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Editorial

Once again the subject of censorship in the Newsletter has arisen. As I have said before I would never publish Anything which I knew to be incorrect, or which was blatantly offensive, although some inaccuracies are bound to slip through. I'm afraid that I simply do not have time to check everything - I accept what I am given in good faith, and I will always be very happy to publish a correction, or apology if necessary, in the following issue. Controversial topics are another matter. While I don't believe that the Newsletter should set out to be controversial, I do believe that contributors should be able to air their views on any issue they wish, thereby promoting lively and interesting correspondence. It would be a dull world if we all had the same opinions.

Sadly I am now forced to say that I cannot accept any anonymous contributions - in future all items must be signed, and the contributor's name will be published. Although I fear that it will severely curtail the use of the Congratulations column, in future all items for this must be submitted, or signed, by the interested party or a member of their immediate family.

I would be very sorry indeed to see the demise of

the Newsletter, either permanently or temporarily, but I know that in some quarters it is felt that the effort by volunteers really isn't worth the aggravation.

It was pleasing to see so many people present at the last Community Council meeting. They had, of course, been brought out by the hole in the road what a pity that there is never such a good turnout when matters affecting everyday life in Glenfarg are being discussed.

I am delighted to find that the male uniformed organisations in Glenfarg are not extinct after all - but what has happened to the Cubs? David, you promised me great things a few months ago, and I look forward to hearing from you in the New Year! Seriously though, I know it is yet another call on busy people's time, so how about getting the boys to write something for a change. So as not to be accused of picking on the boys, what's become of the Brownies and Rainbows!?

I trust that all readers will have a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and health and happiness in the New Year.

Letters

Remembrance Sunday

To whom it may concern - another shambles

On Monday my son came home from school saying he had been chosen with a girl from his class to lay the wreath at the above service.

They both arrived at the Church

They both arrived at the monument

They are still waiting

Someone else had chosen two other children to do the honours. No fault of the children's. If possible at the next occasion, try and organise it, so that nobody is left disappointed or inconvenienced.

Roy McAinsh

Dear Madam,

I have been driven to finally put digit to keyboard, wondering how the newsletter is perceived in the village. When we started the newsletter 16 years ago, it was, if you remember, produced on a hand cranked duplicator owned by the Folk Club. Morag Reid, then at Middle Deuglie, typed up the stencils on her mechanical type writer. Perhaps it was because of the very evident amateur nature of the production that people accepted it for what it was, a source of local news and information whose hallmark was informality and cosiness. Mistakes were rectified by a chat in the street, or a quick friendly 'phone call.

We now have a much more impressive looking rag, but it appears that the perception is that the editorial content should now match the professional looking (in comparison) vehicle. Over the last year I know

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that you have received a couple of stropky 'phone calls plus a threat to sue you personally because of articles or information contributed by others. It is interesting that the readers now appear to want a fully professional staff (i.e. working solely to produce the newsletter and covered by legal insurance), although how they are to be paid out of the money deposited in the tin in the Post Office Pm not quite sure.

Where do we go from here? It has been noticeable that the people who rant and rave and tell you what you should have done, stop short of saying "Not only could I do better, if you resign I will show you how it should be done". All I know is that I prefer the old perception, that it is an unpaid, part time newsletter, undertaken on a "best effort" basis, and before disclaimers and refusal to take input other than that signed by affected parties became necessary. Although I know it's not your wish, I would be more than happy for someone else to volunteer to do it.

I wonder why it is that a number of people discussed the fact that the 100th issue went unmarked with the Community Council Treasurer, and nobody, including said individual, thought to discuss it with yourself?

While getting things off my chest - may I mention that old chestnut the Village Fete. I, of course, agree with your previous comments regarding the fete in issue 100, except that I would favour each year's takings being divided up among the respective parties. This has a number of advantages: if the weather affects a particular year's takings, either good or bad, a single organisation doesn't take the hit unfairly; it would also be easier to have a fourth recipient as the interval between successive incomes would not become excessively long; the organising committee could be drawn from all the organisations, thus lessening the load on those with small committees, and perhaps drawing on a wider pool of experience and resources.

I hope the above provokes some comment, otherwise I shall wonder about the size of the "silent majority"!

Bill Macpherson

Community Council

Instead of the usual extract of the Community Council minutes there follows a brief summary of the proceedings of the meeting held on 6 November, at which 27 members of the public were present.

The published agenda was suspended until the January meeting, and the evening was devoted almost entirely to the road closure at the north end of the village. Mr. McNeil, Divisional Surveyor with TRC's Roads and Transport Department, had been invited to attend and explain the sudden, unpublicised closure of the road over the preceding weekend. Mr. McNeil regretted the need for such action, but as the road and the retaining wall had shown signs of collapse, it had been necessary, in the interest of public safety, to close the road with no warning. As everyone now knows, and as indeed he promised, the closure was short-lived, although a

one-way system with traffic lights will operate for some time, while the problem is resolved.

Anyone wishing to see a fuller account of this matter will find it in the Community Council minutes, which, as usual, are displayed in the Post Office.

Ms. Whitelaw and Mr. Grubb from the Hydroelectric Customer Service Team based at Inveralmond, had been invited to the meeting, They spoke of their work, and stressed that customer satisfaction was a major priority. The Customer Service Team is happy to answer questions, deal with complaints and offer advice.

Again a fuller account of these discussions can be found in the copy of the CC minutes in the Post Office.

Glenfarg Public Hall Association

A committee meeting was held on 25 October, and it was noted that plans for the renewal of the heating in the main hall are now well underway. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining the requisite three quotes from contractors, but the matter is now resolved, and grants have been awarded. By the time of reading the installation should be underway. Thanks to Alan Dover for his hard work. The new hall curtains are now up. Thanks for this to Mr. Clynes and to Mrs. Fairweather and her party of busy seamstresses for the alterations.

Changes in the Hall are now well underway, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the village. The extension fund sits at £2400, and plans to build a disabled toilet and store are currently under review by Alan.

Plans for the village concert are still at an early stage, but the end of February has been selected as the date, and members of the participating organisations are being kept informed.

The date for the Village Fete 1996 is 15 June.

Woman's Guild

The only meeting of the Guild ahead of us before Christmas is the Christmas Party on 5 December. This will be held in the Church Hall at 7.30pm, when a buffet supper will be served, followed by entertainment and carol singing. Before the party the annual allocation of funds will take place, when we will decide what to do with the money we have in hand.

Most of this money, we hope, will come from our Christmas Sale to held on 25 November at 10am in the Village Hall. We hope you came, and that you enjoyed it!

We had a most successful evening in the Church on 11 October, when the Gallery Singers from Errol came to entertain us. We had guests from Abernethy, Dunbarney and Orwell Guilds, as well as several people from the village. To accommodate everyone we had the meeting in the Church. This meant that the piano had to be moved from the hall to the Church, and we are very grateful to Messrs. Fairweather, Cummings, Crichton and Shilliday for helping with this.

The choir sang selections of songs - old and not so old - which were greatly appreciated by the large audience. Everyone enjoyed, too, the excellent refreshments provided by the ladies of Arngask Guild.

At our meeting on 24 October Mrs. Norma Adam came to talk to us on the work involved in the planning, building and setting up of Rachel House - the Children's Hospice in Kinross. Mrs. Adam gave us an interesting and informative talk, and the ladies

showed their appreciation by buying Christmas cards and goods from a Bring and Buy table, realising £50, which was sent to the Hospice office in Edinburgh.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Mrs. J. Black was unable to come to our meeting on 7 November, but Mrs. Kirkland and Mrs. Lindsay offered to give us a display of their quilting. They brought along some beautiful quilts, and explained the patterns to us. We were full of admiration for their talents. It is hoped that Mrs. Black will be able to come and demonstrate her decorated baskets at some future meeting.

The final meeting in November was on the 21st, when we had a discussion on the future of the Guild. An invitation had been given to the Kirk Session and non-members of the Guild; six members of the Kirk Session, who are not members, and twenty Guild members attended. The format came in a pack from 121 George Street, including a tape and slides which introduced new ideas for the organisation as envisaged by the Research and Development team. Members were given questionnaires to answer as they heard each section - they were divided into small groups for discussion. The noise level rose appreciably as the groups made their views known. All in all a successful evening, but we won't know the outcome for some time.

As there is no meeting until the end of January, it has been decided to repeat last year's successful "cup of tea and a chat" afternoon on 16 January at

2.30pm. Anyone who would like to come along to the hall will be welcome.

The syllabus for the rest of the session is as follows:

30 Jan 2.30 Travel talk with slides

13 Feb 7.30 Any Questions - Faith & the Arts

20 Feb 2.00 Presbyterial Council meeting
St. Ninian's, Crieff

27 Feb 2.30 Presentation by the Delegates

1 Mar World Day of Prayer - Abernethy

12 Mar 7.30 Bible Study from the Psalms

23 Mar 10-12 Coffee morning - Church hall

26 Mar 7.30 AGM Tangible Texts

21 May 7.30 Echo meeting

6 June 7.30 Summer meeting in St.Andrews & St.Michael's, Crieff. Speaker- the Rev. Andrew McLellan, Edinburgh.

Summer Outing to be arranged

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The November meeting was held in the Village Hall, with Mrs. Ursula Stewart presiding. After business she introduced two ladies from Loose Threads in Perth, who demonstrated Petalcraft and showed various wares. Mrs. Moran proposed thanks, and Mrs. Braid was tea hostess.

Competition results were:

Fruit loaf using yeast	Article in plastic canvas	Flower of the month
1. Mrs. Adam	1. Mrs. Messenger	1. Mrs. Fairweather
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3. Mrs. Kirkland	3. Mrs. Moran	3. Mrs. Johnston

A Carol Concert in the Village Hall is planned for 22 December

Scout District Re-organisation

The Scout Area of Perth and Kinross has been re-organised into two districts (as yet un-named), and our District Commissioner is Chris Kirk. The object of the change is to increase the opportunities for

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts to try new activities, and to participate in bigger events. For the leaders an improved support network is being established.

Venture Scouts

This is not an extinct species, just shy and retiring with some **enormous** ideas.

Hope we'll hear about some of them soon! Ed.

Scouts

The Scouts have been enjoying better attendance recently, about ten boys coming along regularly. This has made games, trips etc. more feasible, but is

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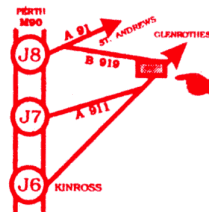
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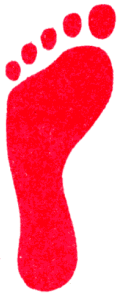
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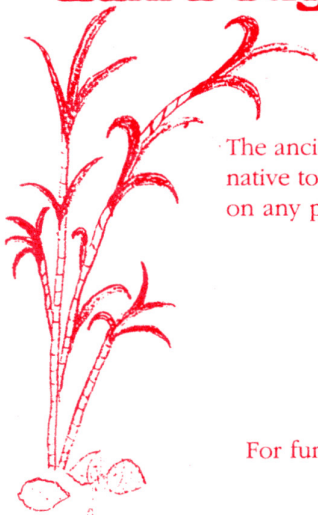
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submarines in several large puddles on a sunny day in October. The boys also enjoyed an evenings bowling at Megabowl in Dundee. The future

programme is based on a mixture of games and scouting skills - some are even asking about camping - bnrr!

Beavers

As many of the Beaver's mums have discovered by now there are more badges available to the Beavers. The one and two Beaver badges are awarded automatically. There is a new Challenge badge which some Beavers will gain - it is along the same principles as the Cub Scout Challenge, the Scout's Chief Scout Challenge and the Queen's Scout Award.

The Colony continues to thrive, with Graeme Turner and Hamish Robertson being invested this term. Alasdair Morton (after five years at Beavers),

Leo Howes and Kevin Henderson will be going to Cubs after Christmas.

There was a variety of monsters, skeletons and plenty of devils at the Beavers' and Cubs' Hallowe'en party. Murder in the dark was a very popular game. The evening finished with a witches' brew and coffin cake.

Next year is the Beaver Scouts' 10th birthday (officially), and the new District team is planning a fun-filled activity afternoon to celebrate, the first weekend in June.

Guides

The Guides have been very busy this term, and we are pleased that so many girls come along and seem to be enjoying themselves. Along with the other uniformed organisations in the village, they attended the annual Remembrance Day service, and are looking forward to taking part in the WRI Carol Concert just before Christmas.

At the moment there is a national Guide Cookery Competition going on, sponsored by Sainsbury. The first stage was for the Guides to compete for the best patrol in the unit by making a quiche, and a patrol consisting of Lindsey Buchan, Samantha Ponton, Alison McDonald and Samantha Murie won this, with their cheese and courgette quiche in a herb pastry case. This patrol then went on to compete at Division level, and also won this stage. On this occasion they made smoked mackerel pate, served with oatcakes, followed by lamb chops with tayberry chutney, accompanied by new potatoes and a selection of home grown vegetables. They all worked very hard, and the standard was extremely high, and we wish them well in the County Final on 2 December, when they will be making "Christmas Goodies".

Playgroup

On behalf of Glenfarg Playgroup I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind donations for the fundraising Disco. I would especially like to thank Barbara and Steve of the Glenfarg Hotel, Stuart and Maureen of the Glenfarg Garage, Mr. Reid of Glenfarg Post Office, Ductform Ventilation, Glenrothes, and David

Sands, Kinross, for their most generous donations.

The Playgroup will be giving their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 16 December.

Helen Lindsay
Secretary

Red Cross

In this year of the Red Cross 125th Birthday celebrations there have been many special events held throughout the country, and much has been written to highlight the services provided by Red Cross volunteers worldwide.

In June, at Arngask Farm, the Glenfarg Centre held a very successful celebratory Bonfire and Barbecue. This was not intended as a fund raiser, but because of its success we were left with a sum of money. After discussions with Mr. & Mrs. Lascelles we are delighted that, by adopting a tree on Glenfarg Green, and with the gift of a lifesaving pole at the pond, we have been able to give something back to the community as a thank you for the generous support given to the Red Cross over the years.

In October the Tea and Sale was once again a great success, when £1135 was raised. The proceeds from the sale this year are to be used for the purchase of Medical Loan items for use within the community, as well as a substantial donation going to the Former Yugoslavia Appeal. Thank you to everyone for donations and help, and for the very generous support received once again.

There may be residents in Glenfarg who are unaware of the Medical Loan Service, and so perhaps the following information will be of interest. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from Medical Loan Equipment, you can either contact the Red Cross Office, New Row, Perth (01738 622474) or the following two numbers in Kinross: Mrs. C. Mearns 01577 864353 or Mrs. J. Clavering 01577 864417.

MEDICAL LOAN SERVICE

Having the right equipment makes a lot of difference in everything we do. It's especially true if

someone is ill or disabled - even temporarily. Unfortunately, in these circumstances the right equipment is often too expensive to buy, particularly if it's only needed for a short time.

The British Red Cross understands and can help. We're well known for helping in major disasters; we also care about the everyday crises. Our Medical Loan Service can provide a variety of equipment, such as wheelchairs, commodes and back rests for those in need.

Such a loan can make the difference between staying in hospital or being able to go home on time, ease people back into their own homes after illness or surgery, enable them to go on holiday with friends or family, or care for themselves. Someone with a longer term disability may need help temporarily while waiting for assessment and permanent supply.

Equipment is usually available within 24 hours in an emergency.

The main types of equipment we offer are: wheelchairs; backrests; chair pads; rings; bath seats; commodes, bedpans and urinals; walking sticks and frames.

If the equipment or an appliance you need is not listed, we may still be able to help. Please ask your local Branch of the British Red Cross.

Cost - in most Branches equipment is loaned free of charge. Some Branches may make a nominal charge, but no-one will be refused help because they cannot pay.

Kinross Civic Trust

On 17 January there will be a talk on "A Rural Strategy for Tayside" in the Masonic Hall, Kinross at 7.30pm, and at the same time, same place on 14 February the talk will be entitled "Culross Restored"

The Internationally Famous

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

every Monday at 8.30pm prompt in the Glenfarg Hotel, Glenfarg

- 4 December **SHANNUS** Gillian and Bob Stewart perform a superb mix of traditional and contemporary songs and music. Gillian and Bob have built up a good reputation on the Folk scene for their professional delivery and performance. Another excellent evening's entertainment awaits!
- 11 December **TANDEM** A long-established duo from Crieff, Derek Richardson and Pat Stewart will provide a night of much hilarity, song, music, "guid crack" and possible pandemonium. What more could you ask for?
- 18 December **CHRISTMAS PARTY** Come along to a fun night of games, songs, food, drink and perhaps a chance to pull a cracker!!
- 25 December **CLOSED**

Congratulations to

Ruth Stronach, who gained a BSc, with distinction, in Podiatric Medicine.

Apologies to **Phaedra McLellan** who was reported in the last issue to have graduated BA from Edinburgh University. Phaedra in fact attained MA Hons.

Congratulations to Sally Wilkins, Glendeuglie Cottage, Hayfield Road, for gaining top marks in her Higher National Certificate in Hairdressing.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Advertising rates for 1995 (January - December)

Annual (6 issues) :	Full page	£60
	Half page	£30
1 issue :	Full page	£10
	Half page	£5

All fees for annual advertising to be paid by 28 February.

Single advertisements can only be accepted if paid for at the time of booking.

Dates to remember

DECEMBER	16	Playgroup Concert	Village Hall	
JANUARY	17	"A Rural Strategy for Tayside"	Masonic Hall, Kinross	7.30pm.
FEBRUARY	14	"Culross Restored"	Masonic Hall, Kinross	7.30pm.
JUNE	15	Village Fete		

Mobile Library

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (9 & 23 August and 7 & 21 September), and stops at:

The School	09.30 - 10.15	Ladeside (P.O.)	10.30- 11.15
Hayfield Road	10.15 - 10.30	Main Street	11.15 - 11.30
		Duncrievie Road	11.35 - 11.50

Mobile Bank

The Bank of Scotland van visits the village, and stops outside the Glenfarg Hotel, on Tuesdays from 10.45 - 11.25am, and on Fridays from 2.00 - 2.30pm.

Bus Timetable

Monday to Saturday

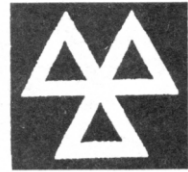
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Gateside	10.11	12.11	14.11
Glenfarg	10.22	12.22	14.22
Milnathort	10.32	12.32	14.32
Kinross (Presto)	10.41	12.41	14.41
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Milnathort	09.36	11.31	13.31
Glenfarg	09.46	11.41	13.41
Gateside	09.57	11.52	13.52
Auchtermuchty	10.06	12.01	14.01
Glenrothes	10.33	12.28	14.28

GLENFARG GARAGE

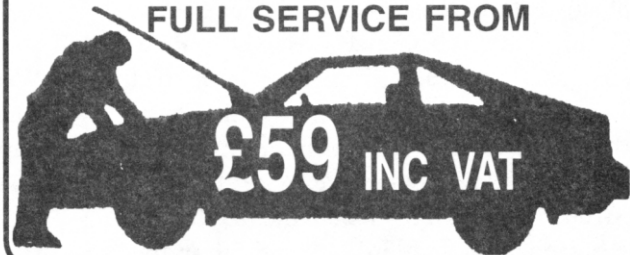


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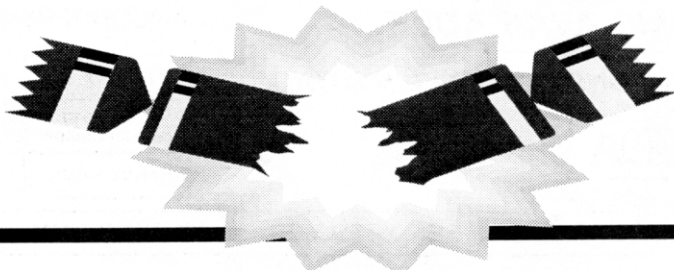
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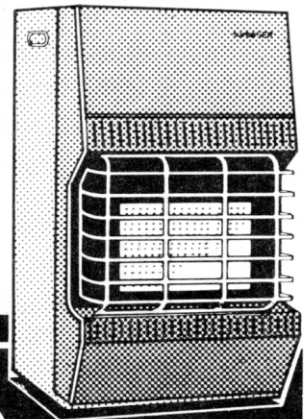
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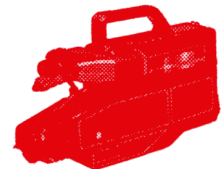
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