

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. prior to the upcoming publication.
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Editorial

Hi and welcome from the Editorial Team.

In this edition, we have taken the opportunity to congratulate Glenfarg Accordion & Fiddle Club on winning NAAFC Club of the year 2023. This is a great credit to all concerned and shows the hard work and input of the committee to have achieved this recognition. Stewart Smith (Chairman) advised that there is always good music and a lot of humour at their meetings in the village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome, and you can even have a cup of tea and sausage roll.

We also have an article on the planned expansion of the Water Treatment Works at the reservoir. This shall have a huge impact on our community over the next three year period. Following a public meeting in the Village Hall. All documents from Scottish Water are available to view on the PKC Planning Portal and everyone is encouraged to look at this to see how this will affect the village.

Glenfarg Community Transport Group have been all over the national press and television lately, so we have included an update from them in this edition. Coverage on BBC Scotland television and Website included excellent articles regarding GCTG. Read an update including the new early service from the village linking in with buses to Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee.

There are the usual articles from The Scouts on their summer camp, SWI on upcoming meetings, GDIB, Arngask Primary School, including Parents and Friends' Party In The Park.

On Page 6, we are looking for local people to join the editorial team. If you'd like a challenge, and you feel that you'd like to get involved please give us a shout.

AnnaFaith has been delighted to be a guest editor for this edition of the Glenfarg Newsletter and has an update of her Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Cairngorms on page

Hope that you enjoy. If you'd like to place an article in future editions, please send these to:

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The Glenf[♥]rg Newsletter



Purpose

The Glenfarg Newsletter is a quarterly magazine published by the community, for the community.

Why not advertise your business, community group or event, or tell us about what's happening in our wonderful wee village?

And whatever you want to know, from bins and busses to buying local, pick up a copy today! (Suggested donation £1)

Publications

Copies are available in the village shop and in various libraries and social spaces on the 1st of March, June, September and December.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

People

- In-Bloom (GDIB)
- Community Cinema
- Community Transport (GCTG)
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Scottish Women's Institute
- Community Council



Places

- Village Hall
- Wallace Park
- Arngask Primary
- Arngask Church

Projects

- Village Inn Co.
- Water Treatment Works
- Greener Glenfarg
- Community Centre



Get Involved!

The Newsletter is produced by a voluntary editorial team and funded by the Glenfarg Community Council.

We welcome your contributions, from photographs to full articles

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ARNGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL

To say we have been busy is an understatement! Summer term has been so jam-packed full of activities, day trips and achievements that it was difficult to know what to share! However, the just as the sun appeared, cricketing became the hottest topic among the upper school!

The P6 cricketers attended training sessions with Richard from Live Active and then attended the cluster cricket event at Loch Leven's Larder. They came a creditable 3rd; winning 3 out of their 5 matches. The team were invited to compete in the Perth and Kinross Cricket finals at the North Inch on the 7th June where they played brilliantly, claiming a few wickets and scoring 6's for runs. The team are a credit to the school, showing sportsmanship and encouraging each other. Eva Laird was highlighted as an outstanding bowler and has been asked to go to regular training sessions with Kinross Cricket Club too. Well done team and a hearty congratulations to Eva!



The P6 Cricket Team on top form!

Our children and staff have done so well to finish the summer term strong and we hope that they have had a wonderfully refreshing summer holiday, ready for all that the autumn holds for Arngask Primary!

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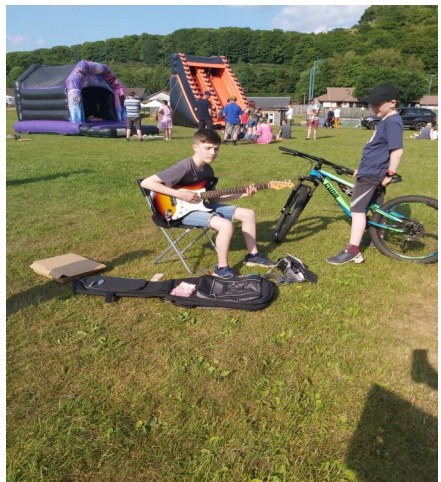


P1&2 Enjoying some reading time

Parents And Friends Of Arngask Primary School

Party in the Park

The inaugural Party in the Park took place at the end of June, and turned Wallace Park into a veritable feast of fun for families and children. There were energetic tennis games, giant inflatables, adorable farmyard animals (including goats and chicks) and produce from Arngask Farm, arts & crafts, wonderful home-baking stall (overflowing with treats from our parent group), beat the goalie (ably manned by our high school Colts team members), and the hilarious win-a-pig competition. The setting was perfect with glorious sunshine, the smell of Fraser's Woodfired Pizzas, and



happy chatter from the Pub in the Park.

Who organised it?

Parents and friends, Arngask Primary Parent Council

What was your favourite part?

Seeing so many families out and so many kids having fun. There were 80 tickets sold before the day which was amazing as people had planned in advance to come. In total we sold 90 tickets and under-2's went free so there were lots of toddlers who hadn't started school yet. There were also



families from outwith the village which was so encouraging!

Where did the funds go?

Well, we made £1148 in profit from it which was fantastic because, to begin with, we didn't even know if we would cover our costs. We had about £450 of expenses and that was for the prizes for games and the inflatables. The profits go into the Parent Council bank account and will ultimately go to support different things for the children. It was agreed that £668 will go towards the new playground lines (that were mainly funded by foundation Scotland). The other £480 paid for bus travel for

the whole school (including nursery) to go to the deer centre for their summer trip they had on 27th June.



Would you do it again?

Yes. There was a good range of activities for kids and we've got a few ideas of what we would do differently next year. We're hoping for the event to be a annual celebration, given the success of the fundraising and the positive feedback we've had.

Thanks to Gillian Naughton for the interview!

Glenfarg Scouts



Our 77th Perth Scout group Summer Camp took place from August 7th—11th in Templar's Park activity centre, a Scout campsite in Aberdeenshire set in 95 acres of beautiful mixed woodland and open land.

Each morning, they hoisted the flag and saluted, before tucking into a hearty breakfast to fuel them up for a busy day of activities.

Wild water sports included paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing. And, as if they weren't

wet enough, they also had a blast in the local swimming pool! On-site, they also took part in orienteering, pioneering and went on an excursion to try rock climbing and bouldering—all under the expert supervision of the instructors, of course!

Of course, with all that physical exertion, the tuck shop was a very popular choice for power-snacks!

Every evening, they even cooked their own meals, including one which they planned and bought from scratch from the local supermarket, to cook on the open fire grill.

Then they would sing (if you can call yelling "Ham and Eggs" at the top of their voices singing!) round the campfire and toasted marshmallow on their carefully whittled sticks.

The smiling faces say it all!





Eating burgers on an improvised plank bench!

At the end of June, we had our last Scout meeting of the season and celebrated in style by building an obstacle course in the green and then inviting the parents and families for a sausage sizzle on an open-fire BBQ at the back of the hall. Rain or no rain, we always have a wonderful time in the great outdoors! And we can't wait for the new season of Scouting to begin!



Little Things



Sweep the pavement outside your home

Cut back your overhanging branches and shrubs

Pick up litter and put it in the bin

Pull up weeds

Volunteer with GDIB and help maintain village assets



BIG IMPACT

Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom



Another hectic Summer passes and what a send off GDIB gave it with an incredible Open Gardens day on 13th August! No fewer than 6 private garden owners opened their gardens to visitors, who also had 4 public features to visit. The Community Bus made an incredible difference with its pick up drop off service which ensured that everyone had an opportunity to visit all the locations in addition to eliminating potential parking problems. The Cream Teas and Cake & Candy stall were also a great success with plaudits received from visitors from far and near. Of course the success was ultimately down to the hard work of volunteers, the bakers & candy makers, the garden owners and last, but by no means least, our amazing Community Bus group.

However as each Summer ends and Autumn begins we look forward to all the tasks that this season brings. Please look out for posts on the Grapevine for any Volunteer Days when you can help in some of the bigger tasks. Of course if you can't join in on these occasions, there's all the wee things that you can do to help keep Glenfarg & Duncrievie a lovely environment for all.

Glenfarg Community Transport Group

There are lots of exciting developments to report from the GCTG this quarter. Buckle up, because this community project is definitely not running out of gas! We have received excellent media coverage including a small item on BBC News. Along with articles in most of the national newspapers. Our amazing group of volunteer trustees and board members are showing no sign of a U-turn as they keep things moving forward, quite literally! And, of course, our amazing bus drivers and passengers ,who are the driving force behind this vibrant community link, are keeping us all on track!We also have a whole new look—with an updated logo and branding which emphasises our green priorities.



The Glenfarg Community Bus in all its glory!

In early September, the new website - GlenfargCT.co.uk—should be going live! This will have pages for **The 55 Bus** timetables and **The Community Bus** bookings calendar. There will also be dedicated pages for walking and wheeling too, as we want to embrace Active Travel. Watch this space for information about Glenfarg's forthcoming Accessible and Sustainable Transport plan and consultation events too. Please note that our existing presence on Glenfarg.org will continue until the new site is established.

The 55 Bus

You can be sure of a warm welcome from David, one of our new drivers, who has recently moved to the village. It seems that all roads, quite literally, lead to Glenfarg!



The GCTC is now shifting gears, as they are trial two additions to The 55 Bus service.

The first service from Glenfarg will now be 0710 and this will connect with the 0737 Ember E1 Service to Edinburgh. This will be under review at the end September when Ember publishes their new timetables. It will provide a valuable link for commuters who are keen to reduce car usage and residents of Milnathort and Kinross will also be able to use the bus to get round to the Park & Ride.

In the morning, The Gateside Shuttle will run Monday to Friday starting in Strathmiglo at 0805, calling in at Gateside at 0810 and connect with The 55 Bus heading south at Mawcarse Crossroads at 0815, arriving at Loch Leven Community Campus at 0822. The return service will run Monday-Thursday and depart the Campus at 1553, connect at Mawcarse with the return Gateside Shuttle at 1600, arriving in Gateside at 1605 and Strathmiglo at 1610. Fares will be charged on The 55 Bus sector but the Gateside Shuttle is free for the duration of the trial. Anyone from the villages can travel – 8 passengers maximum.

Further details at

Glenfarg.org

GlenfargCT.co.uk

Email transport@glenfarg.org



Glenfarg Water Treatment Works—Major Project

Planning Reference—23/01353/FLL



In response to the above application, The Community Council in Glenfarg held a public meeting on Wednesday 30th August to discuss concerns in respect of the intended works. There were over 50 residents in attendance representing a variety of locations and interests throughout the village.

It is reasonable to say that the unanimous feeling within the meeting was of serious concerns over the lack of information within the documents presented in the planning portal, which leads to major worries over health and safety of the villagers and the catastrophic effect on the wildlife and ecology of the area surrounding and adjacent to the site. There is no doubt that the intended works will result in significant disruption within the village.

Initial thoughts are that this may not be the correct place for such a project. Once completed, if there were to be a major incident at Glenfarg WTW then this would close down the whole supply system. Surely

if there were a booster station downstream this would provide enhanced resilience to the overall system. Currently there are tankers transferring water to St Andrews which would highlight the need to have an option in the centre of the network

Traffic Management

- Change of junction priorities at Ladeside / Greenbank Rd / Duncrevie Rd. This is a particularly dangerous idea. This is in the centre of the village and is a school walking route
- 20-30 HGVs a week and possibly per day at peak project times. Along Ladeside and up Church Brae keeping up speed for momentum. No details on monitoring this.
- Dangers with passing places / speed of vehicles/ competency of escort vehicles / volume of traffic. How will all of this be managed and supervised?

Ecology

- History of the River Farg being contaminated by the WTW
- Several rare species such as bats, red squirrels and pinemartins. No details of how these will be protected
- Disruption in the location of a beaver set. No indication of protections to be put in place.

These lists are just an indication of some concerns. The Community Council have lodged a three page letter of objection which can be viewed on the planning portal. All local residents attending the meeting were urged to lodge an objection.

A further meeting will take place on Sept 19th with Scottish Water and the CC to go through concerns raised.

Glenfarg Freewheelers

Glenfarg Freewheelers is a group of community members who are keen to promote and support the use of e-bikes in the community.

Following a very successful trial of an e-bike loan scheme we are in the process of applying for funding to purchase a range of e-bikes to suit a variety of users and uses.

We are linking closely with Glenfarg Community Transport Group and Greener Glenfarg.

Our aim is to:

- Provide access to e-bikes, safety equipment and accessories for all members of the community
- Encourage active travel, reduce car use and improve health and well-being
- Encourage and support young families to cycle together and to access local towns and countryside
- support members to access employment and places of work
- support linking with local and National bus services by providing folding bikes and bike storage
- provide access to training for bike maintenance and promote safe cycling



Please let us know of any suggestions or comments by:

emailing freewheelers@glenfarg.org

Facebook through Glenfarg Grapevine / Greener Glenfarg

We will keep you informed of any developments.

So far 20 people have borrowed the e-bikes for 3 days or more and have been spotted out on rides for leisure, to get them up the hills, to keep up with family members, to get to work, to get to a pub -and back in one piece, and to try them out before splashing out on their own e-bike

Thank you for bringing this to Glenfarg!!
Great initiative for local residents who

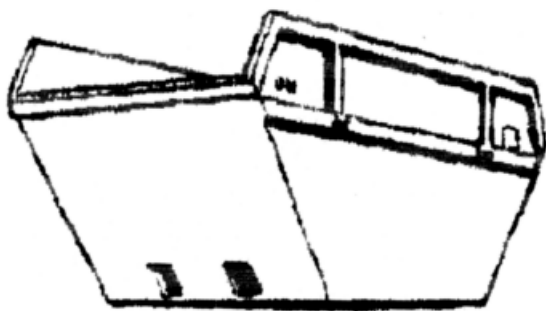


don't want to purchase their own bike. I borrowed the Volt Pulse and cycled to Perth and home again for work. Hopefully people will support this and the scheme can expand to make e bikes readily available

I have been out on both bikes and absolutely loved them. Just whizzing along and being able to do distances and hills really easily. Made cycling fun and if you haven't tried an e-bike I'd definitely recommend giving one a go!



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Glenfarg Community Centre School House Opening 2nd December

Work has progressed slowly in the schoolhouse to prepare it for a Grand Opening and Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December.

A huge thanks to Glenfarg Gala Committee for the donation of £1,000 and the boys in the shop for raising £400 to cover the cost of flooring the Arn-gask room. Its incredibly expensive as the floors have to be lined with plywood first.



Our first booking was Glenfarg Community Transport Group who have named the schoolhouse as their main office, they initially occupied Fordel but are now upstairs in Arngask. The next was mindfulness sessions and now the pop up pub will be using Candy and Duncrive.

Only two upstairs rooms (Fordel, Deuglie) and the toilet need to be decorated before we floor the remaining upstairs rooms. Easterton is decorated but needs new flooring. Downstairs the kitchen needs finished. We are booking a professional to decorate the stairwell, since it reached the roofline its above our abilities to decorate.

To assist with booking rooms in the schoolhouse the room names will appear on the booking calendar when in use.

Many thanks to Tim, Tara, Gillian, Alice and Janet for helping with the decorating and to Janet, Steve and Bill for working at the weeds.

From October 7th, there will be "Saturdays at the Schoolhouse". A weekly Pub Night from 5.30pm to 10.30pm.



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The Catchup Queen

We've been in the village for about 19 years but somehow we had never visited this local place until recently. I know from friends that it is hugely popular in the area and it's somewhat of a local institution – Mona's of Muckhart. It's now owned by the niece of the previous owners and is named after Mona, her great grandmother. They currently boast over 1.400 followers on their Facebook page, with an average rating of 4.8 out of 5.



Located on the right of the main street as you pass through Pool of Muckhart from the east, there's a handy car park at the back and some on-street parking, too. There's full disabled access and there's outdoor seating too for warmer days.

The first thing that struck us when we arrived for lunch was the warm welcome we received as soon as we

arrived, which is always a good sign and puts you instantly at ease. The interior was brightly decorated and clean. We were lucky that it wasn't full as we were able to have a bigger table – a pet hate of ours is the tiny tables you're sometimes given when there's just two of you. We hadn't booked but there wasn't a problem that day although I would imagine that booking might be advisable on more popular days of the week.

There was a good selection of lunch-time snacks but also a choice of main course dishes if you have a larger appetite. We both ordered sandwiches – him indoors choosing prawn Marie Rose on white bread, and I chose my all-time favourite filling, coronation chicken on seeded brown bread. Both were absolutely delicious, tasted really fresh, and



came with a decent amount of salad and coleslaw. We felt that the menu was very reasonably priced, always a bonus nowadays.

As we were there in the expectation that I'd be able to include Mona's in this review, I insisted we had to try at least one item of baking from the varied selection on offer, although we were pretty full after our sandwiches. We shared a piece of traybake between us and it was most satisfactory. The coffee also tasted very good. I can't stand really strong, bitter coffee and was relieved that theirs was very drinkable.

If I'd been catching up with a girlfriend I would, of course, have taken time to look at their gift shop but on this occasion, it was time to go as soon as we'd finished our lunch, but I did spy some really lovely looking scarves so a return visit is definitely on the cards. It looks a great wee place for gift ideas.

Take a look at their most informative and well laid-out website – monasofmuckhart.co.uk - where you can also find out about their outside catering service, and search for 'Mona's of Muckhart' on Facebook if you're a user.

Mona's of Muckhart- 01259 781322 – 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday and 10.30 am to 5 pm on Sunday.



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SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

Our first meeting after the summer break is Thursday 14th September 2pm in Glenfarg Village Hall

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

Meetings are always the second Thursday of the month starting at 2pm, please arrive from 1.45 for a 2pm start.

	Speaker	Competitions
September 14th	Arngask Home Farm Eilidh Sutherland	Farming Photograph Jar of Homemade Jam -2 Fruit Flower of the Month
October 12th	Bayeaux Craft Stitching Patricia Robottom (Hands on)	Quilted Place Mat Individual Short Crust Fruit Pie An Autumn Leaf
November 9th	Making a Christmas Wreath/Table Decoration (Hands On) Margaret Folan	Poppy any Craft Slice of Gingerbread (not buttered) Flower of the Month
December 14th	Christmas Party with Entertainment	3 Chocolate Truffles Gift for Secret Santa (max Value £5)

Members Annual Subscription is £30 & visitors £4 If you require any more

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Linda Martin (President)



GREENER GLENFARG UPDATE

Our consultation earlier in the year resulted in some great ideas on how we could move towards being a greener village. Here is an update on how those ideas have been taken forward.

Glenfarg Freewheelers: Home Energy Scotland suggested that we organise a Sustainable Travel workshop, as a result of which we were loaned 3 e-bikes for the use of members of the community. Thanks to Tara, the e-bike loan scheme has been a great success, with the three bikes in almost constant use. However, these bikes had to be returned to Home Energy Scotland at the end of the loan period. A group, the Glenfarg Freewheelers, was therefore formed to take forward the establishment of a permanent scheme. You can read about it elsewhere in this newsletter. They also have a section on the new Glenfarg Community Transport website. Well done, Glenfarg Freewheelers!

Clothes Swap: Following on from the successful

Clothes Swap in the spring, we have now organised an autumn event to be held at the coffee lounge on Thursday 28th September. So have a look through your wardrobe and bring along items you no longer wear but which are in good enough condition to be of use to someone else. But, more importantly, come along on the day to find items to take away to wear. Remember, we are trying to purchase less new items – their manufacture results in an enormous cost to the environment in terms of chemicals, water, plastics, transport etc.

Binn Eco Park Liaison: A meeting has been arranged to hear about the recent exciting developments at the Binn Eco Park and to explore ways in which we might work together.

Tool Share: The response to this scheme has been disappointing so far, just the offer of a few garden tools with 3 being borrowed. We intend to advertise again in the autumn and maybe be able to add some DIY equipment to the list. The aim is that, by sharing what we have, we lessen the amount of new equipment that is purchased.

Repair Shop: It was felt that our community was too small to sustain a full Repair Shop, which might require premises, insurance, and possibly the purchase of equipment. The option of liaising with the Kinross Men's Shed is being explored.

Flood Mitigation: a few members of the group met with Flooding Engineers from PKC. They have arranged for details of contacts for different circumstances and FAQs to be issued to ourselves. As climate change is likely to bring more episodes of heavy rain, it was felt sensible to explore possible methods of flood mitigation. A visit to a rewilding project, which includes methods of flood mitigation, is being organised for September.

Kinross Climate Café: This takes place on the first Tuesday of the month in the Campus Library. Each meeting has a guest speaker on a subject of interest. Glenfarg has been invited to speak about our push towards more sustainable lifestyles.

So, a lot is happening. Keep up to date by visiting the Greener Glenfarg Facebook page



Library Bus and Book Delivery Service

Did you know that PKC's mobile library service travels over 50,000 miles a year, taking books and resources to rural areas not serviced by a community library building? And one of the three busy library buses visits Glenfarg every second Tuesday, from 12-1pm on the Main Street.

Culture PKC's Book Delivery Service is also available to those who are not able to visit their local library. Customer have access to the same wide selection of books as our other library users. There are many thousands of titles to choose from covering different genres, subjects and formats, including regular and large print books in hardback and paperback, audio books on CD, and illustrated books.

Book Delivery Service our library staff will contact you by telephone to discuss your interests and requirements. They can select up to 9 books for you and deliver them to your home once every three weeks.

The following criteria will be used to help prioritise registration requests:

Priority 1: People who are housebound, recovering from illness, have mobility difficulties, visual impairment or are carers at home

Priority 2: People who fall within Covid-19 vulnerable categories, including shielding and over 70s; also, those who are not able to travel to a library collection point.

If your circumstances do not fall within either of our priority groups but you feel you would benefit from the service, please let them know. They will be pleased to consider your request and discuss it with you.

If you would like to register or know someone who would benefit from the service,

(01738) 444949 (Mon to Fri 9am–5pm)

library@culturepk.org.uk



Phyllipa Fogg's Traveller's Tales

The Trans-Siberian Railway: Part 1

In the summer of 1979, my sister and I decided to take the opportunity to travel home from East to West on the Trans-Siberian Railway: now one of the luxury train journeys of the world; then merely a means of transport for Russian people. One carriage was reserved for foreigners and rules had to be followed: no cameras or photography. We had our own 'train lady' who frequently checked on us and, in the evening, made up our beds on the seats with spotless white sheets and pillows. A samovar* at the end of the corridor was regularly filled with hot water. Our travelling companions were two Australian girls and a couple from New Zealand.

We flew from Niigata in Japan to Khabarovsk in Russia where we boarded the train. The engine was a massive steam locomotive: the carriages, equally massive with at least 4 steps and handrails to ascend and descend. A timetable in Russian was displayed to indicate stops and times of arrival and departure at each station. On the platform at most stations there would be locals selling their wares: eggs, veg, home baking, milk in a variety of bottles, secured at the tops with newspaper!! Occasionally unscheduled stops would occur when the Russian passengers would descend to gather bunches of wild flowers which grew profusely on the banks. These were put in bottles or other containers to adorn the window ledges of the carriages.

We found the landscape fascinating; vast swathes of grasslands and the occasional herder on horseback was sighted. This gave way to birch forests and, now and then, a very rare sighting of a cluster of small wooden houses set around a well. We felt certain this must be Chekhov country, and somewhere in the forest was Dachau.

After two days, we arrived at Irkutsk where we had reserved hotel accommodation for one night in order to visit Lake Baikal, the world's largest fresh water lake!! We immediately had a shower (not available on the train) before our tour coach arrived. On our return to the hotel, we were looking forward to our comfortable beds but we were told at reception "Niet, you go back on the train tonight!"

The next train was slightly more comfortable, and so we began the final leg of our 6,000 mile journey to Moscow where we had the frightening experience of being followed by the K.G.B.

But that's another story for Part 2!



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A very well done to the members of Glenfarg Accordion & Fiddle Club on achieving the NAAFC Club Of The Year award. Stewart Smith (Chairman) is seen receiving the award from Pia Walker (Editor Box And Fiddle Magazine). Also pictured are Robert Miller (Secretary), Graham Berry (Vice Chairman), Isobel Smith, Maggie Miller, Alison Kettles, George Brunton and Sandy Kettles.



Stewart said that it was only through the hard teamwork of the committee that they have managed to achieve the recognition that they now have.

Stewart has been involved with the club for 35 years, and has been Chairman since 1997.



There are 50 Clubs in the NAAFC (National Association of Accordion & Fiddle Clubs). Glenfarg were shortlisted to the final four and then it was announced that they had won Club Of The Year. What a fantastic achievement.



The club meets on the first Wednesday of every month, all year round in The Village Hall. A warm welcome awaits ALL.

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AnnaFaith's Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

I recently went on my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition. I was in a group of 9 young adults who were a great team to conquer the Cairngorms with. I completed my Silver Award with the same group last year and so it was just another adventure for us as a our little DofE family.

On the first day, we had a 6km ascent into Glen Callater. This was tough going and reality set in as to what we had signed ourselves up for. The night was windy which was great as there were no midges to bother us. Another bonus was that there was no light pollution, so the stars were fantastic. We had a lovely sociable night, and I had high hopes for what the rest of the expedition would hold. I got to have my own one-man tent to sleep in and even had my own wee hot water bottle, so all was well with the world.



On top of the world!

On the second day, we climbed a Corbet called M orven (which means 'Big Hill' in Gaelic), which was a Corbett (but not far off a Munro!) I was carrying 15kg on my back and my legs felt the pain! It's a relentless climb, with the path veering up and up, making us scramble at crazy angles to keep moving forward. To make matters worse, we were caught in heavy rain which soaked us to the pants and the wind gusts blew us sideways. When we miraculously made it to the top, we received the gift of 4G which we had been deprived of for 24 hours. My first thought was that my Duolingo streak needed tended to. Duo doesn't wait for anyone, even if they're on DofE! With my streak and physical energy refuelled, we set off down the other side of the hill to our next campsite with high hopes for what the night would hold. We were welcomed with a boggy marsh in a little clearing in the forest just off a path. There was a river next to it, and it was enclosed by a forest on all sides so there was no air flow. And no air flow meant bugs. And so, with no visible flat ground or decent place to cook our meals, we all looked at each other in bewilderment. Surely this wasn't the place we were going to camp for the night? Luckily, our leaders arrived soon after, and led us away from that clearing back up the path we had come from. Now able to tell where we were on the map, the leaders promptly brought us right back down the path again and did in fact inform us that that bog

hole would be where we were going to be for the night. The “true” DofE experience we were told! We were all pretty sullen (and soggy) that night while anything and everything swarmed us. Even our midgie nets were only so useful as it’s difficult to eat dinner with a midgie net on!

On the third day we went over another hill (with no name) into Glen Ey where we were on the homestretch of our expedition with only a few kilometers left. By this point, no one was feeling very sociable. I had a sore knee, which had to be taped up as it kept buckling under the weight of my bag. Thankfully, I made it through as I had a very supportive team who helped me get my bag on my shoulders, and who helped me literally get back up on my feet. Finally, after what felt like weeks in the wilderness, made it to the car park where my Dad was waiting for us with the mini-bus. Knowing he would be at the end had kept me going. And I tell you, I’ve never been so grateful to see my Dad in my life—and, despite the pain, I just ran to him!

On the way back home, we stopped in Braemar. We got ice-cream (as there was a hint of sun!) and other treats for the journey home. Two girls and I walked into the public bathroom, and were greeted with a wall length mirror above the sinks. We just gawked in horror. We looked ROUGH! As if we’d been dragged by the hair, through the heather and ditches of the Cairngorms by an enraged Highland cow!

However, overall, the experience and comradery was one I am grateful for and will never forget: for reasons good and bad! Oh yes, and I’ll do it all again—and more! - two weeks later, for my Qualifying Expedition which is 3 nights away and 4 days hiking. Now, where did I put my midgie net?



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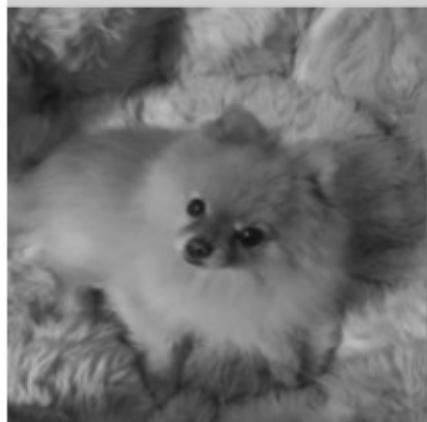
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Well Folks it's that time of year again, when the busy days of summer slowly give way to darker quieter evenings. So there is no better time to enjoy an evening out to your very own local Community Cinema. Whether you are a regular, or recently moved to the local area, or just fancy getting out of the house for a wee while, a warm welcoming and relaxing evening awaits you. Remember you can bring your own soft or alcoholic drinks and nibbles but tea, coffee, biscuits and ice cream are all available to buy.

We meet every second Friday of the month in Glenfarg village hall, at 7.30 pm. Although, as a one off, we are meeting the first Friday of the month in September. Films are normally picked by our small committee but we would really like to hear your film ideas. So on the first evening of the season we thought that it would be great if you could give us some ideas of future films you would like to see. Paper and pens were available for attendees to write down a film or two....going forward any suggestions are welcome. We love all film genres from Drama, Action, Thriller, Comedy, Musicals to name a few, and we've even had Black & White, and Silent movies.

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Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Community Council Business Meeting Monday 4th September 2023 - 8.30PM

Welcome

1. Apologies (CCllrs Pilmer, Ponton, Smart) Cllr Robertson and Cllr Freshwater

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCllrs Smart and Ponton prior approval

3. Police Report

Police attended and advised the following:

30 calls and one crime. Not much to report

Community speedwatch – risk assessment carried out to suggest spots where this will add value and provide safety advice to those carrying out speedwatch.

4. Action Points *

Speeding – organise training event on speed cameras for community speedwatch. Get together with Milnathort – Ian Pilmer

Bilge pump – Looking to purchase a bilge pump for the Community. There are possible grants available through SSE. CCllr Christie to take this forward and pursue if available.

Sign in Wallace Park – CCllr Pilmer to come back

Binn Community turbine funding is up and running. Trying to appoint directors and require a representative from each community. CCllr Ponton has put forward her name as she has been heavily involved from the outset.

5. Meetings - Virtual and Public - GCC SW WTW Planning Application

CCllr Ponton at Kinross & Glenfarg meeting. Update next meeting when she returns from holiday.

Public meeting water treatment works. Letter for objection produced. Serious implications on safety raised at the meeting and also detriment to environment. Stress that all who have concerns raise these on the planning portal by this Friday (8th). Meeting on 19th with Scottish Water. Reminder sent out to lodge any objections on Social Media, and it was stressed that all locals with concerns should log these. (Page on this subject in Newsletter)

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traffic impact documents do not instill faith in the safety. Very little information in the document. And the document is very woolly with phrases such as

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6. Village Inn Update

A working group was formed with members from Village Hall Trustees, Village Inn Committee and the Community Council. A meeting was held with the architect, and there was positive dialog being considered by all parties. Various suggestions being made by all concerned on how this could move forward. It was felt good progress was being made.

7. Glenfarg Transport Group

Going from strength to strength. GCTG have recently received excellent coverage in majority of the national Newspapers, an excellent article on the BBC Newsfeed and also broadcast on BBC News. PKC are providing continued support and are looking at other routes that they think GCTG can assist. CCllr Smart has been asked to do a presentation at the Community Transport Association Scotland Conference on Tuesday 12th September.

8. Planning

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details
23/00874/LBC	10/07/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD
23/00936/LBC	10/07/2023	Verstage	Alterations to dwelling house at Arngask Home Farm, Glenfarg, PH2 9QA
23/00873/FLL	17/07/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD
23/01002/FLL	17/07/2023	Cheape	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Forresters Seat, Glenfarg, PH2 9QF
23/00822/FLL	17/07/2023	Davis	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and formation of raised deck area at 1 Marindin Park, Glenfarg
23/01141/FLL	24/07/2023	Binn Skips Ltd	Installation of wash plant, formation of 4 lagoons associated with the production of aggregate, and associated works at Land 130 Metres South of Earnside Energy Ltd, Binn Farm, Glenfarg
23/00935/FLL	31/07/2023	Verstage	Alterations to dwelling house at Arngask Home Farm, Glenfarg, PH2 9QA
23/00853/IPL	24/05/2023	Campbell	Residential development (in principle) Land 55 Metres North West of Glendale, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD
23/01327/FLL	21/08/2023	McLean	Section 42 application to delete condition 3 (occupancy) and condition 5 (ownership) of permission 00/01526/FUL at West Blair, Glenfarg, PH2 9QW
23/01355/FLL	21/08/2023	Scottish Water	Upgrade works comprising redevelopment of filter beds, erection of ancillary buildings, plant, installation of bridge, alterations and extension to access roads, retaining walls, steps, land engineering and associated works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works, The Reservoir, Glenfarg, PH2 9QL
23/00346/FLL	10/03/2023	Binn Farms	Land 200 Metres South East Of Orchard Bungalow Binn Farm Glenfarg erection of hydrogen production facility substation
23/01017/FLL	28/08/2023	Ainscough	Erection of dwellinghouse, change of use and alterations to steading to form ancillary accommodation and associated works at Land At Auchengownie Glenfarg

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9. Finance Report

Action points (completed from previous report/meeting:

- Yearly Reports Complete, need to check them against the guidance sent by PKC, then submit them.
- All accounts are up to date and all paperwork is in order.
- No cheques are now being used, all accounts use bank transfers for out-goings and incomings.
- Spoken to the Secretary about how to get the top-up required for the Council account.

Action points to be completed going forward:

- Filling in the Foundation Scotland Micro Grant Form, sending them reports on what Micro Grant money has been spent this year. All done to ensure we get a top up of micro-grant money when required.
- Receipts for Micro Grants, need to approach each micro-grant granted for proof of expenditure.
- Keep learning parts of the Treasurer Role I'm not familiar with.
- Anything missed, raised by the councillors at the meeting.

Apologies:

- Still figuring out the best way of showing and submitting the accounts for each meeting. Trying to simplify the situation as there is very little movement in the accounts during certain times of the year. Need to figure out the easiest way of submitting the reports to

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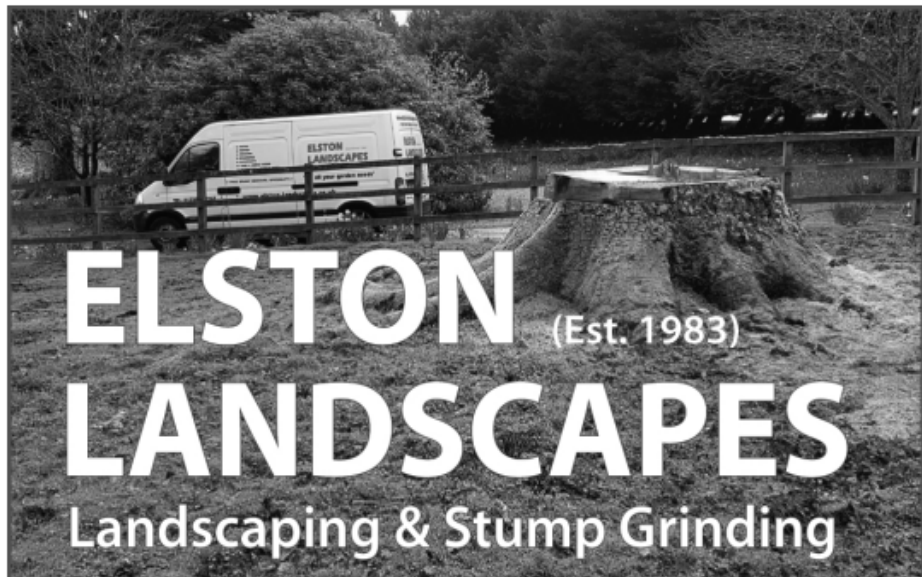
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Memorial wreath to be purchased. CCllr Murray has volunteered to lay the wreath this year.

Member of public raised concern of parking in Greenbank Road on bend opposite HR. The secretary and PKC have already addressed this and someone will be coming out to look at it. Around 40% of school walk that way in the morning and it is blind at that corner. Secretary to provide update at next meeting.

If TTRO put in place restricting parking on Church Brae where will these people park? Into dangerous places already highlighted. Concerns that this will change the village.

Microgrants – 3 applications Greener Glenfarg to do trips of interest to meet other groups. Approved

Glenfarg and Duncrevie in bloom. Replacement of signs. Asked for support. Approved

Village Inn – Expense for architect to produce report – approved

Allotments – approached by member of the public as to why allotments are not moving forward. We tried this last year and this dropped. We are keen to support the member and will go back and advise we shall support him in taking it forward.

Wind Farm at Carnbo – Ppsl for 25 and 10 turbines. We fall within catchment area similar to Binn Turbines etc. Milnathort and Glenfarg CC are going to unite to approach them. Meeting to be arranged to take forward with representatives.

Meeting frequencies – As there is so much more going on should this be monthly? Thoughts for this for next meeting

Flood – Proposed meeting with Ruari Stewart (Flood Team), Garry McConnel (Roads) and CCllr Christie to look at the culvert leading from The Avenue. This appears blocked and would benefit a camera team attending to ensure clear and effective.

Website – Bill looking to make it mobile friendly. Info in certain cases is out of date and may no longer be relevant. Renewable Group, Transport Group and CC need to update before end of Sept.

Meeting closed 21.22

Date of next meetings

AGM 30th October, Business Meeting 6th November

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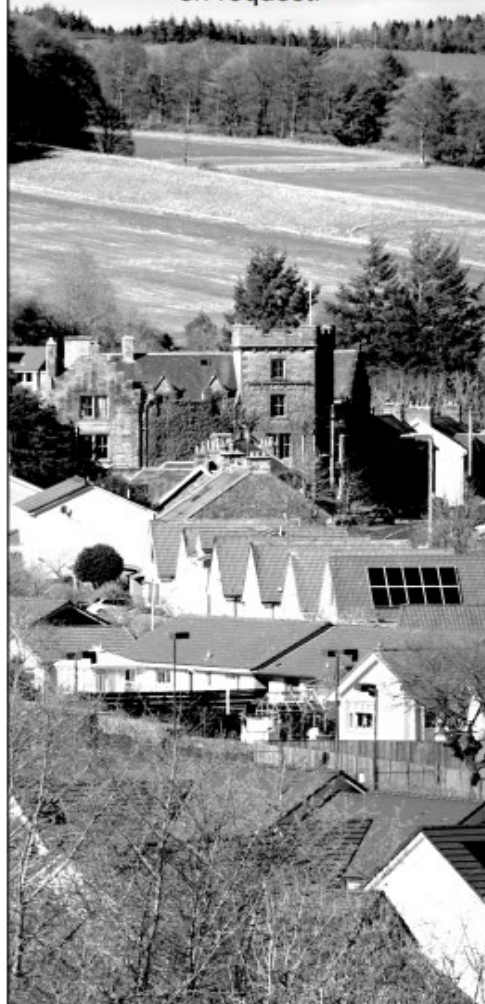
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