

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 of March 1st June 1st September and 1st December. Copy should be submitted before the 15th of the month.

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Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of our local Newsletter.

There is a common theme running through our Newsletter this quarter with articles from Greener Glenfarg, an article on a recent visit using the Community Transport to the V&A on “The problem with Plastics”, and also an article from the P6/7 who attended the same exhibit.

There is a good article produced by our young team member Anna Faith on how the Community Hub is progressing. You will see suggestions of what is proposed to be on offer once the Hub opens. There is still a lot of work to be done, and we have an article on page 30 outlining the works being completed. Volunteers are requested to carry out any works, if possible. Full details on times in the article.

We have an update on the Community Transport, and they are pleased to include a timetable for the already popular “Thursday Bus” bringing outlying visitors to the coffee morning.

There is an article on the proposed Water Treatment plant and we have included details from their newsletter. It should be noted that they are looking at traffic management in the village. Full details on Page 20.

Following the December Newsletter, we received two complaints regarding the front cover. As your local Community Newsletter, we try to represent all parties in the community, and in no way intended to cause offence.

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Kirk News



At the end of October we welcomed Rev Lis Stenhouse as our Interim Moderator and Rev Alex Stewart as Locum Minister. Rev Alex will conduct our services and assist with any pastoral matters. In addition, Kathleen Baird has been appointed as Depute Session Clerk. If you need to contact the minister, please get in touch in the first instance with Kathleen or myself.

To end April our weekly Sunday Service will be held at 10am in Kirk of St Bride, Abernethy. From the start of May services will return to the fortnightly pattern alternating between Arngask Church and Kirk of St Bride Abernethy (where there is also a Sunday Club for children during the service). We look forward to welcoming you!

Dates for the Diary:

April 9th - Easter Sunday Service (Kirk of St Bride)

April 30th - Kirk of St Bride Sunday Worship, and thereafter fortnightly

May 7th - Arngask Sunday Worship, and fortnightly thereafter

Aug 20th - Celebration of Holy Communion (Kirk of St Bride)

Aug 27th - Celebration of Holy Communion (Arngask)

Sept 17th - Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Kirk of St Bride)

Sept 24th - Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Arngask) All are warmly invited to **Arngask Church Friendship Group** for coffee, tea and chat. Last Tuesday of the month @Arngask Church Hall (2-4pm) and **Biscuits and Blether** Wednesdays @Kirk of St Bride (10am-12noon).

Joyce White, Session Clerk 01738 850754

Kathleen Baird, Deputy Session Clerk 01337 840218

Hello,

My name is Alex Stewart and, following Stan's retirement, I am your new locum minister. I have spent 5 years as minister at Carluke Kirkton (Lanarkshire), 15 years at Cathcart Old (Glasgow) and, finally, 21 years at St. Ninian's Corstorphine (Edinburgh). I retired in 2016 and, with my wife, Liz moved to live in Perth. In retirement, I served for four years (part-time) as Associate Minister at St. John's Kirk linked with St. Leonard's in the Fields (Perth).

Last Easter I thought I had retired for the final time but, since Stan Kennon has moved on, I am delighted and honoured to have been asked to help hold the fort at Abernethy, Dron and Arngask. This will allow the Presbytery to implement its new plan for our local churches. I very much look forward to getting to know you and to serving the local community. Alex



Community Hub Update

By Anna Faith Scott

What's On The Menu?

I was recently lucky enough to be given a guided tour of The Old School House by some of the Village Hall Committee who have been working tirelessly to transform it from a home into a hub. The School House, which adjoins the Village Hall, is owned by the community and is being completely transformed into a new community centre by a dedicated team of volunteers.

On the ground floor, there is now a beautifully shiny professional kitchen and pantry room, and dining rooms which will have cafe-style tables for meeting friends. Upstairs, there is potentially space for a study area, chill-out zone, games tables, arts and crafts, music sessions, and even preschool and afterschool activities.

Wifi, warmth and a welcome are guaranteed but we still need YOUR input and YOUR help to get it finished! There is still work to be done: walls to be papered, floors to be sand-



ed and woodwork to be painted. We need your help to see the building in full-swing! Can you spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning? Come to the school house in clothes you wouldn't mind getting dirty and lend a hand. The quicker we help, the quicker it will be up and running!

For more information, or to have your say about what we should use the schoolhouse for, contact me on minimaestro2020@gmail.com or secretary@glenfargvillagehall.org Let's all play our part to see the heart of the community beating



**Hot Chocolate
Tuesdays?**

**Waffle
Wednesdays?**

**Frappuccino
Fridays?**

**After-School
Happy Hour?**



**Smoothie
Saturdays?**

**Soupy
Sundays?**

**Pocket-Money
Treats?**

**Ice Cream
Bar?**





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

As I write this I am looking at the snowdrops nodding their heads and it is lovely to see the days lengthening.

A lot has been happening at our group since January.

We welcome our new members and visitors each meeting, sharing our friendship, discovering new skills, listening to inspiring speakers and having a good chat.

We started with a talk from Sheena & Alistair Chisholm's safari trip to Tanzania, seeing the animals in the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongora Crater, it was great that they were able to share these sights with us.

Our February meeting was 2 volunteer riders for the Blood bike service, we were in awe of the work these bikers do for the NHS, providing a valuable service between hospitals and patients across the Central Belt. It may be reuniting a patient with medication left at the hospital or it could be blood required at another hospital or even tissue samples for analysis. Our bikers had been bikers all their lives.

We couldn't resist a picture with the Bikes.



From Left to right

Andzia Scott, Lesley Murison, Margaret Scott, Margaret Swan, Vivien Hebblethwaite, Linda Martin

Our March meeting is about Fashion, we are never too old to learn new tricks!

Our April meeting Traditionally another local SWI, in this case Blairingone will be looking after us, we wait in anticipation for an exciting afternoon.

In May it is our AGM and we will have an afternoon of 4 corners which will be skills shared by 4 of our members and all will progress round the corners.

It is never too late to come and join our group.

Date	Speaker	Competitions
March 9th	Colour Consultant/Fashion Adele Hamilton	Favourite scarf Homemade Pate Bowl of bulbs
April 13th	<u>Blairingone</u> SWI will entertain us	Decorated Boiled Egg Individual Crumble Flower Of <u>The</u> Month
May 11th	AGM 4 corners Demonstration/Talks / Skills from our members	Favourite Teaspoon Individual Salad Flower Of <u>The</u> Month

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm
in Glenfarg Village Hall

If you would like more information please give me a
ring

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information you can con-
tact me on:

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Many Thanks

Linda Martin (President)



Tribute to Gaberlunzie

On 2nd December, Glenfarg Village Hall was full to capacity as people gathered for a special concert – a Tribute to Gaberlunzie. The folk singing duo – Gordon Menzies and Robin Watson – have long been associated with the village. Robin had lived here since 1987 and Gordon has recently returned to Drunzie after several years in the wilds of Carnbo.

Stephen Quigg arranged the evening with the assistance of Glenfarg Folk Club. All the artists sat on stage and one by one they got up to play and sing their favourite Gaberlunzie songs. Some were traditional songs, part of the Gaberlunzie repertoire, but many had been penned by Gordon or Robin.



On the bill were Davie Holt, Alastair McDonald, North Sea Gas, Stephen & Pernille Quigg and Dougie Smith. Special guest, Gordon Menzies himself, started off the second half. The evening was concluded with a rousing rendition of Schiehallion.

By the end of the night, £750 had been raised for CHAS



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Professor Caroline Hayward

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Find out more about Generation Scotland by searching www.GenerationScotland.org or just google Generation Scotland. To contact Generation Scotland email genscot@ed.ac.uk or phone 0131 651 8718.

Greener Glenfarg

Like me, you have probably noticed the recent increase in discussion on the urgent need to tackle Climate Change. But, like me, do you also feel pretty helpless about being able to make a difference? I'm doing my best but what difference can one person make? And am I actually doing the right things? With Greener Glenfarg we could share verified information and support each other to make changes. We'll post regularly, gather your ideas and hold events on the topics you want to pursue.

Our plans so far

FEBRUARY: We are setting up a Facebook page – Greener Glenfarg. We will regularly post here and on the Glenfarg Grapevine Facebook page. For those not on Facebook, we could contact you via the Grapevine email service. Our posts will include general thoughts on the climate crisis, information on relevant issues, news of events, tips on making changes. You are welcome to add your thoughts and ideas.

MARCH 10th: The Community Cinema will be showing *Woman at War*, and we will take the opportunity to show you our map of current activities in the village that support climate action. You will have the opportunity to add to the map or make suggestions.

MARCH 21st: Drop In Evening 5.30 to 7.30 in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall. There will be an opportunity to pick up information leaflets, see our map of current activities, chat to people about what you think our community should be doing to reduce our carbon footprint.

APRIL 16th: Film & Discussion 4pm to 6pm. We hope you will come along to watch “2040”, an entertaining and uplifting documentary about how we can manage our planet towards that date. Practical solutions to environmental concerns are addressed with the hope that the filmmaker's daughter, 21 years old in the year 2040, will face a hopeful future.

So let's get started and see where it leads us. If you have experience in areas that would be helpful, please get in touch.

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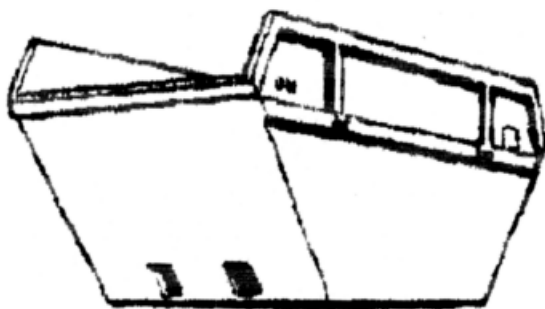


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Glenfarg Water Treatment Works (WTW) Project Update

Glenfarg Project Web Page

On the Scottish Water web-site, we have published the following web page to allow



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anyone who is interested to keep up to date with the project. The page contains a video overview of the site, key information about the project, the information boards used at our November information event and each newsletter as they are published. <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/In-Your-Area/Investments-in-Your-Area/Glenfarg-WTW-Project>

Meeting with Perth & Kinross Council

Discussions are ongoing with Perth & Kinross Council to investigate the potential for changed junction priorities at the crossroads between Ladeside/Church Brae and Greenbank/Duncreevie Road as well as one way travel along Greenbank Road in an effort to enhance traffic safety during the construction of the upgrade works (pending suitable design and safety assessment).

Road Safety Assessment

To help us achieve our safety objectives, the following Road Safety Assessment has now been carried out. This Assess-

ment will be valuable as our planning for the project's vehicle movements continue.

NEXT STEPS

Planning Application

We are now working towards issuing our planning application to Perth & Kinross Council in March 2023. Capital In-



vestment Works Work to improve the Glenfarg treatment process will begin in April within the existing treatment works. This work is separate from the planning application and will take place on a smaller scale with relation to workers and vehicle movements.

Community Liaison Group

We have been in communication with Glenfarg Community Council regarding the setup of a Liaison Group which could come together regularly throughout the project's journey. This would allow us the chance to give key project updates in person, as well as receive questions and feedback from those involved in the community group.

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A RUGBY STAR IN OUR MIDST!

Recently, my husband (Gordon Smith) and I were invited to attend a former players lunch at Haddington Rugby Club. We had a lovely visit and I was made most welcome, especially being the only wife to come along! It was a chance for Gordon to reminisce, once his former team-mates and some of the older members had recognised him, which, admittedly, took some doing. When the club had their centenary celebrations several years ago, he was even voted as the best stand-off the club had ever had. Before the lunch, he was introduced to their current stand-off as a player, and especially a kicker, to be revered.



In his younger days, Gordon played a starring role in the club's history. He was instrumental in them gaining promotion to the First Division in 1978 as documented in 'The Story of Haddington Rugby Football Club 1911-1986'. To gain promotion, they would have to defeat Glasgow High by not less than eight points. However, fixing a date for the two clubs to play the game was a nightmare, with a number of obstacles cropping up, despite the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) Championship Committee getting involved.

This game was to be the most important in Haddington RFC's history and so they refused to play the game midweek with an evening kickoff time, as this meant that they wouldn't be able to field their strongest team. However, Glasgow High didn't want any disruption to their Saturday non-league games before the end of March. For them, this game was not nearly as important as it was to Haddington.

Eventually, the SRU agreed to change the deadline for the game; it was scheduled

for an evening kickoff at Old Anniesland on Friday 7 April.

As you can imagine, a huge number of Haddington fans made the journey west for the game – according to the next day's Glasgow Herald, there must have been a public holiday in Haddington on the day of the game.

Proceedings were documented as follows. "After conceding an early penalty, Ian Rennie (Haddington) gathered his forces and gave early notice that Haddington intended to win in style as John Walker with a half break from the 22 gave Colin Young (*now departed, God Rest Your Soul, Coco*) just enough space to round his opposite number and score on the right for stand off Gordon Smith (*yes, my better half*) to convert. The same player (*that must be Gordon Smith again!*) increased the lead with two penalties before half-time.

The tension obviously mounted at that point in time! What happened next?

"The second half saw Little, the veteran Glasgow stand off (*boo!*) come to his team's rescue with fine tactical kicking and he also engineered a try in the corner to reduce Haddington's lead to 12-7 (*crikey, I can't stand the tension!*). But Haddington were not to be denied with Colin Young (*get in there, Coco!*) scoring another fine try and Gordon Smith making sure with a late drop goal to put Haddington into the First Division by 19 points to 7."

Sadly, the good times at the top were not to last. At the time, there had been mixed views about playing against the eleven best teams in Scotland, elation and positivity on one side versus concern about the effect on players of possible relegation on the other. Philosophically, though, it was deemed better to have achieved promotion and lose it, than never have to won it at all. Today Haddington RFC play in Division One – but not the national division, unfortunately. Instead it's the 'Tennant's East Region League Division One'. Aye, those were the days, right enough!



The last film of 2022 was 'Fishermen's Friends'2. The first film had proved to be very popular and our audience were not disappointed. The film follows the shanty-singing band again as they struggle to adjust to their new found fame. They eventually win through and make an appearance at Glastonbury. It was a feel-good film which set us all up for the festive season.

13th January - 'The Road Dance'

The year started for the Community cinema with a 'Stovie and Sticky Toffee Pudding Supper' followed by the film 'The Road Dance' . The film is set in the Outer Hebrides just before the outbreak of WW1, and was filmed in the beautiful conservation village of Gearrannan on Lewis. It tells the story of a young girl whose life is changed by a terrible tragedy.

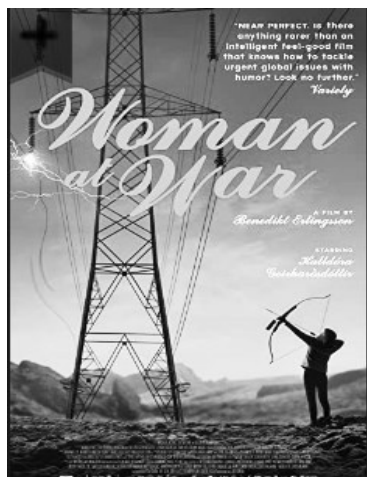
The combination of a Scottish film and a supper proved to be very popular with 47 people enjoying the occasion.

10th February - 'Where the Crawdad Sings'

The 2022 American mystery, thriller from the book of the same name, tells the story of an abandoned girl who raises and educates herself in

the Carolina marshlands. As an outcast from the near-by town, she is the main suspect when a local boy is found dead and is tried for his murder.

10th March – ‘Woman at War’



A 50 year old environmental activist, Hal-la, crusades against the local aluminium industry in her native Iceland. As her actions become bolder, her life suddenly changes when she is granted permission to adopt a girl from the Ukraine.

14th April- Mrs Harris goes to Paris’

A 2022 historical comedy-drama adapted from the book by Paul Gallico, stars Lesley Manville (Mrs Harris), a widowed cleaning lady in 1950’s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress. She decides that she must have one of her own. After un-expectedly receiving a war-widow’s pension she travels to Paris to fulfil her dreams.. Her trip to Paris changes not only her own outlook but the very future of the House of Dior.





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Arngask School House Update

Following receipt of the building completion certificate from the council, work has commenced on the interior decoration. It seems a long time ago that with the help of loads of villagers we filled a skip with the removal of all the floor coverings.

Now with the help of villagers we have stripped the wall paper from the rooms, filled some holes, sanded the woodwork, undercoated the woodwork and hung



lining paper on the walls. We have progressed to stripping the paper off the walls in the new assisted toilet, sanding and painting the stairs and stripping the kitchen wall paper.

The kitchen wall paper came off incredibly easily until we

discovered that the shiny mustard yellow surface was paper covered in gloss paint. Despite using a steamer to the point that the fire alarm was activated the paper remained firmly stuck to the wall. Using a neat device that scores the wall and loads of steam the layer came off to reveal more gloss painted paper

underneath. This brown gloss painted paper comes off in bigger lengths than the mustard yellow which resembles papier mâché.

Hopefully by the time the newsletter is printed we will have all the downstairs area ready for decorating prior to new flooring being fitted and the stairs carpeted with the original stair rods refitted.

If you want to come along and help too, we meet from 10:30 to 12:30 on Tuesdays. Other time slots are available by arrangement with the trustees.

Scout Night Hike

The scouts had a great night in early December, cold, crisp with a dusting of snow and a full moon. We started walking at 19:30 making our way up through Auchtermuchty community woodland, Jake leading the way. It's a bit of a steep start but the view from the seat at the top was worth it.



We could see the Lomonds over the Christmas lights in Auchtermuchty. We sat there and picked out various constellations, the plough, cassiopeia and part of orion peeking over the Lomonds. The scouts that wear glasses for reading discovered that it was difficult to read the map at night as the thin brown contour lines vanish and there is no definition in the map.

All the scouts had a turn at leading to different checkpoints as we made our way in Pittmeden forest, through areas of mixed woodland, beach trees and pine trees.

We stopped at a small lochan for snacks and a rest. Fuelled up, we returned to the cars by a different route. The scouts were pleased with their achievement in following the route on a map in the dark.

GCTG in the Driving

Seat

The Glenfarg Community Transport Group is well on its way down the road to providing inclusive transport and a viable alternative to cars to the residents of Glenfarg.



They have now been running their first weekly route for two months. The affectionately named “Thursday Bus” runs between Kinross and Glenfarg, taking in Duncrievie, Mawcarse and even Loch Leven’s Larder and has proven to be very popular with Kinrossians and Glenfargians alike. The new route provides opportunities for socialising, shopping or even simply sight-seeing along the back roads.*

So please encourage your Kinross friends to hop aboard as the timing is designed just in time for a pitstop at the Glenfarg Village Hall Coffee Morning. Return journeys are conveniently an hour later or after lunch if you fancy a longer chinwag. Or why not pop down to Loch Leven’s Larder or Kinross for an hour?

Route A: Kinross – Glenfarg KHS Campus Library 09.55 Kinross P&R 10.00 Drunzie 10.15 Duncrievie 10.15 Glenfarg Village Hall 10.20	Route C: Kinross – Glenfarg Kinross P&R 12.25 KHS Campus Library 12.30 Loch Leven’s Larder 12.40 Mawcarse 12.50 Drunzie 12.55 Duncrievie 12.55 Glenfarg Village Hall 13.00
Route B: Glenfarg – Kinross Glenfarg Village Hall 11.20 Duncrievie 11.25 Drunzie 11.25 Mawcarse 11.35 Loch Leven’s Larder 11.40 KHS Campus Library 11.45 Kinross P&R 11.55	Route D: Glenfarg – Kinross Glenfarg Village Hall 14.10 Cuthill Towers 14.15 Mawcarse 14.20 Milnathort via M90 14.25 KHS Campus Library 14.35

To let us know to look out for you at any point along the route or to arrange for your community (or private) group, please email transport@glenfarg.org For more information, visit www.glenfarg.org/Community/gctgabout.shtml

*Please note that some slight adjustments have been made to the timetable to allow passengers extra time in between journeys.

In other news, the GCTC has also been busy providing improved access to cultural and social activities. Trips have included providing transport to the local a Burns' Society's Burns night, and a day trip for the local Greener Glenfarg discussion group to the V&A Museum in Dundee to visit the 'Plastic: Remaking our World' exhibition. It's great to see the project gaining momentum and the GCTG plan to develop their scope in the next few months. Watch this space!

So why not try something new, get out and about, support the new community link and Get on Board!



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

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Friends of Wallace Park

At last, the final piece of our plan is in place – the Zip Wire! Can't wait to try it out? Unfortunately, we have to wait for two things – a safety check by PKC and the bedding down of the surface beneath it. Then the fencing will be removed and it will be ready for use. The same applies to the fitness stations. Come the spring, we should be seeing people out making use of the new apparatus.





As you walk (or run?) through the park, you will also see the new trees that have been planted. Sixteen cherry trees line the path from the top gate to the play area and six birch trees line the path from there to the tennis pavilion. The trees were provided through climate change funding, managed by PKC. All the new trees are helping with carbon capture, as well as providing something beautiful to enhance our environment.

Science Fun at Arngask Primary School

Nature Walks

The Nursery children have been enjoying their walks around the village, exploring different areas and looking for changes in the seasons. One of our favourite routes goes across the 'toot toot bridge' and up to Arngask Farm. The children often take their binoculars to spot the animals and count how many there are. On one visit, we decided to buy some eggs and jam for nursery. The children were lucky enough to arrive at feeding time for the pigs. Their favourite was Gloria. We're very lucky to have this on our doorstep.



1&2 Magnets

P1/2 have been learning about magnetic and non-magnetic materials. They learnt that metals that have iron in them are magnetic and used magnets to push cars along because the same poles repel each other and make them go.



Materials

P3 have been learning all about the properties of different materials. The children used the story of The Three Little Pigs to investigate which materials are most suitable for building different houses.

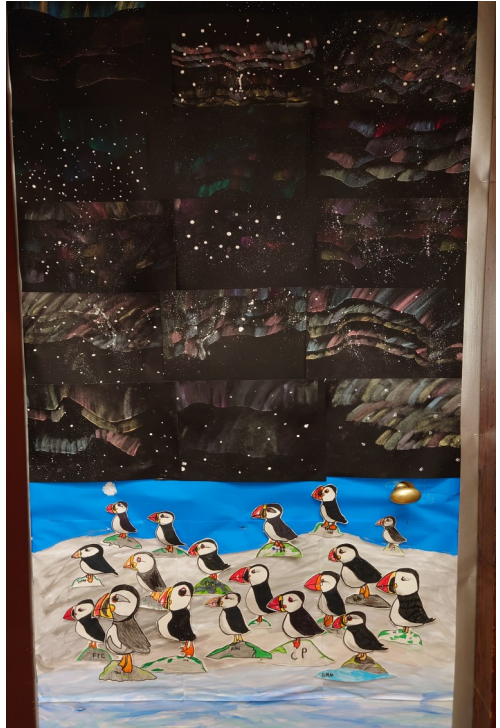


Using a variety of materials, they have participated in STEM challenges where they have looked at insulators, absorbency, stability and states of matter. The children have had lots of fun exploring this topic and working together to come up with solutions to problems.



Polar Regions and Explorers

P4/5 have been studying which countries are in Polar Regions: where they are and the climate/ weather features of these areas. We are now researching different animals/wildlife and how they have adapted to survive the freezing Arctic and Antarctic conditions. We are looking forward to finding out about explorers too, including what they wear, where they have explored and how they travel.



All About Plastics

P6/7 visited the Victoria and Albert Museum in Dundee in Dundee to see an exhibition called Plastic: Remaking Our World. The exhibition looked at the history and future of this popular yet controversial material. Children took part in a product design challenge then got the chance to look round the other galleries. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day.



The Problem with Plastics

At the beginning of February, we heard that there was a wonderful exhibition on plastic, and the environmental damage it causes, being hosted at the V&A museum in Dundee. It was just about to move on, so a group of us decided to visit on its last weekend. The Community Transport Group booked the minibus for us. A generous benefactor paid the cost of the transport. Here we are, happily smiling as we alight at the start of our visit.



In we went, no doubt thinking of the need to reduce the use of shrink wrap and plastic bottles. The exhibition began with the rather beautiful experience of an ‘immersive film installation’ showing the emergence of microscopic life in the earth’s oceans. It then went on to show us the devastating impact of microplastics on the world’s marine ecosystem. And didn’t I hear recently that, since we consume the fruits of the sea, these plastics are now likely to be within us?

The next few rooms concentrated on the history of plastics and the demand for easily molded material. This resulted in a move from plastic being resourced exclusively from the natural world to one partially created in the laboratory. Advances in the chemical sciences in the first half of the twentieth century, and the scarcity of natural resources in WW2, moved us on into the ‘petrochemical era’. Between 1939 and 1945, in the US alone, the production of plastics quadrupled. After the war, the plastics industry searched for new applications for wartime innovations. And they found it in mass production, single use items and a throw-away culture.

Here are some statistics for you –

- ✦ From 1970 to the present day, annual plastic production globally has increased eightfold
- ✦ More than half of the plastic produced to date has been manufactured since 2000
- ✦ People in Scotland use 694 million plastic bottles every year.

Plastics permeate all areas of life, from food packaging to electrical appliances, from furniture to cars and aircraft, from clothing to architecture. It's in our homes, our hospitals, our public spaces. But fossil fuels will not be available indefinitely. And here are some statistics on the time taken for certain plastics to degrade.

Object	Time	Source
Plastic bags and bin bags	15 - 20 years	Forge Waste and Recycling
Plastic bottle	450 years	Forge Waste and Recycling
Disposable nappies	550 years	*
Plastic coffee pods	500 years	Packingtonline.co.uk
Foamed plastic cups	50 years	*
Nylon fabric	30 – 40 years	*

* <https://emea01/safelinks.protection.outlook.com>

How much plastic is in your home? How many times do you touch plastic in a day?

Today, industries are under ever growing pressure from consumers, activists and legislators to look at their carbon footprint, material choices and product life cycles. Plastics still dominate because of their unique qualities, but when is plastic essential and when can alternatives be found?

By this time, we were all feeling shocked and rather guilty. Fortunately the last room of the exhibition gave us some hope. On display were properly dissolvable wipes (the product of work at Dundee and Heriot Watt Universities), fabrics and clothing made from banana fibres or mushroom mycelia, bioplastics created from root crops grown in automated vertical farms, and edible packaging made from brown seaweed. There was even a soluble bag from Chile – just place in warm water and it dissolves without leaving any microplastic or chemical residue. If all this seems a bit 'science fiction', just think back 40 years or so. If we could have seen into the future then, we would have been amazed at the changes in everyday life.

The last things we viewed were interviews with people working in these areas, who spoke about what was being done and what part we could play. We came away with the message -

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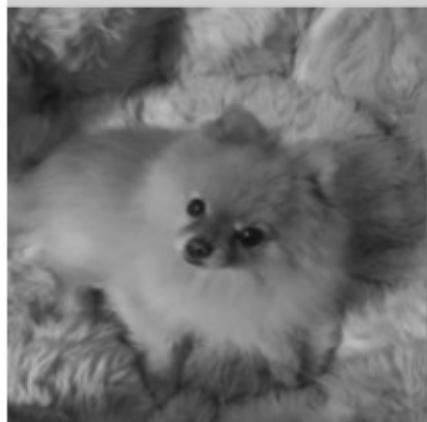
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A GEM OF A TEAROOM IN FIFE AND A LOCAL OUTING FOR THE 'LADIES WHO LUNCH'



I recently found a reason to visit Thornton, near Glenrothes, a place some of you may not be familiar with. I had been recommended a jeweller there for a gold repair. This was only the second time ever that I had been to Thornton – the first time was in November last year for a superb Christmas Craft Fayre in the Town Hall. When I used to travel up and down

between Edinburgh and St Andrews in the early 80's, I would often wonder, when I saw the platform signs for 'Glenrothes for Thornton' what this mysterious neighbour to Glenrothes was like and if I'd ever have a chance to find out. And now I've been twice within the space of 3 months!

I was pleased to have a reason to go back to Thornton as, back in November, my friend had pointed out a lovely tearoom across the road from the Town Hall, with the splendid name of **Serendipi-Tea**. Of course, the sight of some chunky cardigans, handbags and crafty gifts in the window attracted me as much as the beautiful vintage crockery and the spacious, light and airy room. The tearoom was closed that day but we were relieved to find that the owners were busy running the food stall at the Christmas Fayre. Luckily, I had enough money left from indulging in a knitted Santa, artisan-made aromatherapy bath salts and other hand-crafted goods, so I was able to try their amazing chicken, pigs in blankets and gravy-filled wrap.

Having checked out their Facebook page, I was impressed to see that they were the winners of Fife Café of the Year 2020, and the 'best place to have a scone in Scotland' in 2021 so I had been looking forward to the chance to pop in for lunch.

The menu had a good selection of options including soup, filled rolls, sandwiches, wraps, toasties, salads, and amazing home-made sausage rolls. Their cakes and

cheesecake pots looked delicious so having felt righteous at having a tuna wrap with coleslaw and salad, I felt I deserved a treat, well you would too, wouldn't you? I had a very tasty carrot cake, while my lunch buddy who had enjoyed the chilli chicken toastie, indulged in a very pretty strawberry gateau. And to top off a lovely lunch out and a natter, I found the perfect handcrafted present for a friend's birthday.

We visited on a Thursday and there were just a few tables left - a recent renovation was designed to give more room for tables but it's still worth booking if you know exactly when you want to go, to avoid being disappointed. They also do breakfast and brunch options, if you like to get out and about earlier in the day.

You'll find them at **74 Main Street, Thornton** and if you want to book your table, call **07396 323747**. Keep an eye on their Facebook page, if you can, so you can look out for their themed events, like Pancake Day and Festive Afternoon Teas, as well as the next Craft Fayre. And the next day...

I'm a glutton for punishment – the day after lunching out in Thornton, myself and 3 other 'ladies who lunch' had a most enjoyable meal at the more locally-based Bein Inn, situated on the road through the glen to Perth. There was plenty on the menu that I could have chosen, including some delicious-sounding specials, but I can't help ordering battered fish, chips and peas on a Friday, it was £14.95 for a decent-sized plateful, and I couldn't finish the chips. My companions enjoyed their vegetable curry, and salmon dishes.

We had actually decided on our puddings before we looked at the main courses – this led to us not having any starters as the puddings sounded lovely. My friends chose rhubarb crumble and custard, and cheesecake. Mine was a large slice of Opera Cake, something I've always wanted to try but which I've only seen in recipe books or on baking programmes. It's a fancy French concoction of very thin layers of almond-based sponge with chocolate and coffee flavoured ganache icing in between and on the outside. It was worth the £6.95 and topped off a really lovely, perfectly cooked and delicious meal.

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Scottish Access Code—Item raised by several members of the public at recent Community Council Meeting

Cllr Fraser raised the matter in relation to Cllr Pilmer having been contacted by a number of residents and a member of the public in regard to visiting members of the public accessing the Glenfarg Reservoir, via the Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant, and believed to be for recreational activities.

He was asked by Cllr Fraser to explain what is/has taken place in relation to access, why has this come about, what if any issues were arising and what would be a constructive and best way forward for visitors?

In response, Cllr Pilmer gave a brief explanation of why the number of visiting members of the public had increased, in essence relating to the Pandemic, and that members of the public (some with dogs) in general were taking exercise in the countryside leading to access issues arising when they, members of the public, are not/may not be familiar with the Scottish Access Code and its guidance/instruction.

Cllr Pilmer explained further about the Scottish Access Code's three main principles including the Signage that has been erected as a result of visitors walking through the Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant and adjoining land thereafter, accessing the reservoir via the Dam Head and the old filter beds' concourse.

Further important points were stated in relation to access and safety: *Instruction* Signage that is displayed at various points on the Private Access road route, Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant sign of *No Unauthorised Access* in accordance with the Scottish Access Code, the landowner's sign of *No Dogs Ewes in Lamb*, further and comprehensive Scottish Water signage at the Dam Head advising about *Tips and Advice*, its relevance to the Scottish Access Code and *General Restrictions* (two of which relate to the exclusion of access (public) on Built Structures and Public Health) including the point that *access for swimming was not encouraged in a Public Water supply*. A debate took place with the PKC Cllrs, CCllrs and six members of the public including the highlighted concern of a local landowner in relation to livestock, particularly those that may be nervous or very inquisitive and the resultant impact.

The topic of access and concerns was discussed amicably with all those present. CCllr Fraser explained that the GCC cannot police the Scottish Access Code matter and it was down to members of the public to be seen to be *acting responsibly* and to *stay safe* in areas of the countryside and open water.

A further discussion took place about an alternative route to the reservoir avoiding the Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant including its Dam Head and this was accepted with all participants mindful of the Scottish Access Code.



CCllr Pilmer was asked by a member of the public about access in adjoining land and he confirmed that he had contacted Scottish Woodlands with respect to their perceived purchase of the adjoining land and public access northwards of Scottish Water's premises. In addition, he confirmed that he had been in written contact with Scottish Water's Community Relations manageress requesting prominent No Access notification/ other information signage at the Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant entrance to be erected for all visitors.

CCllr Fraser thanked all those present for their contributions, emphasised the need for safety, their appreciation and respect of the Scottish Access Code and instructed CCllr Pilmer to contact Scottish Water about improving signage/information for all. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

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Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting Monday 9th January 2023 7:30pm

Welcome

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Action Points**
- 4. Virtual Meetings**
- 5. Village Inn Update**
- 6. Glenfarg Transport Group**
- 7. Glenfarg.org website updates**
- 8. Planning**
- 9. Police Report**
- 10. Finance Report**
- 11. AOCB**

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Welcome

GCC Chair CCllr Fraser welcomed everyone present to the first meeting of 2023.

Attendance

CCllr Fraser, CCllr Christie, CCllr MacLeod, CCllr Pilmer, PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC CCllr Watters, PKC CCllr Cuthbert and six members of the public.

1. Apologies

PKC Cllr Freshwater, CCllr Ponton, CCllr Murray, Mr D. Smart (CTG) and Police Scotland Community PC Samson.

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the 7th November 2022 Business Meeting had been approved and seconded by CCllrs Fraser and Christie on the 10th November 2022.

3. Action Points

i) GCC committee positions agreed: Vice Chair and Planning - CCllr Christie. Secretary, Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel, Data Controller and Emergency Plan - CCllr Pilmer. Finance - CCllr Murray and CCllr Macleod. Binn Wind Turbine Panel - CCllr Ponton.

ii) Warm Space Topic. CCllr Pilmer confirmed that the Village Hall Trustees Secretary had responded to an GCC enquiry regarding the Village Hall's availability as a *Warm Space*. The response was that the Village Hall was on the PKC Register for Warm Spaces. Presently two public sessions were in place as of November 2022 and they were the Monday Lunchtime Soup with Roll and Thursday Morning Coffee all run by volunteers. Should there be a demand for further *Warm Space* then the Village Hall is available for bookings. Information to book the Village Hall can be found on the dedicated website at www.glenfarg.org

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4. Reports for Virtual Meetings

CCllr Pilmer reported on the Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel (LWFP) meeting that took place in November 2022 when two Glenfarg submissions for funding were considered. The first was funding for flooring for the Village Hall Schoolhouse c/o the Village Hall Trustees and the second was for transport funding c/o the Community Transport Group. Decisions for both submissions were returned for further financial clarification and to be agreed at the next LWFP Meeting in the first quarter of 2023.

CCllr Fraser requested his fellow CCllrs to take ownership of the following committees: Kinross Action Partnership, Community Investment Panel, Kinross Local Committee, Kinross-shire Transport Group. The committees may hold their meetings in virtual or physical formats in 2023. Details to follow in due course. *Action CCllrs*

5. Village Inn Update

CCllr Fraser reported that an online survey was carried within the Glenfarg Community using the village Facebook media website and Glenfarg Grapevine email system. The survey, consisting of five questions plus a comments section, closed on the 31st December 2022.

There were 174 responses representing 462 residents with the results as follows:

Q1. Would the village benefit from a Village Inn?

Yes 99%, No 1%

Q2. Would you bring friends from outside the village?

Yes 92%, No 8%

Q3. Is the Community Centre a good location?

Yes 85%, No 15%

Q4. Would you like the Village Inn to serve food?

Yes 83%, No 17%

Q5. Which days of the week would you prefer? Number of personal responses collated for preferred day.

Monday 20, Tuesday 23, Wednesday 52, Thursday 62, Friday 148, Saturday 146, Sunday 98.

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The results were welcomed by the PKC Cllrs and CCllrs present. PKC Cllr Cuthbert requested that he be issued with this information as part of the co-ordination activity that he is carrying out as an independent Chair between the parties of the Village Hall Trustees and the Village Inn pub group. *Action CCllr Ponton*

6. Transport Group

CCllr Fraser explained once again about contracts for various bus routes that will/may have an impact on Kinross-shire therefore, at this stage it is unknown as to what will happen for our community. CCllr Fraser explained about the community's funding activities that had been raised for operational requirements (to be confirmed but estimated at circa £30k) and the potential for future funding to secure a full operational Community Bus (to be confirmed but estimated at £140k). There is a funding application in to Smarter Choice Smarter Places that is still pending. Ten volunteer drivers have been recruited with eight trained and the rest to follow as necessary. Presently the use of the Community Education Services Bus is being utilised on a Thursday for Coffee Mornings and that it has been block booked for that day a week over a three-month period.

Press coverage in the Courier and Perthshire Advertiser newspapers including the Kinross Community Magazine has taken place with a further newspaper article pending by the Guardian Newspaper's Scottish correspondent.

A discussion took place with the PKC Cllrs and CCllrs present about the benefits to the community and the potential impact that may happen should our present public bus service be reduced. PKC Cllr Cuthbert and CCllr Fraser discussed the topic of Stagecoach's support to communities following CCllr Fraser's notification that there is a planned meeting with a Stagecoach representative in the short term.

Mr D. Smart who is working with CCllr Fraser on this project, stated by letter, that for the No.55 and No.56 bus contracts that local bids for Contracts are not allowed although a *shadow tender* was submitted.

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Following the decision by the owners of Earnside Coaches to cease trading in the first quarter of 2023 those in attendance at the meeting extended their best wishes once again to the owners and their family for the future.

7. Glenfarg.org website updates

Website topic is being managed mutually by two members of the public and the CCllrs thanked them for their agreement and willingness to support the community.

8. Planning Report

CCllr Christie reported the following:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
22/01772/FLL	21/11/2022	Binn Skips	Installation of 990KW Biomass Boiler and Flue (In Retrospect)	Awaiting Decision
22/01582/FLL	25/11/2022	Rymell Binn	Erection of garage at 6 Hayfield Road, Glenfarg, PH2 9NP (in retrospect)	Approved
22/01780/SCRN	04/01/2023	Skips	Thermal processing of primary and permitted secondary biomass feedstocks	Awaiting Decision

9. Police Report

CCllr Pilmer reported the following from Community Police Officer (CPO) PC Samson.

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
16/12/2022	Theft by shoplifting (Glenfarg Village Shop)	1 x charged & reported to the Procurator Fiscal

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Glenfarg. These have all been added to our speeding matrix and we will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

From 9th December 2022 there have been 13 calls to Police from the Glenfarg area and 4 crimes recorded on Police systems.

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10. Finance Report

CCllr Macleod advised those in attendance that a topic remains to be resolved following the departure of the previous CCllr for Financial matters. Principally the topic relates to: Bank account signatures, bank account transactions and information moving over to an on-line modern accounting basis all to be completed as soon as practically possible. In the short term it was agreed that the previous CCllr, Mr Horsman, be contacted to assist with matters and that a Treasurer Report for the period November 2022 to January 2023 is to be issued as soon as possible to the Chair and Secretary.

A GITS Microgrant is impending and requires payment to be confirmed. *Action CCllrs Murray and Macleod*

11. AOCB

Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS)

Mr T. McAulay the present administrator and organiser for GOBS is retiring at the end of January 2023. He has made a public announcement requesting that the GOBS requires a new replacement and at the GCC meeting it was noted that two members of the public had stated a notification to take over however, this requires confirmation. CCllr Fraser thanked Mr McAulay on behalf of the GCC and the community as a whole for the outstanding work and contribution he has made that has resulted in the GOBS members making savings for home heating oil. Presently with the cost of energy volatile it's a benefit to householders to benefit from the worthwhile necessity of GOBS. The GCC is to keep in contact with Mr McAulay to be notified of a successful outcome. *Action CCllr Fraser and CCllr Pilmer*

Flooding long/short term measures

CCllr Fraser raised the matter in relation to the events of early December 2022. The discussion led to the suggested inability of the present "drainage pipe" system (9" dia) unable to cope with the amount of waste and rainfall water in times of extreme

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heavy rain. It was found that water was coming out of man holes and that further water was coming out of the fields adjacent to The Avenue thus affecting The Avenue, particular houses and their garden with the resultant excess water flooding on to Greenbank Crescent, Greenbank Road and the Main Street. Unfortunately, a property, situated on Greenbank Road, was affected and flooded resulted in damage. This flooding damage although not stopped was lessened in some respects after a call for help from volunteers to assist with removing/ stopping water and assisted by a Bilge/Sump Pump. CCllr Fraser suggested that a number of Bilge/Sump pumps be purchased and held in storage at the Village Store's garage for use in an Emergency.

A discussion/email is to be held with the necessary contacts from Scottish Water/PKC/Scottish Government's Flood prevention department or contact. Also, the name of the person from whose land the water was coming off the fields onto The Avenue be contacted to be alerted about the matter. Action CCllr Christie.

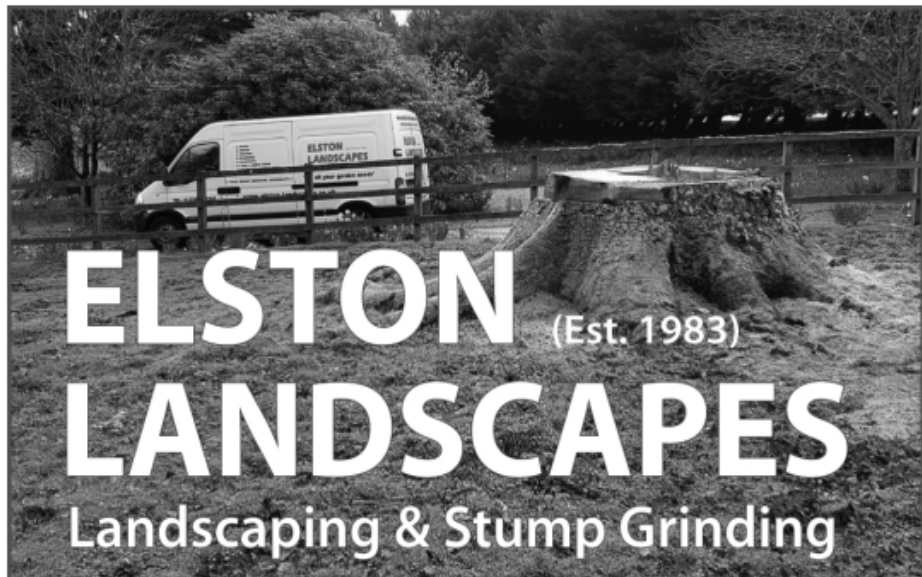
Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Plant upgrade

CCllr Fraser reported that as a result of the Public Meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 and that the event had been well attended publicly. Scottish Water's Community Relations had shared news of the event with the Village Newsletter and the GCC. CCllr Fraser emphasised the necessity of the GCC to keep in contact with Scottish Water and that a liaison group should be set up between the two parties. CCllr Christie reported that there have been no official notifications from PKC Planning to date. Nonetheless, CCllr Fraser requested the Secretary to keep in correspondence. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Scottish Access Code

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Mapping Tool for Community Councils

The website-based tool was discussed and it was agreed not to participate, Glenfarg has its own successful website with lots of information about our community.

Speed limit measures and traffic signage

CCLlr Ponton has notified the requisite information to PKC. The GCC understands fully that the village is on a list for action to have new/altered signage although as to when it will become a physical reality for the village remains unknown.

Cost of living Fund

An application was made on behalf the Community Transport Group to secure funds and this was successful. £500 was secured and is to be used as road fuel purchase for the Community Bus that is being operated on a Thursday. This means that the Community Bus can offer a free service presently.

Tayside Contracts Community Fund

GCC Chair CCLlr Fraser had notified the Village Hall Trustees about the availability of funds and in particular that they could be used to reconstruct the parking facilities within the grounds of the Village Hall. To date there has been no official feedback from the Trustees.

Glenfarg Village Newsletter - Archive and Storage

The Glenfarg Village Newsletter has had copies of its publications archived over the years with them being stored and held securely in the Arngask Church Hall. However, as a result of the Church due for closure in 2023 and its eventual sale, the Archive requires to be rehomed. Therefore, a discussion took place as to where it could be stored and who would carry out the future archiving task. It was suggested that the Village Hall could accommodate the Archive and as such the Village Hall Trustees (VHT) are to be contacted to confirm an acceptable solution thereafter, a responsible person to be recruited to carry out the activity of archiving. It was noted further that Mr Alex Johnston, who has been in charge of the archive for many years, be thanked publicly for his endeavours. The Secretary to write to the VHT and Mr Johnston. *Action CCLlr Pilmer*

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date of next GCC Meeting Monday 6th March 2023 at 7:30pm.
Agenda to be confirmed and published nearer that date.

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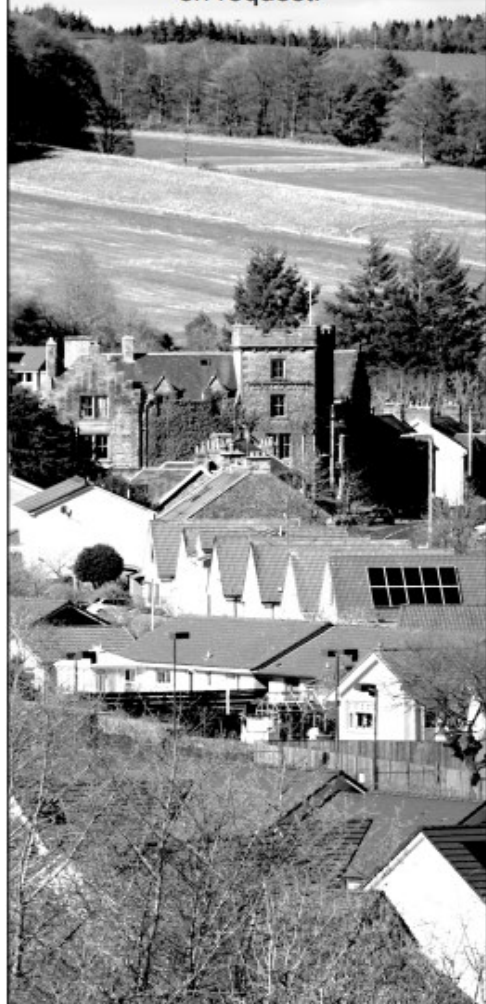
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