

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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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 next issue, please inform us with details by the 4th January to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of January.

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Healthy 2014.*

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Editorial



Another year is almost over and what a year it has been. The sun shone so much this summer that we quickly forgot all the Spring snow and frosts. Sadly however we lost some wonderful residents of Glenfarg this year, all who gave so much to this community and who will never be forgotten by their families and friends. Please continue to support their families, especially at this time of year.

This issue of the Glenfarg Newsletter has all the dates for your diary for a hectic Festive season PLUS the all important Village Store opening hours over Christmas and New Year.

Last year's Christmas Quiz proved extremely popular and so we've got another one this year but this year there are 5 prizes to be won instead of 3 and the total value of the vouchers has more than doubled from £50 to £105! Our thanks to Chrystal Petroleum of Cluny who have, once again, been very generous in sponsoring the prizes. What would you buy if you won a voucher? But you don't win if you don't enter and pop your completed entry into the collection box in the Village Store by **Noon 6th Jan 2014.**

Also in this issue are the results of the Glenfarg Conversation which makes fascinating reading and I hope you'll all go along to the Public Meeting in the hall on the 10th Dec and join in on the next stage. The full survey results are available on www.glenfarg.org where you will also find another fascinating read in the Minutes of the Glenfarg Development Committee, the forerunner of the community council.

I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Kate Armstrong

News from Loch Leven Health Centre

Christmas and New Year Closing

Over the Christmas and New Year period, Loch Leven Health Centre will be closed on the following dates:

Wednesday 25 th December	Closed
Thursday 26 th December	Closed
Wednesday 1 st January	Closed
Thursday 2 nd January	Closed

On all other weekdays over the Christmas and New Year period we will be open as usual from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.. Out of Hours cover for evenings and weekends is provided by NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service. They will also be providing emergency cover on the Wednesdays and Thursdays when we are closed. They can be contacted on our usual emergency number – 01577 865252. All calls will be recorded and we would ask patients to please only contact them with a medical emergency which cannot wait until we re-open. Thank you.

We would ask all patients to please make sure that they have sufficient medication to last over the Christmas and New Year period. If your medication will run out over Christmas and New Year, please ensure that you submit a request for your medication by Thursday 19th December. We receive a greatly increased number of requests at this time of year and therefore need a bit of time to process them all. Repeat prescriptions may now be ordered on line. If you have not yet signed up for this service, you can do so on our website: www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk

If you have sufficient medication to last over this period, please do not submit a request for more. Prescription requests are all checked prior to issue, and where it appears that sufficient medication has recently been issued, further requests may be declined.

The Nursing Team is in the midst of a change of personnel at present. Liz Walkingshaw, Carol Fullerton and Susan Allan are leaving us and we wish them every success in their new roles. We are delighted that two new nurses, Jerry Maggs and Heather Watters will be joining the Nursing Team in December and Sharon Porter will be taking on a Health Care Assistant role. It will take some weeks for them to settle into their new roles and clinics might be a bit restricted during their induction period but we hope that by early next year the team will back to full strength.

The doctors and all the staff at the Health Centre would like to take this opportunity to wish all their patients a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
1st Dec 9.30am	Christmas Gifts Service	Arngask Church
1st Dec 7.30pm	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
2nd, 9th, 16th Dec	Folk Club	Glenfarg Hotel
10th Dec	Public Meeting Glenfarg Conversation	Village Hall
13th Dec 7.30	The Lemon Tree	Community Cinema
15th Dec 6.30pm	Christingle Service	Arngask Church
18th Dec 10am	School Christmas service	Arngask Church
22nd Dec 9.30am	Morning Worship Sunday Club Nativity	Arngask Church
24th Dec 6pm	Carol Singing	Village Hall
24th Dec 11.30pm	Watchnight Service	Arngask Church
6th Jan	Term starts	Arngask School
10th Jan 7.30	Life of Pi	Community Cinema
26th Jan 7.30pm	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
27th Jan	Folk Club	Glenfarg Hotel

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
	6pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	8pm-10pm (in Winter)	Badminton
1st Wed of month	12.30pm-1.30pm	Soup and Chat
	7pm-11pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	7.30pm-9pm	Scouts
Friday	10am - 11am	Chair Exercise

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'

Janette Kirkland and her family would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers received since Jim died. She has been overwhelmed by, and appreciative of, the kindness shown to her.

Village Store

Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Christmas Eve 7am - Midday

Christmas Day CLOSED

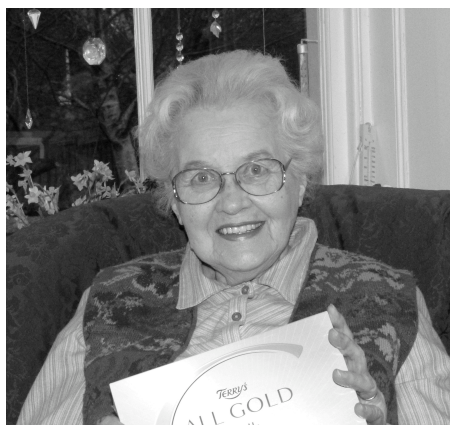
Boxing Day 9am - 2pm

New Year's Eve 7am - 3pm

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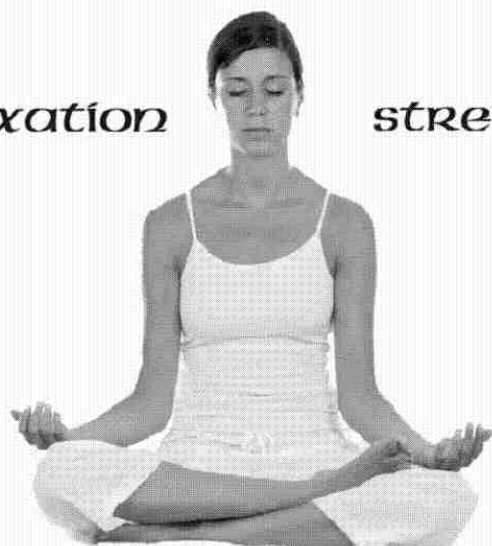




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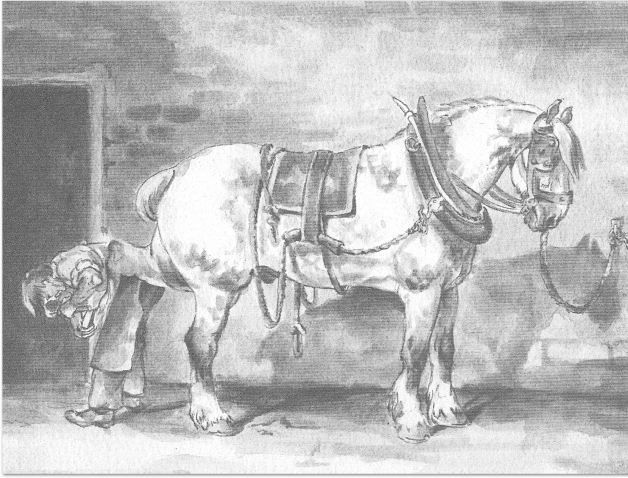


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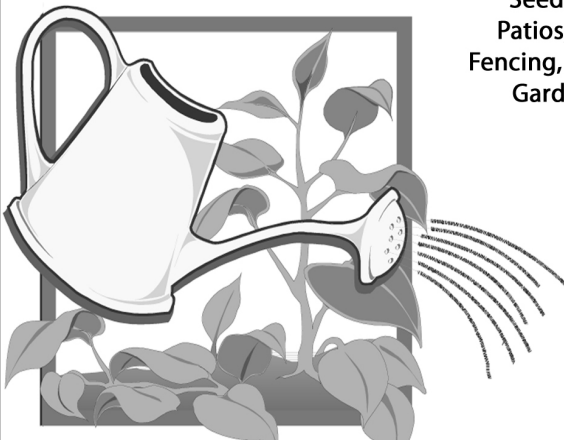


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On Thursday 10th October our speaker was Mrs Linda Retson, Federation Vice Chairman. Linda joined the Rural as a teenager and has been a Convener, Central Councillor and an Evelyn Baxter Scholar. She has many talents and brought along quite a few of the articles she had made.



October competition winners-

Bookmark--1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Helen Quartermaine; 3rd Sylvia Wall

Lemon curd--1st Lesley Murrison; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Liz Yull

Flower of the month-- 1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Margaret Scott; 3rd Liz Yull.

On Thursday 14th November the speaker was Ian Nimmo-White from the Tay Rail Bridge Disaster Memorial Trust. Ian spoke about the fateful journey from Edinburgh to its end in the middle of the Tay Rail Bridge and its aftermath.

The proceeds from the sales table, £86, went to the Memorial Trust.

November competition results-

Recycled article-1st Catherine Fairweather; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Ursula Stewart.

Flask of Lentil soup-1st Linda Stuart; 2nd Catherine Fairweather; 3rd Margaret Scott.

Flower of the Month-1st Sheila Harley; 2nd Linda Stuart; 3rd Allison Messenger.

Dates for future meetings

12th December--Entertainment from the Dunkeld Bell Ringers, All Welcome, visitors £4

9th January--A slide Show from Willie Shand

13th February--Bring Show and tell.

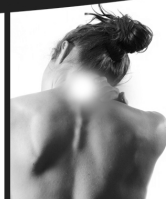
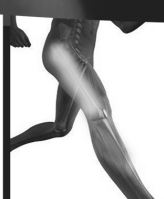
Visitors are welcome at all our meetings.

Margaret Scott

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Engagement



Geoff & Jan Winter are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Kerri-Louise to Barry McFadzean. The happy couple are planning to wed in May 2015.



That Village Store bag has been on its travels again.

This time in the company of Rosemary Johnston in Chitipa, North West Malawi, 500 metres from the Zambian border.

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Glenfarg Folk Club



FIFE SINGERS ROADSHOW

Monday December 2nd

Members £6 Non-Members £9

Jimmy Hutchison, Chris Miles, Pete Shepheard and Arthur Watson, all hugely well known and respected singers, perform as a fund-raiser for the Collessie Fifesing Festival held annually in May. Traditional singing at its best.

FORGAITHERIN

Monday December 9th

Members £5 Non-Members £8

A world premier with a difference! A fund-raising event for the Club, the night also gives the opportunity for 4 Club members to appear as new group, Forgaitherin. Singers Lesley Toner and Hamish Grant join forces with instrumentalists/singers John Reid and Hugh Toner to provide an eclectic mix of songs, close harmonies and tunes, ensuring an excellent evening's entertainment. So come and support the Club and the group and get the Festive Season off to a rousing start.

SINGAROUND

Monday 16th December

In the upstairs lounge All £3

The Festive Season, Christmas, and Winter all provide themes for tonight's singaround, the last event at the Club until the end of January. So, take the opportunity to enjoy a mince-pie, or 2, and sing ourselves into the season of goodwill. All welcome.

The Club is closed from 23rd Dec to 25th January.

Happy Christmas and a good New Year to you all
27th January, we re-open with a Burn's themed session/ singaround

Glenfarg RDA Awards

The Glenfarg Group of the Riding for Disabled Association has competed in two events this year. In August we attended the 5 day proficiency test “Holiday” held at Middleton Park Equestrian Centre in Leeds. There we rode from 10am to 4pm and also practised horse care. Everyone worked really hard on horses and ponies which we had never used before, making the tasks even more difficult. On the final day the riders were all tested and assessed on their work of the previous 4 days. Rachel and Jenny both received Gold with Paul and Pauline both taking Silver. Frayer, Beth and Emma, all of whom had never been to this event before, passed their Grade 4 and are looking forward to going for bronze next year. Since we all enjoyed ourselves so much we’ve all booked to go again next year. As the only Scottish group attending, our last night’s special supper treat was Haggis, Neeps and Tatties.





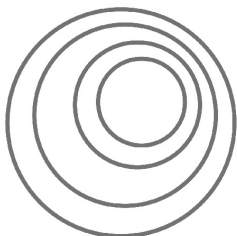
In September our group was invited to compete in the “Handy Pony Games” in Dundee. Four of our younger riders, Holly & Marley from Dunbarney School, Frayer from Craigie and Ross from Stanley, went along. After completing the Handy Pony course in Walk & Trot, all four received medals and certificates for Horse Care knowledge in which all scored highly. The Games in Dundee were most enjoyable and we hope to be invited again next year.

Thank you to all who made attendance at both events possible.

Angela Stocks
Group Instructor

Congratulations...

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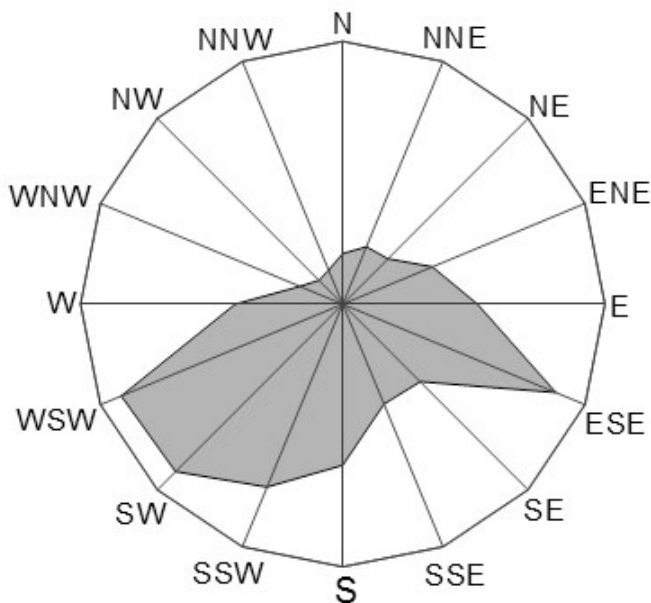
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Anyone seen Birnam Wood?

Does the weather affect the spread of wood land? Quite a few trees in Scotland distribute their seed by the wind, for example, Birch, Sycamore, Ash and Scots Pine. In a 10km/hr wind, sycamore seeds will fly over 60m from the parent tree. Most birch seed falls within 50m of the tree, but some seed will travel over one kilometre. My good friend, H. R. Oobit, has witnessed birch seed skiting over frozen snow, covering great distances.

The graph shows wind direction over the last three years, from September to October when most seed dispersal occurs. The dominant wind direction during this period is from the south west quarter. Which would suggest that around Glenfarg, the majority of seed would be blown towards the north east.



Now if trees were left to their own devices, the probable spread of saplings would be favoured in one direction over any other. Which, over time, would see the wood move along that wind driven path. In theory this steady progress would only be stopped by unfavourable terrain or a change in climate.

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Old Foggie

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- ❖ If you lost your electricity supply, how will you see in the dark? How will you keep warm? How will you cook food? Do you have a log burner or a coal fire? Do you have cylinder gas?

Think about having torches (and spare batteries) handy or camping type lanterns. Consider also camping gas cookers and portable gas heaters.

Do you have a caravan you could use or can you go to a relative, neighbour or friend?

Consider whether you need a portable generator and whether you want to be able to connect it directly into your electrical circuits (our local electricians can advise).

- ❖ Keep enough food, water and other essentials in your home to last at least 3 days. Tinned and dried foods are ideal as they have a long shelf life.

Remember, if you lose your electricity supply your refrigerator and freezer will no longer work.

Think about how you will cook/reheat food if you have no electricity.

Don't forget your pet(s) – keep a couple of extra tins of pet food in your cupboard.

- ❖ If you lose your electricity supply you will also lose your television, mains radio and probably your internet connection and landline telephone. So think about how you will keep in touch. If you have a mobile phone and a storm is forecast, keep it fully charged and use it sparingly in case the electricity is off for several days.

Do you have a battery powered or wind up radio so you can listen to local news and warnings? Again, don't forget to have some spare batteries.

Keep emergency telephone numbers handy: NHS 24, Scottish Hydro, Scottish Water, etc. (All these are listed in the Glenfarg Newsletter).

- ❖ Do you know how to turn off your water supply and your electricity supply in an emergency?
- ❖ Do you have a snow shovel and some salt readily available?
- ❖ Driving/travel: If the weather is really bad you should consider whether you need to travel. If you cannot postpone your journey:
 - Check the weather forecast and road conditions;
 - Allow extra time;
 - Take a fully charged mobile phone;
 - Ensure your car is ready for severe weather and consider fitting winter tyres;
 - In your car carry: an ice scraper and de-icer, a torch, warm clothes and a blanket, a first aid kit, battery jump leads, a snow shovel, food and a warm drink in a flask
- ❖ Finally, please remember Glenfarg is a **community**, we help each other: if it is safe to do so, check on your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly, alone, vulnerable or have young children. Help each other to clear snow, do shopping, collect medicines, etc.

Further advice can be found online at www.readyscotland.org. or pick up a booklet from the Village Shop (feel free to take an extra one to pass on to any vulnerable neighbours).

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Here rain, shine & snow!

*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!*

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Christmas Eve - 7am to 12 midday

Christmas Day - CLOSED

Boxing Day - 9am to 2pm

New Year's Eve - 7am to 3pm

New Year's Day - CLOSED



*Glenfarg Christmas Cards
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Pick up a copy of your Christmas & New
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Pre-order all your bakery needs for this holiday season. Mince pies, sausage rolls, quiches, pies, bread rolls, gateaux and speciality breads. All available for collection to suit you. Ask in store for details.

This festive season please remember those less fortunate. A collection point for the Perth and Kinross Food Bank is available in store. Helping to feed local people in crisis this Christmas.



Ho! Ho! Ho!



Russell, Mark & Joe.



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On Saturday, 21 September I had the pleasure of joining the Glenfarg bike ride outing to Glenn Clova, about 60 miles peddle cranking and chatting. The route took us over the Wicks o Baiglie through Bridge of Earn Perth and Northward via Scone, at which point I glanced at my wrist to check the time. My very nice Breitling chronograph watch, bought for me as a present in 1993 had vanished!



I asked around in vain and wrote an email to Bridge of Earn Police which remains unanswered.

By mid October I'd scoured the Wicks o Baiglie road a few times and got used to the disappearance. I wouldn't ever be spending that sort of money on a watch now - I have children. It's out of production anyway, the Swiss have gone electronic too.

Finally I called the Perth Police Lost & Found. Unbelievably, they had a watch there which

answered every description. I called in to find it unscathed and still ticking. My watch. Handed in by some delightfully considerate and community spirited people. Of course the Police were unable to give me any details of the finder, constrained as they are by our legislation of secrecy.

Owing to a grapevine security breach, (Pat Doran!) I would like to use this column to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Sue Sadler and Anne Sutherland for going out of their way to return this watch. The rest of the world, to where I'm constantly travelling, would be thoroughly unlikely to emulate this good example. It makes me appreciate the rare qualities of the sort of people living in Glenfarg.

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Glenfarg Community Cinema

India comes to Glenfarg

On the 8th November, for one night only, the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel opened its doors in Glenfarg. Dinner tickets were quickly snapped up, and guests sat down to an authentic Indian meal of Punjabi Lamb, Chicken Mughlai and Vegetable Aavil, accompanied by mango chutney, cucumber raita and spiced onions. Head chef, Margaret Ponton, explained about the regional variations in Indian cuisine and the meal was served by members of the Glenfarg Community Cinema.

More guests arrived, and a record audience of nearly 70 sat down to enjoy the film. Judging by the voting at the end of the night, the whole evening had been a huge success.

Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
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The Lemon Tree

The next film at our community cinema is an award-winning Israeli film based on the true story of a Palestinian widow who must defend her lemon grove when a new Israeli Defense Minister moves next to her and threatens to have her lemon trees torn down. Friday December 13th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Children's Christmas Show

Arrangements are being made to show a children's film just before Christmas. Look out for the details.

New Programme 2014

We had hoped to brighten up a cold January evening with the heart-warming Sunshine on Leith. Unfortunately, it looks like it will not be released on licence by then. So here is our provisional programme –

January 10 th	Life of Pi
February 14 th	Untouchable
March 14 th	Sunshine on Leith
April 4 th	In the Heat of the Night

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Glenfarg Development Committee Minutes



Glenfarg Community Council has recently obtained the Minute Books of its predecessor, the Glenfarg Development Committee. The original books will be held by the CC.

However, in order to preserve the originals whilst making the content more widely available, it was decided to produce digitised versions.

These will gradually be made available on www.glenfarg.org a year or two at a time. They will cover the period from 1925 to 1976.

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Entertainment, Music & Art

1. Who was No 1 in the pop charts at Xmas 2000 with “Can We Fix It?”
2. Name any one of the actors who has played “M” in the James Bond films.
3. Who composed the opera “Aida”?
4. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican?
5. The singer Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is better known as?

Scottish & Local

1. June 2014 will see the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. Who commanded the English army?
2. Name the coach company based in Glenfarg.
3. What is Scotland’s longest river?
4. To a mountaineer, what is a “Munro”?
5. On what date will the Scottish Independence Referendum take place?

Christmas

1. The song “White Christmas” was first performed in which 1942 film?
2. Who is generally credited with introducing the Christmas tree to Britain?
3. Who banned Christmas in England from 1647 to 1660?
4. What has the singer Brenda Lee been doing around the Christmas tree since 1958?
5. Jesus was born in a manger but what is a “manger”?

The World

1. Name the capital of Morocco?
2. Who is the General Secretary of the United Nations?
3. What is the highest mountain in Antarctica?
4. Which 2 countries make up the Iberian Peninsula?
5. In which country would you find the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat?

History / Recent Events

1. Name the cruise ship which struck rocks off Isola del Giglio, Italy in January 2012.
2. Name the only British Prime Minister to have been assassinated (so far!).
3. Who commanded the Royal Navy at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805?
4. What is the first name of the son born to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in July 2013?
5. In what year did the British Government first deploy troops to Afghanistan?

Sport

1. Who won the Men's Singles Championship at Wimbledon in 2013?
2. What is the highest score that can be achieved with 3 darts?
3. The runner Mo Farah won 2 Gold Medals for Team GB at the London Olympics – but where was he born?
4. In Rugby Union, what country do the "Pumas" come from?
5. Which Olympic sport bans the wearing of beards?

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 points are tied, entries will be drawn from a hat and the prizes awarded accordingly.

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

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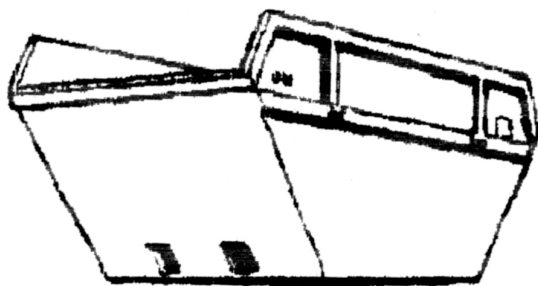


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No sooner had I told you about our Gold award from Take a Pride in Perthshire (TAPIP) than we were told that we had also been awarded Level 4 by the RHS Beautiful Scotland. This is the second highest award of the RHS. Well done everyone!

2014 will be a year of events, celebrations and commemorations and we hope to link some of our features with some of these. Perthshire will host the Ryder Cup which will promote our beautiful county around the globe and all the In Bloom groups will be playing their part. GDIB also have plans to create some very special displays and planting around the War Memorial on the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1. At the time of writing the plans for the South verge are not yet fixed but we remain hopeful that there too you will see a transformation.

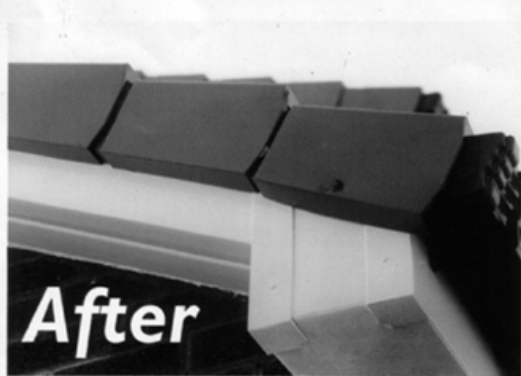
Our fundraising this year has been steady and we thank all who donate to the collection box in the shop, all who buy second hand books in the shop, all who came along to our Quiz Night and all who attended the Bridge Afternoon. Of course the helpers and the bakers also receive our grateful thanks. Our next big fundraiser will be the Open Gardens day on May 18th. If I haven't already spoken to you and you would be happy to open your garden, please contact me on 830343.

Next year's plug plants will arrive in April so again we ask that our greenhouse owners are ready with lots of TLC to see them through to June. Additional volunteers for this duty also welcome.

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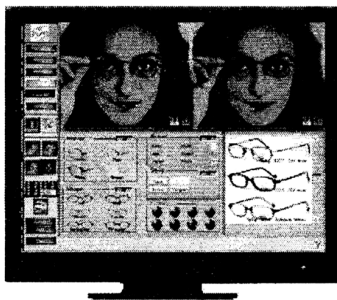
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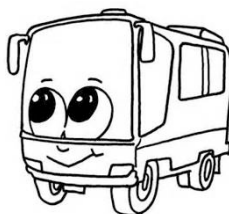
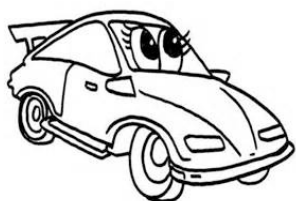
Thank you for taking the time to complete your 'Glenfarg Conversation Survey' and playing a part in the future of your community. The survey summary will be included in the Glenfarg Profile document which will be finalised at an open meeting on 10th December in the Village Hall.

The full survey results are available on www.glenfarg.org

The survey was completed by 15.7% of the village – 24.7% of these were by people aged 25-49, 44.2% aged 50-64 and 31.2% over 65. Disappointingly there was 0% response from residents under the age of 25.

The replies to questions 3, 4 and 5 relating to working status and travel can be found on

www.glenfarg.org



Question 6 of the survey asked what residents value and appreciate most about the Village.

Out of the 51 responses to this question:-

34 people mentioned Glenfarg is – ‘friendly’, ‘has a community spirit’, ‘sense of community’, ‘supportive neighbours and friends’.



14 answers included amenities ie. Shop, Hotel, Garage.

3 responses mentioned the school.

The general feel was that the community appreciates the wide range of activities on offer and the efforts of the people organising and running these.

Question 7 asked ‘What would you like to change about your community?’

Overwhelmingly the community would like to see the demolition/ redevelopment of the Lomond Hotel.

Other comments included:-

The provision of retirement housing.

Reduction of speed limits.

More local footpaths / cycleways.

Improved public transport.

Upgrading of Wallace Park.

Community energy project.

Communication.

Full list of comments available on www.glenfarg.org

Questions 8/9. What do you think are the priorities for the community of Glenfarg?

The priorities for the community have been made clear by your opinion and comments. Improvement of community buildings and land is a high importance, mainly due to the desire to see the site of the Lomond Hotel redeveloped.

The responses that were received came from a cross section of the community with varied interests.

In order of priority, the highest rated 10 issues in need of consideration are:

1. Improve the appearance of the Village.
2. Add to and improve the local network of paths/cycleways.
3. Improving energy efficiency.
4. Conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.
5. Improving sports and recreational facilities.
6. More or enhanced activities/services for young people.
7. Improving community buildings and land.
8. Community renewable energy schemes.
9. Provision of care services.
10. Activities/services for older people.

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Questions 9/10. The Current upper limit of awards from the Lochelbank Fund is £2000 per application. Do you think this should remain the same?

52.2% of responses thought this should remain the same.

Questions 11/12. What local activities do you take part in?

The survey responses came from a wide cross section of the community with representation from all the Village organisations excepting the under 25 groups.

Question 13. What other activities would you like to see happen in the Village?

11 responses to this question included mention of walking / cycling / gym equipment.

Various classes were suggested including:-

Theatre / drama. Youth Club. Evening classes. Allotment group. Dancing. Quiz league. Handicrafts. Music events.



SURVEY CONCLUSION

The Glenfarg Conversation Survey, which can be viewed in its entirety on the village website www.glenfarg.org, has produced some very interesting and illuminating answers and perhaps for some a few new questions!

The factual answers have added to the basic data in our Village Profile; the remaining more subjective answers have turned out to be quite fascinating.

Of particular note we must be especially pleased at the overwhelming appreciation of the extent to which our community enjoys a high degree of community spirit and friendliness. Also mentioned with high praise were the amenities of our 'place' - the Village Store, the Hotel, the Garage and the School not forgetting the Church and the Village Hall. These are all the things which go together to make up our community and these, added to our pride and appreciation of the community spirit makes Glenfarg a place really worth living in and doing things to maintain and improve it.

The principal object of the Survey was to establish, for the Lochelbank Community Benefit Panel (LCBP) and any other funding bodies, a clear and factual indication as to what Glenfarg is and then what it seeks to do, over the coming years, to maintain and improve for the benefit of its inhabitants. The survey has given plenty of guidance in this respect and will provide us all with the necessary guidance for our plans and actions in the future.

The top priority was 'Improving the appearance of the Village'. From the numerous comments it is concluded that the removal or redevelopment of the Lomond Hotel is the main driver in most peoples' minds at the moment.

'Adding to and improving the local path network' came in at second

place and this choice will not only maintain the attention of the LBCP but will also come to the notice of the 'Tracks' committee and P&KC.

'Improving energy efficiency' and 'Community renewable energy schemes' also rated highly (third overall) and their prominence in your answers illustrates the importance that you attached to them. This gives a clear mandate to those wishing to pursue energy related proposals within the village.

The survey sought not only to establish the 'High' priorities but it also asked for 'Medium ' 'low' and 'not important' views. The answers you gave give clear direction for any groups within the Community who should look for guidance and support for projects and future development.

It is now up to Glenfarg to respond by getting its collective act together to make sure that it produces projects that meet with the indicated preferences and which LCBP and other funding bodies can see their way to supporting. The survey and the Profile will provide the rationale for these funding bodies to make decisions as to who and what they will support.

Members of the Glenfarg Conversation

PUBLIC MEETING

10th December

Village Hall

7.30pm

The Glenfarg Conversation

Scout Group Family Camp

An advance party of six scouts and the leaders headed to the Barr Wood, Forth Valley Scouts camp site on the Friday night to set up camp. It was a dry evening with enough of a breeze to keep the midges away. Knowing the weather forecast the scouts were given two man “force ten” tents which they found challenging to pitch.

The fires were easily lit and breakfast cooked. Eliot demonstrated just how hot the pot handles get by melting a hole in his fleece taking the pot off the fire. After breakfast the scouts joined the Forth Valley Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for flag break on the Saturday morning, Struan was asked to join the flag party.

The cubs and beavers arrived with their parents and pitched their tents before joining the scouts for an orienteering game that took them to the far corners of the campsite. Robert had them struggling on the scavenger hunt, asking them for a sycamore leaf – there are no sycamores on site. Beth found some tiny frogs and Mitchell a brilliant green caterpillar with huge eyes.

After lunch the scouts, cubs, beavers and parents were divided into teams to build an obstacle course in the woods. The scouts, cubs and beavers then raced each other round the course.

The scouts organized the cubs and beavers to help with the fire lighting and cooking the evening meal, a choice of chicken curry and rice with hot nan breads or chilli con carne and rice with quasidillo. This was followed by cake and custard. The adults sat back while all the youngsters washed and dried the dishes.

We had a walk out to the ice boulder before joining the Forth Valley cubs, scouts and explorers at the campfire. The camp site is so big that we had not been aware of how many other people were there until we joined them at the campfire.

The rain started during the night and by morning everything was soggy. Andrew held a patrol box lid over Robert so that they could light a fire.



Robert, Andrew, Eliot, Grant and Aidan cooked the breakfast bacon on the open fire. It is the first time that I had seen so many flash fires in the pans and the scouts after the first couple of pan fires just kept cooking.

Flag break was held in the barn, followed by a Scout's Own. By the time the leaders, scouts, cubs and beavers returned to the tent Debbie had organized the other parents and the dishes had been done. The scouts tried teaching the beavers knot tying before they all went back to the barn to use the climbing wall.

The rain eased off before lunch allowing the tents to be struck and the trailer packed without additional water getting in everywhere.

Christine Morton

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Dear Friends,

These are auspicious times for Abernethy and Dron and Arngask as the congregation looks forward to 17th November, the Sunday when the Reverend Moira Herkes will preach as Sole Nominee. (By the time you receive this letter the event may well be past and Moira will be waiting to be inducted as your parish minister.) This is also a time of increasing activity for all of us as Christmas looms large once more; the time for presents, parties, spending; the season for increased time for family and friends, and above all, the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I know for an increasing number of people 25th December and the weeks before have become no more than a Winter Festival, but it is still for many of us an occasion to wonder at God's amazing love that he should take upon himself frail human flesh and dwell among us. What greater affirmation of human worth could there ever be? I am certainly looking forward to Advent as I get ready for Christmas, but it will also be tinged with sadness as this will be my last Christmas in this parish. May I wish everyone all that you wish for at Christmas, and may we all experience a suspension of disbelief, if only for a moment, to allow the Christmas message to touch our hearts.

Rev Duncan Stenhouse
Locum Minister



Baptism

A large gathering of family and friends joined the congregation in Arngask Church on Sunday 20th October to witness the Rev Duncan Stenhouse baptise Iona Maria Senga, infant daughter of Joanna and Deryk Angus.

Christmas at Arngask Church

Sunday 1st December -

Christmas Gift Service at 9.30am

Sunday 15th December -

Christingle Service at 6.30pm

This is a service for families, children are encouraged to make their own Christingles and bring them along to the service. Find out how to make a Christingle by going to <http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-appeals/christingle/what-christingle>

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Wednesday 18th December - Arngask School Christmas Service in the Church at 10am

Sunday 22nd December – Morning Worship at 9.30am

(Sunday Club will perform the Nativity)

Christmas Eve - Carol singing in the **Village Hall** at 6pm, followed by mince pies, mulled wine and juice.

Christmas Eve - Watchnight Service in Church at 11.30pm. **There will not be a service on Christmas Day**

From Sunday 5th January, morning service at Arngask Church will start at 11am.

There are no dates set for January as yet but, following the congregation voting on 17th November for the Rev Moira Herkes to be our new minister, we expect her Induction Service will be held mid-week some time around the middle of January. This service will likely take place in Arngask Church.

Fire Safety

Stewart Nelson, Home Safety Officer with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, is coming to Glenfarg!

Stewart will talk about Fire and Home Safety and explain more about individual home safety visits.
Electric blanket testing can be organised as part of individual home safety visits and can be arranged from this session.

Glenfarg Village Hall
4th December 2013
1.30 pm onwards

(following the Soup and Chat group)



Please contact
Margaret Weir at
Healthy
Communities
Collaborative on
01738 473718 for
more information

POPPY SCOTLAND APPEAL

2013

A huge thank you to those in the community of Glenfarg and the surrounding area who so kindly supported this year's Poppy Scotland Appeal.

The amount raised throughout the Glenfarg area was £280.00 - £253.00 of which was donated at the Village Shop.



Be assured this money will be put to excellent use to provide help and support to veterans and their families.

Thank you again.

Kate Arnold

for
Poppy Scotland

MINUTES OF THE GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: CCLrs MacKenzie (Chair). Watson (Sec.). Vaughan (Tres.) Armstrong, Johnston, Macpherson, Arnold, Ponton

BY INVITATION: Cllrs Barnacle & Giacobazzi

There were 3 members of the public present.

APOLOGY received from Cllr. Robertson.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2/9/13

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by CCLr Johnson and seconded by CCLr Vaughan.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Cheques from the fete proceeds have been distributed and letters of thanks received.
2. The letter of support requested by the Tennis Club has been endorsed and sent.
3. Verge cutting priority areas have been forwarded to PKCC.
4. Heritage Trust are interested in clearing and tidying the area surrounding Arngask Church and have requested details of the land owner to proceed as they have support from PKCC. This had been sent.
5. A letter has been sent to KLEO to offer the Glenfarg marquee. The KLEO committee have not had a meeting to discuss this as yet.
6. Lomond Hotel update. There was an article in the Courier. The building standards officer visited the site and is going to contact David Craigie. The barrier is at a safe distance from the building to

constrain any falling debris. Funding has been secured for partial demolition of the building and new plans are being submitted for the site. CCLr Vaughan will contact Isobel Butt, Building Standards Officer at P&KC. A letter will be sent to David Craigie by the GCC, mentioning the high priority given by residents in the Glenfarg Conversation survey to removing what has become an eyesore, but also offering the support of the GCC in any way that may progress the matter.

7. 1st WW Commemoration – CCLr Johnston has contacted the school. This item to be included in the Agenda for the January meeting.

POLICE REPORT There was no report submitted and no Police attendee.

TREASURERS REPORT

GCC – Balance of Account £8749.20 Expenditure £36 rent of Village Hall. Restricted £6011 Glenfarg Nursing Association.

NEWSLETTER – Balance £4031.68 Expenditure £290 printing cost for August issue and £44 to Glenfarg Community Cinema – shortfall relating to fete funds distributed to community groups. Shop donations and advertising £236.

School Fund £741

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £13,481.08 at November 2013

Christmas Lights P&KC have undertaken the installation of the brackets and connections on the lamp posts. Lights will be erected nearer Christmas. Date tbc but they are scheduled to come on during the 1st week in December.

PLANNING

Current and granted applications have been circulated.

Springhall - application for access to the land behind the buildings

A Meteorological mast for Binn Farm.

Phases 1 and 2 of Stephens development have been passed. The Village request for consideration on a mini roundabout at the entrance to the site has been rejected. Consideration should be given

to moving the 30mph limit to the bottom of Caulfield Brae. There is provision for 2 lit bus shelters at either side of the main road close to the entrance.

An appeal has been lodged against the refused application at Tillyrie.

Shell are being consulted regarding the Stephens development, although they own the furthest away of the pipelines, the Shell one carries the most volatile material.

GLENFARG CONVERSATION

CCLlr Ponton gave an update of the progress of the 'Conversation' committee including a brief history to the reasons for the survey. A public meeting will be held in Glenfarg Village Hall on 10th December to discuss the findings.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FUND

A Public access defibrillator (PAD) is to be purchased and positioned centrally in the Village. This will cost c.£1500. The balance of the fund will be discussed at the January meeting.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE

Caroline Waring, the Fire Brigade and Ineke Watt to be contacted to coordinate the progression of a talk on fire safety in the home and the checking of electric blankets by the Fire Service.

HISTORICAL MINUTES OF THE GLENFARG DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minute books from 1925-1976 of the Development Committee have been given to the Village. CCLlr Macpherson will digitalise these and keep safe. Copies will be available for download from the website.

CORRESPONDENCE + AOCB

1. The War Memorial - Concern noted re water coming off fields possibly underlining the surrounding wall. Unclear as to how this

might be resolved. P&KC will not, at this stage, point the surrounding wall. War Memorial Trust to be approached to establish what they might support.

2. The village road markings have been refreshed but Duncrevie and Drunzie have been missed.
3. The kerb and pavement alongside the 'Drysdale development' is dangerous, with a 5inch drop where new services had been buried. CCllr Arnold to speak to Planning & Road Safety Depts at P&KC. (Post Meeting Note - this has now been rectified)
4. The memorial service will be at 4pm on Sunday following the 3pm Church service.
5. The fete committee have requested an open meeting to discuss the distribution of fete funds. It was agreed to hold a joint village meeting on 10th December, when this matter and the Glenfarg Conversation Survey results could be discussed. (Following the meeting, the Glenfarg Conversation group rejected this proposal and retain the 10th December date for the Survey meeting. CCllr MacKenzie has agreed to chair the Fete Proceeds meeting some time in the new year.)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th January 2014, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

PUBLIC MEETING

10th December

Village Hall

7.30pm

The Glenfarg Conversation



Glenfarg



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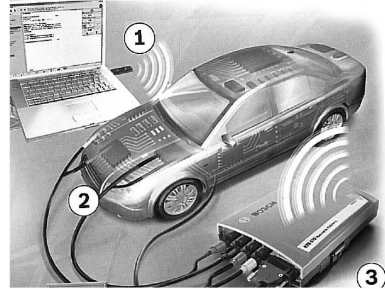
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Doctors' Surgeries

Loch Leven Health Centre, Muirs, Kinross - 01577 862 112

Out of Hours linked with NHS 24 - 01577 865 252

The Surgery, Main Street, Bridge of Earn - 01738 812 000

NHS 24 Out of Hours - 08454 242 424

Mobile Services

Library

The van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays: 4th & 18th Dec and 15th & 29th Jan and stops at:-

Arngask PS: 9.30-10.15

Hayfield Rd: 10.15-10.30

Ladeside: 10.30-11.15

Main Street: 11.15-11.30

Duncricvie: 11.35-11.50



Bank of Scotland

Stops at Glenfarg Hotel

Tuesday 10.45-11.00

Mobile Post Office

Stops outside the Old Joiner's Ladeside

Mon 11am-12noon;

Tues 12.45pm- 2.15pm;

Thurs 11am-12noon; Fri 12.45pm - 2.15pm



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: Dates subject to change due to holidays

Glenfarg

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

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Fridays 6th & 20th Dec and 3rd, 17th & 31st January

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Thursdays 12th & 26th Dec and 9th & 23rd Jan

Duncricvie

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Thursdays 12th & 26th Dec and 9th & 23rd Jan

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Thursdays 5th & 19th Dec and 2nd, 16th & 30th January

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Saturdays 14th & 28th Dec and 11th & 25th January