

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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- Adventure Scouts' amazing trip to Iceland
- Open Gardens Day story and photos
- News from our new Head Teacher at Arngask PS
- and a fascinating article written by Polly the Pony

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Editorial



As I write this editorial, our usual editor, Kate, is on holiday across the pond - not the pond in Glenfarg Green but the large pond between us and the States. So in her absence, the team has been doing its best to fill her shoes. And doesn't it make us appreciate just how much she deserves that holiday!

Fortunately for us, Glenfarg has lots of talented residents with interesting things to relate.

This issue features several articles about our young people - from toddlers enjoying a trip to Muddy Boots in Fife to our Adventure Scouts hiking across lava fields in Iceland. It sounds as if both groups, in their own way, stepped up and met the challenges.

Our youngsters are also doing their bit for the community. Read their article (p43) and, next time you walk through the community woodland, you will be able to appreciate the hard work carried out there by the scouts / cubs / beavers and their leaders and parents. But didn't they have fun as well!

But adult helpers are always required. So we were really pleased to hear from the Girl Guiding County Commissioner

that a new leader has been found for the Brownies and Rainbows.

We also welcome a new head teacher to Arngask Primary School (p20) - and look forward to hearing lots more news of what is happening at the school.

Our special congratulations must go to Glenfarg and Duncricvie In Bloom for the wonderful award of a Silver Gilt (just below the top Gold award) from the Take a Pride in Perthshire judges. As we all know from our own gardens, they need constant care throughout the year and although there are willing helpers at judging time, it is the small core of GDIB members who deserve most of the credit.

GDIB also organised the Open Gardens event, and it was a privilege to see the various kinds of beautiful gardens in Glenfarg, usually hidden from general sight. If you missed this event, see the photos of some of them (p26).

Finally, with Christmas on the horizon (already!) don't forget to check the calendars, both in this newsletter (p7) and on the website, for all the exciting activities planned in our community.

Janet Watson



The Glenfarg Community Website has changed

Home page

- All the latest news items at the click of a button

Community

- Confused by the change in bin days? Look up the new '**community services calendar**'
- Arngask Primary School news, photos
- Police report and advice
- Latest news items

Clubs and Groups

- A place to look up details and contact numbers
- Send us your club's latest news

Events

- Calendar of events in and around Glenfarg
- A place to advertise your upcoming event
- See the photos and read all about it

Community Council

- Minutes, planning, current issues being pursued
- Community funds available, application forms

Past and Present

- Do you have an interest in / knowledge of Glenfarg's history? We are currently looking for people to take on this project. Contact the website.
- Are you a keen photographer? We want to showcase your photos.

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Diary of Events

| Date | Event | Where |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 11th | SWRI | see page 65 |
| October 19th 7.30 | Cinema “The Help” | Village Hall |
| October 26th 6pm | Halloween Party | Village Hall |
| October 30th | Community Benefit Fund applications | to S.C.Foundation (see page 61) |
| November 5th 7.30 | Community Council | Village Hall |
| November 8th | SWRI | see page 65 |
| November 9th 7.30 | Cinema “Rififi” | Village Hall |
| Nov. 10th 7.30pm | Christmas shop | Village Hall |
| November 11th 3pm | Service of Remembrance | Village Hall and War Memorial |
| November 15th to 25th | Kinross-shire Music Festival | Various (see page 41) |
| November 15th | Macmillan Nurses Fundraiser | 2 Greenbank Road (see page 57) |
| November 18th | Holy Communion | Arngask Church |
| November 23rd | CD launch | Village Hall (p. 59) |
| November 30th 6pm | PTA’s Christmas Faye | Village Hall |
| December 1st 10am | Church Christmas Sale | Village Hall |

A Village Hall for All

The editor's quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest? Then why not come along.

| Day | Time | Organisation (contact details if known) |
|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Monday | 6pm - 7.30pm | Cubs |
| | 8pm-10pm | Ladies' Badminton |
| Tuesday | 5.15pm-6.15pm | Beavers |
| | 7.30pm-9pm | Yoga |
| Wednesday | 9.30am-11.30am | Baby & Toddler Group |
| | 5.30pm -7pm | Rainbows & Brownies |
| | 8pm-10pm (in Winter) | Badminton |
| 1st Wed of month | 12.30pm-1.30pm | Soup and Chat |
| | 7pm-11pm | Accordion & Fiddle Club |
| Thursday | 4pm-6.15pm | Tap |
| | 7.30pm-9pm | Scouts |

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website

www.glenfarg.org

and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

Congratulations to . . .



Sandy & Margaret Cumming of Lilac Cottage, Duncrievie, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on the 13th October. Fifty guests saw Sandy and Margaret exchange their wedding vows in the front room of the Glenfarg Hotel in 1962.

Drs Stewart & Wendy Lambie on the birth of a son James Fraser on 21/05/12. A brother for Duncan, Cameron and Iona.



Drs Mark & Rachel Lambie on the birth of a daughter Isla Rhiannon on 09/09/12. A sister for Callum.



Scott and Christine Fotheringham married on 1st September in the garden of their home in Lomond Bank. The couple would like to thank everyone in the village who helped to make the day very special for them. We have included a letter of thanks from the bride's father on p 11.

Callum McLaughlin who celebrated his 21st birthday on the 2nd October. Callum recently left the family home in Duncrievie for the bright lights of Perth where he currently works. His parents, Ian and Elaine, have noticed that they no longer run out of beer and food on a regular basis!



Steve and Barbara Whiting who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 26th September with a party for family and friends. But did those friends also manage to surprise them?



The Red Squirrels who live at the back of Church Brae. There was great excitement when two young squirrels were seen there this summer.

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Letters



Dear Editor,

We hope it is permitted to write letters of thanks via the Village Magazine. We were so overwhelmed by the hospitality we received on the weekend of Scott and Christine's wedding on the 1st of September that we felt we must make comment. Christine has said many times how welcoming everyone was when she and Scott arrived and now we can concur.

We will not name those close to the celebration, for they are too many to single out individually. However, the gentleman living next to the village hall who put up with our advice while he was digging out his Leylandii roots and at the same time was also being guided by his wife, will accept our apology we hope! Then of course there is the lady who walks Seamus. She chatted most affably, as did many more.

Expect our return. Glenfarg is too nice a place to not come back to, thank you again.

Sincerely yours

Vic and Bernice Truck

(parents of Christine, now Mrs Scott Fotheringham)

Dear Editor

Is there a French speaker out there?

Every time I go to France I regret my lack of ability to have anything other than a basic conversation with local people. Does anyone know someone local who might be interested in getting together a french conversation class over the winter months, aimed at people with a basic knowledge of french who want to improve their conversation skills beyond introducing themselves and ordering coffee, beer etc.? If you are interested please give me a call on 07595249976 or email me at ashtonjim@ymail.com

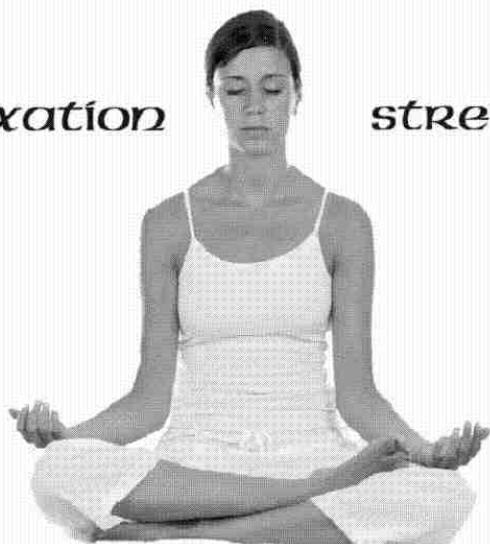
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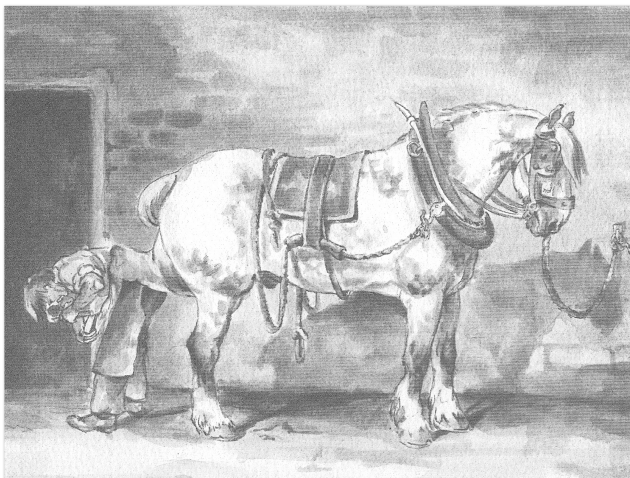
At Perth & District Fuchsia Group's annual show Ian Fairweather was presented with the following awards

John Matheson Trophy (most points)
Jack McNee Trophy (best 3½ plant)
Bob Gourlay Trophy (3 x 3½ pots)
BFS Rosette (best novelty)
AD Trophy (best hanging exhibit)
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Ian also entered Fife Fuchsia Society's annual show where he won the Fife Championship.



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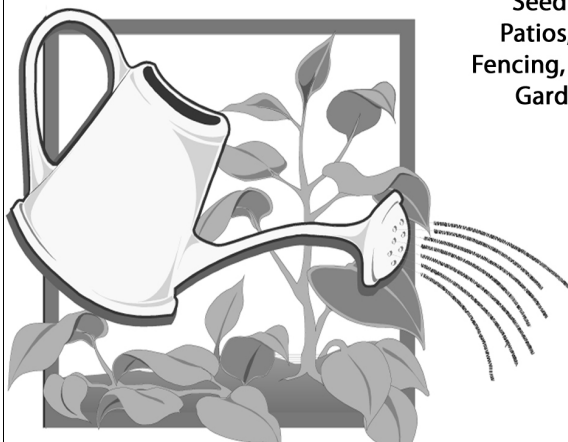


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Glenfarg Rainbows & Brownies



Great News - we have a new leader.

The girls have a new leader and are looking forward to enjoying their Unit meetings knowing it won't be closing in October.

Jan Pedley has offered her services to become the leader of the Unit. Jan is new to the village but has been involved in youth groups and working with children before.

She is looking forward to joining Girl Guiding in Glenfarg and sharing with the other units in her District at Orwell and Portmoak. Emma and Cath will continue as unit helpers along with 2 young leaders to support Jan.

If anyone else would like to be involved with the Rainbow and Brownie Unit or any other aspect of Guiding please get in touch with either of the leaders in the Unit on a Wednesday or contact Helen Jackson, on 01738 813027.

The girls and leaders would like to thank Emma McLaughlin for running the Unit for the past year. Unfortunately Emma has moved on due to work commitments and we send her our best wishes for all she did for the girls and Guiding in the village.

The girls look forward to being part of the village life for many more years.

*Helen Jackson
County Commissioner
Girlguiding Perth & Kinross*

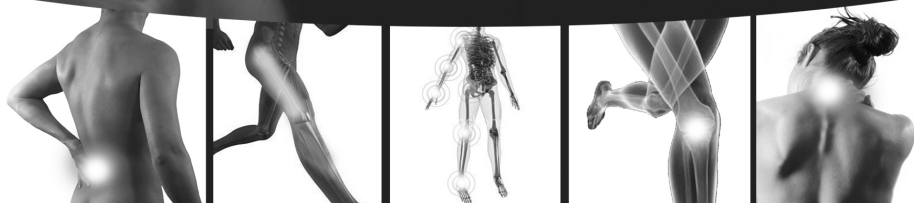
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A New Wind Farm Proposal



The Community Council was invited to send two Councillors to a meeting with Binn Eco Park and Element Power in relation to a proposed new Wind Farm in the Binn Eco Park site and the setting up of a Community Liaison Group. The invitation was sent to the four Community Councils which border the proposed site: Glenfarg, Earn, Abernethy and Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo. Cllrs Dave Arnold and Bill Macpherson attended from Glenfarg.

The encouraging aspect of this invitation was the fact that the project is only at the beginning of the planning phase, but the partnership is keen to include its neighbours from the very start.

The proposed Wind Farm will be comparatively small with 4-5 Wind Turbines, and an output in the region of 10-15 MW.

The project is moving into the planning phase, with a detailed survey covering all aspects of the impact and feasibility about to be undertaken. If the initial impressions are borne out - that is that the environmental and construction practicalities are favourable - the partnership between the two companies will make a planning application to Perth & Kinross Council for the development of the Wind Farm. So at the moment there is no certainty that planning permission will be sought.

The immediate concern, that of disruption to the Glenfarg community by heavy construction traffic, was allayed with the firm assurance that all such traffic will be routed via the M90 junction at Bridge of Earn and south from there to the Binn Farm junction.

If the decision is made to apply for Planning Permission an information event will be held in the locality (probably at the end of November or beginning of December) to provide as much information about the development as possible. It will include plans and details about the exact location, view-lines, environmental and construction impact.

If any member of the community wants to feed in views during the consultation process they should speak to one of the Community Council members. Regular meetings of the Community Liaison Group are planned to ensure a constant flow of information about the development and all input is welcomed.



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Holyrood Garden Party

Charlie Murison retired from the Glenfarg Community Council last year, after 20 years of service during which he only missed two meetings! It was for this service to the community that he was nominated to attend the Queen's annual garden party in Holyrood Palace, along with his wife Lesley. Here is Lesley's account of the day . . .



We had a wonderful time at the Garden Party. The weather was good, I think about the only dry day in July! All dressed up, we strolled round the grounds and gardens before having our wonderful afternoon tea. Catering for approximately 8000 can't be easy but it was done superbly and the dainty sandwiches and bite-size cakes were all beautifully laid out and were all delicious. We did sample most of them at least once!

Off then to line up to be ready for the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to arrive out of Holyrood Palace. We were in a line where the Duke came down chatting for lengthy spells to those picked out from the crowd. He was in good spirits and seemed to be enjoying himself.

After about an hour off they went to have tea with a few selected guests and then back into Holyrood Palace. It was interesting to chat to people in the crowd as we waited for the Duke to come down to where we were - and to people watch! There were numerous young ladies with 'Posh' type shoes on! Most, after an hour or so, were carrying their shoes and walking barefoot!

After leaving Holyrood we had supper with friends who wanted to (or had to!) hear all about our trip to the Garden Party! A perfect ending to a pretty perfect day!

Lesley

Arngask Primary School

Hi I'm Marie Connor. I am delighted to have been appointed Headteacher at Arngask Primary. I have worked in Fife for over twenty years. I worked as a class teacher in different settings including a Speech and Language Class for Primary One to Seven Pupils. More recently I worked as Principal Teacher and Headteacher at Inzievar Primary School in Oakley.



I am grateful to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my new post. I am looking forward to developing links between Arngask and the local community.

SCHOOL NEWS

This term we have been learning about China. Everyone was invited to our Open Afternoon on 20 September which showcased what we know about China. Lots of people came, but if you missed it photos and children's work can be seen on the village website.



Nursery

Nursery Stay and Play sessions for 0-3 years olds with parent/carer on a Tuesday. Sessions are 9.15 - 10.00 am and 1pm - 1.45pm All are welcome! Also we have afternoon places available for eligible children.

Book Sale

Back by popular demand.....

P3/4 and Mrs Imrie are organising a Book Sale on Wednesday 7th November. Please look out any unwanted books and hand them in to P3/4 from Monday 5 November onwards.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL



We at the school would like to thank you all for handing in your Sainsbury's tokens. As you can see we have done really well again with various items for cooking as well as the playground, and our new P.E. teacher has taken a shine to the balls with the stripes saying that they are good for the little ones throwing and catching. Watch out for the next set of tokens and don't forget to hand them in as soon as you can because every one counts.

FROM ALL AT ARNGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL

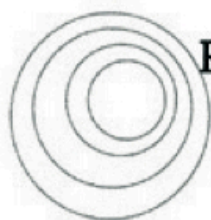
News from the PTA

The PTA are a group of eight parents and two teachers who focus on raising money for the school, providing funds for equipment, transport, school trips and activities and entertainment. We are an informal and relaxed group and always keen to hear from any other parents who would like to be involved or even just to lend a wee hand from time to time.

Our first event of the year was the fun run at the school, and the children really gave their all, running their socks off. The sponsor money has started to come in and this is always very generous.

We held a table sale in the village hall in September, which was the first time we had organised such an event.

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Thank you to all who turned out to support us and browse the stalls. We managed to raise £178.91 which gives us a good start to the year.

Turnout from the village was great, but our advertising campaign seemed to fall a bit flat, and the queues of professional bargain hunters who had attended from outwith the area last year didn't materialise. It could be that this is just a sign of the times, or that we were competing with the Leuchars Air Show and the pretty awful weather.



Dates for your diary

We have our **Halloween Party** coming up on 26th October in the village hall, from 6.00 - 7.30pm, which isn't for fundraising, just fun for the children.

Then our next fundraiser is the **Christmas Fayre** on 30th November, again in the village hall from 6-7.30pm. We will have a variety of stalls with locally made arts and crafts, activities for the kids and mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. We also have a Santa's Grotto where the children can meet Santa and are given a wee present. It should be a fun and festive night to get everyone in the mood for Christmas.

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Glenfarg & Duncrievie In Bloom

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2012 the summer that almost never was - or so it seemed. Our displays struggled to put on a show and whilst those on the watering rota were putting their feet up, there was a fear that come judging day on August 14th there would be little for the Take a Pride in Perthshire judges to see. However everything, including the weeds, sprang to life at the beginning of August and thanks to everyone who did their bit weeding, pruning, tidying and maintaining all our displays, planted areas and verges, Glenfarg & Duncrievie was looking fabulous that day. Donald gave an excellent presentation on all the year's activities before Irene & I took the judges on the "grand tour" from Marinden Park to Duncrievie and around everything in between. And thanks to Stewart & Isobel for allowing us to give them a sneak preview of one of our Open Gardens.

STOP PRESS Glenfarg and Duncrievie awarded a Silver Gilt. Well done everyone!

Open Gardens

Of course the judging was not the only thing to happen in August. The afore mentioned Open Gardens on the 19th was a great success raising £600 for GDIB. Whilst there were many visitors from outside the area there were also quite a few "well kent" faces doing the rounds and many locals who couldn't make it on the day made donations. We thank you all. Sheona's excellent scones flew off the plates as Maureen, Margaret & Kate, with gratefully received assistance from one of the young mums of the Baby & Toddler Group, served up the cream teas. The plant stall was also a great success thanks to donations of everything from courgettes to fuchsias. Finally, none of the day would have been possible without the hosts of the 8 private gardens who gave up a relaxing afternoon in the sun to show the visitors around so a very special thank you to them.

Kate Armstrong



Turn the page for full story and photos . . .

Open Gardens

Showcasing Glenfarg & Duncricvie's Gardens and Community



“I never knew there was so much to the place. It’s really beautiful”

Just one of the comments from people attending the bi-annual Open Gardens day organised by Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom (GDIB). The lady who made the comment travels through Glenfarg each day to and from her work, but never realised that there was more to the community than Main Street.

Eight homeowners opened their gardens for the day and the feedback from those visiting was that, across the board, there were exciting and new things to see, not only in terms of plants but also in terms of landscaping and in approaches to building a garden. What clearly added to the experience for visitors, many of whom had travelled some distance, was the contrast in styles and moods created in the various gardens – from the large to the small, the more formal to the informal. A true delight to the senses.



Donald MacKenzie, Chairperson of GDIB, said, "Although the group organises the day, the real thanks is due to people in the community who've opened their gardens. If they didn't do that there would be no Open Gardens day."



As well as enjoying the gardens that were open, visitors were able to take in the whole environment Glenfarg & Duncricvie and see the results of work done by volunteers . In Glenfarg, in particular in Glenfarg Green and at the new Train Stop, and at Duncricvie with the contribution of the BUD volunteers, people were able to appreciate just how much is done by those who want to care for and develop their environment.

And, of course, the whole thing was topped off by those show-stopping cream teas in the Hall.

If you'd like to take part in Open Gardens 2014, please let GDIB know.



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Watch this space

Next issue we'll give you details on our Christmas Window display competition.

Polly the Pony



Dear Readers

I have been asked to tell you a bit about myself. My name is Struie Polly, I am a 5 year old Shetland Pony. I was born at Path of Condie where I lived with my Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters until a little girl called Lucy and her Mum came along and bought me.

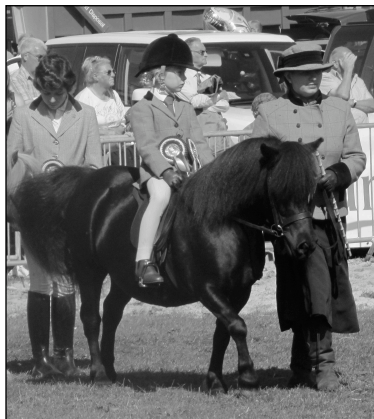
I didn't move far but my life has changed quite a bit and I have met lots of new friends of different sizes and colours. My best friend is Drummer - he is also a Shetland Pony. Drummer is very old and wise, he tells me lots of stories about how great he was "in his day". He has also taught me lots, including a fun way of getting little ones off your back! I tried this a few times but only found out that you get into terrible trouble - then they just get back on!



Drummer and I go to Pony club with Lucy and her friend Anna, which we find hilarious – our Mums are very competitive, they run as fast as they can dragging us behind them to get their flag in the cone first (luckily we look after Lucy and Anna!). Drummer and I were on the same team last time and needless to say we won!

Lucy also loves taking me to Shows (parties). It's a great chance to meet new friends and catch up with my brothers and sisters. I often see my old owner there. She calls me 'the Pink Lady' due to the bright pink lycra hood I have to wear, apparently to stop my hair going frizzy – I don't think they have heard of GHDs in Glenfarg!

I have been to lots of 'Parties' this year. One of my favourites was Perth Show, some of Lucy's friends came to watch so I had to be on my very best behaviour. It seemed to pay off and I got a red rosette and lots of cuddles. I could hear people commenting on how smart I looked when I was in the Parade.



The following week I went to Kinross Show where I did my very best trotting. The Judge thought I was so good that he not only gave me a red rosette, he gave me another one for being Champion and Lucy got a trophy to remind her how great I am!

I am now having a well deserved rest – eating lots of grass and trying to grow a thick woolly coat for another Glenfarg Winter.

Love Polly (the Pink Lady)





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Glenfarg Group

RDA Proficiency Test 'Holiday' at Leeds July 23rd to 27th 2012

After a successful time last year at Leeds in Yorkshire, we returned to continue tests for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. We took six riders from the group – Jenny Moug, Rachel Oudney and Catherine McKay for Gold; Pauline Bryson and Paul Coulthard for Silver; Ashley Simpson for Bronze.

All had a very busy week, riding different ponies/horses for 2 hours and then 2 hours 'Horse Care' practice each day, plus talks and activities in the evenings. A very high standard was expected for these tests and all riders improved their skills and had a very enjoyable 'Holiday' thanks to instructors, helpers and the ponies.

Photo (above) was taken at Middleton Park Equestrian Centre, RDA Leeds and shows riders from both Glenfarg and Yorkshire receiving awards for Bronze, Silver and Gold

Dundee Discovery Games

Equestrian Event at Brae Centre RDA September 12th 2012

Eight members of Glenfarg Group RDA competed in the 'Handy Pony' course at the games and stable management competition. Riders competing were – Marley Morrison & Zara Connelly from Bridge of Earn; Jonathan Khyle & Emma Grehan from Abernethy; Cloe Watt, Frayer Howgate & Beth McInroy from Craigie; Holly Cargill from Forgandenny.

A great success: all riders enjoyed the day and gained rosettes, medals and certificates for their achievements in riding and stable management and look forward to attending next year.



*From l to r: Holly, Emma, Cloe, Beth, Frayer, Jonathan.
Two riders were not available at time of photography*

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Glenfarg Community Cinema

On Friday 14th September, Glenfarg Community Cinema returned from the summer break with a showing of the Oscar winning film “The Artist”.



We had heard all the hype about this new silent movie, filmed in black and white as a tribute to Hollywood’s golden era, when the ‘talkies’ took over from the silent movies. It had won five Oscars this year, including Best Film, Best Actor and Best Director.



But was all this acclaim due to the novelty factor? Or perhaps it was Uggie the dog that everyone had gone to see? Were we going to be disappointed?

Apparently not - to judge by the votes cast by the audience as they left the hall that night, still commenting to each other ‘What a great film!’.

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We soon got used to the lack of colour or spoken dialogue, and were drawn in by the story of a silent movie star struggling with his pride when he is no longer wanted. It’s amazing how much a good actor or director can convey without words. And there were some beautifully framed black-and-white shots to admire - perhaps not up to the standard of ‘The Third Man’, but that has spoilt us for anything else!

Altogether a really good film, well worth seeing.

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|  | Friday 19th October The Help Set during the civil rights movement of the 1960 | Friday 9th November Rififi French 1950s thriller with English subtitles |  |
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Iceland Jamboree



The Jamboree celebrating 100 years of scouting in Iceland was titled “The Magic Continues” and for the 14 members of the explorer unit who attended the week camp it certainly described the event and the 7 day tour of Iceland afterwards.

Wearing kilts was definitely a new experience for the explorer who turned up with his kilt on back to front. Ralph went and sourced a couple of kilt belts while a cub leader removed the tacking from Kiron’s kilt.

Our bus breaking down on the way to the jamboree wasn’t a great start - at least the driver managed to get us to the depot and we swapped buses. The explorers and Perth guides weren’t bothered by this or pitching tents on water covered ground in the pouring rain while wearing kilts. They then went off to the opening ceremony with 2,500 participants while the Perth Guiders went back to Reykjavik to get an arm plastered.

By 4am the sun was out and once we’d built the gate to our site the spars provided an ideal location to dry kilts. During our time in Iceland there were only two occasions that we couldn’t eat outside due to the weather.



Jamboree activities, water based, land based, creative and craft ran every afternoon. Participants were divided into 4 age groups, identified by the colour of their jamboree neckie and wrist band, each age group rotated through the activities over the week.

Evening activities included sports, (ever tried football wearing a kilt and sandals?)scouting challenges, campfires and discos and discovering games that had been discontinued in British Scouting. Kilt clad explorers with Niall piping

always attracted other nationalities to our site especially at flag break every morning. The Norwegian bugler opposite woke the sub camp every morning at 8am.

Nine of the explorers opted to go on the 24 hour hike walking across alpine meadows, lava fields and snow patches to a mountain hut. The event was oversubscribed and the explorers ended up two to a bunk. The main attraction of the hike was bathing in the hot springs beside the huts, better than the Blue Lagoon was the verdict.



Friday was an activity free day. We spent the morning putting to use the explorers cycle maintenance skills to fix 14 of the jamboree bikes and the afternoon cycling with some Icelandic friends round the lake visiting an enormous cave accessible via a route similar to the Elie chain walk. We also visited the exhibition in a power station celebrating 100 years of scouting in Iceland – finding a photo showing Rachel Vaughan on our last visit to the jamboree 7 years ago.



Visitors day brought 7,000 additional people to the camp to participate in the cultural exchange. Joining up with Perth Guides and Rangers and the Glasgow scouts camped opposite us we danced the dashing white sergeant and invited the audience to join in. The explorers found teaching 5 others the dance challenging. Music provided by Niall on his pipes. Our fresh pancakes (made by Michael and Calum) served with raspberry jam were in demand and we ran out of ingredients during the day.

Post jamboree we visited geysers, boiling mud and waterfalls, saw black lava deserts and white ice deserts, had a boat trip round icebergs, walked on a glacier tongue from Europe's largest icecap, and found farmhouses on the national park that inspired Tolkien's hobbit homes. The explorers wore kilts most of the time and happily posed for pictures whenever asked, the last occasion in Glasgow airport on our return to Scotland.

Returning to Reykjavik, our Icelandic friends invited us to a tea party – Turkish tea, cakes and hot dogs served in the garden till the midnight twilight. Even getting up at before 4am for the return flight wasn't a problem for the explorers who are keen to return for the next Jamboree



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Kinross-shire Music Festival

15th - 25th November

Tickets for the Kinross-shire Music Festival are now for sale. Some events have a limited number of tickets so best to be quick! The following headline acts have been confirmed.

Barbara Dickson

We are delighted to announce that Barbara Dickson will perform at the festival on Saturday 24th November at the Community Campus in Kinross at 8pm. Tich Frier will be the support act this evening. Tickets £22.



Iain Hunter & Friends

Our local singing butcher will perform on Friday 23rd November at the Kinross Parish Church, 8pm. Tickets £10.

Gaberlunzie

Robin Watson and Gordon Menzies, well known for producing an exciting blend of modern and traditional songs, will perform on Saturday 17th November 8pm at the Masonic Hall Kinross. Tickets £10.

Woodenbox

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Kinross-shire's Got Talent for Children in Need!

The Festival opens with a Charity Event on Children in Need day (16th) at the Community Campus. It will be a fun evening with a large variety of acts from the Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition. Under 18's can take part in the competition - download an entry form from the website.

Tickets for all events are for sale
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Scout Community Week

Doing Our 1 Thing

This year the scout association trialled replacing the old “bob a job” with scout community week. All scout groups across the UK were encouraged to “Do 1 Thing” in their community and raise awareness of scouting.

The Glenfarg section leaders, after discussion with the community council, decided to improve the community woodland to the south of the park. The woodland had grown well over the past few years and it was impossible to walk between the trees without ducking.



The scouts arrived in advance of the other sections and started removing the branches up to head height to create a way through from the fire site to the open area where we were planning to have a barbecue. The fire was lit and being frantically fed branches to keep it in when reinforcements arrive, the cubs and some parents.

Andrew gave the cubs instructions on how to use a saw. Keeping both hands on it as you cut makes it much harder to cut your fingers. Working in pairs under the supervision of parents and leaders, each cub could cut off two branches and take them to the fire while their mate cut off the next two.

By the time the beavers and their parents arrived the cubs were working hard and the fire was getting bigger and hotter. The beavers started by gathering the sawn branches from the cubs and scouts and taking them to the fire. Then they progressed to cutting the thinner branches from the trees using loppers.

Finally Ced, Angie and Heather announced that the barbecue was ready. Tired and hungry beavers, cubs and scouts appeared from the woods for sausages and venison burgers. The scout group annual general meeting was held in the woodland and awards were made, including the chief scout bronze award to Sonni Lee. Well done to everyone for all their hard work.

An apology from the Editor - In our last issue, the photos of ‘Do 1 Thing’ were mistakenly shown as part of the Iceland Practice Camp article.

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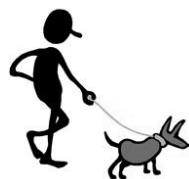
The consultation will last until 19th October.
If you would like to contribute your views you can complete the survey online
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or request a printed survey from libraries or other Council buildings

BEWARE

The Dog Warden is on the prowl.

All good citizens are aware of the need to Bag It and Bin It when walking the dog. Failure to do so could result in a fine - and this has happened in our village. So look out for the special bins - or take your pet's 'present' home for disposal.



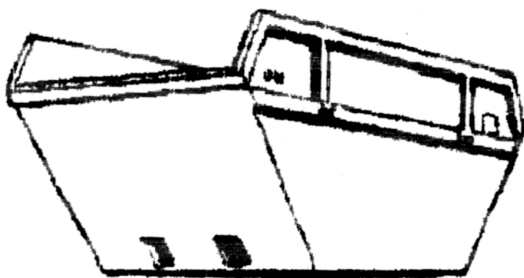
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The Glenfarg Rural



Over the winter months, the Glenfarg Rural meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. It is part of the larger Perth & Kinross Federation of 62 individual institutes.

The Rural, short for Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, is one of the largest women's organisations in Scotland with about 20,500 members. The aim is to advance the education and training of those who live and work in the country, or are interested in country life.

As seen on the TV, there are many programmes about practical crafts, baking and all sorts of cooking. The Rural is the place to come to talk to others about the crafts you are interested to learn about, or improve on basic skills, discuss problems and swap ideas. There will be someone there who can help out showing what to do and sharing their knowledge and experience.

Each month a guest speaker gives a talk or demonstration on one of a wide range of topics ranging from Red Squirrels to CHAS, Cookery and a variety of Crafts. There is a friendly competition open to all members in three categories – anyone can have a go at trying something new. Meetings finish informally with a cuppa and a chance to chat to friends old and new.

Some meetings are open to the wider public, for instance a talk by the local TRACKS project officer describing the work and planning involved to extend the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and other local paths gained a large mixed (male and female) audience.

Rural members can participate in many activities including sports – curling, golf, indoor bowling and the Ruralympics – singing and drama groups, and a walking group. If there isn't a particular group in Glenfarg, then the Rural provides wider opportunities to get involved through the Federation.

There is a web site www.swri.org.uk for further information, and at least one institute has its own pages on Facebook. Or come along to the next meeting – you will be very welcome.

Baby & Toddlers Group

The Glenfarg Baby and Toddler Group had a wonderful summer, despite not officially meeting at all! The first of our big events was our summer trip to Muddy Boots at Balmalcolm where, thanks to the generosity of the Glenfarg Village Fete, the children had an wonderful day out. They managed to fit in playing on the bouncing pillow, riding on the toy tractors, digging in the sand, shooting down the slides, a brilliant session in the soft play castle, feeding the animals and a lovely lunch - all before it was time for the kids (and the parents) to have their nap.



When the weather was nice (ha ha) we met in the park for fun on the play equipment and a chance for the parents and carers to have a catch up and discuss ways to entertain children indoors... At the start of August we were lucky enough to be donated an amazing lion cake by a very talented village cake decorator, Leigh Smith. The group were

all very impressed by the cake though cutting it into pieces did cause a few tears! Luckily these were easily soothed by getting to eat the cake straight away...

The group returned to the village hall in August and we meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30. We have a wide selection of toys (indoors and outdoors), a craft every week, a snack for the children and tea and coffee for the parents and carers. If you're interested in coming along please do pop down and see how much fun we have! The session costs £2 for the first child and £1 for any additional children. If you have any questions just call Lucie on 07810 201935.



Courgette and Cream Cheese Soup

This year the weather has not been kind to vegetable gardeners. On GDIB Open Gardens Day we noticed several gardens with courgette plants which were not yet producing much (as with ours). So this recipe is for the late crop in October and

fingers crossed no early frosts to kill off the plants. The soup is easy to make; it has a smooth, velvety texture and, if you grow your own vegetables and herbs, it is designed for you.

100g / 8oz onion - roughly chopped
2-3 cloves garlic – peeled and lightly crushed
40g / 1.5oz butter
600g / 20oz courgettes cut into chunks
100g cream cheese
700ml / 24fl oz vegetable stock
Fresh herbs e.g. chives, parsley to taste
salt and pepper

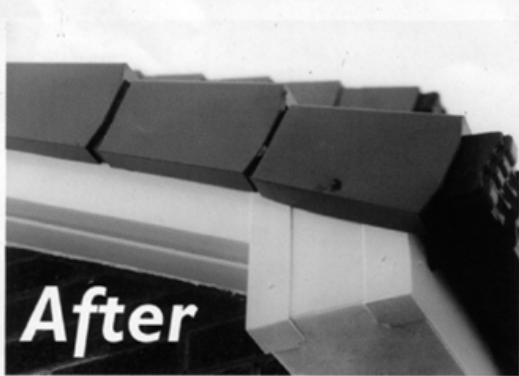


1. Melt butter in a pan then add the onion and garlic. Stir to coat and cook gently for 5-6 minutes to soften the vegetables without browning them.
2. Add the courgettes, stirring around to coat the pieces with butter before cooking for a couple of minutes.
3. Add vegetable stock, bring to boil then simmer until all vegetables are cooked – 10-15 minutes.
4. Allow to stand until cool enough to liquidise or blend. Do this in batches with the addition of the cream cheese and chopped herbs.
5. Adjust seasoning and reheat, without boiling, before serving.

As with all soup, variations are possible. Leave out the garlic if you don't like it; garlic lovers may use fewer garlic cloves and substitute a pack of garlic and herb cream cheese at the blending stage.

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ARNGASK CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Life at Arngask Church continues much as usual. Sunday services continue with some signs of increased attendances; our Sunday Club is thriving with energetic youngsters and willing leaders; a warm fellowship is always ready to welcome visitors and enquirers; a group of members is intent on the search for a new minister. The grass is not growing beneath our feet; we are on the move.

Soon we will be joining the wider community for its Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November. This service will take place, as it did last year, in the Village Hall, followed by the wreath-laying ceremony at the war memorial. I would expect a large attendance once more at this service, especially at a time when members of our Armed Forces are fighting and dying in our name in Afghanistan. In this age of professional armed forces when there is no general conscription, we can so easily forget the sacrifices being made on our behalf, simply because our lives are so busy, and bad news touches only a relatively few families.

Perhaps we should also remember the Chaplains of various denominations who serve unarmed alongside our Armed Forces. These chaplains, not only hold services of worship, but offer spiritual comfort to young people who have witnessed the horrors of war, at the same time trying not to show the effects of these horrific incidents upon them.

Mercifully, the Chaplains draw upon their trust in a power beyond all human power, God, to sustain them.

With every blessing
Rev Duncan Stenhouse
Locum Minister.

Sunday Club

Why not come along to the Sunday Club which meets in the church hall on Sunday morning at 11am during term time. Those aged three and upwards are welcome to come into church for the early part of the service then go through to the Church Hall where they will enjoy crafts and activities relating to the story they have heard from the Minister.

All children are welcome to church and “fun bags” are available to amuse babies and toddlers during the service or if they wish parents are free to take the little ones into the small church hall. Any parents seeking further information should get in touch with Elaine Morton Tel:- 01577 830275.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 29th October

Gift Service at 11am. This is the culmination of our Stewardship campaign for this year. Stewardship will be addressed on both Sunday 14th and 21st as part of the morning worship.

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday. No morning service at Arngask Church. There will be a Service of Remembrance in Glenfarg Village Hall at 3pm followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at approximately 4pm.

Read about the Poppy Scotland Appeal on Page 55

Sunday 18th November

Service of Holy Communion at 11am.

Saturday 1st December

Church Christmas Sale in the village hall from 10am to 12 noon. As well as all the usual stalls there will be Christmas hampers and refreshments. All welcome.

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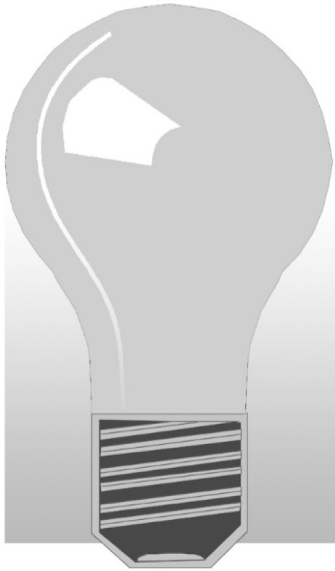
The recent Paralympics, in which a high proportion of the athletes were ex-servicemen and women, has highlighted the enormous physical and mental sacrifices often made by our soldiers in the service of this country. Equally, we have all seen the amazing courage, positive attitudes and outstanding success that can be achieved following horrific injury, provided they are given the support and backing they require.

It is not only amputations and shrapnel wounds that need to be healed - some scars are visible and some are not. Some veterans still need help as they struggle to adjust to civilian life, facing financial, physical and psychological difficulties. The huge task of caring for these veterans is every bit as relevant today as it was in the immediate aftermath of both World Wars. So many of our servicemen and women have been injured and maimed in more recent conflicts such as Ireland, Bosnia and Iraq and currently on a daily basis in Afghanistan. The help they receive from Poppy Scotland is vital.

Poppy Scotland supports veterans and their families through direct financial assistance to those in urgent need. It also helps fund specialist veteran's charities including Combat Street, Erskine and the Royal British Legion Scotland.

The beginning of November will see the annual collection in aid of Poppy Scotland and it seems appropriate to highlight here the relevance of this charity and the value of the work it does. Poppy Scotland is the leading charity supporting ex-Servicemen and women and their families throughout Scotland. Although probably best known for running the Scottish Poppy Appeal, it operates all year round to help veterans and their families receive the care and support they urgently need.

Look out for the Poppy Scotland collection tins which will be placed in the village shop, the Glenfarg Hotel and the Bein Inn around the end of October and please give as generously as you can: your donations really do make a difference and will be greatly appreciated.



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As we go to print the GOBS membership now stands at **120** members.

MACMILLAN NURSES FUNDRAISING CRAFT DAY

Thursday 15th November
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2 Greenbank Road (opp. clock tower)

This will be the third time that I have held a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of the Macmillan Nurses.

My own personal involvement with the nurses has shown me how helpful they are during heartbreaking and difficult times. The unwavering support they offer families in their time of need is invaluable.

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Lindsay Kinnaird.

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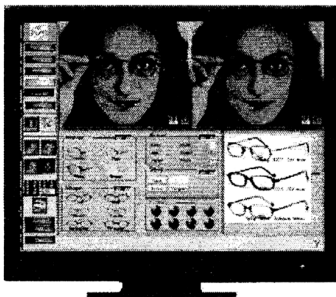
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A Launch Party & Concert will take place in the Village Hall here in Glenfarg on the 23rd November.

Several musicians involved in the project will be playing on the night.

Tickets available from the Village shop, or from me on (01577) 83046, leave a message if I am not in. CDs will be available from the 23rd November in the shop, from myself and on Amazon.

Many of the companies within the village and beyond have already made financial contributions towards the final mastering and production costs. Huge thanks go to them as this means even more of the money from sales goes to the fund.

Anyone else who wishes to contribute please contact me, all support greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Sandy "The Hat"



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What size of grant is available?

Organisations will be able to apply for small grants between £250 and £2,000. It is unlikely that the Panel will award grants over £2,000. Grants should be spent within 12 months of any award made.

Micro grants are awarded for costs up to £250. Please give as much detail as possible in your application, including approximate costings.

How can I apply?

A different application form must be used for each size of grant. These are available from the Scottish Community Foundation and can be

downloaded from www.scottishcf.org/lochelbank
or by contacting the Foundation on 0141 341 4960
or emailing grants@scottishcf.org

When should I apply?

The next deadline for receipt of applications for the Community Benefit Fund is 30th October 2012, with decisions made by 20th December 2012.

For a Micro Grant award, apply at any time to the secretary of the community council, who will supply the application form.

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Normile Racing Open Day

Thankfully the weather was in our favour for our Open Day. We had a glorious day, and the sun shone from early morning. I know that you can't do anything about the weather but it really helps us. We had a HUGE turnout of people to the yard, many new faces which is as always lovely and lots of familiar ones too. So we must be doing something right!

All the horses looked fabulous and were turned out so well by the lads. Anything on the yard that was not fixed down was swept away. The whole place looked very smart, a great effort by everyone.

We had a parade of horses and thankfully they all behaved themselves. Libby gave a very informative chat about each horse, this was followed by our demonstration of raceday procedures. Becky started this by plaiting Agricultural and then we saddled him as we would do at the races. I think that it was good for people who may not be directly involved at the races to see what goes on behind the scenes.

As always our bouncy castle was very popular with the children and we almost ran out of drink, which I think is a good complaint. I was delighted with the turnout today, and we also sold some shares in horses. I very much hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed our day. Roll on next year!!!!

Lucy Normile
Racehorse Trainer



Wine Club News



The Wine Club held our monthly meeting at the end of July with a version of the old t.v. show "Call my Bluff".

"Wine my Bluff" was a take off of the popular show, but instead of strange words, we had wines. The panel of "experts" were Rosemary Johnston, Bill Macpherson and Donald MacKenzie.

Each had to describe the wine we were tasting, but only one had the real description. After each round of six, members voted on who was telling the truth. For example, on round 3 the wines described were a Semillion/Sauvignon blanc, a Gavi, and a Gewurztraminer. The actual wine we had was the Gavi, the other two were spoofs. The other wines tasted were an English white from Gloucestershire, a Muscadet from the Loire Valley in France, a Pinot Noir from New Zealand, a Crozes Hermitage from France and finally a Chianti Classico from Tuscany. The night was a huge success, and once again something different was achieved.

Our meeting at the end of August was hosted by Sadie Allan and Jayne Morgan. They choose as their theme the different colours that wines have through the type of grape and where it had been grown. Members were given special charts that showed the various colours that both white and red wines can be seen when viewed through torch light. The different colours of the rim (especially on red wines) gives an indication of the age of the wine, the wider the rim, the older the wine.

We also went through the nosing of the wines and tried to identify which type of wine was being tasted.

This was a very educational evening with lots of interesting facts about the colours and nose of wines being talked about. We tasted a Pinot Grigio, a Pinot Grigio Rose,



a Chilean Reserve Chardonnay, a New Zealand Pinot Noir, a Pinotage, and finally a Rioja Gran Reserva.

The next meeting is on the 30th of September when Sandy and Helen McInnes will be presenting their choice of wines. (A special meeting as it is our 12th anniversary!)

Anyone who is interested in wine or would like to learn about wine, or even just looking for a great night out, will be made very welcome, so try and come along at 7.30 in the Terrace Bar of the Glenfarg Hotel. It's only £8.00, and you will taste a selection of nibbles washed down by at least 6 excellent wines.

Glenfarg S.W.R.I.

Glenfarg held its first meeting of the session on Thursday the 13th September when Mrs Catherine Williamson gave a cookery demonstration which she called "Best of three". Three courses each with only three ingredients and everyone enjoyed the tastings.

Competition Winners

Raspberry jam - 1st Allison Messenger 2nd Janette Kirkland 3rd Sheila Harley

Greetings card--1st Allison Messenger 2nd Margot Moran 3rd Liz Yull

Flower of the month 1st Sheila Harley 2nd Liz Yull 3rd Jean Ogilvie

Dates for future meetings

11th October- Jewellery/Bags by Pat Dick

8th November--History of Policing in Perth and Kinross by Willie Macfarlane

13th December--Local Vocals by Margaret Ponton's choir

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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2012

Present

CCllrs Mackenzie (Chair), Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson, Ponton, Vaughan, Watson **By Invitation** Cllr Giacopazzi. There were 2 members of the public present

Apologies

CCllr Armstrong, Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert, Robertson

Previous minutes

As there had been a special meeting held between business meetings, two sets of minutes were adopted by the community council. CCllr Arnold proposed and CCllr Johnston seconded

Matters Arising

- Pothole Church Brae - Cllr Cuthbert emailed Scottish Water on our behalf. A CCTV survey of the sewer network will be carried out to check cause of the depression in the road.
- Road markings – most of the repainting that we requested has been done. Areas missed (Greenbank Rd/Crescent junction, disabled parking bay at hall, SLOW sign on the road leading from Glendy Burn into Church Brae) will be reported.
It was agreed not to request white line outside the church, as CCllr Johnson reported that this had not been requested by the church and it was felt that cones could be used when appropriate.
- Parking close to Ladeside Junction – Cllr Cuthbert has raised the issue on our behalf. To be discussed at the September meeting of PKC Traffic Coordination Group. If this has no effect, we will revisit the situation.
- Cutting of hedge beyond stables – CCllr Watson has spoken to the landowner and it was agreed to wait until cutting machinery could be used in October. Check again in November
- Road markings in the Glen – PKC has responded that the present markings will be looked at, but any required changes will have to be included on the program for the next financial year. We will prompt this in April 2013.
- Signage in Wallace Park – PKC reply to CCllr Arnold's letter stated that No Golf Practice sign should be removed, No Littering can remain, No Dog Fouling could be renewed. Discussion on the possibility of erecting our own signs concluded that this would not be possible on council land. It was decided to make it known through the newsletter that the Dog Warden had imposed a fine for dog fouling.

Police Report

No police being present, there was not a police report at this time. However, CCIr Arnold reported that he was aware of the theft of outside equipment and copper piping in the Duncrervie area, and members of the community had been alerted by email.

A police report received later contained the following –

Between 4/8 & 5/8 – Theft of items from a vehicle at Bein Inn – undetected.

Between 15/7 & 16/7 – Theft of hens from a field near Duncrervie - undetected.

Between 1/7 & 2/7 - Theft of fuel from vehicle outside property at Arngask - undetected.

Operation Tupelo (a crackdown on poor driving standards) will run between 11th and 23rd of September. To assist in the campaign it is asked that members of the public who have concerns regarding irresponsible driving within south section contact the Police with details of the problems. The full police report will appear on the Glenfarg website.

Large Vehicle Movements

Concern has again been expressed about the speed and movement of large vehicles, many of them farm vehicles, through the village. CCIr Mackenzie reminded us that the community council had written to local farmers about this in the past, and received assurances that employees and contractors would be reminded to keep to agreed routes and appropriate speeds. Local farmers would wish to hear if this was not adhered to. It was therefore decided to advise members of the public to report details (vehicle registration, date and time of offence) to the vehicle owner / hirer.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account - £8,093.76, which includes £6000 Investment Fund and £500 CBF Micro grants - both to be distributed in the near future.

Paid £3,380 to Village Hall for costs that will be incurred when putting land improvement work out to tender. Paid £28.15 for Remembrance Day wreath.

Newsletter - £2,925.40. Shop donation for August issue £179. Removed one advertiser for non-payment. Outgoings are print costs £240 and £300 for special insert.

School Fund - £841 Total funds as at 3rd September 2012 £11,860

The Fete

Following the resignation of two key members, concern was expressed over the viability of the fete committee. It was decided to write to the respective secretaries of the 3 organisations represented on the committee to highlight the need for their full involvement.

Investment Fund

After consideration of the suggestions put forward for the distribution of this fund, and the views expressed by the local community, it was decided to further investigate possibilities and costing for Christmas decorations and Adult Gym / Trim Trail. The needs of Glenfarg's young people were also discussed and it was decided to try to facilitate local youngsters themselves expressing their views to the community council on what was needed.

Community Benefit Fund (CBF) Micro Grants

CClr Ponton informed the CC that there was £500 to be distributed in the first instance, after which this year's £500 would become available. After discussion of all applications, five were approved.

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| Ladies Badminton Group | Purchase of Equipment | £85 |
| Brighten Up Duncricvie (BUD) | Wooden barrels and bulbs | £150 |
| The Local Vocals Choir | Music stands and music | £52 |
| Glenfarg Community Cinema | Children's Christmas Film Show | £140 |
| Village Hall Committee | Portable heaters | £96.27 |

Cheques distributed and unsuccessful applicants informed. A letter had been received from a CBF Panel member, suggesting that the CCs of Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn request the annual Micro Grant from the CBF be raised from £1000 to £2000. It was agreed that we are not in favour of this at present, as it would remove funds from the main CBF grant, which can deal with large requests. Decision to be conveyed to the Panel.

Community Wind Turbine

A suggestion had been received from a local landowner that, as a mast on a hill above Glenfarg is about to be decommissioned, the site could be used for a community wind turbine. CClr Johnston felt that the site might prove to be inappropriate, as the concrete base would not have the required depth and the electrics were old and would need investigation. Cllr Giacopazzi cautioned that, from his experience in Milnathort, a community wind turbine was a very large financial commitment. The landowner has only a short time scale in which to act. It was therefore felt that we were not in a position to pursue this with confidence at this time. Landowner is to be informed.

Planning

CClr Johnston presented the planning report. Six planning applications had been reviewed – two installations of a wind turbine, erection of garage,

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erection of dwelling house, change to house position in retrospect, installation of meteorological mast. It was agreed to lodge an objection to one wind turbine on the grounds of proximity to the road, road safety and the cumulative impact with other turbines.

Six planning applications had been approved by PKC. Full details of planning report to be put on the Glenfarg website.

Broadband

CClr Macpherson reported on a new government fund to help rural Scottish communities get next generation broadband. Local broadband speed test had shown that we benefitted from a reasonable speed at present, and were much better served than many small communities. No action was felt necessary at this time.

AOCB

1. Request clearing of overflowing drains in Ladeside and Duncrievie Road.
2. Request work on path Ladeside to Ash Grove – flooding at Ash Grove end, and paths across green space requiring weed clearing.
3. Request tidying of Sundial area in Wallace Park.
4. It was noted that several privately owned hedges around the village needed cutting back to ensure pedestrian safety. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that PKC would send letters to residents in the first instance. Addresses to be sent to CC secretary for processing.
5. CClr Arnold reported that 30 sign is to be painted on road at Duncrievie.
6. CClr Arnold reported that the repainting of the village post-box has been included in the schedule.
7. CClr Ponton showed a leaflet on making application to the Community Benefit Fund, which will go into the shop. It was agreed to advertise the next date for applications in the newsletter.

Next meeting 7.30pm 5th November in Village Hall



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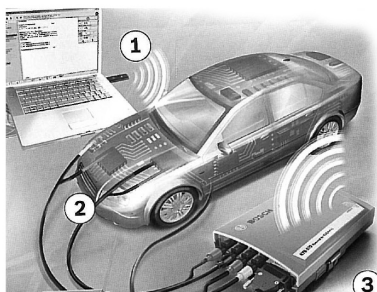
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