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Editorial

Sadly I missed my chance to get a photo for the front cover of the traffic lights in Glenfarg! A truly historic occasion! This month's cover is from a postcard, provided (I think — correct me if I'm wrong) by Mrs. Laing of Greenbank Road. It shows the Bein Inn, with Trevelyan Castle in the background. The date is unknown, and I would be delighted to hear from anyone who knows anything about the castle.

It's really good to see so many fun things being organised for the fete, and here's hoping it's a lovely, sunny day, and the organisers get the support they deserve. What fun it's going to be to have the Tug-of-War reinstated — even if you don't compete, come along and cheer. David Brookes is showing his age, I think — "ten bob", what's that?

It's also good to see a rather fatter Newsletter this time — many thanks to all those who contributed.

A box will be put in the Post Office for contributions. The idea is, I think, in case a future Editor lives outside the village, but if it's easier for you

contributions may be put in the box, instead of through my letterbox.

As you will see from the Community Council minutes, there are still no "takers" for the job of Editor. I am prepared to carry on for the time being, although it is becoming more difficult to fit it in. The Community Council was trying to find ways to make the task easier, and one that springs to mind is that there might be someone out there, preferably with e-mail, for contributions to be sent to me easily, who might be willing to do some of the typing when I was really stuck for time. Thinking about it, there was a time when there was a typist and an editor, but with the more universal use of computers, the two jobs merged. This is probably the ideal, but with the more common usage of email now, the old system would probably work. So, if anyone is able to help occasionally with some of the typing, I would be pleased to hear from them.

Letters to the Editor

SOLAR HEATING Readers who may have been considering the pros and cons of solar heating in Scotland might be interested in my experience of the system — 23 years in Galloway and 6 months since moving to Duncricie. My present system, installed last year, consists of four large solar panels on a south-facing roof. The heat generated in these panels is transferred to the hot water cylinder, thus reducing the workload of the primary system (oil-fired in my case) and saving fuel. The panels are remarkably sensitive to winter sunshine, and in the summer will react even on cloudy days. In summer sunshine the system will take over completely from the oil, supplying all our hot water.

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John Fenton, Rashiefauld, Duncricie 830543

Public Hall Association

AGM Monday 29 April at 8pm in the ante room.

Cost of Hall lets will be discussed. Come and voice your opinion on behalf of your group!

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Arngask Guild

By the time this article appears our 2001/2002 session will be drawing to a close.

Events still to remember are our Summer Outing, which takes place on Tuesday 21 May, the Summer Meeting in Comrie Church on 6 June at 7.30pm, and the Garden Party on 15 August. More details later.

The committee would like to express thanks for all the support and encouragement received, and wish all members every blessing and a very happy summer. Looking forward to meeting up again in September.



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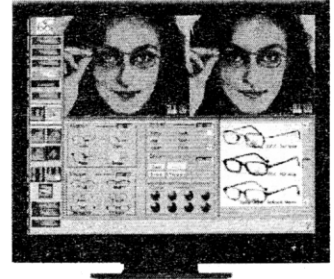
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VILLAGE FETE & GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

First weekend in June

Tents etc.

Help is required from able bodied men to erect tents and set up tables and chairs on Friday night 31 May before the fete, and also for clearing up and striking the tents on the following Monday (or sooner). Please contact Bill Connelly (830200) if you are willing to help, or just turn up at the park.

Are you tough enough? If so, let battle commence!

Venue: Wallace Park

Date: Saturday r June 2002

A Tug-of-War contest (adults only) is being planned for the Fete to see which Club, Organisation or just group of friends or neighbours is the toughest in the area. There will be 6 people in each team and it will only cost £3 to enter a team, so it's only going to cost you the equivalent of 10 bob to show how macho you are! Phone your friends, neighbours, fellow club members, and organise a team, or even two, or even three! Depending on the draw, these and other important questions could be answered:

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- ***Will the Badminton Club pull the Angling Club onto their knees?***
- ***Is the Folk Club loud enough to thrash the Bowling Club?***
- ***Are the folks of Duncrievie about to beat the 'Village people'?***
- ***Is the Aerobics Club fitter than the Babysitting Circle?***
- ***Are the drinkers in the Glenfarg Hotel harder than the Lomond Hotel?***

If you want to show the whole world how good your club is, and attract new members, or just show the world how tough you and your pals are, then this could be the ideal opportunity.

There will be prizes for the winning team (probably alcohol-yippee!)

Please contact David Brookes (830553) for an application form, or email me david@brookes.ndo.co.uk and I will return a form to you.

Glenfarg Fete & Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Friday 31 May

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❖ Perthshire Brass

❖ Glenfarg Scottish
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❖ Nikki Matthews Dance School

❖ Highland Dancers

❖ Beer tent

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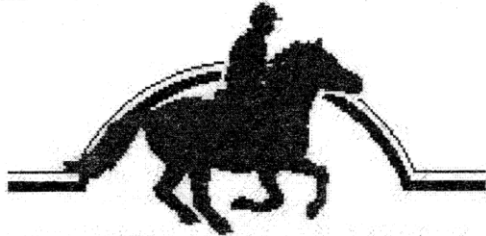
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It was a timely reminder to everyone of the need to remain alert. If you see or hear anything suspicious, then please let us know. I often hear comments from householders that they had a "strange visitor" at their door, but they didn't want to bother the Police. Can I assure everyone that we welcome phone calls and information relating to any suspicious activity. It is most beneficial if that information is given straight away. This enables us to look for the person and/or their vehicle, and at the very least have them checked out and, if appropriate, their vehicle searched. Much of what we do is intelligence gathering, and all the information gleaned from these stops is fed into our intelligence system, and can be accessed extremely easily.

If you are a householder, then be suspicious of unsolicited visitors, such as someone wishing to carry out work on your house or garden. If you didn't call them, then it's possible that they are less than genuine. If someone arrives at your door looking for

directions or for someone you don't know, then let us know if you doubt their motives. If they have a vehicle, take a note of the registration number, make, colour and model, and if possible obtain a description of the occupants and the direction of travel.

Remember, the more times you call with information, the more criminals will be stopped. **Information can be passed to Kinross Police on (01577) 863571, or anonymously and free of charge to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.**

PROPERTY MARKING SCHEME

In light of the crime at Old Fargie I have set about trying to generate interest in the saturation-marking scheme. I know that some of you have expressed an interest in this previously, and I will be working with Grant Smith in trying to contact all those who gave their names to him. However, I have taken steps to establish the level of interest in such a scheme in the Arngask area. I am hopeful that this area can be used as a pilot for the Glenfarg District.

If you wish more information relating to crime prevention matters, then feel free to contact me at Kinross Police Station (01577) 863571.

PC Steve West

Community Liaison Officer

Community Council

The following is an extract from the minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th March, at which four members of the public were present. Cllr K. Baird and Sergeant Davies were present by Invitation

Village Hall Restoration Cllr D. Cameron reported that since the last meeting he had been in contact with Mrs. Pierette Melville (Village Hall Committee representative) and had provided her with two contact names that may prove useful for assistance with future fundraising. He advised that Mrs Melville wished to convey her thanks to the Community Council for their ongoing support with the fundraising.

Drainage Cllr. A. Curtis informed the meeting that Mr David Ismaeal would be providing her with old plans for the area in question, prior to her meeting with Mr Crawford. The cause of the drainage problem was yet to be identified, and there was a requirement to find a way in which the water could be removed from the problem area. It was mentioned

that in addition to this issue, there was a blockage in the burn at Wallace Park that was causing water to be discharged onto the area of the football pitch. Cllr K. Baird advised that this would be dealt with as part of Perth & Kinross Council's maintenance programme.

Election 2002 Two names had been provided for re-election, namely Cllrs. S. Reid and B. Patterson. In addition there were two new candidates who wished to stand for election, namely Judith Stake and Ms Leslie Godsell.

AGM The attendees were reminded that the Annual General Meeting was to be held in fourteen days time, i.e. Monday the 18th of March 2002.

Pavement Maintenance Cllr D. Cameron advised that following the previous meeting in January he had written to Perth & Kinross Council regarding his concerns over what was considered to be lack of pavement gritting during the previous cold spell. He had since received a reply, which advised that roads

were treated on a priority basis whilst watching budgetary constraints. Glenfarg Village was now served from the Perth Depot and only a restricted gritting operation had been achieved over the holiday period due to lack of personnel at that time. Cllr D. Cameron noted that this was not entirely satisfactory, but he hoped that the situation would improve. Cllr K. Baird advised that she had asked for an additional grit box for use at Church Brae.

NOSWA Cllr J. McHardy reported that the sewage repairs had now been carried out, and that he had received assurances that the problems encountered during the repair process had now been rectified. The roads, however, were yet to be re-surfaced.

One Way Traffic System Cllr D. Cameron reported that he had spoken with the coach proprietors, who had no objection to the proposal, assuming that the system would operate on an anticlockwise basis. He advised that he had also received correspondence from a small number of people who were opposed to the idea. He noted that there were concerns that the speed limit within the area in question was too high, and over the number of heavy vehicles that used the roads. It was decided to leave the matter open at present, and that it may require a local referendum if it was felt worthwhile taking the matter forward.

Police Report Sergeant Davies noted that there had been a quiet start to the period since the last meeting. There had been two complaints concerning dogs, one in relation to fouling and the other barking. On both occasions the owners had been traced and warned. There had been two incidents of vandalism with windows being broken. As yet, however, there had been no detections. There had been two reports of incidents of speeding, and as a result, the police had initiated speed checks within the area. This had been a worthwhile exercise, as it had resulted in thirteen detections with three people being reported for the offences. On 2 March there had been a series of housebreakings to farms surrounding Glenfarg, with house contents being targeted. Two of 'the team' had been arrested near Glenfarg.

It had been noted that as a result of adverse weather, water had been running on to the road at the south end of the approach to Glenfarg, near to the lay-by. The police had made Perth and Kinross Council aware of the situation. -

Cllr D. Cameron noted that he understood that there was currently a by-law in place within Kinross whereby it was an offence to consume alcohol in public places. He inquired if this could be extended to cover Glenfarg, as it appeared that people were drinking within Wallace Park, and that some

individuals may be travelling to Glenfarg from prohibited areas specifically for this purpose. Cllr K. Baird advised that originally it was intended that the by-law would encompass the whole of Perth and Kinross. It was felt, however, that it may pose a problem to families, and at specific events, if there was to be 'blanket' coverage.

Glenfarg Newsletter It was acknowledged that there had been much talk on this issue over a period of time, but unfortunately no headway had been made to date. Cllr. Cameron advised the meeting that an individual had been approached who initially appeared to be enthusiastic, but that nothing had been heard since. Jan Macpherson advised that although she did not wish to continue with the newsletter she would, with one more issue. The last two issues had been late due to the lack of input from groups within the community, and it was extremely disappointing that no contributions were forthcoming from the school and the church in particular. She informed the meeting that the best scenario might be to cease with the newsletter in the hope that someone may ultimately come forward to carry it on. Cllr. Cameron stated that he would be prepared to draft a letter to local organisations within the village, asking for their support in providing regular contributions to the newsletter. This was a community newsletter, and it would be extremely sad if it were to finish. It was noted that the 15th of each month is the final date for submission to the printers.

Pavilion/Changing Rooms/Toilets Since the last main meeting there had been a considerable amount of work undertaken by Cllr J. McHardy, with the Community Council in general being enthusiastic, and wishing to proceed with a project within Wallace Park. Cllr D. Cameron advised that Perth and Kinross Council were not prepared to repair, refurbish or maintain the buildings, and that there was not a great deal of money available. It might, however, be possible to obtain some funds via the Binn Landfill, Quality of Life Trust. Cllr. K. Baird advised that approval would need to be obtained from Perth and Kinross Council prior to embarking on a project within Wallace Park. Cllr. D. Cameron suggested that the Community Council should not attempt to pursue any funding for the toilets or the changing rooms at this stage, and that the pavilion should be treated as the first priority. He further suggested that Perth and Kinross Council should be approached with a view to them taking down the structure, and that the Community Council should subsequently pursue grant money to build a feature in its place. Cllr. K. Baird suggested that people who are doing community service might assist with the pavilion deconstruction. Sue Cheape, representing the Tennis

Club, enquired about the possible availability of the changing rooms for club use, as currently they did not have any facilities with which to entertain visiting clubs. It was felt that this building was in some need of repair, but that this might be an option.

Twinning A letter had been received concerning the possibility of a twinning alliance with the French village of Laveissiere. It was decided that as no strong views were held either way at this point that

this should be mentioned at the next meeting of the Arngask School Board, and that advice should be sought as to how urgently a decision is required.

Licensing It was noted that a local liquor licence was currently the subject of renewal within the Village.

Arngask School

This month we have some items taken from the children's school newsletters.

Primary 1 & 2

We have been learning about joined up writing ... it is really fun ... but sometimes hard.

We are learning about time and numbers up to 20. I use the computer.

We got a new sofa for the book corner.

Over the last two weeks we have been getting ? (wish I could read this word — it didn't photocopy well . Ed) Mrs. Sharman (2) was fed up (!!!!)

Primary 4 & 5

With our art teacher, Mrs. MacKay, we cut, painted and drew city buildings. ...painting windows and making them the right shape was very hard, but they looked good in the end.

This month we have started a new topic —electricity. We learned how it is made, and learned four ways — nuclear, wave, wind and fuel. It is fun because it is new to us.

We made turbines out of klikks. It was a tough challenge, but we did it and it was exciting.

On Monday we planned our fun day games, and made some of them.

The Spheres did a Maths test about a zoo trip

On 20 March the paired problem solvers were filmed. I felt excited.

When Mr. Patterson came I liked it very much, because what he said about electricity was very interesting and it made us learn a lot. I hope we see him again.

We were making models of power stations. It was fun because we got to show them after we made them. You learn how they look and you also learn a lot about electricity.

Mrs. Gorden brought some books from the

bookshops. There were poems, jokes and Captain Underpants poems .. they were the funniest!

I discovered static electricity by getting a balloon and some cardboard. All you need to do is blow up the balloon and cut out some wee men out of cardboard. Rub the balloon on a woollen jumper. Put it about two centimetres from ground. The wee men should jump up by themselves.

At target time I did a picture of a power station.

In our Maths challenge teams we learned how to count up and down in 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s. We felt great because it was fun for our brains.

At Gym time we played football and rounders. Our team won at the last minute. We all felt happy.

Primary 7

On 27 March Arngask primary pupils had a fun day. We had lots of fun with lots of things to do. After break everything got going in the P7 class. Face painting got a lot of money. After lunch we had a Talent Show. Kern Winter and Melanie Baillie did a dance to "Hey Baby", and Abbee Leeds did a dance to "It's Raining Men".

When Abbee, Melanie, Kyomi, Emily, Janey, Jennifer, Amy, Rachel, Michele and Eilidh (girls) and Scott, Aron, Robbie and Craig (boys) went to Cross Country at Perth Grammar School, Scott Deas had a brilliant score. He came 13th out of about 140 boys, but everyone did well.

This month P7 have been doing a new government topic. We have been split into 5 groups of 2, and the groups are Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, SNP and Green. We have been seeing how government works and we are preparing for elections.

In the month of March the shield winner was Kerri Winter for progress and effort. Well done Kern!

Last week P7 made Easter cards using paper strips, and cutting them into squares. Then you glue them



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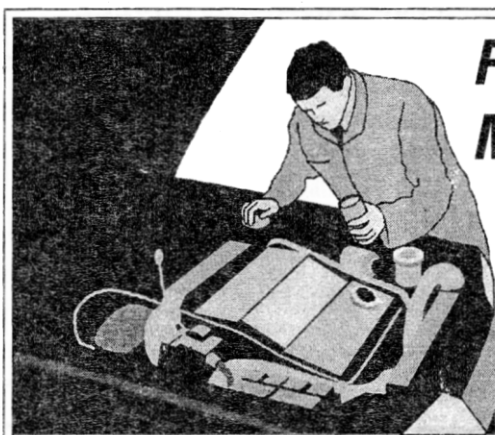
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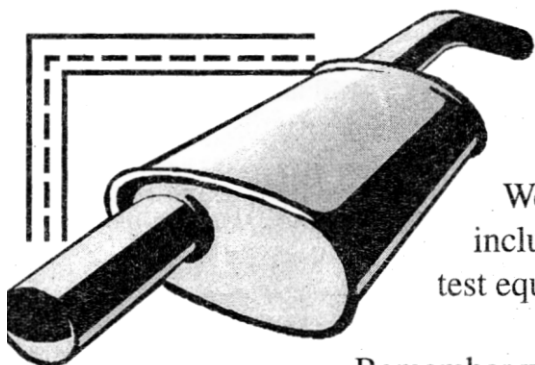
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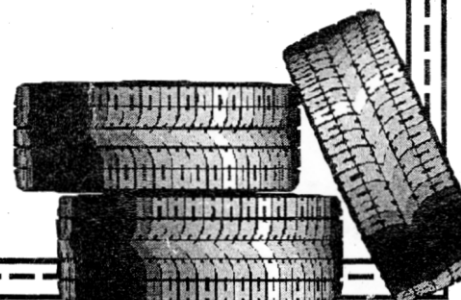
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down then put smaller ones on top to make it higher. To keep them tidy you only put 3 in each row with 3 rows. Then you write Happy Easter on them in gold and silver pens. We made them with Mrs. Imrie. They looked really nice.

On 11 March most of P7 went to a five-a-side tournament at Bells Sports Centre. All the girls in P7 played Stanley, Letham and Auchtergowan. We lost against Stanley, and won the last two games. Abbee took a penalty and scored a hat trick. All the boys in P7 played Letham, Auchtergowan, Stanley and Luncarty. Altogether Cameron and Craigie scored 5 goals.

On 20 March we had a visit from a camera crew.

They taped us while we were doing paired problem solving. They wanted to do a video so that other schools can start this exercise.

We got a visit from Councillor Baird. She told us about the government. She told us about her responsibilities but the one that we are interested in is criminal justice. She told us that if we saw any holes on the road we should phone so Cameron went home that day and phoned the Council to report some holes in the road.

This month most of our class did a level E national test. There are two tests to do on reading and answering questions. Everyone who did the test passed and got a Level E. Well done!!

WRI

The WRI held a Rainbow Whist Drive on 15 March, which raised £220 less expenses. Many thanks to all who contributed to the large raffle, and donated prizes, to the hostesses for providing the teas, and to all the committee for their help. The winners were Mary McGowan, Margaret Cumming, Ruby Peace and Murray Whyte, and booby prize winners were Moira Brady, Charlie Munson, Helen Mair and Lizzie Dorward.

For the February meeting, with Jenny Adam in the chair, there was a good turn out to hear Pat Mozolowski give a most interesting talk on Homeopathy. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. M. Cumming, and the tea hostess was Mrs. A. Scott.

Competition results -

Lavendar Bag	1	Mrs. S. Harley	2	Mrs. M. Moran	3	Mrs. J. Griggs
Dough Rings	1	Mrs. L. Johnston	2	Mrs. M. Moran		
Flower of the Month	1	Mrs. J. Griggs	2	Mrs. M. Moran		

At the March meeting, when Mrs. Jenny Adam was also in the chair, we welcomed Dr. Derek Anderson, who gave a very interesting talk on his life as our doctor. What laughs we had!

Competition results -

4 Peppermint Creams	1	Mrs. M. Moran				
Animal Photograph	1	Mrs. E. Oswald	2	Mrs. J. Kirkland	3	Mrs. B. Cook
Flower of the Month	1	Mrs. E. Oswald	2	Mrs. L. Yule	3	Mrs. M. Moran

Beavers

The shield for the best Beaver Lodge was won this term by the Wolves (Christopher, Ben Whiting, Charlie and Robert). They have fought for every point!

Beavers will restart on Tuesday 16 April for all boys aged between 6 and 8 years.

We are sad to say goodbye to Julie Stuart, who has been an assistant Beaver Leader for two years. The boys will miss you! Anybody interested in helping with Beavers please contact Helen Deas on 830251.

British Red Cross — Glenfarg Centre

A reminder of what our local group plans for 2002, so please note the following dates in your diary.

Tuesday 30 April — Tea Party We shall be hosting an afternoon Tea Party in the Village Hall to entertain guests from Leven Glen Nursing Home, Ashley House Residential Home, and residents from in and around Glenfarg. Anyone who does not receive an invitation but wishes to join us please contact Mrs. E. Carswell 830206.

5-11 May — Red Cross Week During Red Cross Week our members and, we hope, a few willing helpers, will carry out collections in and around the village. We were delighted with last year's total of £756, and trust that once again we can count on such generosity. If you can help with collecting should contact Mrs. Claire Learmonth 830296.

Saturday 1 June — Village Fete This does seem early to be appealing for donations to the Plant and Produce Stall, but as the date of the Fete has been brought forward there won't be another Newsletter before it. We are continually amazed at the response to our appeals for excess or unwanted plants, seedlings, cuttings and produce, and trust this year will be no exception. Donations can be delivered to the Park on the morning of the Fete, or we can arrange to collect in advance. Please contact Liz Carswell (830206) or Bill Connelly (830200).

Saturday 2 November — Coffee Morning and Sale Advance notice of the annual Coffee Morning and

Sale in the Village Hall - more nearer the time.

So often we are asked where money raised locally is used, and although much is directed to local needs such as Medical Loan, Therapeutic Care, Transport and Escort, and of course First Aid cover at public events, somehow the wider global problems take precedence, and naturally receive much greater publicity and coverage. Red Cross representatives respond to disasters which are widely reported, such as 11 September in New York, the Goma Volcano in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the ongoing problems in war-torn Afghanistan, a country also suffering devastating drought problems, as well as many disasters around the world which don't make headline news.

At the end of last year the British Red Cross launched THE DISASTER FUND. The fund was created as a result of public response to the events of 11 September, and also because of the interest from donors in the Society's disaster work, and the increase in the number of disasters worldwide.

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A few weeks ago we had our annual night out, resulting in an upsurge in Paracetamol sales at the Post Office, and shortly we will be having our next AGM where the Treasurer (yours truly), Chairperson and Secretary will all step down to see if anyone else wants to volunteer for the forthcoming year, although

I'm not sure that there will be a queue for any of the positions. Our 'Fantasy' league continues to be an eye-opener and with only one month left, the annual cash prize could go to any one of about 4 people.

The club now has 18 members, with a fairly even split between male and female, and with a legal maximum of 20 members there are just 2 places left for anyone wishing to join. If you don't feel like joining a club with such a daft name, why not start one up of your own. It's surprisingly easy, and I'm sure most of our members would be glad to give you some advice - some of us would probably even join ourselves and be part of 2 clubs. Further information about the club can be found at our website (basic and not always up to date, but I'm no expert on web design!) www.artyfartyclub.org.uk or call David on 01577 830553 for more details.

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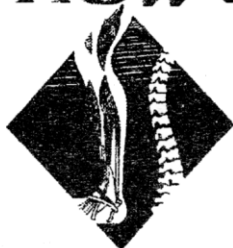
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MAY	5-11	Red Cross Week		
	31	Help required to set up Fete tents etc	Wallace Park	
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	15	ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE		
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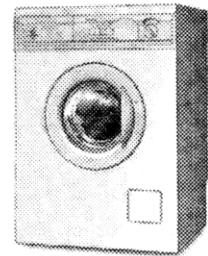
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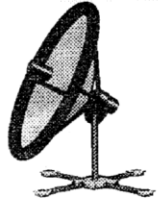
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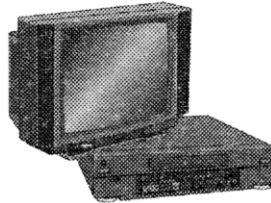


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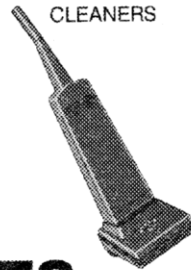
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