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We always try our best to make sure that your newsletter is available promptly at the start of every even month. If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please inform us with details by the 1st of May to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of May.

Thank you.

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Editorial



Do you ever feel you should have ducked! Here I am trying to finish the Newsletter; I am a PC man (only in the computer sense) and the Newsletter computer is an Apple. As one Help page I found said "Why do they make it so difficult!". Ahhh well, old as I am I suppose the learning challenge is always good. Not that it is the first venture into the world of the Newsletter that I have had. The Newsletter was started by the Glenfarg Village Folk Club as a service to the village and I happened to be Treasurer at the time. The first issues (300 copies with 8 pages of A4) were churned out by hand in our kitchen many years ago on a Roneo duplicator (kids, ask your grandparents about that!). Sending a PDF file to the printer is definitely easier.

Praise must go to Kate, our (almost) current Editor. Kate stepped willingly into the breach 2 years ago to take up the Editorship and has done a sterling job (including half of this issue) but this year, the publication date and other commitments she has, unfortunately fall together so she is handing over the baton (disguised as an Apple computer) to someone else. We all must say thank you to Kate for her hard work, pulling the information together, and then creating the publication.

Thank you also to the raft of people who have willingly sent in information to her, and I am sure they will provide the new incumbent with the same regular feed. I am pleased to say it looks as if we have a new (willing) volunteer so this should hopefully be the last issue I have to put to bed.

One of the problems is always keeping the "standard information" up-to-date. A plea to all organisations: please remember us when your organisation changes. The "Contacts" information is used by many when trying to contact various bodies and the Newsletter tends to be the source of choice. Let's make sure that the "Contacts" page is always up-to-date. One should also emphasise that the Glenfarg Newsletter is exactly that, so please keep the News coming.

I hope you enjoy this issue and you find plenty of information to excite and entertain you about our village. Here is hoping for warm, dry weather to come.

Bill Macpherson

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GLENFARG CAMP

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Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
March 30th	Social Tournament	Tennis Club
April 7th	'In the Heat of the Night' Glenfarg Community Cinema	Village Hall
April 7th - 11th	Tennis Club Easter Multi-sports	Wallace Park
April 11th - 13th	Folk Feast	Various
April 15th	School In-service Day	
April 22nd	Adult Coaching	Tennis Club
from 23rd April	Social Tennis	See page 9
April 26th 7pm	Spring Ball	The Glenfarg

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	7.30pm-9pm	Scouts
Friday	10am - 11am	Chair Exercise

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'



Thank You

from Kate Arnold, who celebrated her 40th birthday (for the 20th time!) on the 18th February, to all who contributed to the lovely presents she received at her birthday bash in The Glenfarg she is gradually getting to grips with the mysteries of the Kindle Fire! She was delighted to see so many friends and family and hopes everyone enjoyed the evening, including the splendid buffet laid on by the hotel. Thanks also to Perth & Kinross Council for sending her bus pass so promptly!

Glenfarg Tennis Club

Opening Social Tournament-Sunday 30th March
2-4pm-All welcome-Non-members come along and
join in the fun!!

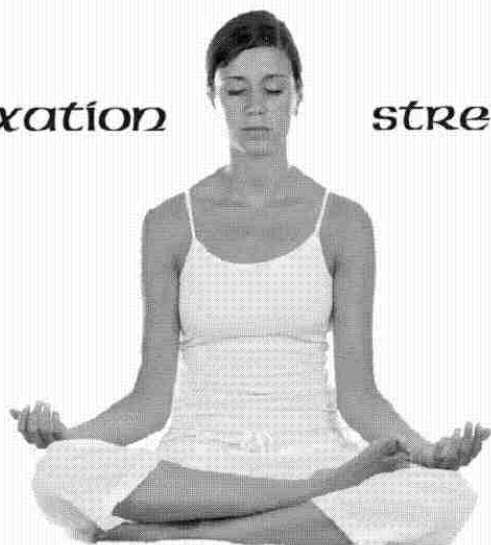
Coaching for adults of all abilities starting Tuesday
22nd April 6.30-7.30pm (£20 for a 5 week block)

Wednesdays-From 23rd April Social tennis (all
abilities)-7-8.30pm followed by club night 8.30pm
onwards

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Glenfarg Fete

on 14 JUNE

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Work is well underway to ensure that this day is, as always, a huge success and a great afternoon out for all the family. Bring your friends too; everyone's welcome, the more the merrier.



The **Kinross Vaulting Group** that proved so popular last year has been booked again, and we're sure that the beautiful horses and their highly-skilled riders will be a huge attraction once more.



Cobblers the Clown will be bringing his friends along, and they will be clowning around, taking part in the parade and doing lots of other fun stuff. Come along and find out what else they'll be doing!



Kids: your Mums and Dads, Grannies and Granddads will be able to tell you all about watching **Punch and Judy shows** on the beach when they were young! Bring them along to relive their childhood, and see for yourself what fun it was!



Bring your dogs along too, so they can take part in the **Dog Show** – both fun and a little more serious.



There will be all the usual stalls - **White Elephant, Bottle Stall, Produce, Cake and Candy and lots more** – as well as lots of sideshows for you to try your hand at.



We will be coming amongst you in the weeks leading up to the fete to sell you **raffle tickets**, and plans are in hand to get some really exciting prizes, so dig deep and try your luck.



We've also booked **good weather**; sadly it hasn't been confirmed! Everything's crossed, though, and if all else fails there will be lots of marquees, tents etc. for you to take refuge in and carry on enjoying the fun.

....and lots more attractions still to be announced!

Newsletter publication date is close to the **3rd of April**, but anyone interested in helping out at the fete in any way at all is invited to come along to the **Village Hall at 8 o'clock** that night, to meet the committee and discuss any ideas they may have.

And finally, don't forget to like us on **Facebook**, and keep up-to-date with what's going on!

Make a note in your diary:

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Arngask Church

Induction

The induction of the Rev Moira Herkes to the Pastoral Charge of Abernethy & Dron & Arngask took place in Arngask Church on Tuesday 21st January 2014.

A packed Church witnessed the Moderator of Perth Presbytery, Rev Graham McWilliam, induct the new Minister to the United charge. Following the Induction service a large company attended a Social in Glenfarg Village Hall, where members and friends had the opportunity to say farewell to the Revs. Syd Graham and Marc Bircham, who had acted as Interim Moderators during the vacancy, and to Rev Duncan Stenhouse who has been Locum Minister for almost two years. A large number of members and friends from Moira's previous charges attended the service, and spoke highly of her great leadership as they mingled with our members in the Village Hall.

Diary Dates

Sunday 13th April

There will be a joint service at Abernethy at 10.30am at which new elders will be inducted and admitted to the Kirk Session. There will not be a service at Arngask on this date.

Thursday 17th April

Lower Earn Churches Together (LECT) service for Maundy Thursday in Abernethy Church at 7.00pm

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at 7.30am at Ferryfield, Abernethy and will be followed by breakfast in Abernethy Session House. The normal Easter Service will be held in Arngask Church at 11am.

Friday 9th May

As part of our Stewardship Season a two course meal will be served in the Williamson Hall, Abernethy. Discussion will centre on the theme selected for this year, that of Time. A donation of £5 per adult is suggested. No charge for children.

Saturday 10th May

A Church Coffee Morning will be held in the Williamson Hall, Abernethy at 10am.

Sunday 11th May

As part of the Stewardship Season there will be a joint service at Arngask at 10.30am. There will not be a service at Abernethy on this date.



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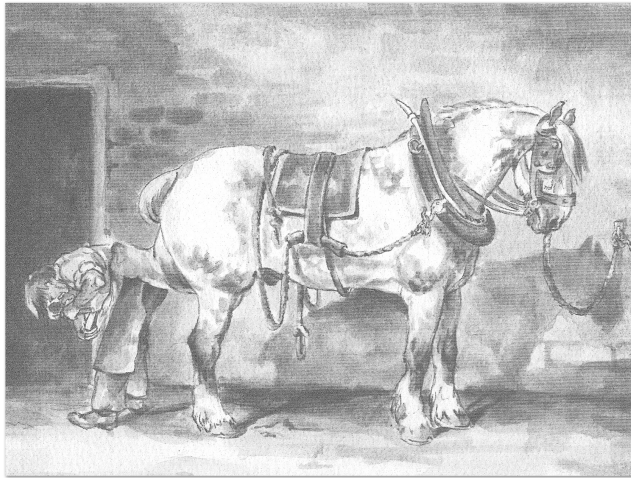
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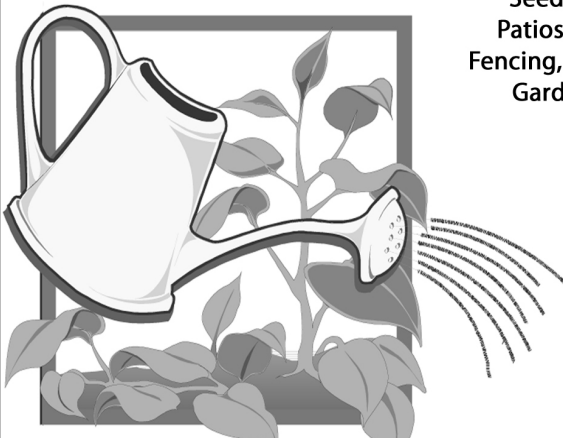
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After years of consternation from visitors, as well as members and villagers, of locked toilet doors and no running water, of dodging behind bushes and knocking on friendly neighbours' doors, Glenfarg Tennis Club is taking the plunge and modernising its clubhouse.

On the same site as the present hut which has done the club proud since the '70's, we will have an attractive wooden clubhouse with changing rooms, toilets and a basic kitchen and dining area, but of benefit to the whole village will be the purposely included area for fete and other village furniture, and of course the toilets.

(Editor's note: Slightly wrong, the Courts didn't move from Hayfield Road until the mid to late 80s and the hut wasn't there at the start)

It will mean that village events can be planned without resort to chemiloo and people will be able to venture to these events with a bit more peace of mind.

The construction is due to start as soon as the ground is a bit drier. The work to reroute the electrics away from the old football pavilion has already begun, jointing the cables immediately behind the pavilion in an enclosure which will have a 'commando' connection for the fete electrical supplies. Once this is established, the old pavilion and toilet block will be demolished by their owners, P & K Council.

We want all of you to come visit our new facility and our lovely courts. No matter how experienced or inexperienced you are, there's fun for you to be had on the 'turf'. We have 'beginners' lessons starting in April. We have teams in 5 leagues, we have club nights every Wednesday from 7 and we make everybody super-welcome. Come and have a taster session. Phone Sadie on 830807, Alex on 830389, Tim on 830879, Steve on 830555, Ralph on 830349, Rob on 830077. Every one of our committee members lives in Glenfarg!

So hopefully, by the time of the fete, we'll have a building in the park, designed and built to be in keeping with its surroundings which will make the three legged race a lot less hazardous. Can't wait!

Arngask Primary School News

Congratulations

Cara (P6/7) has won the P6-7 category of the Chinese New Year Art Competition. Cara and her family attended a Civic Reception at the Council Chambers on Monday 3rd February. Cara's artwork takes centre place in a calendar produced by the Perthshire Chinese Community Association. Well done Cara!

Make £5 Grow

Gillian Donnachie from Virgin Money spoke to Primary Five, Six and Seven pupils about the enterprise initiative they are participating in. Pupils have been loaned £5 each and can work independently, or as part of a small group, to design and set up a mini-business to create a product or service they can sell to make a profit. P5-7 pupils have until 16 May to develop their businesses and return the loaned £5 and profit made to school.

Pupils in Primary One, Two, Three and Four have been loaned £1 by the PTA. Pupils have until 28 March to develop their businesses and return the loaned £1 and profit made to school.

The PTA will be awarding prizes for creativity and effort. Good luck everyone!

Cross Country Championships

Pupils from Primary 6/7 took part in the Rural Race on Tuesday 18th February. Elliot (P6) took an early lead and finished in second place. Overall the boys team was the fastest and won first place. All pupils did very well and we are extremely proud of them.

Chinese concert

All pupils will be participating in a Chinese Celebration Concert on Wednesday 2 April in the school hall. You are invited to attend the Dress Rehearsal at 2pm (tickets cost £2) or at 6pm (tickets cost £5, including Chinese food and drink). Tickets are on sale in the school.

Marie Connor
Headteacher

PAD Training Day

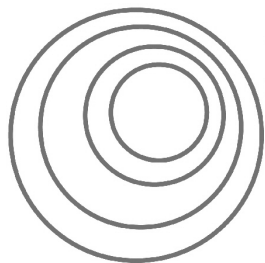


The PAD Training Day was well attended by the young and less young residents of Glenfarg. In addition to an excellent information video presentation, the attendees were able to get plenty of “hands on” experience under the watchful eyes of both East Neuk First Responders and Saline First Responders.



At the end of the day everyone left feeling better informed and more confident in their ability to Save A Life.

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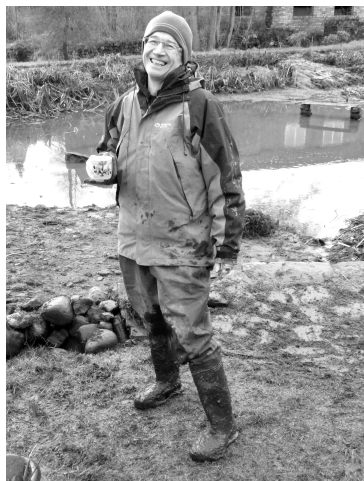
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Pond Clean Up

The weather was kind to the Pond Clean Up gang this year and over the 2 days an amazing amount of weed clearing, silt removing, fish rescuing and frog relocating took place.



There was a lot of laughter as well, as some of the volunteers got muddier and muddier and a mug of tea and a chocolate biscuit were all the wages required.

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Saturday 26th April – Spring Ball, with music from '*Not Big, Not Klevir*'

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for each of these events

The Glenfarg

The Heart of The Village

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Folk Feast

11 TO 13 APRIL 2014

As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, the 36th Folk Feast will burst onto the village scene on the 11th April with the Grand Ceilidh dance in the Village Hall. Clamjamfry ceilidh band is the star that night and everyone is



welcome to come and dance their way into the weekend. The band is renowned for their entertaining attitude to music, so a great night is guaranteed.

Saturday is also filled with fun and great music.

Morning workshops in the Village Hall and The Glenfarg are followed by a singaround around lunch time, followed by the annual hilarious song competition in the afternoon, both events also taking place in The Glenfarg where the staff are awaiting your presence to offer you their wholesome meals and refreshments! At night we have the first of our brilliant concerts in the Village Hall, featuring The Shee, Bruce and Walker and finally, Jennifer Crook. All



are well established and eye-catching acts and together will bring a great night's entertainment.

Sunday once again brings a huge variety of entertainment with a workshop in the Village Hall, a singaround in the morning in The Glenfarg and an evening concert in the Hall, on this occasion featuring the brilliant Jez Lowe and his famous Bad Pennies, the amazing six piece group, Kilmarnock Edition, and Northern Ireland's Gerry

Creen. Squeezed in between those two events, we have a Children's Show in the Village Hall at 1.45pm and the 29th World Puff-a-Box Championship at 3.00pm in The Glenfarg. A wonderful, fun and music- packed day's entertainment is promised.



So that outlines this year's Feast. The Club Committee would really love you to make the effort to come and support your club and, of course, to sample the delights of a great weekend of music. Further information can be seen on our website www.glenfargfolkclub.com and don't forget that tickets are a must for most of the events, especially the Ceilidh and the Concerts.

Tickets can be ordered:

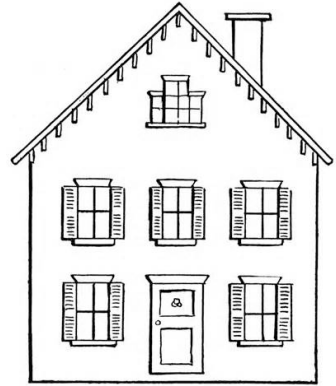
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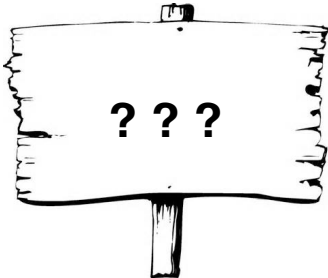
So come and share the fun. We look forward to making you welcome.

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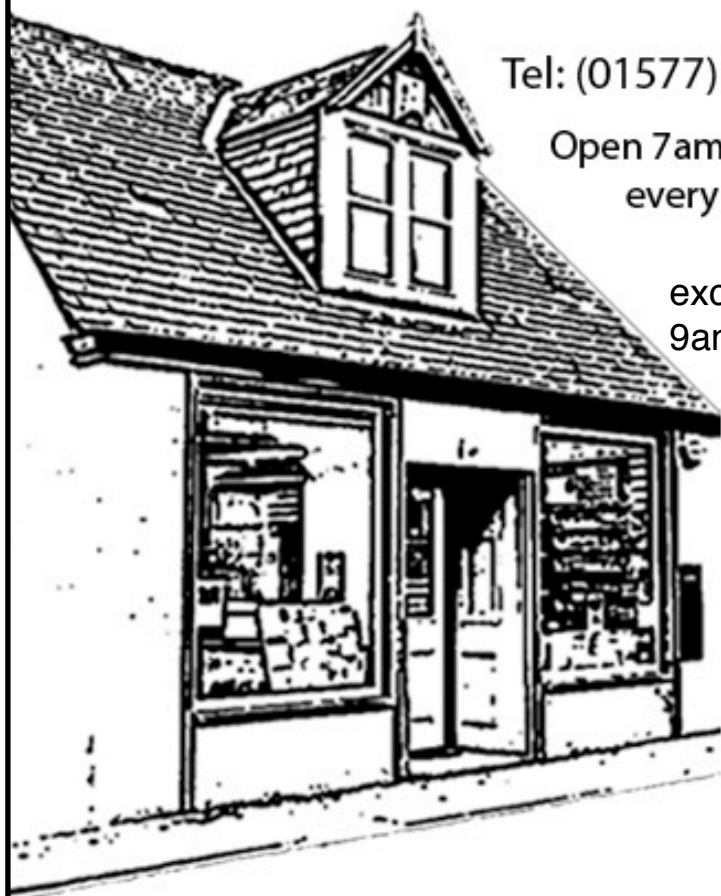
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THE LITTLE SHOP WITH A LOT INSIDE

Our Local Community Police Officer



Meet PC Dougie Stapleton, the new Community Police Officer for Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn. He joined Tayside Police (now Police Scotland) in 2011 after a 25 year career as a business banker with Royal Bank of Scotland. He is married with 2 children and is an ardent Liverpool FC fan.

Dougie's duties are wide and varied and include dealing with all manner of criminal activity, traffic violations, domestic abuse, emergencies, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. He also finds times to liaise with community groups and to give talks to schoolchildren.

If you have something to report or need some Police advice he can be reached via the non-emergency Police telephone number: 101.

(Note: If it is an emergency, you should always ring 999)

A RECORD BREAKING START TO 2014 FOR GOBS!



The Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS) placed its first order of 2014 in early February:

- **97** members took a total of 80,356 litres of oil which was delivered by 7 tankers over 4 days. **This was the biggest GOBS order so far.**
- The price paid was 56.28p per litre (inc. VAT) – **this was the lowest price we have paid for oil for over 3 years.**
- The total amount of oil ordered by the Syndicate since it was set up just 2.5 years ago has now **exceeded half a million litres** (556,489 litres to be precise!).
- Membership has grown steadily in recent months and now stands at **162.**
- Savings vary from household to household but most members typically save between £35-£120 **per delivery** by buying through GOBS.

The next GOBS order will be put together in early April, i.e. just as this Newsletter hits the streets!

If you are interested in joining GOBS please contact Dave or Kate Arnold via kadavar@waitrose.com or on 830136. More information about GOBS including the Terms & Conditions can be found on the village website – www.glenfarg.org

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The Local Vocals



The Local Vocals is a group of ladies in Glenfarg who meet once a week to sing under the watchful eye and waving baton of Margaret Ponton, ably accompanied on the piano by Marguerite Norris who, despite our best efforts to put her off,

always plays all the right notes, and always in the right order!

On a more serious note we are indebted to Margaret and Marguerite, who so willingly give of their time, and without whose enthusiasm and expertise the group would simply not exist. It wasn't their idea, but they happily agreed to come along and keep us – a group of ladies who just enjoy singing – on the right track.

Occasionally we perform in public and – more importantly – have been asked to, and we even recorded a CD once, although we try to forget about that! Our repertoire is generally of the 'easy listening' variety: 'A Little Peace' which you may remember from the Eurovision Song Contest some years ago; 'The Rhythm of Life'; Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'; medleys from 'Oliver' and 'Mary Poppins'; the Lion Sleeps Tonight; as well as all the usual Christmas songs when the time is right.

So, if any ladies of any age and definitely any ability – don't worry, you won't be asked to audition – would like to join us, do come along to the Church Hall on a Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sometimes Margaret's work commitments mean we can't meet every week, but our next meeting is on 16 April and you would be very welcome.

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News from Loch Leven Health Centre

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The Scottish Bowel Cancer Screening programme aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage when there are potentially more treatment options and a better chance of treatment being effective. People between the ages of 50 and 74 are invited for screening every 2 years, but only about half of those sent a testing kit actually complete and return it. The home screening test is the best way to find bowel cancer early. The screening test can spot hidden blood which can often be a sign of bowel cancer – blood you and your doctor wouldn't even know was there.

We would like to encourage everyone who is sent the home screening test to complete it. We know it is all a bit embarrassing, but it is well worth just getting on and doing it. It can be completed at home in privacy and then popped in the post. This is perfectly safe and it is free to post the test to the Scottish Bowel Screening Centre laboratory.

If you would like more information, there are lots of leaflets in the Health Centre and you can ask your GP or nurse for advice. Information can also be found on the following websites:-

www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk

www.nhsinform.co.uk

There is also a Freephone Patient Helpline Number for Bowel Screening : 0800 0121 833

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At the end of each quarter we send reports to NHS Tayside on the number and type of complaints we have received, and also report on whether we have changed any systems to prevent such problems happening again. We also have an internal annual review of all complaints and use this to identify any trends and to check whether changes put in place are working effectively.



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Wine Club Show 2014



The Wine Club held yet another of its famous charity talent shows on the 1st of March.

Once again it was a sell out with tickets being snapped up within days of going on sale.

A packed village hall was treated to a wide range of acts from the usual village people who take several weeks honing their act, and peaking on the night of the show.



We were treated to songs, sketches, jokes (that's a matter of opinion!) and dance from the usual suspects. A big thank you must go to Dave Watt for doing all the music and sound effects, and also

Caroline Waring for looking after the sound system. And of course everyone who helped out with everything from setting up the hall and the lighting, serving wine and pies, selling raffle tickets etc. deserves lots of praise. Without these people there is no show!

Special praise goes to the villagers who, by buying show and raffle tickets, helped us raise an incredible £1273.

Once again a fantastic amount that this year will go to the Community Cinema to help buy vital equipment to improve the showing of superb films.

These concerts have now raised over £12,000 over the last 12 years, all of which has stayed within Glenfarg, and helped several organisations with their funding.



Look out for the next show in about 18 month's time!

Steve Mee

(See more of Dave Arnold's photos on www.glenfarg.org)

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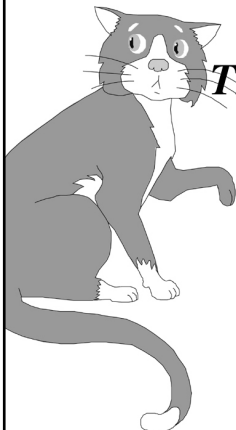
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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom



GDIB volunteers have certainly not had a restful winter break! Apart from the incredible effort of clearing the pond and surrounding area, there's been a worthy band working away behind the scenes, restoring the second hand planters we acquired. I have found that so long as you ply them with bacon rolls and coffee they seem a happy bunch.



The other task recently undertaken involved a metal grinder to remove the metal rods from the south verge wall ready for its restoration project.

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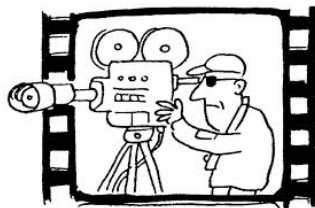
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Glenfarg Community Cinema

French Film Breaks All Records

It was Valentine's Day. People probably had romantic plans for the evening. The hotel had put on a special night. The Community Cinema was showing a film - in French – with subtitles. Not everyone enjoys foreign films. We struggled all afternoon with the equipment, one of the problems with loan equipment that has to be dismantled and moved from venue to venue. Finally, at 5.30 we had both picture and sound (thanks Philip). Just time to rush home, eat and get back to open the doors at 7. Out of the village hall and . . . IT WAS SNOWING! All that work, and now it was probable that no one would come.



But come they did. Our local cinema-lovers came despite the weather and the other attractions. It wasn't the biggest audience, but it was enough to ensure that we didn't make a loss on the night. But the most rewarding aspect was how much everyone enjoyed the film. In fact, they voted it the best ever.

Here are the results of the votes for *Untouchable* –

Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	0%	11.5%	88.5%

So our audience is telling you that **Untouchable** is a film that you **MUST SEE** if you get the chance. It is based on a true story of an aristocratic paraplegic millionaire who takes on an unemployed ex-con to be his carer – despite the fact that the young man doesn't want the job. He only wants the dole money. However, what the millionaire wants is someone who won't pity him but will treat him as a person rather than a 'condition'. And the relationship that grows changes both their lives. It's a wonderfully uplifting, hilarious and yet thought-provoking film.

Hope you do manage to see it, although I'm afraid that you won't get the 'added extras' that were available at our cinema –

delicious home-made cakes, Victoria sponge, strawberry-topped fairy cakes, and bags of honeycomb – all courtesy of 3 pupils from Arngask PS. It's part of their project to see how much profit they can make from £5. This enterprising group made over £25 on the night.

Sunshine On Glenfarg for the March Movie

We finally managed to obtain the licence for **Sunshine on Leith** and it was a sell-out! Based on the music of the Proclaimers, it had been eagerly awaited. But it wasn't just the music that stole the show. The cinematography was brilliant and it was a joy to see Edinburgh in all its glory. Hang on a minute – isn't that pub in Glasgow!

Here are the results of the votes for Sunshine on Leith –

Awful 0%	Poor 1%	OK 11%	Good 43%	Fantastic 45%
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The audience was also entertained by two more films from Arngask P6/7 pupils – the first two (Mr Bean's Holiday and Blood Circle) had been shown in February. This time we saw The Alien Fights Back and Soul Taker. There were fights on Glenfarg Green, aliens in the pond, a frightening soul-taker in the hotel (John?) and a girl inside a tree in the Avenue. And you thought Glenfarg was a nice, quiet place. Watch out for more film effects to come. Robin has a new toy – a 'green screen'.

Wine Club's Magnificent Donation

The Community Cinema was delighted to be the recipient of the proceeds from the recent Wine Club Show. Not only did we get to enjoy another outstanding show from the talented people of Glenfarg, whilst sipping (slurping?) our complimentary wine, but the show also made a huge profit that is being put back into the community.



Sandy McInnes handed over the sum of £1,200 to cinema committee member Robin Watson. Together with other donations and cinema profits, the Community Cinema now has a sizeable sum towards the purchase of its own equipment. We hope to source the remainder this year.

The community can be assured that its continued support of the cinema and other events like the Show is helping towards providing up-to-date equipment in our hall that will be available for use by all.

Glenfarg Village Hall

The Village Hall committee would like to thank all users for their continuing support. Among the planned upgrades to the Hall will be the installation of a dishwashing machine. New LED lighting has been installed in the hall which should reduce our electricity bills. Could users please ensure that all lights and heating are turned off on leaving the hall.

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Glenfarg W.R.I.

On Thursday 13th February we had a bring, show and tell meeting where the members brought along an item which had a personal meaning for them and told the story about it.

February competition winners

Tea cosy -- 1st Helen Quartermaine, 2nd Margaret Scott, 3rd Janette Kirkland

Jar of Marmalade -- 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Sylvia Wall, 3rd Helen Quartermaine

Flower of the Month--1st Helen Quartermaine, 2nd Sylvia Wall, 3rd Allison Messenger

Thursday the 13th March saw us entertained by Sylvia Troon and her Puppets. The puppets varied from Kings and Queens to Animals popping up from flower pots and she had a story to tell with them all.

March competition winners

Easter card--1st Allison Messenger, 2nd Sylvia Wall.

2 Small Muffins--1st Lynda Stuart, 2nd Ursula Stewart, 3rd Janette Kirkland.

Bowl of Bulbs-- 1st Allison Messenger, 2nd Vivien Hebblethwaite, 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Dates for future meetings

No meeting on Thursday the 10th April as we are having a visit to the theatre on Friday the 18th.

8th May Exercises from Caroline Waring, and the A.G.M.

The next meeting will be in September

Glenfarg Village Folk Club



OPEN MIC. Monday 7 April. All £3.

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FOLK FEAST. Friday 11 to Sunday 13 April.

See separate article.

SINGAROUND. Monday 14 April. All £3.

Following on from the Folk Feast, by tradition, this singaround is always billed as a Post-Feast Recovery evening. So our theme is fatigue, overindulgence or indeed, any subject. Stay awake for another night's fun before retiring for the rest of the week!

GRAHAM CARTER. Monday 21 April. Members £5, non-members £8.

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OPEN STAGE. Monday 28 April. Members £5, non-members £8.

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SINGAROUND. Monday 12 May. All £3.

Put a spring in your travels with any form of "Transport", which is the theme for tonight although, as always, all choices of songs and music welcome.

JAMES HICKMAN AND DAN CASSIDY. Monday 19 May. Members £5, non-members £8.

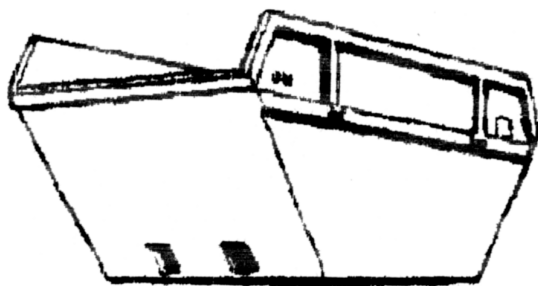
We welcome for the first time to the Club an exciting duo comprising Dan Cassidy (brother of the late Eva) and James Hickman. Dan is an extraordinary fiddler from Maryland and James is both a great singer and guitarist.

SINGAROUND. Monday 26 May. All £3.

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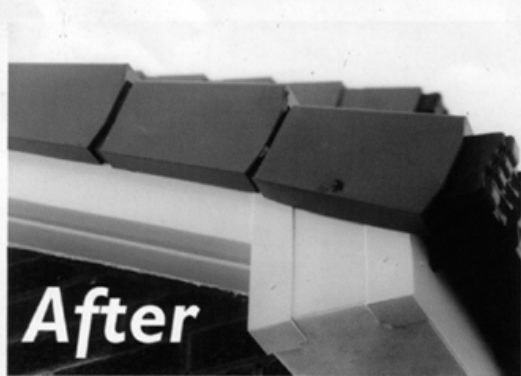
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Routes

The first proper pathways meeting emanated from the Glenfarg Conversation initiative. Several people out of those responding said that they really would like it if there were circular walking, biking and horse-riding tracks centred on the village for villagers and visitors alike to use.

Present at the meeting were: Steve and Jan, Robin, David Arnold, Ced, Robert Morton, Rob Duncan, Cath and Ian and Tim

It started with an open discussion about the Hilton of Duncrievie round and the state of the avenue and its drains.

It was noted that there was a determined block mounted by the owner of the big house in Hilton of Duncrievie to stop people using the round and it was decided to use diplomacy to try to resolve the situation. So this issue is progressing as we speak.

Suggestions were that it would require funds to improve the drainage of the Avenue sufficiently to make it a plausible footpath for school kids, and the issue was left for further in the meeting. However since then, it appears that money is possibly available through the environmental fund, so we'll hopefully be applying next month.

The meeting wanted to establish 5 or 6 circular routes starting and finishing at the Village Shop which would make it possible for villagers and visitors alike to choose a route appropriate to their physical and time constraints. These paths would be mapped and signposted and perhaps colour coded. As if by magic, Rob produced a map with 6 rounds on it, detailed and coloured. This map was taken away by Steve to make A3 copies of and the meeting decided that a 'member' each would take a path, either one of these or another of interest, investigate it and report back to the meeting in 2 months' time.

These 6 walks are:

- Paris Bridge-Arngask-Balcanqual
- Stables-Duncrerie-Log Cabins
- Balvaird Castle
- Lochelbank
- Full Eastern and
- Full Western

Ced is to investigate a route from the railway viaduct to New Fargie.

Robert will try from the village, down the railway to the Bein and back.

David and Tim are to contact Tracks to resolve misleading signage and obstruction around H of D.

Rob to investigate a Lochelbank-Wallace Road walk.

Tara is to confirm a route round the back of the reservoir (Full Western).

Robin to try a route through the south tunnel and down the lower Farg.

Ian and Cath will report back on dogs at Craigfarg and Abbots Deuglie

Jan and Steve to look again at Avenue and investigate bridle paths.

Activity will continue, but the next meeting will be about Tuesday 8th April. We would love it if you would come along. Virtually everybody in the village likes a good donder and the more routes we have the better it will be.

If you can't make it and you have any info on the routes mentioned above, or any other, please let us know.

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Scout Night Hike

Pitmedden forest was the venue for the Scouts night hike. The night was dark but at least it was not raining when we left.

The excited Scouts had to progress quietly through the farm so as not to upset the dogs (and the farmer) too much.

They progressed through the field up into the forest, frequently blinding the adults by turning to speak to them head torches full on.



The forest was dark and overhanging at the start and eventually opened out onto forest road. It was difficult to persuade the Scouts to turn off their head torches and let their night vision develop. As the clouds cleared away a few of the older ones were brave enough to switch the torches off for a short while. It was easier to hide

in the forest and hide from the Leaders if your torch was off.

The Scouts were too noisy to see any wild life as they walked round the forest.

Before descending to the cars the Scouts had a night navigation exercise to complete; walking a route on a set of compass bearings to find the edible treasure. This was much harder than they expected.

Glenfarg Burns Supper

The Burns Supper in the Village Hall was a relaxed, enjoyable evening, expertly directed by the Master of Ceremonies, Bill Macpherson.

Louise Muir started the proceedings with the Selkirk Grace before Ralph Hepburn piped in the haggis carefully carried by Elliot Wilkins. Alex Swanson addressed the Haggis.

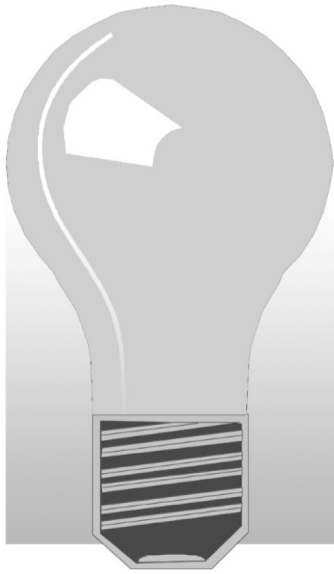


The Scouts served everyone and then joined the diners to listen to a recital of Tam o' Shanter from Leigh Smith.

The "Immortal Memory" was delivered by a very knowledgeable Stephen Kennedy, followed by a highly entertaining "Toast to the Lassies" and Reply by Jim Eodonable and Susan Rowell.

The evening was rounded off by a ceilidh with Charlie Stewart and Craig providing live music.

Thanks to the organising committee, to all those who donated food and raffle prizes for the event, to the team who prepared the neeps and tatties on Saturday and to those who decorated the hall and cleared up afterwards. This really enjoyable event was well attended.



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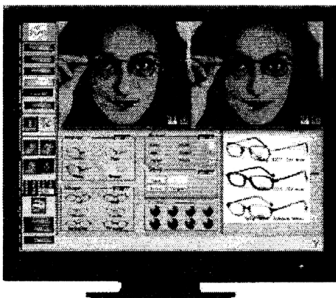
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Becoming a member is easy. Just contact our NHW Co-ordinator, James Mason on 07980 529827 or via watch@glenfarg.org. Further details can be found on our village website.

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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014
GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT CCllrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Arnold, Armstrong, Johnston, Ponton and Macpherson.

BY INVITATION Cllrs J.Giacopazzi and D.Cuthbert, Community Police Officer Dougie Stapleton, George Lawrie from TRACKS, Jan Macpherson (minutes).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 5

APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, 6 January 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CCllr Vaughan, seconded by CCllr Johnston.

MATTERS ARISING

Lomond Hotel Cllr Giacopazzi had held a meeting with Building Standards. They had informed Glenfarg Partnership that they must remove the chimneys near the garage on safety grounds. David Craigie agreed to this. CCllr Watson had spoken to the owner, who said he had a quote for the removal of three chimneys, but would request one for all five. Work was estimated to begin in 4 to 5 weeks (2 to 3 from date of CC meeting). Cllr Giacopazzi reported that P&KC can give a grant of up to £5K in such circumstances, and the owner had applied for it. On behalf of Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom, CCllr Armstrong had approached the owner with a view to using the boarding round the site to display artwork etc. in connection with the Commonwealth Games, and permission had been given.

Library opening times A letter had been sent to the Convenor of the Library Committee saying that Glenfarg CC felt that there had been a lack of consultation regarding the changing of opening times. No response had been received, but Cllr Giacopazzi informed the meeting that a unanimous decision was made in 2011 to close on Mondays and at lunchtimes on Saturdays, and no other complaints had been received. In the future there may be a scheme to allow volunteers to keep the library open at other times.

Duncricvie Road/Ladeside flooding. Work on this is in the schedule, and will be brought forward. Cllr Giacopazzi will follow up.

Fete The CC hosted a public meeting regarding the distribution of fete funds, and it was agreed to change the present system. More information is available on the community website.

Defibrillator training was held as planned, and was well-attended.

Nursing Association fund A meeting will take place on 20 March in the Church Hall with people involved in providing community support in Glenfarg, including Rural

Outreach, Shared Lives and the Royal Voluntary Service. It was not planned as a public meeting, but interested members of the public are welcome.

POLICE REPORT Already circulated. The new Community Officer introduced himself and reported that there had been a number of break-ins between Glenfarg and Blairingone, although Glenfarg itself had been free of crime since the last report. Villagers were warned to be wary of people selling power tools from vehicles.

ROAD SAFETY This item deferred until the next meeting as Daryl McKeown, P&KC Road Safety Officer, was unable to attend.

USE OF WALLACE PARK DURING FOLK FEAST Concern was expressed about vehicles being driven onto the park and causing damage to the grass, and it was suggested that the Folk Club be asked for vehicles to be restricted to the car park. It was also suggested that the gate could be locked during the Folk Feast weekend. A representative of the Folk Club was present, and said that the committee couldn't agree to that as there wasn't space in the car park for all vehicles and also on the grounds of access for emergency vehicles. He also assured the meeting that the committee always visits the park and repairs any damage after the event. It was suggested that as the Folk Club had received permission from P&KC to use the park, the CC had no jurisdiction. In conclusion the CC asked the Folk Club, as a matter of goodwill, not to allow uncontrolled access of vehicles to the park. A compromise was reached whereby camper vehicles would be confined to the car park but any overflow of cars would be allowed through to the grass area between the path and the road to the south of the car park.

TREASURER'S REPORT Already circulated.

GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £5,399.80 made up of

Nursing Association Fund £4,511.00

Micro Grant £392.00

General Admin £496.80

Expenditures since last meeting:

- Donation to First Responders for PAD training £200
- Installation of electric connections and erection of Christmas Lights £1,254.

NEWSLETTER – BALANCE £ 4,962.08

SCHOOL FUND £741

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £11,102.88 at 3 March 2014

The majority of the money is held in the newsletter account but shown separately. Councillors were asked to submit any expenses, so that they can be included in the accounts up to the end of March. The item on the P&KC Admin Grant was discussed at this point, and Glenfarg CC will register a complaint with the CEO of P&KC regarding the way in

which changes to the admin grant have been handled, and the requirement to keep money for specific things in separate accounts, contrary to previous guidelines.

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE BY GDIB GDIB have now applied to another body for funding because of extra work being undertaken, so the proposed application to Glenfarg CC has been withdrawn at the moment. It is not yet known if the matter will be resolved by the end of March. The signage in question is, for example, to the Wallace Park, the Avenue, the Church, the Village Hall etc.

NOTICE BOARD The current one is not thought to be appropriately sited and needs some maintenance. It was originally gifted by David Meldrum, and was to be on the shop wall, but the owner at the time didn't agree. Enquiries will be made regarding size and cost of a new one with a view to ordering it before the end of March, and the present owners of the shop will be asked for permission to site it on their wall.

PLANNING Report already circulated. There is currently some discussion over planning at the Hilton of Duncrervie Farm Steading where GS Brown already has permission for four houses. The owner of the adjacent farm has built a cattle court and is now applying for retrospective permission. The matter is ongoing. There are plans for parking on the grass in front of Bridge House, Hayfield Road, but apparently this would be over a culvert which would not stand the weight of vehicles. It is not known if objections have been lodged to the travellers' site at Mawcarse, which is not in the Glenfarg CC area. It is understood that building in the field next to Wallace Park is due to start on 3 April.

EMERGENCY PLAN Report already circulated. It has been approved so far, and further work will be undertaken.

NEWSLETTER No volunteers have been forthcoming to take on the Editorship, including those approached personally. The forthcoming edition will be prepared by the current editor, Cllr Armstrong, and finished by Cllr Macpherson. He feels that he isn't a suitable editor, but is prepared to keep things "ticking over" with help from Cllr Watson. Meanwhile a permanent editor is urgently required.

CORRESPONDENCE Already circulated. The Ochils – a special place. Auchterarder CC has asked all CCs with part of the Ochils in their area to form a group to communicate with a consultant from P&KC on this report. It was noted that the Vice Chairman of Auchterarder CC is Treasurer of FOTO (Friends of the Ochils). This is thought to be a narrow group wanting the whole of the Ochils designated a Local Landscape Area. It was agreed that more information was needed, but Glenfarg CC was willing to attend a meeting before making a commitment.

AOCB

TRACKS George Lawrie (TRACKS Officer) was present at the meeting and reported that the path round Loch Leven is due to be completely open by Easter, with Easter and Wester Balgedie finished by mid-April. Plans are also in hand for paths (less formal than that round the Loch) over the Lomonds and Benarty. The Hilton of Duncrervie path is back on

the agenda. Cllr Arnold to liaise with George Lawrie (TRACKS) and Tim Corcoran (Glenfarg Paths Group) to discern whether this path is open and useable. There is also the possibility of a path linking Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn via the railway tunnels, if there is sufficient interest. The meeting felt that there would be interest as paths were mentioned in the Glenfarg Conversation. This was thought to be a good use of the Lochelbank Wind Farm money.

Bus shelter It was noted that a reconditioned shelter may be available, and that the one at Cuthill Towers was purchased by local residents, and installed by P&KC. It was agreed that no further shelters were required, and Cllr Robertson would be informed.

Tayplan Meeting on 17 April, 6.30 – 8.30. Contact Cllr Watson if interested in attending.

Wind Farm There are plans to move timber both ways between Binn Farm and a new plant in Markinch. Residents of Gateside want all movement to be through Glenfarg, rather than Gateside and Abernethy. The view of Glenfarg CC will need to be taken to the next Binn Farm Community Engagement meeting in early April. It was noted that there is already a requirement for traffic to travel on the M90 to Bridge of Earn and along the Baiglie straight.

A planning application is to be lodged by June this year for the erection of five additional turbines within two years. This would result in a more generous CBF payment, equivalent to that suggested by the Scottish Government. It was mentioned that Glenfarg wants community involvement, and Binn Farm is keen for involvement from Earn, Gateside, Glenfarg and Abernethy. An exhibition of the final application will be held in Bridge of Earn, and it was felt that there would be no impact for Glenfarg. The turbines would be sited in a hollow, so would not be visible.

Litter It was asked if the CC could lobby SITA, Binn Skips and P&KC regarding litter in the Glen and on the Baiglie straight. There are overflowing skips at the end of the Binn Farm road. Cllr Cuthbert will raise the matter with P&KC and Cllr Watson will write to John Ferguson.

Glenfarg Conversation Foundation Scotland had asked if printed copies of the community profile were required, but it was thought that they weren't.

Tennis Pavilion Tim Corcoran was present and gave the Community Council an update on the Tennis Pavilion. Funding has been obtained from Sport Scotland, but not SITA, with no explanation being given. £30K has been raised, but other sources of funding need to be found for the remaining £10K. It is hoped that work will commence in April and will be finished in May.

Date of next meeting

Monday 12 May. This will take the form of the AGM followed by a shorter business meeting.



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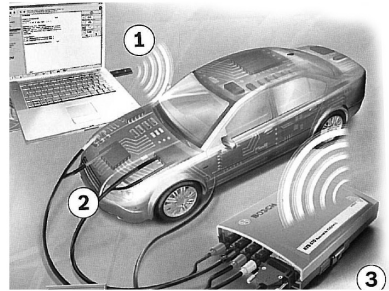
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