



The Glenfarg Newsletter

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If you want to contribute to the Newsletter here is how to calculate the deadline. It is published on the 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December. Copy should be submitted before the 15th of the month prior to the upcoming publication.

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Editorial

This month's front cover picture is of the first tunnel in the two tunnels walk. With family I walked the path taking pictures for the article to be found in this newsletter. The walk has become something of a tourist attraction with cars and even a minibus depositing visitors at the start of the walk. If you have never been it is well worth a visit.

We have a new contributor to the Newsletter. 12 year old Katie Bell, as part of a school project, has written an article called 'The Madness and Magic of Spring'. See her report on page 24.

Read about the exciting plans for the Community Centre garden. A plan has been drawn up helped by local man Stuart Rogers, a landscape architect who gave freely of his time. You are encouraged to comment and give opinions on the plan. See page 14.

Hopefully there will be a Gala this year and you will find in this issue a piece by Isla Craig. She is looking for volunteers to come forward to assist with the organisation of the project.

Thanks to our regular contributors - Christine Morton for her article on Scouts and Cubs in lockdown, Tim Corcoran for the Tennis Club, Alison Harrison for another recipe and Leigh Smith for two interesting articles. Kate Armstrong gives another plea for help in the Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom. The group is looking for young blood to keep the project going. The Rev Stan gives his usual thoughtful Church News

Let me here once again make a plea to all prospective contributors. One of the many problems of an editor is allocating space for articles and advertisements. The deadline can be extended only if I know approximately what size of article is coming.



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A Village Hall for All

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
	7.30pm - 9pm 1st Monday every other month	CC Meeting
Tuesday	9.30am - 10am	Metafit
	5.45pm - 6.45pm	Beavers
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	8.00pm - 10.00pm In winter	Mixed Badminton
	7.00pm - 11.00pm 1st Wednesday of month	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm 2nd Thursday Sept to May	WRI
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	Chair Exercise
	7.30pm - 10.00pm 2nd Friday Sept to April	Community Cinema

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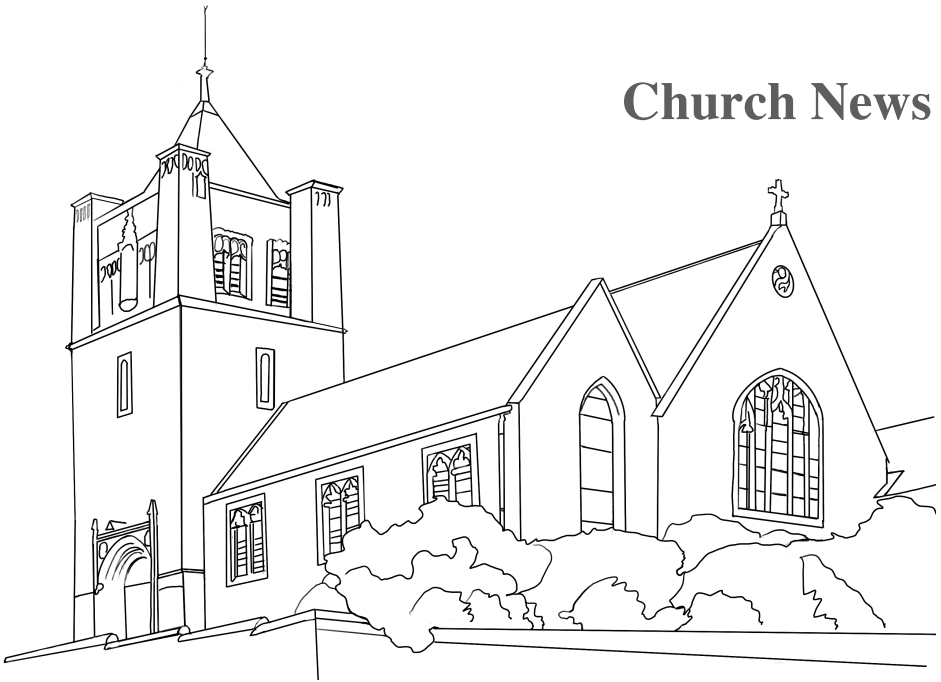
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Church News



Dear Friends,

As I write this, there is much speculation as to whether the Tokyo Olympic Games will actually take place this Summer. Postponed from last year due to pandemic issues, there have been nagging problems with logistics, spiralling costs and countries threatening to 'pull-out'. I remember holding a school assembly in a small Border's primary school, immediately prior to one Olympic Games. The thought of creating a sports orientated theme had occurred to me. Having rolled up my shirt sleeves, I asked the children what they could see when I moved my arm in a Charles Atlas type movement. To my disdain, there was no response at first, and then a wee boy near the front row tentatively put up his hand. With a hesitating voice he put forward his theory: 'Is that a muscle, Rev Stan?' Right enough, as a visual aid, maybe that wasn't one of my most obvious ideas. All was not lost, however, because that particular day their young male peripatetic gym teacher happened to be standing at the back of the hall. The keen rugby player, was only too quick to come to the front and reveal to the assembled schoolchildren all his rather more obvious muscle groups. I don't think that I have ever had such an attentive group of female teachers at a school assembly ever since. The bulging biceps had their eyes out on proverbial stalks even if the display was completely lost on the kids. Their ambivalence gave me great comfort: weedy ministerial muscle never had a hope of competing with Borders' rugby beefcake. The message was, of course, that external strength has always to be coupled with

internal strength of spirit. One of the most privileged things about being a parish minister is that you get glimpses into the lives of people who face huge challenges in the game of life. We all know friends and neighbours who encounter such challenges, be they a life threatening illness in a child, a tragic family episode or the revelation of a personal terminal diagnosis. Such rounds can be harder than others and all leave their mark, yet often out of expected defeat, comes victory. We are astounded when individuals can find the strength to pick themselves up off the bitter field and keep running. Often, they are an inspiration to us all. In these days, when hopefully life is re-emerging from the effects of the pandemic, I am convinced that the inner strength to conquer defeat is a gift to humanity from God. The so-called weaklings amongst us would say that this is the reason we go to church – to build up our spiritual muscles and help us win through. Bulging biceps are a good thing, but they can never beat well developed inner resources.

May God bless you and even if the Olympics don't go ahead as planned, can I wish you all a happy summer and great success in your personal race?

Rev Stan May 2021

Kirk News

From Easter Sunday, thanks to the lessening of Covid restrictions, we have been able to hold weekly physical services in Church once more and have been able to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion again in a way which conforms to regulations. Although we are still currently restricted by two metre spacing when members of the congregation are seated in pews, sixteen spaces are available in Kirk of St.Bride, Abernethy and fourteen in Arngask. We still are unable to sing hymns and the wearing of masks remains compulsory although as the vaccination programme progresses and the incidence of the virus decreases, we hope to see big changes soon. A monthly Zoom Fun Church has been taking place for our Sunday Club children and the Kirk Session has been meeting occasionally also by Zoom. The minister and volunteer team continue to send out and deliver 'On-Line Church' services every Sunday for those who feel that they are not ready to return to the kirk in person. More than ever, as the weeks progress into Summer, the Scottish Government is now actively relaxing regulations bit by bit. For this reason, you are encouraged to access up-to-the-minute Kirk news through the Church ADA (Abernethy & Dron & Arngask) Facebook page. Current worship information can be found here and you can also find details about how to 'book a pew' by registering your 'Trace and Protect' details.

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Ladeside

Everyone will know Ladeside, one of the village's main thoroughfares. The Dictionary of the Scots Language defines a lade as, "A water channel, esp. one conveying water to a mill-wheel, a mill-race." The lade of Ladeside begins at the River Farg, behind Earnside Coaches garage, where a weir and offtake were built. The weir raised the water level of the Farg so that a decent flow of water entered the lade. In Scotland, these weirs were known as damheads, a possible source for the earlier name of the village.

Crossing under Greenbank Road, the old Ordnance Survey maps show the lade appearing as a channel between Ladeside and the river. Before the Glenfarg Hotel was built, the lade continued as far as Main Street where it was once more culverted. Appearing on the east side of Main Street, the lade channel turned northwards running roughly parallel with the river but up to 100m to the east, following the contour of the land.

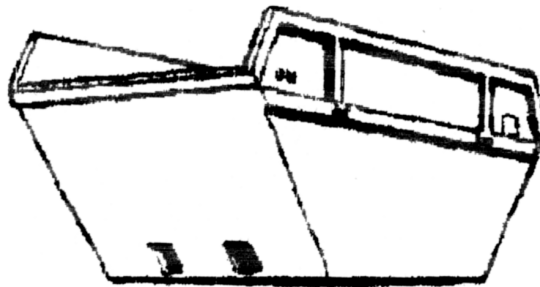


After about 450m the lade approaches the River Farg arriving at the mill it is going to power. This was Hay's Mill which had been in the Hay's family for centuries. The Annals of Arngask mentions a dispute between Richard Hay, miller, and the local landowners, in 1513.

The 1854 Ordnance Survey shows five buildings, also a boiler and kiln for drying the grain before milling. Access to the mill was from a bridge across the Farg, just to the north of the mill. In 1864, Hay's Mill burnt down. A constant problem with corn mills was that a build up of dust could cause an explosion from a single spark. The coming of the North British Railway, in the 1890s, saw the demolition of the mill buildings to make way for the railway line to Perth. The railway gave way to the motorway under which any remnants of the mill lie buried.



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Glenfarg Community Centre Update

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The Board of Arngask hall would like to tell you what is happening at the Glenfarg Community Centre and to give you an opportunity to shape the way the centre and the garden works for YOU. Since Covid -19 came along it has restricted progress. The Village Hall has been closed this year, apart from one glorious day when we opened for voting on May 6th and of course the kitchen was used for the fantastic Fish and Chips takeaway in mid-May.

The work on renovating the Schoolhouse is waiting for the builders to start turning the building into a integral part of our community. Over the winter, various small gatherings of volunteers have been working away chopping wood from the sycamore and storing it in the potato boxes. Robert & Christine have used the youthful energy of the Explorer Scouts to clear some of the overgrown scrubby bushes including holly & sycamores. We have also been talking to local man Stuart Rogers who is a Landscape Architect. Stuart is giving freely of his time and expertise, assisting the board to get the basic groundworks started in the Schoolhouse garden during this part of Spring/early Summer.

A digger is being hired for a day to remove tree stumps from the garden around the Schoolhouse, and create a usable open space. The main idea is to keep the area around the building more formal & easy to maintain with a wilder, more informal patch of garden at the back towards the Glenfarg Garage. We are going to combine the two areas of grass at the front of the property, so after the digger has done its magic and saved all our backs we'll be looking for volunteers to come and help with finishing off the lawn by raking/removing stones & reseeding the area. The work will be done in

phases over the next few months (and years!!) and will progress as we get ideas & funds.

The Glenfarg Centre – Hall plus Schoolhouse - will be an integral part of our village which will serve Glenfarg for years to come and we want you to be part of it too. 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.

Please have a look at the plan below.

The Board would really appreciate your thoughts about the Schoolhouse and garden and if you would like to know more or volunteer to help,

Please email Gillian Forbes – Secretary on secretary@glenfargcommunitycentre.com or speak to one of the Board of Trustees.



Surprise Fish Cakes

This recipe is loosely based on a Mary Berry recipe I saw on television one day, but did not have the exact ingredients so devised my own recipe. The “surprise” element of the dish is a delicious soft and gooey sauce in the centre of the fish cakes, so they have to be constructed carefully.

Ingredients

1 large piece of haddock (Mary used Smoked Haddock - I have also made this successfully using two pieces, about 180g, of sole)

400g (peeled weight) potatoes, cooked then mashed with a knob of butter (I use Maris Piper potatoes)

Half a pint of milk (I always use full cream but no doubt semi-skimmed would work)

2 oz salted butter for the sauce

1 oz salted butter for cooking the fish

3 tablespoons plain flour for coating the fish cakes

1 tablespoon plain flour for the sauce

Teaspoon of Dijon Mustard

Juice of half a lemon or equivalent from a bottle

Handful of chopped parsley leaves

Two tablespoons of grated Parmesan cheese

Half a packet of Panko Breadcrumbs

1 egg, beaten

Butter for frying

Place the fish and milk in a frying pan, add a knob of salted butter and bring to the boil. Turn down the heat to low and simmer for ten minutes with a lid on. Strain the liquid into a glass jug or bowl. Put the fish on a plate, cover and allow to cool.

Preparation

I always make mine in the microwave, but if you wish to do so on the cooker top then make a roux with the butter and a rounded tablespoon of



flour, gradually add the cooking liquid and bring to the boil stirring, then simmer, stirring constantly, till it thickens. Add the Dijon Mustard, Parsley, Parmesan and season to taste. Stir in the lemon juice. Cover and allow to cool.

Microwave method is more or less the same. Heat the milk for about 3 minutes, then remove. Melt the butter and flour in a bowl, 90 seconds. Gradually stir in the milk, beating to remove any lumps in the roux. Heat for a minute at a time, then stir and heat again, until you have the desired thickness of sauce. Add the Parmesan, Parsley, lemon juice and Dijon Mustard, then season to taste.

Flake the fish and add it to the mashed potato. Divide the mixture into 8 balls and roll each one in plenty of the flour, shaping it into a ball as you go. Taking your thumb, gently coax a hole in the top of the ball, as deep as you can without going through the base. Keep moulding the ball back into shape as you do this.

The cooled sauce should have thickened considerably. Spoon it into the balls, not quite to the very top, then gently squeeze the surrounding rim towards the centre. You may have to skim off some from the bottom, to make a lid. Any leftover sauce can be reheated just before serving and drizzled over the fish cakes.

Once the ball shape is restored, roll it gently in the flour, then the beaten egg, then the panko breadcrumbs. I find 3 of those flattish plastic bowls that come with salad from supermarkets are ideal for holding the flour, egg and breadcrumbs as they are wide enough to allow plenty of space for the rolling process, but a plate or wide bowl will do fine.

Place the fish cakes on a baking tray or big plate, and press them down lightly so they are flatter, but take care not to squash them open. Leave in the fridge for 20 minutes to firm up. Can be frozen at this stage and defrosted before proceeding as follows.

Fry top and bottom only, in butter, just till slightly golden, then bake in a preheated oven at 180degC Fan for 20 minutes.

Serve with salad, chips, or whatever you prefer. I am quite partial to coleslaw and beetroot salad, or simply just with baked beans.

These are quite large and we find one is enough, two is too much, so it has to be to your individual appetite. Enjoy.



Glenfarg Folk Club

"The show must go on"



Who would have thought that for two consecutive years our annual Folk Feast would be online only? In 2020 the 42nd Feast was put together at very short notice by a few of the club committee members. It was very much a learning curve but turned out fine, albeit with a few frayed nerves! The club were lucky to have a loyal supporter to lend technical expertise and put everything together, despite living in Peru! Technology is a marvellous thing.

The 43rd Folk Feast in April this year was along the same lines, everything was 'Online'. Friday evening opened with a 'Gathering Concert' where many members and friends performed. On Saturday afternoon the Original Song Competition took place, contestants are given a theme in advance, this year it was 'Twenty One'. They then write and perform a song, the key stipulation being it has to be funny and humorous. This year they didn't disappoint, with Keith Williamson taking the 'Duncan McNab' trophy.

The main elements of the weekend are the 'live' concerts on Saturday and Sunday evenings which brought in 'Full Houses'. I use the phrase lightly; I wonder what the record is for a Zoom full house?

There is light at the end of the tunnel with the expectancy that we will be able to return to Backstage at The Green in September. The prospect is both exciting and daunting, but that is where live music belongs. We do hope we will see some of you there, whilst we may have the word 'Club' in our title anyone at all is welcome to attend at any time.

Philip Ponton, Secretary.



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The Glenfarg Gala



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The Gala committee are hoping that the Glenfarg Gala will be able to go ahead – the provisional date is Saturday 21st August 2021, so put this in your diaries and do a little sunshine dance for good weather! Planning for the day is just beginning – it is likely to be somewhat scaled down from previous years, and the focus will certainly be on outside events. Exactly what will (or won't) be possible will of course depend upon the restrictions in place at the time, and as it is not yet clear what these might be, it is making planning quite challenging.

However, we are looking forward to coming back together and celebrating the community spirit which has been so apparent in the village over the last year. We desperately need more people to get involved though – both with the planning in advance, and with helping on the day. If you can help in any way, or have any ideas for the event, please please get in touch with either

Tim Corcoran (830300) or Isla Craig (830125)

Alternatively email glenfarggala@gmail.com or message via the Glenfarg Village Fete facebook page.

See you on 21st August!

Isla

Glenfarg Tennis Club



Things are buzzing in Wallace Park. New members are joining by the busload and Wednesday clubnights are subscribed to the maximum as people try to get the exercise they've missed over the last 14 months. It's great!

The new court surface is also a great hit. It might not be as prestigious as the astroturf but the amenity more than makes up for that. It is possible to play immediately after rain and the dry balls make tennis elbow less of a risk and there is a greater surefootedness about the place.

We're gearing up for the leagues to start towards the end of June. They're later than usual and will be less 'official' - our opponents being chosen more by proximity than ability, but it's what we have been waiting two years for. Our warm-ups started Thursday, May 13th and will continue every Thursday til the leagues begin.

Nicola's Law also suggests that we may soon begin to add social events to the calendar. We have pencilled in Glenfarg's old favourite, the Duck Race for late in July, Covid conditions and river flow permitting. It is not quite secure yet but watch Glenfarg Grapevine for details and don't be surprised if I'm round your door trying to sell you imaginary ducks.

Hope to see you then.

Glenfargian battles Facebook

Now there's a headline you never thought you'd see in the Village Newsletter. According to Facebook, there is someone in our midst who could be a match for Crocodile Dundee, our very own 'Alligator Glenfarg'. This person recently had an advert taken down by Facebook, not just once but twice, the second time after they'd explained the advert in full and asked for it to be reviewed.

What on earth were they advertising? Well, Facebook thought its policies on the sale of animals were being contravened. Isn't it a great thing that they keep tabs on people trying to sell animals online, domestic or wild?

The offending post was actually an advert for a pair of Black and Decker powered loppers, the model name being 'Alligator' a great name to convey the sharpness, power and effectiveness of this marvellous piece of gardening equipment in 'biting through' large branches or small logs.

If you've ever thought that Facebook was using computers to do its monitoring, this confirms it. However it's a shame they don't use humans to read peoples' justifications for when Facebook gets it wrong. And if you're wondering what happened to the loppers, once the advert was reworded, there was no problem at all in selling them to a very happy local!



Scouts and Cubs in Lockdown

The cubs and scouts have been meeting on line during lockdown. This has been technologically challenging for the leaders who spend less time using computers than the participants. We had to learn about sharing screens and switching views so we could see the participants and what was happening in the online activity. It stretched the connectivity of the broadband somewhat!

The scouts in particular were signing in under created names and changing appearances to confuse us further. Gradually we got some ground rules and order established.

We tried quizzes, initially using ones on line but discovered that asking the cubs to write 6 questions each provided a much more diverse and interesting quiz. Scavenger hunts, finding objects beginning with different letters was popular. We tried on line word games and drawing games.

The cubs and scouts discussed what interest badges and challenges they were going to try and reported back on the progress they were making. By participating in the online team challenges the cubs managed to complete part of their team challenge award.

The most popular activity was making a microwave cake in a mug or as it got named “mug in a cake”. The recipe was available before the meeting so everyone had the ingredients to hand and a parent available to help. We all made the cake at the same time, watching how everyone was managing. The cake is mixed up in the mug and then cooked in it. As one scout found out you need a fairly large mug and there is no point in being over enthusiastic with the measuring spoons and heaping as much on as possible because it just pours out the top as it cooks and hides the mug. The scout learnt from his errors and the next time told everyone to put the mug on a plate just in case it overflows.

Fortunately as the covid restrictions have eased the cubs and scouts have been meeting outdoors on alternate nights participating in non-contact games, pioneering and orienteering activities and on line meetings have stopped much to the relief of the leaders.

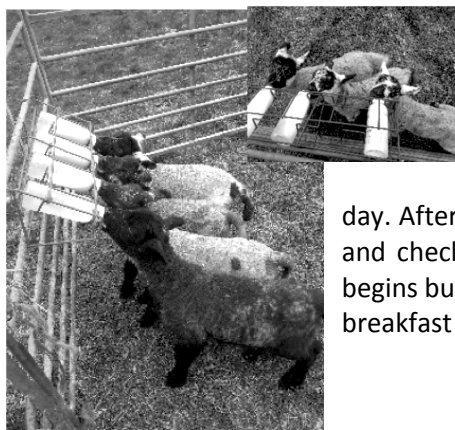
Christine Morton

The Madness and Magic of Spring by Katie Bell

(12 years)- April 2021

Spring is a magical time of the year, but with magic comes madness!

On my farm in the Ochil hills, spring is our busiest time of year as this is when calves and (lots of!) lambs are born. But with covid-19 and social distancing, none of our usual helpers have been able to come up so it's been extra mad and extra busy. Our day starts at 6am, get up, get dressed, have first breakfast and go up to the lambing shed to see what the ewes have been doing in the 5 or so hours since we were last there! Usually, we find about 5 or 6 ewes lambing and another 7 or 8 lambing.



After we have checked the shed, we take the remaining pregnant ewes back out to the field to graze for the day. After that the task of feeding and checking all the other sheep begins but first it's time to have our 2nd breakfast and feed the pet lambs.



The sheep eat cake and barley but not like the cake we know. They get through a lot of cake!

Then back home for lunch and a nap (if you are lucky). Thank goodness it's been mainly good weather this year because when it's bad weather the job takes twice as long – imagine lambing during the “Beast from the East” weather we had a couple of years ago?

In the afternoon we empty the shed of the lambs already born. This means we put all of the lambs that are two days old, with their mums, out into the surrounding fields. First, we mark the lambs as follows:

- the triplets get marked with the same mark (or number) on all of them.
- twins are generally marked the same way as triplets except there are only 2 rather than 3.
- singles get a red line down their right hip.

This can take up until 6pm.

Then it's time to gather the pregnant ewes back in and put them into the shed for overnight, as it's easier to 'look' them when they are inside during the hours of darkness. After this it's time for 1 last look, a last feed for the pets for the day before I get to have my tea and then bed. Before the whole 'process' starts again tomorrow! Night Night!



GLENFARG COMMUNITY CINEMA

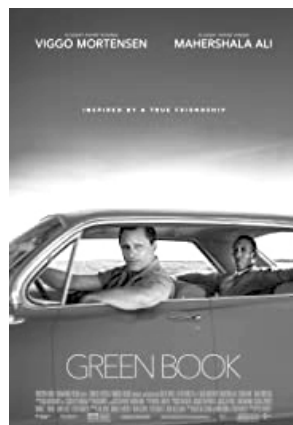
Good news – the acoustic panels are in place and already we can hear that there is much less echo in the hall. The installation was carried out by TLD Joinery Ltd, and we are very grateful to Tom Lochty who donated this work for free, thus saving us a huge amount of money.

As a next step, we plan to try out various DVDs in readiness for the reopening of the Community Cinema. Just how the new season will work is not yet clear, but we are already planning a programme of films in the expectation that this will happen. We'll be in touch again, so look out for information on when and how we will be showing films, hopefully in early autumn.

In the meantime, we have been continuing our virtual cinema – all watching the same Netflix movie on the usual cinema night and discussing it via Zoom. Here are the films we have watched lately, all of which are highly recommended.

MARCH – “Green Book”

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s US South. Not only is there a class and culture clash between the two, but in the south there is segregation and a lot of racial hatred.



Based on a true story of renowned pianist Don Shirley and his driver Tony ‘The Lip’ Vallelonga, the film is named after “The Negro Motorist’s Green Book”, a mid-20th century guide for African-American travellers. The film explores the difficulties encountered at that time and the changing relationship between the two men.

The film won Best Picture in the 2019 Oscars. Both actors were nominated for their role, with Mahershala Ali winning for his portrayal of Don Shirley. There was also an Oscar for the writers of the screenplay, one of whom was Nick Vallelonga, real life son of Tony Lip. Other members of the Vallelonga family also play themselves in the movie.

We all thought this was a brilliant movie. There are so many reasons to see it – wonderful acting, brilliant music (both jazz and classical), and a great script full of humour.

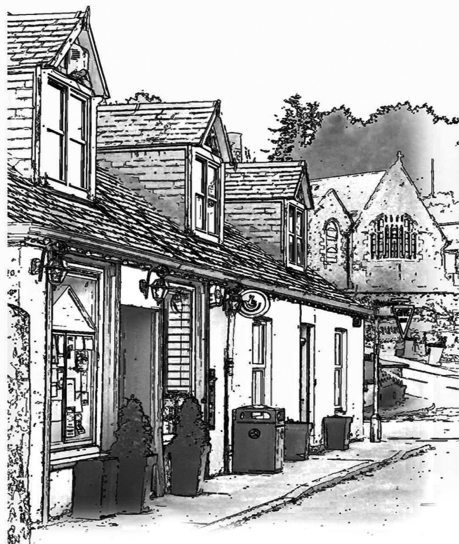
APRIL – “News of the World”

American Western co-written and directed by Paul Greengrass, starring Tom Hanks and Helena Zengel. The film follows an aging American Civil War veteran who travels around from town to town, reading the newspapers to local residents for a small sum of money. He comes across a young girl who had been taken by the Kiowa Indians and raised as one of them. Now he must return her to the German settlers who are her last remaining family.



This is a Western with a difference – a true feeling of the real wild west with mud, dirt, rough timber buildings and lawless communities. There's the equivalent of today's car chase, but with horses and wagons. And of course there's a gunfight or two.

Tom Hanks is familiar to everyone, but we were all amazed by the performance of 12 year old Helena. This film is worth watching if only to be able to say that you saw Helena at the start of her acting career.



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It's been a strange old year but we have just about coped. HOWEVER the times they are a changing. We desperately need new blood in our wee group. We are ageing daily and with that becoming less able to carry on keeping YOUR village tidy and



cared for. We are also facing the double whammy of two of GDIB's stalwarts, Irene & Lorne, upping sticks and moving "doon the road".

If YOU want the Glenfarg Green to be maintained, if YOU want floral displays throughout the village, if YOU want the permanent features of Train Stop, Dupplin and Ash Grove to be maintained, if YOU want the orchard to be maintained, if YOU want the village to be litter free, if YOU want the village signs and bins cleaned then YOU, and only YOU, must step forward and volunteer to help in which ever way YOU can.



Tasks are obviously varied and include everything from weekly, monthly, seasonally or even annual. And before any of YOU say “But I’m hopeless at gardening” GDIB is

not a gardening group, GDIB is an environmental group and if YOU care about YOUR environment then GDIB is the place for you.



On a serious note it has been proved that outdoor activity and communing with nature improves both physical and mental health. None of us have been immune to the effects of the Covid crisis on our mental well being , and perhaps joining a wee friendly group like GDIB is just the wee lift you need right now.

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Volunteering with CHAS during the pandemic

CHAS (Childrens' Hospices Across Scotland) was one of the many charities that had to react very quickly last year to the huge change in circumstances brought out by the pandemic. The restrictions of lockdown impacted not only their ability to raise funds but also, particularly in their case, their ability to deliver support to families in great need.

I was hugely impressed by the speed with which they adapted, not only with swiftly bringing staff and volunteers alike up to speed with Zoom so that we could keep lines of verbal communication open but also in the innovative ways that they allowed volunteers to remain active in supporting families through a number of new roles.

Two great examples are the story-telling and letter-writing roles that a good number of volunteers took on last year, in place of their normal roles which would have been carried out within the hospices themselves. To keep up the spirits of children who have been referred to CHAS, as well as their siblings, stories have been read by volunteers online via Zoom, often on a regular basis, allowing children a bit of fun and magic as well as giving parents a break. Sometimes parents sit in and listen as well and enjoy the stories along with their children and see how much their children are getting out of the experience.

Letter-writing to children during the pandemic has allowed them to receive something special in the post on a fortnightly basis. Siblings, in particular, have loved getting something that's just for them. Volunteers are briefed on the child's age and interests so letters can be written in appropriate language

and with content they will enjoy. Very often the letters are covered in colourful stickers and written in various shades of pen. In the envelope the child might also find some pages to colour in, some games, and other items to keep them amused as well as stamped envelopes, pens and paper to allow them to write back if they wish.

When a child does write back, it is very heartwarming to receive and to read. They might enclose drawings and photos as well. One very young girl refuses to let her mum help her write her replies, she is determined to create her letters all on her own. This wee lassie may be new to primary school and her volunteer may be retired, but in her eyes she has a 'penpal'! In these days of computers, tablets etc, it is great that letter-writing can bring so much pleasure - this is definitely one activity that I'm pretty sure will continue long after the pandemic is over.

If activities like these become part of a 'new normal', it can't be such a bad thing!

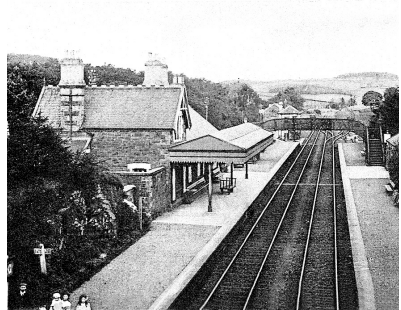
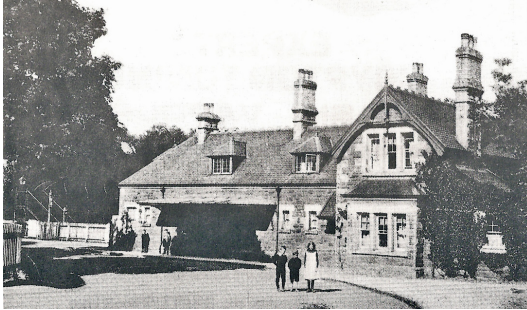


Craggan enjoying 'Hairy McLary from Donaldson's Dairy'

Leigh Smith

Glenfarg's Unusual Tourist Attraction

There was a time when Glenfarg was a real holiday destination. Folks from Edinburgh would take the train and stay at the many bed and breakfast establishments in the village. At that time Glenfarg had many shops, two hotels, two golf courses, and a railway station.



In the 1960s the nationalised British Rail was losing money at a prodigious rate and the increased use of motor transport added to the problem. The government commissioned two reports by Doctor Richard Beeching called *The Reshaping of British Railways* (1963) and *The Development of the Major Railway Trunk Routes* (1965). The result of which was the closing of 2,363 stations and 5,000 miles (8,000 km) of railway line. The effect for Glenfarg was the closing of the station and the Edinburgh to Perth line.



You may have noticed cars parked on the side of the glen road just south of the old railway bridge. Many of these cars belong to visitors who have been enjoying the delights of a walk through the disused railway tunnels.

Allow me take you through the two tunnels walk. It's as well to mention here it is advisable to take a torch.



From the parking area turn left and there is a pleasant walk down the old track bed running parallel with the glen road. Soon the track takes a turn to the left. Cross the bridge and you come to the rather foreboding entrance of the first tunnel.



Have no fear. For the most part the going underfoot in the tunnel is good and if you stand and let your eyes become accustomed to the dark you will see a glimmer of light ahead which is at the end of the first tunnel. There are some pieces of junk in this tunnel which thankfully are at the side wall and not much of a hazard.

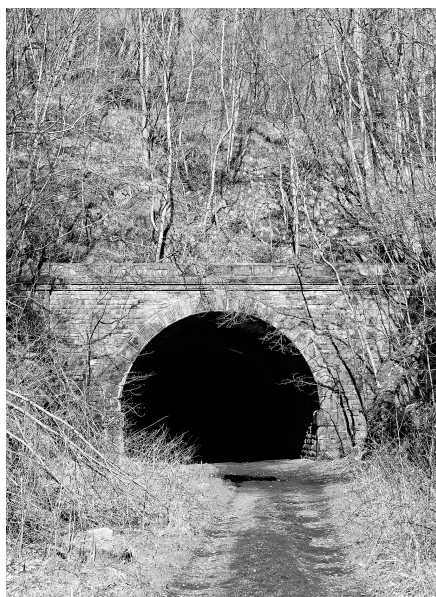
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Back in the daylight again. The path is a bit muddy here but it can be negotiated with some careful footwork. The path is high up on the side of the hill and looks down on the glen road as it wends its way below.

With some ups and downs the path follows the direction of the glen road for some distance then turns left to the entrance of the second tunnel.

This is a longer tunnel and because it takes a bend to the left there is no light at the end of the tunnel. Yet.



Here again the going is good, flat and dry underfoot and walking is easy. As you approach the end of this tunnel keep shining the torch on the right hand wall. Here you will find some interesting graffiti. Painted in large letters are tracts of hippie philosophy.



Out in the open again and to your right a stunning view of the carse where the river Earn meets the river Tay.



Follow the path until you reach the Wicks Of Baglie road where the path ends. Now you have a choice. You can retrace your steps or have someone pick you up. There is a small pick up stop at the foot of the dismantled bridge on the Wicks road. If you are feeling really energetic you can walk back to Glenfarg on the Wicks road. With family, Ben and Lyall, I walked the path on a bright May day. We had the luxury of having Janet pick us up at the end of the path.

It is an interesting, fun walk and is only about 2 miles long end to end. As our new tourists are finding out, it is well worth a visit.

Editor

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

A Worldwide Volunteer Service Organisation



CENTENARY YEAR 1921-2021

You're a what? – That's sometimes the reaction when I tell someone I am a Soroptimist. It's been confused with chiroprapist, podiatrist and lobotomist! The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin and Greek "soror" meaning sister and Greek "optima" meaning best. Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as 'the best for women'.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide volunteer service organization for women who work for peace and in particular to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Through its General Consultative Status as a non-governmental organization at the United Nations, the organization seeks equality, peace, and international goodwill for women.

2021 - CENTENARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

The first Soroptimist Club was formed on June 21st, 1921, in Alameda County, California and within 3 months had recruited 80 members, the minimum stipulated number to form a Charter Club. The Charter was presented at the Oakland Hotel, Oakland, on October 3rd, 1921. The first president was Violet Richardson-Ward, whose motto was "It's what you do that counts." This is equally valid today.

PROGRAMME ACTION – The First Project

One of the major projects undertaken by the Oakland Club concerned the environment with legislative

advocacy to "Save the Redwoods" – the great ancient trees which were being felled unmercifully. Soroptimists lobbied the legislature, took on the powerful lumber companies and gained public support for the project.

The result was that the major portion of the redwoods was set aside in a protected reserve and still stands today.



PERTH – A Year of Activity Since First Lockdown

Soroptimist members in Perth, in common with those of many other organizations, were disappointed not to be able to hold physical meetings throughout their year, which ran from April 2020. Nevertheless, in true Soroptimist spirit, they have achieved much during the 12 months. Using Zoom, members have been able to attend virtual meetings and hear engaging speakers as well as discussing ideas towards achieving the Vision, Mission and Principles of Soroptimism.

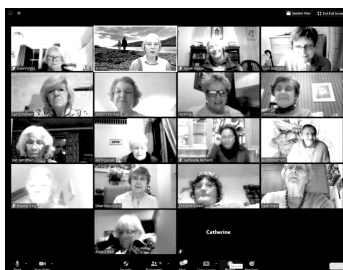


SI Perth members Jean Black & Alison Findlay delivering household goods collected for Starter Packs in Perth

Activities have included:

* In 2021, in common with all clubs within Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI) to commemorate the centenary of the inception of S.I., we planted a silver birch tree at the South Inch, Perth and another at Quarrymill, Perth

* We are supporting our sister Soroptimists in India to fund the cost of planting hundreds of mangrove trees in the Kolkata area, and the CDP charity in Kenya, which is also planting mangrove trees.



Very successful Zoom meetings currently held twice a month during the past Pandemic Year

* The club supports an orphan in Kenya, collects household goods for Starter Packs in Perth, donates to The Salvation Army, produced bookmarks for RASAC to highlight Violence against Women, crafted and sewn sensory padded books for blind or partially sighted children, produced scrub bags for the NHS, knit square for knee blankets and collect and recycle blister packs, milk bottle tops and many more recyclable items.



Silver Birch tree planted in the South Inch, Perth to commemorate the Centenary of SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

If you are interested in “dipping a toe in the water” and would like to attend one of our monthly club meetings by Zoom for the foreseeable future, please contact siperth@outlook.com and ask the Secretary to send you an electronic invitation.



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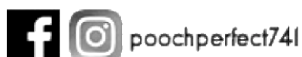
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Community Website

www.glenfarg.org

for all the information about our village
club contacts / service dates / group and CC minutes etc

Glenfarg Community Centre Website

www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com

Everything that is happening at the Community Centre.

Facebook

join the Glenfarg Grapevine closed group
for instant community news / details of events

Email Service

sign up via the community website
to receive a weekly email of upcoming events
plus emergency announcements

Noticeboards

The shop window is the place for general posters
and the CC noticeboard (round the corner) for CC and Perth Council news

Grapevine News for Non-Computer Users

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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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Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting

Monday 3rd May 7:30pm via Zoom media

Agenda

Welcome

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Action Points**
- 4. Reports for virtual meetings**
- 5. Planning Report**
- 6. Police Report**
- 7. Finance Report**
- 8. AOCB**

Glenfarg Hotel

Village Pub

Post Office mobile van and other option

Microgrants

Friends of Wallace Park (FoWP)

Village Road Speed initiative

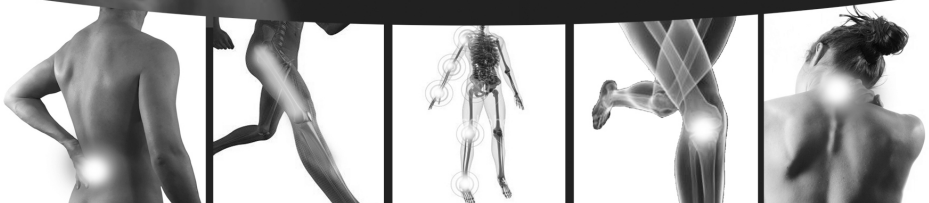
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GCC Chair, CCllr Ponton, thanked her fellow CCllrs for their attendance and expressed her gratitude to the owners of the Village shop, to all of the village's residents and many others for their valued help at this troubled time in our community.

CCllr Ponton urged the current CCllrs to engage with residents and to encourage any to come forward to support their community. A resident can be co-opted/elected on to the GCC following the Scottish Government elections in May.

Attendance through Zoom media: CCllr Ponton, CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Fraser, PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Watters and PKC Cllr Purves. One member of the public.

1. Apologies – CCllr Horsman

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

3. Action Points update

Pavements CCllr Fraser stated that he had submitted a report concerning the state of the pavements within the village boundary to PKC. The report was acknowledged however, no date was proposed as to when any remedial works would be carried out. This led to a general discussion about problems relating to road surfaces (especially on Greenbank Road) blocked drains on Main



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Street, condition of the wall bordering the River Farg, pavements and roads not being swept and what action could be offered by PKC.

The PKC Cllrs reported on what problems had led to some services being restrained and that there is additional funding available for repairs. PKC Cllr Robertson offered to liaise with PKC to arrange an on-site meeting to survey problem areas.

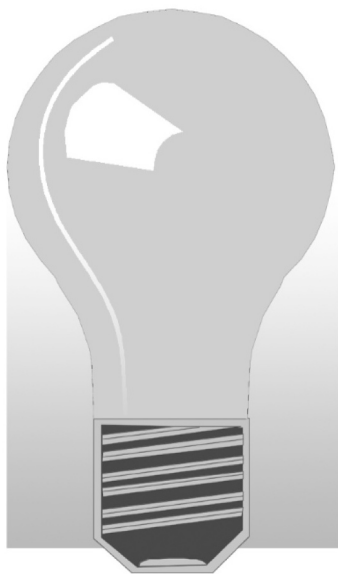
Action PKC Cllr Robertson and CCllr Fraser

Village Gritting machine

CCllr Fraser reported that the replacement machine was now housed in its own locked shed within the grounds of the Village Hall. Total expenditure was £42.00 and a thank you was extended to the benefactor for the donation of the shed.

4. Reports on Virtual meetings

CCllr Ponton reported that the 10th March Stronger for Communities virtual meeting was extremely helpful and interesting with a cross section of people from the area's communities present. Apart from CCs, various groups and associations were represented e.g., PKC, NHS, Men Sheds, Broke not Broken. CCllr Ponton stated that she would like a condensed version of the helpful links to be published through the Community Notice Board and social media. *Action CCllr Pilmer*



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CCLr Fraser reported on the extended funding for the local 55 and 56 Bus services that shall see these services continuing for a considerable period of time.

5. Planning Report

CCLr Christie reported on the following matters including that a Letter of Objection had been submitted by the GCC with regards to the proposed housing development at Duncrevie, 21/00407/FLL. In particular the public road access and safety concern.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action
21/00407/FLL	27/04/2021	G S Brown Ltd	Erection of 6 dwellinghouse, garages and associated works at Land 40 Metres North Of Woodbine Cottage, Duncrevie	Awaiting Decision
21/00465/FLL	19/04/2021	D A Bailie Ltd	Extension to agricultural building at Colliston Farm, Drunzie	Awaiting Decision
21/00588/FLL	07/04/2021	Mike Taylor	Extension to dwellinghouse at Lilyvale, Duncrevie	Awaiting Decision
21/00483/PNF	30/03/2021	Jennifer Gordon	Formation of Turning head, Heatherleys Forest, Glenfarg	Approved
21/00084/PNA	21/01/2021	Binn Farm Ltd	Erection of animal shelter, Land 600 Metres West Of Binn Farm, Glenfarg	Approved

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6. Police report

CCllr Pilmer reported that there had been no notification of any serious crimes within the Glenfarg area. The Community Police Sergeant is to be contacted for any matters that are worthy of inclusion for the next GCC Business meeting. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

7. Finance report

CCllr Pilmer reported

TREASURER REPORT 3rd May 2021

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Expenditures – Nil

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		£	£
At 1 st March 2021	4380	1 595	4 011
Income	530	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	198	42	4011
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Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – £530 from Advertisements

Expenditures – £198 Danscott Printing costs

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

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Glenfarg Hotel

CCllr Ponton raised the matter of the Hotel and what is expected to happen in the future. PKC Cllr Purves spoke about the hotel and perhaps the availability of funding for development. The GCC awaits any news forthcoming about the hotel for the benefit of the community.

Village Pub

CCllr Ponton spoke about future discussions with interested parties for the benefit for the community and that a letter had been received from the Village Pub Group. The letter confirmed that the matter of discussions with the Village Hall Trustees and other interested parties has been put on hold presently until the Pandemic has abated. It was agreed that the village is in need of a social venture that has licensing capability to satisfy a desire for a hostelry within our village. Further discussions by the GCC to take place with interested known groups and the Village Hall Trustees.

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Post Office Mobile Van and other option

Cllr Ponton reported that she had spoken to the Post Master for the area who has responsibility for the Mobile Post Office van. It was made known that the van's reliability was questionable and that a more desirable replacement be funded. Unfortunately, a replacement looks unlikely for the immediate future however, another option was offered. This new option could take the format of a Post Master "setting up shop" in the Village Hall and running a counter service. Discussions on this topic are at a very early stage and any news/information relating to this topic will be made public as soon as possible.

Microgrants

It is noted that there has been little uptake for Microgrants within our Community since the start of the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions. It is hoped that once the restrictions are lifted then individuals/groups will look for funding in relation to their community projects.

Friends of Wallace Park (FoWP)

CCllrs discussed the further release of funds to enable the fitness equipment to be installed/erected within the grounds of Wallace Park.

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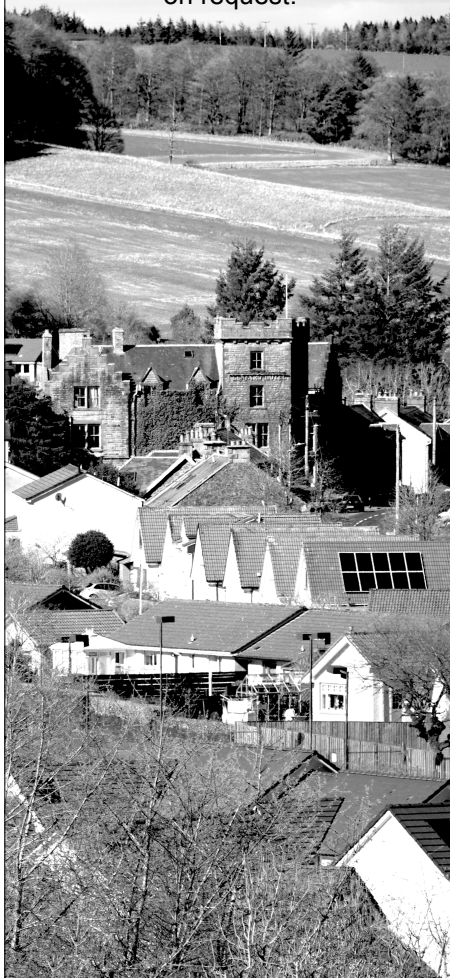
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CCllr Fraser advised the meeting that there will be young people (kitted out with bright safety tabards) carrying out activities in the village in relation to their work on behalf of the DoE scheme.

Village Road Speed initiative

Speed limit for new Stephen houses adjacent to the south of the village still at 60mph and this should be changed to a lower limit. PKC Cllr Robertson to notify the Secretary about who to write to at PKC. *Action PKC Cllr Robertson and CCllr Pilmer*

Further discussion took place about making use of the previously discussed Community Speed Gun topic and the availability of a Weatherproof Carboard Policeman (WCP) to be sited within the village boundary. PKC Cllr Robertson explained about the cost (WCP is Circa £200) and would investigate the availability for the Village. *Action PKC Cllr Robertson*

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting is Monday 5th July at 7:30pm. Details of the meeting will be confirmed nearer that date.

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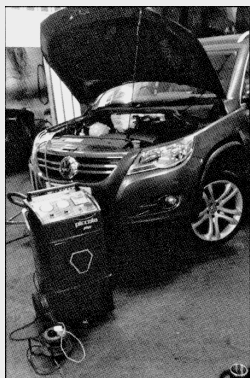
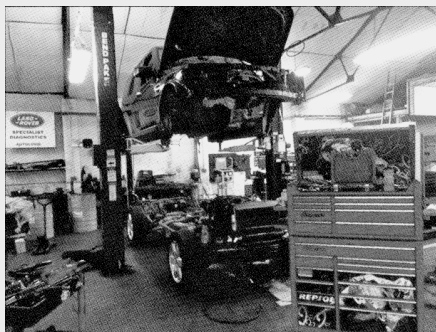
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