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Editorial

For a nasty moment I thought that it was going to be a very skinny Newsletter this time, but everyone came up trumps at the eleventh hour. Pm delighted to hear that the Cubs are still alive and well, and many thanks to David Brookes for his most entertaining account of their activities, and also for taking the "ticking off" in the spirit in which it was intended. All this nagging obviously works - the Venture Scouts as well were prompted to put ink to paper, and what news! The two boys selected to go on the Alaskan expedition next summer are Brian Adamson and Ian Johnstone. This is quite an achievement, and they are to be congratulated.

For the benefit of anyone who doesn't know, the Newsletter appears on the first Saturday of every odd month i.e. February, April, June, August, October and December, and copy should be in to me by the fifteenth of the preceding month. This gives me approximately a week to collate everything and get it to the printer ten days before the publication date. Normally I use that full week, so if you have something to contribute, but it is late, please give me a ring, and if possible I will wait.

Sadly there appears to have been a misunderstanding, which is explained fully in the Community Council minutes, over arrangements for the Remembrance Day service. I think it underlines the need for a rehearsal, not only for the uniformed organisations in Church, but also at the War Memorial for everyone directly involved.

It would appear that some confusion arose at the time of the changeover of people responsible for Newsletter advertising. It would be helpful if advertisers could check their adverts, and if there are any problems, contact Mr. Murison.

Observant readers will notice that I have re-arranged the list of local organisations. I trust that no-one will feel "demoted" - I simply thought that it would be easier to find what you were looking for if the list was in alphabetical order.

I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas, and will have a happy and healthy '96.

Letters

Glenfarg Hotel

Madam,

Re. Letter of Bill Macpherson, December issue

Hear, Hear!

Steve Whiting

P. S. Could the antisocial person continually allowing their dog to defecate over the footpath in Ladeside please identify themselves to enable other pedestrians to express their gratitude.

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that the Newsletter has come in for a fair amount of criticism in recent weeks. Thankfully the Newsletter gives me the platform to air my views on the matter.

I agree entirely with the Editorial and Mr. Macpherson's point of view in the December issue.

My wife, Elspeth, was Editor for approximately four years in the 1980s, and I fully understand the amount of time and effort needed to produce the Newsletter on a regular basis. I am sure that most people have no idea of the profusion of bits of paper, and letters that have to be kept and filed, not to mention the numerous phone calls that have to be written down as accurately as possible. All this has

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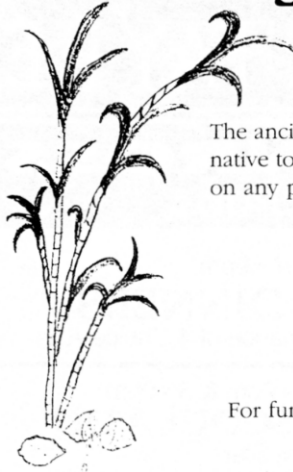
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	15	<i>Items for next Newsletter please</i>		
APRIL	17	KCT ABM and talk	Heatheryford	

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
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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.

to be edited and set out in a reasonably entertaining and informative manner. This is not always easy, and can be very time-consuming.

These tasks are carried out, not for love and certainly not for money, by a community-spirited person or persons who want to put something back into the village in which they live. This work is carried out not for their own self-gratification, but is genuinely done for the benefit of others, and their efforts should be applauded by all of us, and certainly not criticised out of hand.

Another talking point of late has been the lack of content in the Newsletter. It is worth remembering that it is our Newsletter. It is a village Newsletter and not a Community Council Newsletter, although their financial support and Council news is invaluable. With this in mind it is up to us to contribute via letters to the Editor, Club activities, personal news etc. It is not the Editor's job to constantly chase and badger people for news. It is simple - if we do not use it as a village Newsletter and noticeboard it will become merely a Community Council letter with a few adverts.

Culmore
Church Brae

Glad to live in Glenfarg

Happy new Year everyone

A new year, a new beginning, but also a time to reflect on all the reasons to be glad we live in Glenfarg.

I'm glad - that our children can run and play in a safe, unpolluted environment.

I'm glad - that we've got the beautiful gardens and Glenfarg Green that give so much pleasure in both summer and winter.

I'm glad - that we've got a great wee Newsletter with all its snippets, gossip and ads.

Kate (Pollyanna) Armstrong

On the subject of advertising, it has been mooted recently that not enough local businesses advertise in the Newsletter. To my knowledge most of them do, and it must be remembered that as we villagers are well-aware of local services anyway, these village businesses are really giving a welcome financial contribution to the Newsletter, and their goodwill and community spirit should be acknowledged. I also know of one local business that wanted to take out several advertisements for the last issue, but was not contacted by the Newsletter advertising representative, as would normally be the case.

In conclusion I do not wish to criticise anybody for their opinions, contributions or voluntary work. Indeed, with a little less criticism and more goodwill and understanding the Village Newsletter can look forward to the future with its original ideals intact - as a Newsletter for ALL!

Yours sincerely,

Bob Buchan

Kate (Polyanna) Armstrong I'm glad - that a Glenfarg resident will still say "thank you" when you hold a door open.

I'm glad - that our football team's been doing better of late.

I'm glad - that road rage hasn't arrived in Glenfarg - not even when I double park in Ladeside. Well, one has to pay one's milk bill.

I bet you can think of a hundred more reasons to be glad.

Woman's Guild

We had a very successful Christmas Sale on 25 November when a record sum of £692 was realised. Our thanks to all who supported this in any way. A good time was had by all at the party on 5 December, when a buffet supper was served, followed by games and singing. We do not meet again until 30 January, when there will be a travel talk with slides.

Our February meetings will be interesting - on 13th we have a Questions evening with a panel comprising Mrs. Lambie, Mrs. Reid, Mr. Douglas

and Prof. Knox, with Mr. Ross in the Chair. We hope this will be a mixture of serious discussion and light-hearted questions. The second February meeting on the 27th will be a presentation by the three delegates, each talking on her own mission's work.

The World Day of Prayer meeting on 1 March is to be held in Abernethy Church at 7.30pm. The theme this year is "God calls us to respond" and has been prepared by the Christian Women of Haiti. All will be welcome at this service.

WRI

Mrs. Ursula Stewart presided at the December meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th. Mrs. Janie Buchanan gave an insight into her work as a Central Councillor, and this was followed by a Christmas party. The Committee provided a lovely buffet, and Mrs. Quartermaine expressed thanks.

Competition results were:

4 Truffles	Stocking Filler - any craft	Flower of the month
1. Mrs. Kirkland	1. Mrs. Mair	1. Mrs. Wall
2. Mrs. Johnston	2. Mrs. Messenger	2. Mrs. Messenger
3. Mrs. Adam	3. Mrs. Quartermaine	3. Mrs. Harley

On 16 December the Rural joined forces with the Sunday School for a Children's Christmas Party. On 22 December, with assistance from the Guides, members arranged a Carol Concert. Mrs. Ponton played the piano. The sum of approximately £200 was raised, and this is to go to the local branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of David Robertson, a former pupil at Arngask School.

Mrs. Ursula Stewart presided at the meeting in the Village Hall on 11 January. After business Miss Nicola Henderson, from Bridge of Earn, gave an interesting demonstration of Pyrography. Mrs. MacGregor proposed thanks, and Mrs. Cumming was tea hostess.

Competition results were:

Filled Baked Potato	Knitted Toy	Flower of the month
1. Mrs. Mair	1. Mrs. Messenger	1. Mrs. Messenger
2. Mrs. Johnston	2. Mrs. Mair	2. Mrs. Mair
3. Mrs. Fairweather	3. Mrs. Moran	3. Mrs. Moran

Looking back to the Carol Concert we realised some familiar faces were not present, and in another year we would do our best to help if bad roads were a problem. This also applies to monthly meetings, and our Secretary's name can be found in the Newsletter.

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 14 March Sinful Puddings Mrs. Fay Sneddon

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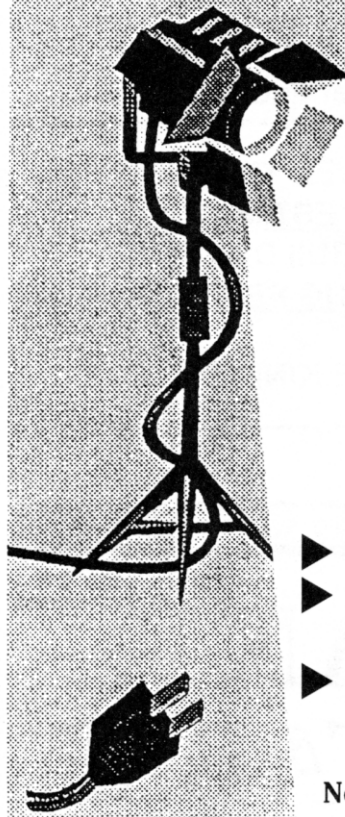
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Competitions decided so far:

Gold Medal Bill Melville (skip), Mike Guild, Malcolm McConnachie and Ian Morrison

Colin Campbell Trophy Jean Shand (skip), Linda Keir, Val Baird and Helen Philp

Glenfarg Ladies' Club were winners of this season's Lochleven Bonspiel, played indoors at the Green Hotel in November. The Bonspiel was almost replayed on "The Loch" at the end of December, but the spell of hard frost was just too short to allow this spectacle to take place.

Junior members Lora Findlay and Sheila Swan have both qualified for the finals of the Scottish Juniors at The Summit Centre, Glasgow. They qualified from playdowns at Lockerbie and Letham Grange respectively.

What has now become an annual post New Year

trip, to the Noth West Castle Hotel, Stranraer, took place on the weekend of 12-14 January. 27 curlers and Bob ("Hit the Brush") Buchan, made the trip to take part in the Black Bush Whiskey weekend competition. Four of our rinks, against stiff opposition in a field of 20, reached the semi-finals. The exciting final, which went to the last stone of an extra end, was won by Stuart Baird (skip), Dennis Adamson, Val Baird and Janette Adamson. Runners-up were Martin Priestley (skip), Aileen Priestley, John Kyle and Lenore Kyle. A great weekend was had by all, with more than adequate quantities of everything but sleep being reflected by a comparatively quiet coach on the journey home.

Kinross Civic Trust

The 5th Anniversary Dinner will be held on 27 March in the Lomond Hotel, and the AGM will be held on 17 April at Heatheryford, followed by a talk, "Buildings at Risk".

Congratulations to

Susan J. Scott, Easter Fordel, and Leslie Crockart, Perth, on their recent engagement.

Thanks

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all my friends and neighbours who rallied round with their help and support to Bette during my spell in hospital, and for their continued support to me after my sad loss on 11 November 1995.

Sincerely,

D.Duncan Kidd
Elmira
Hayfield Road

Brownies

At present we have 14 girls, with two still to be enrolled, and four girls were enrolled into the Pack in December. We have been busy working on our journeys, and have had a night of making Christmas gifts. The girls, who formed the Guard of Honour at Brown Owl's wedding in July, visited her house to watch the video.

For the last meeting of the term the Brownies went to see Cinderella in Perth, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The minibus broke down when we arrived back in the village, but this was a blessing in disguise.

M. Cumming
Asst. Guider

Glenfarg Ballet

Ballet classes in the village of Glenfarg began in January 1994 with about fifteen eager pupils of varying ages. Two years later ballet classes are flourishing with children aged 3-15 years, and the number has gradually increased to 34.

The emphasis in all the ballet classes is on fun and enjoyment, particularly for the very young who are introduced to dance through mime and simple ballet steps. The most senior girls are now preparing for the Royal Academy of Dance Grade II Examination, and it is hoped that soon classes will be available for Pre-Primary, Grade I, Grade II, and

Grade III standard. All classes are guided by the Royal Academy of Dance Children's Ballet syllabus.

Christmas Concert. The children enjoy regular performances, and parents are often invited to watch. The most recent concert took place at Christmas '95 in Kinross Day Centre. There was an excellent turn-out of parents to watch, despite very poor road conditions. Tickets were available at the door, and a total of £60 was made for the Kinross Hospice fund. Thanks to all who supported the concert, and all the dancers for their hard work.

Congratulations to the following children:

Pre-primary assessment Ben Dickson, Morgan Kelly, Bethan Kay, Laurie Esparon

Primary assessment Kirsty Campbell, Holly Patrick

Grade I Samantha Ponton, Lindsey Buchan, Katie Wood, Nicola Wood, Meghan Brodie, Emma Patterson, Tamsin Kinnaird.

June 1994 Examinations

Grade I Kezia Howes, Samantha Ponton (merit)

Primary Assessment Laurie Patterson, Arnie Gourlay

November 1995

Pre- Primary Assessment Amy Munroe, Abbee Leeds, Laura Cumming, Sarah Edwards

Anyone interested in information regarding ballet classes please contact Rachel Webb 830622

New Scout District

There is a full team of enthusiastic leaders and non-uniformed helpers set up to run our new District. A hill walking weekend for older Scouts and a camp for all are being planned, as well a trip to Lochgoilhead for the Cubs, a swimming gala for

Cubs and Scouts, and a games afternoon and party for Beavers. There are social events planned for the leaders, starting with a ceilidh, and for the Venture Scouts a trip to the bowling and Zap Zone (although that may be a bit energetic for some!)

Venture Scouts

The Venture Scouts and friends tried out a new sport after New Year when we went snowboarding in Glen Shee. The weather was pretty miserable, keeping crowds away (important when there isn't much snow to go round) and the visibility was such that you couldn't see much - not half way up a tow anyway. One enterprising person proved that it is possible to get back on to an empty button halfway up with a snowboard when you have fallen off. A repeat event is planned for Easter, but it needs some snow.

The editor asked about the big ideas mentioned in the last issue. There was a request for Scottish Venture Scouts interested in climbing Mount Mackinlay in Alaska. Two of the unit filled in the application form, and attended the first selection weekend at Fordel Firs and the second weekend at Lochearnhead. Both have been selected as part of a team of six for the expedition in the summer of 1997.

Scouts

The Scouts finished last year by having a Hogmanay Hobble, when parents were invited to join on a Hogmanay walk. All who went enjoyed the event. It may not have been very far, but walking up Glen Lomond in the snow and wind wasn't easy, and the snow ball fights and other activities were judged mega fun by the boys

Cubs

I didn't forget, I just didn't remember!

Once again I've had a ticking off from the Editor for forgetting to write about the Cubs in the last couple of newsletters. In my defence M'Lud (or should that be M'Lady?), I have had less time recently owing to having to work for a living agsin, and so most of the work at Cubs over the past few months has been put in by the "Dynamic Duo", Lindsay and Mary, aka Akeia and Baloo.

Once again we all had a great time at the Hallowe'en party and Christmas party, when we were joined by Christine and her Beavers. (It's strange how I always seem to make it on the evenings when there's food), and I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who brought along lots of goodies to eat, especially the pizza, cheese straws and lemon sponge, which were superb. (I act as

chief taster to make sure the food is O.K. - maybe that's why I'm so fat!). "Murder in the dark" continues to be a favourite game with all the boys, although it's agony for me, and it was great fun to see the boys doing forfeits in one of the many games we played.

Prior to Christmas we were entertained by various Cubs playing music, doing magic tricks, acting, and lots of other interesting things, which were all part of their badgework. It's great to see so many Cubs deciding on, and starting, badgework without any help from the leaders. I hope this trend will continue, and spread to the rest of the pack.

Recently we've lost a few Cubs, who were old enough to go up to Robert's Scout Troop, but have

gained new recruits from the Beavers, and, starting this term, we are back up to three sixes (even though they are really only fives). Congratulations to Kenneth, Tom and Paul, who are now the three Sixers, to Richard and Andrew, who are now Seconders, and to Craig who is acting Seconder. The final decision as to which boys should be put "in charge" is a very difficult one, and both the

David Brookes aka Bagheera
Asst. Cub Leader

Beavers

Leo Howes and Alasdair Morton were presented with the new Beaver Scout Challenge Badge before they went on to Cubs, and should wear the badge with pride on their Cub uniform until they gain their Cub Scout Award. Graeme Turner and Hamish Robertson have been invested, and Michael Burrell and Ross Hardy are our new recruits, and have lots of knowledge to share with the Colony.

The Beavers enjoyed the joint Christmas party with the Cubs, especially the game where you burst the

Sixer and Seconder positions are honours awarded to the Cubs that we feel will set the best example to the rest of the Pack.

Once again the Scout Group Ceilidh was a huge success, and thanks should be extended to the Committee, and all concerned, who helped make it such a fun night out.

balloons. Thanks to all the parents who donated the party food.

This term the Beavers are working at the hardest part of the Promise - "Loving God". We have started by making bird food. All the plastic pots hanging from trees aren't litter, but sources of food for small birds

Guides

Those Guides who were able to be there very much enjoyed taking part in the WRI Carol Concert just before Christmas, and with singing in mind, have now started practising for the Perth Music Festival in March.

When the last issue was published you may remember that one patrol was about to take part in the County final of the National Guide Cookery Competition. They were competing against a representative patrol from each of the five other Divisions in the County, and much to everyone's delight they won! Everyone concerned is very proud of them. Although there are officially no prizes at this stage of the competition, it was

decided to award the County Shield to the winners, and so they have taken home this magnificent trophy, which was presented to the County in the 1920s by the then County Commissioner. It has only been won once before by Guides from this District, when it went to Abernethy in 1925. To win, the girls made cranberry, turkey and chestnut filo pastry parcels as a starter, with seasonal fruit salad for dessert. The theme of the Regional Final is "The Auld Alliance", and this is to be held in Dundee on Sunday 11 February, when they will be competing against two other patrols, from Dundee and Angus. Everyone has their fingers crossed for them.

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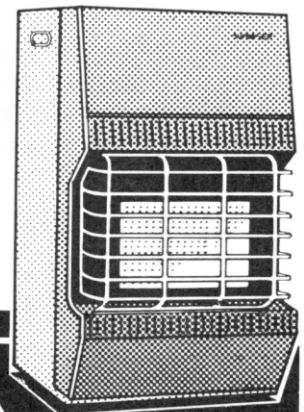


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Community Council

The following is a summary of the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8 January 1996, at which 3 members of the public were present. Mrs. J. Law (Unitary Councillor) was there by invitation.

ROAD CLOSURE Various options have now been established for a solution to the road collapse at the north end of Main Street. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached over the purchase of a strip of land to enable the Roads Dept. to shore up the wall in a satisfactory way, and in that event the work will be carried out prior to the end of the current financial year.

KINROSS AND GLENFARG CRIME PREVENTION PANEL Glenfarg Community Council has been asked to nominate a representative for this panel. It was agreed that Cllr. Smith should be approached.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS The Chairman outlined the history of the arrangements, and what had occurred in November 1995. He had written to the Headmaster of Arngask Primary School suggesting that two pupils might join him at the act of remembrance. No reply was received from the Headmaster, but some time later the Clerk of the School Board wrote stating that the suggestion was deemed to be inappropriate, although two pupils might assist at the wreath-laying. The Chairman had written back asking for the names of two pupils who would so help, or that they contact him direct to make arrangements. Nothing was heard thereafter from, or on behalf of, the school. At the November meeting of the Community Council, a few days prior to the service, the Chairman had been handed the names of two children from the Sunday School who were willing to take part in the service, and did so. He was not made aware until after the ceremony that two pupils from Arngask School were, in fact, in attendance, and expecting to take part. Clearly there had been a breakdown in communication. The Secretary referred to a feeling in certain quarters of the village that children's voices perhaps lacked the required weight for the occasion. Following discussion it was agreed that in future perhaps one child from the Sunday School should be asked to help with the wreath-laying only, and that a

rehearsal should be held some days in advance of the service.

PERTH CITY HALL The Chairman described the proposal to demolish the City Hall and build a conference centre alongside the Museum and Art Gallery. Cllr. Mrs. Law stressed that the whole question was only at the discussion stage and might be abandoned. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to PKDC indicating that Glenfarg CC did not feel that the proposal would be in the best interests of Perth.

VILLAGE NOTELETS AND CALENDARS It was agreed to order a reprint of these.

WATER It was reported that a Consumer Consultative Committee had now been set up, and according to the local authority, advertised, although no-one was aware of this. Mrs. Law undertook to find out more details.

MARQUEE HIRE The Secretary reported that Portmoak Gala Committee had suggested the two communities might share resources for the Portmoak Gala and the Glenfarg Fete. It was agreed in principle that this was an excellent idea, but should be discussed directly by the two organising committees.

TREE WARDEN SCHEME Mrs. Judy King reported that many things are happening, and sought, and was granted, permission to appoint an assistant, Mrs. Maggie Williams of Duncricvie. Mrs. King went on to encourage anyone with problems regarding trees to contact her, and also asked to hear from anyone who might know of local tree legends. A survey of yew trees with a girth of 14 feet and over is to be carried out.

GLENFARG NEWSLETTER There was lengthy discussion between the Editor and the Council about the system for placing advertisements in the Newsletter. The Chairman explained that the Community Council funds the Newsletter, covering the shortfall of around £100 per annum, and uses it as a vehicle of communication. Other than this it is the sole prerogative of the independent Editor.

The Bank House Gardens and Glenfarg Green

Gardens. In terms of visitors and money raised for charity 1995 was our most successful year since we started opening the garden - £1716 from 706 people.

We had 7 privately organised groups (including one from California) and two major Open Days. The Henry Doubleday Research Assn. promotes organic gardening, and there was an open day for them at the end of June, which drew 212 visitors. Then at the end of July we had a Scotland's Garden Scheme day, sweltering hot but still attracting 380 people, many of whom ended up at the Village Hall for a sumptuous locally-baked tea, which raised £371 for the new Children's Hospice in Kinross. All the garden money goes to charity. £906 was split between HDRA and SGS, and £810 went to our nominated charity, the Prison Phoenix Trust, which has had some remarkable results in helping prisoners to find their true selves, and break away from an all-too-common destructive cycle. Founded and run on a shoestring by Sister Elaine Machines and a dedicated few, it is a little known and hugely worthwhile charity.

We thank all who came and helped to make 25 July the success it was. Next year we are not opening, so 1996 is a let off for everyone!

Glenfarg Green. The Green is coming on well, and plants both round, and in, the pond are covering the nakedness it started with. At the beginning we were probably over-timid about planting in the pond itself because some water plants can take over, and engulf. We hope we are now steering a middle course - time will tell.

The scheme for tree and shrub adoption has been a real success. The Guides have a special place in our hearts because they led the way and were the first to adopt; others followed, and there are now 51 in total. There are still several trees and shrubs that can be adopted, and we will be doing a limited

amount of additional planting, but if adoptions continue at their present rate we would be "full" in two or three years time. Hitherto we have granted adoptions to anyone who had even a tenuous connection with Glenfarg; in future we must be more selective, and limit it to those who live in or near the village, or who have a real link with it. In particular we are keen to encourage more adoptions by or for children and young people - an out-of-the-ordinary birthday present for a son, daughter, nephew, niece? On that score I'm afraid that the labels are getting more expensive, and the price of adoptions must now be £12.

Three final points. We now have a 20ft. rescue pole by the pond in case anyone gets into difficulties paddling or skating, very kindly donated by the Glenfarg Red Cross who had their 125th Anniversary in 1995. While on the subject, everyone is welcome to skate when the ice is thick enough, but **please** tell your children (young **and** older ones) not to throw stones and snowballs onto the ice. It just spoils the surface for everyone else.

Secondly the wildflower bit at the coalyard end should, fingers crossed, be really good next year. This year we had to cut before a lot of them were in flower, to encourage their base rosettes to spread out and not get swamped by the grass.

Lastly, and on a **much** less pleasant note, we have today, 16 December, found the worst case of vandalism we have experienced: a £30, securely-staked tulip tree snapped off at the base. No question of wind or accident - this was deliberate and took a fair amount of force. No-one is supposed to be there at all after dark, when presumably it took place, so if anyone does ever see or hear people there at night do please let us know right away - tel. 830275. The Green is there for everyone in the village to enjoy, so we hope everyone will also feel it's their responsibility to try and preserve.

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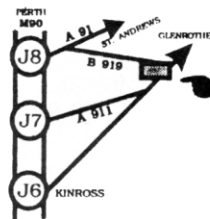
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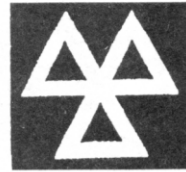


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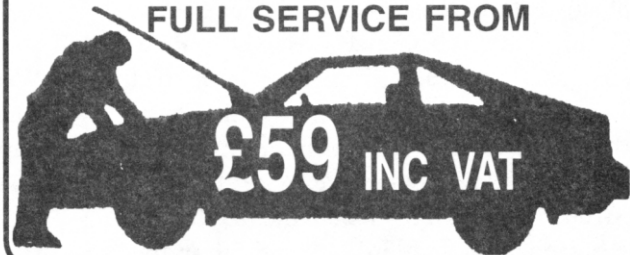


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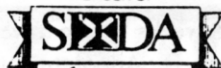
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