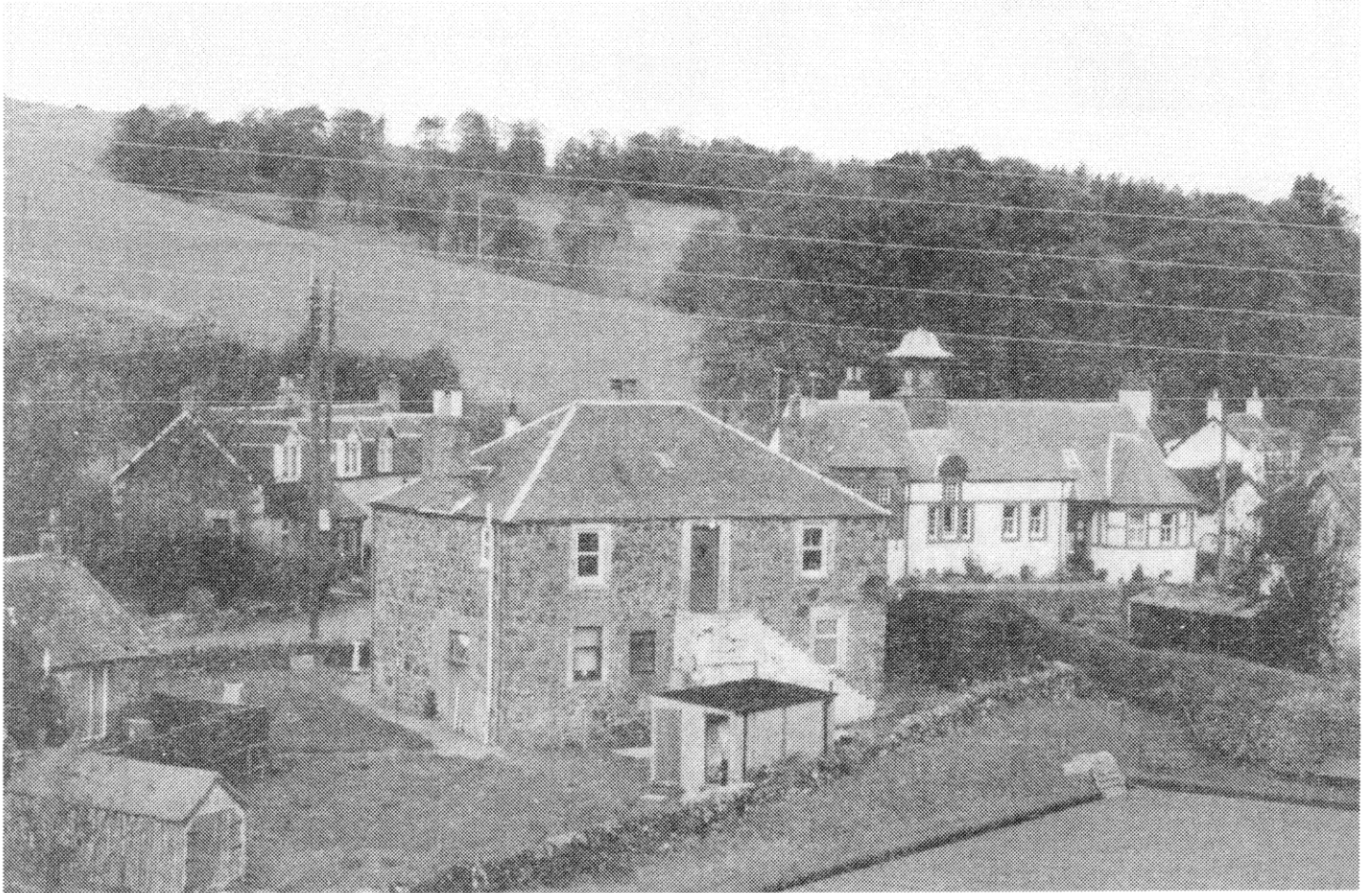


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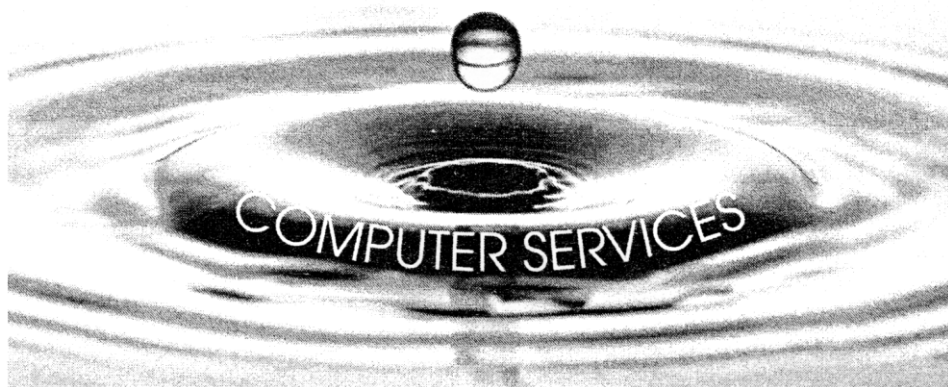
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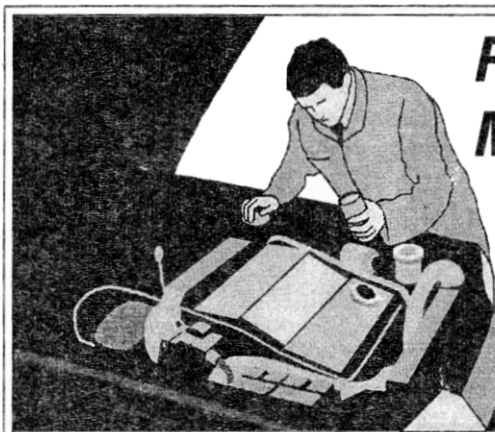
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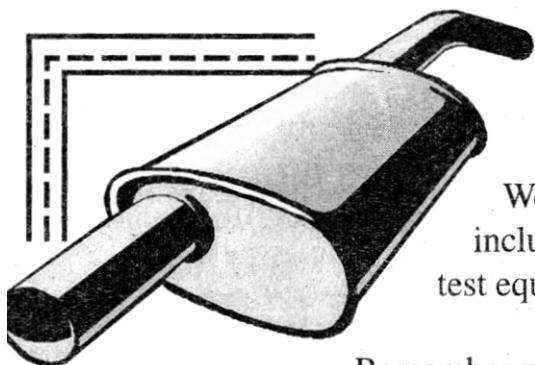
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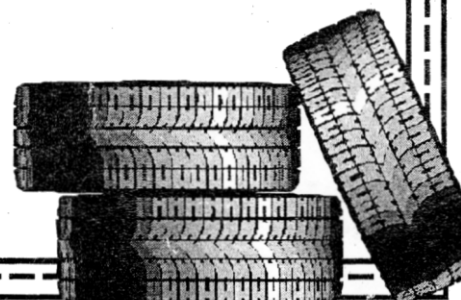
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# History Of Valentine's day

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As early as the fourth century B.C., the Romans engaged in an annual young man's rite to passage to the God Lupercus. The names of the teenage women were placed in a box and drawn at random by adolescent men; thus, a man was assigned a woman companion for the duration of the year, after which another lottery was staged. After eight hundred years of this cruel practice, the early church fathers sought to end this practice... They found an answer in Valentine, a bishop who had been martyred some two hundred years earlier.

According to church tradition St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time the Roman Emperor Claudius-II who had issued an edict forbidding marriage.

This was around when the heyday of Roman empire had almost come to an end. Lack of quality administrators led to frequent civil strife. Learning declined, taxation increased, and trade slumped to a low, precarious level. And the Gauls, Slavs, Huns, Turks and Mongolians from Northern Europe and Asian increased their pressure on the empire's boundaries. The empire was grown too large to be shielded from external aggression and internal chaos with existing forces. Thus more of capable men were required to be recruited as soldiers and officers. When Claudius became the emperor, he felt that married men were more emotionally attached to their families, and thus, will not make good soldiers. So to assure quality soldiers, he banned marriage. Valentine, a bishop, seeing the trauma of young lovers, met them in a secret place, and joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," and had him arrested. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's dignity and conviction, attempted to convert him to the roman gods, to save him from

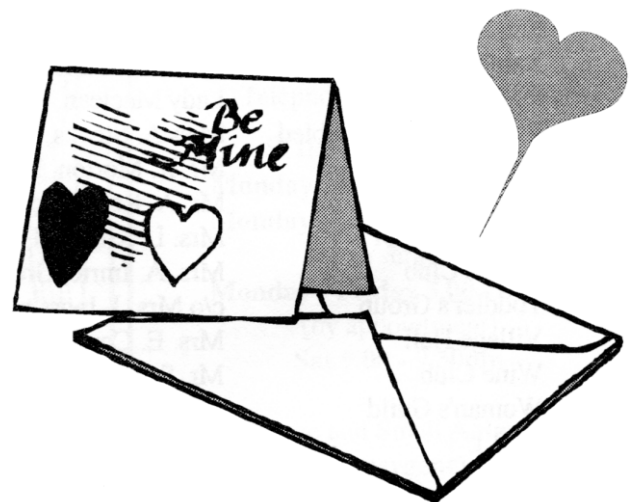
certain execution. Valentine refused to recognize Roman Gods and even attempted to convert the emperor, knowing the consequences fully. On February 24, 270, Valentine was executed.

"From your Valentine"

While Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate, he came in contact with his jailor, Asterius. The jailor had a blind daughter. Asterius requested him to heal his daughter. Through his faith he miraculously restored the sight of Asterius' daughter. Just before his execution, he asked for a pen and paper from his jailor, and signed a farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lived ever after.

Valentine thus become a Patron Saint, and spiritual overseer of an annual festival. The festival involved young Romans offering women they admired, and wished to court, handwritten greetings of affection on February 14. The greeting cards acquired St.Valentine's name.

The Valentine's Day card spread with Christianity, and is now celebrated all over the world. One of the earliest card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. The card is now preserved in the British Museum.



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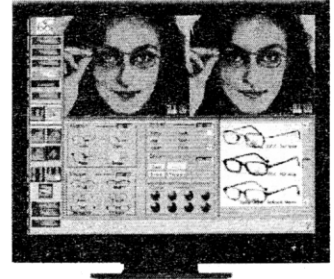
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## *Cover Photo*

this month is by Mrs. Lascelles, and is a view over the Bowling Green to the Old Library.

## *Editorial*

Well, here it is — my very last Newsletter, and it is not without regret that I hang up my keyboard. I have enjoyed producing the Newsletter for the last 13 years, but life changes and different things occupy one's time. More importantly, though, it is time to hand over to someone new, someone who will bring new ideas and enthusiasm.

I am delighted that Ineke Watt has agreed to take on the task, and I'm sure she'll enjoy the challenge and the additional involvement in village life that it brings. She will be ably assisted by Douglas Ness and Shona Reid, and as I understand things, Shona will be the one "encouraging" you to contribute articles! I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received over the years, and know that you will continue to extend it to Ineke and her team. I'm sure she will publish her full contact details in her first edition, but for those of you who don't know Ineke, she lives in the very last house on Melville Terrace,

facing Church Brae. Yes, it's quite a climb, so if you don't fancy going all the way up there, I believe that Grant has very kindly agreed to accept items for publication in the Post Office. Alternatively they can be given to Shona (8 Lomond Bank), or, preferably, sent to the Newsletter's very own e-mail address: [newsletter@glenfarg2000.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@glenfarg2000.freeserve.co.uk). If you forget, and send them to me — don't worry, I'll pass them on.

So keep the news coming — I'm looking forward to reading it. All those organisations who have lapsed over recent years, how about making a new year resolution to start contributing again?

In conclusion, good luck to Ineke, Douglas and Shona. Remember to send in articles as soon as you can, and certainly by the copy date, and if you can't manage it for some reason, please let someone on the team know.

## *Letters to the Editor*

**Dear editor,**

We have recently adopted a Newfoundland bitch from the Newfoundland rescue. This will be her fifth home and she is only three years old, but she is settling in slowly. We can only guess at the trauma she has suffered previously. She appears to have a problem, and is unsure of other dogs. We have taken advice from a behaviourist, and the solution appears to be exposure to as many dogs as possible. Do you have a steady dog who wouldn't mind a strange dog walking up and down past their garden? My apologies to anyone we have met and will meet. Hopefully in the near future I will have a well balanced dog to enjoy exercising. If you can help please phone 830559 many thanks. **Jenny Adam**

### **To the parents of Children in Glenfarg**

We are really disgusted and disheartened by the destruction and vandalism to the pond in Glenfarg Green that occurred during the frosty weather either side of Christmas. Boulders, branches, plant

supports, metal fence posts were pulled up and hurled onto the ice, fences were flattened and trampled.

The stones around the edge are there to prevent erosion, and without them the bank would disintegrate. We put a 2 foot fence round much of the pond last year to deter children from going onto the flowerbeds — 30 or 40 of the metal rods holding the fence in place were deliberately pulled up and thrown in.

Glenfarg Green is meant to be an oasis, a place to enjoy in the middle of the village. We bought the land, it belongs to us, we have created what is there. We made it open to all because we wanted others to enjoy it too, in particular those who live in the village. We love to see parents and children enjoying the place, feeding the ducks, being there.

But all this is now in jeopardy because we are fed up with the repeated damage. We have had vandalism before. There have been many instances, including the lights down the steps by the water cascade being smashed, the little stone bridge over the outlet burn

deliberately broken, branches torn off trees, and many, many other more minor, but thoroughly irritating bits of destruction.

If anything, it is the absolute lack of respect for the place by some which really discourages us. Why should we endlessly have to mend, replace, replant, spend money unnecessarily? If the place is not sufficiently appreciated we do not see why we should continue to keep it open.

So, to be blunt, it's like this. If trouble continues we will, with real sorrow, close Glenfarg Green. There would be no access to it or from it, no walkway through it. This is absolutely the last thing we want. To have to put up signs forbidding access would be sickening to us personally — and an admission of failure by the community, the village, to control its own young.

This is why we are writing to you, the parents, now, and asking you to be directly involved. Firstly, of course, by putting a stop to any vandalism you happen to see, and telling the parents of those responsible. Secondly and most importantly, but talking to your children, explaining the position to them, and getting them on our side.

You may not know who the culprits are — but your children do; they know, and if they are motivated they can act. Amongst the young there is nothing as powerful as peer pressure. If the few troublemakers get heavily leant on and made to feel thoroughly unpopular by their contemporaries, and juniors, we should hopefully get it under control, and not have to take this drastic step. So please help — we cannot do it on our own.

C.B. & M.A. Lascelles, The Bank House

## *Community Council*

The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January 2003. Cllr. K. Baird and PC Ishbel Hinton were present by invitation, and two members of the public also attended.

**Gates & Fencing in Wallace Park** Cllr K. Baird is to check with Perth & Kinross Council as to whether the gates are to remain locked.

**Avenue Drainage** As a result of the meeting in November, two problem areas were identified: the drainage in the Avenue and also in Hayfield Road. The drain within the Avenue has now been tested, and it would appear that it is able to cope with the water that is coming off the Gallup. The drains in Hayfield Road, however, would not appear to be able to cope with the levels of water, and as such the matter remains under review.

**Police Report** Since the last meeting there had been reports of graffiti and minor vandalism occurring within the village. There had also been incidents of drinking within the area of the school, which appears to be an overspill from the drinking that had been occurring within Wallace Park. It was noted that the problem appeared to be dying down.

**Treasurers Report** Cllr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting. The rising cost of the publication of the Newsletter remains an issue. It was recognized that the newsletter remained an integral part of the village, however it was now becoming extremely difficult to keep producing it 'free' at point of

delivery. As such it was requested that villagers were made aware of the demise, and that donations of a suitable level would be very much appreciated when picking up future issues.

**Newsletter** Following the aforementioned discussion Mrs. Jan Macpherson announced her decision finally to resign from her role as Editor of the Glenfarg Newsletter after the publication of the next issue. The Chairman thanked Jan on behalf of the Community Council for her hard work and effort over a long number of years. A sub committee was formed under the supervision of Cllr C.Campbell in order to attempt to resolve the issue of finding a suitable successor.

**Any Other Business** Various points were discussed which included: The AGM of the Tayside Pensioners Forum, Tayside Drug and Alcohol Seminar and Childline Appeal.

**Arngask School Link-Up** It was noted that former Arngask teacher, Miss McLeod, has been teaching in Milan for some time, and intends to form a linkup between the schools. The Community Council members agreed that this was an excellent idea. Further updates on the matter are to be provided by the Chairman.

**Date of next meeting** Monday 3rd March.

## *Arngask Guild*

February	11	Spring Meeting	Auchterarder Parish Church Hall	2.00 pm Cars will leave the PO at 12.45 pm
	18	Romans in Perthshire	Speaker - Mr Mark Hall	7.30 pm
March	4	Board of Social Responsibilities	Mrs Brenda Fraser, Asst. Div. Manager and Mrs Joanne Chin, Service Manager at Belmont Castle, Meigle	7.30 pm
			BRING AND BUY EVENING	
	7	World Day of Prayer		
	18	Perth Speakers Club	Speaker - Mr Bruce Fummey	7.30 pm
	21	Annual Council Meeting	Speaker - Rev Kay Gilchrist, CHAS	St Matthew's Church Hall 2.00 pm
	29	GUILD SALE AND COFFEE MORNING		Church Hall 10.00 - 11.30 am
April	5	Keith Lodge Coffee Morning		Scone New Church Hall 10.00 - 11.30 am
	8	Closing Meeting	Faith Supper and Scottish Night	7.30 pm
May	20	Summer Outing	To be arranged	
June	5	Summer Meeting	Speaker - Rev James McDonald	Scone New Hall 7.30 pm
August	14	Garden Party	Gask Church Hall	7.00 pm

ARNGASK GUILD MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL

We cordially invite anyone interested to join us for any of our meetings, and would like to draw your attention to our Coffee Morning on the 29th March when your support would be appreciated.

## *Arngask School*

Christmas Concert The School Christmas Concert was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 December. Conner Campbell played the lead role as the "Gigantic Star", ably supported by Primary 7 pupils who took on the traditional support roles: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, inn-keeper, angels and wise men. Senior citizens were invited to the afternoon performance, while the evening show attracted a full house, raising over £300 for Help the Aged. A representative from the charity will visit the school on 24 January to receive a cheque and explain to the pupils how the money raised might be used.

Sensation report On Wednesday we went to the Sensation Exhibition in Dundee with Dunbarney Primary. There were lots of things to do, and it was quite interesting. First of all we went upstairs to the café to have our lunch. Then we went downstairs for 30 minutes to do all the activities.

Later on we all went to the Education Room, where a lady gave us a talk on rocks. Once that had finished we went to the internet café, where we went on a computer and found a job for ourselves, and played a quiz. It was really good fun! **May Hunter**

## ***WRI***

Following a laughter-filled trip to the Panto in Dunfermline on Saturday 7th, Glenfarg WRI members continued their Christmas celebrations with an excellent party on Thursday 12th in the Village Hall. With guests from Muckhart, food by Powmill Milk Bar and entertainment by Tam Webster and The Proud Clansmen, all presided over by the Christmas Fairy (aka Jenny Adam), it was an evening to remember.

Competition results -

**Christmas Tree Ornament** 1. Ursula Stewart 2 Allison Messenger 3 Helen Quartermaine

**Four Chocolate Truffles** 1. Allison Messenger 2 Jeanette Kirkland 3 Liz Yull

**Flower of the Month** 1. Sheila Harley 2 Liz Yull 3 Allison Messenger

Mrs Jenny Adam presided at the January meeting, and introduced Mr Jimmy Douglas, artist, poet and raconteur, who gave a witty account of his life and times from Cowdenbeath to Kinross via Kuwait and points East. Illustrated by his own drawings, it was a marvellous description of a life full of amazing twists and turns. Mrs Helen Mair proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition results -

**Hat (any craft)** 1. Allison Messenger 2 Ursula Stewart 3 Helen Quartermaine

**Shortbread biscuits** 1. Margot Moran 2 Allison Messenger 3 Miss Jean Grigg

**Pot Plant** 1. Liz Yull 2 Helen Quartermaine 3 Liliias Johnson

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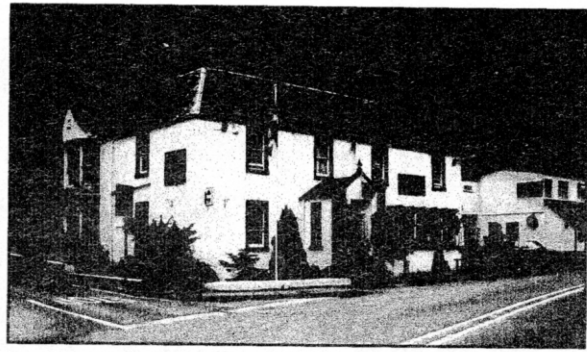
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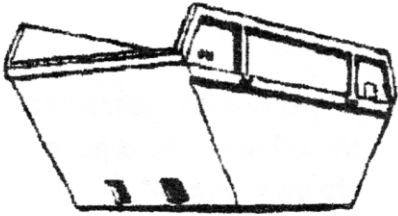
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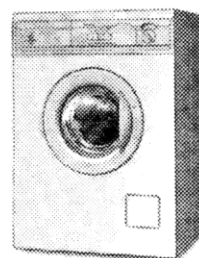
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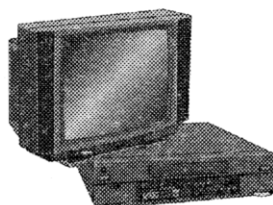


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