

# *The Glenfarg Newsletter*



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# Editorial

We have lots for you to read in this issue. I say, 'we' because here I have to give much credit to my co-editor and wife Janet. She is chief investigator and proof-reader. Beth Doran, along with a group of volunteers, travelled to Calais to help the asylum seekers camped there. Read her interesting report along with pictures showing graphically the conditions there.

Leigh Smith has a new hobby. She tells of her new addiction of painting by numbers. This not a child's simple colouring-in book but a full-size canvas using paintbrush and acrylics.

What do you do if see a ewe lying on its back in the field? In her regular column 'Farming In Lockdown' Emma Cheape tells us what to look out for and what to do to help.

A long-time resident of the village and good friend of mine, Jim Douglas passed away November of last year. The news was too late for the December newsletter so his tribute comes in this issue. I knew Jim from way back as a raconteur, singer, and brilliant cartoonist. His cartoons were nearly always of the characters in the village and I have several of his drawings.

In this issue there are updates on the schoolhouse and its part in the Glenfarg Community Centre. There is news too from the Folk Club, the Tennis Club, and Bill Macpherson gives details on high speed fibre and what government is doing to encourage provision for rural areas.

The Community Cinema continues as a home community event. Participants watch a movie simultaneously and have a discussion later on Zoom. Anyone can join in. Read page 26 and watch the Glenfarg Facebook for details.

Thanks to our regulars, Christine for Scouting and Kate for GDIB.

The front page picture is from the article Christmas in Calais.



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Day	Time	Organisation
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	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
	7.30pm - 9pm 1st Monday every other month	<b>CC Meeting</b>
Tuesday	9.30am - 10am	<b>Metafit</b>
	5.45pm - 6.45pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm In winter	<b>Mixed Badminton</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm 1st Wednesday of month	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	10am - 12 noon	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
	7.30pm 2nd Thursday Sept to May	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</b>
	7.30pm - 10.00pm 2nd Friday Sept to April	<b>Community Cinema</b>

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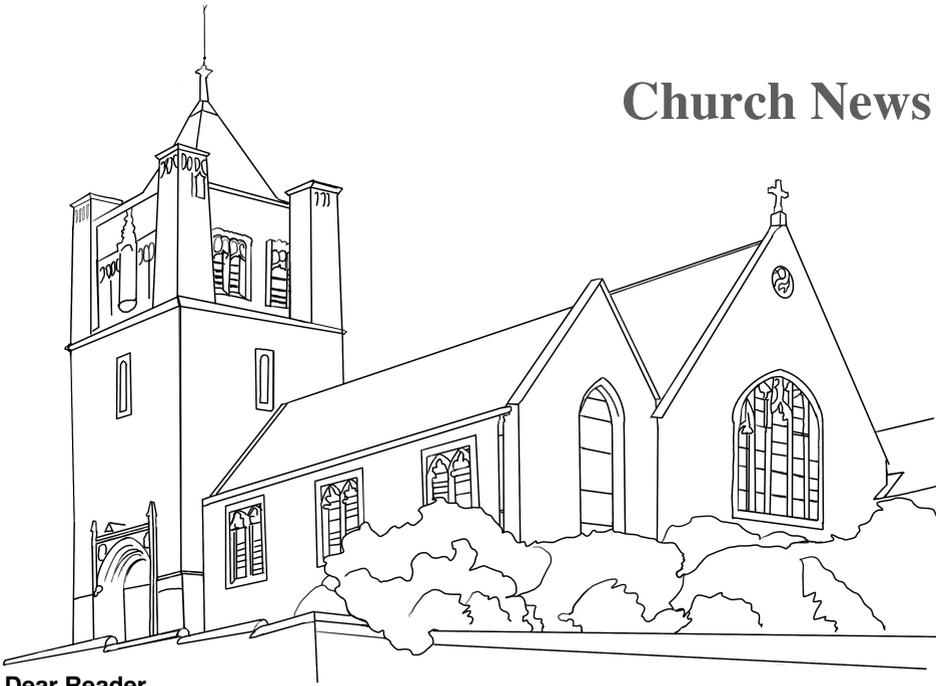
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# Church News



**Dear Reader,**

As I write this, we seem to be emerging from a prolonged period of ice, frost and snow. But days are inexorably lengthening and we look ahead to the first signs of Spring. Like many, I am sure, I have been using the dreich, dark days to do some badly needed tidying up, starting with my chaotic study. Having borrowed an incinerator from one of my kindly parishioners, I am steadily burning reams and reams of sermons, bank statements and receipts and heading for a paper-free life. Such has been my enthusiasm to destroy hard copies that the bin has suffered a bit of metal fatigue. In the words of a local worthy, it would seem that I have inadvertently *'burned the erse oot o' it!'* During my clearing-out, however, I stopped to read a yellowing national newspaper cutting which had been kept since 2000. It bore the headline *"Sleepy hollow rings to pot-shots at Maggie"* – a reference to one of my sermons whilst still in the phase of youthful and rebellious ministry in the Borders. It was a review secretly conducted by a journalist who (incognito) sat through one of my services and who then published it in a Sunday newspaper. A more complimentary (I think) comment was: *"The Rev Stan is a gentle giant...who looked gorgeous in his blue robes and gown... some of his loyal ladies swooned for him."* But the crux of the matter was my comment on the Iron Lady's assertion that *"there is no such thing as society"*. Seemingly, I stated that we only exist in relation to our network of obligations and contacts of which our family is the most important. Even hermits, I noted, have to relate to others because it is only in relation to *other* people that we find meaning and context. I must have made some sort of sense, because I achieved four stars out of five for my preaching, according to the newspaper's *'sermon-ometer'*. Since it was Trinity Sunday, I could well imagine that I would be *'banging-on'* about the Godhead being a bit like a family. Nevertheless, the experience reminded

me of some valuable truths. It is incumbent on us, whether we have any faith or not, to look continually towards the Spring and the new life it contains, but from a community aspect. The message remains that darkness, death and the coldness of Covid is never the finale. We were made together for life and light and not the depressive lonely greyness which can become our default human condition. Between the effects of the virus and other painful losses that our communities have experienced, these past months have been something of a dire record. But however severe the winter might have been in terms of human loss, bereavement and sadness, we cling on to a great hope. With the start of the vaccination programme, better times are just waiting to transform our grey world. I have had the privilege to see how families, neighbours and friends have rallied around to support each other and their fellow villagers. So although these words will never get further than the bounds of our parish and won't make headline news this time, they are still worth repeating: we do not just exist as individuals. Like the inner workings of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we too exist only in relation to each other. It is when we achieve such '*community*' in our family, village and world that we become *truly* human.

With all good wishes.

**Rev Stan** (Spring 2021)

### **Kirk News**

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to hold physical services at Christmas-time but the 'angels' which were placed on the gates of both our churches were a great success. These were taken away by villagers, along with a seasonal message from the Kirk. We say 'thank-you' to all those who knitted them. Such was their popularity, that of the hundreds produced, only four were left by New Year. Likewise, our 'carol-trails' in both Abernethy and Glenfarg attracted quite a bit of attention and younger people especially enjoyed utilising the QR codes to hear a rendition of their favourite Christmas music. The Nativity Tableau in Nurse Peattie's Garden was a new venture for Abernethy and created by many talented village volunteers. The stable and characters (both human and animal) were greatly admired over Advent and Christmas. As I write this, again, even the small congregations allowed to physically attend church (sixteen in Abernethy and 14 in Arngask) have currently been suspended by the Scottish Government due to Covid precautions.

On a more hopeful note, a monthly Zoom Fun Church has been taking place for our Sunday Club children. The minister and volunteer team continue to send out and deliver 'On-Line Church' services every Sunday.

Current worship information can be accessed through the Church ADA (Abernethy & Dron & Arngask) Facebook page. Here you can find details about how to 'register' your 'Trace and Protect' details (if necessary), get the weekly service sent to your computer and join in with Zoom events. Regulations are forever changing and so you are encouraged to access up-to-the-minute Kirk news in this way.

**Rev Stan** Jan 2021

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## Jim Douglas

Jimmy Douglas was born in Kelty in 1933. He attended Kelty Public School and Beath High School and at both he was sports champion. His talents were endless: he was an accomplished gymnast and a professional sprinter. He often boasted that he was the fourth fastest man in Scotland.

Jimmy trained as a remedial gymnast in Wakefield. He then worked at Bridge of Earn Hospital where he met his wife to be, Cathy Morrison. During his time at Bridge of Earn Hospital he was asked to execute medical illustrations for several consultants and his drawings appeared in the British Journal of Surgery and other publications.

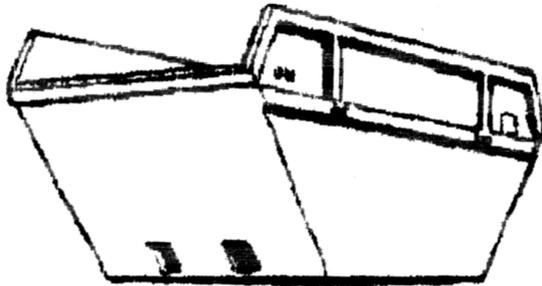
Not content with two careers, he won a scholarship to the prestigious Glasgow School of Art, specialised in silversmithing and then completed a year at Jordanhill College of Education. The family moved briefly to Perth where he taught Art at Perth Academy, then on to Kinross High School where he spent the rest of his teaching career. In 1972 the family moved to Glenfarg where Jimmy and Cathy created a wonderful family home and a hub for children, grandchildren and many friends.

As an artist he had many one man shows and his mining-themed paintings fill Kelty Community Centre where Jimmy is regarded as something of a local hero. He was rightly very proud of the fact that he was named as one of the 100 greatest Fifers of all time by the Dunfermline Press. Although never a fan of royalty (understatement) his paintings hang in Balmoral and Sandringham, testament to the high regard in which his talents are held.

On retiring from teaching, Jimmy became something of a celebrity in the folk scene. His song 'The New Teacher' was recorded by many musicians and frequently played on Radio Scotland. It is often used in primary and secondary schools throughout Scotland as a means of celebrating the importance of the Scots language, a subject dear to his heart. He published two books: 'Dugs, Doos and Dancin' (which contains humorous and poignant poems and illustrations depicting life in a mining village and other aspects of Scottish life) and the autobiographical 'Run to the Rainbow.' Not bad for a wee laddie from Kelty. Most importantly though he'll be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend: always patient, good-natured, inquisitive, informative, singing or whistling round the house, kind, telling corny jokes, being hilarious and generous and most importantly, himself. Jimmy is survived by Cathy and their four children: John, Anne, Katherine and Clare.



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# Glenfarg Community Centre News

A contractor felled the dangerous sycamore and the overgrown holly, leaving the grounds with piles of clogs. The trustees wanted to keep for firewood for use in the school house once the conversion work had been completed and the garden in general tidied up.



The explorer scouts cleared away the old fence and overgrown shrubs prior to removing the old shed and levelling the ground to create a wood storage area. They used some of the wood chippings to level off the ground next to the fence.

The explorers worked quickly clearing the bushes and managed to fill the skip, kindly provided by Binn Skips, within 2 hours and the decision was made to burn some of the remainder. Keeping the fire under control for the next four hours was a full time job, the explorers continually bringing material for the fire.

Once the area was clear enough, the fence between the hall and the school house was recycled as a base for the new wood store. Disused tatties boxes,

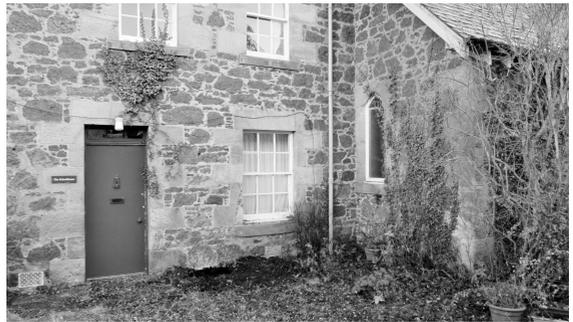


donated by Robert Doig, were manoeuvred from the car park, across the ground to the wall to create a wood store. Secured in place, the tops had roofing felt attached to keep the worst of the weather off. The clogs will be split into useable logs to

add to the smaller logs already in the store.

The explorers enjoyed the work and were pleased with the progress they have made in the grounds. One of the boys commented on the fire as he was leaving “I’ve never seen a half metre high mound of ash before”.

Since the explorers worked at the site, Ali, Ced, Robert, Colin and Isabel spent a day there with a log splitter and a felling axe. So much wood was split that the log store was extended to accommodate the work. Ali demonstrated that a correctly used felling axe was faster than the log splitter and Isabel impressed them all when she successfully split a clog with the felling axe.



# Scout Night Hike



Covid restrictions prevented the scouts having a camp at the end of the hike and the icy weather was such that travelling to Pitmedden forest wasn't wise.

The scouts met in the hall grounds and were divided into two groups for easier supervision with young leaders and leaders assigned to each group. All the scouts were eagerly trying out their new head torches and temporarily blinding each other and the leaders in the process.

After the safety briefing the groups noisily made their way up Church Brae and negotiated the steps onto the footpath to the Hilton. Gradually the leaders, who were walking without their head torches on, persuaded the scouts that they weren't needed and we were walking across the starlit fields with shadows.

The ground at all the gates was boggy and despite being told which way to go at the first gate the scouts didn't listen and got muddy. After that they listened to the instructions.

We continued up the track past the wind turbine to the crest of the hill. We were able to see the reservoir, the mast on Catlaw above Dundee, the Lomond hills and the Bishop and Lochleven, plus the glow of Edinburgh in the distance.



The new scouts, Charlie, Noah and Michael were invested into the troop by Robert before we descended across the fields to Duncreivie. We got good views of the Christmas lights at Yellowhill Road and Duncreivie.

The scouts really enjoyed the night hike, being out in the dark with shadows was a new experience for them.



# Glenfarg Folk Club

"The show must go on"



The very first Folk Club event took place in the Glenfarg Hotel in April 1978. In celebration of the clubs first birthday the first Folk Feast was held in April 1979. This annual event is a three-day weekend festival, traditionally starting with a Ceilidh dance followed by evening concerts featuring top folk artistes. The 'World Puff-a-Box Championships' and an original song writing competition also feature. This April is the 43<sup>rd</sup> such event, a tremendous achievement by any standards. For obvious reasons it will be an 'On-line' Folk Feast as it was last year.

Anybody is welcome to attend. It is a ticketed event and takes place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April with the main concerts taking place via Facebook Live.

The guest line up this year is:

## **Siobhan Miller & Euan Burton**

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# Glenfarg Community Centre Update

As most of you will know, the Hall Committee has reorganised itself so that it is better able to carry out the exciting plans to create a Community Centre. This will bring together the existing Hall and the adjoining Schoolhouse as one building offering a variety of space for community use. In addition to the hired spaces, it is also planned to offer freshly made food from an artisan café during the day and to provide flexible space for all.

Ever since we bought The Schoolhouse in April 2019, the board of trustees has been busy behind the scenes getting prepared to start the refurbishment of the building. After a very successful Open Day in May 2019 we spent an evening with a host of volunteers removing old carpets from the Schoolhouse. Various fundraising activities took place in 2019 too, including a Bingo Night, a Kiltwalk and we received funds from the fantastic Pantomime which happened just before lockdown. This money is going towards buying the extra bits we need for the centre before it opens. An architect, Matthew Cowan, was hired to prepare building warrant drawings & proposed plans which were submitted to Perth & Kinross Council. These were given the go ahead in February 2020 & then COVID hit...and like so many other projects we are now in limbo waiting for a time when the builders can continue the work in a COVID safe environment.



This has not deterred some key outdoor activities - The large sycamore tree towards the garage end of the garden was felled by Treetec in October and the logs split and stacked into 4 potato boxes provided by Robert Doig at Old Fargie. This storage space has been doubled by using pallets donated by Davie Meldrum. We would like to thank Alistair, Robert &

Christine Morton and the Glenfarg Scout Group, Colin Campbell and Isabel Nicholson for their help with the fire wood processing. The wood will be used in



a stove to be fitted in the new café. Along with the café, the building itself has rooms for hire for a variety of clubs, a teenage hub, a lounge and an office workspace. It is hoped in the future to employ a centre manager & to offer breakfast & after school clubs.

While we wait to start the building work, we are looking for input from everyone now as to the garden around the Schoolhouse & what you would like to use the space for. We have a blank canvas at the moment and in this large garden we can imagine lots of functions.... This would be an ideal venue for fetes, weddings, BBQs, craft markets, classes etc. having a large grassy area which will incorporate the Hall garden & can be easily accessed from the car park. We are going to compile a Survey Monkey which will be promoted on the Glenfarg Grapevine Facebook page. We'd love you all to share your thoughts about The Schoolhouse garden.

The Schoolhouse is to be an integral part of our village which along with the adjoining hall will serve Glenfarg for years to come. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of our community being able to meet together and socialise. We are all missing this aspect of village life and are looking forward to when we can get together once again.

*continued overleaf*

## **Glenfarg Community Centre needs your support!**

To do this we need your help. The Board of Trustees is responsible for running the Hall but there is also much that needs to be done to make the Community Centre a truly special place for all of us. If you have energy and enthusiasm to help your community – especially as it recovers from the Covid pandemic then please have a word with one of our Trustees. There are many different ways in which you could help - and one of us can give you more information about what we do and how you might be able to get involved. We'll need volunteers for gardening, landscaping, constructing raised beds, laying paths etc & when the time comes we'll be looking for help in decorating the interior of the Schoolhouse itself. We need new ideas, enthusiasm and support so I hope you will step up and have a chat with one of us soon.

Next steps:

- Survey Monkey Poll to capture innovative ideas for the outside space.
- Publication of results & way forward.
- Socially distanced gardening.
- Putting plans into action.

Find out more at our new website: [www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com](http://www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com)



# Glenfarg Tennis Club



I've just been over to the clubhouse and the tap water is frozen solid. There's six virginal inches of snow on all three courts meaning it wasn't even attractive enough for snowball fighters. Tennis? You must be joking.

But as the pandemic ploughs its irresistible, uncompromising way through the months of the early twenties, it leaves very little as compensation for the tennis it has rendered impossible. We have no alternative but to carry on our preparations for when the snow, and Covid are mere memories. The tennis season.

We have a new committee with every member taking an active interest in an aspect of the running of the club. We have removed the carpet from court 1, painted a court on the Tarmac and were enjoying some winter tennis. Thanks so much again to all the members who helped and to Billy Allison for his help and expertise in clearing the carpet from the park without leaving a trace of the heavy work he'd carried out.

Now we have to start on clearing the carpet from Courts 2 and 3. Again, once the weather has improved and the park has hardened up, Billy will be taking the whole carpet out of the way so that we can have all three courts cleaned, painted and lined, ready for the competitive part of the year to get underway.

Then, hopefully, we'll be able to restart the social part of what the tennis club adds to the village. Norman, our coach who we introduced to you in the last edition is starting a ball sports youth club on Friday evenings. There are several variations on tennis and badminton which we will be starting and it's hoped that we will be able to welcome parents for a social event while their kids are enjoying the games. More detail of this will follow in the Glenfarg Grapevine section of Facebook. In there will also be details of the several holiday sports clubs that Norman will be running throughout the year.

Also, hopefully at this time we will be able to meet a lot of the new members who joined during last summer's brief respite. We want them all to come back and get involved in the club.....once the snow and covid have been seen on their way.

## Full fibre broadband for homes and businesses in Kinross-Shire and Glenfarg.

**Read more about how to claim your Government funded voucher (worth up to £3,500) and get involved in this exciting community-led project...**



### **What is Gigabit Kinross-shire ?**

The December 2020 Ofcom “Connected Nations” broadband report highlights the digital divide between urban and rural areas. In Edinburgh, 85% of properties can get ultrafast broadband (100 Mbps or faster) and 40% can get gigabit broadband (1,000 Mbps or faster). This compares with just 7.3% ultrafast and 4.7% gigabit in Kinross-shire. This is more a digital chasm than a digital divide.

Gigabit Kinross-shire is a community organisation established to secure government funded gigabit broadband upgrades (download speeds of more than 1,000 Mbps) to homes and businesses throughout Kinross-shire. Gigabit Kinross-shire comprises representatives from local community groups and is supported by a range of voluntary organisations and businesses as well as by Perth & Kinross Council.

## **How does it work?**

The Scottish Government is running a country-wide scheme (Reaching 100% / R100) to upgrade rural areas where internet speeds are less than 30 Mbps, and private companies are installing full-fibre broadband in cities and larger towns. Both of these drives towards full-fibre for all, miss out larger villages and smaller towns such as Kinross, Milnathort, Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood and Glenfarg – and this is where Gigabit Kinross-shire comes in.

The UK Government has a voucher scheme that fully funds gigabit broadband upgrades in these areas. Each residential property is eligible for a £1,500 voucher while each business premises can apply for a £3,500 voucher. This includes the self-employed and sole-traders registered at residential homes. Through residents and businesses pooling vouchers in a community, full fibre upgrades can, in many cases, be carried out at zero cost to home and business owners.

## **Why would I want a gigabit connection?**

At a time when more of us have been working from home, we are becoming more reliant on our internet connections. Download and upload speeds are important if we are on more conference calls, transferring large files or streaming high-definition (HD) programmes and movies, but they are not the only benefits. Full fibre to the premises is far more reliable than traditional copper broadband, speeds do not drop when more people are on-line at the same time, and full fibre is not affected by adverse weather as copper lines can be.

## **How do I get involved?**

You can get more information, check your eligibility and register your interest for a free upgrade by visiting our website at [kinross-shire.org](http://kinross-shire.org) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gigabitkinross](https://www.facebook.com/gigabitkinross)

The more people that sign up, the more likely that upgrades will be possible in your area. We also need people to sign up as ‘Community Broadband Champions’ who will help co-ordinate projects in local areas and drum up more support. If you would like to be involved with this, please let us know when you sign up.

Bill Macpherson

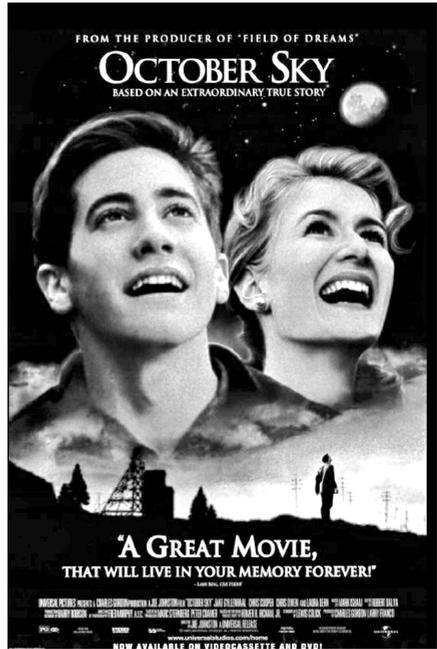
# GLENFARG COMMUNITY CINEMA



The Community Cinema continues to meet virtually once a month on a Friday evening. We all settle down at the same time to watch the same film, usually on Netflix but you may find it available on other services. Afterwards we get together on Zoom to share our thoughts on it. Here are the films we have watched in the last few months. We are happy to recommend them all, if you get the opportunity to see them.

## DECEMBER – “October Sky”

October Sky is an anagram of Rocket Boys, which is the title of the memoir on which this film was based. It's the true story of Homer Hickam who was a schoolboy living in a West Virginia mining village when the russians launched Sputnik 1. The event inspired Homer, with the help of three friends, to start building his own rockets and enter the project into a national science fair for schools. The boys encounter many setbacks but with the support of their teacher, and finally the support of the whole town, the boys go on to success. At the end of the film, it was great to find out that all the boys went on to have successful careers, Homer becoming a NASA engineer, and avoided the usual route of following their fathers down the mine.



We all thoroughly enjoyed the film, as ‘uplifting’ as the rockets themselves.

## JANUARY – “Juliet Naked”

Don't get too excited, it's not a blue movie! Based on the book by Nick Hornby (About A Boy and High Fidelity), it tells the story of Annie the long-suffering girlfriend of Duncan. Their relationship is in difficulty as he is obsessed with an American singer-songwriter who disappeared from the music scene years before. When Annie accidentally finds him, things get complicated.

If you like a rom-com and particularly if you like Chris O'Dowd, then this is a film for you.



## FEBRUARY – “Red Joan”

Once again, this is a film based on a true life story although it has been fictionalised. Melita Norwood was in her late 80s when in 1999 it was revealed that during WWII she had passed secrets on Britain's nuclear research to the Soviets. Due to her age, no action was taken against her.

The elderly Joan in the film is played by Judi Dench, who looks back at her 25 year old self and the reasons for what she did. Directed by Trevor Nunn.

it's an interesting film but don't expect a James Bond type spy thriller.

Our next virtual cinema nights are March 12th (Greenbook) and April 9th (News of the World). If you would like to join us, the details will be on the Glenfarg Community Cinema Facebook page.

**UPDATE:** The Community Cinema and the Glenfarg Community Centre are happy to announce that the acoustic panels will be installed some time in March, which should greatly improve the hall's sound quality for everyone. Many thanks to Tom Lochty of TDL Joinery Ltd. Tom and his family are fairly new to the village but, having moved in just before the first lockdown, haven't had the opportunity to meet many people yet.



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# Discovering a New Hobby in Lockdown

How many of you have resolved to start a new hobby in the past year, with all good intentions? Two of my plans fell by the wayside - I still have a box of beads waiting to be turned into jewellery and have still to make my first paper flower. The hobby that has actually stuck and which gives me endless hours of pleasure is painting by numbers.

I first saw an advert for 'Masterpieces by Numbers' on Facebook and I was intrigued. This company was promoting painting by numbers for adults, a more sophisticated version of what I used to enjoy as a child. The choice of paintings was wide and varied and included lots of different subjects. Their kits were supplied with brushes as well as the paints, along with a paper version of the picture with the numbers on and the numbered canvas itself. Many pictures were around 20 inches by 16 inches in size. Of course, the clever marketing invited me to take up the offer of 'buy 2 get 1 free', and so I ordered a restful beach scene, a Parisian street scene complete with flower shop, cafes and the Eiffel Tower, and a pretty garden scene. It took several weeks for them to arrive, all the way from Florida. A lengthy delivery can be the case with other suppliers, too, some of whom ship from China, although there are others who deliver much quicker, some of those you find on Amazon, for example.

These kits usually come with acrylic paints, a medium I had never used before. I found a few of them to be too thick and although you can dilute them carefully with a little water, as I did, some people recommend a product called 'Flow Aid' for this purpose.

You don't get much in the way of instructions with these kits, but lo and behold, there are lots of Facebook groups you can join where helpful members are only too happy to offer tips and advice - groups such as The Official Painting by Numbers Community, Beginners Painting by Numbers, Addicted to Painting by Numbers and Seniors Painting by Numbers are a few I've joined.

There is also a whole collection of PBN tutorials on YouTube, particularly those by Melanie B's Creative Studio, who also have a Facebook group.

One of the questions that crops up frequently is what order to paint the numbered 'cells' in the canvas - in a particular direction, by section, dark colours first, or by the numbers. The answer is, there is no right or wrong answer, whatever you prefer. My logical brain prefers to paint the cells in number order. This is also easier as you don't have to constantly wash your brush out to change colours. It's also fun seeing your picture very slowly and gradually come to life.



I also learned early on, to my cost, that you have to close the tiny paint pots securely as the paint can dry out very quickly if exposed to air. If you are careful, you shouldn't run out of paint, as the amount of each colour will have been measured carefully. Some companies do allow you to buy an extra supply for your particular picture if necessary. In one very strange example, someone was supplied with paints that clearly were the wrong colours for the painting, giving a very strange result! This looks to be a very rare occurrence, however.

You can even send away your own photo and have it converted to a painting by numbers kit by some companies. From what I've read, some custom kits are better than others so I'll be checking reviews before I pay the higher cost for a custom picture. Some people have used this service so they can paint pictures of relatives or pets as gifts; what a great idea.

One word of caution, this hobby is definitely addictive. Before I had finished my second painting, I had already ordered my next three. I'm just so glad that I finally discovered something that gives me so much pleasure and that I can do all year round. I'm just investigating some shelving so I can display different pictures at different times of year to brighten up the house. I may also have to learn some DIY!

# Farming In Lockdown

A month into the new year and for us spring is already fast approaching, although this current snowy spell makes you think otherwise. With the evenings getting lighter and mornings getting brighter earlier, new life on the farm is getting closer.



This recent snowy spell has been enjoyed by lots of you and by us too. The dogs have come into the house with clean feet, the views have been beautiful and sledging has been great fun, but it has drastically increased our workload. Water pipes to defrost to keep water flowing to the cattle in the sheds, hay to take out to the fields of pregnant ewes that no longer have easy access to grass and we also take high energy mineral tubs out to make sure the ewes are still getting enough goodness to keep them and their growing lambs going.

We have now scanned all of our ewes so now know what they are carrying. This allows us to be able to split them into fields accordingly so we can feed them as required until they come in for lambing. However we now ask you to do your part to help us during this crucial period before lambing. While out walking, especially if it's with your dog, please don't walk through the fields even if they look empty as your dogs poo can cause ewes to abort their lambs. Also please keep your dogs on their leads as the damage one dog running through a field of heavily pregnant ewes can cause is devastating, lambs can be aborted and ewes can collapse and die with the stress and shock.

We also appreciate your help keeping an eye on our sheep. With the weather over the next few weeks hopefully starting to improve and the temperatures starting to creep up, the heavily pregnant ewes start to get hot and itchy under their

thick fleece and have a tendency to get stuck on their backs, which if left there for prolonged periods of time will kill them. So we ask all of you who walk round the roads to cast an eye over fields of sheep and if you



happen to see a ewe stuck on her back and there's no farmer around, quietly walk into the field, trying not to stress or worry the other sheep in the field and gently roll her over so she can get her legs under her and hopefully walk away. You may find when you do this they drunkenly stagger away and fall over getting stuck again. So don't go too far away until you have seen they are up on their feet again and if you are in any doubt at all please, as soon as possible, get in touch with the farmer or someone who will know the farmer.

# Christmas In Calais



As many of you may know, this Christmas Kirstin and I spent a few weeks in Calais working with a charity which provides essential support to refugees in Northern France and Belgium. The charity (Care4Calais) operates mostly in France and the UK where volunteers collect, sort, and distribute items to those in need. We travelled from Glasgow to Calais with Kirstin's car filled to the brim with donations of clothes, shoes, toiletries, and other valuable items that people kindly donated to us before the trip. In addition to this, we even managed to recruit a friend who offered to hire a van and pick up donations throughout Scotland and England and drop this off in Kent where it would be picked up by volunteers on their way to France.

Throughout the week, volunteering days consisted of a morning spent in the warehouse before lunch, then in the afternoon we would travel to a site to distribute valuable items. In the warehouse, there were several jobs that needed done every day including sorting through the donations, assembling food packs, preparing the services, and making lunch for the volunteers. As you may imagine, some of the most valuable donations included warm winter jackets, sturdy walking boots, tents, sleeping bags, and electronics like phones and power banks. It was important to sort through these donations to make sure that we give out good quality items as the men receiving them will live outside through all weather conditions. On Christmas day, Kirstin and I

sorted through jackets together and we were delighted to come across an item which we had likely brought from Glenfarg! A Kinross Rugby jacket from the Warders – found again by coincidence in this pile of donations.

The most stressful warehouse job by far was making lunch... with around 30 volunteers spending the morning doing physically demanding jobs in a chilly warehouse, a warm, nutritious lunch was vital! To keep costs low, those who volunteered to make lunch were only allowed to buy one item from the supermarket each day, the rest was a challenge to find and use food from the kitchen and the containers. Somehow we managed to have a delicious meal every day!



In the afternoons we would go out to a site to distribute items, provide essential services, and socialise with the people who lived there. One thing that I was not aware of before volunteering was that the sites are mainly comprised of men. There are a few women and children at some of the larger camps but most of the women and children



either remain in their home countries until their partners have gained asylum, or they are given indoor accommodation elsewhere. We went to five sites on a weekly basis which were located across Calais, Dunkirk, and Brussels. Care4Calais also supports sites in Paris though we did not venture there during our visit. We distributed a different item every day depending on the need at each site, and then we stayed for around two hours to give out tea and coffee, provide hairdressing and sewing stations, play games, pick up litter, and generally to chat and make friends



Care4Calais places a great importance upon socialising between volunteers and refugees. We spent this time forging friendships despite language barriers, laughing and joking, singing and dancing, and learning from one another. One lovely man from Sudan who spoke to me and Kirstin on a particularly freezing day told us that our visits made the days brighter. We were so touched by this and we knew exactly what he meant. During these moments, the wind, rain, and cold weather was forgotten while we made room for some normality and humanity instead.



I am sad to say that the elements are not the only source of difficulty faced by these men who have fled war, torture, and human rights violations in their home countries. The French riot police (the CRS) regularly “evict” the sites meaning that tents, sleeping bags, clothing, and other possessions are destroyed while the residents are forced to scatter, or else risk being detained. Unfortunately, this kind of inhumane treatment is a weekly occurrence. While we were there a friend of ours from Kurdistan had his tent destroyed in one of these brutal attacks. We had been talking about this tent the day before as it was a vibrant orange colour and very recognisable. He was known around the site for allowing people to stay in his tent when they didn’t have one of their own and he was very proud of this reputation he had. I was really upset when I heard the news about his tent being ripped apart and so I reached out to him to check that he was alright. He laughed and told me this was normal; he could not dwell on it for too long.



Thankfully he was looked after by his friends at the site until he was able to find new shelter.

The people that we met in France and Belgium were some of the most generous, friendly, and brave people that Kirstin and I have ever come across. When we were on distributions, some of the men would bring us a cup of tea or try to offer us their hats and gloves if we looked cold. At some sites the guys taught us how to say common words in Arabic or Kurdish, while at others they wanted us to play football or join in with their dancing. As absurd as it may seem, given the harrowing situation we found ourselves in, the distributions were

often extremely fun and upbeat. Our experience volunteering with Care4Calais was immensely valuable to us, to the charity, and to the people that we met. While it may be a daunting prospect to volunteer so far from home, we would encourage anyone who is thinking about it to get in touch with one of us and we can tell you what to expect. Additionally, there is a lot we can do from home to promote refugee rights and to support those seeking asylum here. Please reach out to us if you would like more information about this!



Finally, thank you so much to every person who contributed to our trip. Be this through your donations of clothes and essential items, through a cash donation to our costs, or messages of support you sent to us or our family. We are so appreciative of the response we have received from Glenfarg, and we quite honestly could not have done it without your help.

# eLenFARe and DUNgRieVie in BLOOM



It's hard to write about flowers, shrubs, trees etc when everything is covered in 30cm of snow but, believe me, Spring will come and these poor wee daffs that stuck their heads up in December will put on a show for us all. Back in November GDIB placed its order for plug plants which will arrive in mid April and again we appeal for greenhouse owners to volunteer some space to bring them on until early June.

It's hard to predict how things will develop this year and what restrictions we may have to operate under, but we are quietly confident that we can, as we did in 2020, still produce a splash of colour in our village. Last year's success was entirely due to the wonderful folk who adopted a planter, planted it up and maintained it for the year. The end result was colour from end to end Main Street, Ladeside to Ash Grove and everything in between and, in my opinion, the variety of plants and planting styles really set it off. Hopefully last year's volunteers and some new volunteers will be able to help again.

I, for one, can't wait to see how the new wildflower area develops this year. Apart from the beautiful colours us humans will enjoy, all the wee bugs and beasties, butterflies and bees are in for a real treat. Not only will they have pollen aplenty they will also have the

most luxurious dwelling houses built by Eric following some online chats/ idea sharing with Douglas et al. The “bug towers” will be installed to the shaded, sheltered areas and the metal mounts will be approximately a metre in the ground, keeping them secure but still keeping the timber off the ground. Well nobody, not even bugs, likes getting their feet wet.





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# Mental Health In Lockdown

As someone who has struggled with mental health and anxiety issues since my teenage years, I am very mindful of the extra pressure and isolation that some of us will be feeling during the current lockdown climate.

I was very fortunate to be able to pay for private counseling in my 30's and learned a lot of tools and techniques to be able to 'nip my depression in the bud'. A lot of others are not so fortunate. If I could sum up my experience in one sentence it would be...

Be kind to yourself, you are not worthless and you are not alone.

There are a lot of organizations out there to help, but in an emergency don't be afraid to call 999. The following numbers were provided by the Molly Rose foundation.

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## **Glenfarg Community Council**

### **What is a Community Council and what it means to you.**

A Community Council is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area. As the most local tier of elected representation, Community Councils play an important role in local democracy.

Community Councils are comprised of people who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live.

As well as representing the community to the local authority, Community Councils facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities. They bring local people together to help make things happen, and many Community Councils protect and promote the identity of their community. They advise, petition, influence and advocate numerous causes and cases of concern on behalf of local communities. Here are some examples of their work from across the country:

- Carry out projects to enhance their community for all types of citizens
- Issue community newsletters
- Conduct local surveys
- Campaign on local issues
- Organise community events

Community Councils are the strongest means of becoming involved with your local area. It will give you a good understand of the workings of local government and what is going on locally and nationally. All local authorities in Scotland encourage citizens to become a member of their Community Council.

Glenfarg Community Council supports our community by representing opinions and issues and acting as liaison between the village and local council.

The only way the CC knows public opinion is if you tell us!

The Community Council is looking for new members who are willing to take an active position in promotion and protection of our Village. We need representation on groups with neighbouring communities in order to make our voice heard.

If we don't have enough volunteers to form a Community Council then it will cease to exist and we will have no voice in the local area to support our villagers.

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## **Update from Councillor Callum Purves**

### **Road Safety**

Local residents often raise concerns with me about the speed of traffic through Glenfarg and Duncrievie. One of the silver linings of the pandemic has been the changes to the traffic regulations that has allowed changes to speed limits to be fast tracked.

After consultation with Glenfarg Community Council, I put in a request for a 20 mph speed limit to be installed down Ladeside, along the Main Street and up Greenbank Road. When the roads team installed this limit, there was unfortunately a mix up and a section of Duncrievie Road out of the village was lowered to 20 mph instead of the Main Street. I have been assured by the roads team that Main Street will also be lowered to 20 mph, but the new speed limit on Duncrievie Road will remain.

In addition, to account for the new Copperfields development and the expansion of the village to the South, the existing 40 mph buffer speed limit will be lowered to 30 mph. This will ensure that there is a lower speed limit at the entrance of the development for vehicles looking to enter and exit.

Finally, following requests from local residents, the roads team are also assessing lowering the speed limits through Duncrievie and Drunzie.

### **Binn Farm Entrance**

A concern that has been raised with me on a number of occasions has been the deterioration of the anti-skid surface at the entrance to Binn Farm. This can be a dangerous section of road and local residents are keen to see the surface renewed.

I raised this issue at the Planning Committee in December when we were considering plans for an energy from waste facility, which was approved. I asked the developers if they would be willing to consider renewing this surface given the increase in the number of vehicle movements that will result from this development.

The developers agreed that this could be considered with PKC officers when they have to put together a Traffic Management Plan for the development. Following the approval of the application, I have written

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to Council officers to reiterate my desire for this to be requested as part of these discussions.

### **Gritting**

The Council gritting teams have working hard, including undertaking night shifts, but many roads have at times been impassable due to the snow and ice.

This is primarily due to the priority system that the Council uses for treating its roads and pavements. While this might work when there is a short period of severe winter weather, it does not work for longer periods. The lower priority routes do not get covered as the gritting teams simply go back to the start to cover the top priority routes.

Another issue is staffing. Lower priority routes are not covered at weekends or bank holidays at all, which meant that residential streets were completely ignored over the January bank holiday weekend, for example.

Local residents keen to do their bit have also been unable to access grit as bins are not regularly filled. The Council also has a policy of not installing new grit bins and their system does not even have a record of all local grit bins.

The problem here is one of poor policy. And this is a policy that has a real detrimental effect on people's day-to-day lives. In early January, PRI's emergency department treated 66 people for slipping or falling on icy roads and pavements.

There are a few key things we need to do to sort this problem. We need to reverse the cut to the number of gritters taken in the previous Council term. We need to look at more flexible staffing arrangements to allow residential streets to be treated at weekends and bank holidays. We need to make more community hand gritters available. We need to scrap the policy of not installing more grit bins and we need to fill them more regularly.

These measures are not particularly costly, but as with all these things, we will need to secure the support of councillors across the rest of Perth & Kinross to achieve them.

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## **Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting Monday**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7:30pm**

**Zoom media**

### **Agenda**

#### **Welcome**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Mr Geoff Christie's acceptance and approval for his co-option on to the GCC as a Community Councillor**
- 4. Action Points**
- 5. Planning Report**
- 6. Police Report**
- 7. Finance Report**
- 8. AOCB**
- R. Duncan CClr resignation**

#### **Reports from virtual meetings**

**Micro grant for Village Shop Screen**

**Emergency Plan Update**

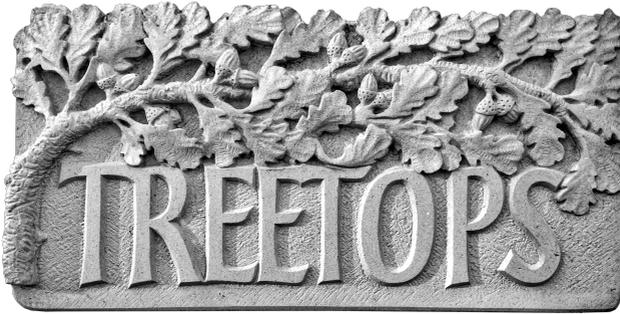
**Village Gritting**

#### **Welcome**

GCC Chair, CClr Ponton, thanked her fellow CCllrs for their attendance through email and expressed her gratitude to the owners of the Village shop, to all villagers and many others for their valued help at this troubled time in our community.

**Attendance through Zoom media:** CClr Ponton, CClr Pilmer, CClr Horsman, CClr Fraser, Mr G. Christie – Minutes Secretary, PKC Cllr Watters, PKC Cllr Robertson and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies** – CClr Warder and PKC Cllr Purves



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**2. Approval of last business meeting Minutes.** Proposer CCllr Fraser, Seconder CCllr Horsman

**3. Mr Geoff Christie's acceptance and approval for his co-option on to the GCC as a Community Councillor**

Cllr Ponton requested that in accordance with the PKC rules relating to Co-option of Community Councillors, Mr Geoff Christie's paperwork had been duly completed, confirmed with PKC and that Mr Christie was invited to accept the post of Co-opted Community Councillor. Mr Christie accepted the post, this was ratified and welcomed by those in attendance. The Secretary is to notify PKC as soon as possible regarding the Co-option in accordance with the PKC rules. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

**4. Planning Report**

CCllr Pilmer stated that there were five matters to declare notification of and they were:

**Alterations to forestry vehicular access**

Birniehill Wood Glenfarg

Ref. No: 20/01690/FLL. Received: Mon 16 Nov 2020. Validated: Tue 01 Dec 2020. Status: Awaiting decision

**Residential development (in principle)**

Land 60 Metres East Of Coach House Duncricvie Glenfarg

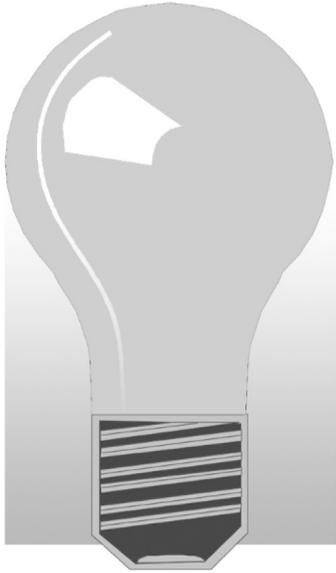
Ref.No: 20/01686/IPL. Received: Mon 16 Nov 2020. Validated: Fri 20 Nov 2020. Status: Awaiting decision

**Erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design - plot 7)**

Land 30 Metres South East Of Wallace Park Duncricvie Glenfarg

Ref.No: 20/01415/FLL. Received: Thu 01 Oct 2020. Validated: Thu 15 Oct 2020. Status: Decided. Approved

**Erection of an energy from waste facility including ancillary buildings, formation of vehicular access, infrastructure, landscaping, drainage and associated works**



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## Binn Farm Glenfarg

Ref. No: 20/01242/FLM. Received: Fri 04 Sep 2020. Validated: Fri 04 Sep 2020. Status: Decided. Approved

## Erection of 7 dwellinghouses

Land 110 Metres South East Of 10 Hilton View Hilton View Glenfarg Perth And Kinross

Ref. No: 20/01157/FLL. Received: Fri 21 Aug 2020. Validated: Wed 02 Sep 2020. Status: Decided. Approved

CCllr Pilmer asked if there were any comments from those in attendance. The member of the public, Mr G. Norris, raised the matter of the Planning Application for Duncricvie House Ref. No. 20/01686/IPL. Mr Norris explained as to what his and other residents concerns and objections were with this application. It was noted further that a full appraisal of the Planning Application comprising of all of the Proposer's documents, PKC documents other parties and Objections could be viewed via the PKC Planning Portal. All of this information had been given by the Secretary to the GCC CCLlrs prior to this Business Meeting.

In accordance with requests from members of the public this Planning Application required to be addressed by the GCC at a Business Meeting. Subsequently, the Secretary had written to PKC Planning advising them about the initial GCC letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> January and of its withdrawal until the GCC had discussed this particular Planning Application at its next Business meeting.

Following a full and fair discussion it was decided that the GCC, via the Secretary, would submit its grave concerns and that the GCC would not support this Planning Application. To be confirmed in writing to PKC Planning. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

CCllr Ponton suggested that the vacant remit for Planning on behalf of the GCC could be filled by our new Co-opted CCllr. To be confirmed. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

## 5. Action Points update:

### Crash barriers

Cllr Purves contacted CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer notifying them that the matter had

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been raised with the requisite people in PKC. The crash barrier and reapplication of an anti-slip surface will take place in time due to COVID-19 having an effect on the overall roads programme by PKC. It may not be until the budget of 2021 – 2022 is instigated before we see Projects, programmes and remedial work taking place.

Additionally, the point of extending the 40MPH speed limit further south beyond the existing Beinn Inn signage to the Railway Bridge and towards the road bridge, that crosses the River Farg, was accepted. This point of extension was added to the programme of Future Traffic Regulation Orders to be progressed as resources permit.

### 20MPH limits in our area

PKC Cllr Purves reported via email that that the 20mph speed restrictions within the confines of the village that had been installed by PKC have an error with Main Street wherein fact that the limit is 20MPH and not 30MPH. There had been a Signage installation error and that this was to be rectified as soon as resources allow. Confirmation was given that the existing 40MPH at the south of the village will be amended to 30MPH.

However, this 30MPH requires to be extended further south to a point past the proposed Stephen Development houses. This has been noted by PKC and will be confirmed via Cllr Purves because the soon to be built new houses with entrances will be on a National Limit 60MPH road.

Therefore, the outcome of Speed Limits for the village will be as follows: South point entry - National Speed limit 60MPH reducing to 30MPH at a new point. 30MPH until the Bus Stop on Main Street where is reduces to 20MPH before Ladeside (Hotel), past the Primary School and terminating just past Marinden Park.

North point entry – National Speed limit 60MPH to a point near to the junction of the Wicks o' Baiglie. 40MPH to the village reducing to 20MPH before Marinden Park.

No date has been stated for the amendments/corrections to take place/come into force therefore, an update will be requested in time for the next GCC Business Meeting. *Action CClr Pilmer*

### **Police Report**

Cllr Pilmer reported that there had been no reports of serious matters in our

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village. The Police Scotland Commander Bulletins for our area are published weekly on the Glenfarg Grapevine Facebook page. CCllr Pilmer is to write to the Community Policing team to request any news from a local perspective for the next Business Meeting. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

## Finance Report

CCllr D. Horsman stated:

### TREASURER REPORT 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### 1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £424

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

#### 2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £10 806

This balance is made up as follows:

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	5 103	1 595	4 011
Income	295	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	198	Nil	Nil
	<hr/> 5 200	<hr/> 1 595	<hr/> 4 011

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

#### Newsletter:

Income – P&KC COVID-19 £260, Newsletter £35

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### **3. SCHOOL FUND £141**

No Change

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A discussion took place to decide on where best to spend the small amount of funds as held in the Nursing Fund. It was decided that monies from this particular Fund be directed to the overall wellbeing of the village and invested in Wallace Park for its continued development for all. *Action CClr Horsman*

A discussion took place as to how best to use up what is left of the School Fund. A number of suggestions were stated nevertheless, Cllr Horsman elected to contact the Headteacher of Arrgask Primary to discuss the matter. *Action CClr Horsman*

### **AOCB**

#### R. Duncan resignation from the Glenfarg Community Council

The GCC led by the Chair expressed their “thanks” to Mr Duncan for his time spent with the GCC and for the work for that he had carried out. In particular, for his professionalism and integrity when dealing with Planning and other matters. They wished him well for the future.

#### Reports from Virtual Meetings

Cllr Ponton made a request of the GCC CClrs to report back on any Virtual Meetings that they are involved with, during the 2021 period, at future GCC Business Meetings.

#### Micro grant for Village Shop Screen

Cllr Fraser tabled a discussion for further funding towards the cost of an upgraded counter screen for the village shop. It was agreed by all CClrs that COVID-19 Funding of £260 be provided and the rest of the £140 money to come from the GCC funds. The money is a legitimate expense in lieu of the Village Shop owners allowing the shop to act as an essential hub for many community activities, especially during the current pandemic. *Action CClrs Fraser and Horsman*

#### Emergency Plan update

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CCllr Fraser announced that the current plan required to acknowledge the possibility of flooding due to the under-road river duct on Main street becoming blocked and the requisite action detailed in the Emergency Plan. He will liaise with PKC's K. Colville (Corporate Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Officer) to progress this matter.

#### Village Gritting

CCllr Fraser led a discussion with regard to the Push Gritter that is available for use, by a volunteer, to carry out civic gritting work. It was discussed that the present Push Gritter, whilst broken but being repaired, was being replaced by Mr A. Brown of PKC. To house the new larger Push Gritter CCllr Fraser suggested that the Village Hall Committee be approached to discuss the siting of a Shed within the grounds of the Village Hall. *Action CCllr Fraser*

#### Public Bus Services

CCllr Ponton and CCllr Fraser spoke about their involvement with Margaret Roy, PKC Transport and Kinross-shire Transport Forum respectively. The 55 route was received warmly and those members of the public that use it were thanked.

Cllr Fraser added that there had been an addition to the 56 route for a day time bus as well as the existing morning and evening services. He updated the GCC on a discussion for the X56 to travel through Glenfarg however, this matter is at an early discussion stage and nothing has been confirmed.

PKC Cllr Watters asked if the GCC had been receiving Minutes/Reports relating to the Kinross-shire Forum and he will confirm with the Forum that the GCC should be /are in receipt.

#### Glenfarg Community Council Facebook

CCllr Ponton requested that the GCC be set up with its own account to permit GCC messages/news/other announcements be created and posted into the Glenfarg Grapevine Facebook page. Presently the GCC message Administration who compile the information and the post is actioned through them. CCllr Ponton believes that a post coming direct from the Community Council will be noted directly and speedily. *Action CCllr Pilmer*



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## Pavements

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*Action GCC CCllrs*

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

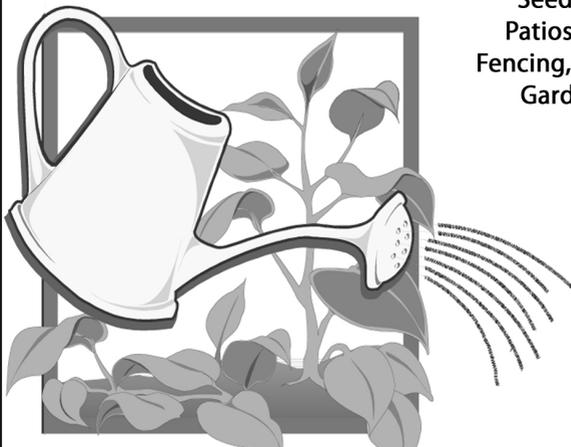
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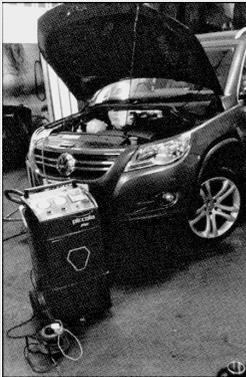
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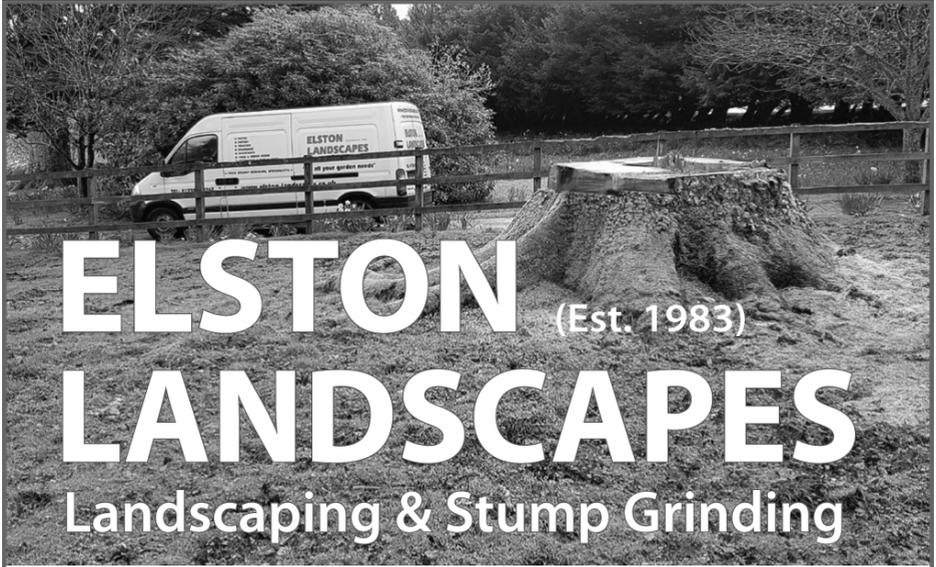
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