

Dear Reader,

The leaves are down and the weather is showing us what it can do in the way of high winds and heavy rain.

The road through the Glen was blocked by a landslide due to torrential rain and a house was hit by lightning in early October. More recently many residents have had certain disruptions caused by the roadworks laying water pipes in Church Brae and Duncricvie Road. Care is no needed as the edges of both roads are very muddy and slippery. It is a pity that there have also been thefts from the Glenfarg Hotel and Glenfarg Garage.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

Admission to Arngask School 1982 - 1983

All children who will become five years of age by 15th February 1983, will qualify for admission to school in August, 1982.

Parents who have children who will become five years of age between 19th August, 1982, and 15th February, 1983, may delay the admission of their children until August, 1983, if they so desire.

Parents of children due to begin school in 1982 are requested to enrol their children in Arngask School not later than 29th January, 1982.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, 23rd December at 12 o'clock and will re-open on Thursday 7th January at the usual time, 9.15am.

'Top of the Form'

Arngask School competed against the other Primary Schools in the area in the 'Top of the Form' competition arranged by the Kinross Police Social Club. The school was represented by Alan Fairweather, Scott Atfield, David Cuthbert and Phaedra McLellan. Although the Arngask team did not finish among the prize-winners on this occasion they gave a good performance, and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the competition.

'The Gateway Quiz'

Arngask School will be competing this week against Kinross Primary School and Portmoak School in a second round heat in the Gateway Quiz Competition. For this occasion the team members will come from P6 and P7 and Arngask will be represented by Alan Fairweather, Helen Murison, John Mitchell and Scott Atfield, with Martin Hillcoat and Deirdre McNiven as the reserves.

Poppy Collection

This year's Poppy Collection was once again organised by Mr. G. Ross, Arngask School. The following pupils helped to raise the record sum of £68.53:- Joanna Campbell, Helen Murison, Margo Reid, Susan Scott, Pippa Alston, Lisa Wood, Alan Fairweather, Martin Hillcoat, Tommy Hardy, Darren Cartledge, John Mitchell, Kenneth Ewart, Darren Thomas and David King.

P.S. The school team in the Gateway Quiz did very well to come 2nd as all the teams found the questions difficult.

ARNGASK CHURCH

At the Preparatory Service on 8th November Vicky and John Robinson of 16, Elm Row were admitted to membership of the Church.

Communion was celebrated on Sunday 15th November when 114 members were in attendance.

The Sunday School party will take place on Sunday, December 12th and a Watchnight Service will be held on Christmas Eve.

On December 6th, James John Cunningham will be baptised.

WOMAN'S GUILD

Our session is now well under way; and we have had varied and interesting subjects presented to us.

Rev. David and Mrs. Rutherford were warmly welcomed at our opening meeting.

Our second speaker was Mrs. R.V. Livingstone whose subject "The Guid Scots Tongue" was delivered in an informative and witty style.

On 10th November the Warden from the Vane Farm, Loch Leven illustrated his talk with the most beautiful slides.

We are now busy preparing for our Sale on 5th December. The Sale will be opened by Mrs Mackie, Kinross who will be remembered by many as the "Lady of the Manse" in Glenfarg many years ago.

Dates to Remember:-

December 5th	-	Sale. 2.30pm
January 19th	-	Party, Glenfarg Hotel
February 9th	-	Speaker from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

W.R.I.

Mrs. MacGregor Welcomed members to the November meeting when a talk on Extra Sensory Perception was given by Mr. Dunlop. A vote-of-thanks was given by Mrs. Cunningham.

Competition Results:-

Gingerbread:- 1) Mrs. Kirkland, 2.) Mrs. Bloomfield, 3) Mrs. Messenger (Judged by Mrs. Stronach)

Poem about Glenfarg:- 1) Mrs. Kirkland, 2) Mrs. Mair, 3) Mrs. Millar (Judged by Mr. Dunlop).

Raffle winners were:- Mrs. Bateson, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Gourdie.

Mrs. MacGregor welcomed members to the October meeting and gave a report on the Kinross Show Meeting. Mrs. Bell reported on the Group Committee Meeting. A most interesting and helpful talk and demonstration was given by Miss Lumsden from Blairgowrie. Mrs Jenkins proposed the vote-of-thanks.

Competition Results:-

Lemon Curd:- 1) Mrs. Millar, 2) Hrs. Kirkland, 3) Mrs. MacGregor

Knitted Hot Water Bottle Cover:- 1) Mrs. Millar, 2) Mrs Messenger 3) Mrs. Mair

Raffle Winners were:- Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Murison, Mrs. Neill, Mrs. MacEnhill, Mrs. Archibald.

WHIST DRIVE - 23rd October.

Mrs. MacGregor welcomed a large company to the annual Whist Drive and then handed over to Mr. G. Ross, Cardmaster.

Mrs. Duncan (Past president) presented prizes to:-

LADIES:-	1) Mrs. J. Brunton
	2) Mrs. Templeton
	3) Mrs. Ross
consolation:-	Susan Murison
longest sitter :-	Mrs. Swan
hostess:-	Mrs. Murison
GENTS:-	1) Mr. Bloomfield
	2) Mr. Brunton
	3) Mr. MacAndrew
Consolation:-	Mr. Irving
Longest sitter:-	Mr. Gardiner

Dates to remember:-

December 10th - Baking Demonstration.

Competitions:- Christmas Mobile
Chocolate Truffles.

December 19th - Childrens Party.

January 14th - Scots Night.

Competitions:- 3 Oatcakes
Favourite Cup & Saucer.

GLENFARG PLAYGROUP

The committee would like to thank everyone who came along to support our Nearly New Sale in September when we raised £12.00.

Wednesday 16th December

Open morning 10.30 - 11.30. If you would like to see what the children do, or hear them sing, then come and visit us at the Hall. Coffee will be served at 10p per cup, for those who wish it.

Thursday, 17th December

Christmas Party 1.30 - 3.00. Cost £1.50. This is open to all pre-school children. Anyone who would like their child to attend should put their name on the list in the Post Office or Village Hall. Mums of children not attending Playgroup must stay at the party.

GLENFARG RED CROSS

Our Tea and Sale on 7th November was a very pleasant and successful occasion, and brought in £565. The Committee would like to thank all those whose generosity gave us such a splendid result.

Jane Y. Reid.

OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION

May I, on behalf of the Association, thank all who helped make the occasion of the Whist Drive on Friday, 13th November, such an enjoyable evening - the table hostesses, the good folk who sent us donations, contributions for the raffle, the two bags of tatties (auctioned), all helpers from the young to the not so young, and all who supported by their attendance. We are glad to say that the total amount raised was £160.50

less expenses	<u>8.50</u>
leaving for funds	£151.70

Christmas Party.

Invitation cards will be issued shortly for the Party, which is to be held in the Glenfarg Hotel on Tuesday, 15th December at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

E.H.B.

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Club has had a very successful and enjoyable Autumn Session which started with afternoon tea at the Glenfarg Hotel on 9th Sept.

Since September the Club has enjoyed a film and talk from a lady involved with the Scottish Countryside Commission, a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell, who gave a film show, and a grand musical afternoon given by Mr. Gordon Menzies and friends.

The Club is looking forward to a talk from the Chief Librarian, Mr. Guthrie and on 12th December the Club & friends are going to a Pantomime at the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline.

GLENFARG YOUTH CLUB

I am trying to find one or two assistant Youth Club leaders for the village club.

The Club should meet, as you probably know, on Thursday evenings, but due to a leader shortage it has not been meeting. If anyone knows of possible leaders or would pass the word on that the Club is looking for helpers I should be very grateful. If any volunteers arise please let me have their names and addresses.

Alison Elphinstone,
Senior Community Education Worker
Tel: Kinross 63439

BABY SITTING CIRCLE

We have lost several members recently who have either moved away or whose children are now too old to need a sitter. New members would therefore be very welcome. The holder of the "Book" for December is Irene Findlay, 19 Birch Lane, Glenfarg 441.

GLENFARG SCOUTS

We had a visit to the Lake District at half term, staying at four Youth Hostels, each one completely different in style - a slate built house, a wooden Canadian style hostel purpose built, a wealthy man's mansion, and finally a miners hostel at a disused mine. The weather was quite mild, except on the hill tops, though showery on occasion, and the walking was very pleasant.

Since then we have had two cycling activities at weekends - one a one day run, the other a weekend at the new Youth Hostel at Pitlochry - I thought the boys would be tired at the end, and they thought that cycling up Glen Farg would be devastating - but in the event, they fairly stormed up it!

We are now using what was the Cub Hut, as the Cubs had outgrown it - numerically that is! It is a great help to have a place to call our own.

GLENFARG GUIDES

Owing to the small number of Guides at present they are meeting just once a month over the winter and hope to meet weekly again in the better weather when hopefully there will be more Guides.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

We have 21 Brownies at present.

On 30th October we had a party to celebrate the Pack's 10th Birthday, and all the girls who had been Brownies during these 10 years were invited. Mrs. Murison gave us a beautiful birthday cake and Mr. Andy Ramage dropped in for half an hour and entertained with folk singing. We also had dancing and games, and a fancy dress competition. Mrs. Logic presented the prizes to the winners of the summer "Scotland" competition, and the three Brownies who share the Pack shield for the next year are:- Ruth Stronach, Margo Scott and Fiona McAndrew.

At present we are working for the County Competition, making a Nursery Rhyme Book for 4 - 6 year old children.

We go to the Pantomime in Perth on Saturday 9th January, leaving Glenfarg at 1.45pm, returning about 5.15pm. The cost is £3 for children and senior citizens and £3.50 for adults (inclusive of transport by bus). Anybody wishing to go with us please contact Brown Owl, there are still tickets available.

GLENFARG GIRL GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. was held on Monday, 23rd November. The Association is composed mostly of parents of Guides and Brownies to provide financial and other support for the Guide Movement in the district. There were five retiring members and the new Committee consists of:-Wilma Barclay, Katherine Fairweather, Maureen Lambie, Irene Lawrence, Wilma Lawrie, Mary McLean and Mrs Reid, Post Office, and one other member to be co-opted. Reports of Guide and Brownie activities during the year were given and a report by Sheena McLeod, the District Commissioner. It is hoped that every Brownie and Guide mother will join the Association as a token of their support. The annual subscription is 25p any further money being welcome as a donation.

HALL COMMITTEE

While we await payment for the last load of waste-paper, the previous load brought a cheque for £46.50 to the Hall Funds. Most readers will appreciate by now how useful this source of income is to the Hall Committee in their endeavour to keep the rents down, and we hope you will give it your continued support

New Year Dance

The usual New Year Dance will be held on Friday, 1st January 1982 from 9.30 - 1.30. Music will be provided by Ian Reid's Band and the admission will be £1

KINROSS-SHIRE ROUND TABLE

Santa will be visiting Glenfarg on Tuesday, 22nd December in the early evening with his entourage. A collection for local charities will be taken.

A toy box will be in the school from December 14th to 18th for any good toys for children of all ages. These toys are passed on to the Social Work Department for distribution to local, needy children.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

There has been a plea from this department for prospective foster parents for children aged 8 - 14 years. If anyone is interested please contact Mrs. Thompson, Perth or see the notice in the Post Office.

GLENFARG VILLAGE FOLK CLUB

The Sandy Watt Quaich competition was held on the 23rd November and attracted a varied collection of singers (would the collective noun be a flock?). The standard of singing was high and the three judges, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Carling and Gordon Menzies had a tough job but eventually Pete Shepherd was announced as winner.

Dates to remember:-

7th December	Chris Alley & King Campbell. Multi-instrumentalists from Glasgow whose first L.P. has just been released.
14th December	Silly Wizard. Probably the top Scottish Group. Tickets are already going fast and down to the last 30. If you want to see them get your tickets from the Glenfarg Hotel today.
21st December	To be announced
28th December	Christmas Party
4th January	To be announced
11th January	Alex Campbell. One of Scotlands top Folk Singers returns to Glenfarg.
25th January	To be announced.

The Following was sent to me anonymously - I Presume for enclosure in the Newsletter. More contributions will be welcomed - I am sure there is much hidden talent. '

'Twas Thursday morning when I rose
To try and write this piece of prose
Round many subjects whirled my brain
Yet still my problem stayed the same
Of what to write my mind still raced
And how to win that special place.

First prize was what I really cherished
Yet all ideas were soon to perish
Rural life the subject was
And oh such trouble that would cause
As hours and hours sped quickly by
All I could do was sit and sigh.

My brain was numb my page was blank
And who for this I had to thank?
That competition maker upper:
Enough to make you cough and stutter.

Rural like ain't half so bad
And yet I fear I feel so sad
Unless this poem is soon started
The Rural and me will soon be parted!

OBITUARY

It was with regret that W.R.I. members heard of the passing of one of their former Presidents, Mrs. Agnes-Kinnaird. Mrs. Kinnaird was a very enthusiastic President and braved all elements of weather to attend W.R.I. meetings. She attended our Diamond Jubilee Party in May of last year and was always a regular attender of the Annual Red Cross Tea and Sale in Glenfarg.

CONGRATULATIONS to:-

Bill & Jan Mcpherson, Birch Lane on the birth of their son William John Shearer.

Will & Sue Knowles, Birch Lane on the birth of their son Andrew

Peter & Hazel McLellan, Edenmount on the birth of their daughter Anneka.

Mr. & Mrs. Thompson, on the birth of their second daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Brunton on the birth of their grandson James John

Mrs. Morag Reid, Deuglie on the birth of 2 grandsons, Michael & Philip.

Martin & Libby Taylor, Hilton on the arrival of their daughter Emma.

Adam & Dorothy Reid, Dunrcieve on their Golden Wedding.

Miss Elspeth Doig, 3 Melville Terrace, for winning the British Association of Commercial & Industrial Education Prize for the most outstanding U.K. student in the first year of a Higher National Certificate Course in Accounting.

Mr. Thomas Myles, New Forge House, on his recent retirement from the legal firm of Campbell, Brooke, Myles. Perth.

Fiona McGregor, Newfargie Farm, on her engagement to Jason McLeish of Perth.

We wish Billy McGregor a speedy recovery from his recent stay in hospital.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REV. J. CALDWELL

It is the season when hearts are softened to generosity, when we are taken up with giving and receiving gifts from one another, when we remember the plight of refugees as we remember God's gift to us - the refugee in the stable of Bethlehem. And had it not been for what God did that day in the stable of Bethlehem what would this world be - what would be the tragic and desperate condition of you and me.

The fire of the Holy Life of Jesus can burn our hearts pure and clean. That is the secret of Christmas. The world takes hope again despite all the bad news and despite all the frills and tinsel and the revellery of this season and men will choose again to go to the Manger - not to the Crowded Inn where you can get away from him and forget him in the flood of conversation.

So the Church will be full again, as always, on Christmas Eve and we shall be happy to see you and the children too, though the hour is late. For the birthday of the Saviour who was the Bethlehem babe is the children's time.

Isn't it the comparative innocence of children that makes them enjoy Christmas so much? Isn't it perhaps something in their innocent joy that makes us want to be children again? That is exactly what He wants Christmas to be to all of us - the restoration in us of the heart of a child. Christmas means He is here with us again to do that for us. To give us the joy of forgiveness and renewal.

We wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and please drive Safely.

Maureen Lambie,
Editor.

P.S. Will 'Old Folk' who have not yet replied to their invitations to the party on December 15th please reply as soon as possible.