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Editorial

Many apologies for the lateness of this, and the last, newsletter, but in both cases there was insufficient copy by the deadline date to make publication worthwhile. I should have said in the last editorial, that until a new Editor is forthcoming, please continue to send copy to me.

There are 33 village organisations listed on the previous page, not counting the Church and the

School, so how about hearing from more than 6 of them next time! Newcomers to Glenfarg could be forgiven for thinking that nothing happens in this village.and before anyone shouts at me, I know that some are seasonal, and for some it probably isn't appropriate to contribute to the Newsletter, but I'm sure we could do better than 6 out of 32!

Letters to the Editor

I received a letter from Mr. Bob Bell of Cheshire, saying that having read something of the early days of the Glenfarg Tennis Club (more will follow) he thought that readers might also be interested in the early days of the now defunct Golf Club. He enclosed a copy of the report in the Perthshire Advertiser of the setting up of the club, as well as some of his memories of the course. Both are reproduced here.

Mr. Bell goes onto say that he has a vivid memory of village history from about 1926, and I am sure readers would be interested to hear from him again. It would also be interesting to know if anyone else has any memories of the Golf Club, and perhaps when it closed. From Mr. Bell's account I wonder if it existed into the 30s, or was it after the First World War. It would also be fascinating to know if any photographs of the course, or the avenue as it was in those days, exist.

Perthshire Advertiser 1904

A short time ago a public meeting was held in the Corbett Memorial Institute for the formation of a Glenfarg Golf Club. The Rev. J. W. Jack was called to the chair, and explained the object of the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to proceed to the formation of a club in the hope of making a course on the Easterton Estate, both the tenant of the farm, Mr. James E. Bett, and the trustees of the late John Christie Esq. of Easterton, being willing that a lease of about seventy acres of ground of a most suitable nature should be granted. The following office bearers were thereupon elected: Mr. R. R. Simpson, W.S. Edinburgh, Hon. President; Mr. William Deas J.P., President; Mr. Charles Mackarsie, Vice President; Rev. James W. Jack M.A. Captain; with a secretary, treasurer, a Committee of Management and a Green Committee. Rules and a constitution were adopted, and a lease of the ground was submitted and approved of generally.

At a subsequent meeting of Committee it was agreed to spend £100 on the making of the course, and to

advertise for a competent man to attend to the making of it, and act as greenkeeper during the summer months. The annual subscription has been fixed at £1 for gentlemen, 10s for artisans, 10s for ladies and 7s 6d for youths under 18. Summer visitors can play over the course at a much smaller figure, monthly, weekly or daily. The course is to be round the Easterton hills, the starting place being about 800 feet above sea level, and commanding a magnificent view. The entrance is to be along the old right-of-way, and thence by a footpath up to the top of the hill.

The course has been laid out by Willie Auchterlonie of St. Andrews, and will eventually make one of the best inland courses in Scotland. It has the great advantage of being hilly instead of flat, as too many are. With the combined assistance of the residents and visitors the club bids fair to be a great success.

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I had always known that the golf course was created in 1904, but I had no idea that a formal account of the proceedings existed until I stumbled across it in a report quite separate from the "Glenfarg news" of that issue. (PA 1904). I recognise the names of the office bearers, but I do not recall the distinction between "Gentlemen" and "Artisans".

My father served his apprenticeship as a joiner and golf club maker in Lower Largo in the 1890s, so it was not surprising that we had old golf clubs kicking about the house. They were no doubt used to club rabbits at harvest time. My brother was already playing the game, so it was quite natural for me to pick up two of the clubs and join him. We joined the club as a family for £1 per year. The Smith family had the best bargain for their pound, because the father, four sons and one or two daughters, were all good golfers!

I would have been about nine years old when I started with a rusty old "Fore" iron and a "Cleek". The shafts were somewhat bent, and the leather grips just would not remain in place, but I was content with them and soon added a "Brassie", a "Mashie" and a "Niblick" of the same vintage. As time went on I added a putter and a tattered old bag to give them respectability. I did not own a steel-shafted club until the war was over. The Club did not restrict the liberty of the villagers to wander on the course, and old General Marindin saw to it that his sheep continued to graze on it as they did on the school playing field, so he suffered no loss. Players took a liberal view of etiquette, and the interpretation of rules: had a boy like me gone barefoot I don't think he would have been asked to leave.

Golfers had a fair walk to the clubhouse, through the rather grand wrought iron gates beside the Institute, past the Lodge, which was home to Granny Smith, and along the avenue, apparently going nowhere until they reached the first gate, where they crossed a stile on the left, and proceeded up the hill to the clubhouse. In the avenue was a mounting stone for horse riders, and beyond the gate at the end was a rather pleasant area which was landscaped and planted with laurel hedges in a geometric design. I knew that Roman legions had passed here, and in my childish way I associated the laurels with them. I thought if we dug there we might find some Roman coins or artefacts. The truth was of course much more mundane: the gates, the lodge, the avenue and the laurels were all that remained of the preparations for the building of a girls' school abandoned at that

stage, I think, when war broke out in 1914. I could be wrong about that date, because I note that Dr. Jack gave the avenue the status of Right of Way in 1904. The clubhouse was an attractive little building positioned so that it basked in the summer sunshine, and provided a superb view southwards over the village. It had an intoxicating aroma of pine.

The layout of the course was unusual, if not unique, in that it had ten holes: one played the first hole up the hill, played eight holes round the top, repeated the top eight, and then played the last back down to the clubhouse, so completing the eighteen.

In addition to golf, the course held, for wandering village boys like me, the same fascination we had for the whole countryside within a circle of some three miles radius, roughly bounded by Heatheryleys, Loch Mundie, Clochrat Law, the Kennels, Balvaird, Newton, Carmore, Southfields, Birnie Hill, the Temple Rock, Shirend, and the Plains. It had trees, whins, bracken, rough grass and bits of heather and all the local flora and fauna. In the wood on the right of the path going up a sparrow hawk nested in a tall spruce, and I still recall my exhaustion as I struggled to get past the huge nest, and the sheer magic of the two beautiful eggs that lay on the rough twigs. There were lapwing, buntings, finches, skylarks and many other birds; on the dam were mallards, tufted duck, teal, noisy redshank and little sandpipers. A curlew nested in the rough on the high side of the seventh fairway, and a tawny owl attacked me when I sliced my ball into the wood that skirted the ninth.

I retraced my footsteps some four years ago, and was shocked to find a network of electric fences and thousands of pheasant poults which I feared were destined never to get off the ground. They had attracted buzzards, a species which did not exist in the area in the thirties, in spite of the existence of millions of rabbits.

In hot weather sheep will seek out areas of bare earth or the shortest grass to lie on, so they habitually congregated on the greens. When they were chased off by approaching players, they would rise and immediately defecate on the green surface, adding a fresh hazard to the age old putting problem. I would get 6d or 1/- from my brother for an unmarked ball, and 1/9 or 2/- for caddying.

It was, in truth, a rough old course, and it was sad that the active young men who could have rescued it had more serious matters to attend to in the shape of a war from which thirteen of them failed to return.

Community Council

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Monday 7th January 2002 at 8pm.

VILLAGE HALL RESTORATION Mrs Pierette Melville and Mrs Lindsay Kinnaird attended the meeting as representatives from the Village Hall Committee. The meeting was advised that some £90,000 to £100,000 would require to be raised in order to meet the cost of completing the project. The Committee had looked at replacing the existing building, but it had transpired that this was not feasible. As a consequence it is hoped to renew the old 'hall' area within the extension plans. In order to maximise the opportunity of meeting the qualifications for grants the Village Hall Committee requires to raise approximately 10% of the cost of the project. Approximately £10,000 had been raised to date, however £5,000 had been spent on the initial architectural plans. Intentions are to amend the existing plans to include disabled access, involving adjustment to the planning permission. Mrs Melville pointed out that detailed plans were required in order that a grant application could be made. The Committee members reported that they remained enthusiastic about the project, however fundraising was tiring, and this method was the only source of projected income that could be put towards meeting the financial targets. The representatives reported that the Village Hall was extremely well utilised by the village community.

Cllr D. Cameron noted the Village Hall Committee's efforts, and advised that the Community Council would do all that it could in order to assist with achieving the target figure. Suggestions included a door-to-door collection within the village whereby the Community Council would consider matching the sum donated by the local community.

It was also agreed that the marquee should be let to the Village Hall Committee on the weekend of the Annual Fete, free of charge.

POLICE REPORT Sergeant Davies reported that over the period since the last Police Report it had been relatively quiet within the Glenfarg area. There had, however, been incidents that included 2 cases of vandalism with currently 1 detection, theft of diesel at Rossie Ochil, sheep worrying at Fordel Farm with 7 sheep killed, and various accidents that were caused due to icy weather.

MATTERS ARISING Cllr D. Cameron advised the

meeting that he had received a letter from Mr George Ross and Mr Ernie Bateson, thanking the Community Council for the presentation and the recognition, also acknowledging the support that they themselves have received from within the Community over the years.

GOLDEN JUBILEE Cllr D. Cameron advised the meeting that an Ecumenical Church Service is to be held to coincide with Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002. He further advised that an invitation had been received, inviting the attendance of a member of the Community Council. It was agreed that the Chairman Cllr D. Cameron should attend on behalf of the Council.

GLENFARG NEWSLETTER Cllr D. Cameron advised that the situation with relation to the vacancy for the position of editor of the Glenfarg Newsletter was now giving cause for concern. He informed the meeting that a number of people had been approached, all of whom had declined. A likely candidate had been identified, but due to family commitments, was unlikely to be able to undertake the role for another two years time. Cllr D. Cameron stressed the importance of identifying a suitable successor to Mrs Macpherson as quickly as possible, and asked the Community Council members to try to locate a suitable individual again.

RECYCLING Cllr D. Cameron referred to a detailed report that had been received from Mr Andrew Hume, Waste Management Officer at Perth & Kinross Council in respect of the proposed recycling site within Glenfarg. He also noted that thanks were due to Cllr C. Campbell for his time and effort in ensuring that a detailed inspection of suitable potential locations was able to be carried out. Five locations had been identified within the Village with the site at the east side of main road being proposed as most suitable. The Community Council members agreed with the report's findings, and that matters should now be taken forward.

ELECTION Cllr D. Cameron referred to the pending Glenfarg Community Council elections, and advised that currently there was one vacancy, and in addition Cllrs B. Patterson and R. Webb were due to retire by rotation. He also pointed to a discrepancy that had occurred whereby Cllr S. Reid had been elected in 1999 and also in 2000. Cllr S. Reid agreed that in order to regularise matters she would retire by rotation in this current year and would offer herself for re-election. The members were asked to give consideration to any younger people within the



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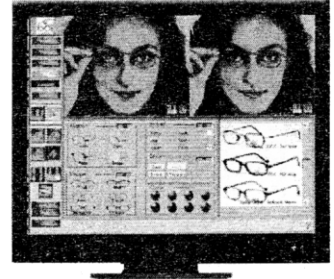
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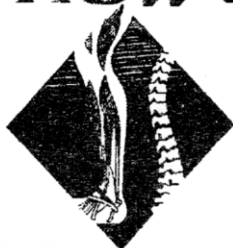
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PAVILION/CHANGING ROOMS/TOILETS Cllr B. Patterson reported that following the previous Community Council meeting in November 2001, he had made further contact with Perth & Kinross Council, and as a result the changing rooms had been re-boarded with the glass and rubbish subsequently being removed. He advised that regrettably the door to the changing rooms had sustained what appeared to be damage by vandalism since the re-boarding.

As a result of the November meeting, a letter had also been sent to the Glenfarg Tennis Club, advising them of the current status/availability of the changing rooms, and asking what they would like the Community Council to consider on their behalf. He reported that as yet no response had been received.

Cllr J. McHardy reported that a local builder had now been contacted concerning the pavilion. It is anticipated that the pavilion will require to be demolished with a tractor, and a trailer required to dispose of the materials. The Community Council members confirmed that they were happy with Cllr McHardy's proposals, and that contact should be

made with the builder, Mr Geddes, in order to obtain an estimate for the proposed building work.

Cllr K. Baird is to make enquires with Perth & Kinross Council to check that demolition of the pavilion would be acceptable.

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE IN BAD WEATHER It was noted that during the cold spell experienced over the holiday period pavements within the village were not gritted. Ladeside was particularly bad, with a number of pedestrians forced to walk on the road due to the icy conditions on the pavements. It was noted that the heavier volume of traffic within this area heightened this danger. The Chairman will write to P&K Council about this.

NOSWA Cllr J. McHardy referred to a letter that he had received in relation to sewage system maintenance that is due to take place within Elm Row. He advised that he considered that there was a leakage of water into the sewage drainage area within Elm Row.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM Cllr D. Cameron noted whether it might be beneficial to have a one-way traffic system operating within Greenbank Road and Ladeside. It was decided that views should be taken in the first instance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 4th March 2002

Burns Night

Big thankyou to all the helpers peeling, cooking and making the food
U, who came and made the night a big success
Reid, Alan, is the name to remember for future song-a-longs
Nobody ever worked with so much fun as the organising committee
Scouts scored tops for serving so diligently

Now remember to keep Bums Night free in Glenfarg
Is there any instrument that David Watt can't play?
Good speeches and Master of Ceremonies were the highlight of the evening
Haggis, neeps and so many tattles were enjoyed by all
The final total raised on the night was £521

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Advertising rates for 2002 (January - December)

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Arngask Guild

From February we will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. By the time the Newsletter is published, our Annual General Meeting will be past, and we will be well into the second half of our syllabus for 2002, which continues to be interesting and varied.

February	5	Nursing Care	Anne Gourlay
	19	The Fire Service	
March	5	Open Meeting in the Church	Canticum Singers
	19	Graphology — Find out what our handwriting tells us about ourselves!	Col. J. Gibb OBE
April	5	Closing Meeting	In House Talent!!

Other dates for your diary

February	12	Council Open Meeting	Auchterarder Parish Church	2pm
March	1	World Day of Prayer		
May	21	Summer Outing		

Public Hall Association

The AGM will be held on Monday 9 April at 8pm in the ante room of the hall. We encourage all organisations using the hall to attend to have their say in the future decision. The increase of private evening and weekend lets will also be discussed. Any new members to the management committee will always be welcomed.

Property The old shed outside the fire exit has been demolished by the Perth & Kinross Community Offenders Scheme. We hope to use this excellent service for interior painting of the entrance hall in the near future. The wall will also be levelled to the lowest height, as it is unsafe at present.

The hall is presently experiencing damp problems in the main hall where there is a hole in the lead flashing between the two roofs. It is hoped that this will be addressed with grant assistance from Perth & Kinross Council at a cost of approximately £1004.

The sound installation will also be able to be addressed by applying for an Awards for All grant.

Thank you to Bill Connolly, Property Convenor, for his promptness in addressing problems.

Extension Fund The Kinnairds have donated £304 from their Hogmanay party. A big thank you to them for the third year running.

The Burns Supper raised £185 for the extension fund.

Future fundraising There will be a Craft Exhibition, organised by Sylvia Wall, on the weekend of 14/15 September. A superb patchwork quilt, made by Sylvia and Janette Kirkland, will be raffled for this event. Anyone interested in exhibiting their crafts, please contact Sylvia Wall 830408

Representatives of the Village Hall Committee attended the local Council meeting. The support offered by the Council towards the proposed extension and refurbishment was much appreciated, and closer links were established for future events.

At the Hall meeting it was agreed that a sub committee will be formed to take the plans forward, and submit them to the architect for detailed planning.

Fete plans are going ahead extremely well. The printed raffle tickets will soon be ready for circulation. Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Ballathie House Hotel and the Hilton Dunkeld Hotel are the top prizes, with many more in store. A whole weekend of events is planned to make the Golden Jubilee Celebrations a great success. All help welcome!



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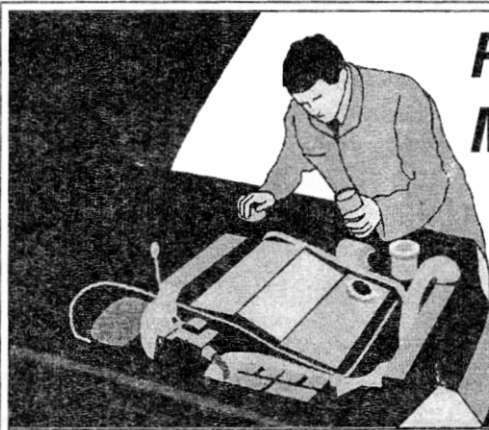


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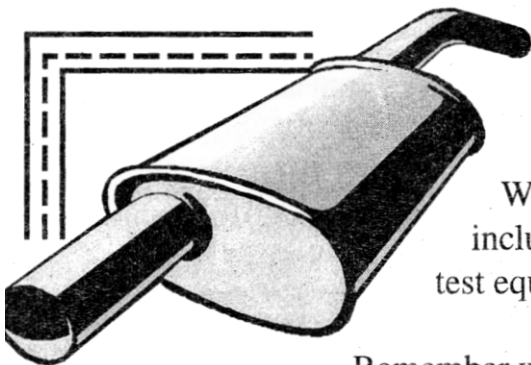
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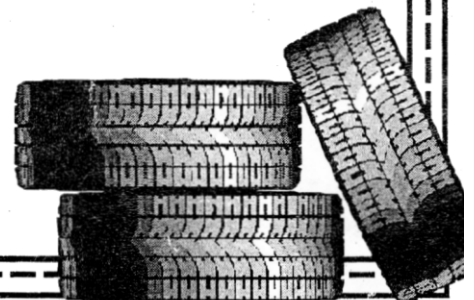
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In December the WRI went to the Pantomime "Aladdin" in the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline, which was followed by supper in the Glenfarg Hotel. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The January meeting was chaired by Mrs. Jenny Adam, and Jackie Sharp and Anya Hunt, from Dundee, gave an interesting talk on Crime in Central Scotland. Mrs. Moran gave the vote of thanks, and was also tea hostess.

Competition results -

Wool Scarf	1. Mrs. A. Messenger	2. Mrs. H. Quartermaine	3. Mrs. M. Moran
3 Pieces of Fly Cemetery	1. Mrs. M. Moran	2. Mrs. J. Grigg	
Pot Plant	1. Mrs. L. Johnston	2. Mrs. H. Quartermaine	3. Mrs. S. Harley

Beavers

Beavers have restarted with 14 boys in fierce competition for the termly shield. It was won last term by the Snakes Lodge. The Beavers had a wonderful Burns evening with haggis (tights stuffed with sweets), whisky (Irn Bru), lassies (the Rainbows) and dancing with Mr. Lambie. We now have two Beavers who can recite the Selkirk Grace — Ben Watt and Chris Ness — and one the first verse of the Address to the Haggis — Ben Watt. What future talent!

The rest of the term will be taken up with baking, crafts for Mothers' Day and Easter, and loads of games. We are fortunate to have Leo Howes as a

helper for three months as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

The leaders would like to thank the few parents who supported, and helped with, the Burns Supper on 25 January. A special thanks to all the other helpers, and especially the Scouts who served so well. It was an excellent evening, and enjoyed by all. Keep the evening free for next year!

All boys 6-8 years are welcome to join us for Beavers on Tuesdays 5-6pm in the Village Hall.

Mobile Library

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (30 January, 13 & 27 February and 13 & 27 March), 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
Duncreevie Road 11.35 - 11.50			

Mobile Bank

The Bank of Scotland van visits the village, and stops outside the Glenfarg Hotel, on Tuesdays from 11.15 - 11.40am, and on Fridays from 2.00 - 2.30pm.

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	April — September	October — March
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	3 pm - 7 pm	1 pm — 4 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	CLOSED	
Saturday & Sunday	9 am— 7 pm	9 am- 4 pm

E-mail directory

Douglas Ness has also now put the Glenfarg E-Mail directory on his Web site. You can get to the Glenfarg part of his site by entering "http://www.caledonia.org/glenfarg" in your browser Address field. To get to the directory follow the link from the top button on the left of the page. To have your own e-mail address added to the directory, send an email to Douglas at Glenfarg@caledonia.org.

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	18	Bob Wood	Bob's repertoire retains firm links with tradition, but also includes a splendid array of more contemporary material. Expect, therefore, to hear anything from Burns to Lyle Lovett, from Archie Fisher to Hank Williams, plus a smattering of pipes and harp. A true professional.
	25	Session	And to finish the month off, we have another great Glenfarg session night. All welcome to come along and join in, or just enjoy the talents of the club.

Glenfarg Folk Feast

April	12-14	Glenfarg Folk Feast	Including Malinky, Eddie Walker, Ian Bruce Band, Grant Baynham, Calasaig, MacAlias, Jim Reid and Scott Carnegie, the Fraser McLellan Ceilidh Band, Magic Carpet.
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For further information contact Graham or Doris (details below) or, for tickets, David Aird 01577 830370

For further information contact

Graham Brotherston 01383 738922 or Doris Rougvie 01738 583698

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Dates to remember

MARCH	4	Community Council Meeting	Church Hall	8 pm
	23	Guild Sale and Coffee Morning	Church Hall	10am — 12 noon
	15	ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE		



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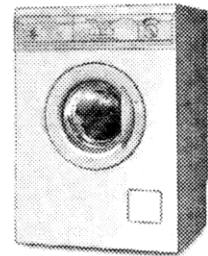
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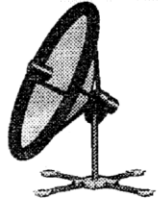
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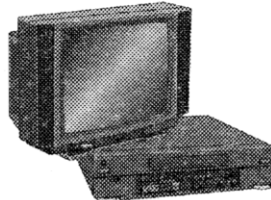


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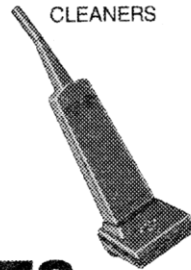
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