

Dear Reader,

Another year and for us a comparatively easy start to the year. With pictures of falling snow and blizzards in the Southern Counties we have had a cold spell but only more recently some very slushy snow. We hope it continues and we do not have a repeat of the heavy falls last winter. The potential sledgers and skiers are not so happy.

Otherwise Christmas and the New Year passed quietly - not much signs of wild celebrations at New Year anyway. The New Year has also seen the coming of a new Minister to the village and we wish him well and look forward to getting to know him and his family.

The news seems meagre this month - perhaps Secretaries and Club organisers will feel more lively by the middle of March with Spring approaching and will put pen to paper.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the meeting on 3rd December 1984 the problem of further assistance for the monthly collection of paper etc. in the village was raised. For many years now this task has been undertaken by retired people in the village plus one younger person, and it is now found that a 'younger' element will have to be found if this source of revenue is to continue. As you know the money goes towards the Village Hall funds to enable the committee to keep the rental of the hall to the minimum, thus all the organisations in the village benefit from the revenue (which is approx. £300 annually). The present 'incumbents' now feel that the work is too onerous for them, and it would be a pity if this source of income was to cease. All that is asked is for 4 younger men to come along on the FIRST Saturday of every month to the shed at Bridge House, Hayfield Road, between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., to tie up the papers etc. In the case of villagers who put out their papers, magazines and cardboard, if they would tie them up into separate bundles, (magazines, i.e. any papers with staples in them), this would greatly facilitate the work. I am sure the 'regulars' won't mind if Colin Brough and Willie Coventry, who go round the village and outlying districts at their own expense and time to collect the papers, are singled out for special thanks.

Another question which arose at the December meeting was that of the unsatisfactory surface of the footpath in the car park area leading to the side entrance of the school, the state of which is that mothers are unable to Push their buggies etc. along it. Approach to the District Council has received a reply that the cost of tarmac-ing the surface would be too expensive and the funds are not available. Our new District Councillor, Mrs. Ferrand, has been pursuing the matter with little result. Apart from the footpath the question of the disgraceful state of the whole car park was raised, but as usual, the reply 'no funds'.

Another village seat has 'disappeared', that is the one between the Hilton Farm and the road down to the Water Works. That is now 3 that have gone, and they are sadly missed by the older people who have a walk around the village from time to time. Again no sympathy from the District Council when approached for replacements.

At the meeting the Secretary, Mr. Tarling, stated that the strip of land parallel to the main road (entrance through Gallowhill), is now the property of the liquidators of the Dreit Co., and is for sale for £1,000, so anyone with ideas and £1,000, contact the Community Council in time for the next meeting on 4th March 1985. The Community Council finances at the end of 1984 stood at £364.34, so obviously there is not much it can do in acquiring the strip of land.

Mrs. Ferrand, the District Councillor, has intimated that half an hour prior to each Community Council meeting she will be in attendance for consultation with any person wishing to do so.

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Council meeting will be held in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on the 25th March 1985, when it is hoped that the villagers will be sufficiently interested to attend.

CHAIRMAN

The next normal Council meeting will be on Monday the 4th of March at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. R. Ferrand will be in attendance at 7 p.m. This year the 3 Councillors who retire are Mrs. M. Lambie, Mr. C. Brough, and the Secretary R.G. Tarling. All are eligible for renomination, and nomination papers will be available at the meeting on the 4th March, or from the Secretary.

SECRETARY

ARNGASK CHURCH

On Thursday 10th January the Rev. Hugh Scouller, B.Sc., B.D, was ordained and inducted to the linked charge of Abernethy and Arngask. The Service, which was held in Abernethy Church, was conducted by the Moderator of Perth Presbytery, Rev. Gordon Stewart, M.A., and it was followed by a social evening in Glenfarg Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Scouller and family were welcomed to the community by Mr. Bob MacDonald, Abernethy, and by Mr. George Ross, Arngask. Mr. Scouller was then presented with robes and a cassock from the congregations. The robing Ceremony was carried out by Mrs. C. Brunton, Glenfarg, and Mrs. H. Morten, Abernethy, while the cassock was handed over by Mrs. H. McGlashan, Glenfarg. Mrs. Scouller received the gift of a table lamp from Miss M. McLellan, Abernethy. Mrs. A. Duncan, Glenfarg, then handed over gifts to Mrs. G. McBride, wife of the Interim Moderator, and to Rev. Duncan Bruce, M.A., who had occupied the pulpits during the past months, while Miss Smart did likewise to Miss Wilkie, Deaconess.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Linda Duncan, Mr. John Anderson and Mr. Douglas Cooper, Abernethy, and by the Arngask Church Choir conducted by Mrs. A. Murdoch. The visiting speakers were Rev. E.A.H. Sawyers, V.R.O., of Cranstoun, Crichton and Ford, and Rev. William Armitage, B.Sc., B.D., Bonnyrigg. Rev. Duncan Bruce warmly welcomed Mr. Scouller on behalf of the Presbytery.

Mr. William Scott, Glenfarg, who has been the Convenor of the Vacancy Committee, gave a comprehensive vote of thanks. The Doxology followed by the Benediction brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

On Sunday 13th January Rev. W. Armitage, B.Sc., B.D., Bonnyrigg, conducted the services and introduced Mr. Scouller and family to both congregations.

I am sure that everyone in Glenfarg, whether members of Arngask Church or not, will extend, a, very warm welcome to Mr. Scouller and his family and wish him well in his Ministry.

WOMAN'S GUILD

On 13th November Miss Wilkie gave a lively talk on incidents which took place during her long career as a Deaconess, caring for people from "the cradle to the grave". The President and members of the Guild would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Sale on Saturday 24th November. The sum realised was £332.50. On 27th November Miss P. Cairn gave an interesting talk on a climbing holiday in Greenland, illustrated by magnificent slides. A Christmas afternoon Tea on 18th December, with short entertainment was enjoyed by all present.

Dates to remember:-

February 12th, 2.30 p.m. Talk on Jamaica by Rev. R.M. King

February 26th, 2.30 p.m. Talk by Mrs. Ann Hepburn.

March 1st. World Day of Prayer. "Peace through Prayer and Action".

March 12th, 2.30 p.m. Talk by Mr. W. Baird, North of Scotland Electricity Board.

March 26th, 2.30 p.m. A.G.M. Speaker - Mrs. Murdoch.

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. S.H. Cunningham, Branch Secretary, would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the annual collection/on behalf of the National Bible Society of Scotland, The sum realised was £64.65. Special thanks go to Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. S. Rutherford and Mrs. Jill McKay who gave of their time to raise this splendid sum.

ARNGASK SCHOOL

The school, will close for the Easter holidays on Friday 29th March and will reopen on Monday 15th April. There will be a holiday this term on Monday 18th February, and holidays next term on Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May.

Gateway quiz

Arngask School competed this year against the Perth Schools Craigie and Kinnoull in the opening round of gateway Quiz. Craigie were the winners but the Arngask team which consisted of Mark Lambie, Simon Short, Colin Burrow and Stewart Smith, gave an excellent performance.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Just before the end of last term, playgroup arranged an entertainment and coffee morning for the village. We were really amazed at the number of people who supported us, and are very grateful to them for their generosity. We made approximately £100 - part of which we decided to donate to the R.S.S.P.C.C.

We closed the term with a very successful Christmas party, to which we were pleased to welcome the children who started playgroup this term.

Because of an increase in numbers we decided to hold playgroup on four mornings this term. If there are any children in the village (3-5 years) who are not yet involved in playgroup, they would be welcome to join us.

We are planning to hold another magic show in the village hall on Saturday 23rd March, Details will appear in the Post Office at a later date.

Jan Macpherson (430)

W.R.I. News

The December meeting took the form of a -Christmas Party. A delicious buffet supper was provided by the Committee, and afterwards members enjoyed entertainment provided by two magical entertainers from the Perth magic circle. A number of ladies were invited to participate in the tricks, which varied from card trick to personal items being identified and returned to their rightful owners.

Mrs. Quartermain bid "Au Revoir" to Mrs. Duff who will shortly be taking up residence in her new home in Broughty Ferry. She thanked Mrs. Duff for her faithful service to Glenfarg W.R.I. and for all her work for competitions. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Duff all the best in their new home.

Competition Results

Christmas Cracker

1. Mrs. Murieson
2. Mrs. Black
3. Mrs. Kirkland

Design with Smarties

1. Mrs. Kirkland
2. Mrs. Adamson
3. Mrs. Murieson

Mrs. Quartermaine, thanked the entertainers for a most enjoyable, magical entertainment. Mrs. Logie thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Members of the Rural and Guides and friends raised £116 from their Carol Singing round the Village. The money will be donated to the Tayside Body Scanner fund and Cancer Research.

The January meeting was postponed for a week due to the ordination of the new Minister. It was then cancelled due to the inclement weather.

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 14th, and will be a Pastry Demonstration. Competitions - Apple Tart, short crust, and Best Use of Throw Away Container.

LADIES KEEP FIT

The Group's Christmas Dinner was held in the Glenfarg Hotel on Tuesday 13th December. An excellent meal -and service was enjoyed by the members in a thoroughly entertaining and pleasant evening.

Mrs Gourlay, the Organiser, has now commenced the 1985 session and through the courtesy of the Newsletter would like to extend her appreciation and thanks to everyone who participated in the last session. Ladies, why not go along to the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening for an hour from 8 p.m. and rid yourselves of the Festive Season extra pounds. A pleasant evening is assured in the congenial atmosphere of the Keep Fit group. New members are always welcome, so, ladies, come along and become fitter whilst enjoying yourself.

TENNIS CLUB

Although the tennis season is now closed the trophies have still to be presented. The winners were: Gents singles, Lorne Friday; Ladies singles, Sue Knowles; Mixed Doubles, Elspeth Buchan & Charlie Archibald; Boys, Colin Burrow; Girls, Joanne Hillcoat.

The Adults trophies are being presented at the joint tennis/badminton supper dance on February 1st at the Ardargie House Hotel.

The Tennis Committee are already planning their fund raising and social events for 1985, and are looking forward to another summer of good weather.

BABY SITTING CIRCLE

Anyone interested in joining please contact any member. Holder of the 'Book' for February is Mrs. Maureen Lambie, Bountree, and in March will be Mrs. Janet Little, Birch Lane.

GLENFARG CUBS

The Cubs have two new assistant leaders and hope this will enable them to do a little Badge work again. Most of the boys took part in a Cubs 5-a-side football Competition held in Bells Sports Centre recently. The over 9½ team did well to lose only 1 match and finished second in their section. The under 9½ team did not finish quite as well placed in their section but all enjoyed participating. Thanks to all those who help coaching and transporting the boys so they can take part in such events. Three of the Cubs have recently gone up to Scouts.

GLENFARG BROWNIES

The Local Association held a very successful Coffee Morning at the beginning of December with Santa in his Grotto. As they are now supporting an increasing Guide Company as well as the Brownie Pack they were very pleased to raise £190 at this event.

The Brownies and Guides entertained Senior Citizens, friends and relatives to a programme of singing, recitations, dance routine and a play and then served tea to their guests. Four Brownies moved up to Guides, Fiona McAndrew, Ochilree, is to be congratulated as she had obtained 27 interest badges out of a possible 32 before moving up to Guides.

A successful trip to the Pantomime was enjoyed by all who went- grateful thanks to Miss Winton for her organisation.

GLENFARG GUIDES

The Guides ended last- term with a party to which we invited the Bridge of Earn and the Glenfarg Scouts. Unfortunately only a few Scouts were able to come, but those who did enjoyed themselves, and were very helpful in clearing up afterwards.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed six new Guides so we have 3 active and enthusiastic patrols. Any girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years are very welcome to join us in the village hall on Friday nights from 7 - 9 p.m.

As a boost to our funds, we are planning to hold a coffee morning on a Saturday in February (details in the Post Office later). We hope that people will pop in to the Village Hall at some time during the morning for coffee (or tea) and toast. If this proves successful, we hope to hold similar events on a regular basis.

Sue Challoner (43)4
Jan Macpherson (430)

The following was handed in to me and I think is worthy of publication - someone has appreciated living here and the next item shows how much someone appreciated their visit here.

THE BEAUTY OF GLENFARG

23.11.84.

I'm Sorry to be leaving Glenfarg today,
I cannot leave without having my say.
Arriving here in early spring,
when early birds come out to sing
With wild flowers bordering the country road,
each one in turn their colour showed.
Gliding from spring into the summer haze,
when animals are in the fields to graze.
The gardens bordering the houses I saw,
flowers of different species, I looked in-awe.
Colours so grand and plenty of each,
standing tall not to make a speech.
But, to give splendour to the world around,
there is no shortage of beauty abound.
Slipping into the autumn noting the change,
from flowers to berries all neatly arranged.
Snowberries, rowans, elderberries and rosehips,
there to make wine for our celebration dips.
There are hawthorn, alder, birch and sycamore,
all kinds of nature mentioned I do adore.
Yellowhammers, chaffinches and birds of a kind,
soar from the air so eager to find,
food for the winter to store in their nests,
delicate beautiful birds so full of zest.
There is so much more in minds eye I see,
I know there are people out there who'll agree.
So goodbye Glenfarg I'm sorry to say,
because I found friendliness as I passed your way.

Mary Jean Sutherland.

Gerry and Kathy Pogue
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December 5, 1984.

To the Residents of Glenfarg
Thank — You

My wife, Kathy, and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for making our recent visit so very pleasurable, educational and exciting.

We were truly amazed at your sense of community and friendliness. The beauty of your countryside, your rich traditions, and optimism left us in awe, and with a greater appreciation of your country.

Our hosts, Alan and Annette, were kind enough to bring us to your folk night at the Glenfarg Hotel. Although our "accents" prohibited us from understanding some of the Gaelic words; the singers and their songs, poet and band gave us a broad view to understanding your history and traditions. We cherished the experience, and would hope this folk night continues to flourish.

Although we are separated by thousands of miles, you will all be close in our hearts and memories. We hope that some day we may be able to show some of you the U.S.A. and our people, as well as Scotland and its people have been presented to us.

May this Holiday Season find you all in the best of health and happiness. God Bless, and may we wish you Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth.

Your neighbors in Nashotah
Gerry & Kathy.

CONGRATULATIONS to:—

Susan Gent and Arthur Lawrie on their recent wedding.

Andrew Messenger, Ayton, and Jean Laird, Leslie, on their recent engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Waterworks, on the birth of their daughter.

Mr. Jim McRae, Bein Cottages, who raised £300 for the Spina Bifida Association by sponsorship when running in two marathons.

We regret the death of Robert Neil Cheape, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cheape of Letham. Our sympathy goes to his family. -

We wish a speedy recovery to, Mrs. Reid, Post Office, and Mrs. J. Gourdie Main Street.

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY

1st Tennis/Badminton Supper Dance
2nd Waste Paper Collection
12th Guild
14th W.R.I.
13th School Mid Term Holiday
26th Guild.

MARCH

1st World Day of Prayer
2nd Waste Paper Collection
4th Mrs. Ferrand's "Surgery"
followed by Community Council meeting.
12th Guild
14th W.R.I.
15th Deadline for Newsletter
26th Guild A.G.M.
29th School Term ends .

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If people don't produce more news I have serious thoughts of sitting down and inventing the whole Newsletter. I do wonder if anyone would notice the difference.

It was recently announced that Princess Anne will be visiting Glenfarg in May and spending an afternoon at the Riding School with some of the Disabled Groups. We hope it is a fine day for them all.

MAUREEN LAMBIE
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