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Glenfarg

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16th Feb and 1st, 15th & 29th March
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24th March



THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

Issue 198 February 2012



Happy New Year

Let's Eat, Drink & be Merry

Inside this issue

- **Allison, Glenfarg's sensational swimmer**
- **Meet Old Foggie, the weatherman**
- **Celebrations galore and reports of events
past & future in this packed issue.**

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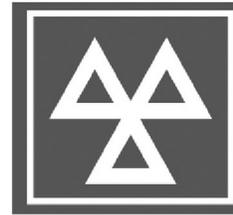
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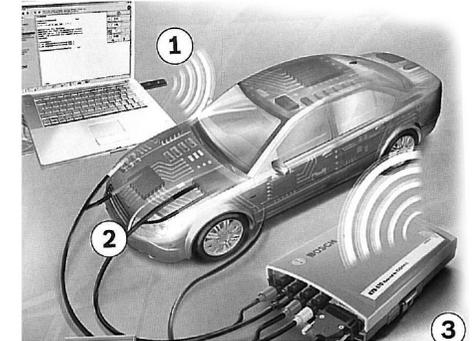
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Curling - Women's	Margaret Jenkins	830 453

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Website

Cllr Watson presented a paper on the two existing Glenfarg websites (CC's website at glenfargcc.org.uk and community site at glenfarg.org). After discussion, it was decided that the CC would work towards merging the two sites into one, which would be owned by the community council and maintained by volunteer(s). The CC agreed to pay for web hosting, domain name and emails from its administration budget. There was discussion on whether to publish details of local businesses, with or without a charge. *Cllrs Macpherson and Watson to put together a paper on possible options for the way forward.* It was agreed that, after consultation with absent Cllrs, councillors' photos would appear next to their names on the website.

Data Protection

The CC's entry in the Register has been renewed. After discussion, it was agreed that all existing minutes (from 1991 onwards) should be kept as historical documents and Cllrs will aim to change them to electronic format and make them available on the website. It was also agreed that correspondence over two years old no longer active could be disposed. *Cllr Watson to check that this did not conflict with P&KC policy.*

AOCB

Arngask PS to Kinross HS Catchment Area – P&KC informed the CC that they are to hold consultation on this proposed change during period 2nd Feb to 30th March
Damage to the Glen Road at the first bridge over the river going north towards Perth.
Cllr Baird to investigate
Kinross-shire Forum of Community Councils Cllr Johnston had received an invitation for the CC to join or send an observer to the next meeting of this forum. After discussion, it was decided to decline the invitation. *Cllr Watson to inform Mike Barnacle.*
Milnathort CC's leaflet Cllr Johnston

recommended this leaflet as a method of promoting the work of the CC and inviting the public to attend meetings. Although some felt that the community was already aware of our meetings but chose not to attend, it was decided to supply leaflets to the shop and newsletter for a trial period. A member of the public pointed out by that more copies of the Agenda should be available at meetings.

Signed copies of the new Constitution had been received and were given to Cllrs
Damage to Temporary Drain Cover bottom of Church Brae has been reported
Notice of Closure of 19 Play Parks in Perth & Kinross has been circulated. None are within our area.

Community Benefit Fund Panel Cllr Ponton reported that the panel had not yet met to make any decisions on the current applications.

Newsletter Cllr Vaughan had provided the CC with details of income and expenditure. She had suggested that, as the costs of advertisements had remained static for several years, they should be increased. After discussion, it was agreed to halve Cllr Vaughan's suggested increase for this year but build in modest increases in subsequent years. The possibility of some colour pages was discussed but left for consideration at a later date.

Dog Fouling in Wallace Park and other areas. *Cllr Arnold to submit item in newsletter.*

Overgrown hedge A member of the public requested action on the hedge between Candy road end and Barley Mill track. *Cllr Watson to write to Malcolm Curtis.*
Damaged bus shelter on B996 at Callford road end. *Cllr Arnold to report again*
Damaged Road Sign has been reported by GDIB

Marquee Hire Charge to be discussed at next meeting. *Cllr Vaughan to review*

Date of next meeting – March 5th 2012 at 7.30pm

- Wicks O Baiglie Rd repairs – P&KC's Stuart D'All is working out extraordinary damage costs with nPower. *CCllr Watson to request an update.*
- Flooding - CCllr Macpherson raised concerns about overflowing culverts in several areas. Cllr Baird informed the CC that culverts should be cleared annually. *Cllr Baird will inform the department of our concern and ask the next due date. She will suggest they contact the CC for more details.*

Police Report

No police officer was available to attend on the night, due to a local incident. A written report was received on 10th, highlighting the following issues.

- During the last few weeks, there has been several fire raising incidents reported in the Kinross area. Several vehicles, a building, a recycling bin have been set alight. Tayside Police ask that people are extra vigilant and immediately report anything suspicious.
- Wallace Park – checks carried out re parking and no major issues found. Will continue to monitor.
- No reported crime or significant issue since date of last meeting.
- Regular speed checks continue to be carried out on local arterial routes. Warnings, conditional offers and reports to PF where necessary.

No discussion on these matters was possible at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT
£4,615.77

Only transaction was payment for retiral gifts (£40). Note : includes £3,380 held for Village Hall adjacent land improvement

GCC INVESTMENT £6,000, 2.15% for 1 year till July 2012
NEWSLETTER – BALANCE £2,208.07.
Shop donations from December issue £188 to date.
SCHOOL FUND £941
HBOS change of signatories forms sent to HBOS Due Diligence department with strongly worded letter on procedures and branch errors that has made this process unnecessarily lengthy. They have phoned and apologised for errors by branch.

Planning

The following planning applications have been reviewed since the last Council meeting:-

1. Erection of a wind turbine on land 520 metres NE of Newhill Farm
CCllr Johnston informed the meeting that this turbine is to be erected on land within our CC area. He advised there were no grounds for objection.
2. Change of use of land and landscaping work for the formation of a horse arena at 4 East Blair Cottages, Glenfarg (in retrospect)
Application noted. No objection.

The following Applications have been approved by P&KC since the last Council meeting:-

1. Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse 5 Gwendoline Row Drunzie
2. Erection of 2 of steel portal framed sheds for workshop and testing facility Waste Recycling Centre Binn Farm

It was decided that the list of relevant planning applications and decisions would be noted in the community council minutes, with details of any objections. Full details would appear on the CC's website, and the CC's page of the newsletter would direct readers to the website for further information.

Editorial



Welcome to the first Glenfarg Newsletter of 2012.

In my first editorial I have to initially thank Cara, without whose help you would not be reading this right now. As someone who is new to Apple Mac, I can confirm that one is never too old to learn, but a good teacher is worth her weight in gold.

This issue is packed with all the regular slots in addition to quite a few one-offs. I am hopeful that the contributions from our Weatherman, Old Foggie (his spelling not mine), and our Nature Man, H.R.Oobit, will become regular features as Glenfarg should provide them with enough material for some time.

And speaking of weather, can there ever have been such a difference from one winter to the next? Of course many of you already know that the lack of snow this year is thanks to the JAGS. No, not the gas guzzling motor vehicles, nor a certain Glasgow football team but to the John And Gordon Snowblowers. Yes, two Glenfarg gentlemen, John and Gordon, went off one sunny

November day and bought two wonderful snowblowers. If you prefer winters without snow, please pass your thanks directly to the boys.

The Glenfarg Newsletter will be celebrating its 200th "birthday" in June and already the Newsletter team is considering a special issue. If you have ideas for that issue please get in touch by e mail to newsletter@glenfargcc.org.uk which of course is the address for all your correspondence. Remember without your contributions there would be no Newsletter.

Although there are latest dates for submission of articles shown on page 2, you can submit items at any time before those dates, the earlier the better. Likewise advertisers should contact us whenever they need to amend their existing adverts.

Don't risk missing out by late submission. I've already received notification of 3 items for the April issue!!

Hear from you all soon
Kate



Local News

Bereavements

Sadly the Glenfarg community has suffered the loss of two of its well known and well loved residents.

Jimmy Crichton, who lived in Duncrивie for almost all of his life, died in November aged 73. Jimmy was a keen C & W music fan, a sociable lad who worked on many farms in the area until retirement.

Geoff King, who moved from Luton to Duncrивie in 1976, has died aged 73. Geoff's hobby was renovating old tractors and traction engines, many of which he used to show at the Glenfarg Fete.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are sent to both families.

Local news items should be submitted to newsletter@glenfargcc.org.uk for inclusion in the next newsletter

Alzheimer Scotland

Fancy a speedy Clyde crossing? Well that's what John Armstrong is after as he Zip-Slides across the Clyde, taking part in a fund-raising event for Alzheimer Scotland in March. John will cross the Clyde parallel to the "Squinty" Bridge from a crane (180ft) to a landing site on the South side of the river, a distance of over 1000ft.

Apart from your good wishes for a "safe passage", John would also like you to sponsor him. This you can do by either logging on to www.justgiving/armstrong-john or by entering your donation on the sponsorship form in the Village Store.

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Glenfarg Community Council

Glenfarg Community Council
Draft Minutes of meeting held on 9th
January 2012 in Glenfarg Village Hall

Present

CCllrs Arnold, Johnston, MacKenzie
(Chairman), Macpherson, Ponton and
Watson.

By Invitation

Cllr Baird

Members of the Public

There was 1 member of the public present

Apologies

CCllrs Armstrong and Vaughan

Presentation to retiring councillor

CCllr MacKenzie on behalf of the council
and the community of Glenfarg thanked
Charlie Murison for his work of 20 years as
a Community Councillor and Treasurer. He
was presented with a certificate and a gift.

Previous Minutes

With the insertion of two extra items under
AOCB, concerning necessary repairs to the
Wicks O Baigle Road and a dangerous dead
elm by the B996, the minutes of 28th Nov
2011 were proposed by CCllr Ponton and
seconded by CCllr Macpherson.

Matters Arising

- The gate at Wallace Park car park
has been repaired and replaced. It
was reported that persons, believed
to be members of Glenfarg Football
Club, had been observed driving
cars through the gate to the pavilion
unnecessarily. *CCllr Watson to
write to the Football Club.* Several
CCllrs also reported that new tyre
tracks showed vehicles had entered
the park via the gap on the other
side of the car park. *CCllr Watson*

*to contact P&KC to request closure
of the gap.*

- Grit Bins are now in requested
positions and have been filled.
- Tractor issues – letters have
recently been sent to four local
farmers outlining issues and
requesting discussions. No contact
as yet.
- Christmas decorations – to be
discussed at next meeting
- Neighbourhood Watch – CCllrs
Arnold and Ponton had no progress
to report. *CCllr Arnold will put an
item in the next newsletter, asking
for volunteers.*
- Request for Glen Road Safety Audit
– response from P&KC Traffic and
Road Safety Engineer cited ongoing
work plus 2 projects for new
financial year to include anti skid
surfacing on A912 north of access
to Binn Farm. CCllr Macpherson
queried whether this was the area
where we had highlighted concerns.
It was also felt the Council had not
sufficiently responded to our
request for a safety audit. *CCllrs
Arnold and Armstrong to raise at
Binn Forum.*
- Fallen tree in Wallace Park – being
removed by local person and CCllr
Vaughan has informed P&KC that
this matter is resolved.
- Queen's Jubilee – CCllr Watson has
approached Fete Committee and
they will discuss at next meeting on
Jan 10th
- Dead Elm– CCllr Vaughan had
informed P&KC's Tree and
Woodland Officer who contacted
the landowner. The tree still being
in place, he has again made contact
and been assured it will be felled
very soon. *CCllr Vaughan to report
if this does not happen.*

When the wind blows

We shall have snow

Well so says the nursery rhyme, but what has happened this winter?



At the beginning of December and again in the New Year much of Scotland was hit by almost hurricane force winds which closed road bridges, uprooted trees, damaged roofs, destroyed sheds and caused major disruption. Our local community was not spared with many reports of minor damage.

Worst of all perhaps was Duncruevie and Drunzie losing all electrical power from 10.30 a.m. on the 8th December until 3.30 p.m. on the 9th, a total of 29 hours. This was due to an electricity pole and cables being blown down in one of the nearby fields. Hopefully the weather will only get better as we head into spring.



Arngask Church News

Dear Friends,

The beginning of the New Year is a time for plans rather than resolutions in the life of the Church. I am happy to say that our Sunday Club is beginning to shape up. I am very grateful to the parents and others who have helped. I want to thank especially Elaine Morton, Mary Girling, Catherine Fairweather, and Sylvia Wall, who have all played an important leadership role in continuing and developing the Sunday Club.

I also want to give a word of thanks to Jean Ogilvie, who has decided to retire from her duties as an Elder. Jean has always been a willing and enthusiastic worker, ready to help wherever she can. Jean also brings her cheerful, friendly, kindly personality to all she does. Jean is further possessed of a heartfelt love for the Church and concern for the community.



I mentioned leadership above. I believe this is a crucial issue for the Church today. In the Kirk Session we have been looking at examples of churches that – believe it or not – are actually growing. Church growth has to go beyond the institutional measures of money and numbers (quantitative growth-bigger). We have to look at growing in other ways such as faith – what we believe can happen; hope – a positive attitude to a future based on our faith rather than our fears; and love – the good we can do for others. Apathy, despair, and negative attitudes (which include cynicism and gossip)

H.R.Oobit

This is the pen name of the contributor who, on growing a beard, was described by a Scottish friend as looking like a Hairy Oobit, old Scots for a furry caterpillar.



Quiz Answers

1. Explorer Scouts
2. Glenfarg Hotel
3. Penguin
4. Southampton
5. 7,400 liters
6. 7-7, 7 days
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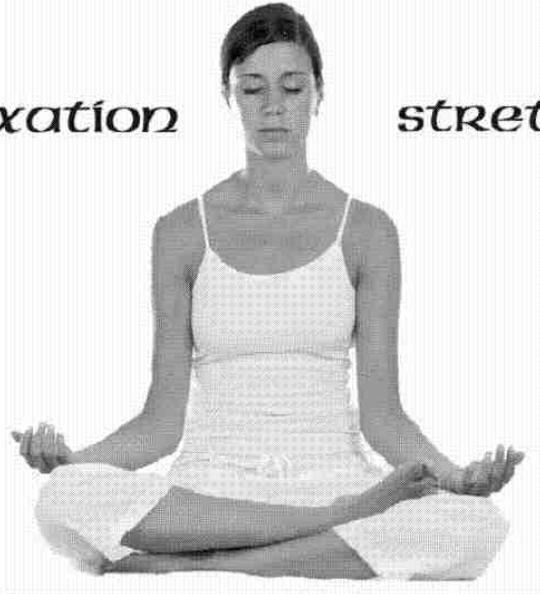
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are simply the enemies of church growth.

We can grow in friendliness, community awareness, community service, and IDEAS (qualitative growth - becoming a different kind of church). Some of our best ideas have come from Elders and others, not the Minister. For instance, the great idea of having a Sunset Service on Remembrance Sunday was not mine. This is the way it should be. The idea of an omniscient, all knowing Minister with an answer to every question and a solution to every problem is a myth.

The oldest idea in team work in the Church is the Kirk Session. A church is made up of teams, and the congregation, as a whole, is one big team (a body with different but complimentary parts: the Bible). The future lies with effective team work and leadership.

This is a fancy way of saying that to reach our full potential we must have confidence to speak, the commitment to follow up, the thankfulness to give, and the humility to learn.

Rev. Alec Wark

Christmas Sale

Thank you to all who helped realise over £1000 at the Christmas Sale. Prize winner's were - Chocolates - Margaret Swan, Mr & Mrs Frosty - Jean Connolly, Christmas cake - Sylvia Wall, Hamper winners were - Sandra Gourlay, Marion McIvor, Henry Melville, John Carswell, Vivien Hepplethwaite, Mary McAinsh, Jean Davidson, Helen Strachan, Janette Kirkland, Lewis Leslie, Mark Scott, Karin Taylor, Ian Gellatley, Norman Ogilvie and Catriona Hunter. Margaret Scott, Convenor

Christmas at Arngask

There was a good attendance in Arngask Church on Sunday 18th December to see the Sunday Club children perform their version of the Nativity, thank you to Margaret Ponton for helping with the production. At the close of the service Santa Claus made a surprise visit and presented every child with a gift. In the evening the annual Christingle Service was well attended and everyone joined in the singing of well known carols with soloists Andzia Scott and Lotte Watt. Freya and Tess Corcoran delighted the company with musical items on the flute and piano and Annabel Simpson read an amusing Christmas

A Village "Hall for All"

The editors' quick guide to regular village hall organisations. Does anything take your interest? Why not come along!

Day	Time	Organisation (contact details if known)
Mondays	6pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8pm-10pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesdays	5.15pm-6.15pm	Beavers
	7.30pm-9pm	Yoga
Wednesdays	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6pm -7pm	Rainbows & Brownies
	8pm-10pm (in Winter)	Badminton
1st Wed of month	12.30pm-1.30pm	Soup and Chat
	7pm-11pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursdays	4pm-6.15pm	Tap
	7.30pm-9pm	Scouts
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poem. Thank you to David Watt for organising this service which realised the sum of £124.50 for the Children's Society (Charity Registration 221124).

On Christmas Eve the Rev Alec Wark welcomed a good turn out of people to the Carol Service in Glenfarg Village Hall. Following the service mulled wine and mince pies were served.

The Watch night Service in Arngask Church on Christmas Eve was well attended to hear representatives of various organisations in the community read the nine lessons and everyone joined in the singing of the well known carols. The retiring collection of £120.00 was donated to the local branch of Riding for the Disabled.

On Christmas morning there was a short service in Arngask Church.

Flower Committee

The Flower Committee would like to thank all who have given support by providing and arranging flowers and also by giving donations.

The Flower List for 2012 is now in the vestibule – check your special dates and add your name to the list. During the year flowers are

distributed to people throughout the parish.

Dates for your Diary

Shrove Tuesday 21st February – Flower committee Pancake Tea in the Church Hall from 2pm – 4pm. Adults £2.00, Children £1.50. All welcome.

Friday 2nd March - World Day of Prayer.

Sunday 18th March - United Service at Arngask at 10.30am followed by the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation.

Sunday 25th March - Holy Communion at Arngask at 11am. Sunday Club also finishes this day for the Easter break.

PLEASE NOTE as from 1st.

January 2012 the Sunday Service in Arngask Church starts at 11am and will continue at this time throughout 2012 – any change of service will be intimated.

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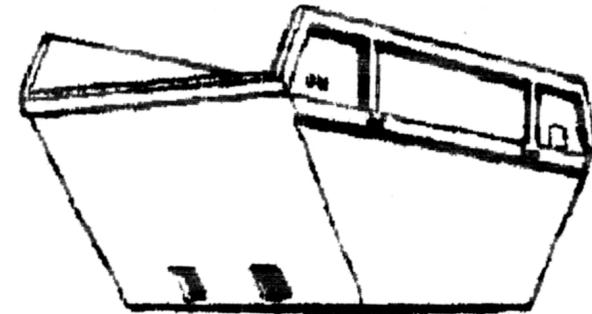
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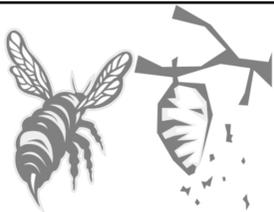
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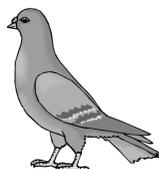
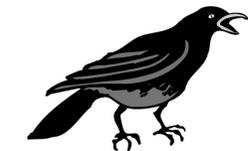
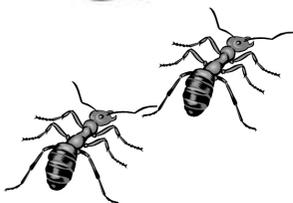
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Dates for your Diary

Your at-a-glance guide to key dates and events

in and around Glenfarg:

Date & Time	Event	Place and other information
Every Monday	Glenfarg Folk Club	see page 63
Every 2nd Wednesday	LIBRARY VAN	
15th-17th Feb	School Mid-term holiday	
21st Feb	Pancake Tea	Church Hall 2 - 4pm
24th February	Wine Club Party	Glenfarg Hotel
24th February	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE Explorer Scouts	Village Hall Tickets from Village Store
25th Feb	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
15th March	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
17th March	Coffee Morning	Church Hall
18th March	Mothering Sunday	United service 10.30am
25th March	Communion Arngask Church 11.00am	
2nd - 13th April	School Easter holiday	
13th - 15th April	Glenfarg Folk Feast	see page 15
16th June	GLENFARG VILLAGE FETE	

Surrounding Areas:

10th Feb	"Copacabana"	Cupar Amateur Operatic Society Info from Philip Ponton
26th Feb	Fashion Show	George Hotel, Perth in aid of RNIB Ticket info 830343
2nd March	World Day of Prayer	

We do not have space to mention all events here, but you can visit www.glenfarg.org for village information and www.perthshire.co.uk for further details of county-wide events.



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Monday 5th March

Members £5, non members £8

starting at 8.30 pm

Monday 6th. February

Members £5, Non members

Al Hughes

All's blues and soul music are vary from forceful and raucous and wistful. His guitar playing described as 'eerily atmospheric'

Monday 13th February

Members £5, Non members

Sandy Brechin & Ewan W

Sandy is an energetic accompanist both as a solo performer and in bands such as Burach. Ewan is an expressive singer and guitarist. Together they form a duo who are to be missed.

Monday 20th February

All £3

Singaround

Our February themes are Flowers, Farming and Faraway Places. Or whatever you fancy.

Monday 27th February

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Anna Shannon

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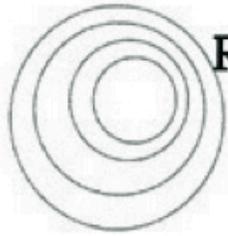
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The Orwell Ceilidh Band

Saturday 14th April

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Concert (£15)

The Poozies, Jim Malcolm, The Farg Folk

Sunday 15th April

TMSA Workshop (£5)

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Children’s event with Margaret Bennett

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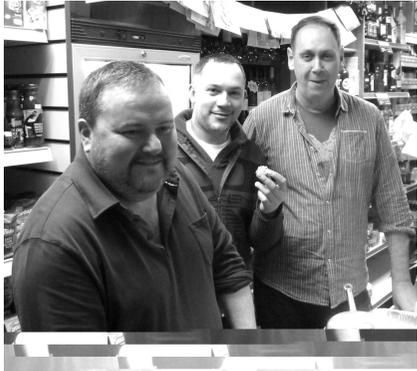
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Village Store 1st Birthday

Is it really only a year since our three shopkeepers took over the Glenfarg Village Store? Russell, Mark and Jo have become such a central part of village life since then - they seem to have been here for much longer.



The Christmas lights were twinkling, wine was flowing, and the constant stream of customers were in happy mood when they called in to say 'All the best' to the new members of our community.

And those lucky ones who arrived early were able to take away with them the coveted Glenfarg Village Store shopping bag, with its slogan 7 to 7, 7 days.

Another celebration in the Glenfarg Hotel rounded off what we hope has been an enjoyable and successful year for the shopkeepers.

See more photos on the Glenfarg website - www.glenfarg.org

So it was good to know that they considered this first anniversary to be a cause for celebration. And obviously their customers agreed with them, when they called at the shop on the afternoon of Saturday 17th December.

There they found Russell and Jo, ladling out the mulled wine, while Mark was to and fro the kitchen to keep up a constant supply of delicious mince pies and cream - and all with the compliments of the shopkeepers.



Plastic recycling options expand at local Recycling Centres

From Monday 19 December 2011, residents of Perth and Kinross will have even more recycling options available to them when facilities for rigid plastic packaging are introduced at local Recycling Centres.

New containers will be in place from next week at Aberfeldy, Auchterarder, Blairgowrie, Crieff, Friarton (Perth), Kinross and Pitlochry Recycling Centres, in order to collect a wide range of rigid plastic packaging for recycling.

The materials that can be accepted in the new containers include:

- * All plastic bottles
- * Plastic food containers, including yoghurt cartons, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs and fruit punnets

The Council would advise that other plastic items, such as bags, cling film, polystyrene, toys, CDs, cassettes, kitchenware, plant pots and toothbrushes will **not** be accepted in the new containers.

Perth and Kinross already has one of the highest recycling rates in Scotland, at nearly 56% for the period April to June 2011. The Council is continuing its efforts to push this rate still higher, by making recycling as easy as possible for residents.

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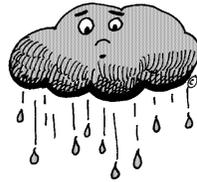
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Glenfarg Weather Ramblings

by Old Foggie

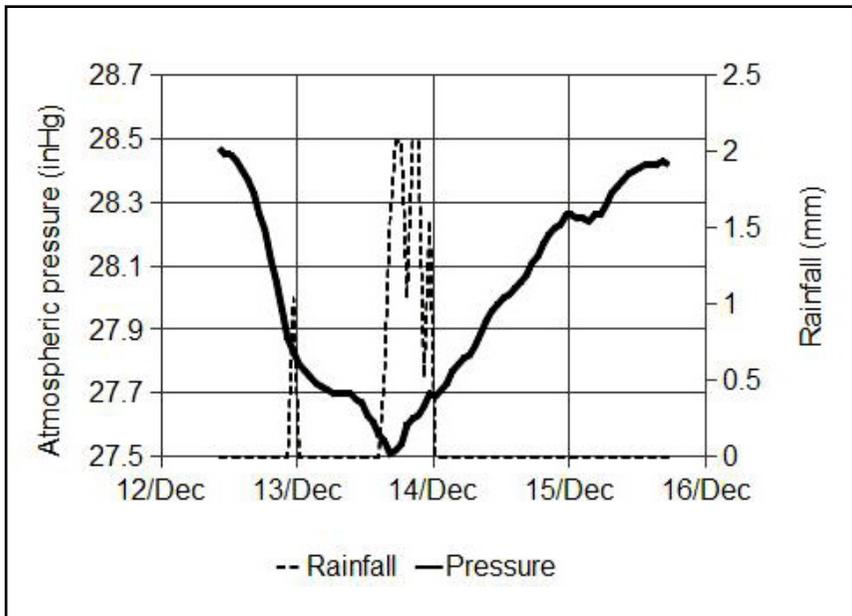


This story starts out in the North Atlantic, far from Glenfarg. Above the waves, cold air from the North Pole meets warm, moist air from the tropics. The boundary between the two air bodies begins to ripple and form whorls with the warm air rising over the faster moving colder air. As the warm air rises, it becomes unstable. What you end up with is a low pressure system and, you've guessed it, rain. The meeting of the two air masses is accompanied by a westerly flow of air which moves these lows onto the European seaboard and

eventually onto our doorstep.

As the names suggests, low pressure systems are accompanied by a fall in barometric pressure. Barometers are calibrated in inches of mercury. This refers to older barometers which consisted of a glass tube resting in a reservoir of mercury. As a low pressure system approaches, the level of mercury in the tube falls.

The speed at which the mercury falls is a good indication of



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approaching bad weather. A good example happened over Glenfarg between the 12th and 15th December. From about 10 o'clock on the 12th the atmospheric pressure dropped over half an inch in the following 10 hours. After a short shower the pressure continued to drop and then the weather changed. From 14:30 to 23:30 on the 13th our rain gauge recorded 13.5mm rainfall accompanied by strong winds. On the morning of the 14th December the atmospheric pressure was rising as the storm passed over. By the 15th, the skies cleared to give a bright, if cold, day.

Now what does 13.5mm rainfall really mean? Foggie Mansions and garden cover a fairly typical area for properties in Glenfarg. During the rain storm of the 13th December, about 7400 litres of rain fell on our wilderness. Enough, I'm informed, to keep a family of four supplied in water for over a week.

And here's something which will amaze and astound. The area of land which drains to the River

Farg, as far as the village, is about 12 square kilometres. It includes not only the land surrounding the river and the reservoir but also the sub-catchments of the Glendy, Newhill, Strawearn, Blair and Plains Burns. If the same amount of rainfall occurred over the entire area as was recorded in our rain gauge then during the 13th December, 161,500,000 litres of rain fell in the catchment.

Ah-ha, I hear you say, if there was so much water, then why weren't we all flooded; much like Duncreevie Road. It's the soils that protect us. The fields and woodlands above Glenfarg act like a giant sponge absorbing much of the rain and slowing its passage to the river and burns. The river did rise after the storm, but there was no tidal wave. And the flow would have remained higher than normal for a considerable period until the catchment drained the last of that storm of the 13th.

More weather ramblings in the next newsletter when Old Foggie gets down and dirty.

Allison Bett our swimming sensation

by Margaret Ponton

Allison was born in 1981 and she attended Arngask Primary School then Perth Academy and Perth College. She was the first person with Down's Syndrome to attend mainstream schooling in Perth and Kinross.

Allison's interest in the pool began at an early age and whilst at the Academy she joined Perth Leisure Pool Disabled Club in 1997 and that was the start of her competitive swimming.

To date, Allison has won 70 swimming medals, representing Scotland on numerous occasions.

In 2001 the National Special Olympics were held in Cardiff, Allison won gold and silver medals and returned home to a Civic reception in Perth. The following year she travelled to Monaco to compete in the European Special Olympics and celebrated her 21st birthday during the event. This was announced by the pilot on the journey over France and Allison was presented with celebratory champagne by the flight crew. She returned home with Gold,

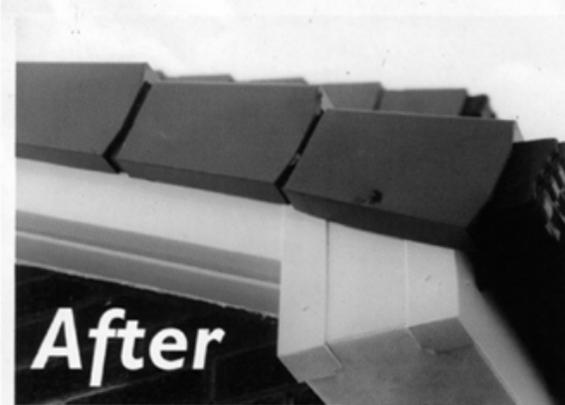
Silver and Bronze medals. In 2003 Allison was honoured with the Perth and Kinross Council individual 'Disability Sports' Award which was presented to her by Radio Tay's Ally Bally.

The National Swimming Championships are held annually at Reading and Allison has competed here 3 times swimming for the Scottish Down's Syndrome Team, she also travelled to Southampton in 2011 for the European Championships where she won 2 Golds and 2 Silvers. She will be representing Scotland once again in Southampton in 2012.



Swimming takes up a lot of her time, she swims regularly on a Sunday evening in Perth but trains in

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Arbroath for 4 months prior to a major event. Allison's favourite stroke is backstroke but she competes in all 4 disciplines, breaststroke, crawl, backstroke and butterfly.

Since leaving Perth College Allison has worked in hairdressers and then the British Heart Foundation Charity Shop, a job she has had for 8 years. She also works in Tesco's clothing department. Allison travels independently to work during the day and is often 'up for a chat' on the bus if she is not snoozing or listening to her music.

Allison enjoys a wide variety of leisure activities and is out most evenings. Thanks to her parents support, commitment and taxi service she is involved in Art and Craft classes, Dance workshops, the Horsecross Players, Zumba classes and 'Let's Go' Club. Always the social girl, she can be seen most weekends with her friends in Donskies, Sandemans or the Twa Tams.

In her spare ?????????!!!!!!! time Allison is very creative and thoughtful, she loves making her own greetings cards which she gives to family and friends for special birthdays, births, celebrations and

various events including making a 'special award' for my dog Millie because she didn't win anything in the village fete dog show! Allison likes watching TV and is always ready to discuss her beloved 'soaps'. She dislikes 'the news'. She enjoys the cinema, live music concerts (the X-factor show, Joe McElderry at the Caird Hall, Take That at the SECC, 'Rewind' - which she attended for the whole weekend), theatre, roller coasters and amusement parks.

2011 saw Allison celebrating her 30th birthday which she shared with family and friends by having a disco at which she danced away the night.

In 2012 Allison will again be competing in the European swimming Championships in Southampton. As a result of the funds raised by last Novembers village talent show, Glenfarg Wine Club are making a donation towards Allison's expenses for this event and we all wish her well.

Allison is amazing. She has a special spark and a zest for living life to the full. She always has a smile and a kind word to share and is full of fun. She is a remarkable girl with a fulfilling life and someone of whom her family, friends and community are very proud.

Kiddie's Corner

What's the Difference?

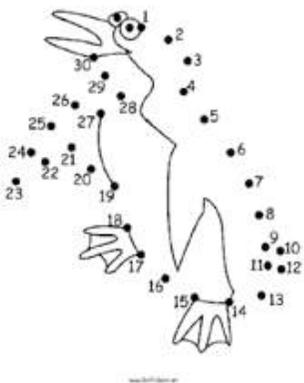
Find the seven differences between the two holiday pictures below.



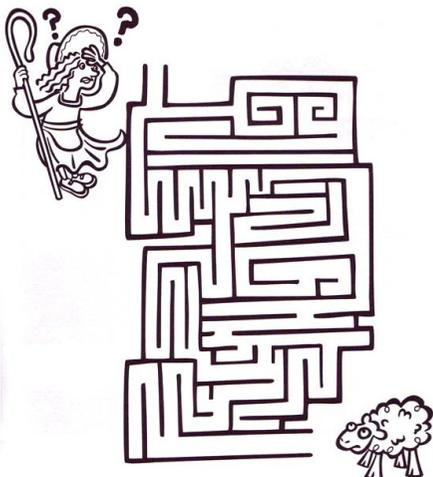
Colour the Baby Clown



Who is hiding in this Dot to Dot picture?



Can you help Little Bo-Peep find her lost sheep by taking the right path from the top to bottom of the picture?



Quiz Time



All the answers can be found in this Newsletter

1. Which Glenfarg organisation was Dancing on Ice last year?
2. Who is offering a Valentine Menu for £18.95 per person?
3. What is hiding in the Dot to Dot picture?
4. Where is this year's Down's Syndrome European Swimming Championships being held?
5. How many litres of rain fell on Old Foggie's garden on Dec. 13th?
6. What are the Glenfarg Village Store's opening hours?
7. Who uses the Village Hall on Saturday morning?
8. What number will get you through to the P&KC Dog Warden?
9. When is this year's Village Fete being held?
10. Who is appearing at the Glenfarg Folk Club on 27th Feb.?

If you haven't found all the answers throughout the pages of this issue, you will find them all on Page 69.

Do you enjoy the Glenfarg Newsletter? Do you look forward to all the local news?

The newsletter is put together by a team of people just like YOU, so why not join them?

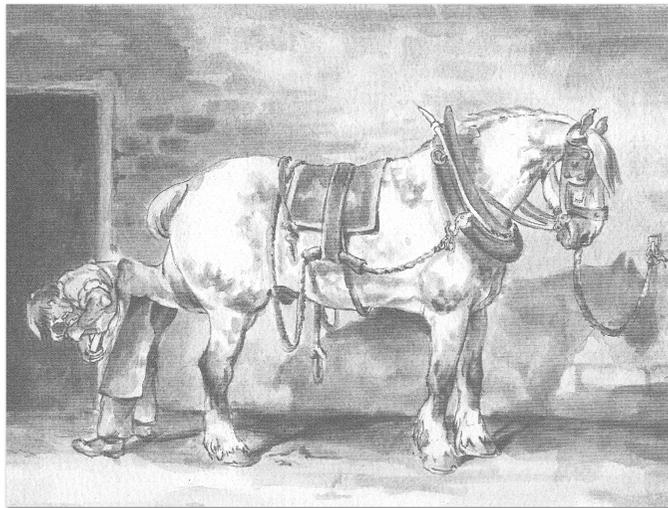
New members of the team are always welcome. The role would involve supporting the Editor to gather together the newsletter content, from news to views, articles to adverts. New ideas are always welcome as we need a spectrum of interests to ensure the Glenfarg Newsletter caters for all.

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southerly of the Crus, Domaine des Maison Neuves which, when paired with a delicious breast of turkey, was a revelation! A perfect match. Wine number five was a young but surprisingly tasty 2009 Chateau Neuf de Pape, Serabel. This is a big red, and needed strong food, so a chicken liver pate on oatcakes was the remedy. Again perfection!



with excellent wines accompanied by fantastic food served and prepared by Alice Mee. After 11 years of members doing presentations, it is getting harder and harder to do something different. The boys came up trumps here!

Our meetings are on the last Sunday of the month in the Terrace Bar at 7.30 p.m.. Everyone (over 18) is invited, both members and non members, it's only £8.00! So come along for a great evening.

We are delighted to present Allison Bett with a share of the Wine Club Concert proceeds to help with overheads and expenses for her next big swimming meet, the National Down's Syndrome Gala in Southampton in September.

Our annual Christmas dinner is on the 25th of February in the Glenfarg Hotel, tickets are £20.00, and yes this is 2011 Christmas dinner - sometimes the festive period can't accommodate all the events.

Steve Mee

Before the final wine, we again had a first, the men and ladies were split up, the men to have cheese with Port, and the ladies to have mince pies with Muscat wine. This developed to a bit of a ceilidh as music was played by our local blues superstar Sandy "The Hat" McInnes from his first recording - "Delta Ramblin". We thus had the sight of the ladies dancing as only they can, and the men acting very sensibly talking amongst themselves and putting the world's problems to rest. This was a fabulous evening really well researched and thought out by David and Philip,



Glenfarg Wine Club

Presenting the wines at the last meeting of the year were David Aird and Philip Ponton who chose as their topic "Christmas wines and food". To the sounds of Christmas carols, we started off with Kir Royale which is sparkling wine (in this case Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut Cava from Spain) with a hint of cassis in the glass, a perfect accompaniment to assorted canapes, which got the evening off to a great start. Next was an excellent Picpoul de Pinet from the Languedoc region of France, crisp & dry which goes really well with seafood and is a great alternative to the much more expensive Chablis. With this wine we had smoked salmon brown bread sandwiches which were perfect! This was followed by an

excellent Chateau de Sours Rosé wine from Bordeaux which was served with raspberry sorbet. The sweetness of the Rosé matched up perfectly with the tang of the sorbet. Having a frozen dish with wine was a first for the club and is something that hopefully will be repeated soon!

The fourth wine was a Beaujolais made of course from the Gamay grape. There are 10 Crus (villages) in the Beaujolais region, and any wine claiming to be Beaujolais has to be from one of these villages, (though you can get Beaujolais villages which is a blend from several of the Crus, or even Beaujolais which could be anything!) Our wine was from the village of Brouilly, which is the largest and most



DON'T END UP IN THE POO!



There are estimated to be around 7 million dogs in the UK producing about 1,000 tons of faeces a day. Judging by the number of complaints received by your Community Councillors in recent months most of this output is being deposited in Wallace Park, The Green and on pavements and footpaths throughout Glenfarg! Stepping in dog mess is unpleasant and is a potential health risk – particularly to young children.

The vast majority of our dog owners act responsibly and pick up their dog's mess and put it in a bin. Unfortunately there are a small number of selfish, lazy residents who never pick up after their dogs. We have therefore asked PKC's local Dog Warden to begin making regular visits to Glenfarg. Anyone caught not picking up their dog's mess will be liable to a £40 fixed penalty fine.

You too can help by reporting persistent offenders. Make a note of:

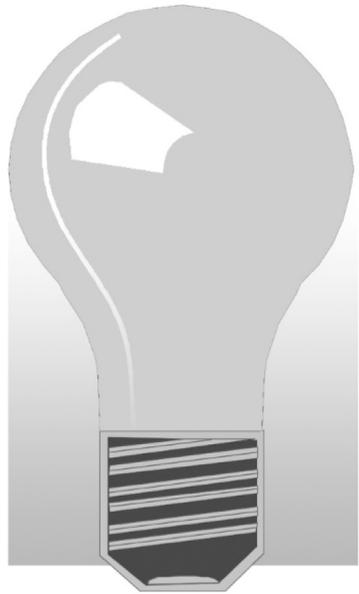
- a. The time and date.
- b. A description of the owner and dog.
- c. The registration number of any vehicle.

Then contact the PKC Dog Warden (Kirsteen Mackenzie) on 01738 476476.

Please remember:

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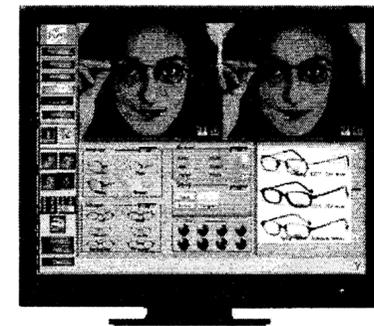
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Glenfarg SWRI

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President Ursula Stewart welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of 2012. The speaker for the evening was Mr Donald Mackenzie from Glenfarg whose clear and easily understood information on how to get the best out of your camera was most welcome to all the photographers in his audience. He illustrated his points with his own wonderfully evocative photos, many of them unusual aspects of the area around Glenfarg. It was a very pleasant evening and we are very grateful to Mr Mackenzie for giving up his time to us.

Liz Yull proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month

1. Lillias Johnston
2. Sheila Harley
3. Allison Messenger

Carrot Soup

1. Irene Bettaney
2. Liz Yull
3. Catherine Fairweather

Snow Photo

1. Jeannie Black
2. Lillias Johnstone
3. Jean Connelly

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th February when Joyce Macrae, a former National Chairman, will give a craft demonstration. Visitors are most welcome to come along and enjoy our meetings.



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School Catchment Area

Arngask Primary School
Secondary School Catchment Area

A report went before the Lifelong Learning Committee of Perth and Kinross Council on Wednesday 11 January 2012 covering plans to formally consult on changes affecting Arngask Primary School.

The Proposal is as follows –

The secondary school catchment area serving Arngask Primary School be amended from Perth Academy to Kinross High School from Monday 7 January 2013.

This recognises the increasing numbers of placement requests from Arngask PS parents for Kinross High, as the area falls within the boundary area of Kinross and Kinross-shire and families are already accessing services and facilities there.

However, for families who would experience difficulties if this change occurred, transitional arrangements are being proposed for a limited period.

Councillors were asked to agree that formal consultations take place between 5 February and 30 March 2012. Public meetings would be held in both Perth Academy and Kinross High School at dates to be announced.

To read the report and check for updated information, go to the Council website (www.pkc.gov.uk) and search for 'Arngask Primary School'.

The Glenfarg Website
www.glenfarg.org

The Glenfarg Website was started by the Village Hall Committee as a requirement for funding for the hall renovations. Thanks must go to Lynsae Tulloch for all the hard work she put into the site at that time. She created a real service to the community - information on our clubs and groups, upcoming events, community services, local history, as well as advertising the hall.

Glenfarg Community Council has now taken on ownership and funding of the website, thus ensuring its continuation. Similar to the newsletter, it will still be maintained by volunteers. The newsletter and website will work in conjunction - many people will still want to pick up the newsletter for a 'good read' and to keep the adverts for future use, but items of news or events that have missed the bi-monthly deadline can still appear instantly on the website. Plus, the website will have room for all those photos that can't be included in the newsletter due to space constrictions - a chance to see that photo of your neighbour in drag in the 'Carry On Up the Farg' show!

Many people now use the internet as their first choice of reference. So a lot of hard work in recent months has gone into bringing the contents of the Glenfarg website up to date. We hope that you find it useful, and that people from outside Glenfarg are also given a good impression of our community. Be sure to bookmark the address - or why not make it the Home page of your browser so that you instantly catch any news items as soon as you log on.

The second Glenfarg website, the one created and maintained by the Community Council (www.glenfargcc.org.uk) still exists and can be reached from a link on the main site. However, we are planning to merge the two sites. The Community Council section has always provided notices and minutes of meetings. Now we also want to bring you planning application details, plus general news on what we know of work being carried out around the area.

We Need You!

All this will depend on your input. Many more people are now accessing the site, but they will only do so if we keep it up to date. Does your club's page look rather unexciting? Is your event missing from the Event's Calendar? Do you have news / photos to share with the rest of the community? Or could you even offer to help maintain our site? Then contact the website editor . . .

editor@glenfarg.org

Wildside

You will have heard that in the recent financial crisis a few people made a lot of money. This illustrates one of the reasons why I didn't feed birds in my garden this winter; but let me explain. There is a rule which applies as much to bird tables as it does to bank boardrooms. Whether it is pounds sterling or peanuts the 20:80 power law states that about eighty percent of what everyone wants will be grabbed by only twenty percent of those who want it. This means that at the bird feeder eight out of ten birds will have to scabble for a share of only one fifth of the food. Inviting birds to share in a bird-table bonanza never means fair shares for all.



In the constant flutter of birds at a feeding site we can't easily spot the bosses but they are there, getting most of what is up for grabs. With Great Tits you might identify the bosses by their badges of status, such as the cheeks and chest stripes which are bolder on the dominant birds. But even if to our eyes the individuals of each species look much the same, the power law will be at work. In an open winter most of what



you put out will go to birds which don't need it. At a busy feeder many will always go hungry.

There is another reason why in most winters I prefer not to feed the birds. The less well fed eighty percent will also be the least resistant to disease. By crowding birds in artificial circumstances we encourage infection, and there have been some drastic outbreaks of disease in garden birds in recent years, particularly affecting Chaffinches and Greenfinches.

Birds at a feeder can be fun to watch, but of course the birds are not enjoying themselves. If they flit to and from the feeder it is not to be polite and make way for someone else, but because of insecurity. Even the bosses are wise enough not to pose as sitting targets for Sparrowhawks and so they let other ranks share out the risks. Bosses can be good at that.

Anyway, if you like feeding birds, whatever the weather, be happy to feed Sparrowhawks too. Look upon another bird on your guest list as a bonus. And who turns down a bonus!

H.R.Oobit.

(Who???? Turn to page 69 to find out more. Editor)

2. Mix the oats, flour and sugar together in a bowl. Rub the butter into this mixture until you have a crumbly mixture.
3. Prepare a 7" / 18cm square tin by greasing the base and lining with non-stick baking paper.
4. Press half of the crumble mixture firmly over the base of the tin. Spread the date paste over the base. Crumble the rest of the base mixture on top to cover all of the date mixture and press down gently.
5. Bake in an oven at 180°C, 350°F GM4 for 15-20 minutes until the top is golden brown. Cut into squares while hot but allow the tin to cool before removing the squares.

All ingredients for this recipe are available at the Village Store.



Recipes

In the month of February, many people approach St Valentine's Day with romantic foodie thoughts. This recipe for Matrimonial Cake came from my step-grandmother who told me that it represents married life – you take the rough with the smooth. I guess this represents life in general. The squares will be fairly soft so the secret is to not make them too big. The flour can be all wholemeal or a mixture of self raising and any brown flour. If desired, part of the water can be replaced with orange juice.

Matrimonial Cake

Base:

4oz / 100g porridge oats

4oz / 100g flour

2oz / 50g soft brown sugar

3oz / 75g butter or margarine

Filling:

8oz / 250g stoned dates

1oz / 25g soft brown sugar

4 fl oz / 100ml water

Method:

1. Prepare the filling by breaking up the dates and cook gently with sugar and water until the whole has become a soft paste. Set aside to cool.

Arngask PS Thank You

On behalf of the school we would like to THANK YOU all for handing in your Sainsbury's vouchers. As you can see in the picture we managed to get quite a haul and the children are enjoying themselves having already started to use some of it. So please keep sending us your vouchers in when they come out later this year.

Many thanks again.

Mrs. M. McAinsh



Looking at this collection of fantastic kitchen equipment I think we'll all be heading down to the school to sample some of the end product. Editor

GLENFARG OIL BUYING SYNDICATE (GOBS)

In November 2011, 50 syndicate members ordered a total of nearly 39,000 litres. The price negotiated was 59.75p per litre (inc. VAT). An individual buying 500 litres on the same day would have paid from 65.10p to 70.61p per litre depending on the supplier. Similarly, an individual ordering 1000 litres would have paid between 62.48p and 66.10p per litre.

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If you are interested in joining GOBS, please contact us on 830136 or via e-mail at

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Please note, the next consolidated order is due to be placed in the first week of February i.e., just as this newsletter is due out.

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Neighbour Disputes

These are something that the Police are regularly contacted about; however there are often a number of other avenues which should be tried first. Disputes could involve arguments over things like noise, planning permission, boundaries, fences and walls or high hedges. They are very emotive as our homes are the one place we feel territorial and protective about.

If you're involved in any sort of dispute with a neighbour, the first thing to try is talking to them and discussing the problem. This should be done before you make a formal complaint or get others involved. If you aren't comfortable about approaching your neighbour, you could write them a polite letter. Stick to the facts and explain the problem clearly.

You could involve other neighbours if the problem affects them as well. It may be easier to put forward a complaint if it comes from a number of people in the area then no one is singled out.

If you are unable to solve the problem by speaking to your neighbour, you could contact their landlord, if they have one. If your neighbour is a council tenant you can contact the local Council Housing Officer who may be able to contact them on your behalf.

Perth and Kinross Council offers a mediation service to everyone living in the area. Mediation is usually free and is a good way to solve a dispute without

making a formal complaint or taking legal action.

You can also contact the council if you have a problem with noisy neighbours or suffering as a result of low level anti-social behaviour. Perth and Kinross Council has a Safer Communities Team who can deal with complaints such as these. If a neighbour is involved in serious anti-social behaviour or if a crime is being committed then you should contact the police.

If you are bothered by a neighbour's noisy dog or have other concerns such as dog fouling, you can contact the Council Dog Wardens for advice and assistance.

All of the above Council departments can be contacted by telephone on 01738 475000 or you can visit their website at www.pkc.gov.uk for more information.

If all else fails, you could think about legal action. You can get free legal advice from a law centre, advice centre or a Citizens Advice Bureau. Obviously this should be a last resort, as it can be very expensive and could make it impossible to patch up your relationship with your neighbour and let's face it you can't get away from them without moving.

Remember that you unless you are prepared to move you will have to continue to live alongside your neighbours, and so it's in everyone's interests to come to an understanding and to get along if possible.

Police Box continued

Kinross Suspicious Fires

There have been several fire raising incidents reported to Tayside Police during December 2011, the most recent of these happening on Tuesday 27th. Four vehicles and a building were set on fire and, while thankfully no one has been injured so far, emergency services are concerned by the obvious risks of such reckless behaviour.

In the most recent incidents, two vehicles were set alight at about 5pm in the area of Station Road and Lomond Mews. A third car was set alight near to the Green Hotel about 6.40pm and emergency services also attended at a fire in a derelict building in Pier Road at about 8.15pm.

Officers are also investigating a fire in a charity clothing bin at Kinross Primary School at about 8.45 pm on Monday 26th December. Tayside Fire and Rescue quickly extinguished the fire and police officers want to trace a group of children who were seen were playing in the school grounds shortly before the fire was set.

Three cars and a wheelie bin near to High Street and Old Causeway were set on fire between 7:30pm and midnight on Friday 23rd December and badly damaged as a result. These incidents followed two other vehicle fires in Kinross earlier in the month.

A spokesman for Tayside Police said:

“While we must keep an open mind in respect of our enquiries into these incidents, we cannot rule out the possibility that they are connected and we would appeal to anyone who can

assist our investigation to come forward before another incident takes place.

“There are inherent dangers associated with fires and the unpredictable nature of fire. Such incidents do not only damage property, they put people at risk. Once again we would urge parents to warn their children about the risks associated with fire but also take an interest in what their children are doing during the holidays.

“Don’t simply accept that they are going out of an evening. Find out who they are with, where they are going and what they are doing.”

Tayside Police ask that people are extra vigilant and immediately report any suspicious goings on. Anyone with any information should call 0300 111 2222, or speak to their local officer. Information can also be passed anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Contact

Local Community Officer Euan Mitchell can be contacted at Bridge of Earn Police Office, by telephone on 0300 111 2222, by email on euane.mitchell@tayside.pnn.police.uk or by Twitter on [@BridgeOfEarnPC](https://twitter.com/BridgeOfEarnPC). Alternatively you can anonymously contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to provide information relating to criminal activity of any sort.

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Have you noticed the similarity between that wonderful greeting from Australia, the land of sunshine, G'Day and G'DIB? Could it be that these two abbreviations go hand in hand to create a real feel good factor in our lives and it's right there waiting for you if you join in?

This year will see many scheduled Work Party days which are great opportunities for everyone to get together, have fun, get to know each other and definitely achieve some environmental improvements. Check shop window for details.

The Train Stop has now had its information panel fitted and from the comments I've been hearing it appears that it contains a few facts with which many Glenfarg residents may be unfamiliar.



The permanent planting is scheduled for March/April with the official opening late April. Full details in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile start clearing the cobwebs from your greenhouses and prepare for a plea from GDIB for some space for growing on plug plants from April to beginning of June.

Congratulations

Congratulations to

Alexander Girling who won the primary school accordion competition at the recent Perth Burns Club Schools Festival. This is the 3rd year running that he has won this trophy. Well done Alexander.



Congratulations to

Angela & Euan Dunn on the birth of their baby daughter, Morven, whose safe arrival missed our last issue. Big brothers Aiden and Finn are on hand with lots of love and cuddles for this special little lady.



Congratulations to

Catherine Simpkins of Heathfield, Duncrievie on her 18th birthday. Catherine is currently in her second year of the Child Care course at Perth College. Good Luck for your future and in your continuing studies.

.....and finally

A warm welcome from the bus pass fraternity to David Arnold. Will he now be campaigning for a service bus through Duncrievie??

Thank You

Thank you

to all of you who gave Kate & Dave Arnold donations – either direct, via the collection box in the village shop or via the church, after they restarted their “Treats for the Troops” appeal. The Black Watch (our “local” regiment) were deployed to Afghanistan late last year and Kate & Dave were able to send a total of 41 boxes before Christmas with a further 30 sent in the New Year. Each contained a selection of goodies including DVDs, magazines, toiletries, sweets, biscuits, home-made tablet and snack food. A number of boxes were made up specifically for the female soldiers and even one for the dog handler and his sniffer dog! Dave and Kate will be sending the last boxes to Afghanistan on or around the 20th February so you still have a week or so if you would like to donate something.

Thank You

to all who donated to the Poppy Appeal 2011. A total of £330 was collected in the Village Store and the Glenfarg Hotel & the Bein Inn.

Thank You

from the community of Glenfarg to the Glenfarg Wine Club for their donation of funds to repair the bridge over the Farg, also for providing the labour to carry out the task. Thanks also to the Glenfarg Community Council for agreeing that the Positive Action prize be used to help fund the purchase of materials.

Thank You

to Arngask Church for their generous collection at the Watchnight service on Christmas Eve donated to the RDA. We are planning to compete at “Special Olympics” in May at the Wirral, N.W. region, and also to attend Gold/Silver/Bronze proficiency tests in Leeds in July, so any donations will be used to fund costs.

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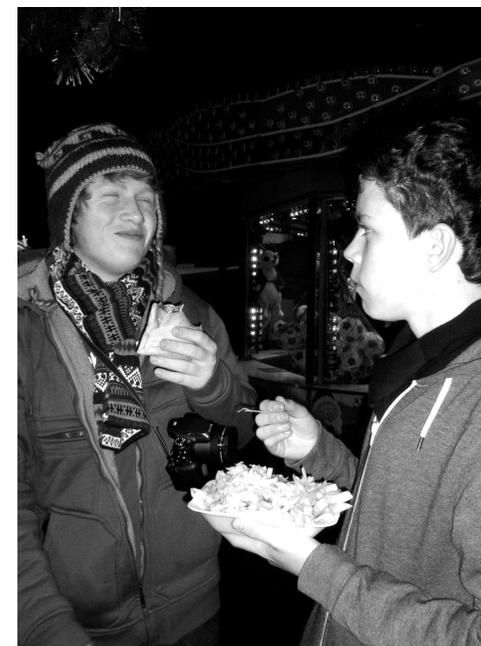
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Dancing on Ice ????

..... Explorer Style !!!!

Eleven explorers and two leaders caught an evening train from Inverkeithing heading to Edinburgh's Winter Garden for some iceskating. The path down into Princes Street Gardens was lined with trees hung with tiny white lights and the castle above was floodlit.

We paid for our session and joined the queue for skate hire, the boots tightened with a ratchet mechanism so no-one had to struggle with laces. The ice was initially busy and the explorers found their feet and played tig while skating in the designated anticlockwise direction.



Once off the ice and back in normal foot wear the explorers set off to explore the continental market in Princes Street. First stop was the crepe stall followed by the French fries then another crepe, much more interesting than the first with a filling of marshmallow and chocolate. The air was thick with the smell of gluwein and vin chaud.



As the ice became quieter and bored playing tig they decided to try out their social dancing skills on ice.

Munching happily we returned to Waverley and joined the crowd waiting for the train to Inverkeithing.

The train was busy on arrival and after failing to find seats some of the group discovered that the luggage area rails aren't the most comfy of seats.

The explorers have also had a chocolate truffle making and tasting session. They discovered that leader expertise is required to rescue your truffles if you add the required amount of liquid and an extra glug for luck and, also, that there can be too much chocolate in a truffle!!

Three of the explorers have spent a day with the Fife conservation volunteers in Lochore meadows helping to clear the destruction caused by the recent gales and make the area safe for the public.

The explorer scouts say **a huge thank you** to everyone who has

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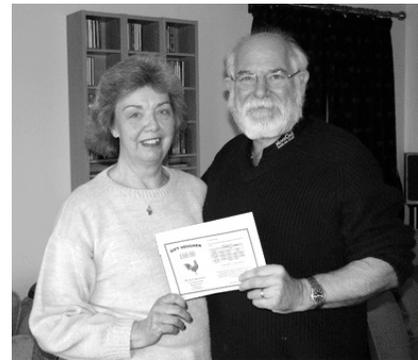
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The Glenfarg
Explorer Scouts
next fundraiser
on
Page 43**

**No ice involved
this time!!!!**

Oil Buying Group Thanks

The hard work by Dave & Kate Arnold of Duncreevie in co-ordinating GOBS recent fuel purchases has meant collective savings of between £1,000 and £4,000 in heating bills in the village and surrounding area. That's a saving of £27-£64 for each household in the syndicate that put in an order!

To show our thanks, Stephen Bolland organised a collection for a special Christmas gift. On Sunday 18th December, he was able to present them with a £60 voucher for The Roost restaurant in Bridge of Earn. It was unexpected but very much appreciated, as you can see.



See page 32 and find out how to join GOBS



Use It Or Lose It

Rural communities like ours rely on all sorts of services but sometimes we lose them simply because of lack of use by the community.

Such a service could be our mobile Library service which visits the village every 2nd Wednesday (dates on back page).

This service is well worth checking out. Did you know that it offers not only book lending but DVDs, CDs and much, much more? You can order items, reserve items and generally make use of nearly all the services that would otherwise entail a journey to Perth or Kinross.

Sybil Galbraith