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GLENFARG'S YOUNGEST ACTOR!

Tor from Corbett House in the village made his first performance in the Nativity Service at Arrgask Church at the age of just over 6 weeks!

He played the part of Baby Jesus and he was in the very capable hands of Rachel Vaughan who played Mary. The congregation are due a huge thank you for agreeing to dress up as shepherds and angels and in doing so creating a very unique and fun nativity service.

The play started with a real fire burning outside the church and an orderly queue of people waiting to 'sign in' and declaring how many sheep, goats and camels(?) they had.

A special thanks also goes to Tor's Mum Jenny for allowing her tiny baby son to be part of the play and steal the show!

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Ballet	Rachel Webb, 79 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood	01592 840 834
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Bowling Club	Mrs C. Hayward, 3 Lomond Bank	830387
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Dancing	Mrs N. Matthew, Wellside Ho., Milnathort	861516
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Over 60s	Mrs M. Cumming, Duncrìevie	830736
Playgroup	Tara Winterton, The Old Bakehouse, Main St	830879
Pre-school music group	Ms T. Winterton, The Old Bakehouse, Main St.	830879
Rainbows	Addy Miller	830823
Red Cross	Mr W. Connolly, 4 Lomond Bank	830200
Riding for the Disabled	Miss A. Stocks, Smiddyhill	830262
Scouts	Mr R. Morton, Folda, Church Brae	830210
Sunday School	Mrs L. Kinnaird, Greenbank Road	830337
SWRI	Mrs Margaret Scott, Banfield, Duncrìevie	830 369
Tennis Club	Sue Cheape, Forester Seat Cottage	830349
The Guild	Mrs M. Knox, Braeriach, Duncrìevie Road	830493
Village Hall	Mrs E. Coventry, 7 Greenbank Crescent	830529
Wine Club	Mr S. Mee, Westdean, Hayfield Road	830395

Editorial

Christmas seems to have happened a long time ago ... and the New Year has already brought violent gales, flooding and snow.

It's also brought a fairly light issue of the Glenfarg Newsletter!

There are some important items however – **the windfarm issue** is back in the news (page 28), **The Lomond Hotel** plans have been passed (see page 15) and the

Community Council and the Newsletter are looking for new members (Jobs on page 22).

This year we hope your Newsletter will continue to go from strength to strength so keep your news, views and comments coming in... good, bad and balanced!

Wishing you all a great year!

The Newsletter Team



Breaking the tradition of 'children only' nativity scenes...

Comment from the Chairman of Glenfarg Community Council concerning the Lochelbank Windfarm Public Local Inquiry

I fully endorse the accurate report on the Lochelbank Windfarm Inquiry which Mr Bill Connolly gives in his article. I was, however, most disappointed by the distorted picture painted in the local press reporting of the Inquiry which left the impression that the Community Council and WAG cases went by default.

Writing as Chairman of the Glenfarg Community Council, I would like to reassure members of the community that the views expressed by the large majority of those who voted in the local referendum about the Lochelbank proposal some two years ago were fully, indeed forcefully, put to the Public Inquiry. Both Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn Community Councils were given a reasonable hearing. I am quite sure that the Reporter, whatever her final decision, has been left in no doubt about the strength of local opinion against the windfarm, and the reasons behind the opposition to it.

Finally, I would like to thank those members of the Community Council and public who gave up so much time to attend the Public Inquiry sessions. The good attendance can only have strengthened our case.

Duncan Cameron

CONGRATULATIONS!

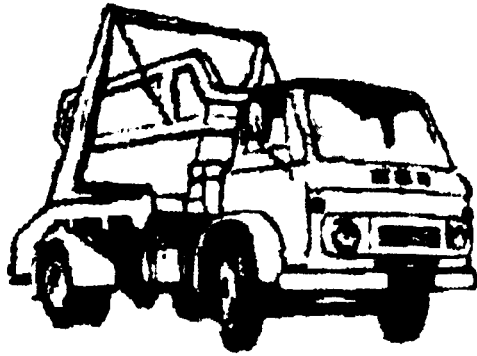
Ian Marsden has been presented with Perth and Kinross Council's David K. Thomson Award for 2006.

He received an inscribed quaich, a framed scroll and a cheque for £500 from Provost Bob Scott.

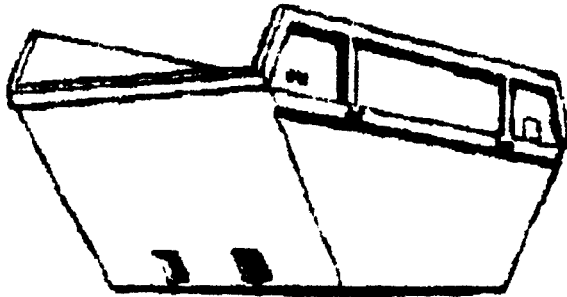
The award trust was set up by former lord provost David K. Thomson, of Perth Town Council, in 1972. It recognises success in sport, music or other spheres by Perth and Kinross residents.

Ian was chosen for the award because he was selected as Scotland's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony for last year's Melbourne games.





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Many of these are eligible for ILA funding, which means that if you earn less than £15,000 you could get £200 towards training costs. Even if you earn more than that, you are still entitled to £100 towards computer training.

Courses which qualify for

this funding include Information Technology 1 and 2. These will give you a firm grounding in all aspects of computing. Using Microsoft Office software, you'll gain a good working knowledge of word-processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation packages for home or office use.

There is also the option to work towards the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), a must for your CV! It's designed to cover key concepts in computing including, Basic Concepts of IT; File Management; Word Processing; Spreadsheets; Databases, Presentation and the Internet and is now being asked for by employers recruiting new staff.

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FUNDING PLAN

Local fundraising activities
(remain ongoing)

P&KC application decision to award
£15,000 (2006)

Awards for aAll
£4,500 awarded August 2005
Robertson Trust
£15,000 awarded August 2005
(extension agreed to 2007)
Gannochy Trust
Indicated willingness to consider bid
for £75,000

SITA Environmental Trust
£17,817 awarded March 2006

BIG Lottery Fund
Outline application successful
Submit BIG Lottery application

Apply to: Lloyds TSB, Scottish
Community Foundation, Charles
Hayward Foundation
Anticipate BIG decision

Timeline for Village Hall Extension

TIME
1999-2004

Spring 2004

Summer 2004

Autumn 2004

Spring 2005

Summer 2005

Autumn 2005

Winter 2005

Summer 2006

Jan 2007

Winter 2006/7

Feb/Mar 2007

April

May

June

July

Aug/Sept

Nov

Dec

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BUILDING PLAN

Community Consultation
Options identified and explored

Community profile and design brief
prepared
Architects interviewed and appointed

Options appraised and initial architects
sketches on display at village fete

Planning permission secured November
2004

Architects paid

Instruct Architect/engineer and QS to
proceed to develop plans to building
warrant

Applied to Perth & Kinross Council for
building warrant

New windows, insulation, lighting and
heating installed in existing hall (Autumn
2006)

Finalise design details
Hall committee issue details for bill of
Quantities specification and commission
QS

Issue Tenders

Tender return
Tender report received

Review Tender report
Advance works (cable grounding) start
Appoints contractor

Site start

Demolition and site clearance; ground
investigations

Underground services/foundations

Superstructure

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Children's Book Review

For younger children

'The Snail and the Whale'
by Julia Donaldson
RRP £5.99



One tiny snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of a whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, and it's the tiny snail who saves the day.

This charming and poetic tale of the value of even the smallest creatures will delight children, as will the beautiful and amusing illustrations.

JUST FOR LAUGHS!

Q: What do you get if you cross a cat with a parrot?

A: A carrot!

For older children

'Eldest'
by Christopher Paolini
RRP £6.99



Darkness falls...Despair abounds... Evil reigns...Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now, Eragon must travel to Ellesmera, land of the elves, for further training in magic and swordsmanship, the vital skills of the Dragon Rider. It is the journey of a lifetime, filled with awe-inspiring new places and people, each day a fresh adventure. But chaos and betrayal plague him at every turn, and Eragon isn't sure whom he can trust. Meanwhile, his cousin Roran must fight a new battle back home in Carvahall - one that puts Eragon in even graver danger. Will the king's dark hand strangle all resistance? Eragon may not escape with even his life...

Monday Night Badminton

New players welcome

Every Monday night a number of ladies get together to keep fit by playing badminton. This group is completely separate from the Badminton Club- who are much better players than we are.



We would like a few more people to come along and increase our numbers. We are in the Village Hall every Monday night from 8:15 to 9:45. If you would like to give badminton a go - just come along one Monday evening, or contact Janet Little, Isobel Smith, Sue Sadler, Eunice Salmon, Margaret Chalmers or Annette Eadie for more details.

Community Council Minutes

Present

Cllr T. Bisset, Cllr D. Cameron (Chairman), Cllr C. Campbell, Cllr A. Grave, Cllr A. Johnston (Secretary), Cllr C. Murison (Treasurer), Cllr R. Quartermaine.

01/01/07 Apologies

Cllr L. Godsell

By Invitation

P&K Cllr K. Baird, Constable Childs

Members of the Public

4 members of the public were present

02/01/07 Previous Minutes

The minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Murison.

03/01/07 Matters Arising

Benches at Hilton of Duncrieve Road:

The Secretary advised that a letter had been sent to Mr Brian Paterson who originally brought the matter to the attention of the Community Council. The Secretary also advised that he had been in touch with Mrs Ross concerning the idea to place a bench on the Arngask walk in memory of her late husband. Mrs Ross was very supportive of the idea and the Secretary was now in the process of obtaining details of suitable benches.

Glenfarg Postbox: The Secretary reported that a new and larger post box shall be installed prior to March around the corner from the Post Office where the pavement is wide enough to accommodate it.

Dog Litter Bins: Three sites for dog litterbins were suggested and the Perth and Kinross Council Dog warden shall be asked to consider them.

Parking Caravans on Public Roads: Constable Childs advised the meeting that the matter was under consideration and a view would be forthcoming via the Police Traffic Unit. The issue of the need for nighttime lighting would be specifically addressed.

Glenfarg Green: P&K council have agreed verbally with Mr and Mrs Lascelles to take over the running of the village green adhering to the two conditions that it is: never built on and that will be kept for the benefit of the villagers. Glenfarg in Bloom shall have some responsibility for maintaining the Green. The legal contracts are understood to be being drafted currently.

Glenfarg Notelets: The Printing Company who prepared the previous notelets has confirmed that they are unable to locate the original plates used to print the notelets. A proof set of new notelets shall be made available based on copies of existing paper notelets. If these are not of a sufficient quality then Mr Douglas has kindly offered to provide new drawings in the springtime

Yellow Line on Main Street at Junction with Ladeside: P&K Cllr Baird indicated that she had received letters from villagers not happy at the idea of such lines. Cllr Baird shall discuss the matter with P&K roads department and report back. The Secretary is to contact the management of the Glenfarg Hotel with a view to them putting up a notice asking customers to refrain from parking close to the corners.

.04/01/07 Police Report

Constable Childs reported that as a result of changes in shift patterns, twice as many Officers were now on duty between 9pm and 3am than previously and that this was proving useful.

05/01/07 Treasurers Report

CCLlr Murison updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting.

06/01/07 Glenfarg Community Council Website:

The Secretary advised the meeting that this matter was progressing but that it had been ascertained that links to any other websites had to be expressly consented to in writing by the other website owners. This was obviously taking some time to coordinate. As a result of this it has been decided that the site will open with some contact links and others shall be added as consents are obtained.

07/01/07 Future of Community Councils

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received a 62-page document but only the recommendations had been circulated. The Councils recommendations were highlighted to the meeting with particular reference to

- the need for rolling elections in order to ensure continuity
- the problems of multi-member local authority wards

the desirability of having 12 week response periods for consultation.

08/01/07 Planning

Windfarm Appeals Update: The Chairman advised that he felt the recent sessions of the Public Inquiry had allowed all to express their viewpoint. The Chairman on behalf of the Community Council expressed thanks to The Windfarm Awareness Group for the excellence of their efforts. CCLlr Grave accepted the thanks of behalf of the group. There then followed a discussion of the lack of media cover of the Inquiry. The Secretary advised the meeting that Mr Bill Connolly was preparing an article and that this would be published in the newsletter. The Chairman said that he would consider writing to the newsletter to explain that the views of the Community, as expressed through the 2005 local referendum, had been put to the Inquiry.

Tillyrie Wind Cluster Application: The Secretary advised the meeting that he along with CCLlrs Campbell, Grave and Cameron had reconsidered the previous objections of the Community Council but that the view of the group was that the revised plans had satisfactorily addressed the previous concerns held. The group therefore recommended that the Community Council offer no objection to this new application. The meeting agreed.

Lomond Hotel: Planning permission has now been granted to the amended application, which is one floor less than initially proposed and has no external roof walkway. The Secretary raised the anomaly of the Community Council being advised of planning applications in the area but not of revisal or alterations to Plans. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary would contact P&K Council to see if this situation can be improved upon.

Energy from Waste (EfW) Plant and Materials Recycling Facility (MRF): P&K Council has now granted planning consent. CCllr Campbell drew the meetings attention to the existence of American findings in 1998 regarding what, if any, could be considered a safe emissions level of dioxins. This study purported to conclude that there was no safe level. The Secretary opined that SITA would only commence construction of a new Plant once they had secured a contract for the processing of waste. SEPA have also indicated that they would not be prepared to grant a licence for the plant as proposed. It was decided that a sub-committee would be formed to consider this issue and liaise with a similar Community Council group in Abernethy. It was agreed that CCllrs Johnston, Campbell and Quartermaine would form the sub-committee.

Other Planning Applications: The Secretary has written to the Planning Department of P&KC stating that the Community Council had no objection to the planning application from Mr Mattsson for 2 houses adjacent to his house in Church Brae.

09/01/07 Correspondence

The Secretary advised the meeting of correspondence.

As a result of the receipt of a questionnaire from Postwatch Scotland, a discussion about the Post Office and village shop took place. Mr Grant Smith, the Sub-Postmaster, explained the current position in detail and outlined the difficulties with which he was faced in the context of the Post Office and shop. The Council noted and expressed sympathy for his position while acknowledging that the situation was unlikely to improve. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary would draft a response to the Postwatch

questionnaire, taking account of the comments made at the meeting. The draft would be circulated to Community Council members for approval before being circulated.

10/01/07 Any Other Business

Bus Timetable/Services: The Secretary expressed regret that correspondence to the Public Transport Unit of P&KC earlier in the year seems to have been ignored; to the extent that previous errors on the timetable remain with the wrong starting point of the service in the village still being published. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to P&KC.

Senior Citizens Committee: The Chairman on behalf of the Council paid tribute to the marvelous efforts of Mr and Mrs J Kirkland who have for the past eighteen years raised the funds needed and organized the Christmas party and summer trip for the senior citizens of the village. The Kirklands have decided the time has come to pass this responsibility on and the Chairman on behalf of the Community Council agreed to write and thank them for their long service to the community.

Dates of Future Meetings: These were confirmed as shown in the minutes of the last meeting.

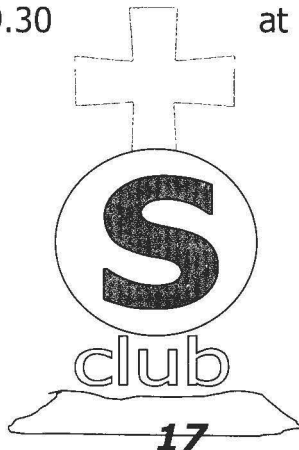
The meeting closed at 9.55pm

**The date of the next meeting is
Monday 5th March 2007**

S Club

NEWS

S Club have been very busy over the last few months. We ran the chocolate fountain at this year's church Christmas fair which was a big hit. Thanks to all parents who donated chocolate. It was messy but yummy!!! The night out was to see "Deck the Halls" at Dunfermline Odeon and a 'bring and share' meal afterwards. The Chinese starters went down very well!!! The Christmas Play was performed on Christmas Eve before the little ones nativity. The play was based on "Who wants to be a Millionaire" and was called "Lackus Meaning" and involved audience participation on the questions about what the true meaning of Christmas is. The S Club gave a great performance and Chris Tarrent has got everything to worry about!!! It has been a busy few months but it doesn't stop there!!! If you are interested in coming, remember 9.30 at the Church on Sundays!!!



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The experiment that failed

I thought 'Goths' were youth dressed in black, using heavy make-up and listening to a particular style of music but in relation to The Baiglie Inn it's something entirely different.

The Baiglie Inn was one of a number of 'Goths' in the area – many of them associated with the mining communities of Kelty and Cowdenbeath.

Given its full title – the 'Gothenburg system' was implemented at the Baiglie Inn by the Watsons of Ayton in the closing years of the 1800s

and the system continued for some 30 years.

The idea was quite simple. The system ran on 'disinterested management' ie the owners of the business could only benefit from 5% of the profits and the rest was invested into the surrounding community 'towards objects of public or quasi public utility'. Interestingly enough one of the largest of the Gothenburg experiments was The East of Scotland Public House Trust Company which was run under temperance (no alcohol!) principles and was later to become part of the Trust House Forte Group.



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Village News

Arngask Church

A service of union of the congregations of Abernethy and Dron with Arngask took place in Abernethy Church on Wednesday 8th November. Worship was conducted by Rev Riada MacMillan and Rev David Ogston preached. The Rev David Soutar lead the congregation in prayers and the act of union.

Church Sale

A total of £1431.91 was raised on Saturday 25th November for church funds. The kirk session would like to thank everyone who came along or contributed to making this a very enjoyable and successful day.

Prize winners:

Doll-Emma Knox
Box of Chocolates-Maureen Lambie
Cake-Vivien Hebblethwaite
Hampers- R MacMillan; E Carsewell; J Fairweather; M

Penny; J McVey; B Meikie; T Kinnaird; P Melville; G Rennie; B Gibson; S Smith; L Robertson; M Watt; A Robertson; A Johnston; A Walker; M Scott

Baptism

Angus, second son of Mark and Sarah Sloan of Bo'ness, was baptised on Sunday 10th December by the Rev Riada MacMillan. Angus is the

Grandson of David and Morag Cuthbert, who used to reside in Ladeside.

The Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal

35 boxes were set from Arngask Church.

Other News

The carol service took place on Sunday 17th December and raised £138.78, which was donated to Childline.

The offerings at the Christmas Eve service were £100.45 and this was donated to Tamsin Kinnaird for Diabetes UK.

Note: Sunday services now start at 9.30am



WANTED!

Are you interested in doing something useful for your community?

Can you spare five evenings a year?

Then Glenfarg Community Council would like to hear from you.

Community Councils have an important role to play as the most local community-based tier of elected representation provided for in statute. They have a substantial and statutory interest in the planning process and there is legislation in effect that requires Local Authorities to consult community councils on planning applications affecting their area. The purpose of community councils is to represent the views of the community on matters such as planning, licensing, policing, public transport, etc. and transmit those views to higher levels of government. They should not be party political in any way.

Glenfarg Community Council has built up strong links with our local Perth & Kinross Councillor and with Perth & Kinross Council officials. It also communicates regularly with neighbouring community councils on matters of mutual interest.

Currently there are 2 vacancies on Glenfarg Community Council and 4 of the current councillors are due to retire by rotation at the end of March. We are therefore looking for volunteers whose names are on the electoral role for this area to put their names forward as candidates for election to the Council. The time commitment is not onerous, there being only 5 meetings plus an AGM each year.

Anyone who is interested can get further information and a nomination form from the Secretary, Alex Johnston, telephone 830776 or email at secretary@glenfargcc.org.uk.

WANTED!

The GLENFARG NEWSLETTER has a small editorial team who are looking to recruit extra members. If you fancy being a bit of a journalist, getting involved in desktop publishing or want to know more about how you can help ... why not give one of the editorial team a phone and find out if YOU can contribute. Our phone numbers are on page 2!

Glenfarg & Duncreevie

In Bloom



As I write this wind and rain are lashing the windows - not exactly gardening weather is it??? However Spring is just around the corner as can be proved by the bulbs sprouting throughout the village. I am certainly looking forward to the display of daffodils along the south verge which was planted last Autumn, in addition to the snowdrops, donated by Isabel Nicholson, which have been planted on the raised area behind the tattie boxes. Some of you may have read in the press how they were almost destroyed after being buried in wood chippings, but thanks to the volunteers all's well that ends well.

Our greenhouse volunteers of last year will be again be gently persuaded to help out with growing on our plug plants, which have been ordered and should be arriving in April which, as we all know, will be here before you know it.

Now just because you weren't able to help last year there's nothing to stop you helping this year. Many hands make light work.

Speaking of many hands - that's exactly what we're looking for on February 4th at 2pm meeting outside the Glenfarg Hotel. This will be our first get-together of the season and will be a light and easy fun Spring Clean of the village. After the hard work you all did last year, look

on this more as an opportunity to meet up with old friends, make new friends, have a laugh AND contribute to your lovely village. Bring the kids, bring your neighbours and bring a brush, a trowel, a hoe, a rake OR a shovel and don't forget **BRING YOURSELF**. Again if you haven't been out before, this is the perfect time to join in. **ABSOLUTELY NO GARDENING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Another date for your diary - Sunday 11th Feb - mental work this time as opposed to physical as we see the return of the Family Fun Quiz which will be held in the Glenfarg Hotel at 3pm, teams of 4 with bonus points for teams including under 12's or over 70's. Tickets adult £2, children £1. Guaranteed hilarity, nonsense and plenty of opportunity to chase away the winter blues while exercising the grey matter. Let's see if the wine club is smarter than the tennis club, if Duncreevie residents can ouwit Marinden Park folk and can the oldies give the kids a run for their money. Come along and find out.

Our Carol Singing on a dry but very frosty evening in December, when Santa again managed to join us, raised a fantastic £180. You get a lot of plug plants for £180 and when coupled with our other fundraising you will see many more planters and displays throughout our community this year. Thank you all.

Contact Kate 830343

Glenfarg Wine Club

Opportunity Knocks (and Rocks!) in Glenfarg

In November, the wine club held its 3rd annual variety show “Opportunity Knock-ers”, and once again it proved to be a

huge success. This year the people of Glenfarg realised they had to be quick and order their tickets early, and thus the show sold out within a week of the tickets being released, 3 weeks before the show! With 100 in the audience the atmosphere was electric, especially after the interval when the effects of the wine took hold.

The format this year was an accumulation of scores from the panel of judges, Steve Whiting (aka Simon Cowell), Vicky McKinnon (aka Sharon Osbourne), and Tim Corcoran (aka Louis Walsh) and the audience’s thoughts, which



Fife’s answer to Abba!!

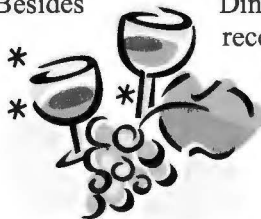
were recorded on a sound meter. The quality of the 12 acts was incredible, how such a small village can harbour such a ray of talent is beyond belief.

The acts ranged from Buddy Holly and the Crickets, to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, a Country and Western Hoo-Ha, monologues, poetry, blues, a 50s girl group, a wine folk song and even a piano duet! But the winner of the votes was David Aird who had discovered there was a fifth member of Abba from Fife who had not received the same amount of adulation as the rest of the group. So his/her rendition of the Fife version of "Fernando" brought the house down.

A big thank-you goes out to everyone who contributed to the evening, to all the artists (new acts are needed for this year's show) everyone who helped with the setting up and clearing up, and to those who helped with the lights and video projection. But most of all to David Watt who once again did the backing and support for most of the acts, and without his input the show would not be the success that it is.

An added bonus this year was the donation of a branded "Corona" beer mountain bike, kindly donated by David Mee of Wells-Young brewery. This was auctioned off, and raised the fantastic sum of £160! Many thanks to Steve Whiting for his very generous winking. The money raised from the show will pay for new roller blinds for the hall.

The wine club continues to grow from strength to strength. Besides our normal monthly meetings on the last Sunday of the month in the terrace bar of the Glenfarg Hotel, we organise other events such as the annual show. Recently we had an outing to The Great Grog Wine Bar in Edinburgh, in February we are having an outing to Cupar to support Phillip Ponton who is appearing in "Annie Get Your



Gun", in March we hold our annual Dinner in the Glenfarg Hotel, and recently the Club was featured on Radio Scotland. Watch this space for future events! But even better, why not come along to one of our informal meetings. Membership is FREE! The only cost is £6.00 for an evening out where you will enjoy 6 different quality wines and some nibbles, and you are guaranteed to go home a lot happier than when you arrived!

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Monday 5th February

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Monday 12th February

Joe Topping

Joe plays a mixture of celtic, acoustic blues and original songs from his debut album "Love, Loss and Alcohol". He has an increasingly humorous and appealing stage presence, a voice to die for and you will remember him here from his many appearances with John Wright.

Sunday 18th February

Quiz Night in the Terrace Bar

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Lochelbank Windfarm Public Local Inquiry

On the 12 December 2006, the appeal by the developers (N-Power) of Lochelbank Windfarm development got under way at the Glenfarg Hotel.

The opening meeting was well attended by the public. The Reporter set out the procedure she intended to follow and the possible time table for the various parties to present their cases. First N-power would present their case along with their witnesses, then Perth and Kinross Council, followed by WAG (Windfarm Awareness Group), with others who had submitted written objections. Needless to say this did not go as planned, but it all fitted together at the end of the day.

N-Powers consultants were challenged from the start by the two main objectors, Perth and Kinross Council and WAG, into the visual aspect of the wind turbines from various positions around Lochelbank and also into the electrical engineering works necessary for the construction of the wind turbines. It was at this point that the full scale of these works came out, which was greater than first presented to the public when the original project was proposed. The Councils main objection was the height of the turbines, but WAGs challenge was on how, thorough

the various surveys, required as part of the planning application had been carried out. This included visual, historical, geological, hydrogeology, and botanical, along with accuracy of the turbine overviews on the various photograph presentations. There was rigorous cross examination of one witness by WAGs Lawyer, Frances McChlery, which proved that WAG had carried out a detailed survey of the area..

The Council main case was the interpretation of the various planning requirement as set out in the various UK, Scottish Government, and local regulations.

WAG was invited to present their objections to the proposal. These objections ranged far and wide. The distant visual aspect had been covered, but the case for adverse visual and aural impacts on the historical locations within the proposed wind farm site and just outside were put forward strongly. The access to the proposed wind farm area during construction and afterwards, along with the potential detrimental effects on the right of way, the Wallace Road, were also highlighted.

The other main point brought up by WAG was the existence of protected mire habitats in and adjacent to the site which support a wide biodiversity which include rare and threatened plants and animals which are within a short distance of the proposed area of a number of turbines,



The two expert botanists who specialized in mosses presented a strong case and proved that the survey of the area carried out by the developers and a government body was based on old data. The questions raised was that the proposed civil engineering works would be likely to disrupt the flow of water to these habitats, and also the same engineering works could introduce an imbalance of the nutrients on which these sensitive mosses relied on for survival.

The other concern was the existence of the gas and crude oil pipes crossing the wind farm site. The questions as to the safety of these pipelines during the construction of the necessary access roads and the heavy loads which would be placed on them, and the location of turbines near the pipelines along with the necessary cable runs.

At the end of all submissions the Reporter stated she wanted to see the proposed wind farm site and the areas in contention.

So on a beautiful winters morning the Reporter and a group of interested parties along with members of the public, walked the area. Each party was allowed to bring to the attention of the Reporter only those subjects which had been raised in the submissions and nothing else.

WAG has put in a lot of hard work before and during the inquiry, and whether you are for or against the proposal, the WAG presented a very creditable case.

W. N. Connolly

As a foot note to the above article I wish to point out that I have no objection to wind farms sited in the right place. Over twenty years ago, a wind farm mounted on the breakwater of Le Havre harbour, it did not distract from the scenery and the power could be used within the Port complex. This was before the idea of wind farms became popular in the U.K.



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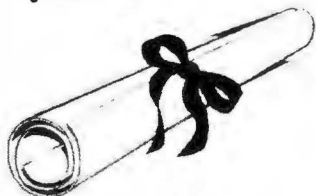
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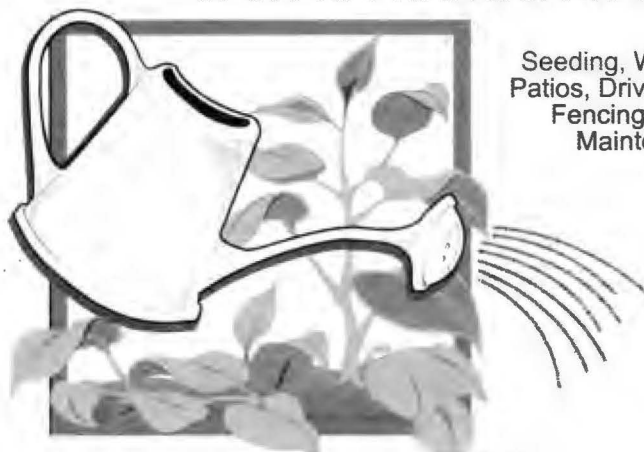
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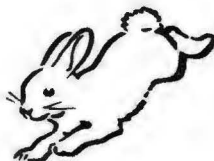
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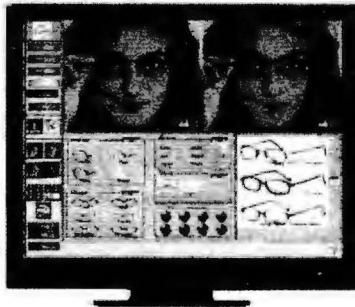
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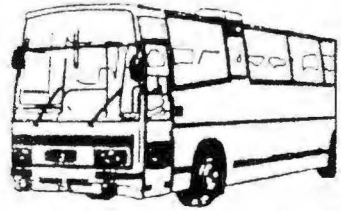
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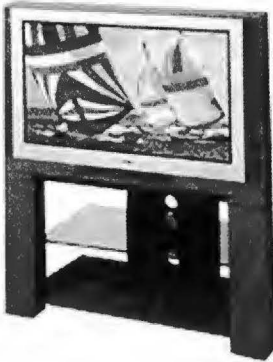
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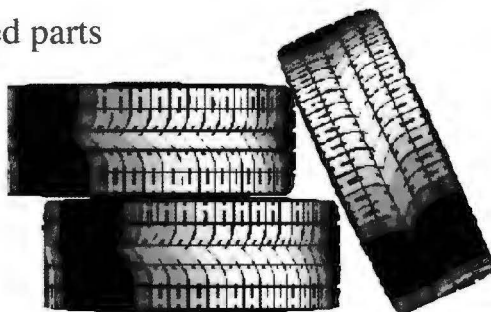
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And remember...since block exemption came in October 2003, all cars (including new) can be serviced by us without invalidating the warranty. That could mean up to 50% saving on main dealer prices!

Phone for a fast
friendly quote: **01577 830 633**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Doctors Surgeries

Loch Leven Health Centre Lathro, Kinross 01577 862 112

01577 865 252- Out Of Hours

The Surgery Main Street Bridge of Earn 01738 812 000

08454 242424 - NHS 24 Out Of Hours

Mobile Library

The van visits the Village on alternative
Wednesdays: 10th-24th Jan & 7th, 21st of Feb

And stops at:

The School: 09:30-10:15

Hayfield Road: 10:15-10:30

Ladeside (P.O.): 10:30-11:15

Main Street: 11:15-11:30

Duncruevie Road: 11:35-11:50



Kinross Library opening times

27 High Street

KINROSS

KY13 8AW

Tel: (01577) 864202

Mon-Sat: 10:00 , 13:00

Mon-Fri: 14:00, 17:00

Tues-Thurs: 18:00, 20:00

Mobile Bank of Scotland

Stops at Glenfarg Hotel

Tuesdays : 10:45-11:00

Glenfarg

Garden Waste Collection

Brown Lidded Bin

Friday: 26th Jan also 23rd Feb & Mar

Paper Collections

Blue Lidded Bin

Thursday: 1st Feb, 1st & 29th Mar

Recycling Points:

Kinross: Causeway Car Park, Somerfield, Station Road
for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper, Textiles.

Milnathort: Thistle Inn Black Loan
for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper

Perth: Tesco, Edinburgh Road
for cans (aluminium & steel), Glass, Paper, Textiles & Books.

The deadline for the next newsletter is the 1st March
All enquiries to the Editor@glenfargnewsletter.org.uk

Duncruevie Garden Waste Collection Dates

Sat. Jan 13th & Feb 10th