

Dear Reader,

Our collecting tin last issue did bring in about two thirds of the cost of the issue - including a donation from the Hall Committee. We would like to thank all who contributed and the Folk Club who duplicated one issue for us completely free of charge.

We seem to have escaped lightly weatherwise this winter though the recent snowfall after the spring-like weather was something of a let-down. This month we feature Riding .for the Disabled which has a very flourishing branch in Glenfarg.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

You may wonder firstly "Why or how do disabled people ride?" and secondly "How can it have anything to do with you ?" Let me try and answer these questions.

1a. "Why do disabled people ride"

Imagine yourself permanently confined to a wheelchair or at best only able to get about with great difficulty; you have been debarred from an active life either by being born with a physical disability or acquiring one through an accident or illness; as a consequence you have had to live a very dull and sheltered life. Riding can present a great challenge both physically and mentally, give a sense of adventure, a means of covering territory such a fields and woods and rough tracks never before attempted, seeing over hedges, looking down on other folk instead of always up at them - the pony becomes a means of independent locomotion and a friend. In addition to all this, by sitting on the pony many muscles otherwise not exercised come into play to help your balance, co-ordination and strength: as these skills are improve, so is your self-confidence.

Maybe you know of a mentally handicapped child. He or she can also derive tremendous help and pleasure from riding which is often the key to opening up communications, learing numbers, left from right, concentration and again improving self-confidence.

1b. "How do disabled people ride?"

By joining a Disabled Riding Group where there is a qualified instructor to teach riding, ponies of a suitable nature and size to ride and a large number of voluntary helpers to lead the ponies, assist in mounting and to walk or run beside the pony and if necessary support the riders until they can find their own balance.

From 80 such R.D.A. groups in 1969 there are now over 455 groups scattered throughout the country and one has been operating since 1975 at Miss Angela Stock's Riding School in Glenfarg.

2. "How can disabled riding have anything to do with you?"

Helpers are always needed. You do not need to have a knowledge of or a great 'rapport' with horses. Any responsible member of the community can help - man, woman or teenager.

R.D.A. Classes take place-at the Riding School in term times on:-

Monday and Tuesday mornings for Handicapped children from 10.15 - 11.45am.

Wednesday evenings for Handicapped adults from 7.15 - 8.45pm.

If you are interested to help do contact one of the following:-

Miss A. Stocks, Glenfarg 262

Mrs. A. Cooper, Abernethy 287

Mrs. E. Hawkins Strathmiglo 495

You would be most welcome to come and see the group in action before committing yourself, but please let one of the above persons know first.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The News Letter is now firmly established and greatly appreciated. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the collecting box in the Post Office, thus helping to defray the cost of production.

We have once again taken up the question of untreated roads in the recent snowfalls, and have received the following explanation for the situation. The delays in dealing with snowclearing were caused by a combination of factors including the volume of snow which fell, breakdowns in snowclearing plant, additional length of highways to be treated and so the list goes on.

Three Community Council members are due to retire this month, but they will be available for nomination in the forthcoming election.

Our A.G.M. will be held on the 31st March, to which interested members of the public will be welcome.

WOMAN'S GUILD

Our A.G.M. is on March 25th at 2.30pm and marks the end of a successful and interesting session. This does not mean that we are "out of action" until the autumn. We are having a Coffee Morning and Afternoon on Saturday, 3rd May, and there are several outside activities in the pipe-line.

We thank our members for their regular attendance and loyal support throughout the winter.

Date to remember:- Saturday 3rd May, in Church Hall, Coffee Morning and Afternoon 10.30 - 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00

W.R.I.

Mrs. Duncan presided over the February meeting in Glenfarg. After the business Mrs. Duncan introduced Mrs. McGregor from McEwans, Perth who demonstrated ESTE LAUDER make-up and perfume. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. H. Clark. Competition results:-

<u>ST. VALENTINES CAKE</u>	1) Mrs Messenger, 2) Mrs Quartermaine, 3) Mrs Clark & Mrs Mair
<u>VALENTINES RHYME</u>	1) Mrs Mair, 2) Mrs Clark, 3) Mrs Messenger.
<u>RAFFLE</u>	Mrs. Haggart. Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Forrest. Mrs. Macaulay.

Mrs. Duncan welcomed a large company to the March meeting in the Village Hall.

Mrs. Quartermaine gave a report on the Federation meeting and Mr. Cairncross, "The Jeweler", Perth, gave a talk on Precious gems.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. B. Robinson.

Competition results:-

<u>EDIBLE NECKLACE</u>	1) Mrs Messenger, 2) Mrs Mair, 3) Mrs Quartermaine
<u>BULBS</u>	1) Mrs Messenger, 2) Mrs McKee, 3) Mrs S. Clark
<u>TABLET</u>	1) Mrs Mair, 2) Mrs. Kirkland, 3) Mrs. Quartermaine
<u>RAFFLE</u>	Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Rodger, Mrs. Macintosh, Mrs. Macintosh.

A team of W.R.I. members are taking part in a play Produced by Mrs. Morag Reid on March 28th in Kinross Town Hall against Blairadam W.R.I. The winners of the Group Heats compete in Perth on April 24th and 25th for the Elizabeth Gardner Show Salver.

Next Meetings:-	3rd April - Visiting Institute, Auchterarder
Competitions:-	Crochet article in Wool, 4 Cheese Scones
	8th May - A G.M. and Bingo Night, Caller- Mrs Folan
Competitions:-	Best use of a toilet roll cone, Rhubarb Tart (S.C.Pastry)

This is Glenfarg W.R.I. Diamond Jubilee Year and they are having a party on Thursday 1st May to celebrate it. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall at the April Meeting and a Concert in the Village Hall on Friday, April 25th by Blairadam Concert Party to raise funds to pay for guests at the Jubilee party.

YOUNG WIVES

The first meeting of the 1980 session took the form of a coffee evening, where the new syllabus was discussed. This was followed by a theatre outing to Perth Theatre and the 33 members and friends present enjoyed the lighthearted Alan Ayckbourn comedy "Bedroom Farce". The meeting on the 21st February featured Herbs and their Medicinal Uses. Mr. Korycinski gave examples of herbal remedies and where common herbs could be found locally. The early March meeting was a very interesting talk by Mrs. Muirhead on her hobby of collecting pebbles and stones and fashioning these into very pretty pieces of jewellery. On March 20th, Mrs. Quartermaine had us all tying ourselves in knots trying to master the art of Hairpin crochet. I'm sure many of our members left with the intention of continuing their attempts at this fascinating craft.

We look forward to seeing all our present members and any new members at our future meetings, which are:-

27th April	Childrens Books by Miss Young - Perth Library
1st May	Cuts of meat for the Freezer by Mrs. Harley
15th May	Tennis Evening
22nd May	Bowling Evening
19 th June	A.G.M.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

An attendance of 10 – 12 Mothers and toddlers under 3 is quite average in the Church Hall on a Wednesday morning, Toys suitable for the under 3's would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Mrs. Sue McLaren Glenfarg 372.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

We would like to thank Mrs. Ross and Mrs. McLeod for a lot of hard work, especially in their lunch hours teaching Scottish Country Dancing and from the girls Primary 3 upwards getting 3 teams ready for the Perth Festival. In spite of 'flu which made practices in the last fortnight more difficult the teams did very well to gain 79, 78 and 78 points in their section. Cycling Proficiency Testing by the Police was postponed due to the weather.

School re-opens on April 14th.

GLENFARG REDCROSS

We are looking forward to entertaining our senior citizens, together with residents from Homes in Perth and Auchterarder, at tea-parties in the Glenfarg and Lomond Hotel, at the end of April and the beginning of May.

Our Links and Cadets have unfortunately not been able to attend a class this winter and we should like to remedy that next season. In the past, they joined a class in Milnathort, and before that in Bridge of Earn. However, because of transport difficulties we tried to arrange a weekly class in Glenfarg, but were unable to find an instructor.

We should be very pleased to hear from any suitably qualified person who might consider taking this class. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary Glenfarg 224 or any member of the committee.

Jane Y. Reid.
Secretary.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICER

1) Kinross-shire Ski-ing and Hillwalking Club The club meets informally in the lounge of Kirklands Hotel, Kinross at 8pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. The meetings precede weekend or day walks and plans are discussed at the meetings. There are also regular family walks suitable for young children and their parents or elderly people who enjoy a gentle walk. For details contact Sandy MacCalman, Tel. Kinross 63481. Snow permitting, ski trips go to the slopes for details contact Jim MacGregor, Tel. Kinross 63195.

The club is open to Glenfarg people - I am the Secretary and anyone wishing to hear more should get in touch with me (Glenfarg 386). The club is not part of my "official" duties.

2) I enclose details of a grass ski-ing course. I have booked course No. 70 and it will take place locally, perhaps in Glenfarg itself. Seven places are available to individuals of 12 or more years (including adults). All bookings should come through me as District Community Education Officer at c/o Milnathort Primary School. Telephone Kinross 63439.

Any individuals interested in courses 68,69 and 71 should contact Ancrum Outdoor Education Resource Centre, Tel. Dundee .60719. These courses will probably not take place in Glenfarg but may be held in Perth if numbers from Perthshire warrant it.

Alison M. Elphinstone
District Community Education Officer.

GRASS SKI-ING COURSES

These short courses are designed to introduce participants to the techniques of Alpine Skiing, on grass.

Course	68 Mondays 5.5.80 & 12.5.80 7.00 - 9.00pm
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"	70 Thursdays 5.6.80 & 12.6.80 7.00 - 9.00pm
"	71 Thursdays 19.6.80 & 26.6.80 7.00 - 9.00pm

Course Fees:-	Under 21	Over 21
Non-roc Fees	£1.60	£1.60
Equipment Hire	<u>£1.59</u>	<u>£2.00</u>
	£3.10	£3.60

YOGA

The Yoga Class will resume on Tuesday, 22nd April at 7.45pm in the village Hall. Those wishing to join are requested to add their names to the list in the Post Office by Thursday, 17th April. Further details will appear in the local shops.

New members will be warmly welcomed.

LADIES BRIDGE

A Ladies Bridge Afternoon is held in the Lomond Hotel, Glenfarg, on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 5.00pm during the winter months. The President is Mrs. Nancy Cairns and the Secretary and Treasurer is Mrs. Lucille Owen-Jones. Any lady interested in playing an enjoyable social game of bridge should contact either Mrs. Cairns, Glenfarg 381 or Mrs. Owen-Jones, Glenfarg 300.

The Ladies Bridge Afternoon was started in Glenfarg in 1947 by Mrs. Hume, who at that time owned the grocer's shop in Main Street. Mrs. Broadhead, whose late husband was Schoolmaster in Glenfarg, one of the founder members, and Mrs. Mackie, whose late husband was Minister in Glenfarg, are both still regular players.

Local lady bridge players are also catered for at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort, every Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There is also the Milnathort Bridge Club which plays Board Bridge at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort, every Monday at 7.15pm.

FOLK CLUB

The Folk Feast is now looming large upon us, with the artists finalised, programmes due from the printers and the tickets on sale.

The booked artists are as follows:- Gaberlunzie, The MacCalmans, Dick Gaughan, Alex Green, Adam McNaughton and Mary Stewart. The programme will be available, free, from the shops and hotels in the village. The weekend will consist of a dance (to the novel Glenfarg Elastic Band) on Friday night, a sing-around in the Glenfarg Hotel Saturday lunchtime, a concert in both hotels Saturday night, a sing-around in the Lomond Hotel Sunday lunchtime and a farewell concert in the Village Hall Sunday night. The dance on Friday we hope will be a general hooley with a lot of the village participating but obviously we would like to see you all at each venue. The biggest problem last year was that we sold out of tickets very quickly, this year we have doubled the available seating but still if you want to be sure of a seat the tickets are available from the Glenfarg, Lomond, Andy Ramage, or Bill Macpherson now.

Apart from the Folk Feast don't forget every Monday night at 8.30 you have one of the best Folk Clubs in Scotland on your doorstep, our programme for the next two months is as follows:-

April 7th	Tick Frier. A good singer and instrumentalist who is also one of the funniest artists on the folk scene.
11 th , 12, 13th	FOLK FEAST
April 14th	Feast Dregs. All those who got up too late to leave the village after the Folk Feast.
April 21st	Singers Night
April 28th	Ian Walker. A singer from Livingston who plays guitar and 5 string banjo.
May 5th	Singers Night
May 12th	Vin Gorbett. On tour from England
May 19th	Lesley Hale. Singer/Songwriter from Edinburgh
May 26th	Singers Night.

GLENFARG SCOUTS

The Scouts have recently visited the Fire Station and shortly will cook themselves a feast and weather permitting hope to spend a night out in the Ochil Hills without tents.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

The Brownies are holding their tea-party for the Old Folk in the Village on Saturday afternoon, April 19th. If anyone has not received their invitation please contact Brown Owl, Miss Winton.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

When Mr. Barlas intimated that he would not be available for nomination in the forthcoming Council Election, we were rather taken aback. Mr. Barlas has had a long record of public service. He was appointed a County Councillor in 1965, and subsequently a District Councillor after Regionalisation.

I have had the privilege of being associated with Mr. Barlas since 1967 in my capacity as secretary of the Community Council of which he was an ex-officio member. He was a regular attender at all our meetings, and was always very willing to put our projects to, the relevant departments in Perth. This personal contact was invaluable, and brought many of our plans to fruition.

We all wish Mr. Barlas a long and happy retirement with his wife and daughters, but we certainly shall miss our genial "man on the spot".

Miss F.M. Deans

The new Conservative Candidate will be Mr. Peter Young (68), 36, Durley Dene Crescent, Bridge of-Earn - a present Chairman of the Earn Community Council. The District Council Elections take place on May 1st.

Another retirement at Easter, is Mr. John Malcolm who will be known to many as the dentist in Kinross. He has been practising in Kinross for nearly 32 years. He will be missed by many of his patients. Mr. D. Yeates is coming from Scunthorpe to take his place. 1_

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Mr. & Mrs. James Robertson on the birth of their daughter Vanessa Jane at the end of January - the day they moved to Deaglie.

Mark Wylie who, was chosen in the first place out of 300 pupils as the First year Representative in the Perth Academy Top of the Form Team. He has answered his questions well in the contest run by Tayside Police and the team emerged as winners after beating St. Columbus in the Semi-Finals and Breadalbane Academy in the finals.

Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Templeton, 11, Birch Lane, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 18th March.

I would like to apologise for any misunderstanding caused by the last issue. Miss Ray Kirkland is getting married in June in Arngask Church followed by the reception at Dunblane Hydro.

For those with transport difficulties a "travelling" hairdresser is the village will be very welcome. Mrs. Wilma Lawrie, Candy Farm, Glenfarg 217 is now available if anyone is in need of a hairdresser in their own home.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
3rd W.R.I.	1st W.R.I. Golden Jubilee
5th	Young Wives
7th Local Holiday	3rd Waste Paper Collection
11th,12th,13th, Folk Feast	Guild Coffee Morning & Afternoon
14th Folk Club	5th Folk Club
School Re-opens	8th W.R.I.
17th Young Wives	12th Folk Club
19th Brownie Old Folk Party	15th Young Wives, tennis
21st Folk Club	19th Folk Club
22nd Yoga re-starts	20th NEWS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER
25th W.R.I. Concert	22nd Young Wives, bowling
28th Folk Club	26th Folk Club

LATE NEWS - YOUNG WIVES

On March 21st the W.R.I. Drama Team entertained us with a preview of their play in the Village Hall. Despite the awful weather quite a few people turned out, the play was well worth the effort! The Young Wives took a silver collection, raising almost £10 which will be donated to Dr. Bernados Homes, and served coffee to the audience. We wish the W.R.I. good luck in their forthcoming competition.

It is nice to see the end of winter and various activities coming to a close as their season finishes. We look forward to hearing news from Bowlers, Tennis Players, etc. in the next issue - due out at the beginning of June - please make sure there is news from your group,

Maureen Lambie,
Editor.