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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

We always try our best to make sure that your newsletter is available promptly at the start of every even month. If you would like to contribute to the August issue, please inform us with details by the 3rd January to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of January.

Thank you.

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Editorial



Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and safe New Year to all our readers, advertisers & contributors, their friends & families.

It's hard to think that another year has almost gone but, with so much going on in Glenfarg, time certainly does fly.

Again your Newsletter is packed with reports, stories, photographs and diary dates for all. So sit back and enjoy reading this issue and when you check out the adverts you may find several solutions to your Christmas shopping dilemmas, from pampering gifts right through to the more practical.

Speaking of sitting back and reading the Newsletter, I was able to do just that with the last issue which Janet Watson produced. It was such a great read I've been trying to persuade her to take the job permanently but she is digging in her heels.

In addition to all our regular Newsletter features, this issue is full of seasonal features but two I would advise you all to check out are Richard's Winter Tips on page 21 and the Village Store News on page 29.

We also have several new advertisers and many additions to the services offered by our established advertisers. Make sure you check them out also.

The annual subscription introduced this year has been most successful. To renew your subscription for 2013, or to subscribe for the first time, turn to Page 6 where you'll find that you can now subscribe for either hard copy or the facility to access online. Yet another improvement to an already great village asset.

The Newsletter Quiz on pages 37-40 has been compiled by Dave Arnold, and we are most grateful to Chrystal Petroleum for their kind donation of the prizes. These vouchers, which are valid for use in our local shop, could come in quite handy in January so get the thinking caps on and enter.

Again, may I wish you a wonderful Festive season and I look forward to hearing from you all in 2013.

Kate



Glenfarg Newsletter Subscriptions

As I am sure we are all aware, we are coming to the end of the calendar year. This means that for those people who have taken out a subscription for the Newsletter, this will be the last copy you have paid for.

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Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
Dec 1st	Church Christmas Sale	Village Hall
Dec 2nd 11am	1st Sunday in Advent - gifts collection	Church
Dec 7th 7.30pm	Cinema (The Angel's Share)	Village Hall
Dec 16th 6.30pm	Christingle Service	Church
Dec 19th 10.30am	Arngask Carol Service	Church All welcome
Dec 21st 12 noon	Term ends	Arngask Primary
Dec 22nd	Kid's Film Show	Village Hall
Dec 24th 6pm	Carol Singing	Village Hall
Dec 24th 11.30pm	Watchnight service	Church
Jan 7th 9am	Term starts	Arngask Primary
Jan 11th 7.30pm	Cinema	Village Hall
Jan 26th 7.30pm	Scouts Burns Supper Tickets from shop	Village Hall
Jan 30th 7.30pm	Wine Club	Terrace Bar

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
	6pm -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



Trystan and Jenny Holt Brook on the birth of their daughter, Annabel Lucy Joy, who weighed in at 7lbs 13oz on October 28th.

Tim and Kara Kinnaird whose baby boy, Murray Fraser, arrived safely in July. Big sister Isla is delighted with her new pal.



Neil and Tamsin Morgan on the birth of their lovely daughter, Beatrice Grace, who arrived on October 3rd.

Baptisms



At the service in Arngask Church on Sunday 28th October the Rev Duncan Stenhouse baptised

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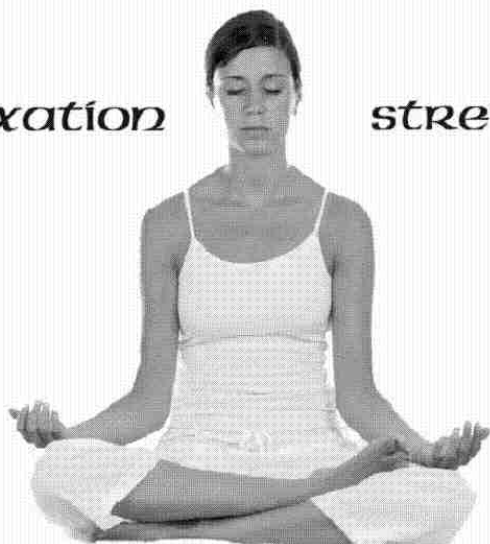
Glenfarg Beavers Jamie Morton and William Silcock have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest accolade of Beaver awards. Well done boys!



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Glenfarg Village Fete 2013

**Yes it is that time again!
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We are urgently seeking some new fresh faced individuals to help on the Fete Committee for the forthcoming year. We have suffered a few well earned resignations from last year and have to replace these personnel before we can proceed with plans for next year's Fete.

PLEASE think hard about whether you can spare a bit of time to help..you'd be very welcome and we can find a portfolio for everyone...!!

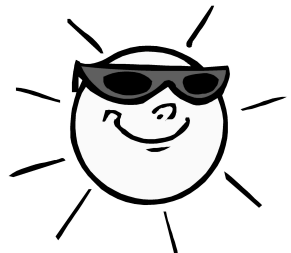
Meetings are informal and although essential, do not last too long..!

Every talent is required, no volunteer is turned away and you will join a great bunch of community spirited, fun loving Glenfargites who will again put on a show. Phone me now.

Steve Whiting

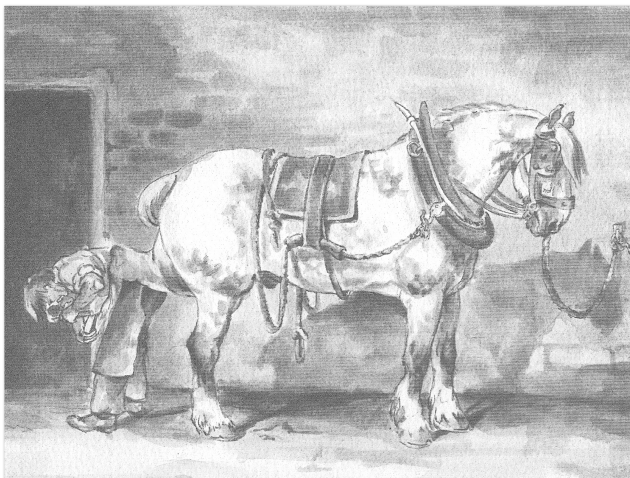
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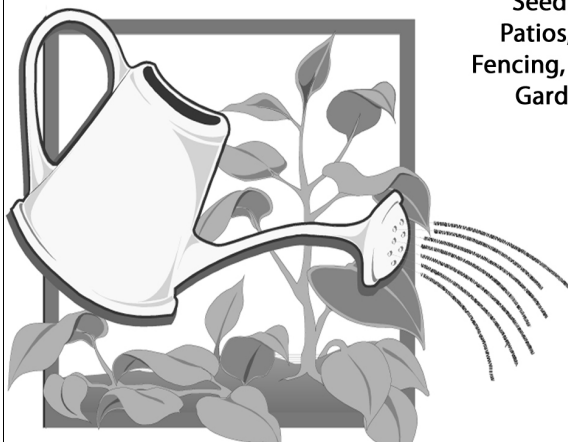


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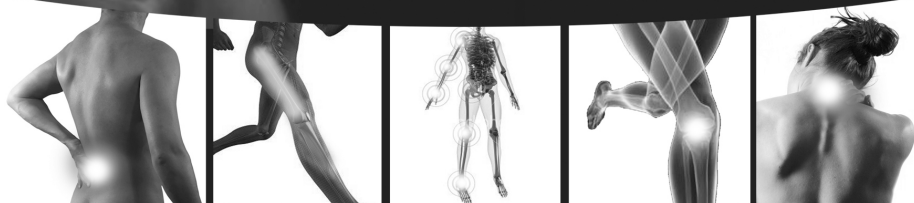
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Church News



Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
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Dear Friends,

The build-up to Christmas has come upon us again, that time when we get caught up in a frenzy of preparation for the “big day”. What presents will I buy for the children who have “Christmas” every week? What food will I buy?

(frozen or fresh turkey this year)? Will I be able to avoid the last-minute rush (remember last year)? Have we enough booze in? Will we invite Auntie Gertie this year? (last year she ate hardly anything, drank the gin and slept all afternoon on the chair). And on and on it goes. Sorry, I forgot, and if we can get everything sorted in time, we'll get to one of the Christmas Eve Services. Yes, I live in the real world, and I know that this is what it can be like.

Christmas is a time when we can get lost in the sort of preparations urged on us by society and by the world of commerce.

We feel pressured to behave like everyone else, just as we feel pressured by the retail industry to spend at Christmas to help them compensate for all the profit they have not made during the year. However, in the midst of all that goes on at Christmas, let us try to find some time to remember why we celebrate Christmas.

The four-week period leading up to Christmas is known as Advent, the time when we prepare ourselves to welcome once more the Christ-child into our lives. It is a time to reflect upon God's goodness to us, and to reflect especially upon the fact that God so loves us that he humbled himself to come into our world and live amongst us. This is what the “real Christmas” is about. This is what gives us cause to celebrate.

For some of us, Christmas this year may not be a time to let rip with our money because of more difficult financial times. Some of our children may not receive the presents they have become accustomed to. But we can all, no matter our circumstances, offer to one another, and especially to our children, the greatest gift of all.....LOVE. The very love of God, revealed through each one of us as we care for one another. The love revealed in a vulnerable child, born in humble circumstances 2,000 years ago. If you do get sorted out in time, come along to one of our Christmas services. You will receive a warm welcome.

May I wish you all a peaceful Christmas, and may we look forward in hope for a brighter year to follow.

Rev Duncan Stenhouse
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Christmas 2012



Abernethy and Dron
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As usual, December is a busy month for the Church. Our preparation starts off at the morning service on 2nd December (Advent Sunday) when the children (and adults) bring along gifts which will be distributed to those less well off families in Perth who might otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas. This service takes place at the normal time of 11am. That evening at 7pm there will be an Advent Service in the Church. This is being organised by Lower Earn Churches Together (LECT) and will be led by the ministers from the 3 parishes. This is an annual service and this year it is the turn of Arngask to host it. Two weeks later on the 16th December at 6.30pm we will be holding our annual Christingle Service in the Church. All young people are invited to bring a Christingle with them. Details of how to make a Christingle can be found at <http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-appeals/christingle/what-christingle> . The proceeds from this service will go to the Children's Society (Charity Registration No. 221124). On Christmas Eve there will be Carol Singing in The Village Hall at 6pm followed by mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. Later, at 11.30pm, we will be having our annual Watchnight Service in the Church. As last year, this will take the form of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the lessons being read by different members of our village community. The offering at the service will, as usual, go to the Glenfarg Branch of Riding for the Disabled (Scottish Charity Number SCO39473).



There will not be a service on Christmas Day. Finally, a reminder that from Sunday 6th January all Sunday morning services at Arngask will start at 9.30am until the end of 2013.



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Although winter is now most definitely upon us, it's still not too late to help ensure you make it through to spring without the mess, expense and chaos of burst pipes.



Local plumber Richard Tulloch explained that a few small steps can help avoid frozen and cracked pipes, and the flooding the thaws can bring: "Dripping water increases the risk of freezing, so have any leaks repaired as soon as you discover them. If freezing has occurred, isolate the affected area by closing the stopcock on that supply."

Richard added: "It's important to thaw out frozen pipes carefully. Blowtorches and heaters directly aimed at the pipes can cause more damage than the original burst. Instead, gentle heat from a hairdryer or heat pack may do the trick."

Beat the winter freeze. Richard's top tips:

- Make sure you know the location of your stopcock so you can reach it quickly in an emergency. (Tip: It's often under the kitchen sink.)
- Turn off water to outside taps and leave tap open.
- If you are away for a few days, leave the heating on low.
- If your house will be empty for a long period drain down the plumbing system.
- Insulate your loft and lag exposed water pipes.
- Keep your local emergency plumber call out number beside the phone.

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The club members and visitors were certainly impressed on the night with the instrumental and vocal skills on display. Blair Davie, only 12 years old but already writing his own songs, likewise Heather Young, the oldest performer on the night yet only 17, with both accompanying themselves on guitar.

Fourteen-year-old Mark Burke, on banjo, and his 12 year old brother Reece on guitar, gave us a great set of bluegrass and country numbers. Next up were 11-year-old Euan Downie, Alexander Girling (12) and Campbell Fleming (15) who, together and solo, played an entertaining set of traditional tunes on their accordions.

Mark and Blair have already already recorded CDs. The large turnout had a great night, showing their appreciation for the young talent playing.

Our club meets every Monday night in the Glenfarg Hotel, and you are assured of a warm welcome and a good night's entertainment. For those who like to perform there is often the chance to do a floor spot. More information can be found on our website www.glenfargfolkclub.com



Sandy McInnes
Committee member and Open Stage Organiser

Community Cinema



French Night at the Cinema

A little bit of France came to Glenfarg Community Cinema in November, with the showing of the classic film 'Rififi' – which roughly translates as 'trouble' or 'pitch battle'.



Audience members were greeted at the door by mime artiste Rachel – with a red rose and silent communication that overcame any language barriers. Signs and posters had been rewritten in French by P6/7 at Arngask Primary School as part of their weekly lessons. They helpfully supplied pictures to go with the signs, so no one should have been left in any confusion. On entering L'Ecran d'Un (Screen One) the hall had been turned into a French café, with live accordion music supplied by Margaret.

Before the main feature, we saw a video made for us by the P6/7 french class, some of whom had come along to see themselves on 'the big screen'. There were even a couple of our youngest members there for this special entertainment, all ready in their pyjamas to be whisked off to bed afterwards. Our cinema certainly is becoming a home from home.



‘Rififi’ had us enthralled, with everyone holding their breath for the 30 minutes of the jewel heist which was played out without music or dialogue – the longest such scene in cinema history. Anyone clinking a wine glass or crunching a breadstick was immediately shushed – I wouldn’t have been surprised if the characters themselves had looked down from the screen in disapproval at any miscreant!

Directed by Jules Dassin, the black-and-white film was shot on location on a very low budget. Dassin, who had been blacklisted from Hollywood as a result of the McCarthy era, waited for rain before shooting the exterior scenes – wanting to capture the reflections from the lamps in the cobbled Paris streets.

After the successful heist, we stopped for an interval of cheeses, meringues and profiteroles, supplied by Alice, accompanied by the wine and cafetieres of coffee. Then it was back to the film, to see if the gang had got away with it.

At the end of the night, the audience vote was as follows –

Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	6%	30%	64%

Our next film, on Friday 7th December, is ‘The Angels’ Share’ - a Scottish comedy by Ken Loach. So this time, bring the tartan and the whisky!

And look out for the kid’s Christmas Film Show on the afternoon of 22nd December. Once again, pupils from Arngask Primary School will be helping with the running of the cinema.



Old Foggie warms up by degrees

If you want to know how the weather affects the world around us, its worth spending a moment or two to consider the degree-day. This handy weather tool pops up in the strangest of places; from timing the delivery of your heating oil to estimating when the May blossom will appear.



Plants need heat in order to germinate and grow and there is a base temperature below which they will not grow. For hardy vegetables this minimum temperature is about 5°C, and for half hardys, such as French beans and sweet corn, it is 10°C. So 1 degree-day is 1°C above this minimum temperature in a 24 hour period. The more degree-days, the faster the plants will grow.

To calculate degree-days all you need is a min-max thermometer. Find the average daily temperature by adding the minimum and maximum values and dividing your answer by two. Then subtract the minimum temperature for growth and what you are left with is the degree-days for that particular day. Replace any minus numbers with a zero.

Looking at last April for instance, seeds planted straight out into the soil did not

do well. For Glenfarg, April 2012 saw a measly 61 degree-days. April 2009 managed 138 degree-days and April 2010, 148 degree-days. Using historical records of degree-days, and knowing how many degree-days are needed for a crop to reach maturity, horticulturalists can plan planting successions to produce a steady supply of vegetables.

My good friend, H.R. Oobit, the well known raconteur and bat aficionado, informs me that degree-days are useful in ecology, relating life cycles to the weather. They help to explain, for instance, when trees come into leaf, when insects appear and how climate change is affecting the relationships between plants and animals.

For any member of the Wine Club scouting out a local slope on which to plant a few vines, the degree-day is not your friend. Over 1000 degree-days are required before vines produce grapes suitable for wine production. This year Glenfarg only clocked up 524 degree-days from January to the end of October. Taking global



warming into account, and extrapolating this year's figures to 2050, the total would just about reach 600 degree-days.

Dream on folks.

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*New Years
Day - 10am -
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GLENFARG VILLAGE STORE NEWS

2012 CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



The pupils from Arngask primary school are invited to design and make a hanging Christmas decoration. Entries will be displayed in the shop over the Christmas period. Please make sure that the body of the design is no longer than around 6 inches.

The best three entries will each receive a £25.00 'Love to Shop' gift card; with selection box goodie bags going to three runners up.

Entries can be dropped at the shop from Monday 3rd of Dec to the closing date of Friday 14th of Dec. Remember to include your name, age and class.

Prize winners will be announced on Monday 17th of December.

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Don't forget to pre-order Christmas Radio Times available from Sat 15th Dec.

Speciality breads

Tower bakery offer a great range of Christmas cakes and party food, discuss your requirements with us and we can place the order.

P.T.A.

We were sorry that there could not be more winners at the Halloween fancy dress party, everyone deserved a prize. The kids all made such a tremendous effort, the pumpkins were really scary, and a great night was had by all.

Christmas trees

Glenfarg Scouts will be delivering Christmas trees again this year, leave your details in the shop.

AND FINALLY

Russell, Joe and Mark would like to thank you all for making our second year in this beautiful village so special, and to hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas, and a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Barr Wood Scout Camp

Forth Valley Scout's district camp site, The Barr Wood was destination for our group camp. The explorers and the scouts and a few parents arrived on a dry Friday evening to set up camp. Robert, leading the convoy, missed the exit on a roundabout and we all followed him round for a second circuit.

The leaders and scouts pitched the main tents on one camp site and the parents sensibly pitched on a different site out of ear shot.

The fires to cook breakfast were all lit the traditional way using very small twigs - the bag of newspaper wasn't in the camp kit. Inspection then flag break was followed by a game of rounders for the whole camp.



The cubs arrived with their parents in time to join in the orienteering using the marker points scattered across the whole site. After the first couple of markers Oliver stopped for a few minutes and planned out the route for his team (Archie and Jack) so they didn't have to recover the ground.



The ancient beech trees and open woodland were ideal for building an obstacle course. Much to Ali's disappointment the construction teams were reorganised for the race – he thought that he was in the winning team with Connor, Christine and David. Calum, Oliver, David and Cara, benefitted from watching the first team of Connor, Louise and Jack going round the course. Ali wearing wellies, Grant and Archie scrambled round the course winning by a few seconds.

The younger scouts and cubs tried out the bouldering wall where Cara showed her agility by being the first to traverse the wall without coming off. The explorers and David completely focused their minds on the temperature of the water in the reservoir when they went swimming– cold.

The fires were rekindled to cook the evening meal of chilli con-carne with enchiladas made by Louise or chicken tika masala and nan breads. The parents helped with the washing up.

Once it was dark Andrew took the cubs and scouts and some parents to play storm the castle. Calum who had been quietly creeping in to the base was spotted when he shouted after tripping over a sign and hitting the ground very hard.



After Sunday morning breakfast Robert started the washing up helped by Archie, Jack, Oliver and Louise while Christine and Cara cleaned the black from the big dixies. Archie scored the goals in frisbee football.

Once the trailer was packed the camp assembled at the flag pole. There was a special promise making ceremony where Archie was invested into cubs,

Oliver and Louise invested into scouts and Connor invested into explorers.



Any parent interested in joining the next camp needs to complete a PVG form well in advance as only those adult who have completed the disclosure process are allowed to camp.



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Special Birthday Greetings

When it comes to special Birthdays there can be none more special than this one!

Mrs Winnie Barlas of The Knowe, Glenfarg will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Boxing Day. We send her Best Wishes and may her day be filled with happiness in the company of her family and friends.



Winnie's daughter, Maggie, sent us the following precis of her Mum's life.

Winnie was born 26 December 1912 in Glasgow. She spent her early years in Glasgow, on a farm near St Andrews and then Dunfermline. In the early fifties, Winnie met Ian Barlas in the Sudan. They married and moved to Hilton of Duncrigvie in 1955. She enjoyed being a farmer's wife and mother. Winnie

became an active member of the Rural, Glenfarg SWRI –making Nativity outfits, village hall curtains to jam making!! She also participated in the church, the women's guild, the Red Cross and local fetes. Winnie and Ian moved from the farm to "The Knowe" where she lived for over 35 years. In these years she enjoyed the community spirit of the village, making many friendships and participating in the general social whirl. Winnie was fortunate to be able to live at "The Knowe" until recently and has appreciated all the kindnesses she has received from many of you in Glenfarg over the years.

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Remembrance Sunday

At 3pm on Sunday 11th November the Rev Duncan Stenhouse led the Remembrance Day Service in Glenfarg Village Hall, this was followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial “at the going down of the sun” when Poppy Wreaths were laid by Donald Mackenzie, Chairperson of the Community Council, and Perth & Kinross Councillor Giacomazzi. Readers were Donald Mackenzie, Grant Ingram and Alex Johnston. Piper Stephen Kennedy gave Bagpipe renditions and the Bugler was Robert Strong from Auchterarder. The retiring offering for Poppy Scotland amounted to £73.42.

Volunteering Opportunities

Village Fete Organising Committee - please see Steve’s request on page 13 or call him on 830555 and ensure that Fete 2013 is a roaring success. All talents required.

Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom - As planning for next year’s projects gets underway, find out how you can help maintain and enhance this lovely village. Contact Kate 830343 or Irene 830441.

Finally the Newsletter team would love to hear from anyone who could act as “Roving Reporter”, someone who can keep us supplied with snippets and stories from our community. Contact Kate.



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1st Prize : £25 Voucher

2nd Prize : £15 Voucher

3rd Prize : £10 Voucher

All you have to do is answer the questions overleaf, pull out these middle pages and post your entry in the box in the Village Shop **by noon on Monday 7th January 2013.**

GOOD LUCK!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS
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Local & Scottish



1. Who was imprisoned on an island in Loch Leven June 1567 - May 1568?
2. What was Rob Roy's surname?
3. Who is the Chairman of the Glenfarg Community Council?
4. Who wrote "Auld Lang Syne"?
5. What does "Glenfarg" mean in Scots Gaelic?

Sport



1. Which golf course will host the 2014 Ryder Cup?
2. Name the capital city that hosted the 1980 Olympic Games.
3. Which Scottish football team plays at McDiarmid Park?
4. What sport does a toxophilite take part in?
5. Many curling stones are made from granite taken from a small island off the Ayrshire Coast. Name the island.

The World



1. What is Africa's largest lake?
2. What is the currency of Thailand?
3. What country administers the Caribbean island of Martinique?
4. What is the capital of Malta?
5. Name the river that flows through Budapest.

Entertainment, Music & Art



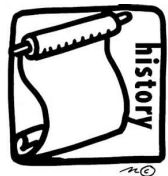
1. John Wayne was a major star but only won one Oscar – for which film?
2. Who had a 1969 hit with “Two Little Boys”?
3. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
4. Name 3 actors who have played James Bond on film.
5. Who plays Lady Edith in TV’s Downton Abbey?

Christmas



1. Santa Claus’s sleigh is pulled by 9 reindeer. Name any 3.
2. What were the gifts the Three Wise Men brought to Jesus?
3. Who wrote the song “White Christmas” - a massive hit for Bing Crosby?
4. What did my true love give to me on the 7th Day of Christmas?
5. What Christmas gift does the UK receive from Norway each year?

History



1. On what island did Napoleon die in 1821?
2. Name the President of the USA who was assassinated in 1963.
3. Who was the first human to go into outer space?
4. What Army was founded by William Booth and his wife Catherine?
5. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?

When you have answered all the questions (or as many as possible), fill in your details below and post your entry in the box in the Glenfarg Village Shop.

All entries will be marked and the one with the highest score will win the 1st prize, the second highest score wins the 2nd prize etc. If more than 1 entry scores the highest points then they will put in a hat and the winner drawn.

The names of prize winners plus answers will appear in the next Newsletter.

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Our special thanks to **Chrystal Petroleum** of Cluny who have generously sponsored the prizes. Chrystal has supplied many local homes with fuel oil during 2012 via the Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS).

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Glenfarg SWRI



At the October meeting held on Thursday the 11th. Mrs Pat Dick gave a talk on how she came into making Jewellery and Bags and showed the different types of Jewellery she makes. She also brought along a selection of Jewellery and Bags which were for sale.

October Competition winners

Favourite item of Jewellery- 1st Margot Moran, 2nd Mac Stewart 3rd Allison Messenger

3 oven treacle scones- 1st Lillias Johnston, 2nd Janette Kirkland, 3rd Mac Stewart

Flower of the month-1st Sheila Harley, 2nd Jean Connelly, 3rd Liz Yull

At the November meeting held on Thursday the 8th. Mr Willie Macfarlane curator of the police museum in Dundee and a policeman in Perth and Kinross for many years gave a talk and showed slides on the history of policing in Perth and Kinross since early 1800.

November Competition winners

Autumn Scene Photograph- 1st Margot Moran, 2nd Liz Yull, 3rd Jean Connelly

Slice of Quiche- 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Sheila Harley, 3rd Jean Connelly

Flower of the Month- 1st Margot Moran, 2nd Liz Yull, 3rd Helen Quartermaine

Dates for future meetings

13th December--Local Vocals by Margaret Ponton's choir. This is to be an open meeting when everyone will be made most welcome. Visitors £3.

10th January--The Red Squirrel Project by Mr Simon Poot.

14th February--History of the Jute Industry.

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Recipe of the season

Bridal Slice

This recipe is for a traditional traybake that was once served up as part of a wedding feast. Bridal Slice is delicious with a cup of tea, and good for winter parties as a lighter alternative to Christmas Cake. It is fairly easy to make, especially if you don't mind using ready-made pastry, marzipan and ready-to-roll icing. Any plain biscuit or even shortbread crumbs would work just as well in place of digestives. Once the cake is iced leave it to settle (overnight if possible) before cutting into slices or squares.



Ingredients:

Shortcrust pastry made with 200g Flour and 100g Butter, 15g Caster Sugar and 2-3tblsp Water.

For the cake layer:

60g Butter (softened to room temperature)

115g Caster Sugar

2 Medium eggs

8 Digestive biscuits crushed to give 100g Crumbs

115g Glace Cherries (rinsed, dried and quartered,

225g Currants

1tsp Mixed Spice

1tblsp Whisky or Sherry as preferred (optional)

For the icing:

2-3tblsp Apricot Jam

225g Marzipan

1 tblsp whisky, brandy or boiled water to brush marzipan

225g Pre-made ready to roll icing.

Method:

1. Prepare the pastry as usual, allow it to chill for about 30 minutes, then roll out thinly and use to line a 23cm x 32cm (approx) baking tray.
2. Cream together the softened butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs one at a time. Fold in the biscuit crumbs, cherries, currants, mixed spice and finally the whisky or sherry if used. Spread evenly over the pastry. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170°C / 340°F for approximately 45 minutes until golden brown and firm to touch.
3. Leave to cool completely before brushing the top with warmed apricot jam. Roll out the marzipan thinly and place on top of the cake pressing down gently to create a smooth finish and trim the edges. Lightly brush the marzipan with whisky, brandy or boiled water to ensure the icing will stick to the marzipan. Place the thinly rolled icing on top, smoothing gently with a rolling pin to create an even finish and again neatly trim the edges.

Janet Little

Glenfarg Store-y Book Club

Here we are nearing the end of yet another year and January 2013 will see the 1st birthday of the Glenfarg Store-y club. A group of people initially met together through a love of reading and discussing books. The realisation that we tend to select the same style of literature and familiar authors for ourselves was our starting point and over this first year we have taken members out of their personal comfort zones and encouraged everyone to try something new.

Our list of books has been varied – from Charles Dickens to Enid Blyton, Victoria Hislop to Jasper Fforde and it is true to say that every book on the list didn't suit every reader. The monthly meetings were the catalyst for healthy discussion and varied opinion – we learned one very important point – we don't all enjoy the same books ! Everyone is very eloquent regarding their personal likes and dislikes and sometimes we have to 'fess up' to being unable to finish the allotted tome for that month.

Our November book was the acclaimed Victoria Hislop novel 'The Island', it is a very gentle story, written around the island of Spinalonga (yes it does really exist!) off the coast of Crete. The island was used as a leper colony until recent years and Mrs Hislop's story of a young woman returning there to her family's roots to find her own personal history is informed and touching. This book was selected for the Radio 4 book list along with Richard and Judy's Book Club. The Store-y club are due to meet shortly to discuss their views of this latest novel and then unwanted copies of it will be put in the basket in the shop for others to enjoy (or not!).



It is our intention to review our reads and in the future score them as a club, to give newsletter readers an indication of which books they may themselves enjoy. If you are in any doubt – ask Mark in the shop.

Margaret Ponton

PS Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom are very grateful to Mark and his second hand book sales mentioned in Margaret's report. The last tin emptying donated £70 to GDIB's coffers!

PPS Did you know that the Perth & Kinross library service now offers an e book service? Visit the website www.pkc.gov.uk and find out how to download to your e reader etc.

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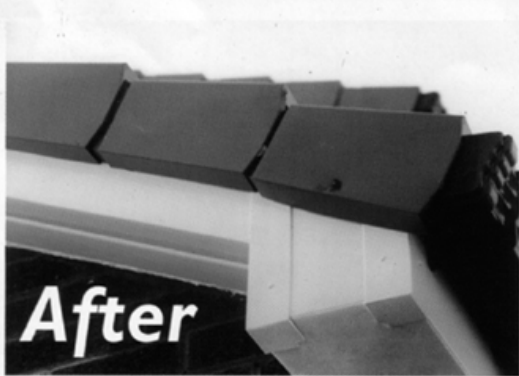
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See the GOBS page on the Glenfarg website (www.glenfarg.org) for more details or contact Dave and Kate Arnold on 830136 or at kadavar@waitrose.com.

As of early November the GOBS membership stands at **132** members.



Glenfarg & Duncrivie In Bloom

Another year over and another judging under our belts. We were delighted to be awarded a Silver Gilt in this year's competition, especially when we reflect on the freezing conditions in April when the plug plants arrived and the appalling summer weather which followed. However, in spite of assurances from Take a Pride in Perthshire to the contrary, we continue to be marked down in areas outwith our control. The category where we lost 30% of points available was "Local Environmental Quality - management of vacant premises, dog fouling etc."



Irene &
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Already GDIB are planning 2013 and possibly even 2014!! A major project involving enhancement of the South end of Main Street and, as anyone who has been involved in planning and funding applications will testify, such projects don't happen overnight. As always it is imperative that the community support for GDIB's work continues and we ask that you contact us with your offers of help and/or suggestions of what you would like to see in your village.



The Duncrievie volunteers have been busy planting spring bulbs along the verges and in the new planters obtained from a successful application to the Windfarm Micro Grant Scheme. Yet another fabulous display in the making.

GDIB are now helping the school children maintain their orchard by removing grass from around the bases of the trees plus carrying out some necessary pruning. So even in Winter there's plenty for us all to do.

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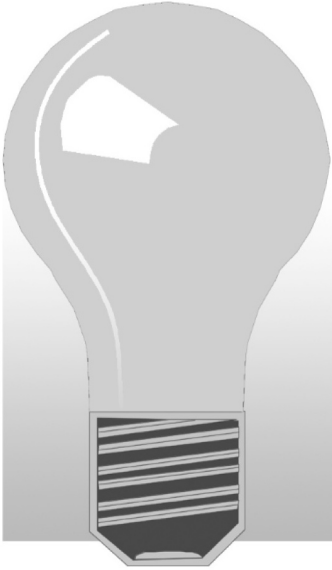
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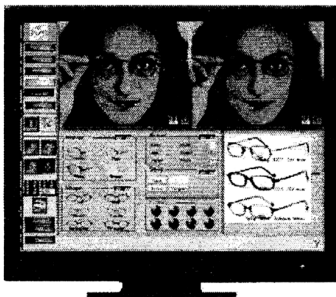
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Tayside Police Tees Up for The Ryder Cup

With this year's Ryder Cup over, interest now turns to the competition's visit to Scotland in two years time.

This will see some of the world's greatest golfers at Gleneagles for the three-day event which runs from 26 to 28 September, 2014.

Scotland is proud to host this tournament and it will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase Scotland, the local area and what it has to offer. Along with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, 2014 this will see 'Scotland Welcome the World' in terms of prestigious sporting events.

Tayside Police have been planning for this event for some time now.

Inspector Iain Ward, the local Community Inspector for South Perthshire, said "South Perthshire is a beautiful area and has a lot to offer visitors. We are committed to making this event a fantastic experience, whilst being safe and secure for all.

"With the support of Ryder Cup Europe, early and sustained engagement with the community will be a key aspect of its success.

"That is why we have identified a dedicated Community Engagement Officer, Constable Euan Mitchell. Euan will take up post immediately to begin this process.

"Based at Auchterarder police station, he will have the role of liaising with communities. His aim will be to provide a link between the community and the event planning process in order to feedback any issues that are raised and to find resolutions.

"I am delighted to have been able to secure Euan for this role. He brings a wealth of experience in Community Policing and was recently awarded the accolade of 'Tayside Police Officer of the Year': he is absolutely up for the challenge".

Constable Mitchell said:

"I'm proud to be given this new post of Community Engagement Officer for the Ryder Cup and I look forward to the challenges it will bring. I aim to do everything possible to ensure the event goes smoothly whilst ensuring the impact of it for the people living near the course is a little as possible."



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"My first aim is to gain the trust of local residents and the best way for me to do this is being out and about in the local area being a visible presence in the community. I want people to feel they can approach or contact me at any time to discuss whatever issues and concerns they may have about the event."

"It is with a great deal of regret that I am leaving my community officer post for the Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg beats. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working in these areas but unfortunately the challenge of this new role was too good to turn down."

PC Mitchell has been a key contributor to Tayside Police's forward thinking social media usage over the last couple of years. He has regularly been 'tweeting' about his daily duties as well as updating locals in his current beat about the goings on in their area.

He added,

"As more and more people find alternative ways of communicating it is important that we continue to keep up with times, whilst continuing to understand the importance of public meetings and personal contact. Social media sites such as Twitter have been a hugely productive way of interacting, both for me and for my virtual community, and I hope I can bring this expertise over with me to my new role".

PC Euan Mitchell can be contacted at Auchterarder Police Station, by telephone on 0300 111 2222 or by email at ewan.mitchell@tayside.pnn.police.uk.

New Area Community Officer

As a result of taking up the community based Ryder Cup post PC Euan Mitchell is no longer the Community Officer for the Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg areas.

The new Community Officer covering these areas is PC Jim Pentley. Jim joined Tayside Police in 2003 and has previously worked at the Bridge of Earn, Perth and Pitlochry stations and has been based in Kinross since November 2011. Jim has a wealth of experience in all aspects of Policing and looks forward to engaging with the community on all issues causing concern locally.

Jim can be contacted at either the Bridge of Earn or Kinross Police stations, by telephone on 0300 111 2222, or by email at jimmy.pentley@tayside.pnn.police.uk



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The Black Watch Castle and Museum is currently closed for redevelopment, due to reopen in Spring 2013. The project will involve an extension and redevelopment which will provide:

- Increased display space
- A large area for special exhibitions, educational interpretation and reunions
- Improved storage for archives and artefacts
- Improved shop and reception area
- Accessible visitor facilities, including a tea room and toilets for visitors
- A lift facility
- Improved parking
- A designated learning space

The redevelopment will bring many new and exciting opportunities for all involved. One of these opportunities is with our Volunteering Programme. The contribution of Volunteers to the Museum is integral in enhancing our visitors experience, facilitating events and preserving the collection which tells the story of the iconic Black Watch Regiment. Would you, a friend, family member or work colleague be willing to dedicate some time to us? Would you be interested in helping to maintain the legacy of The Black Watch Regiment for future generations? We are looking for enthusiastic, reliable and interested individuals who can contribute some time on a regular basis to support us in providing an enhanced experience to our visitors.

The Volunteer roles available include:

- Front of House Assistant
- Café Assistant
- Collection Assistant
- Events Assistant

If you would like to meet the Museum Team and find out more about Volunteering and the opportunities available, why not come along to our Open Day:

Wednesday 16th January 2013

10.00am – 8.30pm

The Royal George Hotel, Tay Street, Perth PH1 5HR

We would like thank The Royal George Hotel for the support they have given by providing the Open Day venue free of charge.

If you are unable to attend the Open Day but would like to find out more you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator for an informal chat:

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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on 5th Nov 2012

Present

CCllrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson & Ponton

By Invitation

Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi & Robertson

Members of the public

There were 6 members of the public present

Apology

CCllr Vaughan (Treasurer)

Previous minutes

Proposed by CCllr Macpherson and seconded by CCllr Johnston

Matters Arising

Fete

Letters were sent to 3 main beneficiaries requesting continuing support and representation on organising committee. Church representatives will be Bill Connolly & Janet Little with Rosemary Johnston taking over the role of Treasurer from Sheona Reid and representing the Old Folks will be Stewart Smith and Arthur Jenkins. The Hall committee have not yet replied. Steve Whiting said that he was happy to chair fete meetings but required other(s) to lead as main co-ordinator. He will organise initial meeting. The Community Council welcomed the fact that there were people in place to manage the organisation of the fete and that it didn't have to concern itself further with the future of the event.

Investment Fund

CCllr Ponton updated the meeting on her research into Trim Trail options. Ongoing. CCllr Vaughan (by e mail) reported on Christmas decorations costing and practicalities. Ongoing.

It was agreed that the next GCC meeting decide on next actions.

CCllr Watson reported that she will be meeting with Community Youth Workers to discuss ways in which Glenfarg's young people can be given a voice in this process.

Drains, flooding, road sweeping, general street maintenance

Flooding continues to be a problem, particularly at the bottom of Duncrievie Road at its junction with Ladeside/Church Brae. Cllr Giacomazzi gave contact details of P&KC Roads Supervisor. Secretary to liaise. Request to be made to P&KC for schedule and routes of street sweeping and drain/gully clearing as both seem to be spasmodic and frequently carried out only after drains totally blocked and resident(s) alert P&KC.

The area in Duncrievie Road, which was affected by Stephens plant crossing is being addressed by Stephens.

Hedges

The hedges beyond the Stables have now been cut back. Some of the hedges within the village which overhung footpaths have been cut back but others are still giving rise to complaints of lack of height and width clearance. Statutory vertical clearance is 2.4m and advice is being sought on whether full width of pavement/footpath should be unobstructed. The latter is particularly relevant in Glenfarg where pavements can be extremely narrow.

Weeding

A request has been made for weeding of Sundial feature and the path from Wallace Park to Ash Grove.

Dog Fouling

A continuing problem throughout area. Request has been made to P&KC for more frequent emptying of dog waste bins (especially well used bin at top of Wallace Park to Duncricvie path)

Road Markings

CCllr Johnston corrected from last minute that a white line outside the church had been requested. This is specifically for use by elderly/infirm churchgoers, wedding and funeral cars. The white line at the hall, which was not repainted during recent program, will not be required when car park at rear completed.

Police Report

There was no police officer present and no report received. Council unaware of any issues.

(Please page 64 for full e mailed police report)

Treasurer's Report

CCllr Vaughan reported (by e mail) current balances.

GCC current account £8030.49 which includes £467 of unallocated micro grant fund & £6000 former Investment Fund

Newsletter £2814.84

School Prize Fund £841

Glenfarg District Nursing Association

CCllr Vaughan has been alerted to the existence of a trust fund that was originally set up in the 1950's to build a house in the village for the District Nurse and then to provide assistance to elderly and infirm residents. As the NHS took over responsibility for the provision of district nursing and providing physical aids, the trust's purpose became redundant. The bank would like to close the account but there are no surviving trustees or signatories. The trust appears to have been wound up at some stage as there is no record of it with OSCR/Charities Commission or HMRC. The bank appears to be amenable to transferring the funds to GCC for us to distribute. Further investigation and discussion at next meeting.

Planning

Cllr Johnston reported on the 6 applications considered, 5 were noted and 1 objection lodged. The objection was lodged against wind turbine at Colliston Farm. Full details can be found on website.

Village Hall application

Cllrs Watson & Johnston met with Village Hall committee chairman to discuss detail of application. There will only be 5 parking spaces including 1 disabled since hall users expressed a desire to maintain a grassed area. The hall committee will maintain landscaping. Access to Scottish Water equipment at Main Street end will remain.

Community Council Role & Responsibilities

Cllr Mackenzie is to attend a meeting at Loch Leven Campus which will examine the report of the Government Short Life Working Group on Community Council Role.

Binn Eco Park

Community Engagement Meeting Cllr Arnold attended and reported that general consensus was that forum was working well and complaints re Binn Farm operations had reduced. Proposed increase in production/storage of wood pellets will result in an extra 8000+ vehicle movements per annum. All movements should be routed via Junction 9 of M90.

(Binn Eco Park)Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Cllrs Armstrong and Arnold attended. Also represented were Abernethy CC, Earn CC and Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo CC. The proposal is for 4-5 turbines, approx 120m high with planning application expected early 2013. Should this proposal reach fruition there may be a community benefit fund established. Public awareness meetings/exhibitions to be held in Abernethy & Glenfarg.

AOCB

1. Arngask Primary School Extended L&A report received and welcomed.
2. Correspondence received since last meeting has been circulated. No action required.
3. Department of Energy ongoing review on Wind Farms survey response time-scale not feasible plus relevance to Scotland questioned.
4. Cllr Johnston has been in communication with G Lawrie of TRACKS re issues of lack of maintenance of path Duncricvie chalets to Stables. Barbed wire on style to viewpoint reported. Ongoing discussions with landowners.
5. Newsletter – a request has been received from current advertiser for insertion of loose A5 leaflet. Agreed charge of £30 for this service. Cllr Armstrong will arrange with advertiser.
6. Ladeside/Main St junction parked cars – the danger from restricted visibility on exiting this junction has been raised with Police and roads department. Agreed no action. Residents and hotel users are encouraged to leave junction clear.

Next meeting 7th January 2013 at 7.30pm

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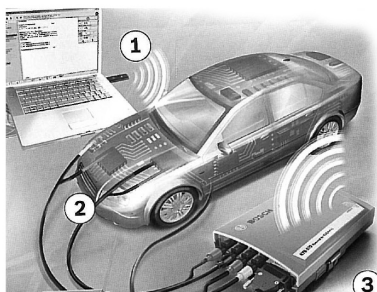
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Main Street: 11.15-11.30

Duncricvie: 11.35-11.50



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Recycling Points

Glenfarg: Arngask School car park for cans, paper and glass

Kinross: Causeway Car Park, Sainsbury's, Station Road, for cans, glass, paper and textiles.

Bridgend Industrial Estate Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Milnathort: Thistle Inn, Black Loan for cans, glass and paper

Orwell & Portmoak Church Office for cans, plastic, paper and ink cartridges

Perth: Tesco, Edinburgh Road for cans, glass, paper, textiles and books

Kerbside Recycling Service: Waste Collection Dates

Glenfarg

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Fridays 14th & 28th Dec and 11th & 25th Jan 2013

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Fridays 7th & 21st Dec and 4th & 18th Jan 2013

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Thursdays 13th & 27th Dec and 10th & 24th Jan 2013

Duncricvie

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Thursdays 13th & 27th Dec and 10th & 24th Jan 2013

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Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Saturdays 1st, 15th & 29th Dec and 12th & 26th Jan 2013