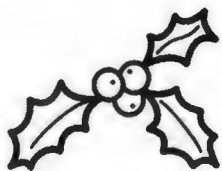


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Editorial



Type the words 'community newsletter' into Google's search engine and more than 48 million responses will be returned.

The result demonstrates how newsletters, such as our own bi-monthly offering, are the lifeblood for communities keeping up to the minute with local news, events, comment and campaigns.

So with that in mind, the Glenfarg Newsletter editorial team is delighted to welcome our newest members - Emma Roe and Adam Bissett.

Along with treasurer and ad organiser Charlie, Emma and Adam join editorial crew Anne, Ineke, Cara and Lynsae in writing and compiling the 50-something pages each issue.

While fresh eyes and new enthusiasm are a very welcome addition to the team, we still need extra support to keep this newsletter as *the* point of information for visitors and residents alike.

So why not take up a new challenge in 2009 and join the Glenfarg Newsletter editorial team?

You don't need any kind of journalistic, writing or design experience, just a good grasp of English and a few hours to spare every couple of months to help us sort

through a host of news and events and put them on page.

If you can't join the team, then please do remember to make sure that you tell us your club or organisation's forthcoming events or information, or even just share your views on our letters page.

To join the crew, meet new people and have the inside-track on news from across the village, just email editor@glenfargnewsletter.org.uk or call any of the contact telephone numbers on the inside page.

In the meantime, from all on the Glenfarg Newsletter, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.





Letters...to the editor

For a long time now, many of the generation of children leaving the village as they become adults, have taken with them memories of the annual Scout Group Christmas Dance, as one of the highlights of the social life of the village. It is a social function where children and adults can meet on an equal footing - indeed, when it comes to helping someone in the dances, the children are just as able as many of the adults. These days, there are not as many social activities that bring all ages together as in the past, so this is one not to miss.

But this dance is not just a social event; it is a major fundraising activity for the Scout Group. We prefer to offer a service to the community to raise our funds, rather than to just get a hand-out, and so far we have never needed to ask the village to pay for our activities.

But we do hope that you will support our fundraising, and enjoy yourselves at our annual dance. It will take place on the Saturday after Christmas, the 27th December, at 7.30pm, and of course it will be in the Village Hall. For tickets, please ask your Scout leader or phone 830210.

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Arngask Primary School News

With so much going on at Arngask Primary School we thought it would be nice to share it with the community.

Outdoor Class and Wildlife Garden

The sun shone for the grand opening of the outdoor class and wildlife garden on Friday, 3rd October 2008. Invited guests included representatives from Glenfarg in Bloom who had helped plan and organise the work, plus Alan MacGregor and Billy Allison who donated materials and carried out the work.

Alan MacGregor had the honour of cutting the ribbon and the children all gave a big cheer. They are thoroughly enjoying this space.

Eco Schools

Having achieved the 1st Green Flag during the last academic year (which you can see flying proudly at the front of the school), the children in P3-P7 have been working together to complete the annual Environmental Review as part of the Eco Schools Award Scheme. This is a significant part to gaining the 2nd Green Flag.

Energy Winners

The school were co-winners of the Energy Efficiency Award and received £750. Initial work was carried out by last years P7. The school was shortlisted and another plan had to be submitted stating how the money would be spent to increase energy efficiency.

Considerate Constructors A Visit from "Ivor Goodsite"



Civil Engineers 'Black and Veatch', who are currently undertaking work at Glenfarg Water works gave a presentation on engineering, water and site safety. The children found the presentation interesting and they all enjoyed meeting Ivor Goodsite.



PTA

The PTA organised a fabulous Halloween Party. The children attended in fancy dress and they all looked great in their 'guises'.



The entrance was lit with a line of pumpkins all individually designed by the pupils. This was due the generosity of Derek Alexander of Bellfield Organics who kindly donated a pumpkin for every pupil of the whole school and nursery. The pupils certainly had some imagination in their designs!

The PTA are now busy organizing the Christmas Fair and if the Halloween Party was anything to go by it will be a great success.



Arngask School Christmas Fayre

WELCOME to EVERYONE

This is an OPEN INVITATION to join us at Our Annual Christmas Fayre.

It will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th December at 6.00 – 8.00pm

There will be:

- arts and crafts to buy,!
- LOTS of prizes to win!
- face painting!
- Santa's grotto!
- huge raffles!
- a second hand toy stall!
- home baking!
- Mince pies and mulled wine!
- ...And lots of fun to be had!

Please do come along and join us.

If you would like to donate a prize, cookies, toys etc then we will willingly accept them. Please contact either Tara on 830879 or David 830586 or bring them on the night.

Evening Classes at the Village Hall



During the winter months why not learn a new skill or try a new hobby ??

In 2009 there will be a selection of evening classes available at the Glenfarg Village Hall. Details have not yet been finalised but it is anticipated that there will be a language course available, an art course and perhaps a First Aid Course beginning in January. Look out for flyers with further details which will be posted through your doors over the coming weeks.

If there is sufficient interest, then more courses will be arranged for the Spring.

If you have any queries, please call Heather on 01577 830300.

Callander - The Hard Way



If you had told me I'd watch Richard Melville wading, parts-deep in a freezing cold torrent, several miles from even a decent path, I'd not have believed you, but it happened.

This year's annual Glenfarg bike trip was a bit more challenging than usual. You see, it would be best if we could say 'we'll do 30 miles and find accommodation, then cycle 30 back the next day'. Unfortunately though the suitable accommodation is in fixed positions and this year, the excellent

Trossachs Tryst bunkhouse was 46 gruelling, wet, muddy and swearword infested miles away and 45 only marginally less so on the way back. But a group of 32 mixed ability, mixed age and mixed tolerance-level villagers enjoyed every inch of the journey; over Rossie Ochil, Auchterarder. Muthil, and then through the pass of Glenartney to Callander, and back the next day through Bridge of Allan and the Hillfoots to a very welcome dinner in the Glenfarg Hotel.

Of course, it was the Sturgeon children who most impressed with their Husseinlike indefatigableness, but more surprising were some newcomers; Steve Whiting, Heather Wilkins and Pierette ate up the course like whipper-snappers, Pierette despite an Evil Kneavil attempt at the Forth Valley on Sunday morning.

Saturday evening was a hoot with lots of food, music, singing and Youngs Bitter. Douglas on the box and Ralph on guitar played the night away and the less talented rabble followed. By this time the freezing cold water had taken its toll and produced an agonied Twist and Shout from Richard- his las public performance before a well-earned sabbatical!

It was a great weekend, with reminders for the next 2 weeks every time we climbed a stair. But by popular demand, I've agreed to move the accommodation for next year. It will be 30 miles back. It'll still be 45 there, mind.

Tim Corcoran



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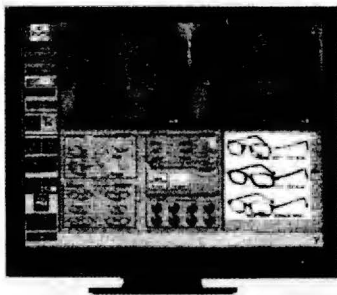
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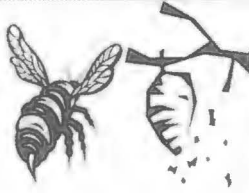
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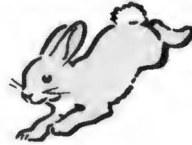
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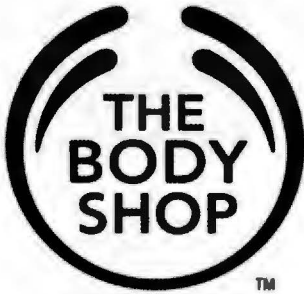
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To add variety to the programme the clubs are encouraged to organise industrial visits. Which is why members of the YEC from schools all over Fife came to Glenfarg to visit the Water Treatment Works.

Site Manager George Smart from Black and Veitch invited the Fife

Young Engineers Club to spend the day learning about water treatment processes, civil, mechanical, process and electrical engineering.

'It is currently forecast that there will be a major skills shortage in a few years in this area' he says. George was delighted at the intelligent response and interest of the young engineers and hopes that two or three of the young people will think about a career with Black and Veitch in the future.

The Young Engineers & Science Clubs Scotland project is organised by the Scottish Council for Development and Industry. More details can be found on their website www.yecscotland.co.uk and if anyone is interested in forming a local club please contact: bill.hutchison@adamsmith.ac.uk



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The Considerate Constructors Scheme Awards (The National Scheme created by the construction industry to improve its image) recognise only the very highest standards of performance of any company that registers its sites with the Scheme. George Smart, Site Manager at Glenfarg WTW has high hopes that the Water Treatment Works will win a coveted award after picking up top marks from the Monitor's Site Report.

'The Glenfarg WTW project has received unsolicited compliments from residential neighbours, suppliers and the client. The practices employed on this project are worthy of further dissemination throughout B&V and the wider construction industry. This project has established an exceptional benchmark for the development of innovative and unique solutions that will no doubt inform the direction of the CCS Considerate Code of Practice in the future. George and his site team have acted as excellent ambassadors in improving the image of the construction industry.' (Mike Murray, CCS Monitor Report)

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Arngask Church

Church Calendar

Saturday 6th December
Christmas Sale - Village Hall
10am - 12 noon

Sunday 7th December
Children's Gift Service in Church
11am

Sunday 14th December
Carols and Christingle Service
6.30pm

Sunday 14th December
SCLub Nativity Play
11 am

Sunday 21st December
Sunday School Nativity Play
11am

Wednesday 24th December
Watchnight Service
11.30pm

Church Register

On the 22nd September the Rev Alexander Wark conducted a service of thanksgiving, in Perth Crematorium, for the life of Mr Dave Scott who passed away in Ashdean House, Crieff on 18th September 2008.

At the service in Arngask Church on Sunday 21st September the Rev Alec Wark baptised Amelia Jane, infant daughter of Victoria & Raymond Dorans, Newmarket and granddaughter of Mr & Mrs J Robertson, Abbots Deuglie, Glenfarg.

On Sunday 28th September, Lauryn, infant daughter of Mark & Anna MacNeil. Abernethy and granddaughter of Mr & Mrs W MacPherson, Lyndhurst, Glenfarg was baptised by the Rev Alec Wark.



Christmas Sale

*Saturday
6th December*

*Glenfarg Village Hall
10am - 12 noon*

SClub and Sunday School raise £301

The children celebrated harvest by promoting FARM-Africa's 'Give Poverty the boot' campaign. FARM-Africa works with poor African farmers, helping them to produce more food for their families. This is done to make sure future generations don't have to depend on handouts of aid. The children gave a presentation to the congregation that described a typical day that Frazer, a small boy in Scotland would have and then compared it to that of Rehema, an African child.

As a further money raising effort - the congregation had been invited to wear their wellies to church with those not doing so being fined!

Tea, coffee and home baking were served after the service and plant-filled and decorated welly boots were also sold. A total of £301 was raised.

Jack, a Maassai Warrior from Rwanda currently living in Orkney, gave a demonstration of a tribal dance.





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Arngask Church Guild

The Guild has had a varied and interesting programme during the Autumn session with speakers from all areas of interest, we close this session with a Christmas Party on the 4th December.

The Spring session commences on the 15th January 2009.

January 15th

In house meeting about the Guild topic Searching for Spirituality

February 3rd

Mrs Jenny Rutherford on her visit to Australia

February 17th

Mr & Mrs John Hanks Glad Tidings Bible Camp in the Caribbean

March 3rd

Open night when all are invited to hear David Watt & friends

March 17th

Mrs Francis Drysdale My Shetland Experience

March 21st

Guild Coffee Morning Church Hall 10-11.30 AM

April 7th

AGM

An outing is to be arranged in May which will conclude the session 2008/2009

Anyone wishing to come along to join us at any of these meetings would be made very welcome

Glenfarg WRI



Margaret Scott welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting of the Glenfarg Womens Rural Institute.

Andrew Carter, a Yorkshire lad, entertained the ladies giving a very informative interesting talk about antiques. Afterwards he discussed and valued antiques brought by the members – a very worthwhile evening. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th November in the refurbished village hall at 7.30 pm. ‘Christmas Goodies and Treats’ is the subject for Lynne McPhillips. Visitors are very welcome. Competition winners:-

Single Flower Photograph

1 L Yull 2 I Smith 3 M Scott

Slice of Quiche

1 J Kirkland 2 J Grigg 3 L Yull

Flower of the Month

1 L Johnson 2 J Kirkland 3 K Fairweather

At the November meeting of Glenfarg WRI Lynne Smith prepared delicious chocolate goodies and sweets to be sampled by eager members. She also showed products beautifully wrapped for Christmas presents. Janette Kirkland gave the vote of thanks. On 8th January Ella Fisher will show slides from her Charity Cycle Run Through Poland to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Fund - a warm welcome to everyone. Competition Winners:-

Christmas Table Mat

1 A Messenger 2 J. Kirkland 3 M Moran

Four Marzipan Sweets

1 J Kirkland 2 M Blair 3 A Messenger

Flower of the Month

1 S. Harley 2 H. Quartermaine 3 I. Bettaney

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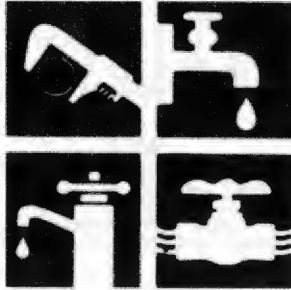
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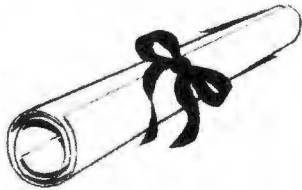
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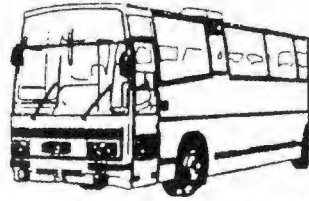
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Normile News

It is hard to believe that another summer has gone and all of a sudden we are into what seems to be the middle of winter.

How quickly the weather seems to have changed and autumn has been completely missed out. I don't think that we have ever started clipping horses this early but I have to say that they all look very cosy under their duvets.

The recent very heavy rain has caused problems to our gallops, not least washing it down onto the road, and we apologise for the mess caused but we are working very hard to prevent this happening and hope to have it sorted in the near future.

The bad weather even managed to play a part in summer season, and having turned out all the soft ground horses for their summer holidays the sun barely shone and the going seemed to be pretty soft – and all the soft ground horses laughing in the fields!

We did have some really good winners, English City won at Perth and at Market Rasen.

They were both good class races and English City won them in really impressive style. He is a very tough little horse who really tries so hard and is very genuine, it would be lovely to have 20 of him in the yard.

Flaming Heck won by thirty lengths at Hexham returning to the track after a leg injury and so this was a very satisfying result.



English City and Caroline



It is now very nice to have all the horses back in work after the summer break and now we are all looking forward to the forthcoming season. It will be very busy now until the about the end of May.

We have got some nice new horses, and a nice range of ages, sizes and no doubt ability, with some really very promising youngsters.

It is always an exciting challenge bring out the best in these horses and sometimes finding the right conditions and races is the hardest part of the job.

We had a very successful Open Day at the end of September. We were extremely fortunate with the weather, the sun shone and the rain stayed away – we must have got one of the good days.

I was a great turnout; I believe that there were more than 200 people throughout the day and needless to say all the food and drink was gone.

It is always great to show the yard off and it is lovely that so many people want to come and have a look around. We even sold a couple of horses and recruited a few new members to some syndicates.

Lucy Normile



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Wine Club News

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Christmas is a great time of the year for splashing out a little on good wine to help make your Christmas lunch that extra bit special. This doesn't mean buying expensive wine, but by maybe spending that extra bit more, it could help to make the day more memorable.

Why not start the day with a smoked salmon and scrambled eggs breakfast? This is a great day to get the day going, and the perfect wine with this is Champagne! Choose a good bottle of decent champers for a great "sparkling" start. If you don't fancy the food, try adding a glass of fresh orange juice to the champagne for a buck's fizz, or add Cassis for a Kir Royal.

Lunch obviously depends on what you have chosen to eat. If you are going for a fish or prawn starter, then a crisp chablis from the Burgundy region of France, or a New Zealand Chardonnay, (or another glass of champagne!) would kick off the meal perfectly. Even though Turkey is a white meat, the perception that white wine is the only one to have is

misconceived, a light red often proves to work perfectly. Try a Californian Zinfandel, or an Argentine Malbec, or a French Merlot, or my personal choice a good bottle of Beaujolais. If your choice is goose, then the Pinot Noir grape works best, try any French, Californian, or New Zealand, or a Italian Barolo. If its beef for you, then its got to be the king of beef wines- Cabernet Sauvignon. For the Christmas pudding, a Spanish sweet sherry made from the Pedro Ximenz grape reigns supreme, and when it comes to the cheese board, stilton always works well, but for a new twist, try a small bottle of Muscat, its brilliant! (I have been assured that if you are shopping in Waitrose, get their dark chocolate with rock salt and drink with Tawny Port, it is supposed to be unbelievable!)

I hope that your Christmas is special, and on behalf of the Wine Club would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Steve Mee

Glenfarg Wine Club keep up the tradition of bi-annual foreign jaunts with a trip to Provence in South Eastern France

20 members of the wine club travelled to Provence in September for our bi-annual foreign outing. We stayed in a fantastic former coaching house in a small village called Mirabeau which is close to Pertuis in Provence. (Film buffs may remember the village from the film Jean de Florret.) It is certainly a lovely village with just a couple of shops, a bakery, a butcher and a very small bar that looked after our thirsty gang for the week and probably sold more beer than than they would normally sell in a month!

During our stay we visited 2 wineries. The first was Chateau Val-Joanis near Pertuis where the lovely Julie (mens opinion) showed us round their vineyard, and as this was the first day of the harvest, we were able to watch

the early stages of wine production first hand. The gardens here were out of this world, and had just been voted one of the best in the whole of France! After spending time enjoying the gardens, we had a 4 course lunch with wines before heading back to Mirabeau.

The next day we had a personal tour of Chateau Clapier where sexy Thomas (this is the girls description not mine!) took us through his fields of vines showing us the different grape varieties which we were able to eat and compare the difference in their taste. This was followed by a tour of his production plant, and then a tasting of 10 different wines in his Cave.

This was everyones highlight of the week, and something that will always be remembered.



We followed this on the last night by having a meal in part of Chateau Clapier that is used by a chef called Caroline who does food demonstrations in her kitchen and writes recipe books.

She managed to fit us all in her typical Provencal kitchen, and produced a

wonderful 4 course meal that used all locally grown produce and of course wines from the Clapier vineyard.

Again this was something we shall remember for a long time.

The trip was a huge success, and even though one may wonder how 20 people can get on together for 7 days, we did!

Once again this was a great trip (our third!) Thanks to all who helped to make the trip what it was, and roll on our next one in 2010 (the clubs 10th anniversary) I wonder where it will be?



Village Hall News

The opening week of the hall was very well supported. The Not Big not Klevir evening raised £900 and we are very grateful to the band that played free of charge and Young's Brewery that donated two kegs of beer, that was enjoyed by all!

Youngs also donated a Dump fridge (that keeps your drinks cold at functions) to the village hall and it is available to everyone to use.

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An exciting programme of evening classes in the hall is also currently being negotiated-look out for information on these in the next few weeks.

There are also plans to hold a Burns supper in January 2009 in celebration of the Bard's 250th birthday. The date will be confirmed soon.

Finally, The Village Hall Committee is delighted to have been put forward by the Glenfarg Community council for the "Perthshire Positive Action awards" and won the Community asset category for having put time and effort into improving local assets. The committee was awarded £250 and a certificate. Sue Sadler did a small presentation on the achievements of the Hall community and larger community for Glenfarg.

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The Future of the Glenfarg Village Fete

Minutes of meeting

Held in Village Hall 7th Oct 2008

Colin Campbell (Chair)

Present – 36 individuals and representatives of village organisations.

Colin Campbell, Chair, opened the meeting with an outline of current fete arrangements and presented 3 items for consideration.

- Status Quo – whether or not to keep or change the 3 beneficiaries, i.e. Church, Old Folks and Village Hall
- Change beneficiaries or increase number of beneficiaries
- How and who should run the fete.

Representatives of the 3 current beneficiaries outlined how they use the proceeds from their allocated year. The village hall funds ongoing maintenance; the Old Folks fund an annual coach trip and a Christmas party; the Church proceeds go to meet the regular financial commitment to the church at national and international levels. The meeting was opened to the floor and all aspects of possible change, organisation and benefits were discussed with a final vote and agreement that the future village fetes would be run on the following lines -

- The fete will be held annually with proceeds being divided between the Church, the Old Folks, the Village Hall and other village organisations.
- The division of proceeds will be by

percentage – 28% each to church, old folks and village hall with the remaining 16% to other organisations.

- The organising committee will be made up of 2-3 representatives from each of the 3 main beneficiaries and 2-3 representatives (in total) from other organisations making up a committee of 8-12.
- This format will commence for the 2009 fete.
- The distribution of the ‘other organisations’ 16% share will be decided by the members of the Community Council who will receive ‘bids’ from those organisations wishing to apply for funding. The 3 main organisations will not be excluded from making bids for the 16% and in the event that no bids are received or only part of the 16% is distributed to other organisations the balance will be shared amongst the 3 main organisations.

The Chairman of Glenfarg Community Council will lead on establishing the first organising committee but thereafter will handover responsibilities. An initial task for the Organising Committee will be to establish the requirements of the Charity Commissioners as far as the ‘other organisations’ are concerned and whether or not these requirements can be met.

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Fete future discussed (cont.)

The meeting highlighted the benefits of the new system in that it avoids any possible weather related hardship which can occur on 3 year rotation, it spreads the work load of organisation and it opens up the opportunity for new ideas.

The Community Council will inform all village associations of the meeting's conclusion and clarify any aspects of charitable status requirements of possible beneficiaries.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Chairman Colin Campbell and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.



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No sooner had the celebrations of GDIB's success at the Pride in Perthshire awards died down when here we are again picking up **another** award. This time it came courtesy of the Perthshire Positive Action Awards where we won the Young People category, and this time the award came with not only a certificate but also a cheque for £250 plus HMV vouchers for our stars Amy, Campbell and Catriona. At the award ceremony we were invited to make a short presentation on our activities. Maybe I'm biased but Donald, Amy and Campbell put together a wonderful, unrivalled and professional show which certainly had the audience talking about Glenfarg and its youngsters long after the ceremony ended. Such recognition is wonderful but equally rewarding are the home grown comments and the feel good factor that is running throughout our community thanks to all the efforts, great and small.

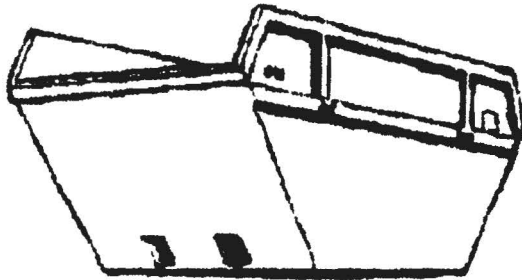
The group's AGM was held at the end of October and, regrettably, Alison Grave, Sandy McInnes and Derek Peggie have stood down

from the committee, but all three have indicated their continuing support (and frequent hard work) to the group as their available time and other commitments will allow. The group welcomed Irene Findlay and Len McConnell on to the committee and we are delighted that Amy Peacock is able to continue her involvement. Having completed the business of the AGM the group went on to discuss future plans for the village and several fresh and innovative ideas were put forward. All I'm saying at the moment is "Watch This Space!!!"

You may have seen that a great deal of work has been carried out at the winter garden on the Glenfarg Green. This has mainly been done by our friend, Chris, from Abernethy, who, like many others, was impressed with Glenfarg and GDIB and volunteered her services. You can do the same as there is always somewhere you can lend a helping hand. Just give Donald a call on 830225 or email him at inbloom@glenfarg.org.



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Local band's review of their year □

As we rapidly approach 2009, I cannot believe 2008 is nearly gone. It seems mere moments since the band helped to welcome in the New Year as part of the celebrations at the Glenfarg Hotel. It was our second Hogmanay gig at the Hotel and it saw us 'promoted' upstairs to the lounge. Well, as the days ebb away toward a new year, we are delighted to have been booked once again to help revellers in Glenfarg rock and roll their way into 2009.

We've had a great year and have had gigs as far North as Grantown on Spey, and as unexpected as Saughton Prison Officer's Club! As a 'hobby' the band probably plays about as many gigs as we can at present (10 this year I think) and have had to turn down about the same amount owing to 'proper job' commitments. We would love to be able to do more, but as seven middle-aged guys with real jobs, we have to be fair to our respective families. Maybe if we were 17yrs old again we could commit to do more.

We've been delighted to be the band for two weddings this year as well. It is a huge weight of responsibility to be the band for such a big event as someone's wedding and we are

always very aware of the massive amount of organisation these take. We'd like to thank those who booked us; Paul & Astrid and Phillip & Claire, and offer our best wishes for their lives together.

Our proudest moment of 2008 (even outweighing the two weddings we were privileged to be asked to play at) was the opportunity to play for the opening of our new Village Hall. It was quite an unknown quantity playing in the hall for a much wider ranging audience than we normally have in the Terrace Bar, but our fears were unfounded. The band all agreed it was one of our very best gigs ever. We would happily have played on all night! Jeff (guitars) even travelled up from a conference in Yorkshire especially for it. The most surprising thing was the amount of people who had never seen, or even heard of the band before who enjoyed it so much. I think the 'specially doctored' Glenfarg song we kicked off our set with, probably got everyone on side straight away. However, I feel sure the band gained some new friends on that night *and* we helped to raise some cash for the upkeep and maintenance of our new hall. (If you haven't been yet, I cannot recommend the Dyson Air



Blades in the loos high enough!). So as a band we would like to offer our thanks to the Village Hall Committee for asking us, and we were happy to help out.

We also need to thank our staunchest supporters: The Glenfarg Hotel. Mark, Jane and Jim gave us our first 'proper' gig and have had us back many times since. We are thrilled to playing there again, twice, in December. Firstly our 'Christmas Party Night' is on Friday 12th. and of course our 3rd consecutive Hogmanay is coming up too. Both these gigs will be in the lounge behind the restaurant and we look forward to welcoming one and all. Full details of times and prices from The Glenfarg Hotel - Tel: 830241. Don't forget your dancing shoes!!!

Our biggest thanks though, must go to everyone who comes along to our gigs. Especially encouraging was the amount of new faces we've seen this year and we hope to see more at the upcoming shows. If you guys have a good time we have an even better time *and* you continue to encourage our mid life crises!

p.s. After her impromptu stage appearance at the Village Hall Opening Night, if Sadie would like to play tambourine for us full time I think we would be all too happy to welcome her aboard!

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Game Review

Guitar Hero: World Tour

The Guitar Hero franchise is one that has grown and expanded over the years, becoming a huge video gaming hit all over the world. Playing along to loads of rock and roll songs on their plastic guitar controller over the years has appealed to people of all ages.

Guitar Hero World Tour is the 7th installment and will change the franchise forever. In a bid to equal that of their rivals "Rock Band" guitar hero have introduced drums and vocals into the game.

Also included are over 85 songs, downloadable content and online play for the Wii, PS3 and Xbox360 versions of the game. There is a song creator where you can make your own songs and upload them to GHTunes, an online system where you can download other peoples songs, play them and rate them. There is also a mode called Mii Freestyle which is exclusive to the Wii version of World Tour. In this mode you can play anything you want and just mess around.



Review(Wii version): The first thing that I noticed starting up World Tour is how nice it all looks with lovely laid out menus and options.

Kicking straight into the game I quickly beat Expert on guitar, a feat that maybe not everyone will be able to do but it certainly is a lot easier than Guitar Hero 3. The song difficulty

only increases in the last couple of sets of songs, with Van Halen, Metallica, System of a Down and Joe Satriani all with challenging songs. The guitar has a new feature below the 5 buttons. A touch pad. This is meant to be used for notes that have

a purplish colour to them and are joined together with lines. This is only optional and while it is great fun to use you can often lose your combo switching from buttons to pad.

You can also use it to strum but it doesn't work brilliantly. The drums work well. 3 lower pads, 2 raised cymbals and a foot pedal make it feel more realistic and fun. The pads are pressure sensitive so the harder you hit them, the louder the on screen drummer will hit his drums. The

drum pads are also quite soft and bouncy and don't make too much noise. The microphone works just like SingStar if anyone has played that. You have to hit the right pitch in order to score points.

The Mii Freestyle mode is really just for casual gamers and doesn't really do much. Its just a noise maker. So if your thinking on getting the PS3 or Xbox versions, you aren't missing out on anything.

Also added in are the rock star creator where you can make your own in game character and custom guitar. These work very well and are surprisingly deep. The song creator unfortunately isn't as good. It's just too complicated to use and is very difficult to understand and get the hang of.

Summary It has a few minor faults here and there but overall this is definitely the best guitar hero game to date, with a ton of brilliant tracks, features and modes to keep you busy for absolutely hours! For those that dont like rock and roll, don't worry, there is some Coldplay, The Enemy, Michael Jackson and other bands which are included too. A must buy!

9.5 out of 10

Adam Bisset

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

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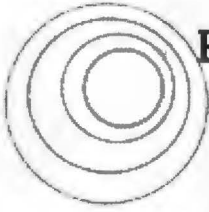
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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2008

Present

CCllrs K Armstrong (Secy), C Campbell (Chairman), T Bisset, B Connolly, A Grave, A Johnston, C Murison (Treasurer) and R Quartermaine

By Invitation

Cllrs K Baird and W Robertson, Constable Petrie

Members of Public

1 member of public was present

Apologies

CCllrs P Doran, J Holt-Brook, D MacKenzie and G Vaughan

01/11/08 Previous minutes

Minutes of meeting 8th Sept 2008 agreed as accurate and proposed by CCllr Bisset, seconded by CCllr Grave.

02/11/08 Police report

Const Petrie reported that area had been quite quiet recently but that Kinross had experienced a number of car break-ins. She also stressed the legislation related to fireworks and asked that any breaches be reported to police.

03/11/08 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

ASCC nomination – CCllr Johnston stated that he did not wish to be nominated as ASCC representative. He added that there was no need for nominated rep. and that all ASCC correspondence should pass to

secretary and that any Community Councillor could attend ASCC meetings etc.

04/11/08 Treasurer Report

CCllr Murison updated the committee on current income and expenditure.

05/11/08 NPower meeting

The Chairman reported on the meeting held between Community Council and representatives of NPower on 27th Oct. This meeting outlined the time-scale for construction of wind farm site and gave the outline of Community Benefit. CCllr Quartermaine reported that the present value of ROCS was £50 per megawatt hour and of electricity £75 per mwh. Concerns were expressed that NPower representatives appeared dismissive of Community Council highlighting safety issues and statutory consultation rights.

Apology was made to Cllrs Baird and Robertson for omitting them from invitation to this meeting and agreement was made that they be informed and invited to any future meetings.

Cllr Robertson suggested that council invite Serge Merone of P&K Quality Of Life Trust to meeting with community councillors to discuss community benefit fund holding and administration.

Action Chairman & secretary

06/11/08 Village Fete Meeting

The chairman reported on this meeting, the minutes of which have been posted on website, CC notice

board and in newsletter. The chairman and secretary are to follow up arrangement of first fete committee and charitable status queries. Action Chairman & secretary.

07/11/08 Core Paths

Consultation continues.

CCllr Holt-Brook has written to Countryside Management Officer re local paths network leaflet and queried path in Abbots Deuglie area. Following the suggestion that TRACKS may be able to assist in the completion of a circular path in Hilton of Duncricvie area, CCllr Grave will contact Jackie Yuill of TRACKS. Action CCllr Grave.

08/11/08 Planning

Sub committee CCllr Bisset requested that she be allowed to stand down from this committee. Her request was accepted and CCllr Connolly was nominated as her replacement.

Wind Farm The finalised water management plan and restoration plan has now been received. A meeting of CC, P&KC, NPower and SNH is being arranged for w/c 10th or 17th November.

The issue of statutory consultee status as required by Inquiry Report was again highlighted with regret and despair expressed at the disparaging and disrespectful way in which Glenfarg Community Council has been treated.

Stephens' development A letter has been submitted on behalf of Glenfarg CC stating numerous areas of objection including contradictions to local plan, housing in the countryside,

density, inappropriate housing styles and affordable housing issues. It was agreed that Stephens be invited to next CC meeting
Action secretary

Lomond Hotel Cllr Baird reported that the matter has been deferred and has been referred back to committee. However she is hopeful of a speedy solution, with work on the property commencing soon thereafter. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Planning Committee to express the CC's concern that this matter is being seemingly un-necessarily delayed and the community's fears that further delay will result in the site being left as an eyesore for ever.

09/11/08 AOCB

Positive Action Awards The Chairman congratulated Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom and the Village Hall Committee on their recent successes in the Perthshire Positive Action Awards.

Arngask Road It has been reported that this road is deteriorating and Roads Dept. are dealing.

Meeting Venue It was agreed that, subject to availability, the CC meetings should in future be held in the meeting room of the Village Hall.

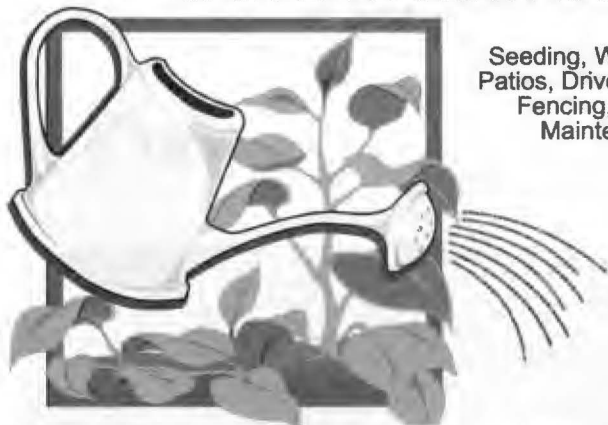
Meeting closed 9.30 pm

**Next meeting 5th January 2009,
7.30pm in Village Hall**

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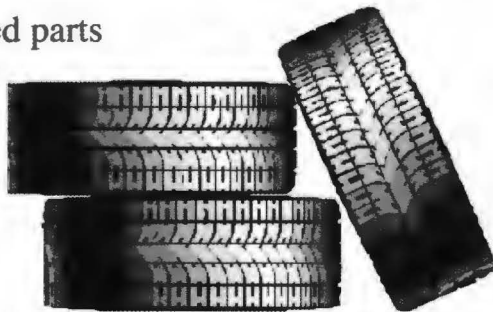
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Hayfield Road: 10:15-10:30

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

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Stops at Glenfarg Hotel every Tuesday 10.45-11.00

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