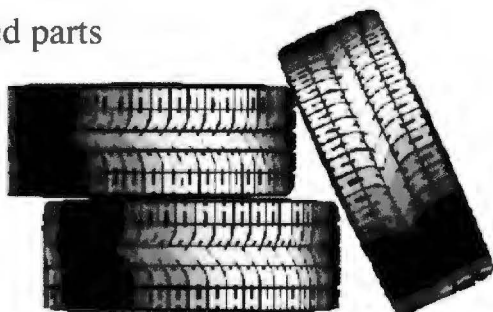
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The van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays:  
2nd & 20th February; 5th & 19th March; 2nd April.

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: 11:35-11:50



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It is very important that only the correct paper waste is recycled. The paper mill we send our paper to cannot accept:

Envelopes, post-it notes, cardboard, greetings cards, wrapping paper, hard backed catalogues, telephone directories, books, wallpaper, dyed paper

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### Garden Waste Collection

*Brown lidded bin*

Friday 22nd February

& 21st March 08

### Paper Collections

*Blue lidded bin*

Thursday 14th February &

13th March 08

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**Perth:** Tesco, Edinburgh Road

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

The deadline for the next newsletter is the 1st of March 2008

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### Duncricvie Waste Collection Dates:

Garden Waste: Saturdays February 9th & March 8th 2008