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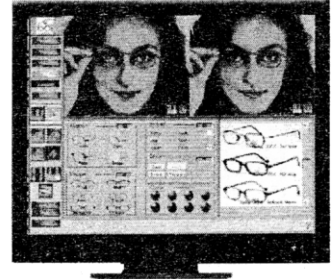
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The Old Kirk of Arngask

Editorial

In this issue is an article about the Old Arngask Kirk at the top of the hill overlooking the village. It makes very interesting reading particularly if you consider how much has changed even since the article was written.

Charlie Murison asked me to mention that the amount of money in the tin at the Post Office was the second lowest ever. It would be a pity to have to charge for the newsletter rather than to rely on the generosity of the villagers. I've also been asked to highlight the new pre-school music group that meets weekly in the Church Hall. More details and contact information inside. Finally, despite my efforts, I have received no feedback about the open meeting for the village hall. As far as I can gather there was considerable objection to the idea of building a new hall in Wallace Park. A new hall behind the school was a popular suggestion, with the other option being, of course, just to refurbish the old one. Hopefully we'll have more on this in the next issue.

Letters to the Editor

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The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th June 2003.

Present

Cllr D.Cameron (Chair.), Cllr B.Patterson (Secretary)
Cllr C.Murison (Treasurer), Cllr C.Campbell, Cllr
A.Curtis, Cllr L.Godsell. Cllr C.Meldrum, Cllr
J.McHardy, Cllr S.Reid, Cllr J. Stake, Cllr
J.Sutherland.

Apologies

Cllr T.Nicol

By Invitation

Cllr K.Baird, Representative from Tayside Police.

Members of the public

3 members of the public were present.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes accepted as accurate by Cllr C.
Campbell and seconded by Cllr J. Stake.

Matters Arising

Village Hall An open meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday the 17th of June in order to discuss plans for the future use of the hall.

The members of the Community Council were advised that following the meeting the matter remained undecided and as such still under discussion.

Scottish Outdoor Access Code A general discussion took place concerning proposals for the new access code. It was felt that common sense would apply when walking in specific areas and as such there were no significant issues readily apparent at this point in time.

Police Report The attendees were advised that the period since the last meeting had been quiet with little to report. The problem with litter, which had been occurring within Wallace Park and the school, now appeared to be under control.

Treasurers Report Cllr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting.

Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils A letter had been received, requesting that the Community Council consider joining the convention. After discussion concerning potential benefits of membership it was decided by vote that Glenfarg Community Council should join for an initial period of 1 year.

Wind Turbine Discussion took place over a letter received by Scottish Water in relation to wind sampling that is currently underway within the area. It became apparent during discussions that a number

of anemometers were currently sampling wind strength in a number of locations and that data was being collected on a feasibility basis at this point in time. It was noted that the Community Council wished to be kept advised of any further developments.

Drainage The meeting was advised that Perth & Kinross Council had agreed that the rainwater causing the flooding along the avenue could be discharged into their adjacent drain. It was believed that the connecting work had already been completed and that it would now require a heavier period of rain in order to test the effectiveness.

Any Other Business

Wallace Park Facilities Subsequent to taking over the lease for the changing rooms in Wallace Park, Glenfarg Tennis Club have been notified that they would be charged an annual fee for receiving access to water facilities. As such, they inquired whether the Community Council would make a contribution to this cost. It was felt that prior to any decision being taken, more information was required as to the exact cost and whether other groups would have access to the facilities. It was also felt that a meeting between these parties might be appropriate.

Calor Scottish Community of the Year Awards The Community Council had been notified that the Calor Scottish Community of the Year Awards were being held again this current year with prizes for winners within specific categories. It was agreed that Glenfarg should enter.

Ground Maintenance Concern was noted with regard to areas of maintenance within the village. General untidiness at the war memorial and displaced lair stones at Arngask Cemetery. Additionally the overgrown hedges at the south end of the main road would appear to have been neglected by respective homeowners and this has meant that pedestrians were unable to use the footpath, having to walk on the road instead.

Broadband Cllr J. Sutherland is currently exploring the feasibility of obtaining broadband connection within the village.

Arngask Farm It was noted that the door to Arngask Farm is in need of repair. It was felt that as the marquee is stored at the farm with no charge being made, the Community Council gives consideration to covering the cost of the repair. Estimate to be obtained

Next Meeting

Monday 1st September 2003 at 7.30pm.

Meetings are held in the church hall.

Arngask Church

Arngask Church Dates

Sunday 7th September	Joint Communion Service Arngask Church	7.00pm
Sunday 21st September	Harvest Festival	9.30am

Sunday School

The Sunday School Outing was a huge success mainly due to the fact that the weather was glorious those who were at last year's outing will remember standing under umbrellas watching the children get very wet! This year was a different story.....

The bus took a jolly load of parents and children to the St Andrews Aquarium where we were mesmerised by the huge variety of fish large and small. A particular favourite were the sea horses and the youngest children in the group marvelled at the bright colours displayed by some of the fish. Thereafter we all descended on St Andrews beach where some members of the group even managed to brave the cold waves of the sea for a swim. After an impromptu game of 'beach football' rain clouds threatened and the group decided that fish and chips at a playpark in Cupar sounded like a good idea. After much singing (unfortunately the repertoire of the group did not exceed much further than "the back of the bus is..." yes, you know the rest) a bus load of exhausted children and contented adults returned to the village ready to tell the congregation the following day all about the trip. The Sunday service was a combined Fathers day and Prizegiving where the children entertained the congregation and the fathers in turn entertained the children much to the amusement of the rest of the congregation.

Thanks to all those families who made the weekend a huge success and thanks in particular to Lindsay for being the only adult strong enough to tolerate the singing and sit at the top deck of the bus on the way home!

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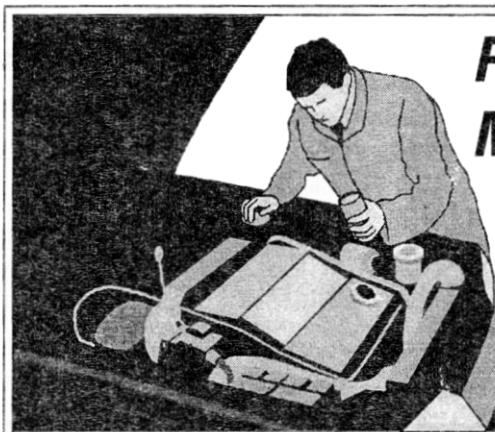
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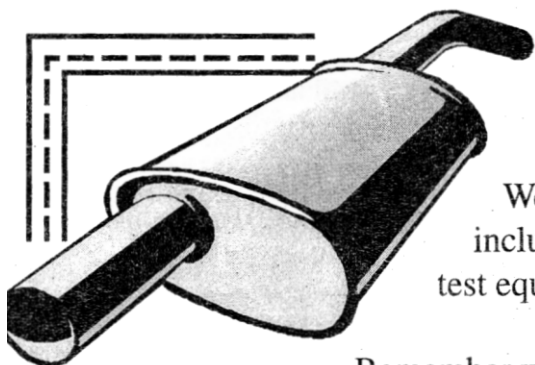
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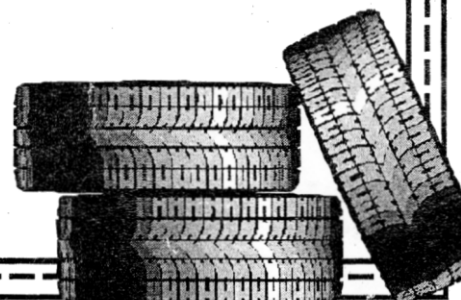
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The fete was a great success and the weather made it a perfect day. On behalf of Arngask Kirk Session I would like to thank the following people:- Dr Derek and Mrs Rose Anderson for opening the fete and judging the fancy dress competition. All side show and stall holders. Catherine and Ian for organising the prize draw, Jim for organising the dog show, Sheona and all the ladies who helped in the tea tent. Arthur for his help with electrics and compereing and David for supplying the Music. The Pontins and the Tennis Club for electricity and water. The Norris family and the McAinsh family for the use of their gazebos. Lee Scamacca for bringing along her pony and trap for the children to have rides on. Robert, Stuart, Andy, Jim, Pierette and the Scouts and all their helpers who gave transport and put up marquees, tables etc. Grant of the P.O. for his help and donations.

To all the people who gave donations of:- money, to the stalls, tea tent, raffle prizes and Mr McGregor for the use of a skip. All the dancers and Kairyn's Canine Capers who entertained us and lastly to all the people who came and made this a great day. Thank You.

Margaret Scott

Companion Dog Show 2003 Judge R. Mason

Any Variety Puppy	1st	Tom Bayne
	2nd	Alison Pilmer
	3rd	Tony McAllum
Any Variety Sporting	1st	Pat Doran
	2nd	Ian Pilmer
	3rd	Alison Pilmer
Any Variety Non-Sporting	1st	Louise Moor
	2nd	Zoe Turnbull
Any Variety Open	3rd	Connor Campbell
	1st	Louise Moor
	2nd	Ian Pilmer
Best In Show Reserve	3rd	Tom Bayne
	Louise Moor	
	Pat Doran	
Best Young Handler	1st	Amy Munro
	2nd	Janey Brechin
	3rd	Ashley Russel
Best Veteran	Ashley Russel	

Other Winners

Cake	Sheila Harley
Lucky Programme	Mr Leadbum
Balloons in car	Helen Mair

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Toddlers Group

The Glenfarg Baby and Toddlers Group is an excellent way for 'new mums' to make friends and get support from other families within the village. Usually friendships are made at 'toddlers' that continue throughout the years. The Glenfarg group meets at the village hall and will start again in the new school term (please keep an eye in the P.O. window for exact date). Please note the new time of 10.00 - 11.30am.

For more details please call Joyce on 830353.

Primary School

June saw a very busy end of term, with the usual round of events much enjoyed by everyone involved.

School Outings

All classes went off on school outings- the nursery had a trip to "Jungle Kids" along with their friends from the playgroup, where children, parents and staff had fun discovering, climbing and sliding before going off to explore Camperdown Park with their picnics. P 1's, 2's and 3's had a fine time at Craigtoun Park near St. Andrews, while Primary 4's, 5's and 6's had a day out at The Scottish Deer Centre, learning a lot of interesting information about a variety of animals. Unfortunately, there must have been a particularly violent pollen floating around that day because they almost all came home with hay fever! Fortunately all these trips were favoured by the lovely weather we have been seeing this summer. Our select bunch of Primary 7's also had a super outing, finishing up at the Megabowl in Dundee where a great time was had by all.

Sporting Events

As well as the above trips, senior pupils have been "out and about" on a number of occasions to take part in sporting events for which they have been practising hard. After school on a Thursday has been a busy time for our footballers under the watchful eye of Mr Simpson. They are starting to see a few good results against other schools - a team to watch for the future, perhaps! Most notable sporting performance, though, was our netball team's runner-up position in the district tournament - they all came back to school very proud of their medals and trophy. Well done to all the players and to Mrs Moonie for her excellent coaching.

Again on a sporting theme, the final week of term saw netball and volleyball matches of Primary 7's versus the school staff Much cheering for both sides was to be heard from the crowd (the rest of the school), though we would like to know who started the chant "Old and baggies! Old and baggies!",

presumably to encourage the staff team. These matches were supposed to be played very much "just for fun", though somehow things did get rather more competitive when the going got tough. The "Old and baggies" eventually won both matches, though the volleyball was too close for comfort!

Drama Club

The Drama club performance of "Peter Pan" took place on June 18th at 7.00 in the Village Hall and was well attended, with much laughter from the audience (mostly planned but as always those few slip ups are also very entertaining!) The performers had a fantastic evening - they and their parents came out of the hall beaming with pride, and quite justifiably so. This was a real team effort by parents, staff and children. Special mention must be made of the costumes (first time we have had proper costumes!) which were sewn by Katherine Milne, Sylvia Wall, Nicky Hay and Cath Stratford together with Mrs Moonie who did the amazing job of co-ordinating all the designs and buying the fabric. Many thanks to the PTA who donated funds for this. Among the other team members we must single out David Watt who did a superb job of putting together the sound track and setting up the PA system for us on the day. Scott Deas did a brilliant job as assistant director and prompter, and the programme cover design competition was won by Rob Lindsay.

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Ross for judging this competition for us.

Sports Day

Sports day was another highlight of the end of term, again luckily taking place on a beautifully sunny afternoon. Scoring was the closest for more than a decade, with only one point deciding the final positions. Deuglie "snatched it" at the very end, achieving a total of 113 points to Duncricvie's 112. Senior sports champions of the year were Amy Peacock (girls) and Scott Deas (boys).

The event was well reported with results, details and even action photos in the special "Sports Day Supplement" of this year's school magazine, produced by the Primary 7's under the guidance of Mrs Imrie and Mr Simpson. Many people have said it is one of the best magazines we have ever produced, so well done to all involved.

Prizegiving

This brings us to the prizegiving in the last week of term, where Amy and Scott received their shields along with all the other children who had achieved success during the course of the session. Prizes were presented by the chairman of the community council which once again donated money for the purchase of our prized class medals for positive behaviour and effort.

Attendance was not high but those who came enjoyed the occasion tremendously. As usual, there was entertainment by each class. Primary 1/2 sang two songs of which one "Wellington Boots" was very appropriate - unlike our other end of term events the prizegiving took place in pouring rain - we even had to wait in the school for a slight gap in the downpour before we could set out for the village hall! Primary 2/3 gave us a lovely rendition of "The Runaway Train", while P4/5 sang the old favourite "When You're Smiling". Primary 5/6 gave us some very unusual but highly entertaining "voice music", and the Primary 7's in their last appearance for Arngask reflected on their past memories of primary school and their hopes, fears and dreams for the future. We wish them all success and happiness as they move on.

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The Glenfarg Village Folk Club

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11th August	Session Night	<i>All welcome to come along and join in. Tonight's theme is Plants and flowers.</i>
18th August	Cloudstreet	<i>Australian duo with great harmonies.</i>
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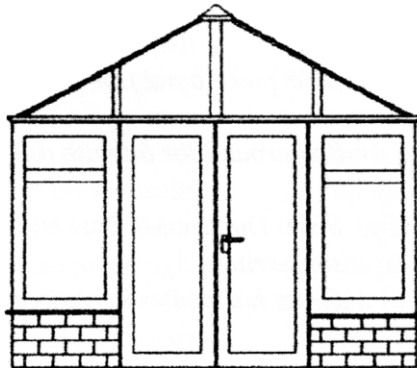
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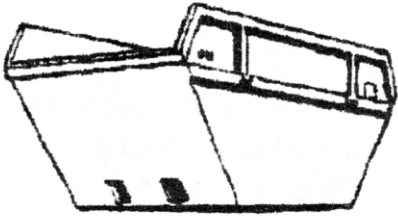


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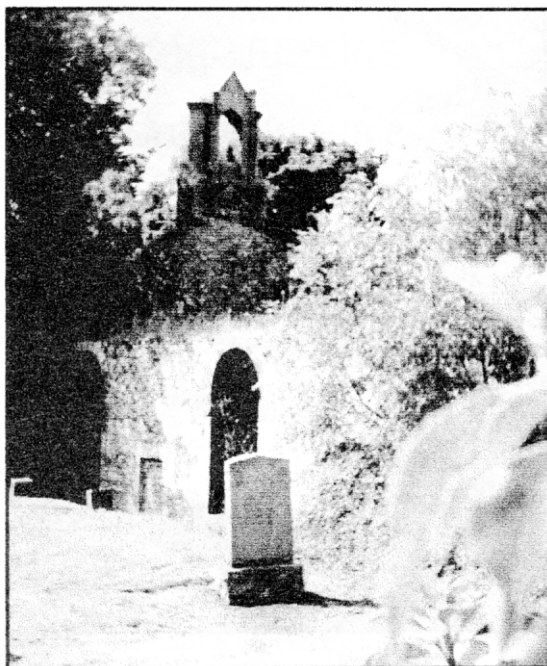
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THE AULD KIRK OF ARNGASK

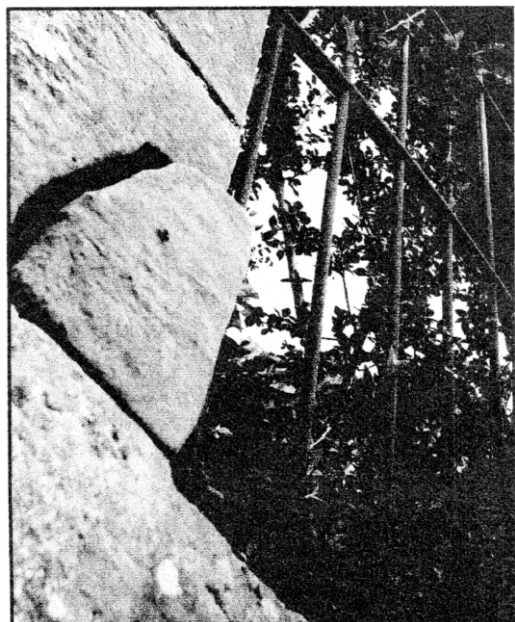
By
Iain MacDonald

Do you ever take a walk up by the auld Kirk and Kirkyaird on Arngask hill? Maybe you have never given the ruined walls a second glance. As they stand they may not be very eye-catching. When complete this Kirk must have been a squat, unpretentious, nae whigmaleeries building. In the words of the writer of the second statistical account of our parish in 1842, it was "a plain but substantial edifice." The little belfry and bell — carefully saved from an earlier kirk, for the thrifty parishioners of Arngask were not the people to throw money away recklessly — added a light touch to one gable, while white-painted windows and painted doors added a touch of colour to the exterior. And yet, in its own quiet way this little kirk is full of character, and if we can look at it with a sympathetic eye it will in return tell us something of the way our forefathers worshipped.



First of all, count the number of doors it had at one time. There is the door into the wee session-house, and the main entrance makes two, and the one to the galley makes three. Then if you walk round the back you will find a fourth door blocked up in the middle of the west wall, and yet another in the south wall, making five altogether. Five doors into one kirk, that's a bit odd. Aye, and gae draughty too. Surely there must be a reason for that.

Look at the colour of the stones forby. The builders have brightened up the walls by introducing a pinky-red sandstone at each corner — I'm sure they may have borrowed this idea from Balvaird Castle where coloured stones are used to good effect. Look closer, though, at the doors and windows. In contrast to the corner stones the two huge windows in the south wall and three of the doors are carried out in yellow sandstone. But the door into the gallery, the two small windows in the north wall below the gallery and the door and window



of the session-house are all in red sandstone. This seems to be a clear indication that all these red sandstone features have been tagged on as afterthoughts. The original building, therefore, had no session-house, and no gallery. That means that when erected the kirk was lit only by two very large windows on the south wall. There was one door each on the east, south and west walls, but neither doors nor windows on the north.

Let us look at the parish it was meant to serve. What was this parish like in the year 1806, the year it was built?

On the basis of figures given in the Statistical Accounts we would not be far wrong in placing the population at just under the 600 mark. (But remember that not all of these were members of the parish kirk: there were quite a few Seceders.) When you come to think of it, this figure of 600 isn't really so very different from that of the present day. What is equally striking is that this population was much more widely scattered than at present.



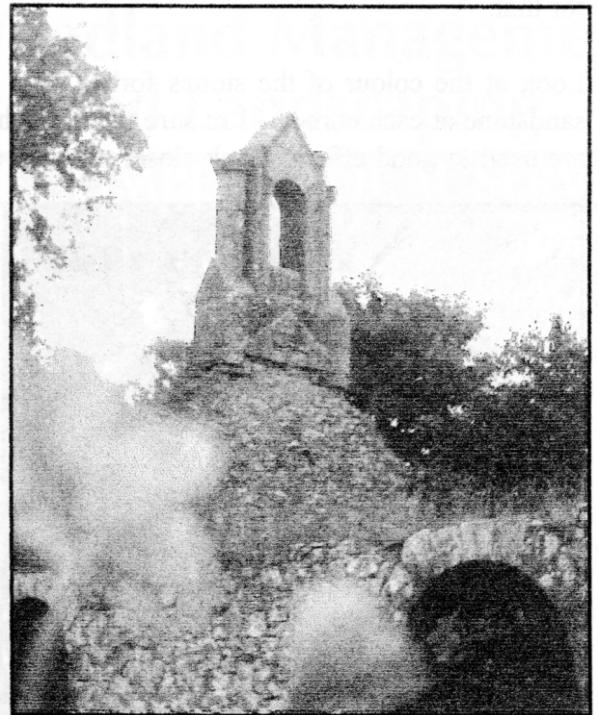
To-day Glenfarg is by far the largest community in the parish. This was not always so. In the early 19th century there were two main villages, Duncreevie, a pretty little place in a fine setting, and Damhead, only slightly larger, and the nucleus of the present Glenfarg. In addition there were three hamlets, Abbotsdeuglie and Newton of Balcanquhal both happily still with us, and Lustylaw, though this last was now on a sad decline but still important enough at this date to be the scene of an annual cattle fair.

Duncreevie, Damhead and Lustylaw were strung out along the length of the road leading North to Perth. At the time that the walls of Arngask Kirk were rising no doubt there would be rumour of a "new road" leading to Perth, just as we hear of a new road that will by-pass Glenfarg in some wonderful age of the future.

The new road eventually came, of course, and is now the main road to Perth. After that, and with the coming of the railway, Damhead grew, while Duncreevie and Lustylaw were left out on a limb. Perhaps, though, the wheel will come full circle. Our new road when it comes apparently will by-pass Glenfarg and cut over the hills, roughly on the line of the old route to Perth. And who can tell? The time may come when the ghost village of Lustylaw may rise anew, a village of filling-stations, motels, and houses commanding one of the finest views in Scotland over Strathearn to the ice-blue Grampian mountains beyond.

All these developments, however, lay in the future, and as it was, the Kirk enjoyed a fairly central site. Not that there was ever much doubt about where the new Kirk should be built. A Kirk and Kirkyaird had stood on Arngask hill for centuries, and it was natural that the same site should be used again.

At this point we might ask ourselves why it was that the parishioners of Arngask decided in the early years of the 19th century to "ding doon" the existing kirk and erect the one which now stands on the site. Possibly a search through the extant documents might give us an answer, but until that is done we can guess at the reasons. This period was, first of all, a great period in kirk-building. Not just in Arngask but all over Scotland many new kirks were being erected, many of which (e.g. Comrie Old, St. Paul's, Perth) are among the most delightful features of our towns and villages. There was the background factor that many of the old pre-Reformation kirks that were in use never did (and still don't) make very satisfactory buildings for Reformed worship. Certainly the new kirk that was built here in 1806 was admirably adapted for Reformed worship, as we shall see. Again, we mustn't forget that the population was increasing which often forced congregations to provide themselves with a bigger kirk, but since the Arngask kirk was bursting at the seams from the moment it was built that can hardly be the reason here. Very often, too, the local laird might take the notion to rebuild the parish kirk in the latest, up-to-date style, usually "elegant Gothic". However there is nothing stylish about the Arngask rebuild. The most likely reason in fact seems to be quite simply that by the opening of the 19th century the kirk of Arngask was old and worn out, and was beyond repair.



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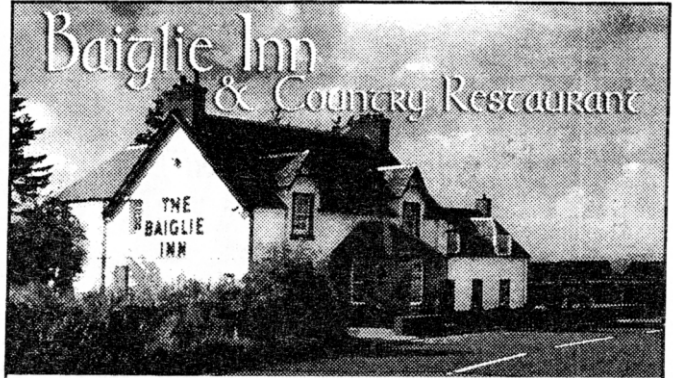
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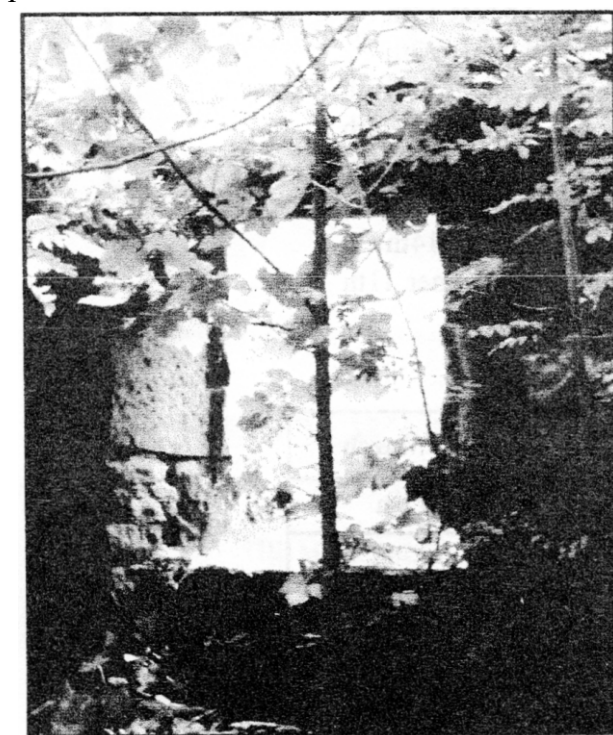
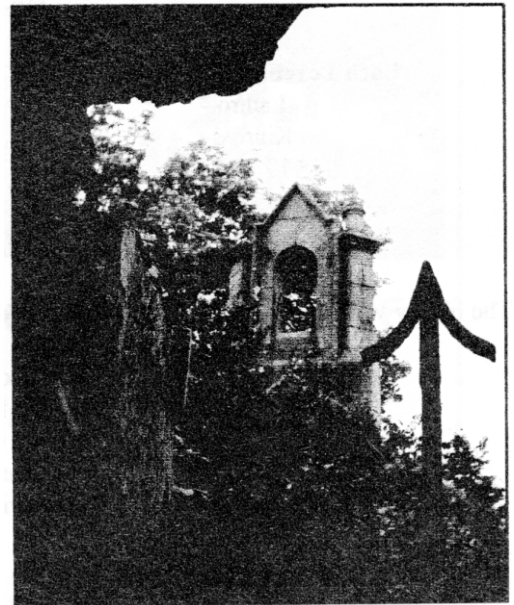
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Here we are on thin ice indeed. Our knowledge of the pre-1806 kirk is extremely limited. Our only clue appears to be that most enigmatic remark in the First Statistical Account where the minister of the time, Lang, makes the comment that, "Part of the church, at least, must have been built before the Reformation, as there is a place in the wall for the font....". Just what are we to make of this statement? Mr Mackie, a most cautious and careful historian, wisely refuses to commit himself. We, less wise, will continue to skate further on to the thin ice.

Lang was writing about 1791, a time when not much was understood about the mediaeval styles of architecture. Generally speaking, in Scotland within a mediaeval kirk there was no architecturally defined space to contain a font, such as Lang believes to be the case here. It could be that he is merely describing a holy water stoup, or a piscina, a little stone sink for washing the altar vessels, such as you will see in St. John's Kirk, Perth. There

is, however, one other, much more exciting interpretation. It is just conceivable that the "place in the wall for the font" of Lang's description is an apse. An apse is an extension to the East end of a kirk, rather like a bow window, built usually to contain the High Altar. Now an apse of a kind that could be mistaken by Lang as "a place in the wall for the font" in Scottish mediaeval architecture is a feature only of the Romanesque or



Norman period. Our sister nation down south has been celebrating with postage stamps, pageants and television programmes the famous Norman Conquest of England 1066 (rather oddly: after all the English lost!) It was only later that the Scots were to be directly affected by this Norman intrusion, one visible symbol being the building of kirks in an international style closely associated with the Normans. The splendid kirks at Leuchars and Dalmeny are our best examples built under the patronage of the powerful Anglo-Norman family of de Quincy. Mr Mackie has shown how this family owned estates in this area. It is possible to speculate, therefore, that through the example or influence of the de Quincy family, the parish kirk of Arngask might have been a faint echo of the splendours of Leuchars. If this is so then the Kirk that was pulled down and replaced by the present structure may have incorporated the apsidal east end of an earlier Norman structure, and would have been already at least 600 years old.

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Murdo Iain MacDonald was a schoolboy in the village while his father Murdo MacDonald was minister in Arngask from 1959 - 1967. Iain, a history graduate of St Andrews University, is at present an Archivist in Argyll.

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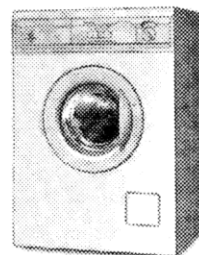
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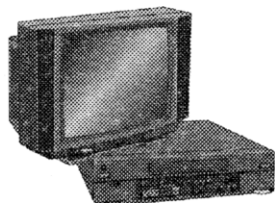


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