

The Glenfarg Newsletter



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Editorial

Well here we are again heading into the festive season. Where has 2022 gone?

In this edition, we are pleased to welcome Anna Faith Scott to the Newsletter Team. Anna Faith is looking to produce articles showing the thoughts of the youngsters in our community. This is an excellent way for all of our youngsters to have their say, so please pass all of your thoughts or articles to Anna Faith.

We have an update on the plans for the Transport Group. The work carried out by this group has now become much more focused since the recent announcement that Earnside Coaches will close end of March 2023. There are a lot of exciting opportunities that we can take as a community and their latest update can be found on Page 14

Another large project about to get underway is construction of new water treatment plant at East Blair. The impact for the community will be vast with a far greater amount of heavy vehicles passing through our local roads. Full details within (page 20) and can also be found on their website.

We hope that you all have a fantastic festive period with all that is going on. The boys from the shop have arranged their festive pub nights and The Village Inn Committee have arranged their Festive Pub in The Park. Great to see these two groups working together in that the Pub in the Park will not be open on the nights of the Pop Up Pubs.

The team from the Newsletter wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Keep these articles and photos coming in and let us know what you're all up to.

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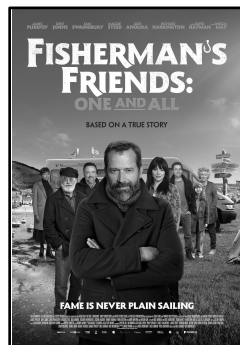
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Glenfarg Community Cinema

9th December - FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS

Following the success of their first album, the Fisherman's Friends struggle to adjust to their new-found fame and work towards a second album.

If you came to our showing of the first film about this shanty-singing band, you will no doubt want to see the sequel. And if you didn't – then come along to find out what you missed!



13th January - THE ROAD DANCE

A film set in an isolated village of the Outer Hebrides in the years just before WWI. A young girl's life takes a dramatic change when a terrible tragedy befalls her.

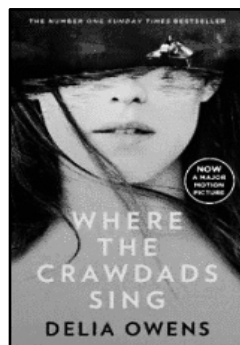
It won the Audience Award at the 2021 Edinburgh Film Festival.

Before the film, we will be serving stovies and sticky toffee pudding.

10th February - WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

A 2022 American mystery thriller based on the 2018 novel of the same name by Delia Owens. The story follows an abandoned yet defiant girl, Kya, who raises herself to adulthood in a North Carolina marshland, becoming a naturalist in the process. When the town's hotshot is found dead, she is the prime suspect and tried for murder.

Taylor Swift wrote and performed the original song "Carolina" for the film's soundtrack





Remembrance Day Service and Scout Group Cream Teas

Thank You to all who supported the Scout Group cream teas which followed the Remembrance Day Service. There was an excellent turnout and The Scouts are pleased that an amount of £180 was raised which shall be used to support evening activities held in the hall.



Dear Reader,

My name is Anna Faith Scott. I moved to Glenfarg in December 2020, just in time for the second lockdown, and I love it! I am in my 5th year in Kinross High School where I'm taking 5 Highers. During my 4th year I was a Merit Award Winner and a Language Ambassador. Currently, I am a Literacy Ambassador and Student Representative on the Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh committee.



The editorial team has agreed to mentor me as I proof, copy-edit and even write articles to fulfil part of the requirements of my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award as my Volunteering section for 12-months. For my 6-month Physical activity, I train with the Kinross Otters Gold Squad and enter competitions, to keep me on my toes. The Skills section lasts for 12-months and I have chosen music, as I play the piano and violin. I have passed my Grade 5 violin and am a first violin in Perth Youth Orchestra. Then, of course, there is a 4-day Expedition in the wilds of Scotland! I will update you on that in the Spring!

I'm very excited to be representing the young people of Glenfarg. So, if you are a young person, please contact me on minimaestro2020@gmail.com with articles, ideas and views on issues that affect you so that we have a stronger youth voice within the community.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Anna Faith Scott

The Catchup Queen

COFFEE AND LIGHT BITES – OUT AND ABOUT!

I want to highlight some places to grab a bite to eat and a hot drink when you are out and about exploring. This time I have featured the area near Loch Tay in Perthshire and Falkland in Fife. It's handy to know where to catch a tasty home-made bowl of soup, a well-filled sandwich and some home baking when you've decided to go out for a wee drive.



Firstly, fairly close to home is The Stables café within the Falkland Estate, not too far from the palace itself, open from 10 am to 4 pm. Once you reach Falkland turn right to head into the main square, carry on driving straight through the far end of the square, then take the second on the right and it's just up that road. There's a handy car park there, too. The café is run as a charity. You can enjoy the outdoor space under a canopy (heaters provided, I believe, I've not been since the summer) or there's a lovely glass-fronted indoor space. There's a selection of sandwiches, toasties, baked potatoes and baking. It's also dog-friendly and there are nice walks nearby to take your four-legged friend for a post prandial stroll afterwards! As well as the shop at The Stables, there are lots of wee independent shops in Falkland itself which are fantastic, for anything from locally made craft items to vintage clothes and gift ideas.

Further afield, we have enjoyed a hearty bowl of soup and tasty well-filled sandwiches at The Birks Cinema on the main street in Aberfeldy. Allow about an hour and ten minutes for your journey. Their café is open from 9 am till 10 pm and serves hearty breakfasts, lunches, daily specials, burgers, hot dogs and home baking to name but some of their offering – their full menu is on the cinema's website. Aberfeldy is also worth a stroll – particularly the famous Birks of Aberfeldy. There are waterfalls to see on this short walk, made popular by a Robert Burns poem.

Just as you arrive at Aberfeldy is the Whisky Lounge and Café at Dewar's Distillery which was recently recommended to us by a couple who love to go trips on their motorbikes. We decided to give it a try recently, after buying some beautiful furniture from 'Spirit of Wood' just above the distillery. You don't have to do the distillery tour if you just want to visit the café. They offer coffee, baking and light lunches, with an emphasis on locally sourced produce. We tried a sausage roll which was the product of a local butcher. It was certainly very tasty, although it wasn't cheap, at £4.50 for a fairly small sausage roll but it was very tasty. Next time I will get stuck into their home baking.

If you continue on from Aberfeldy to Kenmore, you will soon enjoy the beautiful views of Loch Tay, one of my all-time favourite lochs. Over the years, we have enjoyed coffees, drinks, lunches and dinners at The Courtyard which sits on the right of the main road in Kenmore, after you have passed the Kenmore Hotel (currently closed for a massive refurbishment) and crossed over the bridge. We have usually had our furry friend with us on visits to The Courtyard, the only restriction being that we can't take him into the more formal dining area but the same menu is available in the very comfortable bar area which is most attractive and has comfy sofas. Next door is a small deli and gift shop that are worth a visit. We have also had a recommendation to try The Waterfront Restaurant which is part of the timeshare complex on the left hand side of the road, so that's on our list to visit.

Killin is at the opposite end of Loch Tay and is also worth seeing, with a good number of coffee shops available. The newest one is actually a refurbished area at the left hand side of the Falls Of Dochart Inn, just over the bridge from the Falls of Dochart. They had a fantastic selection of home-made cakes, and the coffee was lovely too. We were served by a charming young girl from Ukraine, who was still adjusting to a much quieter life (in more ways than one) after leaving home in the city of Kyiv 9 weeks before. Once you have had your fill of cake, take a well-deserved stroll across the bridge, the 'falls' can be quite spectacular, especially after a heavy rainfall such as we have had recently.

It's worth checking out all of the above on their websites and on Facebook if you'd like some more information before heading out.

The Catchup Queen



Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm in Glenfarg Village Hall

We have had a very interesting and inspiring programme since September and it is good to welcome new members and visitors.

We started with a talk about making new items from old, we are now looking at old jackets and trousers, could they be repurposed – look out!

A local train driver Ann Hepburn-Brookes, gained our utmost respect when she shared her story about the skills and training involved for her successful career path. After our November meeting we were all much wiser when we left after Bill MacPhersons made us more alert to SCAMS, by email, telephone aa well as cold callers.

Our group enjoyed a lunch at Jamesfield to thank Margaret Scott for her many years as president and unstinting service for the Glenfarg group. We welcome her continued support and experience.



Members Annual Subscription is £30 & visitors £4. If you require any more information you can contact me on:

Tel 01577 630403 / 07771632830

Linda Martin (President)

	Speaker	Competitions
January	African Odyssey Holiday presentation from Sheena Chisholm	A holiday Memento 3 Pancakes Pot Plant
February	Blood Bikes Philip Dodworth	An item made with beads 3 Animal Biscuits Flower of the month
March	Colour Consultant/ Fashion Adele Hamilton	Favourite scarf Homemade Pate Bowl of Bulbs
April	Blairingone SWI will Entertain us!	Decorated Boiled Egg Individual Crumble Flower of the Month

The SWI Perth & Kinross Ramblers walk once a fortnight from April to October.

Schiehallion was a hard climb, particularly the boulder field at the top. Most of the walks are between 3-6 miles , often with a café stop for cake, usually at the end. Please come and join us, we have lots of fun. Our evening stroll around Abernethy was much more relaxing, one of our last for the season.



Evelyn, Jane & Linda keen to head up the Munro (my first)



Abernethy Tower

Glenfarg Community Transport

Group (GCTG)

Open Meeting @The Village Hall,
Sunday 4th December @6.30pm



It's been another very busy couple of months behind the scenes at the GCTG! We now have Charitable Status (SC520068) and are full members of The Community Transport Association. Fundraising was going full steam ahead and we were well on the way to achieving our aims of securing a minibus to fill the gaps in the 55 and 56 services, and to provide a community minibus resource for the village. Then, we received the devastating news that Earnside Coaches are to cease trading in March next year. We wish the Rutherford family well for the future and thank them for the support that they have given the village over the past half century! However, this will leave a big gap to fill.



The GCTG is exploring whether we can form a Social Enterprise to step into the breach and run a Community Bus Service. We are investigating bidding for the Perth and Kinross contracts (currently held by Earnside), applying for funding from several charitable sources and running own hourly bus service to Perth and Kinross (designed to connect with the Edinburgh service). Hopefully, within a year, we will have set up a green eco-friendly electric bus service. We plan to secure funding, source buses, find somewhere to keep the buses and employ a team of drivers, cleaners and managers to deliver the service.

Most of all, we need YOUR support and for you to USE any service we set up.

Our Vision: A thriving village where *all* residents have easy access to inclusive transport solutions which offer viable alternatives to cars.

Our Mission: To establish and sustain a regular and frequent public transport service that connects us to other local communities through a transport network serving the M90 corridor, and to improve access to cultural, social and sporting activities and employment opportunities.

Our Values: Equity, inclusivity, collaboration, resilience, innovation, sustainability and eco-friendliness.

For more information, please visit www.glenfarg.org/Community/gctgabout.shtml

To contact us, please email transport@glenfarg.org

To have your say, please come to the Village Hall, Sunday 4th December @6.30pm

Arngask Primary School Orchard

We are very lucky to have such an amazing apple, plum and hazel nut orchard within our grounds. Last year, we planted some new apple trees and we were looking forward to the harvest this year and we weren't disappointed!

P4/5 and P6/7 spent an afternoon harvesting using two techniques. Firstly, the 'twist and mini pull' method whereby if the apple didn't come off, it wasn't ready. Secondly, the 'shake-n-dodge' method whereby Mrs Marshall shook the tree and we dodged falling apples. Joined by the nursery children, we picked green cookers, red eaters and even a pumpkin-shaped apple! We filled two hessian sacks and lots of boxes.



Everyone was challenged to make something creative with the four apples they brought home. We made turtles, motte-and-bailey castles, pies, cinnamon apples and crisps to name a few creations and the most inventive were awarded House Points.

Before the October holidays, we had a second, smaller, harvest and, since then, we have also collected hazel nuts—yummy! We put

our leftover apples into a huge wooden trough at the school gates and put posters around the village telling everyone to help themselves.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our honesty box. We raised around £30 towards the upkeep of the orchard. We are also indebted to Mr Hayward and GDIB for their support in securing a fence for our precious orchard which will keep out any small furry creatures and a few stray spherical objects!



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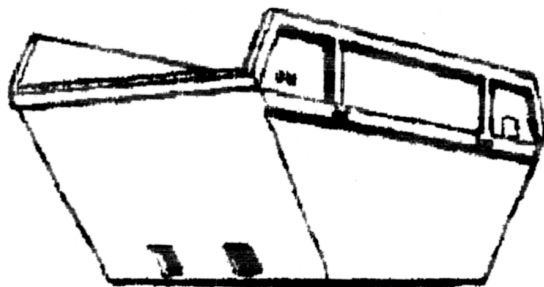
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SCOTTISH WATER TO SET OUT PLANS FOR MAJOR UPGRADE TO GLENFARG WATER TREATMENT WORKS

Scottish Water invited members of local communities to attend an information event to find out about proposed investment in the future of Glenfarg Water Treatment Works (WTW).

A drop-in event was held at Glenfarg Village Hall on Wednesday 16th November which allowed members of the public to find out more about plans which the publicly-owned water company has been developing to upgrade the existing WTW at East Blair, which provides drinking water for around 179,000 customers across Kinross-shire and Fife.

The proposed investment includes the provision of significant additional drinking water storage capacity to allow more consistent production of drinking water at the site, to improve the resilience of the area's water supply and provide capacity to support growing communities.

The project is being developed on Scottish Water's behalf by its delivery alliance partner, Efficient Service Delivery (ESD).

Scottish Water's Major Projects Delivery Manager Dominic Flanagan said: "The significant investment that we are preparing to make is vitally important to ensure that we can supply our customers across Kinross-shire and Fife with high quality drinking water on a sustainable basis for many years to come.

"Upgrade of the existing Water Treatment Works and provision of significantly improved drinking water storage capacity will provide a better and more resilient water supply, with capacity to support growing communities.

“Our proposals have already benefited from early input from some of the nearest neighbours of the site. As we prepare to apply for planning consent, we are keen to receive feedback from the wider community – including about how we can manage and mitigate the impacts of construction.”

ESD Customer Manager Caroline McKenzie added: “We recognise that we are proposing what would be a significant construction project for the local area – and especially for the nearest neighbours of the site at East Blair.

“We are committed to engaging with residents and the wider community as we work through the planning process and beyond to manage the impacts of our work, while delivering the improvement that is needed to the area’s water supply.”

WTW shall be updating their website to show developments as they happen. The main concern for Glenfarg residents shall be the increase in heavy vehicles and also traffic management at each phase of the development.



Current Water Treatment Plant at East Blair



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The work includes the installation of trim trail equipment, the cableway and a new picnic bench. The last piece of our jigsaw will be to get the funding in place for a new notice board at the Elm Row entrance.

We will be planning for an official celebration of all that has been achieved in the park over the last 4 years. Watch the Grapevine for details.



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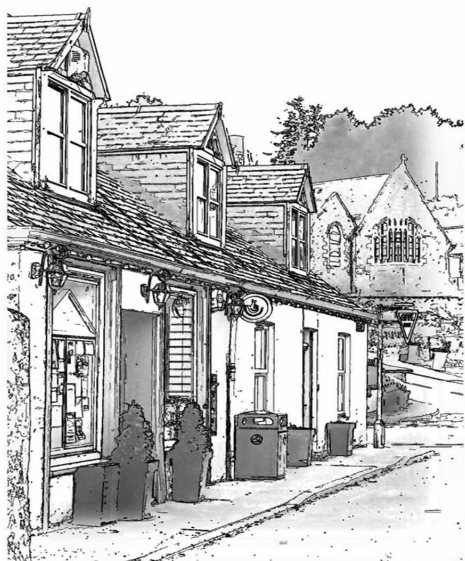
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Festive PUB in the park



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Scouts October Camp

On our third camp of the year, the Scouts had to do two things they had never done before: pitch their tents in the dark on wet ground! Rather than blind each other with headtorches, we set up our two new lanterns. Once the group had pitched the shelter tents, the patrol leaders organised the pitching of two small tents per patrol.



The patrols named themselves “Phoenix” and “Pegs”. The pegs found a newt on the Saturday morning which they called Peggy. The campsite warden was delighted to hear about Peggy’s appearance as she hadn’t seen any since before the summer.

The Scouts rapidly discovered that fire lighting in damp conditions is much harder than it was in the summer heatwave. The morning programme was a set of challenges for the patrols: a blind trail, an electric fence and air-propelled rockets which were much admired by a group of local Cubs who arrived on site. Tom and Jake remembered going into the campsite’s partially submerged tunnels as Beavers and had requested this was included in the programme. Kitted out with helmets and torches they crawled around for two hours, reappearing at intervals with frogs in their hands that they had avoided crawling on. Afterwards, they headed to the obstacle course and quickly realised obstacles were tricky when wet, and that being muddy from the tunnels didn’t help either!

Saturday evening meal was backwoods cooking baked potatoes, roast chicken legs and baked apples. We needed large amounts of embers to cook this quantity of food successfully and so the Scouts had a competition to see who could collect the most firewood.

In another area of the Barr Wood site, Sky Camp, a big event for Explorer Scouts called Sky Camp was being held and 100 Explorer Scouts from Edinburgh were sleeping in hammocks! Our troop set off, meeting up with other troops as we crossed the campsites for the central campfire but, sadly, it was too far for Beaver Leader Christine to walk on crutches, although she could hear bits of it from our site. It was their first opportunity to attend a large event and they brought back a lot of enthusiasm, memories and song which they continued to sing throughout the next day.



The Sunday morning was dry and, after inspection, the Scouts refreshed some skills. Christine ran a first aid refresher session. Unfortunately, the rain started just as the Scouts finished taking down the tents and, being wet they were difficult to fit into the tent bags. Everything weighted a ton! The Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders inspected each other's sites for missing pegs and litter (none found) before we headed home.

Many thanks to Stewart for providing auxiliary transport and to Gillian for helping sort the wet tents on return.



Glenfarg & Duncrievie In Bloom

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Yes that's what we need - HELP! Help with the cleaning of street signs and planters, help with the planting out, help with the summer watering rota and of course year long help with the general maintenance.

When I had the great idea to improve our village with colourful floral displays and remove what had become unsightly blots on our environment I was 17 years younger than I am today. Of course it wasn't just me way back then and at our introductory meeting over 50 residents joined in. We've all aged a bit since but more than that our situations have changed be it due to health issues, personal circumstances or even relocating. Yes 17 years is a long time. Along the way new helpers have joined in which has been wonderful but, yes there's always a but, we need more helpers

and I'm sure many of our brand new residents, our youngsters who are now all grown up and full of energy, the empty nesters plus all the recent retirees who aren't yet ready for pipe and slippers, just can't wait to get stuck in. Then give



me (Kate) a call on 830343 or Doreen on 830809 or Douglas on 07931 699917 and we'll get you started.

After our 2/3 year hiatus we (hopefully) will be re-entering the In Bloom competitions in 2023. In the past we have picked up several Golds, a special award for Youth involvement and we were just pipped at the post in the national Village of the Year. Can we return to those halcyon days, the days when Glenfarg was used as an exemplar to others? Yes we can but it's up to you. Can you help?

Kate Armstrong



The Folk Feast is returning to Glenfarg, albeit a slimmed down version compared to the hectic “all weekenders” we used to have.

On Saturday 22nd April 2023 we are holding ‘A Folk Feast Day’ in the village community centre. There will be various activities during the afternoon followed by a concert in the evening. Top folk artistes are booked to perform and will be announced in due course. In addition, the world famous ‘Puff-a-Box’ competition will take place. If you don’t know what it is ask Mr Google and all will be revealed.

More details of this exciting event will be released in due course.

Philip Ponton, Publicity Officer, Glenfarg Folk Club.
www.glenfargfolkclub.com

Glenfarg pays tribute to Her Majesty The Queen



The whole of Glenfarg came to a standstill while the procession passed by. Hundreds lined the route particularly on Paris Bridge and also the footbridge.

Sue Cheape organised 32 riders to line the route, and were acknowledged by a waive from Princess Anne. This brought our village National recognition in the media.





Beaver and Younger Cub Camp Craggan

15 excited Beavers and Cubs were packed into cars at 9am on the Saturday morning and headed for the Scout and Guide campsite at Craggan, Crieff. Seven adult sectional assistants volunteered to come and provide the necessary supervision ratios, much to our delight.

On arrival, the children were divided into groups, to pitch their and the sectional assistants' tents. All the Beavers and some of the assistants had practiced pitching tents on the previous Tuesday. However, it was a particularly challenging problem-solving exercise for one of the young leaders who had brought a tent from home having never pitched it before. With all the tents erected to Scout Leader Robert's satisfaction,



the groups and assistants set off on a scavenger hunt to explore while he and Cub Leader Mike set up the alter fires for each of the five cooking groups. The participants were given rolls and a range of fillings to make their own lunches. Some of the combinations were very creative!

The main afternoon activity was designing and building an obstacle course. Robert had prepared diagrams for the assistants to help them create obstacles by lashing pioneering poles to trees and building rope bridges with the young people. The campers waited patiently for each person to complete an obstacle before the next person began.



Firewood was required to cook the evening meals and the children went eagerly into the wood to gather fallen branches. Most of the assistants had never cooked on an open fire before so were on the same steep learning curve as the Beavers and Cubs. Thankfully, there were no disasters and we even borrowed tables and benches from the big hut and ate in relative comfort. After dishwashing duty, the children raced round the obstacle course to finish at the campfire circle which was lit for the evening.

Suilven (a young leader), was delighted when some of the Beavers thought he was older than Matthew (the cub young sectional assistant) and able to drive even though it was the latter who had driven the former to camp! Both young men, being close to the youngsters in age, made a great impression on them, telling them all about their Scouting adventures. Once Matthew and Suilven started the action songs everyone else joined in enthusiastically. The groups were given some time to practice their turns before performing in the twilight and the evening ended sweetly with everyone wanting “s’more”.

On the Sunday morning, the young campers were eating breakfast cooked on the relit fires by 8am. Fuelled by sausages, bacon egg and beans, toast and jam, the clean-up and packing began.



The children certainly fulfilled their mottos, as they did their best, did their duties and helped other people happily (all except one young man who was in tears as he didn't want the camp to end). This wonderful overnight adventure earned 6 children their Adventure Challenge badges and 4 children their Outdoor Challenge badges. Very well done!

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New Zealand Hospitality

by Phyllipa Fogg

Aotearoa, or Land of the Long White Cloud, was the name given to New Zealand by its first inhabitants: the Maori who now share their land with Pākehā: those of European descent who have settled over the centuries. I spent a year living and working there with three friends.

This beautiful Polynesian outpost lies in the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean and boasts a magnificent coastline of sandy beaches and rocky bays where green Pounamu gemstones are found. Its two main islands couldn't be more different.



The North Island has boiling geysers spurting many feet into the air and thermal pools, with curative medicinal properties from “the days when the world was young”, according to our guide. It has an abundance of apples, oranges, grapefruits, lemons and, in season, we'd often find a bagful of kiwis on our doorstep. Believe it or not, even the asparagus grew wild! It was truly a land of plenty: full cream milk, lamb, meat, and fish fresh from coastal waters.

The South Island, in complete contrast, has the breath-taking snow-capped Southern Alps where one of NZ's most famous sons, Sir Edmund Hillary, did his training for the conquest of Everest. It too boasts precious treasures: gold, which was discovered in the far south in the mid-1800's, and the finest NZ wines!

At holiday times and weekends, we would hire a car and leave the city behind. On the open road, there was little traffic and, if we did meet another vehicle, there was a sounding of horns and waving as we passed.

On one occasion, we were on the lookout for a campsite for the night when

we came upon a lovely old farmhouse with an “Accommodation” sign. We rang the doorbell and were greeted by the owners who apologised saying there was one room with a double and a single bed. However, as darkness was falling, we hastily agreed to three in a bed and the single for the driver - perfect! Our hosts then announced that they were going out to a birthday party saying, “Just make yourself at home and help yourselves to the home-baking, the library of records and the record-player. Have fun and we’ll try not to disturb you when we get back after midnight!”

Towards the end of our time in NZ, we began to ask why were we leaving this idyllic country. Although it feels removed from the rest of the world, that is part of its charm. The Maori and Pākehā New Zealanders show the world how two ways of life can become one, each enriching the other. We concluded that it is the people who make it such a special place and that we, like NZ’s native bird, would be happy to stay in our little burrow, enjoying the perfect climate, nature’s larder in abundance and its happy, generous people.

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Scouts Hillwalking

A stunning hill walk in Glen Doll, including the ascent of the munro Mayar completed the challenges for two of the scouts to gain their scout hillwalking badge. It was completely different weather to the previous hill walk up Dumyatt from scout camp when it was exceptionally hot or the one before in Glen Shee when we battled the wind and rain and cold on The Cairnwell and Carn Aosda at Glenshee in June.



The scouts found the route very interesting through the storm Arwin damaged forest into Corrie Fee. At one point Calum excitedly told us not to read the information board, he knew why the rock had a crack in it – he'd done it in geography. He explained to the others that it was water getting in and freezing that gradually forced the rock to split and the repetitive cycle of freezing with more water each time enlarged the crack.



Emerging from the forest into Corrie Fee the scouts found the vista intimidating. They couldn't believe they were going up through the cliffs, and the waterfall was pouring down at the end of the corrie facing them. Cameron pointed out the start of the track and off they went. Fuelled by adrenalin they rapidly gained height up the track, pausing when level

with the waterfall to wait for the adults. We could also see the drumlins below us in the corrie.

We sheltered beside some rocks just inside the top of the corrie for lunch. Some adults stopped to congratulate the scouts on getting through the corrie. The conversation became very interesting as the adults discovered that they were not where they thought they were but in a different corrie.



Eventually Jake led us to the summit of Mayar and could see Lochnagar to the north, the Lomond hills to the south, Glenshee to the west and the sea in the east.

All the scouts took turns in leading legs of the walk with Abbi taking us from the col between Mayar and Dreish to the top of the forest. Going down through the forest we got a good view of the corrie containing Jock's road where the



lost adults had meant to be. The scouts are planning to continue walking as a group of scouts so the others can complete their hillwalking badge too.

IT'S OK TO NOT LIKE DOGS

A friend of mine confided that she gets terrified if she encounters a dog when walking through her local park. I know others who simply don't like dogs, especially those that force their enthusiastic affection on you. We have an ever increasing number of dogs in the Glenfarg area; for me that is heaven but I was reminded once, when my dog was seriously attacked by a dog in Glenfarg, that humans don't always control their dogs as well as they should. If you are not a great fan of dogs but understand that we live in a community where compromise is the answer, I want to offer you ways to minimise unwanted affection and maximise your sense of safety.

Ditch the idea that you have to say hello to a friend's dog. Many will thank you for not making eye contact, smiling and speaking to their dog (you've just invited the dog to jump up on you), allowing them to keep their dog calm.

Never stroke a dog on lead unless you know them and they have had time to consider their choices and come to you. A dog on a lead is trapped. If you surprise them or approach them they may have no choice but to use aggression to make you back off. They only want to create distance. The same goes for dogs in cars, you'll be mad to put your hand in to say hello, how will they make that hand go away if they don't want it? They are entitled to protect their personal space, just like you would if a stranger got handsy with you.

Interpret what you see. A dog with a stiff body, staring at you or your dog, with head low and tail high and twitchy is one you hope the owner interrupts pretty soon. However, if the whole body is fluid and relaxed you are usually safe. Dogs with waggy tails are not always happy, again it is whether the tail is wagged high and stiffly, or mid-way and relaxed.

Fold your arms. Speak the dog's language – body language. Folding arms and turning your head away from the dog, avoiding eye contact, tells them you don't want to interact. This tip is hugely successful at deflecting their attention from you.

Stand totally still if needed. Dogs can't see things that are perfectly still (that's why they stop and crouch sometimes, to make themselves unnoticeable while choosing whether to interact). Being up wind helps too. Yet fast moving things become very clear to dogs so don't be surprised if they want to join in if you run (running and squealing even better).

Trust that dogs off lead are safe. There's a lot of very decent dog owners in our villages who never let a dog who has injured another dog or human off the lead (and sometimes muzzled) until they are completely rehabilitated. A decent owner will also not let their dog run up to yours if your dog is on a lead. If you get a scallywag bothering your dog whilst it is on lead, keep walking, stride your dog out of the situation - its more stressful for your dog if you stop.

My dog is only trying to get a laugh when she walks right in front of someone charging on minding their own business, but it's downright annoying so I watch her body language for 'intent' and interrupt it (I can show you dog owners what I mean by that if you wish).

Wallace Park should forever be a place where dogs can be off lead, to learn manners and respond instantly when they're called (99% of the time. No dog or owner is perfect). You are right to expect dogs off lead to be under control and if not, there to be an authority who will do it instead.

If you or your dog are unlucky enough to be injured (or have reasonable and justified fear that you will be, as you don't need to be injured to prosecute) both the Police and Dog Warden (Animal Welfare Officer) have a duty to act. Don't let them tell you otherwise or their reluctance to put you off. The AWO deals with injury to dogs, the Police both but usually just humans.

I hope I haven't spooked all you dog owners too much. We do have a responsibility to help our dogs fit in with the community and be socially acceptable. In addition to me, there are other great dog trainers around using modern methods who are worthy of your investment. If we dog lovers refresh our dogs manners in order to enjoy the freedom of our communal areas safely I hope you will now feel better informed to keep yourself feeling safer in the company of our beloved dogs.

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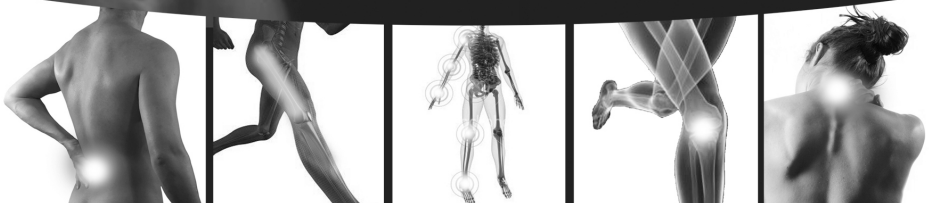
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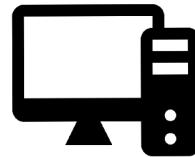
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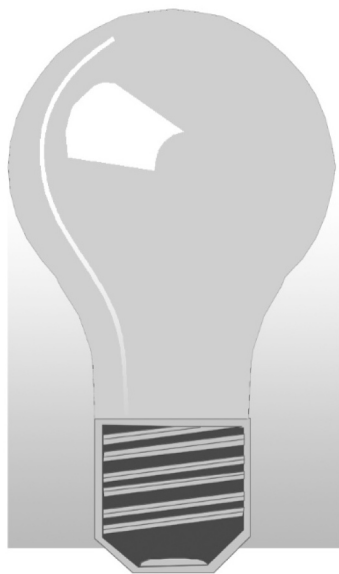
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**Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting Monday 7th November
2022 7:30pm**

Glenfarg Village Hall

Agenda

Welcome

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Installation of new Community Councillors for the term November 2022 to November 2025**
- 3. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Action Points**
- 5. Virtual Meetings**
- 6. Village Inn Update**
- 7. Glenfarg Transport Group**
- 8. Glenfarg.org website updates**
- 9. Planning**
- 10. Police Report**
- 11. Finance Report**
- 12. AOCB**

Date of next meeting

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Welcome

PKC Cllr Robertson welcomed everyone in attendance and commenced by calling the meeting to order. He explained what was to happen and welcomed the new Community Councillors to the meeting. He asked for a CCllr to be nominated for the position of Glenfarg Community Council (GCC) Chair. Cllr Fraser was nominated who accepted the nomination as the new Chair. PKC Cllr Robertson then handed the Business meeting part over to the GCC Chair.

Attendance

CCllr Fraser, CCllr Christie, CCllr Murray, CCllr MacLeod, CCllr Ponton, CCllr Pilmer, PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC CCllr Watters, PKC CCllr Freshwater and two members of the public.

1. Apologies

PKC Cllr Cuthbert.

2. Installation of the new GCC CCllrs, relevant positions of Office and sub committees

CCllr Fraser welcomed all those in attendance and thanked the previous Chair, CCllr Ponton, for the many years of carrying out the position. This met with unanimous approval by those in attendance. He then asked for the relevant positions of Office to be discussed and to be confirmed at the next Business Meeting although for continuity of Business that the Secretary role would be continued by CCllr Pilmer and that the Treasurer role would be administered presently by CCllrs Murray and Macleod.

3. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the 5th September 2022 Business Meeting had been approved and seconded by CCllrs Ponton and Fraser on the 6th September 2022.

4. Action Points

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5. Reports for virtual Meetings

CCllr Ponton reported on the number of committees that she had attended as Chair and that the majority of these would be taken over by the incoming Chair. *Action CCllr Fraser*

6. Village Inn Update

Matters have not been resolved between the Village Hall Trustees and the Village Inn Pub Group (VIPG) as far as the GCC was concerned and that PKC Cllr Cuthbert had insisted that matters require to be sent via him. It was noted further that the VIPG may be asked for further information relating to a financial topic. A discussion about any future movement lead to a suggestion that a Public Opinion survey for the Village community may be another way forward. Suggested questions relating to a survey are to be sent to CCllr Ponton for further investigation and discussion with PKC Cllr Cuthbert. *Action CCllrs via CCllr Ponton*

7. Transport Group

CCllr Fraser and a member of the public explained that there had been considerable progress in the matter of a Community owned transport vehicle resulting in Charitable status, a Section 19 Permit, various funding applications, Bank account set up, Business plan and a Public Meeting planned for the 4th December at 6:30pm, Village Hall.

CCllr Fraser explained about the Kinross-shire Transport Forum and what is happening in relation to that Forum's activities for the wider area of Kinross-shire. The contracts for various bus routes will be made public in the short term therefore, at this stage it is unknown as to what will happen for our community. More information to follow at a later date. *Action CCllr Fraser*

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which was sad news to hear. The business has been a major feature within the community and further afield for many years. Those in attendance at the meeting extended their best wishes to the owners and their family for the future.

8. Glenfarg.org website updates

Website topic carried over to next meeting.

9. Planning Report

\$	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
22/01106/FFL	19/09/2022	Pilmer	Extension to dwellinghouse 4 East Blair Cottages, Glenfarg	Approved
22/01166/FFL	26/09/2022	Laird	Erection of garage / workshop 2 Birch Lane, Glenfarg	Approved
22/01400/FFL	26/09/2022	Warder	Extension to dwellinghouse at 10 Hilton View, Glenfarg	Approved Awaiting
22/01569/FFL	18/10/2022	Baillie	Extension to dwellinghouse at Lavender Cottage, Drunzie	Decision
22/01681/FFL	24/10/2022	Paterson	Erection of a garage with office / store and siting of ancillary building at Site adjacent of Easter Deuglie, Glenfarg	Awaiting Decision
22/01582/FFL	31/10/2022	Rymell	Erection of garage (in retrospect) at 6 Hayfield Road, Glenfarg	Awaiting Decision

10. Police Report

CCllr Pilmer reported that a new Community Police Officer (CPO) was now in post and that the CPO's intentions were to call in to the Village Hall Coffee morning(s) and to attend a future GCC Meeting. Public Police Commander reports are still being posted via the Village social media routes.

11. Finance Report

CCllrs Murray and Macleod advised those in attendance of the present finance position of the GCC. Matters that remain to be resolved following the handover relate to: Bank account signatures, bank account transactions and information moving over to an on-line modern accounting basis. To be completed by end of 2022. *Action CCllrs Murray and Macleod*

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Expenditures – £250 Arngask Hall Coffee Lounge

Covid Recovery Fund:

Income - Nil

Expenditures - £300 transfer to Microgrant funds

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £6 861 at 7th November 2022

12. AOCB

Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant upgrade. CCllr Pilmer reported that a Public Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16th November from 3:30 until 7:30pm to allow members of the public an opportunity to be informed about the Project as a whole. The event has been notified publicly via a postal drop and the Village social media links.

Warm Space. CCllr Pilmer explained that as Secretary he had received a public PKC notification regarding publicly available Warm Spaces in the PKC area and that the Glenfarg Village Hall was stated as being a venue. A discussion took place about the topic and publicly available information for our village venue. The result is that the matter is to be raised with the Village Hall Trustees to determine what is offered. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Community Speed watch. PKC Cllr Robertson explained that the Community



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Speed watch topic is to commence in the near future and that members of the public would be invited to become involved. There is an application form to fill in and this will be sent to the Secretary to be issued to any potential members of the public following a public advertisement.

Speed limit measurers. CCllr Ponton stated that she had forwarded a completed report to PKC in relation to changes on speed limit signs and other restriction measures that remain outstanding in the Village. It is hoped that the relevant PKC department will implement the physical changes in the short term because the whole matter has become a point of GCC discussion for some period of time. The GCC understands fully that we are on a list for action although as to when it will become a physical reality for the village remains unknown.

Wallace Park. CCllr Ponton explained that this activity of additional changes had commenced and that the Zip Wire installation was going ahead too. There is to be an official date declared for a Dedication ceremony and there shall be a further update on this topic in due course.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next GCC meeting

Monday 9th January 2023 at 7:30pm. Agenda to be confirmed and published nearer that date.

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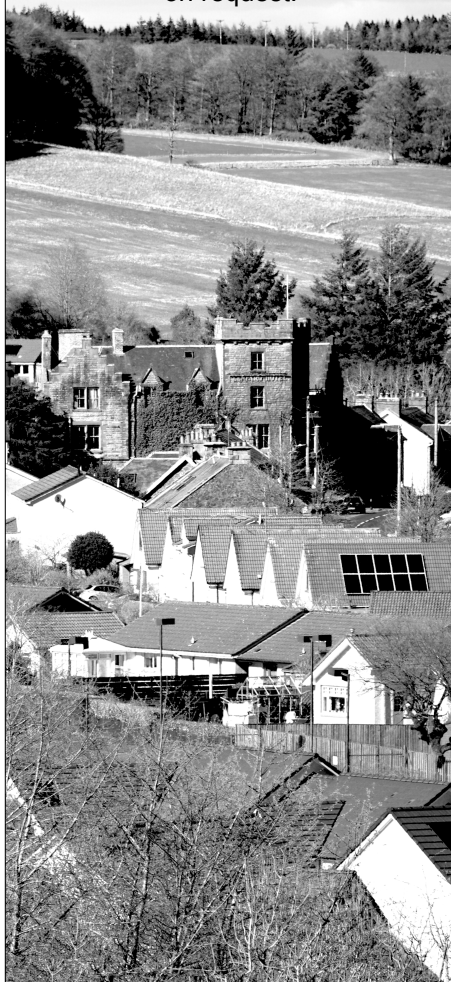
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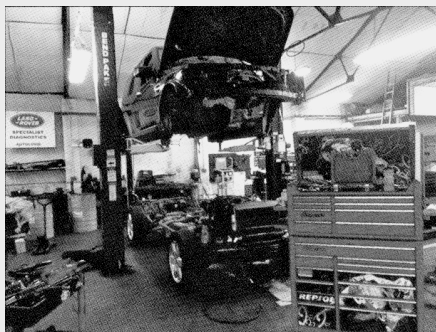
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