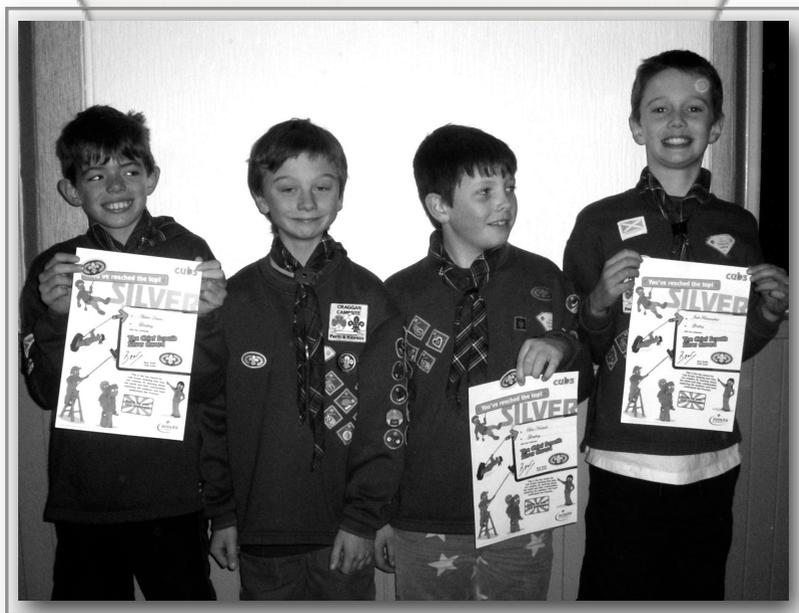


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Editorial



As always I'm indebted to you all for making sure we have a well filled, entertaining and informative newsletter delivered on time. I must apologise however for being a bit of a bully, as I hound you for your articles, and with so much going on here in Glenfarg, I'm not surprised you have no time to sit down and write an article.

With this issue we welcome back our regular advertisers, the backbone of the publication, and say hello to some first timers. However the Village Store ad in this issue has just reminded me that it is Spring Cleaning time. Oh well I suppose I will need something to do in the next couple of weeks before the garden starts screaming at me.

April is such a lovely month and the time when we welcome all our visitors to the 35th Folk Feast which is detailed on pages 46 & 47. Who will be crowned World Puff-a-box Champion this year? The programme for the weekend guarantees entertainment for all and with good weather there is likely to be the impromptu outdoor sing-a-longs around the hotel and in the Glenfarg Green.

This year's Fete sounds like it's going to be a real fun time and I love the Scarecrow theme (see page 6 for details). I believe that

if you say something often enough it comes true. So here I go again, "June 8th is going to be a nice sunny day in Glenfarg."

Having been one of the lucky Wine Club members who, in 2008, went to Provence, and the village where the film "Jean de Florette" was filmed, I would recommend you all go along to the Community Cinema on 19th April. The countryside is beautiful and the story is fantastic. A great film.

As a bit of fun I sent a copy of the Glenfarg Newsletter to my distant cousin who lives in San Diego (much like Glenfarg only more people). His comments brought Burns to my mind, "To see ourselves as others see us" My cousin writes "We are especially impressed by the sense of community that is Glenfarg. The offer by the Glenfarg Village Store to store one's mail while on vacation just blew us away. You enjoy a degree of intimacy with the community that just doesn't exist in something the size of San Diego."

Here's hoping in the next issue I'm reporting on a bit of Californian weather here in Glenfarg (especially for the Folk Feast and the Fete).

Kate

Glenfarg Fete 2013

A Fete to Remember!

This year's fete will be a Bran Tub of activities, attractions, events and shows for all preferences, all ages and all tastes. The theme is Scarecrows, and besides the usual Fancy Dress competition between suitably shabby children and adults, there will be a 'Best Scarecrow' competition being run in the gardens of the villages throughout the locality running up to the actual fete on **June 8th**. More details later.

The actual fete will be a whirlwind of displays of derring-do including horses vaulting, raptor flying, Sky Divers diving, Bouncy Sumo Wrestlers bouncing, Air Balloons ballooning.



There will be an active Licensed Bar, soft drinks and solid drinks and a sizzling, searing BBQ. The Craft Tent will be full of local artists, artisans, craftsmen and charlatans displaying their skills and their wares. There will be music, both local and national including the Perth Melody Movers and the Family Watt, a children's entertainer, our usual Dog Show, side shows, book stall and bric a brac. Plants, blooming and potential, White elephants, bows and arrows, fun runs and frolicking, little trains and big trains, our own Big Raffle Draw & much much more...!!!!

Put it in your diary. Cancel your cruises. Don't miss the Glenfarg Fete. **Saturday June 8th**! Gettit???

Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
April 3rd	Soup & Chat	Village Hall
April 12th - 14th	35th Folk Feast	See pages 40-41
April 16th	Term starts	Arngask P S
April 19th	“Jean de Florette”	Cinema (V. Hall)
April 28th	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
April 30th (provisional)	CBF Public Meeting	Village Hall
May 1st	Soup & Chat	Village Hall
May 4th	Coffee Morning & Sale	Williamson Hall Abernethy
May 10th	“Warhorse”	Cinema (V. Hall)
May 14th	Cinema AGM	Village Hall
May 22nd	GDIB AGM	Village Hall
May 24th	Concert (page 21)	Village Hall
May 26th	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
June 8th	Village Fete	Wallace Park
June 9th	Holy Communion	Arngask Church
June 14th	Jambouree Choir Concert	Kirk of St Bride Abernethy
August 18th	Duck Race	Glenfarg Burn

A Village Hall for All

The editor's quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest? Then why not come along.

Day	Time	Organisation (contact details if known)
Monday	6pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8pm-10pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm-6.15pm	Beavers
	7.30pm-9pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6pm -7pm	Rainbows
	6pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	8pm-10pm (in Winter)	Badminton
1st Wed of month	12.30pm-1.30pm	Soup and Chat
	7pm-11pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	4pm-6.15pm	Tap
	7.30pm-9pm	Scouts

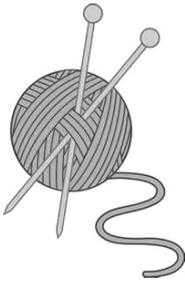
To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website

www.glenfarg.org

and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

Congratulations

.....to Jenny and Richard Fernando on the safe arrival of their daughter Kenzie Gwen on January 23rd in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Kenzie is a first grandchild for David and Janet Little. Proud Granny tells us that Kenzie is already a Skype veteran.



.....to Allison Messenger, a member of Glenfarg W.R.I., on winning the Margaret Anderson Trophy for the best entry in the housewives section, also the Charlotte Maclean Trophy for the best embroidered article overall and the Margaret McLean Salver for best knitted article in the handcraft section, at Perth and Kinross S.W.R.I. Federation Spring Show.

..... to Jack Fairweather, Ben Normile, Elliot Wilkins and Aidan Dunn on achieving their chief scout silver award, the top award a cub scout can gain. The cub needs to complete a series of challenge badges showing that they are creative, fit, learn about the world and their communities, explore the out of doors and have understood the cub promise.

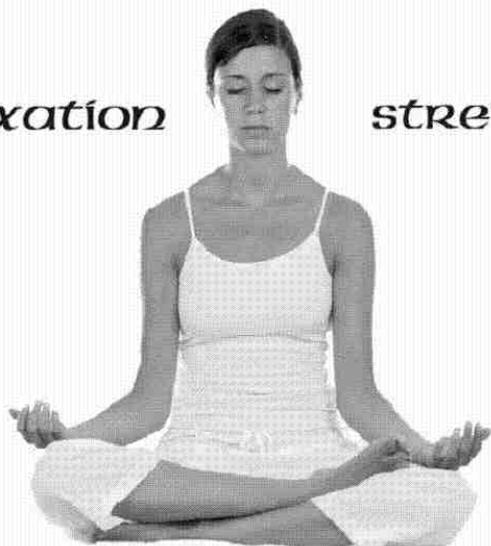


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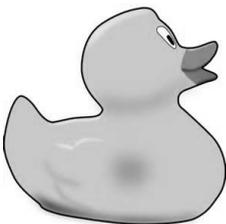
Students and OAP's-£30

Adults-£55

Families-£140



Contact Sadie Allan on s_allan@hotmail.co.uk if you need a membership form sent.



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Sadly on the 24th of February, Murette Aird passed away.

Murette was loved by all who knew her, she was a beautiful, elegant and vibrant lady with a great sense of humour.

Despite her progressive health problems, she always remained positive, and never complained about her life.

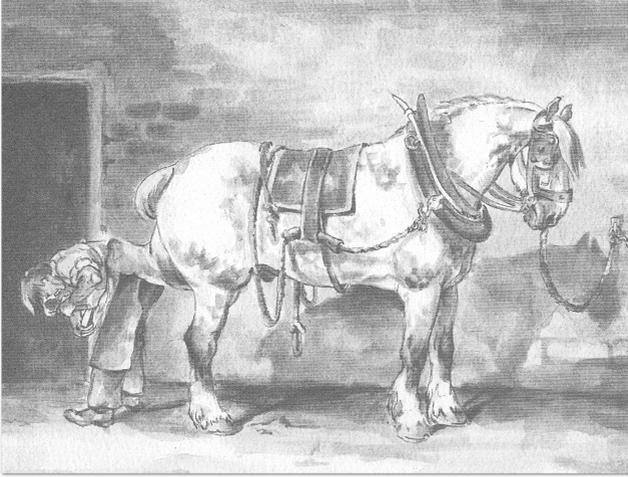
She was involved with many things in the village especially the Wine Club where she enjoyed a glass of wine and trips abroad with many of her friends.

Our thoughts are with her husband David and all their family.

Murette will be sadly missed in the village, but she will never be forgotten and will be remembered by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing and meeting her.

Murette was Gorgeous!

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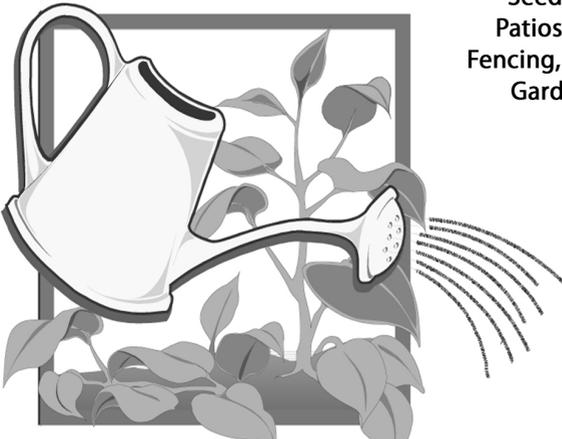
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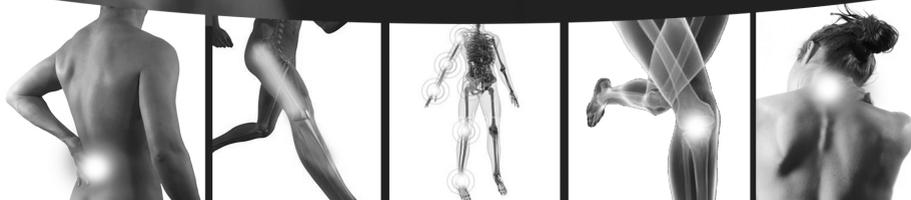


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Arngask Primary School News

Open Afternoon

The Open Afternoon on Tuesday 19th February was a great success. Parents enjoyed participating in numeracy games. Here is some of the feedback:

- Very informative
- Wonderful work being done.
- Very good to see what they are doing in school
- Thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon
- Good display of work
- Thanks for the Open Day. It's nice to see the children in their class environment.
- Excellent afternoon, lots of activities for the children to enjoy.

During the Open Afternoon the Primary 4/5 class ran a café as part of a Health Promoting School enterprise. It was a great success! Thank you to Mrs Silcock who was been working in school teaching the children how to bake.





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Arngask Primary School continued

Ski-ing

The ski-ing excursion to Glen Shee on 26 February was a great success. The thirty-eight pupils had a wonderful time. The children made great progress over the course of their lessons. From learning to move on their skis and how to get up when they fell down, the children went on to ski in and out of poles and to do turns. Five pupils who could ski already took advantage of the fantastic weather conditions and skied down the advanced slopes.

Many thanks to our parent helpers. We couldn't have done it without them. Thanks also to Mrs Adam for organising the trip.

Look out Glen Shee.....Arngask will be back next year!!

Mary's Meals

Pupils have decided to support the charity Mary's Meals. The Backpack Project involves filling backpacks with basic educational materials to send to children receiving Mary's Meals. Most of the children who benefit from Mary's Meals and the Backpack Project have suffered war, poverty, famine, or natural disaster.

Very often families cannot afford to buy basic things like pencils and copy books, or even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and an education. A simple backpack with educational materials can be a lifeline to these children as studies show that an education is the best way a chronically poor child can escape poverty in later life.

Many thanks to the families who have contributed items already.

Marie Connor, Headteacher

Arngask Church News

Spring 2013

Dear Friends,

Yes, I am still here as Locum Minister of Abernethy and Dron and Glenfarg; probably by the time you read this letter I will have been Locum Minister for a year, and the congregation will still be looking for a permanent minister to take them forward.

These days there are few people who feel called to train for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. The reasons for this situation are numerous: we are living in an increasingly secular society; the pool from which to draw recruits is shrinking as congregations shrink; pressure from the peer group is strong etc. As this century unfolds, congregations will need to live by sharing ministers more widely, and by doing more for themselves. I see no alternative.

However, I am not downhearted. I know the parish church still has an important role to play. It will always be a place of welcome at any time. It will always be a place where people can go when others will not listen to them or tolerate them. It will always be the place where we can be ourselves in the presence of a power beyond our understanding. It will always be the place where we will be challenged to open our minds to new possibilities in life. It will always be the place which reminds us that rich and poor are as one in the eyes of God. It will always be the place where we are reminded that everyone needs a second chance in life. It will always be the place where we can mark the main personal and national events in life. It will always be the place to go when we are hurting. But these things need to be experienced by a wider community.

Here in Arngask we, along with our friends in Abernethy and Dron, have set up a “Think Tank” to brainstorm ideas for the development of the church in the community. No matter how many ideas we may have there will always be more and probably better ones. If you have the time and the inclination to do so, would you please pass on any ideas you may have. My postal and email addresses are on this letter.

Meantime, let's enjoy this Spring in all its beauty and with its promises of warmer Summer days.

Rev Duncan Stenhouse
Locum Minister

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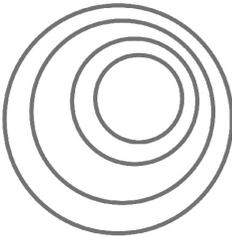
Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th May - Church coffee morning & sale, Williamson Hall, Abernethy from 10am until noon.

Friday 24th May - Fundraising Concert in Glenfarg Village Hall with entertainment by local talent. Thinking of others who are less fortunate than us, the proceeds of this event are to be split between the Makaka Nursery School project, Nkhoma, Malawi (a project being undertaken by Rob Jones, our mission partner in Malawi) and CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland)

Sunday 9th June - Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am in Arngask Church.

Friday 14th June - Concert by the senior section of the Jambouree Choir at 7.30pm in the Kirk of St Bride, Abernethy.



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- Plan an escape route and make sure everybody knows how to get out if there's a fire.
- Stub cigarettes out properly and dispose of them carefully.
- Do not leave young children alone in the kitchen when cooking and keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach.
- Take care when cooking with hot oil – especially if you have been drinking alcohol.
- Ensure candles are secured in a proper holder and keep them away from curtains and other fabrics.
- Do not overload electrical sockets – try to keep to one plug per socket.
- If you have an open fire – use a fireguard.

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I find these Sticky Sausages are always a big hit when accompanying pre dinner drinks, and make a nice change from the usual canopies!

The quantities can be changed quite easily to accommodate the number of guests, and I would budget for around 4 or 5 sausages per person. Yes, they are very popular!!

The quantities here are sufficient for 6 people:

24 good quality short pork cocktail sausages - chipolatas are ideal

5 tablespoons hoisin sauce

6 tablespoons runny honey

1 dessert spoon white mustard seeds

Cocktail sticks to serve



Toss all the above ingredients together in a roasting tin, including the seeds, and cook in a preheated oven at 180' for about 30 minutes

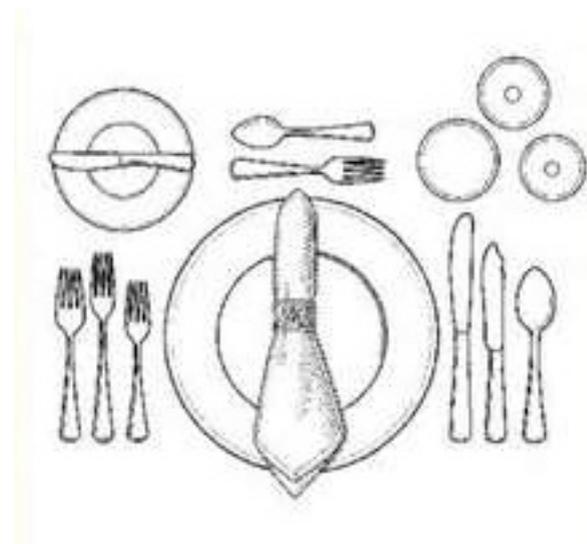
Stir occasionally to allow them to brown all over and prevent sticking. Serve warm....

Enjoy!!

Caroline Parkinson

A Taste of Glenfarg

Gordon and I recently experienced the joys of chef Mark's foray into the realms of 'tasting menus' at the Glenfarg Hotel, the concept as some of you may know, being a number of courses of smaller portions of 'high end' refined cuisine.



We had a couple of friends from Stirling over for dinner on a Friday night in February and asked Mark a few days beforehand if he would be happy to prepare something along the 'tasting menu' lines for the four of us. He came up with a menu that instantly appealed to us and we were happy to go with his selection for each course. First up

was the 'Tian of Avocado, Egg, Tiger Prawn and Pan Fried Scallops' - a variety of really fresh flavours and a wonderful opening to the meal, and so beautifully presented, a picture on a plate. Next up was the 'Risotto of Red Wine, Parmesan and Pancetta'. We weren't sure initially about the idea of red wine in a risotto but it added a gorgeous warm burgundy colour to the rice and a lovely rounded flavour which was an excellent background to the rich, strong pancetta, and the salty moreish parmesan, without any of the ingredients feeling heavy or one overpowering the other.

Next up was a classic of the Glenfarg Hotel that's been popular for some time, but with a new twist, 'Pan Fried Gressingham Duck on

Chinese Greens with a Sweet Potato and Mango Mash'. The Duck was succulent and the sauce heavenly, tangy and a perfect companion to the duck. By this stage of the meal all four of us were well impressed with the standard of the food and wondering why people would venture to Edinburgh for, in some cases, over-inflated prices, and over-rated and over-hyped 'celebrity' restaurants, when we have the makings of such excellent fine dining on our doorstep. Mark was very attentive and popped through now and again to get our feedback. You could sense his enthusiasm for providing dishes of this calibre, and his delight at our reactions.

To finish we had an Anton Mossiman-inspired dessert of 'Apricot and Praline Parfait' with a Passion Fruit Coulis and a Pony of Californian Muscat'. This was decorated with an intricate piece of sugar work, and each element went so well with the others, it was a joy filling up your spoon with a bit of everything and washing it down with the dessert wine, an excellent match.



All in all a fantastic meal, and we look forward to hearing about some dates for the diary when Mark starts rolling out a regular 'tasting menu' event.

Leigh Smith

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NEW DOG FOULING SIGNS INSTALLED IN WALLACE PARK

The photograph shows Kirsteen MacKenzie, our local Dog Warden installing new dog fouling signs in Wallace Park and on the path leading from the Park to Duncrievie. The signs remind dog owners to bag their dog's mess and to put the bag in a waste bin. The signs also warn dog owners that they could be fined £40.00 if they fail to pick up after their dogs. More signs are planned for other parts of Glenfarg, Duncrievie and Drunzie.



Kirsteen can be contacted on 01738 476476.

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Glenfarg Folk Club

Monday April 1st

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All £3

Come along and get the chance to show your vocal or instrumental skills, on stage, using the Club's excellent PA system. All styles of music welcome.



Monday April 8th

ADAM MCCULLOCH TRIO

Members £5 Non-members £8

Gordeanna's son lives up to her name, having an exceptional voice and a varied and broad range of songs plus great musicality. Adam is accompanied on the night by Paul McKenna(!) and Sean Gray.

Monday April 15th

FEAST RECOVERY SING-AROUND:

In the upstairs lounge All £3

If you are still able to sing at all, then any song goes: Maybe reprise your favourite song from the Folk Feast weekend or sing something no-one else did!

Monday April 22nd

BEN BEDFORD

Members £5 Non-Members £8

The first visit to the Club for Ben, a young singersongwriter from Springfield, Illinois who will entertain any audience with his mix of acoustic Americana/Folk and beautiful guitar style.

Monday April 29th

KENT DUCHAINE

Members £5 Non-Members £8

American Delta Blues at its best. Kent is an internationally renowned "Blues Man" who already enjoys a hugely appreciative and loyal fan-base at the Club. You will leave with your ears ringing but very, very happy.

Monday May 6th

OPEN STAGE:

FOUR TALENTS NEW TO GLENFARG.

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The first of this year's biannual Open Stages features 4 super acts who are new visitors to the Club including: Pauline Vallance – singer songwriter and clarsach player; Jack Badcock – Singer and guitarist; Malcolm Cowie & Gordon Bell - Mandolin Guitar and vocal duo. (Details of 4th act to be confirmed)

Monday May 13th

JENNIFER CROOK

Members £5 Non-Members £8

Beautiful in both looks and her musicality, Jennifer is visiting Glenfarg for the first time. Although from Bath, she specializes in acoustic Americana/Folk, accompanying herself on guitar or banjo or harp. We envisage a visually stunning night!

Monday May 20th

KILMARNOCK EDITION

Members £5 Non-Members £8

Unable to fulfill their Feb booking, we are delighted to welcome the K Edition for their first gig at Glenfarg. This much acclaimed 6 piece singer/songwriter and multi-instrument band, is made up of some well established and highly regarded singers & musicians including Roberto Cassani, Lisa Rigby, Fiona J Mackenzie, Yvonne Lyon, and Alex Hodgson. They play a mix of Scots, Gaelic and English songs blended with acoustic folk and roots. Sure to be a most memorable evening.

Monday May 27th

SING-AROUND: In the upstairs lounge

All £3

The month of blossom means our theme has to be horticultural and optimistic. So anything to do with gardening/gardens/optimism will do – although, we would be delighted just for you to be with us.

Glenfarg 35th Folk Feast

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See pages
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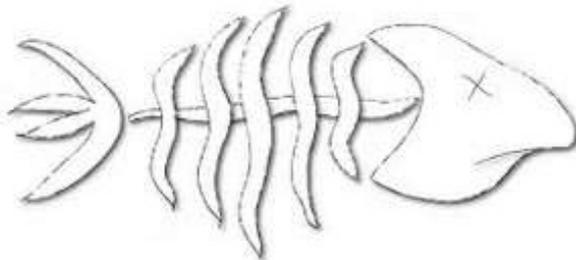
Suspicious death in the Farg

(A Fishy Tale)

A couple of weeks ago, I was throwing sticks into the Farg in what I still call, 'Lascelles Garden'. The dog was, as usual, trying to catch them before the current whisked them out of reach and she fetched up, what I thought, was a long piece of decomposing vegetation. She was treating it as though it was edible and I decided it was time to investigate. When I approached her she growled. Obviously thought I was wanting to eat it too. What an earth was it? I grabbed her collar and took it off her cautiously and found she had a huge, stinking, rotten salmon, unmistakable orange flesh blackened and 'gungy'. And by the time I'd got it off her we were both reekin' as well.

Now, it seems a bit far-fetched to think that salmon have been trying to get to the upper reaches of The Farg but it seems equally odd that someone would go to all the trouble of popping a

dead salmon into the burn. Seems a bit fishy to me (sorry - had to get that one in!).



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Glenfarg Explorer Winter Activities

Winter Hillwalking

The explorers were treated to the best a Scottish Winter can offer when they joined up with some Fife explorers and winter mountain leaders to tackle the Tarmachan ridge. Admittedly the meeting time of 7am is not a time when teenagers are known to be active but it was well worth the effort.

The summits of the munros were clear as we drove up to the car park near the old Lawers' visitors centre. Even with the flat light, the snow covered hills were enticing. Before leaving the car park the explorers were fitted for crampons and once armed with an ice axe they eagerly headed up the track.

Once the first suitable slope had been reached, the party was given instructions on how to use their ice axe should they fall. They learnt how to use the ice axe to stop themselves sliding down the slope if they were on their backs going feet first. Craig discovered what happens when you aren't attached to the ice axe – it stays in the snow and you continue to slide down the slope. Confidence gained they learnt how to control and stop a head first descent.

Crampons were then attached to boots and the party continued over the frozen snow towards the summit. The short steep ascent to the summit using a line of old footprints Niall described as “awesome”. Three explorers were invested on the summit. Despite being under the cloud we could see the sun on the hills to the west, Ben Cruachan above Loch Awe was clear.

The explorers continued round



the ridge to the second top where the sun came out and they posed for pictures with the main summit in the background. With Ben Nevis now visible in the north west, it was like a day in the alps.

Between the second and third tops there is a “bad step”. We perched on the side of the hill warmed by the sunshine as each member of the party made their way down. You had to face into the hill and climb down using the frozen footsteps as both foot and handholds and the ice axe for extra protection. The

ecstatic explorers waited for the additional adults in the party to meet them in the coll before the last top. The offer of missing the top out was treated with scorn.

Descending from the last coll down to the snow covered landrover



track was hot in the full sun even though the actual temperature was not much above freezing. Crampons were finally removed on the landrover track, the risk of tired explorer scouts tripping and puncturing themselves with a spike now exceed the risk of injury from falling. The group is looking forward to the next winter walk at the end of March, the leaders aware that repeating the superb conditions is unlikely.

February Skiing

The lift information board said the weather would test the quality of our merino wool clothing. The cloud was blowing across the car park and the wind was whipping the spindrift across the area at head height. Undeterred the explorers headed off to ski hire to collect their equipment.



A warm up on Claybokie and the group split with those that had found their ski legs heading off to more challenging runs. The expert group returned to say they were heading across the road in the hope that they wouldn't need to push their way down the runs using their sticks.

The Glenshee performance squad were training on Claybokie - we should have remembered that their canny coaches would be using the most sheltered area. The second group followed the others to the Sunnyside slope. We couldn't see the bottom of the lift from the top but that didn't bother the explorers who after a couple of waits in the queue for the poma decided that the chair lift would do. The lift hut provided a small amount of shelter watching the explorers continue to ski the same run.

The experienced group went over the back to a deserted Corrie Finn. They soon find out why as they became disorientated in the poor visibility. Undeterred three of the explorers decided to go up the Glas Moal tow onto the summit plateau. Even they decided that it wasn't worth repeating.



After lunch all 10 explorers skied the Sunnyside runs as a group before heading back to the cafe for shelter. Some brave individuals headed out for a final half hour, they were lucky with a break in the cloud enabling them to see the whole run. A day to remember that "if you can ski in Scotland you can ski anywhere in the world".

Christine Morton

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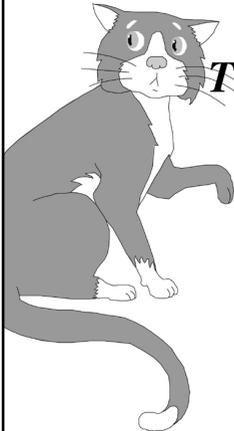
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Glenfarg Scouts Skiing

The snow was blowing gently across the car park when we arrived but the sun was shining. Once kitted out the scouts sat in the warmth of the cafe waiting for the leaders to return before heading off to the nursery slopes.

Cameron found that his feet and the basic ski boots weren't compatible and ended up wearing a pair of racing boots. After a few runs the group progressed to the rope tow and then the dink-dink poma. Louise had a couple of runs on Sunnyside and then went up to Claybokie



with Struan and Callum. Grant and Oliver practised hard all morning and progressed to join Struan, Callum and Louise on Claybokie in the afternoon sunshine. Callum took a tumble and got a lift down on a skidoo. Cameron watched the others ski in the afternoon as found he had damaged his feet in his ski boots – he should have been given the camera! The scouts were pleased with their progress on skis and keen to try it again.

Christine Morton

Burns supper

Thanks to all who supported the Burn's Supper. The speakers and styles vary every year. A special thanks to Ralph Hepburn without whom there would have been no Burns Supper. Over £900 was raised.

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Glenfarg Wine Club

Margaret Ponton and Hazell Allan presented to the January meeting and bravely chose as their theme, low alcohol wines. However the attendees were well entertained through the girls' excellent explanations of low alcohol wine production methods and history.

A glass was raised at the March meeting to Murette, a much loved member of the Wine Club since its inception. Murette's untimely death has left a void in the club and the village community as a whole.

The wines at this meeting were presented by guest presenter, Jo Williamson. His choices compared 3 Rieslings from different countries and 3 Bordeaux blends again from different countries.

"Baccy", the Presenter of the Year trophy 2012 was awarded to Jordon & David, part time referees, who presented a Chile v. France theme in February 2012 with plenty of footballing references.

*Jordon & David
with Baccy, named
after Bacchus, the
Roman god of Wine*



35th Glenfarg Folk Feast

12, 13 & 14 April 2013



Glenfarg Folk Feast 2013

Glenfarg Village Folk Club's 35th annual Folk Feast will take place on 12-14th April. As usual, the Club has organised a full weekend of fabulous music with two great concerts, a fun-filled ceilidh, sing-arounds, informal sessions and workshops. Other attractions include the ever popular original song competition, a children's event/concert and the famous World Puff-a-Box championship.

The Feast will begin on Friday 12 April with the ceilidh in the Village Hall featuring popular Fife band, Clamjamfry. Thereafter, there are two outstanding concerts on the Saturday and Sunday evenings featuring several well-known artistes including the internationally renowned singer-songwriter Karine Polwart, Ireland's wonderful folk entertainer Anthony John Clarke and the three exciting bands Real Time, Rallion and the exotically named Findlay Napier and the Bar Room Mountaineers! For pure fun, the amazingly talented folk comedian Les Barker will also feature in the Sunday concert and the Glenfarg Club's own resident group, the Farg Folk, will complete the Saturday concert line-up.

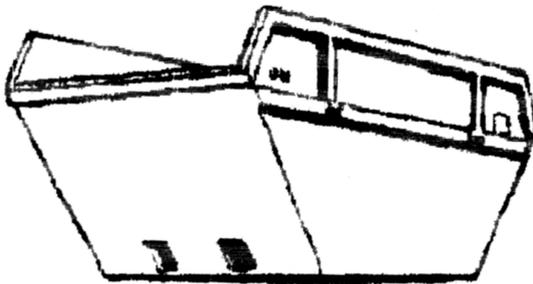
For the kids, we have the hugely popular Mr Giggles/Pirate Pete featuring in his Sunday afternoon show.

Further information including ticket booking form for the Feast can be seen on the Club's website www.glenfargfolkclub.com. Tickets can also be ordered by phone on 01334 653592.

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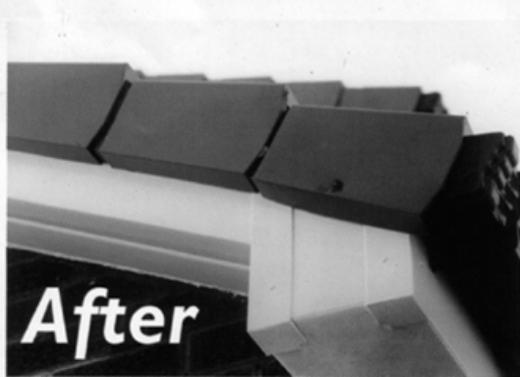


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This brings the total amount of oil ordered by the Syndicate since it was set up 18 months ago to over 300,000 litres.

The next combined order will be put together in early April (i.e., just as this Newsletter is being distributed).

If you want to join GOBS or want more information, contact Dave or Kate Arnold on 830136 or via e-mail at kadavar@waitrose.com. Full Terms & Conditions can be found on the village website: www.glenfarg.org.



Fuel Thefts

PC Jim Pentley, our Community Policeman, has asked us to remind all GOBS members that there has been a spate of domestic fuel oil and diesel thefts in the local area – especially from isolated properties. Please ensure you padlock your tank and – if you haven't already done so – join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

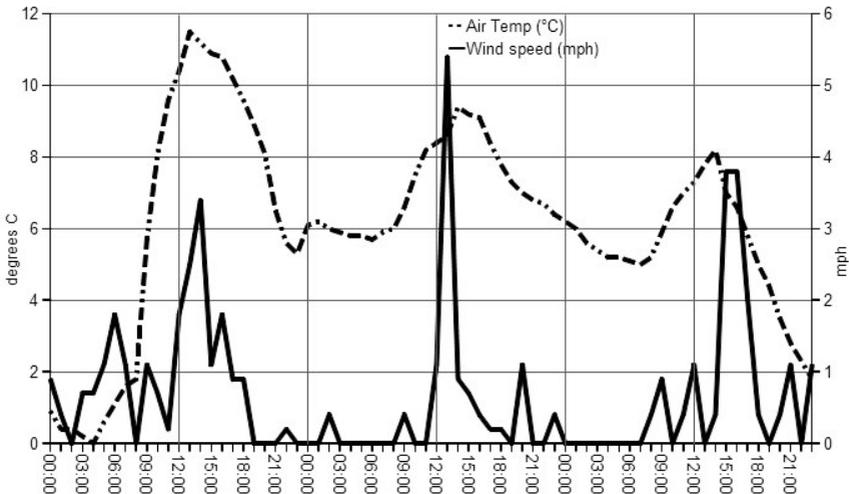
See the separate article on **Neighbourhood Watch on page 15** for full details.

More hot air from Old Foggie

At the beginning of March we had some fine weather with spring-like temperatures. Warmth from sunshine feels good after days of frost and cloud.

It seems strange to think that the air around us is warmed from the ground and not directly by the sun. Especially when you can feel the heat of the sun on your skin. But the energy from the sun is actually absorbed in the upper layers of the soil and re-radiated back into the atmosphere as heat.

Now as the air near the ground heats up, it begins to rise. As nature abhors a vacuum, cooler air falls to replace it. The movement of warm and cool air reaches a peak just after noon and tails off as the sun descends from it's zenith.



With sophisticated sensors, meteorologists can measure moment to moment changes in the vertical wind speed as eddies distribute warm and cool air throughout the lower atmosphere.

If it's not too windy, results from a basic weather station can give an insight into this turbulent mixing of air. The chart shows the air

temperature and wind speed for the 2nd to the 4th of March. Notice how the air temperature begins to rise around eight o'clock, reaching a peak in the early afternoon.

The increase in temperature reflects the increase in air movement as packets of warmed air rise higher and faster making way for descending cooler air. And as this activity reaches a maximum, wind speed increases. Although the standard wind gauge is built to record horizontal wind speed, rather than vertical, there is sufficient turbulence in the atmosphere to spin the gauge as the temperature peaks. Through the evening, the temperature falls and the wind speed drops off as motion in the air decreases.

So although you can't see it, there's a lot going on around us when the sun's out.

Old Foggie

Old Glenfarg

Thank you to all who have already helped me in my attempt to record how Glenfarg has developed and changed over the years. Collections of postcards and a schooldays' project have been amongst the items I've received and enjoyed. Of course there's still a lot more out there so please get in touch with anything from your personal collections.

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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom



Spring has sprung or has it? I write this on a lovely mid March day when I've just been clearing snow from the paths and taking photos of icicles hanging from a shrub that thought it was safe to start budding. Not to worry, by the time you're reading this, the April sunshine will be here and the bulbs will again be putting on their colourful show.

Our plug plants will be arriving any day now and I am delighted that this year we have no fewer than 13 greenhouse owners who are all doing their bit to ensure a great summer display throughout Glenfarg & Duncrievie.

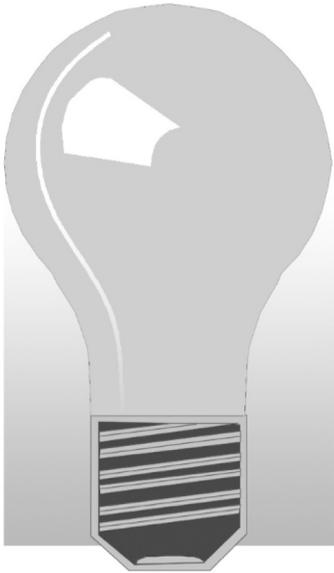
The Glenfarg scouts will again be helping us this year as they work to achieve their Community badges. Our youngsters (and their leaders) are simply the best. This Spring we will be assisting Arngask PS establish a raised bed vegetable garden at the school and we thank Robert Doig for again donating a tattie box, which will be transformed by Stewart Smith's circular saw! Thank you also to John MacGregor of Binn Skips, and his staff, who have repaired Roary after the vandalism. John is also repairing Roary's "coat" and putting some greenery on Roary's bare legs. A special thank you to Lorne Findlay who, over the past couple of months, has transformed the hedge in the Glenfarg Green from a jungle to a manicured boundary. Even in Winter there's no time off!

This spring the Glenfarg Green pond is being drained, cleaned and having some of the vegetation removed. This work is jointly funded by GDIB and a CBF microgrant as P&KC do not maintain the pond.

We are most grateful to Mark's second hand book sales which give a regular boost to our funds. Did you know that Mark has extended this to DVDs & CDs? Check out the bookcase next time you're in the shop.

Our AGM will be held in the Village Hall on 22nd May at 7.30. All welcome.

Kate Armstrong



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February competition winners

Childs backpack bag--1st Catherine Fairweather, 2nd Margaret Scott, 3rd Liz Yull.

Chocolate Mousse--1st Liz Yull, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Jean Connelly.

Flower of the month-- 1st Allison Messenger, 2nd Margot Moran, 3rd Lynda Stewart.

On Thursday March 14th David Johnstone gave a talk about Mary's Meals and the Backpack Project. 750,000 children throughout the world now get a meal every day from Mary's Meals. 18 Backpack's have been filled by our W.R.I. members for this project.

March competition winners

Pencil case--1st Margaret Scott

Open sandwich 1st Lynda Stuart

Bowl of Bulbs 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Allison Messenger 3rd Lynda Stuart

Dates for future meetings

11th April-- Visit to the Theatre. Meet at shop at 6.30pm.

9th May-- A.G.M. and Sugar craft by Mary Ramsay.





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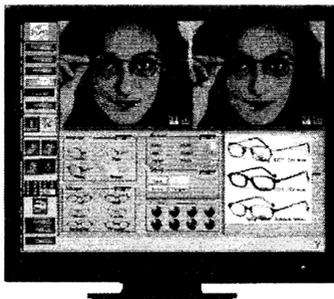
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Glenfarg Community Cinema



Here are some dates for your diaries.

19th April

The next film at Glenfarg Community Cinema will be **Jean de Florette** – a beautiful french film with english subtitles. After the success of the last French Night, we will once again be providing french bread, cheeses and other goodies – you bring the wine.

This film is set in the Provence village that was visited by the Wine Club a few years ago, so we will be starting with some photos and reminiscences of that time. It sounds like a little bit of Scotland was established in Provence – in the bars anyway!

10th May

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather and the spreading of germs, we were forced to cancel the showing of **Warhorse** in January. However, not wanting to miss this great film, we decided to extend the planned season into May. So this will now be our last film show before we close for the summer months. New season will start next September.

14th May

The **Annual General Meeting** of Glenfarg Community Cinema will be held at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall. All are welcome. Please come along to find out how well the cinema has done in its first year and what plans we have for the new season. We also welcome any comments / suggestions on how the cinema has been run. And, of course, we would also welcome any offers of help.

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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 5th Feb 2013 (postponed from 7th January)

Present Cllrs MacKenzie (Chair), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson & Ponton

By Invitation Cllrs Giacopazzi & Cuthbert, PC J Pentley

Members of the public There were 4 members of the public present

Apology Cllr Robertson

Previous Minutes

Proposed by CClr Johnston and seconded by CClr Ponton

Matters arising

1. Dog Fouling – CClr Arnold reported on meeting with Dog Warden and acquisition of new signs which have been installed throughout area.
2. Road Sweeping – Secretary reported that she had been advised by P&KC that Glenfarg area was scheduled for fortnightly road sweeping (usually a Tuesday) Pavement sweeping with motor brush every 2-3 months.
3. Drains – Drains are cleared annually other than on special call out. Cllr Giacopazzi is to pursue a survey of Hayfield Road, junction area of Duncricvie Road/Church Brae/Ladeside and Greenbank Road from War Memorial.
4. Hedges – Secretary reported that there is no formal width requirements for hedges. However with the exception of some in Birch Lane all problem hedges have been dealt with by the property owners. “There needs to be a 2.4 metres vertical clearance above the surface of the footway” (P&KC website)
5. Cable exposed at entrance to Stephen's site (Duncricvie Road nr. Wallace Park) – Developer had covered cable but recent rainfall has again exposed cable. A second cable is also now exposed. Secretary to pursue with developer.
6. Binn Eco Farm Exhibition – held in Glenfarg Village Hall
7. Footpath Hilton of Duncricvie – meeting of G Lawrie (TRACKS) and landowners to take place.
8. Parking at Ladeside/Main St Junction – police observation ongoing
9. Snow clearing – snowplough not scheduled to clear Church Brae

Police Report

Previous report received for January meeting (postponed) reported 2 thefts for period and PC Pentley reported on apprehension and charging of vandals (Lion feature). He also reported on thefts throughout Perthshire of diesel, heating oil and agricultural equipment & vehicles. He stressed the need to secure all items, especially in remote areas, and that if any suspicions aroused please report to Police immediately. He also stressed that members should not challenge suspects (some can be dangerous) but should record number plates, vehicle and person descriptions. He also warned of unscrupulous cold callers offering e.g. garden services. They may target elderly or vulnerable.

Planning

There have been 3 applications noted since last meeting. No objections.

A new application has been made for outline planning permission for 2 houses in the field adjacent to The Knowe.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account balance - £13600.28

(This includes £6005.63 from Glenfarg District Nursing Association)

Expenditure since last meeting Marquee Insurance, Local Vocals micro grant, Salt Spreader and Hall rental.

Newsletter account balance - £2709.84 (+ £298 in new subscriptions)

Archive cabinet purchased (situated in Church Hall)

School Fund £841

Investment Fund (part of GCC account)

Christmas Lights

Treasurer and 3 CCllrs met with Tayside Contracts & Blachere Illuminations on site. Due to unsuitability of poles in certain parts of the village the only feasible section is from Hotel to Marindin Park (19 poles). Cost £8359. There would be additional annual cost for installation & removal. At present we would have free storage from P&KC but this may change in future.

Adult Gym

CCllr Ponton reported on cost of 7 piece adult gym equipment. £6866 incl. VAT plus £2000 delivery and installation costs.

Additional Tents for Fete

Fete committee submitting application for CBF funds

Storage

The issue of storage facilities for various groups and organisations within the community will, at this stage, be addressed outside this meeting.

Discussion & decisions

GCC agreed to pursue the purchase of Christmas lights, this being the wish of majority of responders to earlier survey, plus the village would be brightened even to passing traffic on the motorway. The Treasurer will make an application to CBF for shortfall in funds.

GCC will consider the other potential expenditures at the next meeting.

Invite to Foundation Scotland representative

It was agreed that CCllr Ponton invite a Foundation Scotland Representative to GCC's next meeting, to guide the community towards making the best use of the funds available..

Wallace Park

GCC were made aware that different organisations and groups may be involved in individual plans for Wallace Park. It was proposed that GCC try to introduce a Wallace Park co-co-ordinating body which may ensure maximum benefit for all parties.

Community Benefit Fund

CCllr Ponton reported.

There have been personnel changes in Foundation Scotland.

There is currently £30k available for allocation. 2 recent applications were turned down but due to lack of applications, there may be some successful applications which on another occasion may have failed.

GCC agreed that a request for upper limit of grant application be increased.

CBF panel now meet 3 times annually. Next meeting Apr 2013.

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Glenfarg Community Council minutes 5th Feb continued

A.O.C.B.

1. Correspondence received and sent circulated to CCllrs
2. Supporting the Role of Community Councils – Chairman MacKenzie attended meeting in Kinross. CCllrs are requested to prepare response to Subjects and Issues statement for next meeting.
3. Wallace Park flooding – Cllr Cuthbert to pursue issue of blocked ditch at bottom of park, dangerous area of soft mud between corner of football pitch & flagpole, and the opening from car park which allows vehicle access.
4. Avenue Trees – resident reported trees may be a danger in high winds. Area to be checked.
5. Village Hall Committee meetings – Since retirement of Cllr Connolly there has been no GCC representative on the Village Hall Committee. Secretary will ask Village Hall for meeting dates and a volunteer from GCC will attend.
6. TRACKS – discussions continue on path from Hilton and steps by Stables.
7. Post Box painted.
8. Neighbourhood Watch – James Mason has volunteered to be NW co-ordinator for village. He will develop this service throughout the area and will report to GCC next meeting. Proposal that he have a link from Glenfarg website. Secretary to arrange.
9. Village Store – Chairman MacKenzie reported on the community support for the Village Store and stressed the importance of this village asset.

Date of next meeting – Mon 4th March at 7.30pm



NEW ROAD SIGNS INSTALLED IN DUNCRIVIE

Following complaints from residents, new road signs have been installed in Duncrerie warning drivers to watch out for pedestrians and horses. 30 mph roundels are also being painted on the road at either end of the hamlet to remind drivers of the maximum speed limit

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on 4th March 2013

Present

Cllrs Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, MacPherson, Ponton, Vaughan & Watson

By Invitation

Cllr Giacopazzi, Tom Black (Foundation Scotland) & PC Pentley

Members of the public

There were 8 members of the public present

As Cllr MacKenzie was delayed, Cllr Johnston chaired the meeting.

Previous minutes

Corrections – Dog fouling item should read “ throughout the park”, parking Main St/Ladeside junction should read “P&KC Road Safety communication ongoing” , Treasurer's Report Glenfarg District Nursing Association should read “ £6011.63”.

Item omitted - “New road safety signs and markings being provided in Duncricvie”

With corrections and addition minutes were proposed by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr Ponton.

Matters Arising

1. Road Sweeping – fortnightly schedule for all streets in Glenfarg with exception of Lomond Bank (unadopted road)
2. Flooding at Duncricvie Road / Ladeside cross roads – gully cleared. Secretary to write to Scottish Water re collapsed section at bottom of Church Brae.
3. Exposed cables at Stephens entrance – Secy has communicated with P&KC and Stephens. Entrance temporary and will be made good when new access established for major works.
4. Neighbourhood Watch – James Mason (NW Co-ordinator) reported that households have been leafleted and invited to sign up to scheme. Mailing list expanding. Signs being obtained.
5. Hall Committee – Cllr Vaughan attended the Village Hall Committee meeting on behalf of GCC. She reported that land work has started and funding is in place. Hall Committee stressed that whilst the Village Hall is a main beneficiary of Fete proceeds the beneficiaries are the hall users. The hall committee are represented on the Fete

Committee.

Foundation Scotland

Tom Black of Foundation Scotland was invited to attend GCC meeting to give guidance on best use of CBF funds, in particular the possibility of seeking independent consultation and public survey. Discussion followed on grant upper limits, GCC awareness of applications need for longer term planning. Tom Black will verify if funds can be accessed in advance in the event of a big project.

It was agreed that a public meeting be held to ensure all of the community are aware of processes and that opportunities for community are not lost.

Community Benefit Fund (CBF)

At present the upper limit for grants is £2000 and £500 each to GCC and Earn CC for microgrant allocation. CCLr Vaughan proposed that a request for these amounts to be increased to £5000 and £1000 respectively be put to Earn CC, Lochelbank CBF Panel and Foundation Scotland for agreement. Seconded by CCLr Ponton.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account £13,601.28 of which £6000 has been designated for Christmas lights and £6011 Glenfarg District Nursing Association (agenda item May meeting) is restricted. £286 microgrant funds available.

Newsletter account - £3,825.98. Shop donations and renewed annual subscriptions generating £480. At 4th March 20 of the 37 advertiser invoices had been paid. Printer has advised increase in future print costs but still reasonable and fully accepted.

School Fund - £841

Microgrant Application – An application from Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom to employ local contractor to clean Glenfarg Green pond was approved.

Christmas Lights

Supplier notified of GCC decision and choice of design will be made from 2013 catalogue. P&KC informed and attaching of brackets will be done in summer. An application has been submitted to CBF to meet shortfall in costs.

Planning

4 applications (1 of which outwith GCC area) have been noted.
2 applications have been approved since Jan meeting.

Supporting the role of Community Councils

Priorities for GCC from the Subjects & Issues Statement were agreed and Secy will advise P&KC.

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Avenue Trees

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Police Report

Operation to address rural theft continues. Particular areas of concern are theft of agricultural equipment and diesel. Domestic heating oil tanks also being targeted. Public urged to report any suspicious activity to Police on 101 (non emergency) or 999 if urgent. Do not approach suspicious individuals. Fly tipping has been increasing especially of green waste.

Correspondence

Copies of all correspondence have been circulated to CClrs. Secretary highlighted the communications related to reduction of ground maintenance by P&KC. (Agenda item next meeting)

AOCB

1. Secretary to arrange public meeting re CBF
2. Website – it was agreed not to include businesses
3. Binn Farm Community Forum – report circulated
4. Binn Farm Wind Farm – CClrs Arnold & Macpherson to attend April meeting

Date of Next meeting – Mon 13th May

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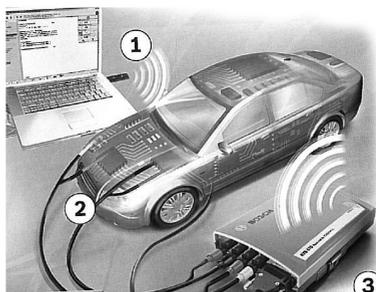
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