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## *Editorial*

As you will see later in this Newsletter, if you haven't heard already, this is not only the last edition of 2001, but my last edition ever. I thought that 12 years of one Editor was probably more than the good people of Glenfarg should be asked to endure, and it was time to hand over the reins to someone full of enthusiasm and new ideas. I have very much enjoyed my time as Editor, during which I have seen a lot of changes in the village and its organisations, and I hope that the new person, whoever he or she may be, will also find it an

interesting and rewarding experience. I would to thank the Community Council for their kind words, which follow, but without the contributors there would be no Newsletter, and so I would also thank everyone who has contributed over the years, keeping the village up-to-date with what's going on.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year.

### *Glenfarg Newsletter Editor*

Following 12 years of dedication and commitment Mrs Jan Macpherson has announced her intention to retire from her position as Editor of the Glenfarg Newsletter.

The members of the Glenfarg Community Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan for all her effort and hard work over the years in providing a publication that is regularly read and enjoyed by many.

The Community Council would be pleased to hear from any individual who has the time and enthusiasm to carry on Jan's good work and take on the role as Editor of the Glenfarg Newsletter.

Please contact Brian Patterson (Secretary) on 830555.

## *Community Council*

The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2001 at 8pm, at which Cllr K. Baird and Mr K Brechin were present by invitation.

**RECYCLING** It was decided that further clarity should be sought from Andrew Hume at Perth & Kinross Council, regarding the overall aspects of the proposed recycling facility. Following this, it was felt that Community Council members would be better placed to pinpoint the most suitable location.

**PRESENTATION (LONG SERVICE)** Cllr C Campbell reported that the 'long service' presentation took place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October at the Village Hall. This had been 'well received' by Ernie Bateson and George Ross.

**MARQUEE** There has been no progress as yet in drawing up a formal agreement with the Scout Troop, who are assuming responsibility for the original marquee.

**DRAINAGE** Cllr A. Curtis reported that she had been able to locate a solicitor who may be able to assist in identifying the owner of the land appearing to be the cause of poor drainage along the Tree Avenue. It was

noted that thanks were due to Mr Stuart Smith for his help with this matter.

**DOG FOULING** It was noted that a new box had been sited in the main street, and it was felt that placement numbers within the village were sufficient at the moment.

**PAVILION, TOILETS, CHANGING ROOMS** Cllr J. McHardy has now made contact with the person who is running the football club. It transpires that the club has changed location and no longer requires use of the facilities or, indeed, Wallace Park. Cllr McHardy has written to the club manager, Mr Kevin MacDonald, confirming this, and a copy of the letter is being kept on file alongside the November 2001 minutes.

The sub-committee reported that they had made an initial inspection of the pavilion and facilities at Wallace Park. They had found that the pavilion and changing rooms were in poor condition. The boarding of windows and doors at the changing rooms was ineffective, with broken glass, debris and rubbish surrounding the area. Subsequent to this meeting they had decided that Cllr B. Patterson should make contact with Perth & Kinross Council with a view to establishing the extent of assistance the Council would



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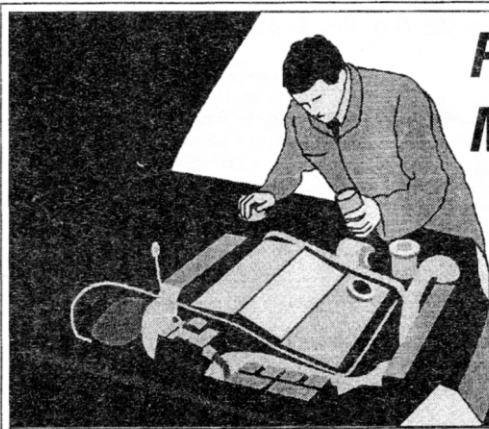
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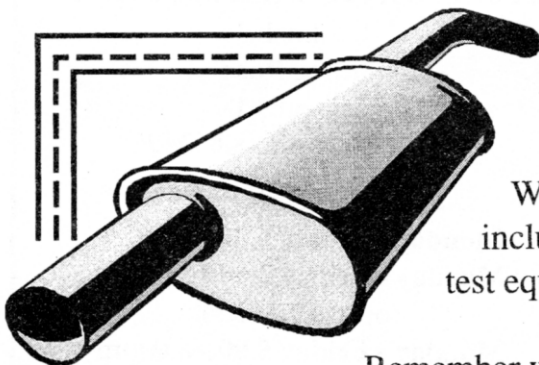
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provide for any subsequent demolition and/or tidying up of the area. Cllr Patterson reported that he had spoken with Mr Jim Low at the Property Department, who had suggested that the Community Council write to Mr Jim Milne, Director of Environmental Services with its full proposal for the site at Wallace Park. It was decided firstly that the sub-committee should write to the Tennis Club advising of their intentions and the availability of the changing rooms. Furthermore, Cllr B.Patterson should contact Perth & Kinross Council with a view to having the changing rooms made safe and removing the rubbish and glass.

**SCHOOL PRIZES** Mr Ken Brechin attended the meeting representing the Arngask School Board. Mr Simpson, School Headmaster was unavailable to attend. Mr Brechin advised the Council members that the teachers had discussed the matter of school prizes. Whilst they acknowledged the merits of the 'Dux' award they considered that it was no longer practical under the contemporary educational system of continuous assessment. He further advised that whilst

there was a monthly shield award operating at present, there were no end of year awards whereby the pupils could permanently retain their prizes. It was suggested that there should be one year end medal for each class. This was supported by the Council members, and is to run initially for a three-year period with the proviso that the prizes are presented by the Community Council.

**TRACKS** The Chairman advised that following the outcome of the sub-committee meeting concerning the pavilion he will make contact with Janet Croft, and will also take into account the area to the North of the village and the drainage along the Tree Avenue.

**AOCB** Various points were discussed, one being the situation in relation to the Village Hall restoration. It was decided that a member of the Village Hall Committee should be contacted and asked if they would attend the next Community Council meeting in order to provide an update on progress to date.

**NEXT MEETING** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2002

### ***Public Hall Association***

After a year of taking a breather, the Hall committee would like to start a renewed drive for an extension and refurbishment to the Hall. The final plans (on the noticeboard in the Hall) raised no criticism during the last survey. Detailed plans now have to be drawn up and put out to tender. Several new grant schemes, to which the committee would like to apply, have become available. This means that a healthy contribution is required from the village. Plans for fundraising are:

Burns Supper 25 January 2001 in conjunction with the Scout Group

Annual fete and weekend of events 1 June 2002

Teas/coffees in the Hall for the Bank House Garden Open Day

Craft exhibition September 2002

Any other suggestions are always welcomed.

It has been suggested that a Social Diary should be kept for all organisations to enter their social events, in the hope of preventing more than one happening at the same time. A book for this purpose is now in place in the Post Office

The position of Chairman to the Hall Committee is still vacant, and any volunteers will be gratefully received! It is not an arduous position, with only four meetings a year.

The next meeting is on 28 January at 8pm in the ante room.

### ***British Red Cross – Glenfarg Centre***

We are delighted to report a most successful Coffee Morning and Sale on Saturday 20 October, despite the atrocious weather that morning. Mrs Mary Laurie, a past President of the Perth & Kinross Branch, who has taken a keen interest in the activities of the Glenfarg Centre throughout her many years of service to the Red Cross, not only opened the sale, but was a willing

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In previous editions I have mentioned a property marking scheme, which I would like to implement in the Glenfarg area. At the end of October you may have read articles in both the Perthshire Advertiser and the Courier, featuring the newly launched property marking scheme in the Cleish area.

If you didn't, then I'll explain what that scheme entailed. All 53 houses in the Cleish and surrounding area took part, and each householder had a number of items marked with a permanent paint applied over a stencil bearing the house number or name, and postcode of the owner. Items that were marked included televisions, video recorders, computers, garden equipment and so on. In other words, the type of items that are easily sold on by thieves.

This type of scheme has a proven track record in reducing crime, and of recovery of stolen property and detection of criminals, should a crime occur. What does

it cost, you ask? Well, of course there is a small cost. The approximate cost per householder to have five items marked and signs provided in the area is about £3 – a small cost – to be honest.

If you have been into the village Post Office, you may have seen a clipboard inviting residents to take part in the scheme. If you are interested then please add your name to the list. I plan to have a meeting with interested residents, probably in the New Year, and I will be able to explain in full and answer any questions you may have. If you want to contact me then give me a phone at Kinross Police Office.

Talking of security, I have noted that a large number of houses are left in darkness when unoccupied. This is an open invitation to thieves: it's obvious that no-one is home. Please, please make sure that you leave lights on when going out, and fit timer switches to turn lights on in the afternoon. In case you need reminding, it gets dark not long after 3 o'clock in December. Manly of you may not arrive home until after 5 at the earliest.

Constable Steve West  
01577 863571

## ***Glenfarg Green***

### ***Conifers by the River – why they must go***

After much agonising we have decided to fell the line of conifers along the river. They are overgrown Christmas trees – Norway spruce – suitable for forestry plantations because they grow fast to enormous size. At present they look alright, but they are less than half their final height.

Already they are causing problems, blocking light, views and TV signals to neighbouring houses. If we do nothing the problems will get worse each year. Imagine what they would be like when two or three times their present size. They are not the right choice in a village or near houses, and were planted by the previous owner.

When we bought the land ten years ago the trees were even more thickly planted, and we did cut down half of them, and now wish we had felled the lot before we started planting in the field. We left half the Norways to screen the back of the hotel and provide some shelter from wind. Anyway, the young trees in the field are now well established, but will grow on much better without being overshadowed by the domineering future giants.

It will be a tricky and dangerous job, working in a confined space, requiring specialist forestry skills. Each

tree will first have its branches removed, and then the trunk will be taken down from the top in sections.

There will be far too many branches to burn on site, so they will have to be transported to a bonfire place over a mile away, already kindly agreed by the occupier. The trunks will be too knotty to have commercial value.

So it's all going to be a noisy and messy operation that will take place this winter when the ground is hard. It will also be expensive. One person has already generously offered a financial contribution, and any others would be gratefully accepted.

At first we may all miss the conifers, but they will be replaced by more suitable trees, allowing those already planted in the field to flourish and fulfil their potential. It may look fairly awful for a time, but it will be for the long term enhancement of Glenfarg, we are sure.

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## *Babysitting Circle*

We are looking for new families to join the babysitting circle. You are well looked after, with home comforts while sitting. Contact Nicky (830773) or Pierette (830233)

### *WRI*

Mrs. Jenny Adam presided at the October meeting. Betty Murchie made main course dishes, and Margo King made sweets and desserts with chocolate. Ann Duncan came with them, and everyone had a lovely evening. Mrs. Harley was tea hostess, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Stewart.

Competition results -

<b>Peg Bag</b>	1. Mrs. H. Quartermaine	2. Mrs. A. Messenger	3. Mrs. M. Moran
<b>Bundle of Cheese Straws</b>	1. Mrs. A. Messenger	2. Mrs. S. Harley	3. Mrs. E. Oswald
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1. Mrs. L. Johnston	2. Mrs. E. Oswald	3. Mrs. A. Messenger

The November meeting was on a very snowy night, and so there was not a large attendance. Mrs. Jenny Adam was in the chair, and Mrs. Susan Cheape gave a talk on children's clothes, books and toys, with bio flow magnetic miracle. The tea hostess was Mrs. L. Johnston, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. V. Todd.

Competition results -

<b>Knitted Toy</b>	1. Mrs. Fairweather	C. 2. Mrs. J. Grigg	3. Mrs. A. Messenger
<b>Slice of Carrot Cake</b>	1. Mrs. L. Johnston	2. Mrs. J. Grigg	3. Mrs. L. Yull/ Mrs. A. Messenger
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1. Mrs. Fairweather	C. 2. Mrs. L. Yull	3. Mrs. L. Johnston

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## ***Beavers***

We have four new kits at Beavers: Bradley, Garry, Ross and Robert, bringing the numbers to 18(!) every Tuesday. They have had a messy Hallowe'en party, and a night at the fireworks at Fordel Firs, Dunfermline. This term will be very busy with Christmas crafts and gifts. The boys have all decorated and filled a shoe box as a Christmas gift

for a deprived boy or family in Eastern Europe, and these will be handed over to the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you to the parents for donating so generously. The term will end on Monday 10 December with a visit to the pantomime, Cinderella, in Perth, and we will restart on Tuesday 8 December, 5-6pm, weather permitting.

## ***Congratulations to***

**Derek Scott**, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. James Scott, 10 Marindin Park, Glenfarg, and **Hazel Kelso**, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Kelso, Whitecross, Linlithgow, on their marriage on 12 October 2001 in Killin.

**Elaine Fairweather** and **Simon Morton**, who were married by the Rev. Kenneth Anderson in Arngask Church on Saturday 13 October 2001. Elaine's best friend from playschool days – Ruth Stronach – was chief bridesmaid, along with bridesmaid Susie Ovenstone. Flowergirls were Fiona and Kirsten MacMillan (Edinburgh) and Sophie Cameron (Dubai), niece of the bridegroom. Best Man was Alastair Nicol (Edinburgh) a school friend of Simon's.

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## ***Dates to remember***

<b>JANUARY</b>	7	Community Council meeting	Church Hall	8pm
	<b>15</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE</b>		
	25	Scout Group Burns Supper	Village Hall	7.30pm
	28	Village Hall Committee meeting	Ante room	8pm

## ***Mobile Library***

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (5 & 19 December; 2, 16, 30 January), 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
Duncricvie Road	11.35 - 11.50		

**Please note that these dates are based on the usual fortnightly visit of the Library, and may change during the festive period. It is suggested that users of the Library check these dates before the holiday.**

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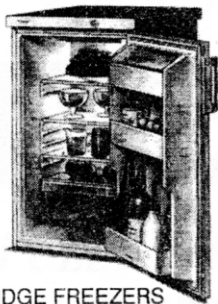
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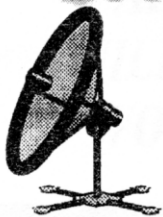
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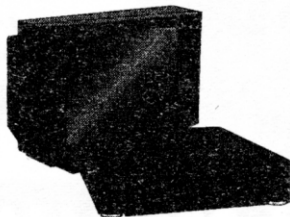


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