

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 1st of March to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of March at the latest.

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Welcome to John, Jan, Glen, Emily & Mac Hewitt of The Glenfarg. (page 10)

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Editorial



Sadly this will be my last Editorial as I'm signing off with this issue.

When I took on the responsibility over 2 years ago I had always hoped that it would be a short term commitment but life never works out the way we plan. However this year will see me on holiday or with other commitments at the crucial editorial times of the year. I have loved doing the job and I'm sure the new editor will be more than capable of taking on the role.

The vacancy advert is on Page 15 so please give me a call just to find out what's involved. I certainly couldn't have done the job without the fantastic support of our previous editor, Cara, others for technical support, "roving reporters" who pass on snippets and, of course, all the contributors of photos and articles. There's no Newsletter without them.

This issue has been easy to complete even though some of our regular features are missing. There is just so much going on in Glenfarg.

Please check out page 35 which is the start of the planning for this year's Village Fete. Would you like me to arrange the weather again, just like last year? Ah, if

only we could. No matter, we'll still have a wonderful day.

Also worth remembering is that the Folk Feast is just around the corner, a time when Glenfarg has visitors from all over the country. Let's make sure our village is ready with a warm welcome.

Speaking of welcomes, we have new Mine Hosts at The Glenfarg and some recent house sales in the area have seen the arrival of new residents. We wish all of them happiness in this thriving, busy, bustling, active community.

Sadly though with every house sale we invariably lose some of our treasured residents. To them we say Goodbye, good luck and please keep in touch.

At this time of year we also welcome back all our advertisers and thank them for their continued support. We also have some new advertisers. So remember always read every page and don't miss out on any events or local services.

I'll finish with a very personal thank you to all the contributors and the Newsletter team who have made my job so pleasurable for the pst 2 years. Thank you.

Kate Armstrong

Thank you

.....from Glenfarg Riding for the Disabled Association group to the congregation of Arngask Church for the kind donation of the monies collected at the Watchnight Service. We like to encourage all our riders to progress their fullest potential and will use the monies to buy rosettes and badges for our Proficiency Tests. Thank you once again.

Pat Scotland (Chairman)

.....from the whole community to John Allison, our local electrician, for fitting the new defibrillator free of charge.

Happy 90th Birthday

Many congratulations to Jock Hutt of Duncrievie who reached the magnificent age of 90 on the 9th December. Jock was born at Glenraig near Lochgelly, Fife and went down the mines at the age of 15 years. He later worked in agriculture and in 1951 moved to Duncrievie where he bought his cottage for the princely sum of £400! He retired in 1984.

Congratulations



...to James and Catherine Mason on the birth of their baby girl, Moira Anna, a lovely playmate for big sister Isabella.

Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
Feb 8th 2 - 4pm	Defibrillator awareness training	Village Hall
Feb 5th	Soup & Chat	Village Hall
Feb 14th	Valentine's Day	See page 11 The Glenfarg
Feb 19-21	School Holidays	
March 1st	Wine Club Show	See page 19
March 3rd	Community Council Meeting	Village Hall
March 5th	Soup & Chat	Village Hall
March 9th	Hog Roast (from lunchtime)	See page 11 Downstairs @ The Glenfarg
March 14th	Cinema	Village Hall
March 16th 11.00	Holy Communion	Arngask Church
March 23rd 10.30 11.30	Parish United Service Annual Stated Meeting	Arngask Church
Every Monday	Folk Club	The Glenfarg
Last Sunday of month 7.30pm	Wine Club	The Glenfarg
April 11th - 13th	Folk Feast	Various
June 14th	Village Fete	Wallace Park

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'

Christmas Craft Day in aid of Macmillan Nurses

A very big thank you to my many helpers and all those who came along on the day to make this such a successful event for such a worthwhile cause.

A special thanks to Alice Blaikie who very kindly made and donated the 'Prince George' polo player and pull along horse. Back in November it was decided to raffle this and the lads in the village store kindly took this on until 20 December. The raffle alone generated £236 and combined with the other monies managed to take the total to £706 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The raffle tickets were drawn in the village store on 21 December by Mark, Lindsay & Charlie and the winners were as follows:



Prize winners

1st Knitted Prince George with his push along Horse - Callum Lambie

2nd £25 Argos voucher - Bob Doig

3rd £15 Glenfarg Village Shop voucher - Lynda Stuart

4th 5 lines in the Xmas Euro Draw - Pam Kinnaird

5th Family tin of Roses - Kenny Loudon

Many thanks again to all who helped make this such a successful event

Lindsay Kinnaird

Meet The New Mine Hosts

(and Sid the pug)

2014 is the year of the Homecoming, and making their way back home to Scotland from the Isle of Man are John & Jan Hewitt. Glenfarg is delighted to welcome them as the new owners of The Glenfarg. Also coming back home is 14 year old Emily and making a new home is 6 year old Mac (and who can forget Sid the pug). The team is made up by Glen, their nephew, who has joined as assistant manager.

Jan, a Fifer and a self confessed foodie, has an extensive background in hospitality and business, working with large hotel groups and running her own businesses. We can almost call John a local as he hails originally from Kinross. While working with the Bank of Scotland he also worked in various bars & restaurants and has a passion for making sure the customer experience is a great one. Glen grew up in the hospitality industry as his dad, John's brother, owned the Dornoch Bridge Inn in Tain. Glen has now achieved qualifications in Catering and Hospitality, again ensuring great customer service at The Glenfarg.

Our roving reporter asked John & Jan why they chose Glenfarg, to which John replied "We knew that the village itself had a great community spirit and that the hotel had real potential to deliver. We knew how busy it used to be and felt that with some hard-work and determination we could restore it to its former glory." He continued "Our plans are simple - to get The Glenfarg back in to the heart of the village, to deliver the service everyone wants and make sure the village has somewhere to be proud of."

As for the younger members of the Hewitt clan, Emily has already settled in at Kinross HS and Mac is making new friends at Arngask PS. Even Sid the pug seems at home already, proud to be the only pug in the village!

We all wish the Hewitt family all the best for their future in our village and, from early reports, a warm welcome awaits us all at The Glenfarg.

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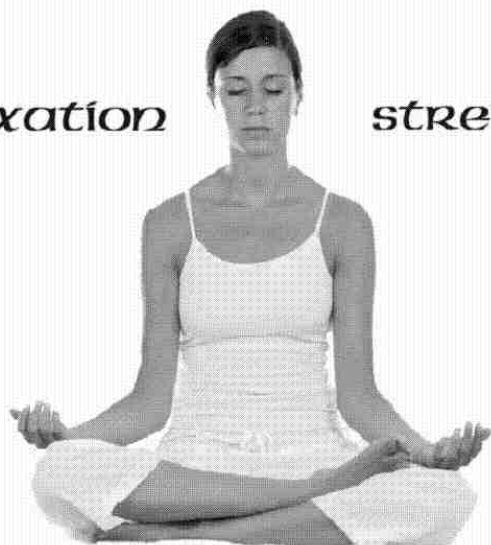


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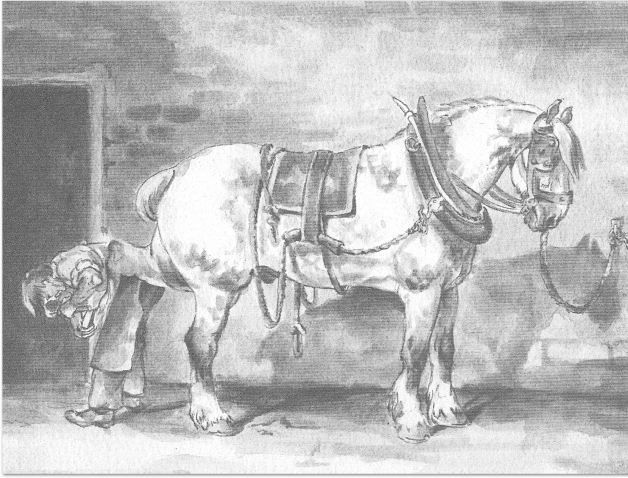


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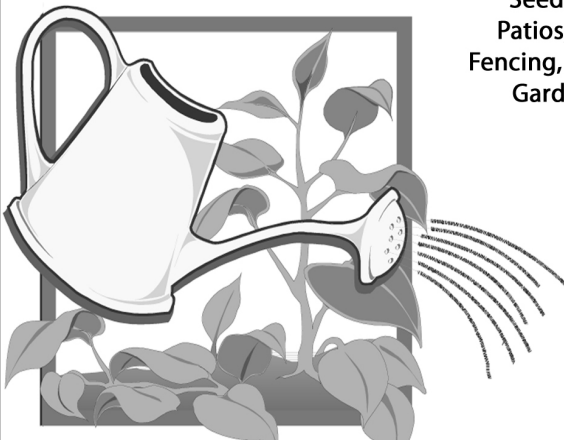


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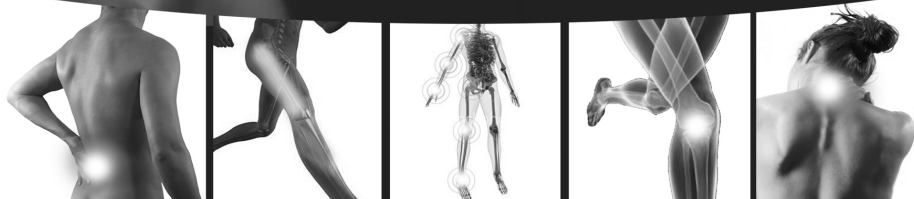
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Arngask Primary School

School hours

The school day now starts at 9am and finishes at 3.15 pm.
The Nursery sessions have changed to 9 am to 11.30 am and from 12.45pm to 3.15 pm.

PTA

The Christmas Fayre was a great success. Thank you for your support, donations and for attending the event. The total raised to date is £605.86. Thank you to the PTA members for all your hard work. Thanks also to the village shop for providing the Halloween prizes and Derek Alexander, Bellfield Organic Farm, Abernethy for supplying the pumpkins.

Book Sale

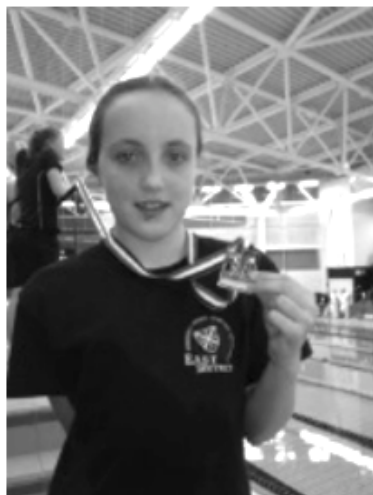
The Book Sale held on Wednesday 13th November raised £26. Many thanks to Mrs Imrie and the children in P3/4.

Curling

Primary Seven pupils have participated in the second of three curling taster session at Kinross rink. The remaining session will take place on 17th January 2014.

Swimming achievement

Congratulations Niamh Moloney for winning the Tayside Scottish School Swimming championships for the 50m backstroke. She also won silver in the freestyle achieving her own personal best in both races. She will compete in the Scottish Finals in January. Good Luck Niamh!





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GLENFARG NEWSLETTER : CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Winners & Answers

Congratulation to the winners of the Newsletter Christmas Quiz:

- 1st Prize (£40 Voucher) : Ivor Gordon
- 2nd Prize (£30 Voucher) : Maureen Lambie
- 3rd Prize (£20 Voucher) : Ann Caudrey
- 4th Prize (£10 Voucher) : Margaret Ponton
- 5th Prize (£5 Voucher) : The McAinsh Family

Two entrants scored 30, seven scored 29, eight scored 28. The remaining entrants ranged from 24 – 27. How did we manage before computers?

The draw for the prizes was made by Duncan Cameron in front of witnesses.

The answers were:

Entertainment, Music & Art: 1. Bob the Builder; 2. Bernard Lee, Robert Brown, Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes and others; 3. Guiseppe Verdi; 4. Michaelangelo; 5. Lady Gaga.

Scottish and Local: 1. Edward II; 2. Earnside; 3. River Tay; 4. A mountain in Scotland over 3,000 feet; 5. Thursday 18th September 2014.

Christmas: 1. Holiday Inn; 2. Prince Albert (but also accepted Queen Charlotte); 3. Oliver Cromwell/The Puritan Government; 4. Rockin'; 5. A feeding trough for animals.

The World: 1. Rabat; 2. Ban Ki-moon; 3. Mount Vinson; 4. Spain and Portugal; 5. Cambodia.

History/Recent Events: 1. Costa Concordia; 2. Spencer Percival; 3. Horatio Nelson; 4. George; 5. 1838/39*.

Sport: 1. Andy Murray; 2. 180; 3. Somalia; 4. Argentina; 5. Boxing.

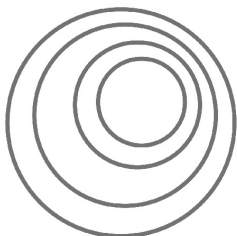
*This was the question that caught most people out. The British Government **first** ordered troops into Afghanistan in 1838, the invasion started in the spring of 1839. The withdrawal in 1842 turned into a rout with virtually the entire military force of 4,500 and some 12,000 camp followers being killed by Afghan tribesmen or succumbing to the freezing conditions. Of the 16,500 who left Kabul, the only Briton to reach Jalalabad and safety was Dr William Brydon. The British also invaded and fought in Afghanistan in 1878-1880 (2nd Afghan War) and 1919 (3rd Afghan War), again with heavy losses to British forces. It makes you wonder if today's politicians have ever read a history book!

Dave Arnold



Editor's note

Special thanks to Dave and Kate Arnold who put the quiz together and obtained the sponsorship from Chrystal Petroleum to fund the prizes. (One prizewinner generously donated their voucher to Foodbank.)



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The Glenfarg Conversation highlighted the top priorities that local residents felt were important for the village. The third most important area highlighted by local residents in that survey was to do something about energy saving and renewable energy.

Now a new association has been set up in Glenfarg to promote energy saving and renewable energy projects in the village and surrounding area. This association is a response to the priorities expressed in the Glenfarg Conversation survey.

A small group of interested locals have set up the new association - and would like to invite others interested in this high priority work to join them.

Starting with an open meeting in the Hall, the opportunities to save on energy bills through conservation will be presented. There is always more that can be done to economise on fuel – through better insulation, reducing consumption, buying more efficient appliances and using them more efficiently. This meeting will make professional advice and practical help available locally. Watch out for notices advising on date and time in due course.

Besides working to help residents to reduce energy use, the association will be looking into all the various ways

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in which renewable energy might be sustainably produced locally. The community is already benefitting from one source of renewable energy – wind power at Lochelbank. The fund established through this project is providing valuable support to many Glenfarg organisations. Elsewhere a number of smaller windpower generators have been installed. Many residents have installed photovoltaic panels on their roofs, and there is a programme to install solar thermal panels too. Other residents have switched to heat pumps or wood fuel for their heating needs. Many of these sources of “green energy” are supported by finance from the government. Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association will look into these and other opportunities which might generate power locally; either to reduce energy bills directly, or indirectly through selling power through the National Grid. It is intended that the association provide a local point of contact where you can find out more about the government’s green energy programmes.

If you are interested in supporting the work of this new association then please get in touch with one of the founding members: Cedric Wilkins, Simon Morton, Alistair Johnston, Tim Corcoran and David Aird. They will be able to let you know when the next meeting of the association will take place and what the plans are for the future.

Church News

A letter from your about to be minister!



Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Parish Church of Scotland

I am writing to you as though I were already the parish minister, but that does not happen for another two weeks, but for reasons of time and printing I have to put pen to paper, or nowadays, keyboard to screen.

However by the time you read this, we may have at least shaken hands at the church door. I am looking forward to the Induction service on January 21st, and I do hope the extremely cold weather which is presently in the United States does not interfere with that night. I have discouraged the congregations of Glencoe and Duror from hiring a bus in order to attend that service, it would not be sensible to risk 90 miles of late night travel on icy roads, but a number have booked accommodation in or around Glenfarg or Abernethy, so I am delighted about that.

The manse has been redecorated and looks really good, I hope that once the new parking area is complete, you will feel able to visit; I have always had an open-door policy in whatever Manse I have been living in. Of course with the reduced percentage of ministry we are now involved in, I will from time to time, take a few days away in my camper-van, this is a great way of travelling when you have dogs, as it means you can visit friends, but they do not have to put up with muddy paws in their house, and there is no need to hunt for dog friendly places to stay.

I know of some concerns that I am only employed on a 70% basis, but that does not mean that you only get 70% ministry. My commitment to the parish is 100%, just as it has been in Glencoe and Duror, where the same system operated, in fact slightly less than 70%. Therefore, although this is a new experience for you as a congregation, I have had more than two years of this kind of ministry. We do not worship alone, we have the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit, and if we need reminding about how to cope with challenge and change, we need only read the scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation there are stories of new ways of living in faith, hope and love.

With my very best wishes
Moirra Herkes

Christmas Sale -

A total of £1211 was raised at the Christmas Sale held in Glenfarg village hall on Saturday 30th November. Thank you to all who donated items or helped on the day and to everyone who came along and helped to make this a very successful event. Prize winners were - Christmas cake - Jean Davidson Whisky - Margaret Ponton. Hamper winners were Innes Dow, Margaret Cleet, Kirsty Johnston, Sandra Gourlay, Murray Kinnaird, Ian Scott, Gilmor Nicoll, Sandy Cumming, Alex Middleton, Janette Kirkland, Jenny Whyte, Muriel Bell, Donald Connolly, Robin Lambie, Heather McConnell and Elspeth Campbell.

Christmas at Arngask Church

The offering taken at the Christingle service on Sunday 15th December in aid of the Children's Society amounted to £73.30p.

A large turn out of parents and friends attended the Arngask School Christmas service held in Arngask Church on Wednesday 18th December.

At the morning service on Sunday 22nd December the Sunday Club children performed the Nativity 'The Christmas Star'. They were later joined by the children from Abernethy Sunday Club for a joint Christmas Party, the children all mixed well and had a great time, which rounded off with them singing Away in a Manger for Santa who came along with gifts for all the children. Despite the inclement weather a large gathering attended the Christmas Eve Carol singing in the Village Hall.

Representatives from various organisations within the village took part in the Nine Lessons & Carols at the Watchnight Service which was lead by our locum Minister the Rev Duncan Stenhouse. The retiring offering taken at the in aid of the Glenfarg Branch of Riding for the Disabled amounted to £95.50p.

PLEASE NOTE: Church Service Times at Arngask Church will start at 11am as from Sunday 5th January.

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter I will no longer be Locum Minister and you will have welcomed Rev Moira Herkes into your congregation and community.

I would simply like to take this opportunity to say how much I enjoyed my time in the parishes of Abernethy and Dron and Arngask. There is so much good work taking place to build up community both within the congregation and in the wider community. I was particularly impressed by the Summer Fete, which, for once was blessed with good weather.

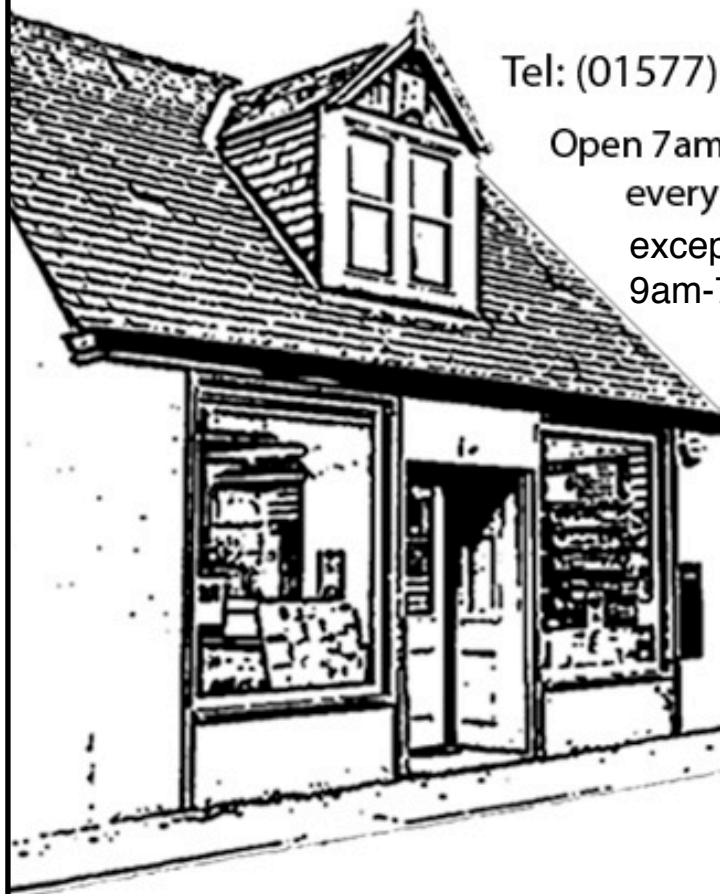
May I wish you all a blessed future as you continue to work together to make Arngask Parish a welcoming place to live. And one small plea: give your new minister some time to settle in.

With every blessing,
Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Diary Dates

Sunday 16 th March	Service of Holy Communion 11am
Sunday 23 rd March	Parish United Service 10.30am Arngask Church
	Annual Stated Meeting 11.30am Arngask Church

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After felling the Norway Spruce trees at Woodlands we had a large number of tree tops left over - many of which have made great Christmas trees. This year, we thought it would be a good idea to collect money for charity instead of selling the trees.

Thanks to the generosity of local people, we collected £100 for Home Start Perth - a charity which provides support and friendship to families with young children that are going through difficult times. We also were able to give £60 to the charity Medecins sans Frontieres which is active in many of the war zones around the world, organising medical support through volunteers with the right experience.



A very big thank you to all those that gave so generously in exchange for their tree this year.

Cedric and Heather Wilkins, Woodlands.



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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom

I see you all now, gazing at your 2014 GDIB calendar and dreaming of the wonderful days ahead, daffodil covered spring days and long summer days filled with the scents of roses and new mown grass.

Well stop dreaming! Get your wellies on and get out there. Join in with the volunteers of GDIB who maintain the Glenfarg & Duncrievie environment. There's always something to be done and February will kick off with the major clean up of the pond. We all love the pond but without voluntary regular cleaning it could be lost as a major attraction and asset of our village.

There are also benefits for you by joining in - fresh air, new friends and a real sense of achievement. Think back over only 6 years - remember the scruffy area at the North end of Main Street, remember the overgrown walls, the hidden bridge in Duncrievie, the litter strewn park & paths. Do you want to go back there or do you want to see the lovely displays along the path from Duncrievie, the daffodils along the verges, the hanging baskets in summer, the ducks on the pond? Please help whenever you can and maintain and improve our environment. Contact Irene on 830441 or myself on 830343.

Our tasks are certainly not all what could be described as gardening as John, Eric and David will testify. Their winter project continues in the restoration of second hand planters and making new hanging basket stands. So there's work for the non-green fingered as well. Let us all TOGETHER make 2014 a blooming good year for Glenfarg & Duncrievie.

Thank you to all who bought a GDIB calendar and to the Village Store for selling so many for us.

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If you haven't been involved before, but have an idea for a stall or other attraction, please do get in touch; we'd love to hear from you.

Could you please complete and return the form (copy it out if you don't want to cut your newsletter), or simply e-mail the details, as soon as you can, but no later than 28 March, to Jan Macpherson, Lyndhurst, Ladeside or jan.macpherson@glenfeargach.co.uk.

Even if you've been doing the same stall for a hundred years, or met someone in the street and told them what you're doing, we'd be very grateful if you could still send the information in as requested, so that everything can be kept together.

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Baby and Toddler Group

We are delighted to report that the Group has grown with several new members now coming along on a Wednesday morning to the Village Hall. We're a very friendly, informal group - the children have lots of great toys to play with, and the parents/grandparents and carers have a chance to catch up and have a coffee too! We had a busy few months - with our annual



Halloween party which the children dressed up for. Santa also came to our Christmas party with presents for some very excited (and some very scared!) toddlers. We've even had a visit from the local Early Years Development Workers who brought some arts and crafts activities - all the messy play we avoid at home!

Finally, a huge thank you to the Glenfarg Ladies Circle who chose us as one of their charities this year for their fundraising efforts when Santa came to the Village in December - these are much appreciated and we intend to use them towards some new toys for the babies in the group.



All new parents/carers and children are very welcome to join us - just come along every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am.

Leigh Hunt
Secretary

Glenfarg gets its own PAD (Public Access Defibrillator)



Hopefully you will have noticed the green box attached to the outside of the village shop.

It is a PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) that the Glenfarg Community Council has funded. The owners of the Village Shop kindly agreed to it being positioned on their property - a visible and central position in the village.

Why does Glenfarg need a PAD?

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the UK's biggest killer - over 250 people die every day
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere without warning
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- When defibrillator arrives press Green on-button - listen carefully to and follow instructions given by the PAD – it talks you through everything you need to do and has visual aids to guide you
- Time Counts – don't delay **YOU** can do it!

The cabinet which houses the PAD is security tag sealed but unlocked. During the day you will notice a green flashing light and white LED's flash at night to show location and a **loud alarm** and flashing red LED's come on when the cabinet is opened.

What next?

An awareness training session will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 8th February from 2pm - 4pm**. All are welcome – from those with first aid/medical training to those with no first aid knowledge.

Grateful thanks from the whole community goes to our local electrician, John Allison, for fitting the PAD free of charge. Thank you John.

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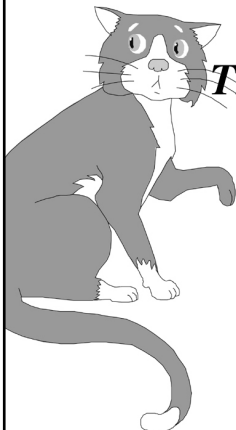
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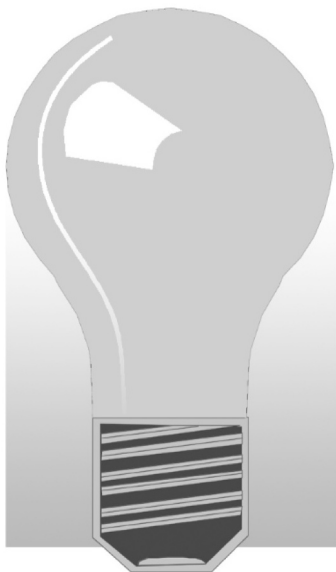
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Glenfarg W.R.I.

At an open meeting held on the 12th December entertainment was provided by the Dunkeld hand bell ringers. The group of 12 provided the music for various Carols and the entertainment was finished with a solo piece by Heather, their leader.



December competition winners

Christmas Cracker 1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Lynda Stuart

Sausage Rolls 1st Lynda Stuart; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Liz Yull

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

Thursday January 9th Willie Shand from Crook of Devon gave a interesting slide show where we travelled up the glens of Highland Perthshire and got the history of every place we went to.

January competition winners

Photograph 1st Sylvia Wall; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Lillas Johnston.

3 Porage oat biscuits 1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Lesley Murison; 3rd Margaret Scott.

Pot plant 1st Helen Quartermaine; 2nd Liz Yull; 3rd Allison Messenger.

Dates for future meetings

13th February--Bring, show and tell. (bring any item and tell the story behind it)

13th March--Sylvia Troon Puppets

11th April--No meeting (visit to Theatre on the 18th)

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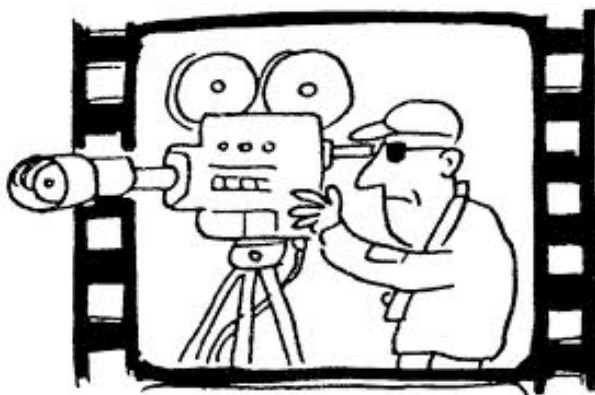
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“Arthur Christmas” at the Glenfarg Cinema

Now in its second season, Glenfarg Community Cinema once again decided to put on a children's Christmas film show. This time, the idea was to provide entertainment for the afternoon of the last day of term. The school was very helpful in the organisation and soon there was a rush for tickets. In fact, we reached the maximum allowed by the cinema licence so had to disappoint some children.

Plans were made to fetch the children from the school and provide them with lunch in the village hall before the film. However, it quickly became obvious that the children weren't the only ones who wanted to celebrate the end of term. So we decided to also provide mums / dads / carers with a place to chill out. And chill out they did, bringing wine and chocolates - but also sustained by soup and an enormous cheese board provided by the cinema committee.

The show began with P6/7's own videos, which they had written, produced, directed and acted in themselves. Such was their enthusiasm that their teacher extended the project beyond the original idea, which just involved the writing and planning, to allow them to carry through each plan to a final product. So we had the pleasure of seeing 4 different stories, which involved driving round Glenfarg, escapades in the hotel and hall, sword fight in

The Avenue and Balvaird Castle and much more fun and drama. Each video was greeted with loud cheers from the audience. The videos will now be shown to the adult audiences at the Community Cinema's monthly film night.

The main film, Arthur Christmas, seemed to suit all ages, and at the end - as Arthur delivered the final present to the one child who had nearly been missed and watched the delight as it was opened - you could have heard a pin drop! How wonderful to think that in a few days time, our audience would be opening Santa's presents too. Then it was the scrum to find coats, hats, bags - and of course "Mum" or "Dad" – before heading home.

Many thanks were expressed to the Cinema Committee for all their hard work in putting together this unique event.

Life of Pi

We began the second half of our season with the award-winning film based on the book by Yan Martell - the story of an Indian boy apparently marooned at sea in a lifeboat with a tiger and other animals. Fortunately for the actor, the tiger was a computer animation. But for the audience it was entirely realistic.

Here are the results of the votes –

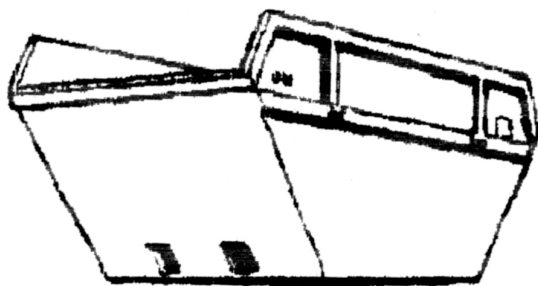
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Please Note “Sunshine on Leith”, which was originally planned for January, will now be shown on March 14th. This is due to the late release of the licence.

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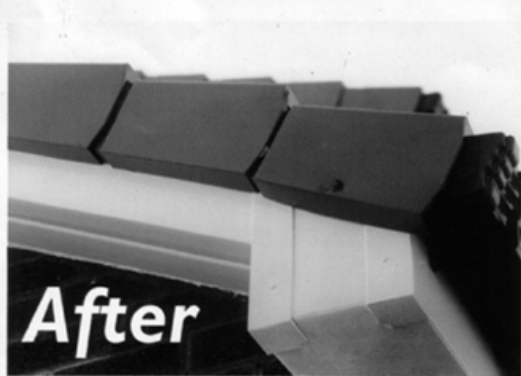
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SINGAROUND Monday 3rd February

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At this time of year, when our thinking is not at its sharpest, let's dispense with a theme and come along and sing or play anything that takes your fancy. All welcome whether performer or "listener".

CHRISTINE BOVILL Monday 10th February

Members £5 Non-Members £8

Christine is a hugely popular artiste at Glenfarg and has an enthusiastic following amongst our members. She has a truly wonderful voice, and her renditions of her own songs or those of other artistes are invariably memorable. In addition to her Piaf shows, she already has two wonderful folk/acoustic CDs to her name and we await the imminent launch of her third with some excitement. It is with great pleasure that we welcome her back again.

SINGAROUND Monday 17th February

All £3

Being so close to Valentine's Day, Love has to be the theme for the night, although songs of any subject are, as always, just as welcome. Come and participate whether singer, musician or "listener".

PAUL McKENNA Monday 24th February

Members £5, non-members £8.

A wonderful singer and interpreter of songs both traditional and modern, we welcome Paul back to Glenfarg. He has performed here before both solo and as leader of his own brilliant band. His voice and guitar playing will ensure an excellent night's entertainment.

QUICKSILVER Monday 3rd March

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We welcome back the incredibly talented duo of Grant Baynham and Hilary Spencer to provide tonight's entertainment. Maybe not folk music as it is usually known, but the legendary guitar playing and comedy skills of Grant and Hilary's fantastic voice guarantees a night of huge fun and exciting musical arrangements. Don't miss this great introduction to Spring.

BARLUATH. Monday 10th March

Members £6, non-members £9.

A truly innovative and exciting Glasgow-based band whose repertoire includes both traditional and contemporary music from Scotland, Ireland and America, we welcome Barluath to the Club for the first time. Danny Kyle Award winners in 2012, these five young musicians and singers will undoubtedly do the business!

SINGAROUND Monday 17th March

All £3

Come prepared for any subject/topic or theme; tonight will be a compere-led theme with stings in the tail, as the theme will change at the sadist's whim! Fear not, as a fun night is guaranteed. All welcome whether participant or not.

ROBIN LAING Monday 24th March

Members £5 Non-Members £8

A warm welcome back to the very well known Robin Laing. Originally from Edinburgh, his recording career as a singer/songwriter took off with his first CD 'Edinburgh Skyline' in 1989 (including the much performed "Isle of Eigg" and "Ulysses"). He has continued to write and perform beautiful songs with influences ranging from Hamish Henderson to Bach. In recent years his passion for whisky has led to no less than four CDs of songs on the subject and his additional fame as 'The Whisky Bard'.

SINGAROUND Monday 31st March

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The onset of British Summer Time gives us the theme for the night as being Time. So any song associated with time in any shape or form will fit the bill nicely. As always however, any song will be welcome, as will any participant

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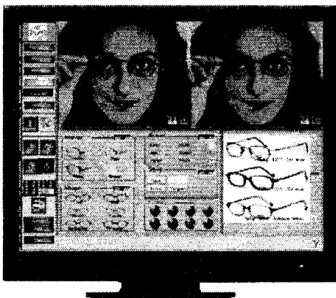
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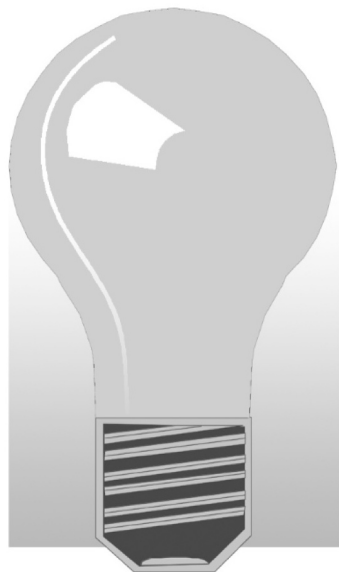


The bag spent Thanksgiving in LA – conveying purchases from the local Ralphs store in North Hollywood and then travelled on to spend New Year in Palmerston North, New Zealand with some of the wonderful agapanthus blossoms this time.

Both countries encourage shoppers to bring their own bags so the store bag comes in very handy.

New Zealand must be the furthest that the bag has been so far or is it? Please tell us and attach your photo.





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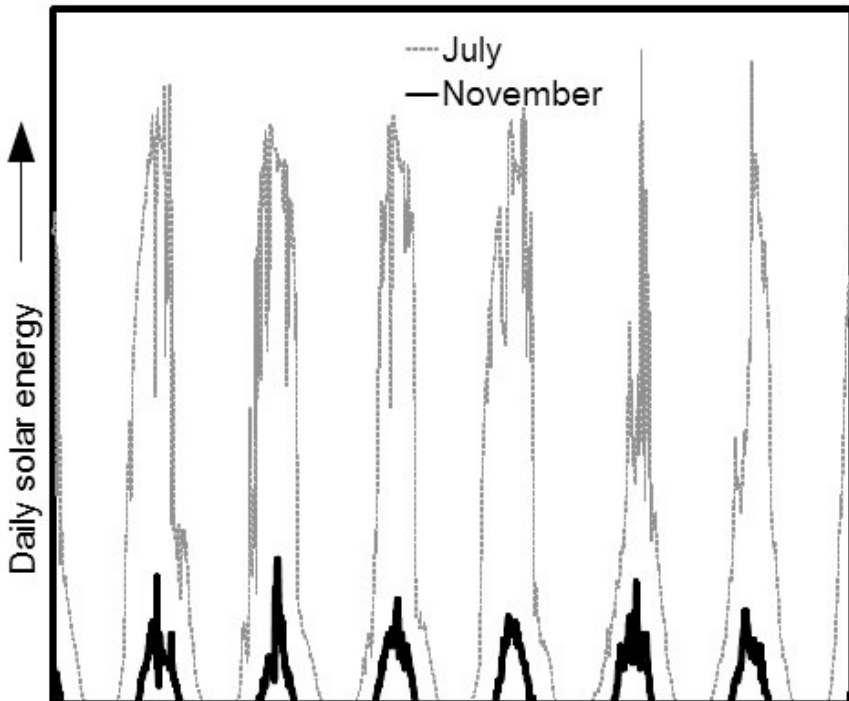
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Happy Solstice

The 21st December is an important day in the weather calendar. It is the winter solstice when Glenfarg (and, of course, the rest of the northern hemisphere) is the furthest from the sun. The earth spins around the sun on a tilted axis. So for half of the year we are relatively closer to the sun and for the other half, further away. On two days in the year, the equinoxes, we are mid way through this progression when length of day equals length of night.



The consequence of being tilted away from the sun means that the sun does not rise as high in the sky in winter and its rays must also pass through a thicker layer of our atmosphere. The result is that we receive less energy making the weather appreciably colder. The graph shows the difference in energy received in Glenfarg from a typical week in July and from a week in November. Although some losses are due to shading, the difference is quite striking.

At the time of the winter solstice, temperatures are still pretty high around the equator. Lands near the equator receive about eight times as much energy from the sun as we do. As well as vacuums, nature abhors variations in temperature and a lot of our weather comes about from the mixing of warm tropical air and cold polar air. The battle line where this occurs is in the North Atlantic. Warm air from the south rises above cold from the north in huge volatile anticlockwise spirals. The results are a doleful looking Tomasz Schafernaker and the all too typical wet and windy weather which we have experienced a lot of this winter.

But don't despair. The winter solstice has passed and we are gently tilting back towards the sun. Look forward to the 21st June, the summer solstice, when we will once more relive the warm, balmy weather of a Scottish summer.

Old Foggie

Marindin Park, where does the name come from?

When Stephens built the houses at the North end of the village, I wondered where the name for the development came from and why it was used. If you were also curious, read on!

The road was named after a wealthy benefactor to many local charities: Major General A.H. Marindin, D.S.O., C.B., of Fordel. The Marindin family owned both Fordel and Easterton; Easterton being occupied for some time by Miss Eve Marindin, daughter of Maj Gen. Marindin. The original name of the Fordel estate was "Paris", hence the name of the Paris Bridge over the motorway.

Maj. Gen. Marindin was commissioned into the Black Watch (RHR) as a Lieutenant in 1891 and served in the army from then until 1919. At the final stage of World War I he was a Brigadier General in charge of the 35th Division.

In 1895, while serving in Mauritius, he became frustrated that the new, more accurate, personal weapon of his men (the rifle) was hampered by the inaccuracy of defining the distance to targets. With that in mind he devised an optical Range Finder. It was successful in a competition, held between 1902 and 1906, to define the Range Finder to be used by the Army. Unfortunately due to a disagreement between the specifiers of military equipment (the Ordnance Department) and the users (the War Department, who wanted to use the Glasgow-produced Barr & Stroud Range Finder) virtually no Range Finders were ordered, which meant we went into World War I with very few in service!

An example of his Range Finder can be seen in the Black Watch Museum by Bell's Sport Centre in Perth. Stop for lunch or a coffee in the excellent Café and you will see a large painting of the Battle of Waterloo, painted by W.B. Woolen in 1815, on the end wall. The picture was bought with a bequest from this famous son of the Regiment; to the end his primary enthusiasm was for his old regiment, whose museum benefited greatly from the magnificent collection of relics and prints which he bequeathed to it. If you haven't been to the Museum recently you should go, it was reopened after a complete refurbishment last July and is a fascinating insight into our local Regiment. With its free parking and close to the centre of the town, it is also an ideal place for a quick lunch!

Maj Gen. Maridin also published a book (when a Captain) on the Salamanca Campaign in July 1812 during the Peninsula War. Wellington's army of 48,600 suffered 5,200 casualties during this action, but inflicted in the region of 14,000 casualties on Marmont's 50,000-strong army and was probably Wellington's most impressive military success up to that time.

Coming much closer to home, however, he was also a benefactor in the village. He gifted the ground for the football pitch behind the school for the use of the school for sports. It is quite fitting that the road named after him finishes at the start of his bequest.

Major-General A. H. Marindin, D.S.O., C.B., died in 1947.

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Newcomers to Glenfarg Say “Thank you!”

When Brian and I married in 1975, we moved to Wiltshire on his Army posting. Brian was born and grew up in the Isle of Man and we'd met in my native Perth. We always intended returning to the area, if not once Brian's Royal Artillery service was complete, then definitely on retirement. In mid-November we finally took possession of our home in Glenfarg. As anyone will tell you, if they've been through the process of selling a property in England and buying one in Scotland, it can be difficult and we were very lucky that we sold our house to people with no house to sell and we bought an empty property.

We would like to thank the many people who have made us feel so welcome, so quickly. Despite not exchanging contracts and missives until the day before completion of our sale and purchase, we managed to put in a last minute order through the oil buying syndicate, and 1000 litres was delivered the day after completion and just two days before we actually moved in!

Within 48 hours, we had received gifts of wine, flowers and cards plus invitations, and I was delighted to find that at least two fellow Soroptimists live in the village. Having researched Glenfarg on the internet, it was heartening to see that it is such a vibrant community

and we feel settled and at home already. We've been to the Winetasting Club, which resulted in an invitation to a Hogmanay party, and I've been to KADAC, "the Rural" and a couple of Soroptimist meetings in Perth, where I've made even more friends. Thank you to neighbours, villagers, the very helpful men at the shop and the "posties" too!

Tradesmen have been swarming through the house during the last two months, and we think they have all been the hardest-working men (and a woman) we have ever come across. Without turning this into an Oscars-type list, all I will say is that the local roofers, plumbers, electricians, shed manufacturers and erectors, plus others who came from farther afield to do other work, have all been outstanding – so thank you to them as well.

Brian and I feel we will be very happy in Glenfarg and look forward to making even more friends.

Alison and Brian Harrison, 16 Elm Row

Editor's note - You're very welcome Alison and Brian and I wish you health & happiness in your new home. I'm sure you'll continue to enjoy your (hectic) retirement here in Glenfarg.



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GLENFARG FOLK FEAST 2014

Glenfarg Village Folk Club's 36th annual Folk Feast will take place on 11-13th April. As usual, the Club has organised a full weekend of fabulous music with two great concerts, a fun-filled ceilidh, sing-arounds, informal sessions and workshops. Other attractions include the ever popular original song competition, a children's event/concert and the famous World Puff-a-Box championship.

The Feast will begin on Friday 12th April with the ceilidh in the Village Hall featuring the popular Fife band, Clamjamfry. Thereafter, there are two outstanding concerts on the Saturday and Sunday evenings featuring several well-known artistes including Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies, always a hugely popular band at Glenfarg, The Shee, a truly



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Those bands are interspersed with three other great acts, Bruce and Walker, Jennifer Crook and Gerry Creen.



An Edinburgh based childrens' duo, Its In The Bag, will host the Sunday afternoon show.

Further information about the Feast and the artistes can be seen on the Club's website www.glenfargfolkclub.com.

Tickets can be ordered:

via the ticket hotline 07473 931 440

or via email - tickets@glenfargfolkclub.com

or via mail to Lesley Toner, 57 Westfield Avenue,
Cupar KY15 5AA

(the request by mail should include an SAE and cheques should be made payable to Glenfarg Village Folk Club).

A weekend of fun and the very best of folk music are guaranteed.

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of public meeting held on Jan 6th 2014

Present

CCllrs MacKenzie (Chair), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson & Ponton

By Invitation

P&K Cllrs Giacomazzi & Robertson

Apology

Community Police Officer Allan

Members of Public

There were 4 members of the public present

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by CCllr Johnston and seconded by CCllr Ponton

Matters arising

1. Arngask Old Church - As GCC will not be proactive in this project it is being left to Friends of Perthshire Heritage Trust.
2. Marquee - KLEO will take on the marquee and insurance. It will remain in present storage until first use after which it will be stored by KLEO.
3. Fire Safety - The fire safety officer attended the Soup & Chat and gave a talk on fire safety in the home. He then, on request, made arrangements to visit 10 homes.
4. Fete Meeting - A public meeting to discuss and agree Fete Funds distribution will be held on Jan 28th. CCllr MacKenzie has agreed to chair the meeting but it will not be a Glenfarg Community Council meeting.
5. Wall at War Memorial - the remedial work required to the wall at the War Memorial will be examined by officials from P&KC.

Police Report

As no police officer present, CCllr MacKenzie highlighted from report - a) theft of a scrambler bike from Main St, b) speed check carried out on Duncruevie Road, c) reminder of need to secure all out buildings, d) warnings of need for vigilance when using cash machines , e) bogus workmen.

Full Police Report available to view on www.glenfarg.org.

Neighbourhood Watch signs now in Drunzie.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account balance - £6,799.80 (includes restricted £4,511 Glenfarg Nursing Association)

Expenditures - Hall rental, Micro-grant payments, PAD and CCllr travel expenses

Newsletter account balance - £3,946.77

December issue expenditure £290 printing cost. Income from shop & advertising £209

School Fund £741

Christmas Lights - P&KC yet to invoice for installation & storage (estimated £500)

Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) - John Allison will install at shop - cost to be confirmed. Community Council agreed that a donation of £200 be made to East Neuk First Responders for their help in purchase of PAD and their awareness training. Also agreed that an annual donation of £50 be made to the shop for electricity and site.

Nursing Association Fund - ongoing discussion

Newsletter Fund - As this continues to accumulate it was agreed that this be used for production of village promotional material e.g. paths & cycleways leaflet. Advice to be sought from P&K Countryside Trust. Tim Corcoran and Cedric Wilikins to be invited to lead and involve John Hewitt, the new owner of The Glenfarg

Glenfarg Conversation

Working groups set up to address Village Hall, Wallace Park, Sustainable Energy and paths/cycleways.

Planning

One application received since last meeting - renewal of consent for polytunnels at Binn Farm.

Approvals - Laundry Cottage at New Fargie, extension at Woodside modification, Springhall Farm accesses and new house at New Fargie. Stephen's Development - no change

First World War Commemoration

CCllr Johnston reported on record found in Church which showed names & ranks of those from parish who went to war, names & ranks on return or on death. He is working with the school on a recording, analysing and reporting project with a possible exhibition on completion.

Lomond Hotel

GCC chairman wrote to David Craigie offering assistance but has not yet received a reply. Cllrs Giacobazzi & Robertson are to meet Building Control officers in an attempt to have problem resolved before the fears of the community, i.e. injury to person or adjacent properties, are realised.

Emergency Plan

CCllr Arnold reported on his work to date in preparing a draft Emergency Plan for the area. This plan will address all aspects and responsibilities during an emergency. It contains local maps, lists of resources, communication methods, locations of fire hydrants and other possible requirements in addressing an emergency. CCllr MacKenzie thanked CCllr Arnold for his work to date on this valuable resource.

Correspondence

All correspondence received and sent has been copied to all CCllrs. No action required.

AOCB

1. Flooding at crossroads and at North end of Main Street - Recent heavy rainfall has caused a recurrence of flooding at crossroads.

Dispute between Scottish Water and P&KC re liability continues. Cllrs Giacopazzi & Robertson will investigate and report back to GCC.

2. Neighbourhood Watch - £54 payment for signage made from CBF Micro Grant
3. Resident W Ross spoke on changes to opening hours at Loch Leven Campus library and expressed his grievance that public and Community Councils had not been consulted on the changes. Cllr Giacopazzi reported that there had been an increase in library services in Kinross since pre Campus time and that mobile services to rural areas had also been increased. It was agreed that the CC write to P & KC expressing concern about the failure to consult with Community Councils on the matter.
4. The Community Council has received a report "The Ochils – A Special Place" from a member of the public and has noted its contents.
5. CCllr Armstrong advised that due to holidays and family commitments for the remainder of 2014, she will be unable to fulfill duty of Newsletter Editor beyond Feb issue. All to seek possible replacement and an advert will be placed in Feb issue. Newsletter Review meeting to be scheduled early Feb.
6. Glenfarg Development Committee - Volumes 1 & 2 minutes from 1925- 1976 have now been digitised and are on the website www.glenfarg.org . Personal digital copies on memory stick may be obtained from CCllr Macpherson £5.
7. Potholes - several reports of potholes throughout area. Cllr Robertson urged that these be reported to P&KC (Clarence)
8. Speeding - A number of concerns were expressed and it was suggested that a Speedwatch exercise be undertaken. Road Safety Officer to be invited to attend next meeting.
9. Christmas Lights - many favourable comments received and consideration to be given to increase in future years.

Next Meeting - March 3rd 7.30pm

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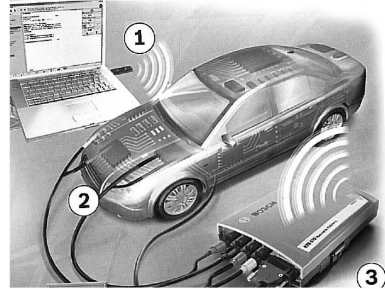
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Hayfield Rd: 10.15-10.30

Ladeside: 10.30-11.15

Main Street: 11.15-11.30

Duncricvie: 11.35-11.50



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Recycling Points

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