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Editorial

Sometimes it's easy to forget how important the little things in life are. But a recent visit to an event in the hall served as a very comforting reminder of how incredible our small community is.

The event was Alice Mee's charity cook-off, which attracted around 40 people - including a friend on her first visit to the village. Despite the cold, wet, miserable night, it would be impossible to fully describe the warmth and friendship on display in the hall, with everyone making an effort to welcome the 'new' face amongst the more 'well kent' ones. I was immensely proud to be from Glenfarg and to be able to show off our community spirit in such a natural way.

That community spirit is once again on show throughout this newsletter with details of all the fabulous events and activities which take place in our corner of the world - from this year's

Fete to news from the Tennis Club, WRI, Church, Folk club and many, many others.

The editorial team always welcomes contributions to and feedback about this newsletter.

So, if you're passionate, driven or exasperated about any issue in the village, please send in a letter or email and we'll publish it. We're here to report the news and views of the wider Glenfarg community and without you there would be no newsletter. But, please, don't use us as a sounding board for irate phone calls about issues we can do nothing about but report here!

Finally, please note the change in treasurer for the newsletter. We welcome Gillian Vaughan who takes over from Charlie Murison in this capacity. If you wish to place an advert, please contact Gillian regarding payment, and send your advert to the editor email in JPEG or MS Word format..

Job Opportunity: New Hall Keeper Wanted

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Dear Editor,

My name is Muriel Bell, a retired art teacher. In the days when I taught at Crieff High School away back in the 70s I also had an adult evening class which produced some remarkable work deserving exhibition.

At the time Crieff didn't have an art society but artists in the village caught on to the idea and with the help of local dignitaries, an art society was formed after a few meetings. The town hall was used every summer for a week or two and local people showed work for sale, priced and framed, in any preferred medium. We even had small sculptures!

The first exhibition was opened by McIntosh Patrick, who first taught me at Dundee College of Art in the late 1940s. Perhaps a well known artist could do the same for Glenfarg? It took off in no time and still goes strong to this day.

Now, why can't Glenfarg's village hall provide such a venue for local artists? I know we have quite a few. It would be a good idea to call a meeting before the school breaks up and everyone goes on holiday.

I don't know many people and would look for help in forming such a society (I'm an old lady now with no head for business, but I still paint a lot!) but

perhaps a meeting would bring other artists together to consider the idea. After all, exhibiting in a gallery takes 40% of your picture's price. The village hall could offer perhaps 20% and its walls could be tastefully hung, with visitors entertained and proceeds for other events saved. I shall be interested to see if this idea turns into a reality.

**Muriel Bell
Duncrивie**

Editor's note: Thank you, Mrs Bell, for your letter. We have passed this to the Hall Committee for interest.

Dear Editor,

Last issue our daughter Catriona was about to go to Kenya.

8 hours before the out-going flight, a dermatologist from Ninewells rang to tell us that a routine swab from an eczema appointment had revealed that Catriona was suffering from a very aggressive form of MRSA called PVL. The infection is not generally picked up from hospital but is out in the community – school loos or sports halls etc. If it gets into the respiratory system and isn't diagnosed early the survival rate is very low.

As a result, Catriona had a very uneventful Easter break in this country being pumped full of antibiotics!

Funds donated to her have been put to good use by the rest of the team (who had a great time in both school and orphanage), so thank you to those who contributed.

John and Anne Sutherland

The Easy Eight Walk

The West Highland Way

Leaving from Perth Station at 7:15am on Thursday 30th April, the sun was shining. However, when the Easy Eight Team disembarked at Milngavie Station to start their expedition, the heavens opened! And they remained open for the majority of the trip. Heather, Tara, Isabelle, Lise, Maud, Dorothy, Sheona and Lindsay handed their luggage to the “travel lite” man, and sauntered past the poor souls who thought it a good idea to carry their home on their back as they walked the walk. Thankfully, we chose the more civilised option, having our luggage carried and stopping off at well located B&Bs throughout the trip.

Having walked through some wonderful scenery, we staggered up and over Conic Hill to be greeted with the first views of Loch Lomond glittering in the evening sun. Little did we know that Conic Hill was but a pimple compared to some of the hills we would be walking up. By the end of the first day we had covered 19.5 miles and blisters were starting to show. Our first accommodation proved to be more than adequate for some and perfectly adequate for others. Unfortunately, for one

member of the group there was the discovery that they had packed no pants. Naturally as the days followed ‘Miss Nae Pants’ had to distance herself from the rest of the group.

On the second day we took off at a terrific speed due to Isabelle, who was quickly christened N’arrette. We marched along with the help of whisky kindly supplied by Sheona’s dad. It rained a lot! But as the sun fleetingly appeared, Loch Lomond saw trees drying clothes, from coats to bras. One daring member of the team decided to take a dip, much to the surprise of the fisherman sailing by and quickly sailing back again. This was a very long day and 22 miles later we arrived at Beinglas. The miles were soon forgotten though as we sat



The 'Easy Eight' minus 2!

on the terrace and drank our much needed G&T.



By midday on the third day we had arrived at the half way point, having trudged through the largest section of cow pats ever seen. Some members of the team were fantasising over different ways of destroying their walking boots. (Don't buy ASOLO boots for long distance walking) We arrived at Bridge of Orchy having walked 21.5 miles mostly in sunshine. Having read the weather forecast for the next day, we were all a little bit nervous. Snow and strong winds were on the way.

Thankfully, neither arrived and we enjoyed walking through Rannoch Moor in between the odd shower. After a quick stop for lunch at Kingshouse, we set off to conquer the Devils Staircase. On the top we leisurely posed for many photos and drank some whisky and eau de vie, before

setting off on our last leg of the day. We foolishly thought we only had a couple of miles to go, but 2.5 hours later we arrived in Kinlochleven.

Last day, only 15 miles to go and apparently the most beautiful part of the walk. One hour later we had the joy of torrential rain, 50 MPH winds and no views! After six miles we stopped and consulted the maps. Another two miles and we would make it to the shelter of an enormous forest. Just our luck, two miles later and some twisted forrester has chopped the whole forest down. So, no

stopping for lunch, n'arrette pas was the cry. We arrived at our destination at 3:30pm on 4th May.

In a nutshell, we had a lot of laughs (courtesy of Lise), sore feet, fab food, perfectly adequate accommodation, amazing scenery, more laughs (thanks



again Lise) and quite a bit of rain! To be recommended. We just need to decide where to go next year.



***WEST HIGHLAND WAY
April to May 2009***



Glenfarg Green wedding

Gillian Forbes celebrates her special day as the green plays host to its first wedding!

I had been to Glenfarg Village Hall on many previous occasions as living in Path of Condie, it is pretty much our nearest village and where we sometimes vote. When Graeme Bruce along with the Hall Committee asked me to make the stone sign I was only too pleased to get involved. During that whole process Graeme showed me around the



and Duncrevie in Bloom, we asked our friend Rev. Joanne Evans-Boiten to carry out the ceremony and prayed for good weather. We were lucky!! We had a great day and would like to thank everyone who travelled from near and far to be there with us.

Gillian Forbes

building as it was being transformed into what is a really lovely functional space. A space we tested to the full with 120 guests!

When Douglas and I were looking for a low-key venue for our wedding on the 2nd May I immediately thought of the Hall and the beautiful green too. So after getting permission from Perth and Kinross Council and Glenfarg



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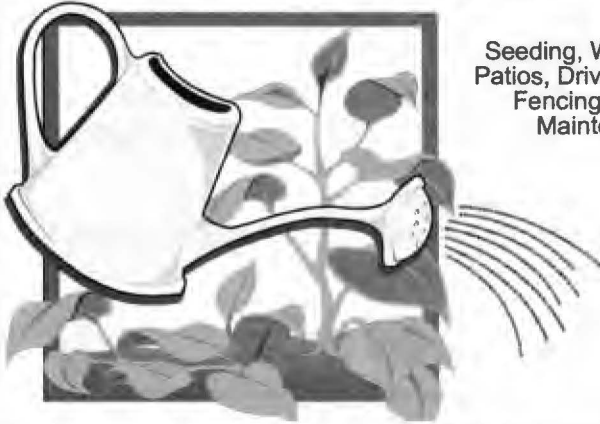


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Vehicular Frustration in Glenfarg!

If it's not dog poo it's parking! It's amazing what emotions are provoked by other people parking in 'our space'! There have been several people who have told me that the amount of dog poo in the village is insignificant compared to the parking menace. I can see why people are so 'hacked off' but there are two sides to the story.

Greenbank Road and the junction at the hotel are it seems, examples of people not parking prettily. I know myself, that some days it's like playing 'Car slalom' on Greenbank Road.

Of course, we wouldn't have a problem if we didn't have a hall or a hotel which are a vital part of the village (just in case you think I'm hinting that we don't need them!) but some drivers have parked oblivious to how much space is needed for access by Emergency Services or even an Earnside coach. And apparently there are a few that don't even respect other's access by parking at the entrance to someone else's driveway. And the Ladeside/Main Street junction is just waiting for an accident to happen...

Is there anything we can do? For those who own a driveway - is your car parked on it rather than at the roadside - particularly during peak usage? If you are visiting the hall or the hotel and are local - can you walk to the

event? If you are bringing an elderly person, can you drop them off and go and park further away? Don't prevent others parking near the hall who really need to.

And for all drivers... have you left enough space for larger vehicles to have access?

I used to live in a 'Coronation Street' house with a service street at the back and a run-down street out front. Every evening the race was on to win your parking space when you got home and trying to squeeze into the gaps was always a whisker away from 'Opportunity Knocks'. Trouble was a few of the neighbours really did think that they owned the piece of road outside of their house and were happy to let down your tyres if you had the courage to park outside their door.

It got so silly that if one neighbour used to go out for the evening 3 other householders were to be seen running out of their houses and moving their cars into 'their space'.

Who needs that sort of hassle. Happy parking!

On the theme of parking, the eagle eyed among us may have spotted a Google camera car parked up at various spots throughout the village on Monday 20th April. This means you should keep your eyes peeled for Glenfarg making an appearance online on Google Streetview in the coming months!

ARNGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL

The last term of the year looks like it will be a busy one for everyone.

On returning to school after the Easter holidays P6 & P7 students went on a weekend trip to Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the challenges they were faced with.

Arngask has established a great relationship with Glenfarg & Duncricie in Bloom.

On 30th April the pupils, together with a couple of the "In Bloom" team, were involved in National Litter Picking Day and picked up litter and rubbish around the village.



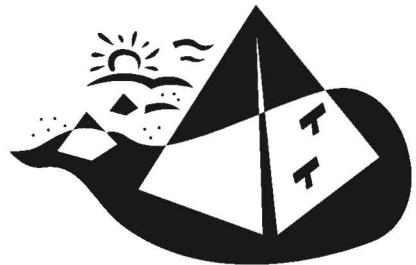
The "In Bloom" team have also supported the pupils with the building and subsequent planting, of the raised vegetable beds in "The Green".

Sylvia Troon Puppets visited the school on May 6th. As always the children from Nursery through



to P4 were enchanted and enjoyed the performance and interaction with the puppets.

May 18th saw the boys from P6 & P7 attend a Music Day at Perth Concert Hall. This was led by Christopher Bell and was aptly named "Only Boys Allowed".



The Drama Club, which is open to years P4-P7, presented their latest play "The Point of the Pyramid" on 22nd May at the Village Hall.

Arngask Nursery

Arngask Nursery was given an extremely positive report by the Care Commission after their recent inspection. This is great news not just for the staff who put in so much hard work but also for the children and parents.

Bookstart is a national programme that encourages all parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as early an age as possible. It is now in its 10th year in Perth & Kinross. To celebrate it asked children from all the Nurserys within Perth & Kinross to send in their favourite counting rhymes or songs so that it could create a "Top Ten". Everyone who sent in a rhyme was entered into a prize draw. Louisa Muszynski from Arngask

Nursery was the lucky winner of a set of Bookstart Bears, Hamish and Isla.

End of Year Fun

School Sports Afternoon is scheduled for 2nd June - weather depending! As usual the 4 Houses - Arngask, Deuglie, Duncricvie & Fordel - will compete hard to come out on top.

School trips include P1 - P5 going to Huntingtower Castle for a visit. The Nursery children are heading to Bell's Sports Centre for some fun.

The PTA are arranging their annual end of year Fun Night on Friday, 19th. Everyone usually has a great time and this year will be no different. Everyone is welcome.

School finishes on 1st July.



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Wine Club News

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Drain and pan fry in butter for a further 2 minutes.

Meanwhile make a soft boiled egg, chop off the top, and add 2 drops of cider vinegar into the soft yolk.



Now here's the best bit! Use the asparagus spears as soldiers! Dip them in the soft yolk, and when the yolk is finished, spoon the remainder of the egg onto a plate and eat with the remaining asparagus. Heaven.

What's this got to do wine wine I hear you ask! Easy, open a bottle of very well chilled New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc to have with your lunch. Ticky-boo perfection!



The wine club are having their annual barbeque at 4.00pm on the 20th of June outside and inside the Terrace Bar of the Glenfarg Hotel.

There will be a 2 course barbeque provided by Mark and his staff, and live skiffle music from the Black Cat Jook Band. Tickets are priced at £11.00, and are available to any one who fancies letting their hair down. Children are welcome until 8.00pm. Call Steve on 830395 for tickets

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From the archives...

This issue, we turn back the clock more than a handful of years and catch up with some Glenfarg Brownies at play in the school playground in the 1960s.

If you have a photograph you'd like to share with our readers, contact the editorial team and let us know!



Glenfarg Village Fete

SATURDAY 13 JUNE, WALLACE PARK 1PM TO 5PM

This will be the first year of the fete running "under new management". There is now a Glenfarg Fete Committee made up of representatives from local organisations who have been beavering away. Lots of people have been contacted to help and the enthusiasm of the volunteers is tremendous.

The theme this year is Vintage Transport. There will be a number of vintage vehicles on display kindly provided by fans of really old cars, tractors and other working vehicles. In mid-afternoon some vintage planes will fly over and do their stuff overhead.

This year we want to continue making the fete parade bigger and better and we need everyone's help! The parade leaves Earnside Garage on the corner of Ladeside and Greenbank Road at 1.30pm.

We'd like as many children and adults to make the effort and join in the parade. All you have to do is dress up in anything that fits in with this year's *vintage* theme. There will be prizes for the best dressed children and adults, best group and best family. The parade will be led by Glenrothes Brass Band and with Glenfarg King and Queen riding in a vintage vehicle. If you need any more information, phone Maud Swanson on 830389.

Other highlights include: Nikki Matthew's dancers, a Dog Show, Wellie

Throwing competitions, Tug o' War, Beat the Goalie, Bowling, Plants Stall, Book Stall, Face Painting, and the chance to be photographed beside a stunning vintage car plus the usual stalls with interesting things to buy. The sale of raffle tickets is already underway – please buy loads! There will be an auction as this was popular last year.

And of course there will be loads of things to eat and drink! There will be a cream soda parlour and a 'singing tavern'! The Brownies will be selling soft drinks and crisps, there will be Candy Floss and Ice Cream, a Beer tent and Wine Club stall plus a barbeque and hot food and a Bottle Stall. The Cake and Candy stall will certainly attract great attention as usual and the Tea Tent should be going good style. And lots more!

A "first" will be Glenrothes Model Engineers with their little train which should be fun. You can buy your ticket on the day.

The Fete Committee is delighted that so many individuals and organisations have joined in to make this community event so special. Thanks to everyone whose efforts are so important to this special village event! Please support this by coming to the fete, joining in, buying things and having a great time!

All we need now is good weather!

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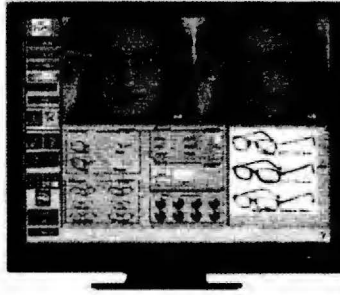
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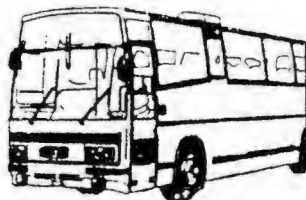
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Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Parish Church of Scotland

CHURCH NEWS

Dates for your Diary

Arngask Church - Sunday 14th June at 10.30 am, joint service of Abernethy & Dron & Arngask. The service and Sunday Club prize giving will be followed by a Family picnic at Kirkgate Park, Kinross – weather permitting. The stewardship campaign is going according to plan despite one or two last minute scares.

Together We Make a Difference

Visitors have been out and about the parish inviting church folk to our 'gatherings'. The Arngask gathering was held in Glenfarg Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May. This gave church members an idea of what the church is doing locally, nationally, and internationally.

At the service on Sunday 3rd May we heard from Jennie Rutte, Communications Manager at the church offices in Edinburgh. Jennie explained how the national Annual Review told the stories of local churches having a positive impact on their local communities, and showing what ordinary people can do.

Holiday Club

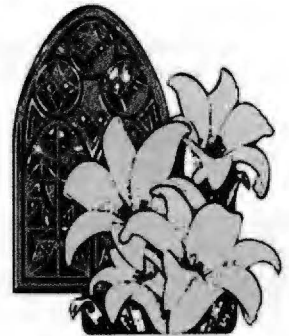
There will be a holiday club run by the Church in Glenfarg in the week beginning the 3rd August. The location and time is still being looked into, and the time may depend on what place and facilities are available.

The age group being targeted is young people currently in P7 to S2.

The model is a drop in cafe where young people can meet their friends, listen to music, have snacks, read magazines etc. Any other activities such as crafts, board games, DVD night, discussions, simple cooking or baking, will be up to the young people themselves. There are three simple rules - be friends, switch off your mobile, and don't be bad. This way everyone can join in, nobody will spoil the fun for others, and the young people will be safe. All adult volunteers will have gone through the church's Safeguarding procedure.

Prison Craft Class

The Minister has been appointed a chaplain at Cornton Vale Prison for women. A craft class has asked for donations of old cards, wrapping paper, and little cardboard boxes like perfume gift boxes. If you are spring cleaning and clearing these things out you could donate them either into church at a church service time or hand them to any church elder or member.



Arngask Guild

Arngask Church Guild held their AGM on Tuesday 7th April the elected committee is as follows

President Mrs Sylvia Wall 830408
Secretary Mrs Janette Stronach
Treasurer Mrs Margaret Scott
Committee Mrs Moira Adamson, Mrs Moira Brady, Mrs Helen Clark, Mrs Janette Kirkland.

The Guild is now finished for the summer and will resume in September. We would be pleased to welcome any new members, please get in touch if you would like to come along, we are always pleased to see new faces.

The syllabus up to Christmas will be published in the August newsletter.



Soup and a Chat has been very popular but will be having a holiday for the Summer and returning the first Wednesday in September.

We'd like to thank all those who have donated soup over the past months and to those who have helped in any way.

GLENFARG TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The tennis season got off to a lovely sunny start on Sunday 19th April with an opening tournament in Wallace Park and club nights continue weekly on Wednesday's from 7.30pm.

Anyone considering joining the club is most welcome to come and sample a Wednesday night session and as annual memberships start from £10 for children and £50 for adults, it's a fantastic way of meeting new friends and keeping fit on a budget.

We have a SUMMER TENNIS SCHOOL with coach Laura Grimmond scheduled for 27th-31st July, which is an excellent way for your child to learn the basics of tennis skills or to enhance existing techniques.

Also a MULTI SPORTS CAMP is back by popular demand from 10th-14th August. The week consists of a range of sporting activities and has featured appearances from many sporting professionals from athletics to lacrosse.

(Both these weeks are also open to Non-club members).

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DETAILS.

Glenfarg Folk Feast 2009

Another sellout!

After many months of nurturing and tending, our 31st Folk Feast has come and gone like the spring daffodils. Thankfully just the right amount of 'watering' had the Feast in full bloom between the 17th and 19th of April. Our guest artistes blossomed, and the session singers opened up fully, albeit to wither a little towards Sunday night.....but not because they lacked moisture of course!



On Friday night the Kinnaird Ceilidh Band had a window box sprouting an array of wind instruments which were deftly picked from the box to add an unusual but interesting sound to many of the dance tunes....a brilliant musical twist. It certainly worked and kept most of the capacity crowd on their feet all night. I can still hear the deep and rhythmic 'parp, parp' in my head.

Our Saturday concert sold out several days in advance, and indicated firm roots for the rest of the weekend to establish itself. A 'mixed bunch' of Farg Folk got the audience warmed up for the perennial performance of Dave Gibb, followed by the hardy antics (more off than on stage) of the Paul McKenna Band. Finally the more dainty varieties of Grace, Hewat &



Polwart rounded off a fantastic night, with their delicate and intricate harmonies wafting through our new village hall. The audience definitely went home wanting more!

Sunday night saw yet another full house with the well pruned and presented

Tich Frier proving a great show opener. But what else would you expect from him! His wonderful style had the crowd whooping for more from the very start. Christine Bovill took the stage next, and instantly captivated the audience with her amazing vocals...a true rose between the thorns! From Edith Piaf to Leonard Cohen her songs kept all spellbound. To finish the night Breabach were like a bunch of 'red hot poker', they simply set the audience on fire with bagpipes driving some stirring tunes, step dancing with feet just a blur, and some nice vocals to complete the mix. Wow!



And in between all of this was sown the usual blend of children's concert hosted by Magic Ian, the original song competition and the world famous Puff a Box competition.....certainly not one to locate in a sheltered spot. There are some separate reports on these events.

But finally the club has to thank the annual visitors who come out every year to support our Folk Feast, and make it the success it is. From concert goers to session players we thank you all, and look forward to seeing you next year....but don't over water yourself in the mean time!

Philip Ponton

Children's Concert

A very colourful 'Magic Ian' mesmerised over 20 children in the Village Hall on the Sunday afternoon during the Feast, with all the elements of a truly 'magic' show.

Magic Ian pulled all kinds of tricks from his Magic Box, spinning plates, modelling balloons, and making things appear and disappear before our very eyes.

He invited several children to help him on stage and 'Sparky' the puppet dog made a guest appearance too. We had 5 lucky number prize winners and sweets for all the children at the end!

Great fun all round.

Anne Brotherston

Please check the website:
glenfargfolkclub.co.uk

for details of upcoming club nights at
Glenfarg Village Folk Club.

London Marathon 2009

Gillian Vaughan completes the gruelling race (and raises £1.500 for charity in the process!)

The 26th April 2009 was the day I fulfilled a long held ambition – to complete the London Marathon. I had wanted to run the London Marathon for many years and on my sixth attempt at a ballot entry got a place. This also allowed me to raise money for my chosen charity, the Alzheimer’s Society. Although my mum died from cancer aged 69, over 2 years ago, we had sadly had to start saying goodbye to mum many years before as she succumbed to dementia. Mum loved nature, the countryside and changing seasons and running was the time I felt closest to her – many a long run was helped by having a “chat” with her.

So how was it? Amazing, nerve shattering, fantastic, awe inspiring, painful and more. It felt quite surreal leaving Andrew, my husband, at Tower Bridge Tube with a cheery “see you at mile

19”, and waiting for the train to Blackheath with 1000’s of other runners. Arriving at Blackheath, the start was déjà vu – I’ve watched it so many times on TV and here I was part of it.

I always run with an MP3 as music helps the miles pass – apologies for any residents who inadvertently have heard me singing along – however very quickly I realised there was little point as I could not hear the music over the cheering. It is difficult to explain the crowds – their enthusiasm and encouragement was incredible from start to finish and the



Mile 15-Gillian’s there somewhere!

sheer numbers quite overwhelming. The Alzheimer's had provided vests with our names on the front which meant supporters would shout out your name – it always gave you a boost.

Although it was warm, before I knew it I was approaching Tower Bridge and I had promised my family to wave madly at the TV cameras – it made my sisters day to spot me! It was now a case of head down and get to mile 19 where Andrew was waiting with the Alzheimer's Society cheering team. Lovely to get a big hug and this time wave goodbye with a more weary “see you at the finish!” However I had spoken too soon because 2 minutes later my knee decided on a different outcome. Having persuaded St Johns Ambulance to let me go on, it was now a case of mind over matter and a long careful walk to the finish. What kept me going? My Mum – I had a photo of her pinned to my vest, my family who have had to live this dream with me for many months and so many sponsors who had faith in me....and there was no way I was going home without that medal! Although these 6+ miles were the painful bit they still have provided amazing memories – the policeman who walked with me for a while up the Embankment and at the Houses of Parliament gave me a squeeze and



Was my running number a bad omen?!

told me “this is as far as I go – now of you go and finish with a smile”. Of course a police escort wasn't in the original plan!

The finish was hugely emotional, partly because it was not how I had trained and planned for (although I did “run” it), partly sheer relief and partly disappointment that Sue Barker had not waited to interview me! As I said at the beginning a complete mixture of emotions. I raised over £1,500 for the Alzheimer's Society so would like to thank all those who sponsored me and a huge thank you to my family – and yes Andrew I will stop wearing my medal in bed.....next week!

Gillian Vaughan

Treats for the Troops!

Following an appeal at Christmas from a Royal Navy Padre in Afghanistan, Dave and Kate Arnold of Lossley Park in Duncreevie started sending boxes of treats out to the Royal Marines fighting the Taliban in Helmand Province. Once other villagers in Duncreevie heard about the appeal, Dave and Kate were inundated with DVDs, books, sweets and other goodies for the Marines and their dining room soon began to look like an Amazon warehouse!



In April the Royal Marines returned home and were replaced by the Black Watch – which as everyone knows is our local regiment. They therefore decided to carry on sending parcels. If anyone would also like to send treats to the troops you can:

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2. Drop the items into Dave and Kate at 4 Lossley Park (tel 830136) – they will parcel them up and send them out Afghanistan.

Points to note:

Parcels to BFPO 772 weighing less than 2kg (4lb-ish) can be sent free – take them to any Post Office or the Post Van.

2kg sounds a lot but be careful – it's surprising how much a shoe box full

of sweets etc., can weigh! Use your kitchen scales before going to the Post Office.

Make sure you stick a customs declaration label onto the parcel. These are available from the Post Office.

Suggested items to send include: DVDs, CDs, paperback books, magazines, sweets, wet wipes, toothpaste, tabasco sauce (to spice up ration packs!). Use your imagination!

Please remember these are mostly young men; they prefer “Nuts”, “GQ” and car magazines to Mills & Boon!

Don't send anything hazardous (e.g., batteries) or anything that will melt or go off – so no slabs of chocolate or haunches of venison!

Receiving parcels from home is very important to our Forces and a great boost to morale. It reminds our boys (and girls) they are not forgotten.

Thanks in anticipation.

Kate and Dave Arnold

Comedy cook-off raises cash for cancer charity



A night of fun and feasting was held in the Hall on Friday 15 May to help raise funds for the Pampered Pink Ladies taking part in this year's Ribbon Walk for Breast Cancer Care.

Despite the wet and windy night, scores of people turned up to support not only the charity event, but to cast their vote for the culinary skills of Steve Mee and Gordon Smith who took part in the *Can't Cook, Won't Cook* challenge.

After a Pampered Chef cooking demonstration by Alice Mee, Steve (in the Red Tomatoes corner) and Gordon (for the Green Peppers) donned chef hats and aprons before trying to

replicate the tricky Mediterranean pastry ring recipe.

Mayhem and madness ensued, but while Steve finished his masterpiece first, it was Gordon who won the contest.

All funds raised will go towards the £1250 target which the five members of the Pink Pampered Ladies are aiming to raise before their 20 and 10 mile Ribbon Walk on Saturday 13 June.

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Glenfarg WRI News



April Meeting

Margaret Scott, President, welcomed the concert party from Carnbee WRI whose witty sketches and lively music caused much laughter and enjoyment, greatly appreciated by Glenfarg members.

The "Pudding Night" on 3rd April was a great success. Many thanks to everyone who attended and to all those who produced a marvelous selection of puddings.

Competition Winners were:-

2 Hot Cross Buns

- 1st A Messenger
- 2nd J Kirkland
- 3rd L Yull

Easter Card

- 1st A Messenger
- 2nd J Grigg
- 3rd L Yull

Flower of the Month

- 1st J Connolly
- 2nd L Johnson
- 3rd H Quartermaine

Annual General Meeting

Margaret Scott, Glenfarg's outgoing president, chaired the AGM. Lesley Murison gave an interesting account

of all the meetings in the secretary's report. Andzia Scott said the "pudding night" and the recipe books had been very good fund raisers in the treasurer's report. Margaret Scott thanked everyone who entered competitions and helped in many ways to make the year a success in the president's report.

Ursula Stewart has accepted the position as new president and Maureen Lambie joins the committee.

Competition winners were: -

Two butterfly cakes

- 1st I Bettaney
- 2nd J Kirkland
- 3rd L Yull

Small floral arrangement in a teacup and saucer

- 1st J Connolly
- 2nd J Kirkland
- 3rd I Bettaney

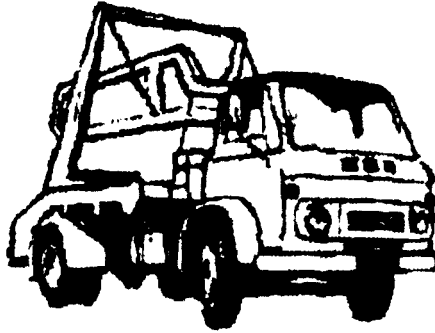
Flower of the month

- 1st H Quartermaine
- 2nd L Johnson
- 3rd S Harley

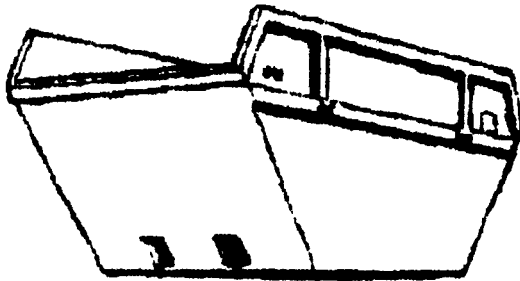
The Jubilee Cup for 2008-2009 was won by J Kirkland.

The Endeavour Cup - L Yull

Flower of the month - L Johnson



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Glenfarg & Duncreevie In Bloom

Glenfarg "wins" the lottery and more.....

No sooner had the celebrations of our Breathing Places grant and the It's Your Community award died down when here we are again celebrating our Awards for All (lottery) and Scottish Community Foundation awards and yet another Breathing Places grant.

You will recall that the first Breathing Places grant funded the signage at the Glenfarg Green, the labelling of all the trees and the carved oak seat. The latest grant will fund the improvements to the Greenbank Road entrance to the Glenfarg Green. The It's Your Community grant has funded the child size tools, tool shed and compost for the vegetable garden where on May 1st the children of P3 & 4 carried out the first planting of potatoes and lettuce. *(Remember to check out the websites of both these organisations and read all about Glenfarg)*

As the work of GDIB has spread throughout the area, the eternal and increasingly troublesome issue has been the watering of our planters and hanging baskets, as anyone who has trundled our trolleys bearing weighty barrels of water will testify. Well let's put all that behind us!!! Thanks to obtaining funds from Awards for All and the Scottish Community

Foundation, we are able to purchase a utility vehicle which will be equipped with all the necessary tools to make the task a whole lot easier. No longer do we need the brute strength of the young and fit for watering duties, now we expect to have many more residents volunteering for watering duties since those of us, who like me, will not see 21 again but have a little time to spare during the day or evening should contact Sheila on 830225 or any of the GDIB committee.

Our vehicle will be used throughout the year, in particular to access our off road sites such as the Glenfarg Green, for transport of plants, compost, prunings and litter collections as the needs arise, again lightening the load of our volunteers.

As anyone who has ever applied for funding will tell you a whole lot of effort by a few individuals has gone into this achievement and special thanks from all must go to Sybil Galbraith, Len McConnell and Kate Armstrong who, with a little help from the others on the committee, have made all this possible. Your appreciation will be demonstrated by your continued support of GDIB and your willingness to volunteer.

Kate Armstrong

Food garden- First planting by Primary 3 & 4



Village News in Pictures

Here is your first glimpse at the goings on at the 10-week 'Introduction to Computing' course taking place in the Village Hall. It's currently early days in the course but we're always looking for new members of the editorial team folks! Those who are computer literate are particularly welcome, so we may come knocking on your doors now we know who you are!





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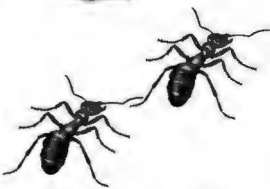
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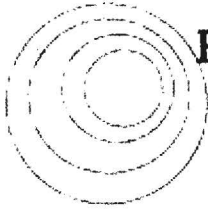
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Water treatment works project wins 'best in UK' award for

Considerate Construction!

The community liaison and consideration shown by Black & Veatch during the upgrade to the Glenfarg water treatment works has been selected from more than 7,000 sites across the UK as the *Most Considerate Site of 2009* through the Considerate Constructors' Scheme.

Black & Veatch undertook the £4.3 million upgrade at the award-winning water treatment works for Scottish Water, which serves 180,000 people in the local area.

The project involved improvements to wash water, sludge recovery and disinfection and capital maintenance works.

having: "established a benchmark far exceeding the requirements of the scheme's Code of Considerate Practice."

Judges went on to comment that with the "excellent energy-saving measures and occupational health and safety practices in place, this site team dedicated itself to the detail of considerate site practices and was a major credit to the contractor and the industry."

The Black & Veatch and Scottish Water partnership on site at the Glenfarg water treatment works scored a maximum of 40 out of 40 in all areas judged by the Considerate Constructors scheme.

The award praised the company for

Well done to all involved!



2009 National Award Winner

Most Considerate Site

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2009

Present

CCLrs Armstrong (Secy.), Bisset, Bruce, Campbell (Chairman), Connolly, Johnston, MacKenzie, Murison, Vaughan (Treasurer)

Apologies

Cllrs Baird, Robertson, CClr Quartermaine

Members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

Previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting 02.03.09 were approved. Proposed by CClr MacKenzie and seconded by CClr Vaughan.

Matters Arising

School Catchment A reply from P&K to secretary's letter has been received. Information contained in letter is much the same as has been given to parents over the past 12 years. The reply also states that the "Authority is not considering increasing the catchment area of Kinross High School at this time" Secretary to pursue aspect of exclusion of Arngask P7 pupils in pre-secondary days/visits/residential weeks. Action Secretary
PO Mobile Service Letters have been received from PO, MP & MSP. Apologies have been received and assurances given of future good

service. Any member of the public encountering difficulties with the PO Mobile Service should contact secretary.

Police Report

There was no Police Report.

Treasurer Report

Present balance £590.03. Hall fees for quarter have been paid.

Planning

CClr Bruce produced summary of current applications. Objection lodged re Hilton Of Duncricvie Application and objection to be lodged on Craig Lomond application on grounds of mature tree aspects.

Correspondence

P&K CC website Secretary to request inclusion of link to our own site Action Secretary.

Fete Funds

Three applications have been received. The Scouts, Babies and Toddlers and Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom were all judged by the council as good and fair recipients. The secretary will write to the 3 organisations and clarify costs of proposed purchases and post fete the funds will be allocated, assuming there is sufficient. Action Secretary.

Lochelbank Windfarm

Planning Sub Committee
CClIr Bruce reported on survey

carried out by sub-consultants on behalf of CC . More rare plants than Npower declared and relocation not suitable. Concern expressed re continuing delays and failure of P&K to respond to various communications. P&K website on Lochelbank was last updated June/Aug 2008 and none of current reports are displayed.

Community Benefit Fund

Secretary has contacted Bridge of Earn secretary and indicated that we (GCC) would like to form a combined group (4 from each CC) to meet with Serge Merone and an independent chair. BoE to advise us after their normal meeting.

Questionnaire from Npower has been completed and sent by BoE but not by Glenfarg. Question asking for our priorities was to answer "Growth and sustainability"

AOCB

Parking at village Hall

Problems are being encountered due to inconsiderate parking in the vicinity leading to problems in actually travelling along Greenbank Road and possible blocking of access for emergency. CClr Connolly, a member of Hall Committee, is to raise the issue and ask that Hall users be encouraged to park on Main Street. He is also ask for road signs warning of children playing in area and speed reductions.

Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom
Congratulations were extended to

GDIB on their recent achievements in securing funding for features and improvements at the Glenfarg Green, the purchase of a utility vehicle, equipment and insurance of same and the Glenfarg Food Garden.

GDIB will be hosting an Open Day on Sunday 7th June at Glenfarg Green.

This coincides with BBC's Springwatch Weekend and the RSPB and Bumblebee Conservation will also be present. Cream teas will be served in the Hall where various exhibitions will also attract.

Scottish Government Tayside Region Priorities

Correspondence on the above lists funding bodies and opportunities. This will be held by secretary for reference.

Marquee and Newsletter funds

CClir Murison updated the committee on both of these funds and all papers have been passed to treasurer.

Church Brae Parking

Secretary will contact Police re commercial vehicles and cars parked on Church Brae and causing obstruction to large vehicles (including emergency vehicles) entering Church Lane.

<p>Next Meeting - 29th June in Village Hall 7.30pm</p>

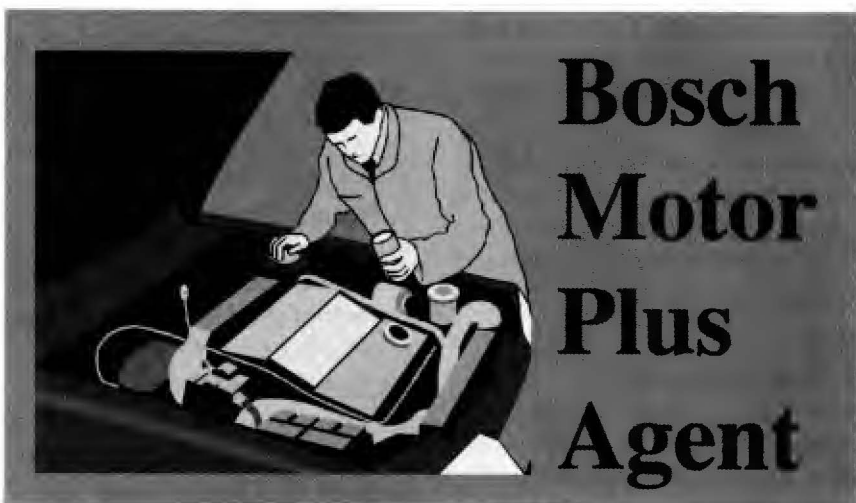


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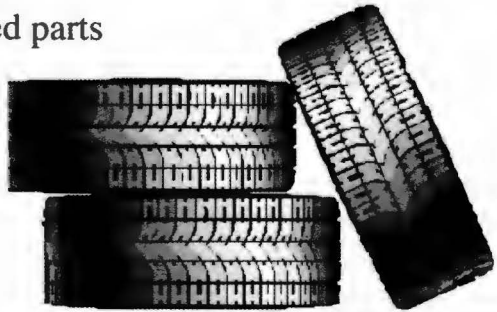
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Doctor's 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 Services

Library

The van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays:
10th & 24th June, 8th & 22nd July and 5th August
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

Duncrievie: 11:35-11:50



Bank of Scotland: Stops at Glenfarg Hotel every Tuesday 10.45-11.00

Mobile Post Office: Stops outside The Old Joiners workshop, Ladeside, Glenfarg on the following days and times:

Mon 10.45-11.45; Tues 12.45-2.15; Thurs 10.45-11.45; Fri 12.45 - 2.15

Recycling

Recycling Points:

Glenfarg: Arngask School car park for cans, paper and glass

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.

Skips:

Kinross (Bridgend Industrial Estate): Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Perth (Friarton Recycling Centre): Open Mon -Fri 9am-7pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

Waste collection dates

Glenfarg

Garden Waste (Brown lidded bin): Fridays 5th & 19th June, 3rd, 17th & 31st July

Paper Waste (Blue lidded bin): Thursdays 18th June & 16th July

Duncrievie

Garden Waste: Saturdays 13th & 27th June, 11th & 25th July

Paper Waste: Thursdays 18th June & 16th July



Paper recycling-what paper can go in the bin?

The contents of junk mail, magazines, brochures, newspapers and office quality paper.

What cannot be placed in the paper recycling bin?

Cardboard, envelopes, plastic wrapping, aluminium cans, plastic bags and liners.