

Dear Readers,

So far we seem to have escaped lightly weatherwise this winter compared to the long cold spell last year. I expect we will see more snow. With the M90 as the Winter Maintenance Priority Route it could be difficult to keep the Glen adequately cleared. There seem to be problems with flooding though down the Avenue and along the Main Street at the Perth end. Men and diggers have been at work in the fields behind the affected area and we hope the problem has been solved

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Community Council Meeting held on the 6th of December, eight Councillors, the District Councillor Mr. P. Young, and 6 members of the public were present. Apologies were received from Sir Alan Smith and Mr. Bob Millar.

Prior to the Council Meeting a Special Meeting was held to hear Mr. C. Downs of the Department of Leisure and Recreation outline his proposals for improvements to the play equipment facilities in Wallace Park. New equipment would include a 30 ft. (approx. 10m) stainless steel slide that would follow the contour of a natural slope some 9 ins. (230mm) above ground level, two swings and a fenced off sand pit. All installation work, landscaping and maintenance would be undertaken by the Department of Leisure and Recreation, but approximately 50% of the cost of the equipment would have to be met by the Community. A plan of the proposed layout is on view in the Post Office window, and any comments on the scheme should be sent to the Secretary (2 Elm Row) in writing please.

Letters to and from the Divisional Surveyor regarding the reinstatement of Church Brae and Duncricvie Road were tabled. Although the supply of two further salt bins has been requested these have not yet been agreed to.

It was reported at the meeting that the Ash Tree in Ash Grove was basically sound, but required surgery and this was to have been carried out by the Department of Leisure and Recreation. However when it was re-examined it was decided that more drastic action was necessary, and that it had to be removed. This should have been done by the time of publication of this Newsletter.

The Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board had been contacted regarding the state of the River Farg down the Glen, and they are to investigate.

The Depute Director of Housing had promised to allocate garage sites, but action has been disappointingly slow-despite various chasers!

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Ante-Room of the Village Hall on the 7th of March at 7.30 p.m., and the A.G.M. on the 23th March.

The following Councillors retire at the A.G.M. after their 3 years' service, but are eligible for re-nomination. Mr. David Rutherford, Mr. Campbell Watson, and Mr. George Ross. Nomination Papers will be available at the meeting on the 7th and should be returned to the Secretary by the 13th of March.

ARNGASK CHURCH

Before Christmas the children performed a Nativity Play "Only a Baby" ably produced by Mrs. K. Murdoch and the Sunday School staff. The children also enjoyed their Christmas party.

Mr. Caldwell becomes the Moderator of Perth Presbytery on February 8th.

The Thinking Day Service for the Brownies will be on February 20th.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We would like to thank all those who supported our Christmas Sale. There was a very favourable turn-out, and the sum realised was £330.

On 18th January we had a very pleasant afternoon at our Tea Party in the Glenfarg Hotel.

"Costumes and Comment" (overseas) is the subject for discussion at our meeting on February 8th. The speaker on February 22nd will be Rev. James Caldwell, and on March 15th we shall have a visit from Mrs. Rutherford, Perth, and to end our session our AG.M. will be held on March 29th.

Please note the date of the World Day of Prayer, March 4th. An invitation is extended to all.

Dates to remember:	February 3th,	2.30	Costumes and Comment (Overseas)
	February 22nd	2.30	Rev. James Caldwell
	March 4th		World Day of Prayer
	March 15th	2.30	Mrs. J. Rutherford, Perth
	March 29th	230	A.G.M. and Home Board Report.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

Re-election of School Council

The present School Council Perth City No. 1, centred on Perth Academy, demits office on 28th February 1983. To reconstitute this Council for the next electoral period an Election of Parents, Primary (3) and Secondary (3) will be held in Perth Academy on Monday 7th February:- Primary 7.30 p.m., Secondary 8.15 p.m. Parents who wish to submit nominations for School Council membership can obtain the necessary forms from the Divisional Education Office, Perth Academy, or Arngask School.

There will be a Mid-Term Holiday on Monday February 14th. Term ends on Thursday March 31st. Summer term starts Monday April 18th.

A team took part in the Gateway Quiz at Portmoak but were beaten by Milnathort who go forward to the next round.

GLENFARG W.R.I.

Mrs. MacGregor welcomed members to the December meeting and gave a report on the recent Federation meeting.

A report on the Group meeting was given by Mrs. Quartermaine.

Members enjoyed a Cookery Demonstration by Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Drysdal from Carnbo. Mrs. Fairweather proposed the vote-of-thanks.

Competition Results:

3 Mince Pies (s. c.)

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

Christmas Tree Decoration

- 1) Mrs. Black
- 2) Mrs. Fairweather
- 3) Mrs. Quartermaine

Members and friends collected approximately £100 while Carol Singing round the Village and outlying district. It has been donated to Cancer Research and Perth and Kinross Blind Society.

Mrs. Kirkland welcomed members to the January Meeting, held in the Village Hall. The meeting took the form of a three-corner demonstration. Mrs. Korykinski demonstrated her knitting machine while Mrs. Quartermaine and Mrs. Messenger were busy at basket-making and Mrs. Kirkland displayed home made sweets. All the demonstrators displayed beautiful examples of their work.

Mrs. Little proposed the vote-of-thanks. Competition results were:-

Embroidered Bookmark

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

Fruit Drink

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

A meeting to discuss the Community entries for Kinross Show will be held in the Hall ante-room at 8 p.m. on Thursday 3rd February. All welcome.

A number of members are taking part in a sponsored Knit-In in aid of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research. This will take place in the Hall ante-room at 8 p.m. on Thursday 3rd March. Hurry!! and sponsor the knitters.

Forthcoming Meetings:	February 10th	Film and talk on visit to Australia and New Zealand.
	March 10th	Talk on Sewing
	March 12th	(Saturday) Group Meeting with Ramage Dawson Play Competition.

GLENFARG PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup children have had a busy time during December. Firstly rehearsing for the Nativity Play on the 11th of December and we would like to thank everyone who came to see the children take part in the play. The coffee morning which followed raised £40 for playgroup funds, also the competition "Guess the time the cake came out of the oven" raised another £33.

The second major event of the month was the Christmas Party when the children spent a very enjoyable two hours playing games with the highlight being the visit of Santa.

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.-

Mrs. S.H. Cunningham, Branch Secretary, Would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the collection on behalf of the National Bible Society. The sum collected was £63.50. Special thanks go to Mrs. S. Rutherford and Mrs. Gourlay who gave of their time to help raise this splendid sum.

BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club held a very successful Whist Drive in the Village Hall. Mrs. Lochrie presented the prizes for last season.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

The Brownies had a very enjoyable trip to the Pantomime. In December after instruction from Mrs. Stewart the District Nurse in First Aid, 14 Brownies were tested for and passed their First Aid Badge.

On February 20th there will be a Thinking Day Church Service.

Preparations are already underway for the Old Folks Party.

GLENFARG CUBS

In December the Cubs held a successful "75 Years on" evening to celebrate the Year of the Scout. Several former scouts managed to attend despite the cold weather. Parents, committee members, the Rev. J. Caldwell and others in the Scout movement, were able to observe typical pack meeting procedure. Ass. District Cub Commissioner, Greta Harvie, invested Stuart Campbell, Brian Todd, Craig Bruce and William Barrett, welcoming them into the movement. Akela (John Cartlidge) presented former assistant Helen Clark with a book token and commemorative '75 Years' bookmark in acknowledgement of her help. Mr. L. MacLean, committee chairman, thanked Akela for all his hard work, effort and enthusiasm and, to mark his leaving, presented him with a gift from the Cubs. Thanks go to all those on the committee for the effort behind the scenes - the tables were full of lovely food for the Birthday tea that followed. The boys, 'old' scouts, leaders and parents thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks also to Sandra Forsyth who baked the special birthday cake and to Mr. Cuthbert who, without hesitation, provided impromptu music for the games.

On Saturday December 11th, nine of the older cubs took part in a hike up West Lomond, during which they were able to practise map work and the use of compasses, under the watchful eye of their instructor Bill MacPherson. Despite several inches of snow under foot, the weather conditions were ideal and enabled the boys to relate the expansive views to the maps.

On the 13th December we had a "European evening with food from France, Germany and Italy. Frank and Linda Noakes visited the appropriate Embassies in Edinburgh and were given posters, maps; booklets and stickers to illustrate different aspects of the countries. Although hesitant at first to sample garlic sausage and smelly cheeses, it would appear that the cubs soon acquired these tastes as all the food was consumed - including delicious Italian style pizzas made by Sandra Forsyth.

The following week the pack meeting was run by Venture Scouts from Kinross. Six cheery and energetic youths organised and introduced new games which the cubs seemed to appreciate. They also extended an invitation to visit their pack meeting in Kinross and this visit is planned to take place in a few weeks.

These two evenings completed the necessary requirements of a Nationwide project for 1932 and '75 yrs. of Scouting'. The pack will be presented with a Pennant noting this achievement,

The Webb Ivory Xmas Cards order raised approximately £50 for the funds. One or two other fund raising plays are being planned as money is needed for new equipment, materials etc. Frank Noakes; ever energetic and enthusiastic, is hoping to start a cub football team which would enable our pack to mix with the other packs in the district.

FOLK CLUB

A Happy New Year to you all. Our programme for the next two months is as follows;

- January 31st - Tich Frier - more frolicking fun from Andy's bosom pal.
- February 7th - John James_- guitar wizard
 - 14th - Mike Moran & Dave Shepherd - more than a folk night; more than a comedy duo; more than a theatre show - must be seen to be believed. Don't miss it!
 - 21st - Singers Night - more thrills and spills with the fun-loving Glenfarg residents.
 - 28th - McCalmans in Concert - special concert night featuring the new line-up of one of Scotland's better known folk trios. Fun, laughter and (if Ian McC permits) some singing too!
- March 7th - Guest Artiste (Mystery!)
 - 14th - Singers night - a great night with our residents Stuart Martin, Isla Crombie, Gordon CamebellpSheila Douglas and many more.
 - 21st - Eddie Walker - from England. Remember him from the last two Folk, Feasts? No! AA incredible singer, fantastic guitar! Blues ballads; , don't miss this.
 - 28th - Hans Theesink - a brilliant singer/guitarist from wait for it .-; • AUSTRIA. Hans'is an astounding blues singer and guitarist renowned on the Continentwith albums. and television appearances never to be missed - so don't miss this "1st" at Glenfarg.

We have not yet got all the sponsor money in from our 24 hour sing-around, but we are going to have over £250 for Club funds which is wonderful. We would like to thank all our friends who supported us.

GLENFARG PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE

We would like to thank all those who are supporting our functions, We realise you may [all be at](#) the stage of "oh not them again" but you do continue to help. A very successful Family Disco was held in Glenfarg Hotel in January. We would like to thank Mrs. Hunter of the Hotel for allowing us the use of the room and Michael McEwan of 555 Disco for his unstinting work in providing the music. With the £131 we raised, added to the money-from-the Brownie Tablet Selling, the Cub Car Wash and the Dressed Doll in the Post Office, we now have £420. There is obviously a fair way to go still towards the £700 we need for just the slide and swings, but we hope to apply for a grant from the Region soon in the hope that we can have at least the slide in place for use this summer, and you can see where your money is going.

We are holding another Bingo Tea on Friday March 4th, in the Village Hall - tickets 65p. We hope those who missed it last time will be able to support us this time. By popular request we also hope to hold another Disco – possibly in April.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir (or in this case Ma'am)

As I am sure we are all aware a lot of energy has been expended recently in raising money for the new Park equipment. Through the efforts of the fundraising committee, youth organisations and several individuals, with the support of the villagers a substantial start has been made on the way to the first goal of £700.

Every year in the Wallace Park the Spring Fete is held, the proceeds of which go in turn to the Church, the Village Hall and the Old Folks. A large part of the entertainment is provided by the children what with the Brownies, Cubs, Gym Club, Fancy Dress etc. One wonders if, following the lead of the Community Council, these organisations have considered making a donation to the fund in recognition of the effort put in by many generations of children to assist with the continuing success of the Fete.

I would like to point out that although I do have children who will benefit from the play equipment I am not connected in any way with the fund raisers, and suggest the above as someone who is interested in our village affairs.

Yours

Bill Macpherson.

We were sorry to hear of the fire at Bein Cottage on Christmas Day with firemen there for about an hour.

It is a pity too when vandalism occurs in the Village, and to pour-paint stripper on the car belonging to Garry Dawson, Bridge House, causing about £500 worth of damage, can be described as little other than Vandalism.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, Bracklemoss, Kinross, will be starting a Nursery Class every morning from 9.30 — 12.00 in her home, starting at Easter. If anyone is interested please phone her at Kinross 62505.

Mr. Buchan, Birch Lane, has started Badminton in the Village Hall for children in Primary 5, 6 and 7 on Wednesdays, which has been enthusiastically received by them. Many thanks to him.

Congratulations to:—

Wendy and Alan Dover, Barley Mill, on the birth of their son Matthew.

Kathleen Oman on her recent engagement.

Diane Mackie, Birch Lane, and Eric Little, Rossie Ochil, on their recent wedding.

William and Wilma Lawrie and George and Jean Shand, runners up in the recent Bank of Scotland weekend curling competition.

We wish a speedy recovery to Adam Reid, Home Cottage, Stewart Kirkland, Colliston, Mrs. Roberta MacGregor, New Fargie Farm, and Mrs. Renwick, Mill Ruce, who have all recently had a stay in hospital.

It is with regret we report the death of William Crichton, Duncruevie Farm, in December, and extend our sympathy to his family.

We also regretfully report the death of Mary Smith, Thornlea, on Boxing Day, and extend our sympathy to her family.

We also regret the death of Mrs. Ballantyn, whose husband had recently retired as Janitor at Perth Academy, and had bought a house on the Main Road to retire to.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 5th	Waste Paper Collection	March 4th	Bingo Tea/World Day of Prayer
8th	Women's Guild	5th	Waste Paper Collection
10th	W.R.I.	7th	Community Council Meeting
14th	School Mid-Term	10th	W.R.I.
20th	Thinking Day Service	15th	Women's Guild
22nd	Women's Guild	20th	News for News—sheet
29th	Women's Guild		
31st	School Closes		

That seems to be all-at present - does not seem much but for those involved there is something on nearly every night - Country Dancing, Yoga, Keep Fit, Guild, W.R.I., Curling, Football - and if want more you can always start it yourself!

Yours Sincerely,
MAUREEN LAMBIE
Editor