

# 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. **Thank you.**

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# Editorial

A happy New Year to all our readers. I know it's a bit late but since the first issue of the year is published in February it's the first chance we have here at the Newsletter.

We have many talented people in Glenfarg and one such is Donald MacKenzie, amateur photographer. Donald completed a long time ambition to visit and photograph Yosemite. Donald has given the newsletter permission to use some of the stunning photographs which form part of his photographic essay on Yosemite. The picture on the front page is one of his and shows 'The Three Brothers'.

Alison Harrison tells us all you ever wanted to know about chocolate and Leigh Smith reveals the story about the candles on the birthday cake.

Jim Ashton gives another of his popular series on walks close to Glenfarg. In this edition we journey to the 'Bonnet Stane' and 'John Knox's Pulpit'.

Read about the evening when Tabla came to Glenfarg in Margaret Ponton's account of a very popular pop-up restaurant in the Village Hall. Included in the article is a recipe for one of the dishes served that night.

The joys of compiling a quiz - I had a lot of fun devising the Christmas Quiz but I now realise that the questions have to be very carefully defined.

Here are some of the problems that arose concerning various entries.

The Beatles question: my answer is George Harrison for 'My Sweet Lord' but much depends on which reference is used. This question was voided.

The daylight question should have said - 'in the UK' and Michael Shumacher has a corner named after him in Nuerbergring as well as Bahrain. Both were accepted. Oh well, you live and learn.

Robin Watson

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# Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
1st February	Soup And a Chat	12.30pm Village Hall
6th February	Folk Club - Dave Gibb	Backstage at The Green
9th February	WRI Hands on Crochet with Mary Ramsay	7.30pm Village Hall
10th February	Community Cinema 45 Years	7.30pm Village Hall
18th February	Antiques Fair	9.30am- 3.30pm Kinross Community Campus
20th February	Folk Club Quicksilver	Backstage at The Green
27th February	Folk Club Damien Barber & Mike Wilson	Backstage at The Green
1st March	Soup And a Chat	12.30pm Village Hall
6th March	Community Council Meeting	7.30pm Village Hall
9th March	WRI - Help Where it Is Needed - Erskine Hospital	7.30pm Village Hall
10th March	Community Cinema Life Is Beautiful	7.30pm Village Hall
13th March	Folk Club - Tony McManus	Backstage at the Green
17th March	Pop-up Pub Paddy's Night	Glenfarg Village Hall
27th March	Folk Club - Pauline Alexander & Sandy Stannage	Backstage at The Green

# A Village Hall for All

A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Zumba Gold</b>
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	<b>Rainbows</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Guides</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	<b>Badminton</b>
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	<b>Soup and Chat</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</b>

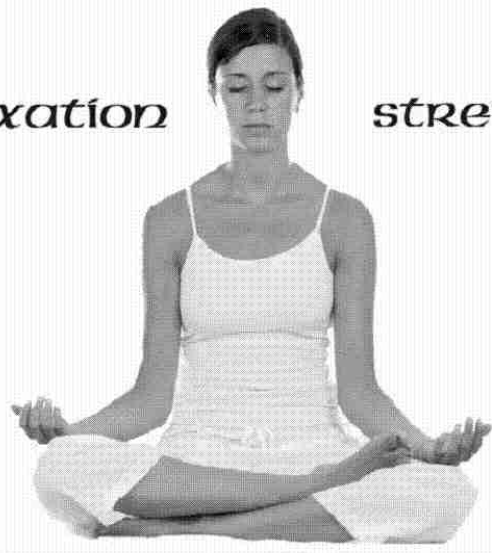
To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website  
[www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)  
 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'



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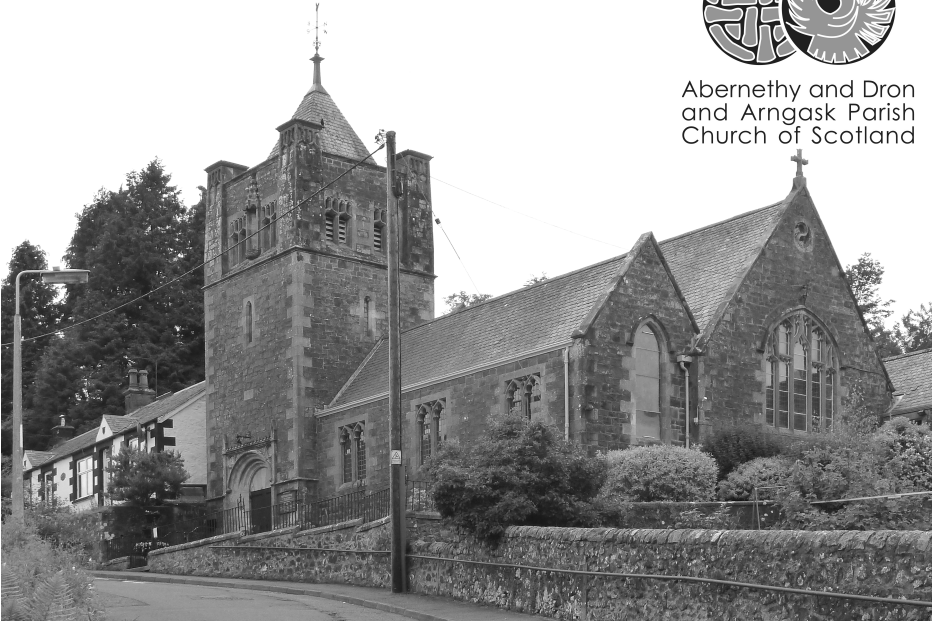
Chair Class every Friday 10-11am

**contact caroline 01577 830 239**

# Church News



Abernethy and Dron  
and Arngask Parish  
Church of Scotland



We continue the search for our new minister and we are grateful to have the continuing support of the Locum Minister the Rev Douglas Main. He can be contacted on 01738 860867.

or by e-mail [Minister@abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk](mailto:Minister@abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk).

We are a few weeks into the new session year, but just to remind everybody that Sunday services are held in Arngask Church at 9:30 on for all but the last Sunday of the month. On the last Sunday of the month, a joint service is held at 11:00 alternating between Arngask Church and Abernethy Church.

Many of you will have seen the repairs to the church building, both internal and external, and our thanks must go to Ian Fairweather for overseeing these vital works, which keep the fabric of the church in good sound order.

Remember that the Church Hall is available for hire and enquiries should be addressed to Sheona Reid 01577 830388.

## HAVE YOU JOINED NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH YET?



Please help to keep our community safe and free of crime by becoming a member of our local Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). Our NHW covers Glenfarg, Duncreevie, Drunzie and the surrounding area.

Members receive alerts about local crime, latest scams, bogus workmen operating in the area plus useful tips on house, car and rural security. In return members are asked to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or vehicles promptly to NHW and the Police. We want to discourage criminals and other ne'er-do-wells targeting our community.

It costs nothing to join. Just contact our local NHW Co-ordinator, Linsey Penman, with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. E-mail Linsey at [watch@glenfarg.org](mailto:watch@glenfarg.org) or telephone her on 01577 830549.

Note: Just because there is an NHW sign at the end of your street it doesn't automatically make you a member – you must sign up. Remember some insurance companies give a small discount if you are a member of an active NHW.

Go on, sign up now – it only takes a few minutes.

Stop Press : As the Newsletter was being put together 2 alerts were put out by the NHW to its members : 1. there was a break in at Church Brae and 2. A suspicious van was seen cruising around Glenfarg and slowing down at properties that looked unoccupied.

# Christmas Quiz Answers & Results



Thanks to everyone who entered the newsletter's Christmas Quiz. There were 4 entries which tied for first place and 7 entries which tied with the next highest score. So winners were drawn by our local shopkeeper. Here are the winners receiving their prize in the Village Store.

1st prize	£40 M&S Gift Card -	Andy Fenwick
2nd prize	£30 Argos Gift Card -	Irene Findlay
3rd prize	£20 Village Store voucher	Dave Arnold
4th prize	£10 Boots Gift Card -	Elaine McLaughlin
5th prize	2 x cinema tickets -	Louise Wilson

## Entertainment

- 1 Daisy Duck, Huey, Dewey and Louie
- 2 Dan Brown
- 3 The Snow Queen
- 4 Auguste Rodin
- 5 George Harrison

## Scottish

- 1 Staffa
- 2 Glasgow
- 3 Fair Isle
- 4 The Royal yacht Britannia
- 5 Blue

## Christmas

1. Advent
2. My two front teeth
3. Yasmin
4. 3 – Dancer, Dasher, Donner
5. Deep-pan (deep and) crisp and even

## Food and Drink

1. Sweet, sour, salty, bitter, umami
2. Jalfrezi
3. Apple
4. Japan
5. Caviar

## History

1. The bikini
2. The Battle of Wavre
3. Henry Ford
4. Khartoum
5. 1910s

## Sport

- 1 Tour De France
- 2 Bahrain or Nuerburgring
- 3 Air shot
- 4 Ice Hockey
- 5 Synchronised Swimming

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# The Bonnet Stane & Glenvale Walks

Two quite different but inter-linkable walks are near Glenfarg with the first one in particular being great fun for children.

The 'Bonnet Stane' is situated below West Lomond and is a relatively short walk of less than a mile from the parking area. To get there, drive into Gateside and turn down Station Road heading towards West Lomond. At the end, turn right at the T junction and just a short way along on your left you will see a layby that accommodates 4 or 5 cars.

From here walk past a shed and head towards West Lomond along a tractor track. The track continues along the field side and over a stile and the Bonnet Stane is clearly visible from this point.

You cannot help being impressed and amazed by this strange rock formation which looks completely out of place in its surroundings. I assume It's called the bonnet stone,



because somebody thought that's what it was like but none of the people that I've been there with could see that resemblance. Most thought it resembled a giant mushroom. The grandkids, however, all plumped for a monsters head!

The great thing about it for the kids is that the main rock formation is embedded into the grass slope so it is very easy to get on top of it and when they do you can get some pretty impressive photos of them.

On the opposite side of the rock formation is a cave known as the 'Maidens Bower' with a romantic legend about a young woman whose lover was murdered causing her to live the life of a hermit in this cave. As you will see from the information board at the cave



the reality is much more pragmatic!

For adults, the views back north are wonderful. On a clear day you can see up to the Angus Glens, Glenshee and the bottom hills of the Cairngorm National Park and all that lies between. Fabulous views for very little effort.

Return to the car park by the same route although there are alternatives, more of which later.

The Bonnet Stane walk itself is easy walking and can be done in less than an hour there and back. For dog walkers, please note that there are invariably sheep in the top two fields you have to pass through to get to the stone.



The second walk is the Glenvale walk which is situated to the West of the Bonnet Stane. The Glen burn runs into Glenvale between West Lomond and the Bishop hill plateau.

There is parking in a small car park and picnic area further down the Road from where you park for the Bonnet Stane . This road is known as the Dryside Road {part of the Wester Balgeddie to Strathmiglo Road}. You can also access this road from the main Kinnesswood Road, a drive of approx. 2 miles.

From the car park walk down to a copse of trees and you will see a gate and a sign post for 'Glenvale'. The path for this walk was upgraded in 2015 and is generally in good condition although it can get muddy!

The track meanders through Ferns and moorland until it reaches the point between West Lomond and Bishop hill where it turns right over the burn. The old path used to run along



the bottom of the crags with the burn on your right as you walked but a sign now directs you on to the new path. I believe that this was because of the danger of rockfalls. The new path carries on up the glen past rocky crags now on your left, where there is a cave and the site of where 'John Knox's pulpit' stood.

Although there is no evidence that Knox preached there himself it is believed that Covenanters held conventicles there in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Unfortunately the rock that was used as the pulpit was destroyed by Fife Council in 2004 after they were advised by experts that it was dangerous and unstable. It's still marked on the OS map so you can work out where it was situated.

The head of the glen is reached after about 45 minutes' walk and here you have choices. You can turn up to your right through a metal gate onto a path which will lead you onto Bishop Hill. It's possible to do this and then come back down to where the Glenvale path crosses the burn and back to the car park. You will find a good description of this route at <https://fifewalking.wordpress.com/fife-walks/lomond-hills-walks/> . This site also gives details of a circular walk of 4.5 to 5.5 miles in Glenvale .

You can also go up West Lomond from here on its west side and from the top drop down to the Bonnet Stane and back down the road to the car park.

The walk up the glen is a fairly easy walk on a good surface but if you extend onto the hills on either side then you are into wild country and some walking experience and the right equipment would be advisable.





# Poppy Scotland Appeal



## VOLUNTEER WANTED

A volunteer is sought to take over as the Poppy Scotland Appeal Area Organiser for Glenfarg and the surrounding area. Our current Organiser (Kate Arnold) is having to step down after 5 years in the role.

The duties are not onerous and mainly involve organising a collection prior to Remembrance Sunday. All the money collected goes to helping serving Armed Forces personnel and Service Veterans in need and their families.

Note: You do not need to be ex-Forces to do this job, you just need to have the desire to help those who served our country and who are now injured, mentally damaged, homeless, etc.

Want to help? Then contact Kate for an informal chat: e-mail at [kadavar@waitrose.com](mailto:kadavar@waitrose.com) or phone 01577 830136 (mid-afternoon / early evening only please).

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## Glenfarg Village Gala

Formally know as Glenfarg Village Fete, and then Glenfarg Village Fun Day, the annual coming together of the various organisations in the village has now been renamed as Glenfarg Village Gala.

The date for your diary for this year is June 24th, and the theme will be Sporting Heroes.

Once again there will be the usual side stalls and lots and lots for the kids to let their hair down and have a great day out.

And, following the huge success of the kids evening disco, we have once again secured the services of Laurence Bec the supercharged DJ!

For the grown ups, there will be a pop-up bar running on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday evening.

We need volunteers to help on the organising committee, and to help on the day.

If you can help in any way, please contact Steve Mee on 830395, or David Aird on 830370.

Steve Mee



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# The Village Hall



As many of you know we have a great facility in the village, namely the Village Hall.

Apart from our regular village activities like badminton, brownies and scouts etc, it is the ideal place for parties, meetings, events and much more. Last year it was also used for line dancing, zumba, sewing clubs, pop up pubs, roller discos and of course lots of parties.

It is really easy to look at availability for hire by searching for 'Glenfarg Village Hall' and clicking on

[www.glenfarg.org/Community/hallhire.shtml](http://www.glenfarg.org/Community/hallhire.shtml)

From there you can check the calendar, contact me and make your booking. It's really easy. The hall and Meeting room are available most afternoons and many weekends.

So come on community...support our fantastic Village Hall and make use of it at every opportunity so we can keep our hire costs low and affordable.

Any enquiries can be made through the website and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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# Glenfarg and Duncruevie in Bloom

At the time of writing this, winter has been very kind to us and some birds and plants are confused! Anyway the festive season is well and truly over and a new season begins.

Hopefully, in the next few weeks everyone will be able to enjoy the sights of all the bulbs which were planted in Autumn.

As always, GDIB needs your help in maintaining our beautiful village and hamlet. You do not need to be a gardener and in fact you do not need to be told what to do. Anyone can pick up litter or sweep the pavement outside their property or even dare to do tasks which you believe is an improvement. The village belongs to us all and we all need to take ownership in some way.

Last summer, GDIB was gifted a greenhouse and the plan is to reconstruct this before Easter so that we will have a large area for bringing on plugs. (Hopefully we can get a squad of handy men to do this task for us.) Every year, GDIB bring on approximately 1500 plugs to plant in our various containers in summer. The funding for these plugs and for our hanging baskets comes from a grant we receive from PKC but who knows how many years this will last! Last year, there were 9 people who brought on plugs; this is a big commitment and our village would not look as good without their help. If you have any space in your greenhouse/conservatory and would be able to bring on plugs from April to June, the please get in touch. Details are at end of this piece.

In spring, there is a major job to be tackled over a weekend – draining the pond and removing an awful lot of bulrushes and irises so that the shape



of the pond can be seen again. This is a weather dependent task and a date cannot be set too far in advance but please keep your eyes peeled for information on The Grapevine or on the local notice board.

If you have any suggestions or can help in any way, please contact Irene Findlay 830441 or [irene@findlayclan.com](mailto:irene@findlayclan.com)

# Glenfarg Folk Club



## Backstage At The Green in Kinross.

Doors open 7.30pm Music Starts at 8.00pm

### Singaround

Monday 6th Feb

All £3

As we approach Valentine's Day, the birds and bees are in our thoughts. So "Burds or Birds" will be the theme for tonight. All welcome as always.



### Dave Gibb

Monday 13th Feb

Members £6, Non-members £9

A superb and original guitarist with a brilliant and often hilarious repertoire of songs and tales, it is always a pleasure to welcome Dave back to the Club. Having been to Glenfarg on numerous occasions in the past, we know what to expect and are never disappointed. Welcome back Dave.

### Quicksilver

Monday 20th Feb

Members £6, Non-Members £9

One of the most entertaining double acts on the British folk scene are at the Backstage tonight when Hilary Spencer and Grant Baynham hit town! The amazing voice of Hilary and the musicianship and humour of Grant always succeed in bringing the audience to tears, of laughter of course. Welcome back folks.





**Damien Barber and Mike Wilson**  
**Monday 27th Feb**

**Members £6, Non-members £9**

Two great voices on offer when Damien and Mike bring their brilliant traditionally-orientated songs to the Club. They are two of the finest exponents of UK traditional song and combine to give a performance to delight everyone with their mix of songs, harmonies and sense of humour. Mike is the youngest of the famous Wilson Family and Damien has been performing solo for many years. We are "chuffed" that they could fit the Club into their present tour of Scotland.



**Singaround**

**Monday 6th Mar All £3**

Let's March into Spring with the Armed Forces. So the "Army, Navy or Air Force " is our theme for tonight.



**Tony McManus**

**Monday 13th Mar**

**Members £8, Non-members £10**

A terrific coup for the Club with the appearance of one of the true guitar geniuses of the folk world. Tony has a passion for traditional music and acoustic guitar and has an international reputation for his virtuosity on the instrument. Scottish born, he has lived in Canada now for several years and will be at Glenfarg as part of a UK tour which takes in the Fifestock Music Festival, Kinross, which is scheduled for Backstage. A wee quote from one of the world's

greatest guitarists to whet the appetite:

"this music is beyond beautiful, it's PERFECT" - Tommy Emmanuel.

**Open Mic Monday 20th Mar All £3**

Always a good night at the Club when attendees are invited to get up on stage and perform their songs/tunes with full PA.

**Pauline Alexander and Sandy Stange**

**Monday 27th Mar**

**Members £6, Non-Members £9**

Having had Pauline as our guest artiste 3 years ago, we are delighted to welcome her back to experience once again her stunning vocals and tremendous eclectic mix of songs. She will share the stage tonight with an old friend of the Club, Fife's own brilliant guitarist Sandy Stange.



# The Famous Bein Inn

01577 830216



*The Bein Inn would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2017.*

Come along and meet the team - Head Chef Willie and Chef Gary will be only too pleased to cook you up one of their many dishes. Some different traditional dishes but with a wee tweak now on the menu.

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# Glenfarg W.R.I.



At our Christmas party on the 8<sup>th</sup> December a buffet supper and entertainment by the members was enjoyed by all.

## Competition winners

- Christmas decoration-- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Stuart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger
- 3 Mince Pies-- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Harley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynda Stuart,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alison Harrison.
- Flower of the Month-- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Harley,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Margot Moran.

At an open meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January we had a talk by Sarah Robertson of the Scottish Fire and Rescue service. Her talk included how she came up through the fire service and she is now in charge of Community Service and can arrange visits to homes to check for safety issues.

## Competition winners

- Oven Mitt-- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Scott.
- 3 potato Scones-- 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Yull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger.
- Pot Plant-- 1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull.

## Dates for future meetings- Visitors Welcome

- 9<sup>th</sup> February: Hands on Crochet from Mary Ramsay
- 9<sup>th</sup> March: Talk by a staff member of the Erskine Hospital
- 13<sup>th</sup> April: Auchterarder S.W.I. entertains. Sales table.



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## **GLENFARG OIL BUYING SYNDICATE (GOBS)**

### **CHANGE OF ORGANISER**

The Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS) has a new organiser; he is Tom McAulay who lives at Middleton. Many readers will know Tom as he is one of our local heating engineers (Austin Heating).

He has taken over from Dave & Kate Arnold who set up the Syndicate in July 2011. During their stewardship they:

- Built up the GOBS membership to **203**.
- Organised **25** bulk buys.
- Arranged **1,724** individual deliveries.
- Ordered **1,371,915** litres of oil.
- Saved members an awful lot of money on their oil bills!

Many thanks to Dave & Kate for all their hard work in setting up GOBS and good luck to Tom in his new role.

If you want to join GOBS contact Tom via e-mail at [glenfargobs@gmail.com](mailto:glenfargobs@gmail.com) or telephone 07786 705261.



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# Yosemite Or Bust

In September, Glenfarg resident and amateur photographer Donald MacKenzie spent almost a month photographing in and around Yosemite National Park in California. The Newsletter invited Donald to write an article on his experience.

The first thing to say about Yosemite is that it's big. It covers 1200 square miles. You could spend a lifetime there and still not see all of it. However,



the vast majority of visitors spend one or two days and that's part of Yosemite's problem.

There's been a debate raging since the 1950s as to what National Parks and the National Park Service in the US is for. It's a debate we could well take heed of here in Scotland as well. Yosemite is on track to have 4.8 million visitors this year. Someone to whom I spoke during my visit spoke about 7 hour tailbacks during the summer. The debate that goes on is between commercial interests and the environmentalist/conservation lobby. Is a National Park about preserving and protecting wild land, or is about trying to cram as many visitors as possible into the place? It is a dilemma and there is not one, simple answer. Given that the US has now elected as President someone who denies that climate change is happening and who has shown no interest in the environment, the debate is only likely to get more hostile.



*Park Street, Bodie*

It's best to think about Yosemite in two 'bits'. There is the Valley and then there is the High Sierra. The Valley is 7 miles long and about a half-mile wide. This is where the majority of those 4.8 million people spend their time. All of those people aside, to say it is awesome is an understatement.



*Tenaya Lake*

3000 ft high granite cliffs soar above you. The iconic mountains such as Half-Dome, El Capitan, Cathedral Rocks are always in your view. The meadows that spread across the valley floor are havens of peace ... provided you're up and out at about 6:30am before the 10am rush when you're joined by several thousands of others 'doing' Yosemite.

The High Sierra stretches away to the east. I stayed in Tioga Pass Resort for 10 days. It's at 9500 feet altitude (and it's VERY cold up there in the morning). Majestic is the word that springs to mind. Not so heavily visited, there is certainly more room to breathe when you're up there.

My photographic 'hero' is Ansel Adams, who spent a huge part of his life photographing in Yosemite. Amongst his favourite places was Tenaya Lake. Now I know why. I spent a whole day there just soaking in the beauty and peacefulness of the place.

There is, of course, no light pollution in the High Sierra. On a clear night (which most of them are) that means you see skies like you will rarely ever see again. To stand and look up and see the Milky Way stretching across the sky above you, as clear as it could be, is a breath-taking sight.



*Benton Hot Springs and the White Mountains*

So, should you go? If you do want to experience a wilderness, then Yes. It is difficult to escape the crowds, but you can if you want. If you're after a Disneyland type experience and want to be entertained, then 'No'. There's another 4m+ people looking for that and not really taking in what the place is about.

Donald MacKenzie.



*Donald MacKenzie*



*Valley View*

# Tabla Comes To Glenfarg

Tickets for the Tabla restaurant night sold out within a week of going on sale. Apologies to the people who missed out but you'll just have to be quicker next time!

The meal was a buffet, including 3 choices of starter and 3 mains, all selected as most popular on the menu at Tabla in South Street, Perth. This award-winning restaurant is owned and managed by Praveen & Sumar Kumar, both from Southern India. Praveen had worked at Turnberry and Gleneagles before opening his business in Perth.

I met Praveen when going along to one of his cookery days 2 years ago. His food is delicious and healthy. His food is locally produced, traditional and tasty – not too hot but full of flavour, using the spices from his family home back in India.





Below is the recipe for the delicious chicken curry we ate at our buffet night.

### **KODI CURRY**

1kg diced chicken  
250g onions.  
25g fresh tamarind juice  
500g chopped tomatoes  
2 fresh chillies  
2 tsp sunflower oil  
½ tsp chilli powder  
½ tsp turmeric powder  
1/2 tsp curry powder  
1/2 tsp chilli powder  
1/2 tsp garam masala  
1/2 tsp ginger & garlic paste  
1 tsp cumin seeds.  
1/4 tsp coriander seeds.  
4 cloves  
2 red chilli dry  
50gms oil



### **Cooking**

Finely chop the onion, chillies. Gently fry these in the sunflower oil in a large pan. Add cumin seeds, red chillies, coriander seeds, cloves, chilli powder, cumin, turmeric, garam masala, curry power, coriander seeds. Add the chopped tomatoes, stir in and cook for 5 mins. Add the diced chicken and tamarind juice cook in for 30 min in a very slow heat. It should be a rich thick meaty sauce when done so extend your cooking time as necessary.

Praveen was more than happy to support our community event and would be keen to do it again so watch out for tickets going on sale.

Thanks must go, as always, to the Glenfarg store for supporting advertising and ticket sales – what would we do without them?

If you have ideas for future events in the Village Hall please talk to Mark and help it happen.

Margaret Ponton

# Glenfarg Bowling Club

Glenfarg Bowling Club held their delayed presentation of trophies for the 2015 season at the Club House at the close of this season.

The recipients were:-

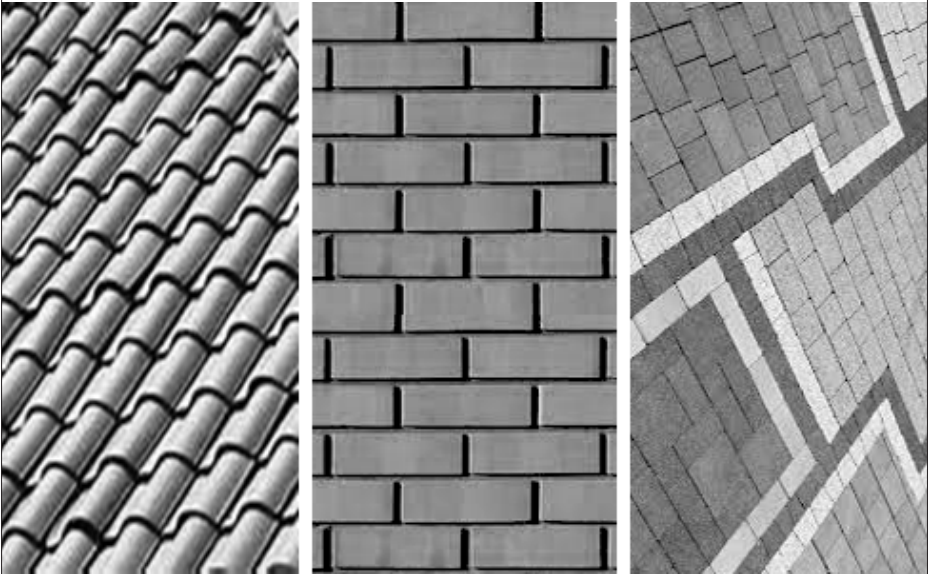
	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Runner Up</b>	
<b>Club Championship:-</b> Ian Gellatly	Arthur Jenkins
<b>Ladies Singles:-</b> Margaret Jenkins	Karen Coventry
<b>Gents Singles:-</b> Willie Coventry	Steve Ewart
<b>Seniors:-</b> Steve Ewart	Ian Gellatly
<b>Neil Brunton Points:-</b>	Alec Robertson

Glenfarg Bowling Club is always looking for new members, whether you have played before or never lifted a bowl but would like to try, you are very welcome to come along. Club nights are every Tuesday at 7 pm, (in the Summer), just turn up.

You do not need to have any bowls as there are spare sets available and members are only too happy to show you the basics of the game. All you require are flat soled shoes or trainers, not sharp edged raised heels that are likely to dig into the turf of the green. Definitely not stiletto heels, we have a machine for that job.

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# Glenfarg Community Cinema



It was a wonderful start to 2017 for Glenfarg Community Cinema. We had made late changes to our original programme, thinking that maybe on a cold January evening in the aftermath of New Year our audience might need cheering up. So let's offer them a comedy.

We were so glad to see the large number of people who had braved the snow and ice to come to the village hall. And what a treat was in store for them – Robin Williams and Gene Hackman starring in 'The Birdcage', the remake of La Cage Aux Folles about a gay cabaret owner and his drag queen partner who agree to put up a false straight front to meet their son's right-wing moralistic future in-laws.

'Rolling in the aisles' is probably an overworked cliché, but I was sitting at the back and I could see people doubled up with laughter. It's great to hear so much laughter in the hall. The acoustics have given us problems in the past, with the old equipment not able to cope, but the sound of laughter bouncing around the hall creates much more of an atmosphere than you will experience in a high-tec commercial cinema.

Also, true to the community cinema's aim of also showing informative items of local interest, we watched a video made by Transport Scotland of the construction that has taken place in 2016 of the new Queensferry Crossing over the Forth. In fast-speed motion, we watched sections being lifted to gradually fill the gaps between the piers and other sections being pushed out at a speed of 6metres per hour over 4 weeks. The video has lots of interesting facts, fascinating footage and wonderful music. If you'd like to see it, search for Queensferry Crossing – Review of 2016 in youtube. But if you don't have a head for heights, watch out! Here is how the audience voted at the end of the night.

Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
0%	6%	6%	34%	54%

In December, we had enjoyed yet another wonderful evening, with the showing of 'Eddie the Eagle' – the (partly) true story of Eddie Edwards who was the first Brit to compete in the Winter Olympics at ski jumping. The whole film was uplifting – both emotionally and literally as Eddie took off on his attempts to complete jumps that he had never tried before.

Warmed by the mulled wine and mince pies on offer that night as well as the message of the film, I'm sure that our audience left the hall with a 'can do' attitude. Here is how they voted.

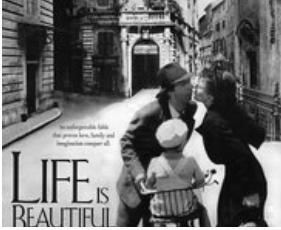
Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
0%	7%	0%	55%	38%

**CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON CINEMA** - On the first day of the February school holidays, Glenfarg Community Cinema will be showing a special film "The Secret Life of Pets". See page 29 for full details.

**PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING MONTHS**



**FEBRUARY 10th 45 Years** *Drama, Romance*  
 A married couple preparing to celebrate their wedding anniversary receives shattering news that promises to forever change the course of their lives.  
 Starring Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay.



**MARCH 10th Life Is Beautiful** *Comedy, Drama, War*  
 When an open-minded Jewish librarian and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp.  
 Winner of 3 Oscars including Best Actor and Best Foreign Language Film.



**APRIL 7th The Martian** *Adventure, Drama, Sci Fi*  
 An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assume him dead, and must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive.  
 Based on the novel by Andy Weir. Starring Matt Damon.



**MAY 12th Bridge of Spies** *Drama, History, Thriller*  
 During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers..  
 Starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

# Some things you never knew about Chocolate

Barry Batchelor, from The Wee Bakery, Newburgh, kindly came to talk to the ladies of the SWI a couple of months ago. Barry gave us lots of interesting facts about chocolate and my interest was sufficiently roused for me to do additional research afterwards.



Chocolate is made from the fruit of the cacao tree (*Theobroma cacao*). The cacao tree is indigenous to Central and South America as well as being grown in equatorial countries around the world. Cocoa originated in Central America over 5000 years ago.

Cocoa beans were used by the Incas as currency.

Christopher Columbus is believed to be the first to bring cocoa beans to Europe, on his fourth visit to the 'New World' between 1502 and 1504. He discovered cocoa beans on August 15, 1502, when he robbed the cargo of a native Mayan trader near modern Honduras. Columbus assumed that the beans were a kind of almond, and all he really knew about them was that someone else thought they were valuable; so, for the glory of Church, State, and Christopher Columbus, he took them: "They seemed to hold these almonds at a great price; for when they were brought on board ship together with their goods, I observed that when any of these almonds fell, they all stooped to pick it up, as if an eye had fallen"

However, Columbus was still searching for the route to India, so he failed to realise the potential cocoa market that had fallen into his lap. However, he also brought back many other treasures on board his galleons and they were considered far more exciting than the humble cocoa bean, which was neglected.

In Spain, cocoa – a drink made by boiling water and sugar with the crushed beans – was banned by the Church!

The world's top ten producing countries are:

- Dominican Republic
- Peru – the cocoa growing industry competes for agricultural land with coca producers, as Peru is the largest global producer of cocaine.
- Mexico – due to disease, production has declined and it now imports more cocoa than it exports.

- Ecuador – One of the world’s oldest cocoa-producing areas, with a smaller output but top quality – this is the country favoured by many chocolatiers
- Brazil – another country which eats more cocoa than it sells
- Cameroon – Production has declined because they have a problem in that many of their cocoa trees have reached, or are nearing the end of their productive lives, so new trees are required.
- Nigeria – big decline a few years ago due to adverse weather and disease. Hershey invested in a Learn to Grow programme to help the country maximize growth of its annual cocoa crop.
- Indonesia – pre-1980s, produced hardly any cocoa – now third largest grower in the world.
- Ghana – produces 75–80% of the chocolate we use; cocoa revenue contributes just under one-sixth of Ghana’s GDP.
- Côte d-Ivoire – produces 30% of the world’s cocoa.

The west coast of Africa is too dry for cocoa beans to flourish, but in Madagascar on the east coast, it grows – alongside vanilla. Rain forest areas including Vietnam, will sustain its growth. Chocolate from the Ivory Coast has a different flavor.

The plant grows, flowers and fruits continuously throughout the year. The flesh of the beans inside the pods tastes like lychees. The beans are fermented under leaves, then washed, dried and roasted or processed into raw chocolate.

In Ethiopia, the Church participates in a Women at Risk Project – teach girls chocolate making as a trade.

William Fry, a Quaker, invented the chocolate bar. The cocoa mass is separated from cocoa butter then added together again plus sugar and lecithin, then stirred continuously, to turn it into chocolate. White chocolate consists simply of cocoa butter and sugar.

When buying chocolate, look on the wrapper for the percentage of chocolate.

For example, if it says 65% this means 65% cocoa solids plus 35% sugar! 80% would mean 20% sugar. Good local sources for high cocoa solids and low sugar are Aldi and Lidl.



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Chocolatiers use Couverture Buttons and 5Kg blocks of chocolate. Vegetable fat is added to make the chocolate less brittle and easier to eat.



When tempering chocolate, it must not be allowed to go over 45 degrees Celsius at the initial melt. One method is to melt two thirds of the required quantity in the microwave, in 10-15 second bursts, stirring each time, then add the remaining chocolate and stir until it melts. This should now be 32 degrees Celsius.

Another method is to use a bain marie or saucepan containing a little water and a bowl, not touching the water. Add the chocolate and stir till 26 degrees. Then warm again to 32 degrees.

Temperatures must be accurate. Chocolate shrinks when it sets, so frees itself easily from the mould (polycarbonate moulds are best). Chocolate sets in about 10 minutes but takes about 12 hours to cure.

Earliest moulds for chocolates were made of bakelite. Polish moulds with a soft cotton cloth or cotton wool before using, to make the mould shiny. This will help give a flawless glossy finish to the chocolate.

Cooking chocolate has no cocoa butter. Use couverture. 65%-70% is ideal for baking. Venezuelan Black blocks of pure chocolate are available in good supermarkets.

### Ganache

2 parts chocolate and 1 part double cream. Heat the cream till the edges are just beginning to bubble, remove from heat and stir in the chocolate till it melts.

- Chilli Ganache – soak chillis in a little vodka for about two weeks and add to the ganache.
- Smoke essence added to ganache will give a smoky whisky flavour (this method is used commercially).
- Storage – cool place, but not in fridge because it gets damp and goes sticky and dull

Another time, I will give you some of my favourite recipes using chocolate.

Enjoy!

Alison Harrison

# Why Do We Have Candles On Birthday Cakes

Many of us will be familiar with the superstition of making a silent wish as we blow out the candles on our birthday cake, in the hope that blowing out all the candles in one go will make our wish come true. Some also believe that this will mean good luck for the coming year.

Of course, you may come across the odd prankster who uses 'trick' candles on a birthday cake, the ones that relight as soon as you have blown them out, thus spoiling the superstition but providing lots of entertainment at the same time.

There are a couple of theories about the origins of candles on birthday cakes.



The one with the oldest roots goes back to Ancient Greek times. Cakes decorated with candles to make them glow like the moon were taken to the Temple of Artemis, Artemis being the goddess of the hunt, forest and hills. The moon was a symbol connected with Artemis and the cakes were round to signify this.

Another theory holds that birthday cake candles originated in Germany in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. During 'Kinderfest' which celebrated children's birthdays, a single candle would be placed on a cake to signify the 'light of life'. It's also said that this was done for religious reasons.

The origin of blowing out candles may have some basis in the belief by a number of ancient cultures that smoke carried your wishes and prayers up to the gods in the heavens. It's also possible that people believed that the smoke would keep evil spirits away.

Nowadays there is an ever-growing number of styles, colours and sizes of cake candles available. Straight, curly, tall, thin, chunky, footballs, champagne bottles, and letters spelling out 'Happy Birthday' or even 'Don't Ask', I've come across all of these and more.

Happily, there is no sign that the tradition is going to 'blow out' any time soon!

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# Glenfarg Curling Club

Glenfarg Curling Club had the annual golf outing at St Fillans Golf Club on Sunday 10th July 2016 on an overcast but warm day.

The result of the competition was as follows :-

- 1<sup>st</sup> David Rutherford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamish Breckenridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kerr Watson

Longest Drive at the 7th :- David Rutherford

Longest Drive at the 16th :- Hamish Breckenridge

Nearest the pin at the 17<sup>th</sup> Allistair Allardyce

*Jim Bennie was the only other to land on the green. A great improvement on last year.*

Hacker Trophy:- Allan Taylor





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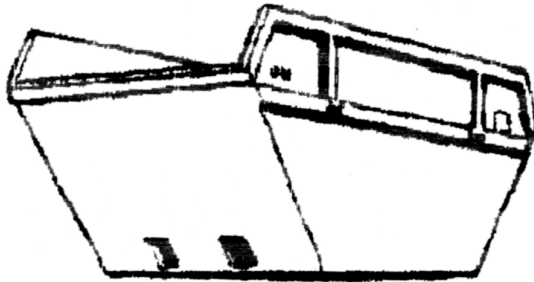
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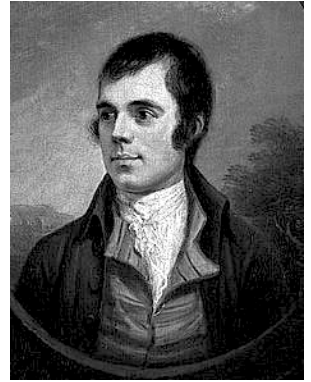


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# A Burns Supper



It's remarkable to think that on 25th of January of every year and for many days before and after it there is not an hour in the day or night when a Burns Supper is not taking place somewhere on this earth. People will be sitting down to haggis and neeps and reciting the poems and songs of Robert Burns. Well here at the newsletter we will do our part. The poem I have chosen is perhaps my favourite for many reasons but especially for the last two stanzas.

## To A Mouse

Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie,  
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,  
Wi' bickering brattle!  
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,  
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry man's dominion,  
Has broken nature's social union,  
An' justifies that ill opinion,  
Which makes thee startle  
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,  
An' fellow-mortal!

I doubt na, whiles, but thou may thieve;  
What then? poor beastie, thou maun live!  
A daimen icker in a thrave  
'S a sma' request;  
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave,  
An' never miss't!

Thy wee bit housie, too, in ruin!  
It's silly wa's the win's are strewin!  
An' naething, now, to big a new ane,  
O' foggage green!  
An' bleak December's winds ensuin,  
Baith snell an' keen!

Thou saw the fields laid bare an' waste,  
An' weary winter comin fast,  
An' cozie here, beneath the blast,  
Thou thought to dwell-  
Till crash! the cruel coulter past  
Out thro' thy cell.

Thy wee bit heap o' leaves an' stibble,  
Has cost thee mony a weary nibble!  
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,  
But house or hald,  
To thole the winter's sleety dribble,  
An' cranreuch cauld!

But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane,  
In proving foresight may be vain;  
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!

Still thou art blest, compar'd wi' me  
The present only toucheth thee:  
But, Och! I backward cast my e'e,  
On prospects drear!  
An' forward, tho' I canna see,  
I guess an' fear!

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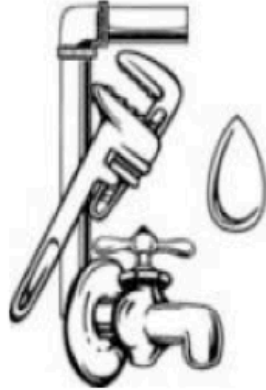
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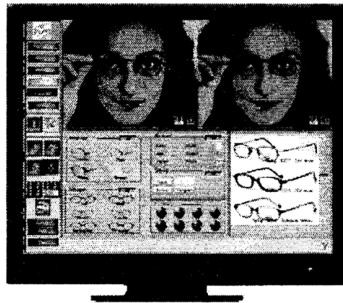
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# GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Glenfarg Village Hall

**PRESENT:** CCllrs Arnold, Burlison, Horsman, Pilmer, Ponton , Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr W. Robertson and 8 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Louden

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Wallace Park Storage ongoing discussions with CCllr Burlison.

Tree Replacement in Wallace Park This has not yet taken place, although we believed it was to happen before the end of the year.

Bus Timetables The changes to the timetable, which came into place in January, were advertised on the website ([www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)) and the Grapevine (Facebook + email service). There have been some complaints about the changes from residents who use the service.

CCllrs Pilmer and Ponton met with P&KC and were advised that our route is not financially viable. The route, which runs from



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Perth to Kelty, must fit in with the needs of Perth College. It was agreed that we will need to live with the new timetable for now but could revisit the topic in the future.

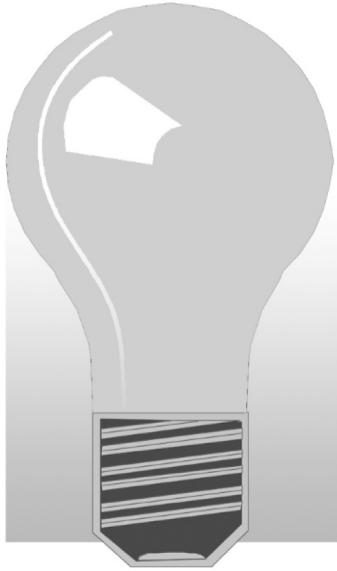
Glenfarg Information Sign This has been moved to the Duncreevie end of path. Work completed.

Motorway footbridge Cllr Robertson reported that the muddy area at the far side of the bridge had been improved. P&KC hope that there will be funds available in next year's budget for more improvements in this area.

Old Churchyard Effigy A member of the Preservation Group has asked about any plans for the effigy's preservation. No comments have been received from the community following the article in December's newsletter explaining the possibility of the effigy being moved.

It would be possible to pay for a fibreglass replica to stand in the old churchyard, so that the original could be moved under cover. Cllr Robertson reported that he had spoken to Professor Munro about a safe place for the effigy. Prof. Munro feels that it is too large for Kinross Museum.

After discussion, it was agreed that a replica was not needed as the churchyard was not regularly maintained and it was not likely to be visited often. It was felt that the priority was to ensure the



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preservation of the effigy, possibly in a museum or perhaps Balvaird Castle. This would require discussion with Historic Scotland. Cllr Robertson to pursue.

### Glenfarg Phone Box

The CC has reiterated its interest in taking ownership of the phone box.

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COMPANY** : CCllr Ponton reported on the work of the company towards a social hub. The ownership of the ground behind the Village Hall is being explored, as are other possible properties. There is the possibility of the empty building on the Main Street garage's land being developed as a temporary licensed social hub and discussions are ongoing.

**WALLACE PARK DEVELOPMENT GROUP**: Following on from The Vision questionnaire, CCllr Horsman reported that the first meeting has been held of those with an interest in the development of Wallace Park. It was felt that the park was underused and it should be developed for the benefit of all age groups. Those who attended the meeting were fairly representative of such age groups but in the future, village organisations will be invited to send representatives. The group were able to share ideas, which were formulated into a possible map of the park.

The next meeting of this group will be advertised on the

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Grapevine. Cllr Robertson suggested that the council officer who supports such local developments should be invited to the next meeting. He will supply CCllr Horsman with the contact.

**THE AVENUE:** George Lawrie of TRACKS had noted before Christmas that there was still a certain amount of flooding in the Avenue, although the runoff does not reach Greenbank Road as before. Now that the holidays are over, he will contact the contractors.

It has been reported that the fittings on the gates at the entrance to the playing field are not working well. Cllr Robertson to report to TRACKS.

It was also reported that motorised vehicles had been driving the length of the Avenue. Cllr Robertson advised that, when this occurred, the police should be contacted.

### **BUILDOUT AT THE LADESIDE / MAIN STREET JUNCTION**

The CC has been provided with plans of the proposed safety changes at this junction. It was agreed that the CC was happy with the plans. PKC is to be informed of our agreement and asked for a timeframe for the work.

*Secretary*

### **KINROSS & EARN ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

**CONSULTATION:** An article in the newsletter, asking residents what would make a difference to them and their families locally, had not produced any responses. Cllr Robertson explained that

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there was funding available to tackle local inequality and deprivation, but the deadline was March this year. Ideas discussed for Glenfarg included a transport service, real-time information on bus arrivals, car sharing, use of empty buildings, social hub.

There was discussion on how we might involve the community in the consultation. A member of the public suggested SurveyMonkey or single questions on Facebook. It was felt that the community has been asked to comment twice in the recent past, for the Conversation and the Vision, and this should give us sufficient information to reply to the consultation.

*Secretary*

PLANNING: CCIr Pilmer reported on applications since the last meeting.

#### Applications

None to report.

#### Approved

16/01880/FLL. Alterations and Extension to Dwelling house. Shuttlefauld, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

16/01699/FLL. Extension to Dwelling house Katiesdyke, Newfargie, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

16/01645/FLL. Erection of electrical substation and hard standing, Temple Hill Windfarm, Glenfarg ref: 14/02051/FLL &



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### Refusals

16/01655/IPL. Erection of dwelling house, stable and horse breeding unit (in principle), land 400 metres south of Brampton House, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

### Enforcement Notices

None to report.

A member of the public asked about planned developments in Glenfarg. CCllr Pilmer was able to report that Stephens Builders had no plans to start building on their site in the short term, and the Lomond site was installing the LPG gas tank but was otherwise not progressing the proposed flats yet. Concerns had been expressed about possible flooding in Elm Row during the recent heavy rain. CCllr Ponton reported that Scottish Water had been contacted and she had learnt that the new pumps, installed after the last flooding, were not yet in operation.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

No police officer was present and no report had been received.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**1. GCC – Balance on Account £524.18**

Expenditures: Village Hall £24

Income: P&KC CC Grant Top Up £478

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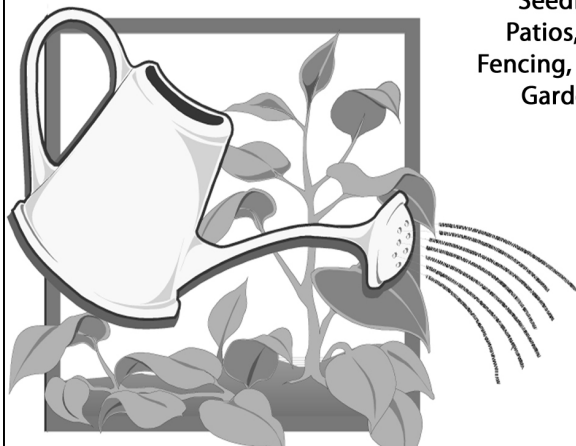
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## **2. GCC Newsletter Account - Balance £ 11,156.95**

This balance is made up of Newsletter £6,571.56, Microgrant £574.39, Nursing Fund £4,011.00. CCllr Horsman explained that the cost of the VAS on Main Street would need to be met from the Nursing Fund when the matter was concluded.

*Income/Expenditures since last meeting:*

### **Newsletter:**

Income - £174.50 from shop donation tin.

Expenditures – Newsletter printing £190.40.

It was noted that the suggested donation for the newsletter of £1 was not always forthcoming. At present the shop donations accounted for 85% of the printing costs, and if they fell lower, the CC might have to consider how to encourage a reasonable payment for each copy.

### **Microgrant:**

Expenditures - Christmas Village Group £92.66. It was reported that the CC had not received many applications for Microgrant funds this year and applications were therefore welcomed, especially from non-constituted bodies.

## **3. School Fund £441**

No Change

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Newsletter Computer CClr Watson informed the CC that the newsletter computer, which belongs to the CC, had recently crashed and had to be re-installed. Data had been saved but, to avoid this problem in the future, the Editor was requesting a hard drive for backing up. Two options were suggested and it was agreed to purchase a Seagate drive at £54.99 from the CC's administration grant. *CClr Watson*

Wallace Park Wall It was noted that this had been damaged in a recent accident. CClr Warder has contacted Greenspace who have inspected the area and concluded there is no imminent danger. The wall will be repaired in due course. Members of the public are advised not to attempt to lift the stones themselves.

Christmas Tree Celebrations CClr Ponton asked for feedback on the first Glenfarg Christmas Tree celebration. Those involved were commended for their efforts. They hope to expand on this next Christmas, using the Glenfarg Green for a larger celebration. It was noted that some damage had been done to the lights on the bridge in the Green this year, but it is hoped that a message of 'disappointment in this behaviour' on the Grapevine has ensured that this will not happen again.

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 6th March 2017.**

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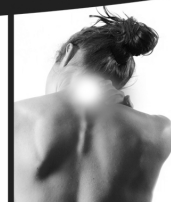
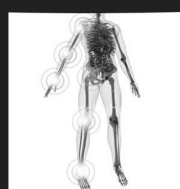
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