

Dear Reader,

Another year well-started and the days getting longer again. Thankfully the snow has not yet caused may major problems though two or three locals have had very lucky escapes after skids on icy roads.

There are times when trying to extract news from local secretaries is more difficult than extracting teeth. As at present the editor has a full-time job, she has not the time to remind everyone to hand in news, so please try and remember. There is always a reminder in the Post Office window for about a week.

The spirit of generosity was prevalent at Christmas and the collecting tin took in over two-thirds of the cost of the Newsletter that month.

However down to the news that there is:-

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On 12th January, our Chairman and Secretary along with members of neighbouring Community Councils, met with representatives of the Regional Council to exchange information and views. One of the subjects under discussion was "Channels of Communication and Consultation". It was something of a surprise to learn that some councils had not even had replies to their letters. In all honesty we had to admit that all our problems and queries were resolved in the long run, not always in the way expected, but at least they had not been ignored.

After exchange of views on other relevant subjects, a very interesting and informative film on the operation of the Regional Council was shown. This film revealed that even although the 'powers that be' agreed wholeheartedly with causes and projects put before them, the outcome all boiled down to the availability of money.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd March, to which all members of the public are invited.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

This term ends on Friday, April 4th. Summer term starts on Tuesday, April 21st, there is no mid-term holiday this term, but during the summer one Monday May 4th and May 25th are holidays. Term ends on July 1st.

ARNGASK CHURCH

We wish Mrs Caldwell a speedy recovery from her broken arm - a casualty of the icy roads.

Two baptisms were held in December. The Annual General Meeting of the Office Bearers of the Linked Charge was held in Abernethy on January 19th and a meeting of the Kirk Session is to be held at the end of January.

Karen Neil is to be baptised on February 1st and the Thinking Day Service for Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts will be held at 10.00am on February 22nd.

WOMAN'S GUILD

We would like to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of our Christmas Sale. The sum realised was £330.

The date of our Party has been changed to 27th January, when we hope to have a pleasant afternoon in the Glenfarg Hotel.

Dates to remember:-

Feb. 10th	2.30	Mrs Titterington "The Word in Action" (Illustrated)
Feb. 24 th	2.30	Clydesdale Bank. A film.
Mar. 10 th	2.30	Samaritans.
Mar. 24 th	2.30	A visit to Dunfermline Abbey.

GLENFARG W.R.I.

Mrs Duncan presided and welcomed members and friends to a Christmas Bingo Evening. A report on the Group meeting was given by Mrs. Bell, who brought along the trophy won by Glenfarg W.R.I. at the Kinross show, for being runners-up in the Community Section.

Mrs. Folan from Abernethy was "Caller" for the bingo session, and also judged the Competitions as follows:-

TABLE DECORATION

- 1) Mrs. Kirkland
- 2) Mrs. Quartermaine
- 3) Mrs. Messenger

SAUSAGE ROLLS

- 1) Mrs. Kirkland
- 2) Mrs. Messenger
- 3) Mrs. Quartermaine

A beautifully decorated Christmas Cake, donated by Mrs. Messenger was won by Mrs. Quartermaine, there were also many other raffle winners.

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

Mrs. Duncan welcomed members to the January meeting and after business introduced Mrs. Spiers, from Bamix Food Mixers, who gave an excellent demonstration.

The vote-of-thanks was proposed by Mrs. Jenkins.

Competition results :-

CHILDS TOY

- 1) Mrs. Messenger
- 2) Mrs. Wall
- 3) Mrs. Mair

LENTIL SOUP

- 1) Mrs. Mair
- 2) Mrs. Messenger
- 3) Mrs. Fairweather

Raffle winners were:- 1) Mrs. Moth, 2) Mrs. Ewart, 3) Mrs. Clark

It was intimated that the Carol. Singing organised by the W.R.I. realised £77. This is to be donated to Cancer Research and the Sick Childrens Hospital, Glasgow.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Those of you who attended our very successful New Year Dance must have admired the freshness of the Hall.

This was the work of Messrs. Lindsay, Mileham and Robertson and the Committee would like to thank these three gentlemen. I am told that they intend to carry on with their decorating, making the kitchen and the committee room equally smart. Their work is much appreciated by all Hall users and we thank them most sincerely.

The next meeting of the Committee is at 7.30pm on Monday, 16th February 1981. All organisations' representatives are invited - it is "our" Hall so do come and have your say.

Those who attended the Children's Concert put on by the Glenfarg Folk Club on Sunday 18th - both young and not so young- thoroughly enjoyed the varied and amusing entertainment. Many thanks to all those involved.

Editor.

GLENFARG FOLK CLUB

Now we are recovered (well more or less) from the festivities the club is settling down to it's regular Monday evening sessions. Apart from the jollifications of Christmas and Hogmanay the club residents had a most enjoyable evening at a concert they gave for the village children. The audience was one of the most responsive we had played to and we were very grateful to the adults who turned out. The door income came to £14.05 and was duly handed over to the Playgroup.

Singers over the next two months are:-

Feb. 2nd	Newton. Folk	March 2nd	Ian McIntosh
9th	Singers Night	9 th	Singers Night
16th	Ossian	16th	Jill Burns
23rd	Johnny Handel	23rd	Willie Scott
		30th	Dave Walters.

GALLOWHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Work on the estate has progressed quite well, the landscaping is now complete and Birch Lane North has been brought up to the same standard as the rest of the roads as far as road surface is concerned. The completion of kerbs and footpaths will be done when weather and finances allow. The matter of Water Connections is still under discussion with the Regional Council. Unfortunately, until this work is completed, the final surfacing of the roads cannot be undertaken.

On Friday, February 13th a St. Valentine's Dance has been arranged in the Glenfarg. Hotel. A Buffet will be served and there is to be a late licence. Tickets are available from any committee member for £3.50. All welcome.

A Whist Drive is being organised for March and a Cheese and Wine Party will be held on the 25th April.

GLENFARG YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club opened it's 1980-8 session on 23rd October when it welcomed several new members including Katherine Douglas, Jane Rutherford, Donna Smith, Peter Cumming and Graham Deuchers.

About twenty young people attend each meeting and take part in a variety of activities including football, Uni-hock, badminton, swing ball, and shuffle board while the less energetic listen to music and talk.

The first Disco of the session was held on 29th November and the second on 23rd January. A Valentines Disco is planned for 27th February. Eighty club members and invited guests normally attend. Vicky Robinson and Linda Meldrum won the Elimination Dance prize and Anette Oman and Stuart Alson won the Spot Dance competition at the January Disco.

Diane Mackie and Valerie Black have attended a two weekend S.M.I.T. (Senior Member Involvement Training) course in Perth and thoroughly enjoyed it. At their suggestion, a Youth Club Committee has been formed to help organise Club activities and the running of the Club in general..

Derek Paterson has been elected Chairman and Val Black, Secretary. Committee Members are:- Gary Jamieson, Angela Little, Diane Mackie, and John Robinson representing Club members; and Iris and Don Cole, Frank Horrocks and Campbell Watson representing the older generation. The Youth Club would like to thank Messrs. Horrocks and Watson for agreeing to be a part of the committee and giving us the benefit of their views. The first meeting was held on 15th January, the minutes for which are posted in the Village Hall. The next meeting will be on 19th March.

On Sunday 15th February, Glenfarg Youth Club is fielding a girls and a boys 5-a-side football team in the Regional competition at Bells Sports Centre in Perth. Spectators are always welcome and we hope to have some supporters there cheering us on.

nature outings include a visit to the Perth Youth Club, Skating in Dundee with Yours Wives and their children, and a Bowling Challenge with the Young Wives in May.

The Club continues to meet each Thursday evening (except the second Thursday of the month) from 8 - 10pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

GLENFARG TENNIS CLUB

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Glenfarg Hotel on 21st January. In view of the deterioration in the condition of the courts, discussion centred mainly on ways of financing their improvement, either by putting down new, all-weather courts or re-surfacing the existing courts.

A fair amount of research and investigation is required, and in order to keep the momentum, meetings will continue to be held at the Glenfarg Hotel on the third Wednesday of each month. All those interested in the future of the Tennis Club are welcome to attend.

FOOTBALL CLUB

This organisation has changed it's secretary recently, but I have been unable to discover who the new one is.

Editor.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

I gather the Brownies thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Stratheden Hospital before Christmas and it is to be hoped the patients they entertained were equally pleased.

Many of them gained their Agility Badges just before the holidays and started activities this term with their party.

GLENFARG CUBS

Most of the boys are continuing work towards their various Arrows- Bronze, Silver or Gold depending on their age. They plan an outing to Edinburgh Zoo in the Spring and also hope to go to 'Camp' at Lochgoilhead during the Summer holidays.

Brownies, Cubs and friends had a successful trip to the Perth Pantomime between Christmas and New Year, Many thanks to the organisers.

SCOUTS

The Scouts have been offered a railway parcels coach as a scout hut at a price they can afford - or at least can hope to raise in the foreseeable future. We are now studying where it could go, having received one offer already. Any further offers or suggestions would be gratefully received. Certainly it will be a great help to have a place to put all our equipment, and a place the boys can do up themselves so that it is as they want.

Latest plans for activities include a trip to London for a weekend and a night off cycling in the Spring.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Mr and Mrs. George Dodds on the birth of their son Keiran.

APOLOGIES TO:

Mrs, Korycinski, their daughter is to be called Hannah.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb.	7th	Waste Paper Collection
	10th	Guild Meeting
	12th	W.R.I. Entertainment by J.A.C. Competitions2- Tea Apron, 4 Peppermint Creams.
	13th	Gallowhill Residents Association Dance
	16th	Village Hall Committee Meeting.
	22nd	Thinking Day Service
	24th	Guild Meeting.
Mar.	2nd	Community Council Meeting
	12th	W.R.I. Demonstration & Talk on McEwans Fabrics. Competitions- Bowl of Daffodils, Date & Walnut Loaf.
	20th	News in for April Newsletter
	24th	Guild Meeting.

By the time I am writing the next Newsletter I hope Spring will be in the air. Meanwhile, take care on icy roads and pavements.

Maureen Lambie,
Editor.