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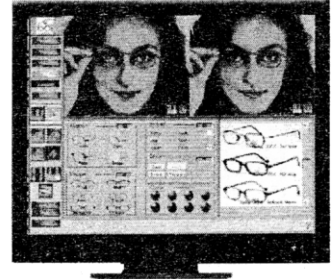
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## *Editorial*

I was delighted to receive another article from Bob Bell, this time about the railway. What a wonderful picture he paints of his boyhood in Glenfarg, and I would be very pleased to hear from anyone else who remembers those days. Bob also sent me some pictures, one of which appears on the front cover.

It was good to hear from Arngask School this time, particularly with the news of the nursery building. Perhaps a photograph of the opening ceremony would make a fitting cover for a future edition.

## *Letters to the Editor*

Dear Madam,

For some years now the pupils of the village school have been learning the rudiments of Scottish dancing, and have usually achieved a reasonable level of proficiency by the time that they leave and go to their secondary school. They can mostly hold their own in a social dance — in some cases better than their parents!

I feel that it would be satisfying for them to have the opportunity to use their skills in a social setting within the village. They may even enjoy teaching their parents some of the more advanced figures. The experience of mixing socially with other children and adults, with all being on an equal footing, is something that would be useful to them for the rest of their lives.

So I started to think about holding a series of dances in the village hall. If 50 or so people could be interested in holding a dance every now and then — say once a month — the whole thing would be possible.

With that sort of number the cost would be 50p or so

per dance — the cost of an hour's parking (in Perth) for a Saturday night of dancing (in the village).

Because of the laws of copyright on recorded music, the dances could not be open to the public, and only those who had subscribed to the cost of the dances could attend. Although subscribers could bring guests, this may prove to be a problem, as the hall will only hold a limited number of vigorously dancing Scots. (I would guess 70 for a maximum).

The next thing is to see who would like to join. If you would like to commit to £2 per person I can go ahead and book the hall for Saturday nights (first Saturday of the month where possible) as soon as I have 50 on the list. And the list closes at 80 (allowing for some people missing some of the dances). From the responses so far I am sure I can get 50, but I particularly want the children of the village (and hence their parents!) to have first chance at getting their names listed. Indeed the whole idea will lose its point without them.

Robin Lambie, Bountree, Church Brae, Glenfarg.

## *The Railway*

One could be excused for seeing a railway as two or four parallel strips of steel laid, wherever possible, in a straight line. It would indeed be boring if laid across a flat featureless landscape, but from Glenfarg going north our line followed the Farg down through the glen becoming part of that exciting place. It cut through black dripping rocks and banks of rough grass, whips, broom, willow herb, wild strawberries and wild flowers that harboured rabbits and provided a breeding ground for several species of bird. It travelled over the wonder of the viaduct before vanishing into the pitch-black hole in the rock that was the first of the two Glenfarg tunnels. Each tunnel had niches in the brickwork along its length to provide refuge for men working inside, and these provided refuge for boys caught in the tunnel when a

train came through. When it had passed we emerged coughing and spluttering with eyes streaming, into the daylight. The line reappeared again at Pottiehill where banks of hazel provided a feast of nuts for Hallowe'en. After only a short distance it disappeared again into Balmanno Hill. When it emerged into the valley of the Earn it was no longer ours, because this was the northward limit of our wandering, and we might encounter a hostile tribe from Dron, Aberargie or Abernethy.

On its journey southwards it chose to follow that other burn, the Eden, which rose in Glenfarg only a few hundred yards south of the point where the Farg entered the village. The Eden had its own species of trout, cleaner and prettier, I thought, than those in the



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Farg. The line skirted the bramble brae quarry, went under Pitillock's cart road, and crossed a bridge over the road leading up to Carmore quarry; it was fringed with alder trees and was piped under the line back and forth on its way to Fife. These "Pipes" were really culverts, and a small boy could walk through them comfortably. Just beyond Carmore, where there were short-cropped grassy banks between the patches of bracken and whins, we dammed the flow to create our own outdoor swimming pool.

There was more to the Railway Station site than two platforms: it provided an extensive shunting yard, a siding for loading or unloading livestock, a coal yard, signal box, storage shed, and a footbridge. On the nearside of the line the platform had a canopy over it, and the building housed the Station Master, and provided a waiting room, a ticket office and toilets. On the other i.e. southbound side was a waiting room, the roof of which was a static water tank, and from the ivy-covered rocks above it boys could be seen swimming in about four feet of water courtesy of the station master.

The coming of the railway, circa 1890, must have been seen as a blessing by most people. Apart from the obvious amenity, it provided steady work for a large number of people, and the rewards would have been greater than those from employment on the land. In addition to the Station Master, who was always smartly uniformed, there was the duty clerk and porter. Signalmen pulled the great levers which, through thin, guided hawsers alongside the line, physically moved the distant signals. There were men, each provided with a long-handled hammer, who daily checked every inch of the line on foot. A squad of "Surfacemen" kept the line clean and in good order. The railway was a very important element in the life of the village. It transported in safety children to school in Perth, it brought the daily newspapers of the time, it brought our letters and parcels. Cattle and sheep bought at the Perth mart would arrive in the goods yard that same evening, and we would happily assist in driving them to their destination, the farmer or shepherd in front and we boys prodding from the rear. On a Saturday evening The Sporting Post came with the 8.15 from Dundee. It was sold from the station barrow to men eager to know the results of the football matches played that day. At about 7.45 p.m. "The Fast" came through from Edinburgh. With mounting excitement we saw it coming round the bend from the south and there were shouts of "Stand back! Stand back! Ye'll be drawn in!" To be safe I clung on to a pillar while the train hurtled through the station causing the canopy to rattle and a wind to raise the dust and ruffle the flowers. We continued to watch until only a tail light

and the faint reflection of the furnace on the smoke from the stack remained as it sped on its way down the glen.

How exciting it was when the engine moved beyond the platform's end to take on water. We gazed in wonder at the colossal machine of dinosaur proportions panting noisily and impatiently as it refuelled. We dare not speak, but marvelled at the scene: white steam, black smoke, oily rags, red faces, hot flames and the authority of Station Master and Guard as they compared pocket watches, waved the little green flag and blew the whistle. All the activity erupted in a vertical column of smoke as the monster heaved its tail of coaches into motion. Rail sections were short and were spaced to allow for expansion in hot weather, so the train rattled and swayed as it clattered over the joints. The permanent way fitted happily into the landscape and our lives. Its surface changed little with the weather. It did not intrude, it was always there beside the burn and the road. Wandering boys homeward bound would often choose the railway - it was flat and had a warmth about it. Strides, shortened by fatigue, matched well the distance between the sleepers, and the going was easy.

When recalling the railway of the 1930s names come to mind: Bob Syme, the clerk who incredibly found room to lodge with us, and Renton Kay who succeeded him. He was dapper and efficient, and manned the ticket office, making strange telegraphic noises from within while keeping the waiting room warm and inviting. There were signalmen, Ned Hamilton from the last house in the glen, Sandy McKenzie who let me pull the giant lever in the signal box, and The Bailey (JP), B'iley Hain who jilted, or was jilted by, a lady of the parish, and married an old flame who returned from the USA in flamboyant mode. He was paraded on the station barrow at great speed down the Kirk Brae and round the village accompanied by a crowd of well-wishers and the accordian of Mac Sinclair the postie. The Greig family had three or four male members in the line maintenance team. One of the perks was free travel, and we were all surprised when the whole family crossed the border into England for a holiday; we were even more surprised when they all returned home safely! On an evening Jim Gourdie or Peter Beveridge, both big men, would arrive, each with a back-breaking load of rabbits, gutted, paired and hung for the London market. They were suspended on parallel rails within big hampers so that they continued to hang while on their journey south. Both men were enormously strong and laboured, sweating profusely, to get the job done before the train arrived. I admired their industry.

It is little wonder that the railway and its station provided excitement for boys like me; with a huge hot fire in the waiting room, strange noises emanating from the office, maybe a calf in a sack awaiting collection on the floor, cattle and sheep complaining in the wagons in the yard, and trains passing pulled by engines with names like Cock o' the North. The sleepers rejected by the railway when past their prime were put to use around the village

and on the farm. They were drenched in tar or creosote and seemed to be indestructible. They could be seen in the garage and the smiddy, as a floor or a wall, propping up a shed or pigeon loft, edging a dung midden or compost heap. I am sure some are still in existence today. My verse written on the subject echoes the enchantment of what many might think of as a boring old piece of history, but I was a boy then!

### THE GHOST TRAIN

It came soundless through the cutting  
Where the willow herb stood tall  
Where for years the wagtail nested  
Beneath the waterfall  
And all the trash and weeds of years  
Gave it right-of-way  
As it floated on the shimmer  
Of a scorching summer day.

Though the spectre train was driverless,  
No number and no name  
Connecting rods were flashing  
In the sunlight as it came.  
Every curve was harmony  
And every line was true  
From the brilliant engineering  
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I saw it as I knew it then  
A thousand years ago  
When I wrestled with the tiger  
And outran the buffalo.  
Then I smelt the tar of sleepers  
And walked barefoot on the line  
Clutching daisies, ragged robin,  
Purple vetch and columbine.

Bob Bell

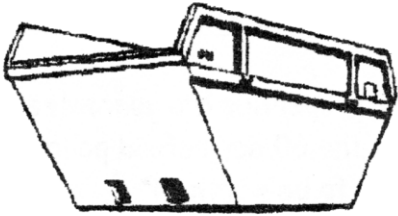
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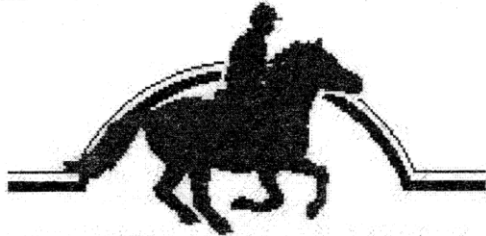
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## *Golf Club*

Inspired by Bob Bell's article in the last edition about Golf in Glenfarg, Stewart Smith has given me the following, which he found among his late father's papers (Alex. Smith, mentioned in the text). It was published on 16 November 1933. One wonders what became of all the trophies mentioned — it is hoped that they are preserved safely somewhere. I would be delighted to hear any memories stirred by this article. Ed.

**Golf Club Whist Drive** The members of the Glenfarg Golf Club held a whist drive in the Public Hall on Thursday evening. During a short interval the trophies etc., won throughout the past season, were presented by Miss Jessie Anderson, Perth, the British Girl Champion. Mr. Forbes, captain of the club, introduced Miss Anderson and Mr. Joe Anderson, who was also present, and the Rev. Dr. Jack announced the winners. The Marindin Quaich, presented by Major General Marindin, Fordel, was won by Mr. Alex. Smith, who also won the Watson Medal and the Captain's Cup, presented by Mr. Forbes, captain. In each case the runner-up was Mr. Richard Hume, vice captain. The Piper Cup, presented by Mr. W.G. Piper, was won by Mr. Richard Hume, and the runner-up was Mr. Piper. The Monthly Medal was won by Mr. W. Piper after a tie with Mr. Alex. Smith. The medal for those who had just begun golf this season was won by Mr. James Sanderson after a tie with Mr. James Bell.

Dr. Jack proposed votes of thanks to Mr. Anderson and Miss Anderson, and remarked on the great pleasure it was to have such famous golfer hand over the prizes. Miss Anderson suitably replied, and wished the Glenfarg Golf Club every success in the future. The prize winners for the whist were as follows: Ladies — 1. Miss Muirhead 2. Miss McArthur 3. Mrs. Slimmer. Gentlemen — 1. Mr. Beath 2. Mr. C. A. Marshall 3. Mr Wm. Sanderson. Spot prizes — Ladies Mrs. Richard Hume; Gentlemen Mr. R. Duncan. Booby prizes — Ladies Miss Mayne, Gentlemen Mr. Robert Robertson. Travelling prizes — Ladies Miss Brown; Gentlemen Miss McGlashan (playing as gent). A novelty consolation guessing prize was won by Mrs. C. A. Marshall. Mrs. McKarsie, to whom Mr. Forbes proposed a vote of thanks, handed over the prizes. Mr. A. Henderson proposed thanks to Mr. Forbes, who acted as cardmaster.

The same publication also refers to three competitions, two against Perth bankers, and one against Lochgelly — two matches were won by Glenfarg, and the third (against the bankers) was tied.

The Glenfarg people involved in these are: Alex. Smith, J.R. Simpson, A. Smith (?Alex), W. Sanderson, Jas. Sanderson, Jas. Bell, R. Hume, W. Brunton, T. Muirhead, R. Buist, J. Smith, W. Deas, D. M. Broadhead, And. Smith, Jas. Smith, W.D. Wiltshire and J. Greig,

## *Community Council*

The following is an extract of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 May 2002. Cllr. K. Baird, Mrs P. Melville and Mrs L. Kinnaird were present by invitation.

**VILLAGE HALL RESTORATION** Mrs. Pierette Melville reported that fundraising was ongoing. The original planning application has now expired after a time limit of 3 years, and revised planning will cost in the region of £1,000. A meeting is to be held shortly with Perth & Kinross Council.

**NOSWA Resurfacing** of the road in the area of Elm Row has now been completed and would appear to be satisfactory.

**ONE WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM** Cllr K. Baird advised that she had no further information on the development at Arngask Primary School. There was a general consensus that the matter over the implementation of a one way traffic system along

Greenbank Road should be brought to a close.

**GLENFARG NEWSLETTER** The Chairman expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Community Council to Jan Macpherson for her decision to continue with the newsletter for the time being. It was noted that if she required assistance she should contact the Community Council. Additionally, any Glenfarg resident who wished to take up the role should make contact.

**TWINNING** It was reported that feedback from Arngask School indicated that they were not opposed to the proposal, but felt that it was for the Community Council to decide whether or not they wished to take this further. The Community Council members felt that in view of all the information that had been received to date they would bring the matter to a close.

**MARQUEE** Cllr J. McHardy advised that there was

no damage to the Community Council marquee as a result of it becoming wet. It had, however, been torn after being blown down during a recent let. It was agreed that the marquee required to be repaired as soon as possible and in time for the village fete. Arrangements should be made for it to be taken to Lochgelly in order for an estimate to be obtained. Due to time constraints a repair limit of £250 was set, within which no further authorisation would be required by the Community Council members.

PAVILION Plans for the pavilion had been put on hold as a result of the band requiring cover in case of inclement weather. It was noted, however, that the plans were progressing extremely slowly, and there was a majority decision that the wooden structure should be taken down before the fete.

TRACKS Cllr K. Baird reported that TRACKS were keen to provide plans for a project that would involve the establishment of a walk from the eastern end of Wallace Park to Duncrievie. To this end, they are to hold a meeting with the landowner 'Stephen', as the walk would run across their land.

FETE The forthcoming village fete is to be the focal point of a weekend of events to mark the Golden Jubilee. Mrs. Pierette Melville advised that there

would be a Family Ceilidh on the Sunday evening at a cost to the Village Hall Committee of around £300. The Chairman proposed that the Community Council make £500 available to the Village Hall Committee for events linked to that weekend. This recommendation was proposed by Cllr J. McHardy and seconded by Cllr C. Meldrum.

LITTER It was noted that several areas within Glenfarg i.e. The Avenue, Main Street and Wallace Park were suffering from litter. Cllr D. Cameron noted that he would like to make a start in clearing up at least one of these areas, and he asked the attendees to think of ways in which the depositing of litter within the village could be discouraged.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE Cllr. D. Cameron reported that he had received a copy of the paper on 'renewing local democracy' and this was available to anyone who wished to read it.

### *Arngask Guild*

The Guild has only one more outing this summer, and that is to the Garden Party at Methven Castle on Thursday 15 August at 7pm. Cars will leave the Post Office at 6.15pm.

At the close of the session nine members received Long Service Certificates — years of service ranging from a minimum of 25 years to over forty years in some cases. We would like to congratulate Mrs.

Winifred Barlas, Mrs. Bessie Bell, Miss Florence Deans, Mrs. Jean Gent Mrs. Sheila Harley, Mrs. Maisie Knox, Mrs. Helen Mair, Mrs. Ruby Peace and Miss Jean Robertson on this achievement and their dedication to the work of the Guild. Well done.

Looking forward to the start of our 2002/2003 Session on 17 September at 7.30pm. New and old members welcome.

### *In Memoriam*

Marie Moiser Marie, who died suddenly on 4 September 2000, was, for the last four years of her life, breakfast chef at the Glenfarg Hotel. Villagers who remember her may like to know that the extension that has been built in her memory at Glenhead Cottage, complete with memorial stone and carved stone bust of her (executed by Miss Gillian Forbes of Path of Condie) is nearing completion. The name of the house has been changed to incorporate a reference to the family coat of arms which is let into the north wall of the extension: it now reflects the distinction and dignity which she brought to the family surname. The family would also like to inform you that a small memorial garden is being constructed near the Paris Bridge, and will be open to all who wish to sit a while. May she rest in peace.

## ***Public Hall Association***

The following is a compilation from the AGM, the Annual Report and the Property Convener's Report.

It was found that the lead on the valley gutter had perished, causing a damp patch on the wall, and the gutter would need to be replaced. It is hoped that funding will be available from Perth & Kinross Council, and that a leak on the roof of the Playgroup Store will be dealt with at the same time. Work on the front porch has been postponed, and work on the outside wall and old shed was carried out by Social Work Services, who also painted the stairway.

A proposal has been made for the installation of a subdued lighting and sound system. This may go some way to reduce the sound being transmitted through the walls to Mr. Ross's house. It would also be an improvement over the present P.A. System.

At the AGM the following Office Bearers were elected: Chairman: Sue Cheape 830349; Vice Chairman: Nikki Matthews 861541; Secretary: Pierette Melville 830233; Property Convener: Bill Connolly 830200; Treasurer: Jean Andrew 830870. Other committee members: Lindsay Kinnaird, George Ross, Sue Sadler, Sylvia Wall, Helen Deas and Douglas Graham.

Hall lets were discussed, and new rates will be applied from July, and reviewed in six months.

It was with great disappointment that the resignation, due to health reasons, of Jim Kirkland (Chairman) was received in August 2001. Thanks were expressed to Douglas Graham for being Treasurer for the past two years, and to Edith Coventry, hall keeper, for her continual hard work, especially with all the weekend lets this year.

Thanks are also due to all the organisations and people in the village who have supported the hall's fundraising efforts over the past year. It is hoped that the fete this year will be a great success, and boost the extension fund to the level where grants can start being applied for.

It is pleasing that the refurbishment and extension plans are now on the agenda of the Community Council.

Future fundraising events include the fete and Golden Jubilee Celebrations, and a Craft Exhibition in September.

The Accordion & Fiddle club now meets on the first Wednesday of every month, the Junior Tennis have been meeting on a Sunday morning from October to March, and The Loch Leven Drama Society will be using the hall for some of its productions.

Future plans include applying for a grant from Awards for All for soundproofing, and improving the lighting on the stage and main hall for functions, and encouraging the use of Main Street for parking for the hall, to lessen the burden on Greenbank Road. A letter has been written to P& KC regarding a sign.

Extension Plans: the Managing Committee have met to work on the design brief to send to the architect. He will then draw up detailed plans, which can be put out to tender. The committee has also met with the Environmental Officer of P& K Council, and a kitchen firm, for advice on a kitchen lay out and cost.

It is hoped that in the next year we will revive support and enthusiasm for the extension & refurbishment.

### ***Riding for the Disabled — Glenfarg Group***

**Special Olympics G.B.** The North West Equestrian Championships were held from 28-30 April 2002 at the Wirral Riding Centre in Cheshire. The following people represented Tayside:

<b>Claire Muckersie</b> Level B1	<b>Jenny Moug</b> Level C1	<b>Paul Coulthard</b> Level B2	<b>Isla Macgowan</b> Level C2
Silver Medal — Equitation	Gold Medal - Dressage	4th Equitation	Gold Medal - Equitation
Bronze Medal - Dressage	Bronze Medal - Horse Care	5th Horse Care	Gold Medal - Horse Care
5th Horse Care	5th Equitation	5th Dressage	Silver Medal - Dressage

Claire, Jenny and Paul are from the Glenfarg Group, and Isla is from Blairgowrie.

**Regional Competition, "Story to Music"** was held at the Bannockburn Centre, Stirling on 9 May. Four children from Cherrybank Special School entered as "Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf". Five groups from the Region competed, and Glenfarg Group won the cup for 1 place. Thanks to all who helped towards this success.

**National RDA Christmas Card Design Competition** Glenfarg Group's Stephen Bissett from Dunning Primary School won this competition, and is to be presented with his award on 20 May by the

Regional Chairman, Mrs. Jean Gardner, in Stirling. Highly commended were riders from Goodlyburn & Cherrybank Schools, Perth. Well done Glenfarg!

Glenfarg Group is hoping to compete at the Regional Dressage and Working Pony Competition in Glasgow on Tuesday 28 May. We will be taking 2 ponies and 5 riders.

Help is needed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you can help, please contact the stables.

### *Arngask School*

The new nursery building is now completed, and will be ready for opening in August. Next tasks include fitting out the two classrooms with new furniture, and all the early years' equipment required for the nursery curriculum.

Interviews will be held later this month to appoint the teacher and nursery nurse who will be responsible for the smooth running of the class. Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Stoddart and their new group of pupils will have a chance to sample the new accommodation on induction afternoons on 13 and 14 June.

Details of the official opening and open day will be announced shortly. We are sure that many members of the village community will look forward to seeing the first new educational establishment in Glenfarg since the existing school was opened almost 100 years ago.

In the Perth & Kinross schools cross-country race on 14 March, Scott Deas did very well, coming 13th out of over 100 boys in the Primary 6 race. The event was held at Perth Grammar School.

Items taken from the P4, 5, & 6 April school newsletters. On Tuesday 30 April we went to the village hall to sing to the old folk for the Red Cross tea party. The old folk really enjoyed it, and they were singing along. One of the ladies was 100 years old, and she enjoyed it.

When I went to Ardroy there were five activities. My favourite was the Ropes and Quest and the Squeeze.

The thing I enjoyed most was making friends at Ardroy. We went for a long weekend.

At Ardroy I loved the survival game, but the best thing was the archery.

The people who didn't go to Ardroy did some work for the art exhibition with Mrs. Imrie. I really enjoyed painting, and I am really proud of my picture.

I am looking forward to seeing the King and I at the Edinburgh playhouse, with the school. We're going on 15 May.

I enjoyed going to sing at the village hall for the old folks.

#### **Primary 7**

On 19 April P 6&7 went on a school trip to Ardroy. We went with two other schools: Glendelvine and Murthly. We stayed there for the weekend. All of our instructors were very nice; their names were Paul, Jay, Julie and more. Some of the activities were canoeing, ropes, quest and squeeze. Some people did the Splosh, archery and orienteering.

On 30 April P4 to P7 went to the village hall to sing to the folk and the songs were "Oh what a beautiful morning", "Shall we dance", "I whistle a happy tune", "Eidelweiss", "Happy Talk" and "I can't say no".

P6 & 7 have been practising a Scottish Opera called Alberich's Curse. We play the Gods in this story which we think is a great honour. Other characters include Giants, Rhinemaidens, Nibelungens and Alberich. We go for our first rehearsal with another school next Wednesday.

On Monday 29 April P7 pupils went to Perth Racecourse to join in the fun at Safe Taysiders. We were split into two groups, 5 boys and 5 girls. There were 12 activities about safety, and we were joined by the Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, and the Police. Altogether the girls got 99 points and the boys got 60-70 points. The girls won a prize for giving a good description of a stranger we followed.



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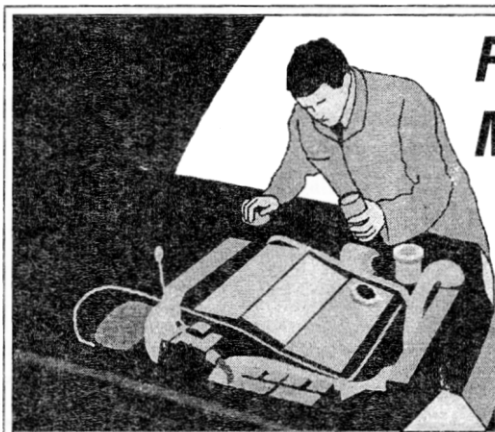
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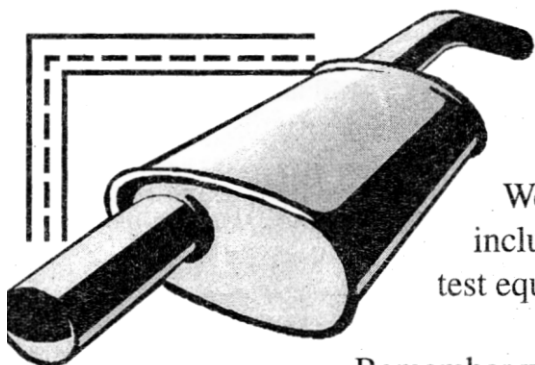
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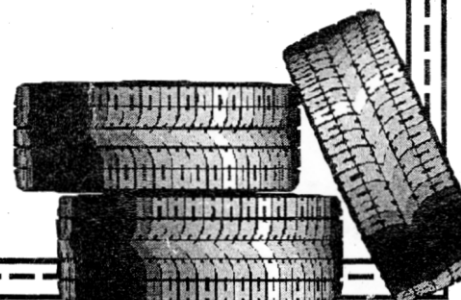
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P7 are getting ready for the art exhibition. All of the school will be involved This is open to the public. Abbee and Kerri have made some letters for people. We have made some posters to go around the village. It will be held in the school from Saturday 25 — 31 May. Pictures, drawings etc. will have to be handed in by 17 May.

**Shield winners for April:**

P1/2 Lewis Milne  
 P2/3 Alastair Reid  
 P4/5 Isla Reid  
 P5/6 Aaron Muteithia  
 P7 Kirstin Andrew

**School trips planned for May**

10 May Council Chambers, Perth with Councillor Baird  
 15 May P4 - P7 to King & I at Edinburgh Playhouse  
 23 May P2/3 to Vane Farm as part of minibeast project  
 25 May Opening School Art Exhibition 10am  
 28 May P4&5 to commence daily swimming lessons at Perth Leisure Pool  
 30 May P6&7 attend full day Scottish Opera workshop and performance of Alberich's Curse at Coupar Angus.  
 31 May Village Hall Glenfarg school concert for Jubilee celebrations

***WRI***

At the April meeting, with Mrs. Jenny Adam in the Chair, we welcomed members of Forteviot WRI. It was a most entertaining evening, and there was a good turnout. Tea was served by the committee, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Jenny Adam.

Competition results

<b>Wooden Spoon</b>	1	Mrs. H. Mair	2	Mrs. J. Grigg	3	Mrs. S. Harley
<b>Three Fairy Cakes</b>	1	Mrs. M. Moran	2	Mrs. S. Harley	3	Mrs. A. Messenger
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1	Mrs. A. Messenger	2	Mrs. L. Johnston	3	Mrs. S. Harley

The May meeting was chaired by Mrs. Jenny Adam, and we hail four activities: Breadmaking with Mrs. Jenny Adam, Tatting with Mrs. M. Stewart, Spinning with Mrs. H. Mair, and Crochet with Mrs. H. Quartemaine. The tellers were Mrs. Nan Douglas and Mrs. Senga Marshall of Milnathort WRI. Two new committee members are Mrs. Helen Mair and Mrs. Margaret Swan. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. S. Harley, and tea was served by the committee.

Competition results -

<b>Miniature Garden</b>	1	Mrs. J. Grigg	2	Mrs. L. Yull		
<b>Fruit Loaf</b>	1	Mrs. V. Todd	2	Mrs. M. Moran	3	Mrs. J. Grigg
<b>Flower of the Month</b>	1	Mrs. M. Moran	2	Mrs. E. Oswald	3	Mrs. A. Messenger

***Bridge Club***

At the end of season lunch, held in the Glenfarg Hotel, the Searle Cup was presented to the winner for the year, Mrs. Jean Ross. The runner-up was Mrs. S. Harley, and third was Mrs. Ruby Peace. The winner at the afternoon game was Mrs. Jean Ross, with Mr Jimmy Lindsay gaining second place and Mrs. Muriel Davidson receiving the consolation prize.

## *Beavers*

There are 10 Beavers attending regularly, and we have 12 on our books. This is very nice, and far more manageable than last year's numbers. We do not operate the parent rota at the moment but will re-introduce it if numbers increase.

The year's events included a visit to Lochore Meadows as an end of term treat. At the fete we did the hot dog stall again, which, despite a little setback with the hotdog sausages, more than trebled our previous contribution to funds raised — over £120. Hot dogs were given to us at cost price by a parent of one of the boys, Rory Stuart, for which we thank him very much. We did a lot of craftwork at Christmas, e.g. table decorations, snowball pompoms, and tree decorations with clay — Pierette's oven was well used. This set of boys love craftwork, but it is expensive.

We have had a very busy year —

The boys had a Halloween party, a visit to Fordell Firs with the Cubs for the Firework Display, and a visit to the Pantomime, again with the Cubs. The boys now enjoy an annual Burns Supper with a haggis filled with sweets and an Irn Bru dram. This year we had proper dancing, with which Mr Lambie

very kindly helped, and a few girls from Rainbows joined the boys. It went very well. The real adult Burns Supper, which we held to raise funds, was a brilliant success, and we plan to make it an annual event. £400 was raised towards Scout funds. Half of this sum was then donated to the hall extension fund.

We did the shoebox appeal for children and families in Eastern Europe, handing in 24 shoeboxes.

We also decorated Easter eggs and then rolled them in the park.

Forthcoming events include the Fete again, (no frozen hotdogs this year — I promise) and another trip to Lochore Meadows. The usual activities, like planting the tubs at the hall, have to be fitted in, as well as Sports Day. The boys will do litter picking prior to the fete as well as delivering leaflets etc.

We have no real problems, except for Pierette managing to get plastered for the next 2 months (Achilles tendon). We have a Duke of Edinburgh student, Leo Howes, helping out weekly. Julie Stuart gave up as our permanent helper at the end of last term — we would like to thank her very much for all her help.

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## *Thanks*

**Jimmy and Madge Lindsay**, Lomond Bank, would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to them in their recent sadness.

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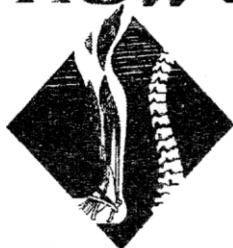
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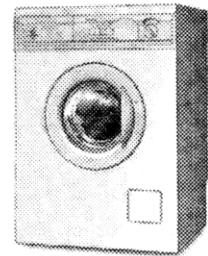
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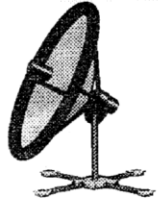
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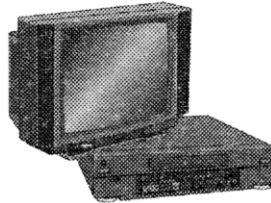


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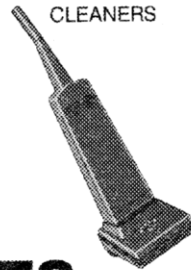
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