

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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Editorial



It was with some trepidation that I somewhat reluctantly joined the ranks of the distinguished previous editors of this august publication. However I have found the job to be interesting and enjoyable. This has been largely as a result of having a wonderful assistant editor in Janet.

In this issue are many interesting articles including a letter from Mark Crossey (the village shop), a report of the Great Glenfarg Bike Run, news of Ruby Peace, a recipe for Christmas pudding from Janet Little, the annual centre pages Christmas Quiz submitted by Dave Arnold and much else beside.

We sent our reporters from Arngask School Aiden Moloney P4, William Silcock P5, and from P7 Robert Greig and Elliot Wilkins to interview Mrs Imrie on her retirement see their report on page 23.

Be sure to check out the Diary of Events (page7) for all the exciting activities over the festive period. In particular, Santa is coming to Glenfarg on 16th December. We must be one of his favourite villages, for him to be making this special trip! Look out for him around the village from about 5.30pm onwards.

The newsletter is only as good as the contributions that are sent to the editor. So I would like to thank all our contributors many of whom are regular subscribers to the newsletter.

I would also encourage anyone with information, a story, or an article, which might be of interest to the Glenfarg community to send copy to the newsletter@glenfarg.org where it will be seriously considered for publication. Be aware there is a deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter. The date is always to be found on page 2.

Finally the festival season is on us again so let me on behalf of all here at the Glenfarg newsletter wish you all a sumptuous Christmas and an outstanding New Year.

Robin Watson.

Loch Leven Health Centre

Christmas and New Year Closing

Loch Leven Health Centre will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday 25th December and Friday 26th December.

Thursday 1st January and Friday 2nd January.

NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service will be providing emergency cover on the Thursdays and Fridays when we are closed. They can be contacted on our usual emergency number –111. We would ask patients to please only contact them with a medical emergency which cannot wait until we re-open. Thank you.

We would ask all patients to please make sure that they have sufficient medication to last over the Christmas and New Year period. If your medication will run out over Christmas and New Year, please ensure that you submit a request for your medication by Friday 19th December. We receive a greatly increased number of requests at this time of year and therefore need a bit of time to process them all. Repeat prescriptions may now be ordered on line. If you have not yet signed up for this service, you can do so on our website: www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk

The doctors and all the staff at the Health Centre would like to take this opportunity to wish all their patients a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Festive Period Kerbside Collections

There will be no domestic collections on 25/26 DECEMBER or 1/2 JANUARY

25 DECEMBER: Duncreevie green bin collection changes to Saturday 27

26 DECEMBER: Glenfarg green bin collection changes to Sunday 28

1 JANUARY: Duncreevie blue bin collection changes to Saturday 3

2 JANUARY: Glenfarg blue bin collection changes to Sunday 4

There are no scheduled brown bin collections from 22 DECEMBER to 4 JANUARY. Collection dates will return to normal from 5 JANUARY

Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
1st December	Folk Club Sandy Watt Quaich Song Competition	The Glenfarg
3rd December	Arngask School Christmas Fayre	Arngask School 2pm
4th December	Forestry Commission drop-in scoping meeting	Village Hall 3 to 7pm
5th December	Glenfarg Community Cinema 'Jersey Boys'	Village Hall 7.30pm
6th December	Arngask Church Christmas Sale	Village Hall 10am
6th December	Glenfarg Folk Club Winter Ceilidh	Village Hall 7pm
11th December	SWRI Singalong Rural Choir Entertainment	Village Hall
14th December	Christingle Service	Arngask Church
16th December	Santa comes to Glenfarg. Look out for him early evening	Around the village
19th December	Community Cinema Children's Film 'Frozen'	Village Hall 1.30pm
21st December	Ebola Fundraiser	Village Hall 2pm
31st December	Legendary Hogmanay Ball	The Glenfarg 7pm
7th January	Accordion and Fiddle Club	Village Hall 7pm
12th January	Glenfarg Community Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.30pm
16th January	Glenfarg Community Cinema	Village Hall 7.30pm
24th January	Scout's Burns Supper	Village Hall

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
Monday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	Beavers
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	Badminton
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	Soup and Chat
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	WRI
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	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'



Invitation

The Forestry Commission

are hosting a public scoping meeting at Glenfarg Village Hall on the 4th of December to discuss proposals to plant Springhall, a former farm located 2 miles south of Glenfarg.

This meeting is an informal event which runs between 15:00 and 19:00 hours and is an opportunity for members of the public to view and comment on outline forestry proposals for the area through plans on display and discussion with members of staff.

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ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



Have you seen the new TV adverts for John Lewis and Marks and Spencer? Not sure if the one with fairies works, but the John Lewis one is good, emphasising the joy of love and being loved, but it has rather lost some impact since the cuddly penguins from John Lewis are now selling on e-bay for £500 each!!

Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
Church of Scotland

On the other hand Sainsburys, in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, have tried a different tack, emphasising the need for human compassion, understanding and peace. This collaboration is in order to give support to wounded service personal and service families in need.

You could possibly accuse Sainsburys of jumping on a band wagon, but their advert does actually refer directly to the reason for the season: i.e. the holy night when a child was born in Bethlehem.

The giving of gifts is traditional but in a time when so many children around the world are denied that joy due to war and other human derived misery, it should serve to remind us as to just how fortunate most of us are in this country. Seeing some of the young people of Glenfarg in church on Remembrance Sunday and sharing in their tea party in the hall afterwards, gave us a glimpse of how healthy and happy young people ought to be.

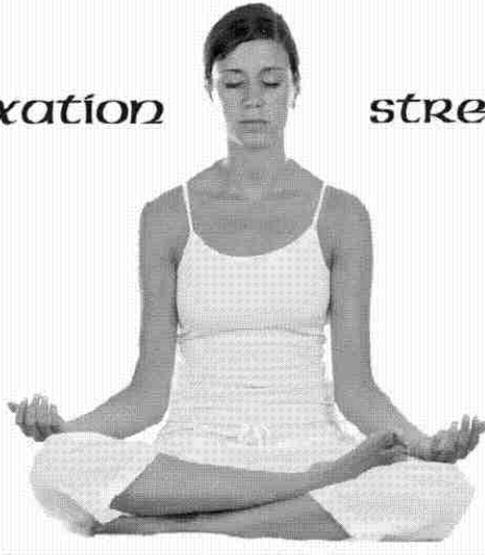
Over the coming weeks there will be several opportunities to participate in Church services for the Advent and Christmas season.

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30th November Morning service at 11.00am for First Sunday in Advent
 30th November LECT (Lower Earn Churches together) service Abernethy Church for St Andrew's Day at 4.00pm
 14th December Christingle Service, especially for children, in Arngask Church at 6.30pm
 21st December A special Sunday Club Family Service at 11.00am
 24th December Carols for Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall
 24th December Watchnight Service in Arngask Church at 11.30pm
 28th December Joint service in Abernethy for the last Sunday of the year at 10.30am

Starting on Sunday 4th January service times on Sunday will swap! Services in Arngask Church will be at 9.30am and Abernethy Church at 11.00am



HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all
 Rev Moira Herkes

Baptism

At the service in Arngask Church on Sunday 16th November the Rev Moira Herkes baptised Frederick Aubrey MacNish Thorburn.

Christmas Sale

Saturday the 6th December in Glenfarg Village Hall from 10am until 12 noon. There will be the usual stalls, Christmas Hampers, and Prizes to be won and Refreshments.

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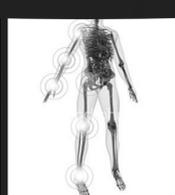
Remembrance Service

There was a very good attendance at the Service of Remembrance held in Arngask Church on Sunday 9th November where the congregation was welcomed by David Elder playing the pipes. There was a particularly good turnout by the uniformed youth organisations who paraded with their colours. The service was conducted by the Rev. Moira Herkes and the readings were given by Rachel Todd, representing the Scouts, and Alex Johnston, representing Glenfarg Community Council. The Retiring Offering taken at the end of the service raised £100.17p for Poppy Scotland. After the service, 'at the going down of the sun', the congregation walked to the war memorial where the silence was kept and wreaths were laid. Following this everyone repaired to the village hall where all enjoyed delicious cream teas organised by the Scouts.

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Glenfarg Folk Club

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SANDY WATT QUAICH

Monday 1st December. All £3. The Club's own annual song competition in which the aim of the performers is to provide a high degree of pure entertainment for the audience. So come and laugh with joy or cry with sadness; either way, entertainment in any form is the order of the night. Music starts 8.00pm.

FORGAITHERIN

Monday 8th December. Members £5, non-members £8. A return for another fund-raiser for the Club for our 4 Club members, Lesley and Hugh Toner, Hamish Grant and John Reid. After their success last year, another night of all-round entertainment is promised. Come and support the Club and the group and help build up the coffers for Folk Feast 2015! Doors open 7.30pm, music starts 8.00pm.

SINGAROUND

Monday 15th December. £3 all. The final Club night of the year and the beginning of the festive season so come and get into the spirit with a rousing "Chorus Song" which just happens to be tonight's theme, although anything appropriate for Christmas would be equally acceptable. Music starts 8.00pm.

The Club is closed after 15th December until 19th January 2015.
Happy Christmas and a good New Year to all!

RAGGED GLORY

Monday 19th January 2015. £5 members, £8 non-members. We begin the New Year with a great 4 piece group from the Lothians who are making a big impact on the folk scene in Scotland, not least for their participation in the highly successful show, 'Far Far from Ypres'. Great vocals with harmonies, great songs, great musicianship and fantastic craic. A wonderful way to get our Club up and running for 2015! Doors open 7.30pm, music starts 8.00pm.

BURNS SINGAROUND

Monday 26th January. All £6. Once again we host our annual Burns singaround when we will provide the opportunity for everyone to flavour The Bard's songs and poems with renditions from the attendees. Haggis, neeps and tatties will also be on offer! Always a great night.

Glenfarg Bike trip to Aberdour:

A Bridge Two Forths. Contrived or what????!!!

Anyway, what initially looked like a 21 mile doddle down the M90 corridor to the Forth was actually a 60-mile-plus haul for 38 bikers from Glenfarg on September 20th, and then a lovely weave back through beautiful Fife countryside on the Sunday. And not a drop of rain on either day!



It was an 8:30 start we made from the hotel, down and around the loch to the Cleish Hills then contouring along the hills to Saline for a fabulous breakfast at Saline Golf Club. After that, over the hills and far away to Culross and up the Forth to Kincardine Bridge. I was on shift at the now cleared Kincardine Power Station on a Sunday morning in 1988, the last time that Kincardine Bridge swung open to allow a sizeable boat from Stirling out into the north sea. That was the last time Stirling could be considered a 'port' although it had been for the previous many thousand years. No time to dwell on it that Saturday, as on

we swept over the bridge to the Powfoulis Manor for lunch.

The Powfoulis specialises in weddings, so quite what they made of us, by now 45, turning up in lycra, tee-shirts and mud, they were too kind to say. But after a good lunch of soup and sandwiches, off we set again for a brief visit to the magnificent Kelpies, skirting the industrial giant which is Grangemouth to Blackness Castle, another



undiscovered gem. Fabulous afternoon sunshine, gentle exercise, an ice cream and a bit of historical culture....bliss.....sheer bliss.

For our second bridge we chose the Forth Road, 1963 vintage as the other possibility isn't finished yet. Still, with the Clackmannan Crossing and the

Independence Bridge, it gives us the chance to repeat this trip in 2016. But back to the 2014 version.

Inverkeithing, Dalgety Bay into Aberdour and a sumptuous pint outside the Cedar Inn in fading warm sun, before dinner and a sedentary social evening, nursing worn bones, stretched muscles and blistered bums, talks of pedal-powered derring-do, punctuating punctures and slipping sprockets before a thoroughly deserved night's sleep, breakfast and another day in the saddle. Another long sentence.



Sunday was if anything brighter than Saturday. Some of us walked down to Silver Sands, others had a more leisurely breakfast before a tour through the Fife Glens, Puddledub, Auchtertool, Dundonald, Cardenden, Auchterderran! The names are endless but no-one wanted the ride to be shorter than it was. Yet another ice cream at Findatie before lunch at the Balgeddie Toll and home. Thoroughly satisfied and ready for Autumn.

This was our 10th consecutive year and Sheona Stewart was kind enough to organise a thank-you to me for organising the weekends. Thank you to all who played a part in that. But also I'd like to thank everyone who has taken part in any of the rides. There has never been a single moan from any of the participants- not even Bob who hit the tree on year 1, Alison who was lost and fell down a banking this year, Pierette who took a hefty tumble on the way back from Callander, Lillian who hated cycling in the driving rain back from Aberfeldy, Caroline who almost fell in the Tay on the way to Wormit, Sadie who couldn't feel her bum near Freuchie, Big Al who spent the first 4 years in his car as back-up, Fiona's daughter-in-law Jenny who made the most sumptuous cakes for breakfast on the way to Comrie Croft, Donna and Paige who never got their ceilidhs, Sheona Reid who has been on a bike-too-small on almost all of the rides, Iona who broke her collarbone on the Wickes, Ian who carried 40 bikes over a raging torrent in Glen Artney, Elliot and Freya who did the whole Wickes o' Baglie back from Glen Clova. But who could ever forget Richard's rendition of Twist and Shout???

Tim Corcoran.



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POPPY SCOTLAND APPEAL 2014

In a year that saw the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1, the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the withdrawal of British Troops from Afghanistan, the amount raised by our community for the 2014 Poppy Appeal totalled £327.58.

A big thank you to all who gave. The money will go towards supporting veterans in need in Scotland and their families.

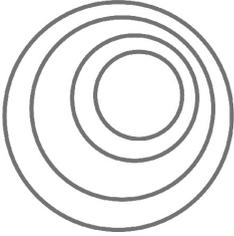
Kate Arnold.
for Poppy Scotland.



Ruby Peace has moved

I am Mrs Peace's daughter Jessma. My sister Helen and I would like to thank the people of Glenfarg for looking after our mother while she resided at 24 Greenbank Road. Everyone was so kind to her and kept an eye on her. She lived there for 44 years. Unfortunately she kept having falls, especially during the night and really couldn't stay there any longer. She was very loath to leave the village and all her many friends. However she isn't far away. Just along the road in Ashley House in Milnathort. I am sure she will be very pleased to see anyone who would like to visit her there. She will be 99 years old next June as I'm sure many of you know. Thank you all once again for your kindness and caring.

Yours sincerely Jessma Lindsay and Helen Maxwell.



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Mrs Imrie Retires

When Mrs Imrie announced her retirement from Arngask School the Newsletter sent our intrepid assistant reporters Aiden Moloney P4, William Silcock P5, and from P7 Robert Greig and Elliot Wilkins to interview her. Here is a summary of their reports.



Q1 When did your career start?

In 1972 she began her career in Comrie for two years then north district Perth

Q2 What was the highlight of your career?

Not one thing was the highlight, it was the whole time in her career.

Q3 Why did you want to become a teacher?

The holidays!! She didn't really think about it, she just decided.

Q4 Why do you like Art so much?

She came to like it because nobody could say it was good or bad, but you could say 'It's not my type.'

Q5 What stage do you like teaching?

She doesn't have a favourite primary stage, she liked whatever stage she was teaching, especially primary 4/5

Q6 What was the most memorable moment of your career?

Taking a dive when measuring the Titanic on the pitch (at the time she was thinking 'don't cry, don't swear!'). Aidan (Dunn) was saying 'Can you hear me Mrs Imrie? Talk to me Mrs Imrie.' He was very worried.

Q7 What do you plan to do in your retirement?

Enjoy it - she will do art, reading, gardening and holidaying at cheaper times, not at peak periods.

Q8 What did you do before you started teaching?

She worked at the petrol station pumping petrol, the petrol station was across from the Perth Prison.

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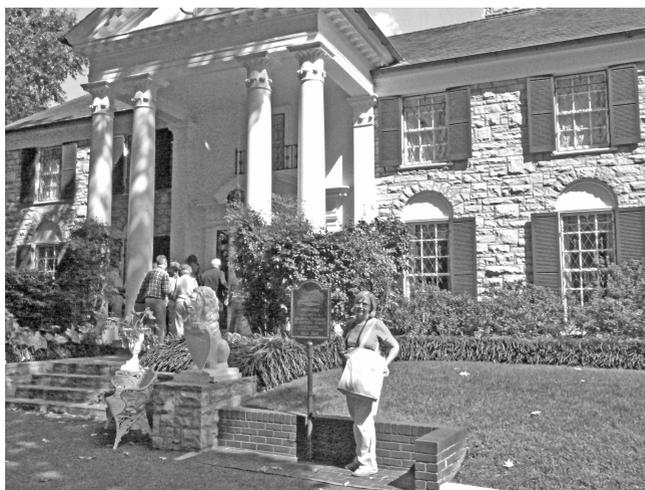
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Glenfarg Community Cinema



On 14th November, more than 50 people came to the Village Hall for goulash, apple strudel and a film "The Grand Budapest Hotel".

The meal was voted a hit, with a long queue of people holding out their bowls and asking for "More please".

Later, on their way home, they voted on the film itself. The reaction was mixed. If you like "weird", then you will love this film. If you don't - well, you won't!

A couple of our audience thought it Awful and 6 thought it Poor. For 17 it was OK. 26 thought it Good and 8 voted Fantastic!

Obviously, a lot of well-known actors did like it, with cameo roles for Tilda Swinton, Jeff Goldblum, Harvey Keitel, Jude Law and Bill Murray. Looks like they had a lot of fun.

Jersey Boys 5th December 7.30pm

Come prepared to join in with the songs. If you're as old as me, you will probably know them all. Based on the hit stage musical, the film tells the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The code of honour they learnt on the streets of New Jersey gets them through a multitude of challenges.

Frozen 19th December 1.30pm

An end-of-term film for kids and carers. Go home (or go to someone else's home) for lunch, then come down to the Village Hall prepared to sing along with the words on screen. Please make sure someone is around to look after younger children. If you don't want to watch the film, we will have tea / coffee/ cake in the meeting room. Bring your own celebration drinks and chocs.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL £3 tickets on sale in the shop from 5th, also selling at the school 8th & 15th pm. TUCK SHOP - so bring pocket money!



Glenfarg Village Store



*Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Festive Opening Times

Christmas Eve	7am to 12pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	9am - 2pm
Sat. 27th	9am - 7pm
Sun. 28th	9am - 7pm
Mon. 29th	9am - 7pm
Tues. 30th	9am - 7pm
New Year's Eve	7am - 3pm
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A Letter From Mark



My Mother stopped speaking to me when I told her that we were buying a shop in a small Scottish village. She was petrified that we were making the biggest mistake of our lives, that we wouldn't fit in or be accepted and that we were leaving the security of London.

When I saw the team of volunteers standing outside my shop on the 12th of September ready to start painting, I had a little smile to myself and wished that she were around to

see the friends that we have made and the level of goodwill we feel directed towards us.

I can't think of anyone who is getting it easy at the moment, everyone I speak to is feeling the pinch, and we are no different, but we are hanging in there, to fail at this is not an option. I love this village and despite the fact that Russell and Joe grumble and moan, they also know which side their bread is buttered!

One of the first things we noticed was how well mannered and confident the kids from Arngask primary are, quite astonishing, I really hope the teachers and parents know what an excellent job they are doing.

Then there are the teenagers, well they are teenagers but at least you aren't afraid that they will attack you if you look at them the wrong way! In London, on the underground or in the suburbs you tend to avoid eye contact at all times!

(continued overleaf)

And of course there is the community in general, the pride you feel for your village, your beautiful gardens, the total lack of litter, and the way everyone looks out for each other. I have decided that I want to grow old here.

Then there are my volunteers, well DIY SOS they weren't! I have never seen so many kneepads in one place at one time, but they were keen and thorough and had the expertise that comes with age!

Joking aside, we could never have achieved what these guys did in just a few days, the front of the shop looks fantastic and we are extremely grateful, we are looking forward to our 4th anniversary on December 17th and hope to see each and every one of you over the season so that we can buy you a drink. Failing that, if any of you need a kidney or a Cornea, just ask.

Thank you,
John Armstrong, Andy Fenwick, Brian Harrison, Eric Hayward, Ian Campbell, Ced Wilkins, David Aird, Ian Pilmer, Brian Todd, John Allison, and Matthew Gorrie.

Thanks Kate, who not so much talked me out of battleship grey for the outside walls, but told me point blank that it wasn't happening! You were right.

Thank you to the wonderful Jean Connolly who saw what was happening and immediately thought, 'What can we do?' so she sent Bill down with refreshments for the workers.

A final note to my wee Mother Issy, You weren't often wrong, but on this occasion, you most definitely were!

Mark Crossey



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Sometimes the quiet ones are best!

The Glenfarg Community Cinema struck great success with 'Wadjda', the film shown in October. Not only was it rated Fantastic by two-thirds of the audience and 'Good' by the other one-third, it attracted a large number of people.

'Wadjda' a film made in Saudi Arabia by a Saudi woman, is about a young girl's desire to have a bike. But the 'real' story is about life for women and girls in Saudi society. A

beautiful story, beautifully told through cinema, 'Wadjda' will perhaps be the surprise big hit of the 2014/15 Community Film season.



The screening of the main film was preceded by a film of the 10th Great Glenfarg Bike Run, which this year did the grand tour of Fife. Great reserves of energy and enthusiasm (they said to include that bit) were on display as cyclists of all skill levels plied their way around the highways and byways of some wonderful local scenery. As a mark of thanks for all his effort, over many years, in organising the Run (no mean feat in itself), participating cyclists made a presentation to Tim Corcoran.



A raffle with (mostly) 'cycling-related' prizes was held and thanks go to those who donated them, including Halford's, Richard's Bike Shop, and a local young person who works in a sports shop in Perth.

So, yet another wonderful night at the increasingly popular Glenfarg Community Cinema. If you haven't been yet, then check out the calendar in the shop window or at <http://www.glenfarg.org/Clubs/cinema.shtml> and give yourself a great night out.



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All you have to do is answer the questions overleaf, pull out these middle pages and post your entry in the box in the Village Shop **by noon on Monday 5th January 2015.**

GOOD LUCK!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
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Entertainment, Music & Art

1. Name the reggae singer who died on 11th May 1981 in Miami.
2. Who composed the opera “Rigoletto”?
3. Name the hugely successful musical nicknamed “The Glums”.
4. Who painted “The Fighting Temeraire”?
5. Name the actor who stars in the recently released film “Mr Turner”?

Scottish & Local

1. Who succeeded Alex Salmond as leader of the SNP in November 2014?
2. What is the smallest city in Scotland?
3. What disease killed 3,000 people in Glasgow in 1832?
4. Which Scottish city has given its name to a fruit cake?
5. Who runs the Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS)?

Christmas

1. Who was Scrooge’s dead business partner in “A Christmas Carol”?
2. Which monarch was the first to make the annual broadcast to the nation?
3. In what town was Jesus born?
4. In pantomime – what is the name of Aladdin’s mother?
5. What did Santa Claus win at Epsom in 1964?

The World

1. Name the river that flows through Baghdad?
2. The Canary Islands are named after which animal?
3. Which range of mountains separates France from Spain?
4. What is the capital of Switzerland?
5. Which American city was once called New Amsterdam?

History / Recent Events

1. Who is the leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP)?
2. Name the British General killed at Khartoum in 1885?
3. Which elite fighting force famous for their green berets celebrated their 350th anniversary in October 2014?
4. Whose assassination in Sarajevo in June 1914 eventually led to the First World War?
5. Name the Caribbean island invaded by the USA in 1983.

Sport

1. Which city hosted the 2014 Commonwealth Games?
2. In bowls, what is the target ball called?
3. Who won the Men's Singles at Wimbledon in 1985 aged just 17?
4. Which country won the 2014 FIFA World Cup held in Brazil?
5. How many players are there in a Rugby Union team (actually on the field of play; exclude substitutes)?

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Glenfarg W. R. I.

On the 9th October Margaret Cook demonstrated the art of flower arranging. She did three different arrangements which were later raffled.



Competition winners

3 Plain Oven Scones- 1st Liliias Johnston, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Allison Harrison

Decorated Plant Pot- 1st Lynda Stuart, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Jeanie Black.

Flower of the Month- 1st Jeanie Black, 2nd Allison Harrison, 3rd Sylvia Wall.

Our meeting on the 13th November was a very interesting visit to the Fair Maid's house in Perth. (Geographical Society). The evening ended with a cup of tea at the Village Inn, Bridge of Earn.

Dates for future meetings - Visitors welcome

11th December: Rural Choir Entertains

8th January: Matter of Opinion.

Electoral Registration System

Individual Electoral Registration (IER), which came into effect on 19 September, replaces the household registration system that has existed for almost a century with a requirement to register individually.

The Electoral Registration Officer for Perth & Kinross Council wrote to all electors across the council area to inform them of the change to the registration system.

Many electors will automatically move onto the new electoral register. However, some will need to take action to join or remain on it, which they will now be able to do online for the first time.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/yourvotematters.

If you did not receive a letter contact The Electoral Registration Officer for Perth & Kinross Council on 01738 630303 or perth@tayside-vjb.gov.uk



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Murrin's Table Sale

It was a cold and misty morning on November 15th when we rolled out of bed and down to the Glenfarg Village Hall to begin the preparations for our table sale. All started out quietly as the hall was set up with the help of family and friends, then as others who were manning their own tables began to turn up, a lovely community atmosphere began to build and that feeling did not diminish!

It was a table sale in order to raise funds for a new everyday/racing wheelchair for Murrin that would be robust and hardwearing but light enough to give freedom of movement. Sadly these things are not cheap, so we needed to get creative.

In the village hall we had a tea room with a home baking stall, a tombola (which was a big hit), the bigger prize raffle, guess the birthday bear, how many sweets in the jar and a back

row of tables that were close to breaking with clothes, bric-a-brac, books, toys and games. Then there were those who had their own tables that included toys, delicious fudge & tablet, cards & gloves, trinkets and some wonderful knitted creations!



in our village that we can say we not only hit our target but that we raised £1700!!! From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all and hope you have a wonderful Christmas, as with full hearts we have the pleasure of being closer to ordering Murrin's chair.



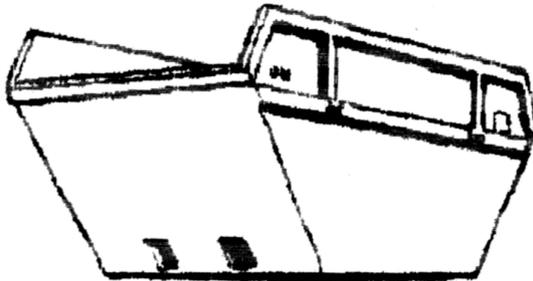
At the end of the day we had a lot of stuff left on tables but thanks to some contacts we were able to 'pay it forward' - we had a friend with a van come and take all the left over books to CHAS, the clothes went to a homeless charity and everything else went to an organisation that will help smaller charities. So the generous people of Glenfarg will not only be helping to make Murrin's life better and help her gain that much needed independence, but they have helped other in need all over Scotland!

It was our aim to raise £1000, to put towards Murrin's chair which totals a cost of £4000. It is with great pleasure and pride

Deborah Widley.



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JAKE'S BACKPACK APPEAL

During the summer Glenfarg pre-schooler Jake Rogers took part in Mary's Meals Backpack Project. This appeal helps families in countries suffering from poverty, famine or war, send their children to school to obtain an education. There were almost 20 items on Jake's list to go in each rucksack including pens, pencils & jotters, toothbrushes & toothpaste and clothes. The response from people in the village was fantastic and with the help of the lads at the shop who very kindly let Jake have a collection box there, he managed to make up 15 complete rucksacks and also several bags of additional items which will help complete many more rucksacks. Jake's rucksacks will join more than 550 completed rucksacks which will be winging their way to Malawi in Africa. He would like to say a HUGE THANKS to everybody who helped him.



Glenfarg Village Hall

Annual Report 2014



The Hall committee is a group of local volunteers who endeavour to ensure that the Hall is genuinely a “Hall for All”. The assets of the Hall are held in Trust by Capita Trustees, but all decisions relating to the hall are made by the local management committee. The hall has seen some new activities recently, including the Community Cinema and chair exercises. Arngask Primary School has continued to make good use of the hall for parties, as well as the annual prize giving. The scouts have also held a number of events including a Burns night and a pudding night. The Arngask Parish Church once again held the Remembrance Day service in the hall. The hall has also been used for a wedding, Hogmanay party, fund raising events, “soup and a chat”, commercial presentations, mother and baby club, accordion and fiddle club, badminton, yoga, tennis club, WRI, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers, Folk Club, Arngask Church, and a variety of community meetings, elections and private functions. The hall diary is maintained on the Glenfarg Village website and users are encouraged to check availability before making bookings via email.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a small operating loss for the year to March 31 2014 of £381 after setting aside one off project grants and the write off of accumulated bad debt. The committee has continued to reduce running costs through more efficient management of the hall. Maintenance costs remain very low, as the majority of repairs this year have been carried out at cost by volunteers. Over the past year some repair work has been carried out to the roof and rones, and the hall has been redecorated. A dish washer has been installed in the kitchen, and the lighting in the hall has been renewed with energy saving lamps. I would like to thank our Property Convenor, Tim Corcoran, for all the work he has done to keep the hall in good shape.

Holding recurring costs down has once again allowed charges to be held at the

same level for the fifth year in succession. The simple hourly charging structure is both fair and affordable, and compares well with similar facilities in other communities. The hall has once again benefitted from donations – notably from the Fete – for which, many thanks. These donations, together with rental income, have ensured the continuing financial viability of the hall.

Following the acquisition of the site adjacent to the rear of the hall, the work, commenced in the previous year, has been completed. All grants offered in relation to funding of that project have now been received and the “Garden at Glenfarg Hall” was formally opened with a garden party on Saturday September 7th 2013. A cake was cut by Mrs Jean Ross, neighbour of the hall. The committee wishes to thank all the funders of this project: Perth and Kinross Community Environment Challenge Fund and the Quality of Life Trust, Awards for All Lottery Fund, The Scottish Government and Rural LEADER Programme, RWE NPower Renewables Lochelbank Community Fund, and the Glenfarg Community Council.

I would like to thank all our committee members, without whom the hall could not function. Thanks also to Elaine Morton who was, until recently, looking after the hall bookings; and to the hall cleaner, Kareen MacGregor. From time to time the hall receives donations - and I would like to thank all those who have generously supported this community facility.

With the completion of the Garden and car park the hall committee has plans to encourage the use of the garden for a range of outdoor activities. Although options are limited, signage to the hall from Main Street will receive attention, and funds are being sought to carry out this work.

The hall can only function with the help of our volunteer committee members. Many of the current committee have served for several years, and the whole community has benefitted from their support over the years. We now need new people to come forward to join the committee and share the job of looking after the hall. The committee meets quarterly, so being a committee member is not particularly demanding of your time. If you have read this report, and are interested in the future of the hall, then please talk to me on 830300 and consider helping out on the committee. We would warmly welcome new members!

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The Hall Keeper will be self-employed and will report to the Hall Management Committee.

Remuneration will be £45 per week

It is essential that the Hall Keeper be a computer user, familiar with e-mail, and able to keep computer based records, correspondence, and the hall diary.

Further details and an application form are available from Cedric Wilkins, Woodlands, Church Brae, Glenfarg, 01577 830300 or email cedric.wilkins@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is Friday December 12th



ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER/EMERGENCIES?

In recent years Glenfarg and the surrounding area has suffered heavy snowfalls, gale force winds and electricity blackouts. It could happen again so here is some advice and suggestions to help you prepare for a bad winter and emergencies:

- If you lost your electricity supply, how will you see in the dark? How will you keep warm? How will you cook food? Do you have a log burner or a coal fire? Do you have cylinder gas?

Think about having torches (and spare batteries) handy or camping type lanterns. Consider also camping gas cookers and portable gas heaters.

Do you have a caravan you could use or can you go to a relative, neighbour or friend?

Consider whether you need a portable generator and whether you want to be able to connect it directly into your electrical circuits (our local electricians can advise).

- Keep enough food, water and other essentials in your home to last at least 3 days. Tinned and dried foods are ideal as they have a long shelf life.

Remember, if you lose your electricity supply your refrigerator and freezer will no longer work.

Think about how you will cook/reheat food if you have no electricity.

Don't forget your pet(s) – keep a couple of extra tins of pet food in your cupboard.

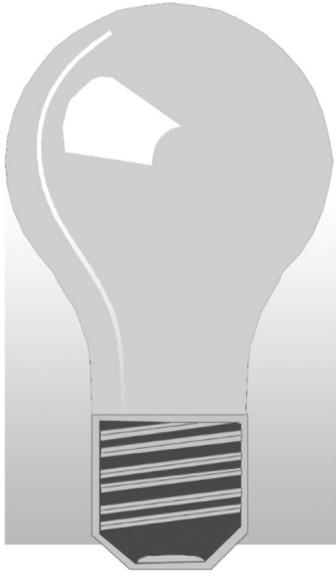
- If you lose your electricity supply you will also lose your television, mains radio and probably your internet connection and landline telephone. So think about how you will keep in touch. If you have a mobile phone and a storm is forecast, keep it fully charged and use it sparingly in case the electricity is off for several days.

Do you have a battery powered or wind up radio so you can listen to local news and warnings? Again, don't forget to have some spare batteries.

Keep emergency telephone numbers handy: NHS 24, Scottish Hydro, Scottish Water, etc. (All these are listed in the Glenfarg Newsletter).

- Do you know how to turn off your water supply and your electricity supply in an emergency?
- Do you have a snow shovel and some salt readily available?
- Driving/travel: If the weather is really bad you should consider whether you need to travel. If you cannot postpone your journey:
 - Check the weather forecast and road conditions;
 - Allow extra time;
 - Take a fully charged mobile phone;
 - Make sure your car is ready for severe weather and consider fitting winter tyres;
 - In your car carry: an ice scraper and de-icer, a torch, warm clothes and a blanket, a first aid kit, battery jump leads, a snow shovel, food and a warm drink in a flask
- Finally, please remember Glenfarg is a community, we help each other: if it is safe to do so, check on your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly, alone, vulnerable or have young children. Help each other to clear snow, do shopping, collect medicines, etc.

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225g/ 8oz mixed fruit including currants, raisins and sultanas
25g/1oz each of glace cherries, candied peel and stoned prunes, chopped
half a lemon and half an orange – the grated rind and juice
1 small apple peeled, cored and chopped
75g/3oz shredded vegetarian suet
50g/2oz fresh breadcrumbs
50g/2oz dark soft brown sugar
40g/1.5oz plain flour
25g/1oz ground almonds
1/2 teaspoon mixed spice and a pinch of ground ginger
1 small egg
1/4 pint stout
50ml/2fl oz rum or brandy or sherry or madeira
1 tablespoon milk



Method:

Mix together all of the dried fruit, apple, peel, cherries, prunes, suet, breadcrumbs, sugar, flour, ground almonds, spices, orange and lemon rind and juice in a large bowl.

Beat the egg with the milk and pour into a well in the dry ingredients. Then stir in the stout and your choice of spirits and mix it all together. A lot of stirring is required and traditionally everyone in the family would have a turn at stirring the mixture.

When everything is well mixed, cover the bowl with cling film or foil and leave it to stand in a cool place for 24 hours.

Give the mixture another stir before transferring it to a greased 2 pint pudding basin. Prepare a domed lid that is much wider than the bowl from a double layer of greaseproof paper or baking parchment and tie it on securely with string. It is now time to cook the pudding.

Steaming – 8 hours, on a trivet in a large pan, making ensure that the pan does not boil dry.
Pressure cook – Use a triple layer of greaseproof paper for the lid, or a single layer of paper plus a layer of foil – tied securely. Steam for 30 minutes then cook at pressure for 2 and a half hours

Microwave – in this case the cover can be cling film. Cook for 8 minutes at 650 watts

Once the pudding is cooked, allow it to cool down completely before removing the cover and wrapping it in fresh greaseproof paper for storage until it is needed. This pudding improves with keeping.

Reheat by steaming for a couple of hours or reheat in the microwave for 2-3 minutes at 650 watt.

My brother in law always serves this covered with flaming brandy, spectacular in low light, and definitely adding to the taste

Janet Little.

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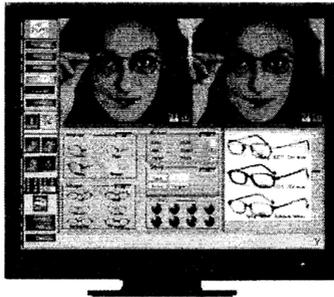
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Glenfarg Paths Group

We had a paths meeting recently. This is the group which came from the Glenfarg Conversation towards the end of last year, 2013. And largely due to the input of Rob Duncan, one of our newest Community Councillors, we have made great progress. We are on the verge of printing a leaflet which incorporates Perth and Kinross Council's work towards a Core Path network, with favourite routes around Glenfarg, Arngask, Duncreevie, Drunzie, Old Fargie, Rossie Ochil and environs.

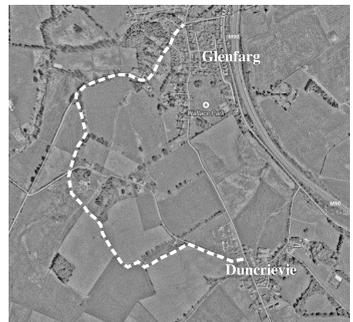
There are routes long and short, including short rounds of the Hilltown and of Arngask and Wallace Park. The longer ones go round Lochelbank and the reservoir. Our intention is to launch our routes when PKC are ready to launch their Core Paths. We want to have everything ready for March next year. Then, on March 28th, we have this idea for lots of inhabitants and friends of Glenfarg deciding which of the walks they would like to 'christen'. We would then stagger departure times so that everyone out on a walk ends up back at a predetermined destination at, say, 5pm for a bit of a social event. It would be a great way of declaring that winter was done!

On other issues, we have submitted pictures of the main road footpath between Cafford Brae and the 30 limit on the approach to the village. This was the area that people were disappointed with, and it's hoped that PKC will do something about it.

The drainage problem at The Avenue behind the war memorial was again discussed. This is a continuing problem which should be a great off-road route for children to get to school, but its boggy state prevents this. We decided that as this is the original "Great North Road", we would try to get a more substantial solution than the multitask approach of finding owners, applying for permission, raising funds etc. To this end, we're going to approach George Lawrie of TRACKS to see if we can get a concerted approach.

The track down from the old Arngask Church was talked about and it was agreed that the Core Path route off the hill, to the north towards Paris Bridge was a far more acceptable route than the route east towards the Manse.

The other area which we would like George to engage himself with is the route out of the Hilltown of Duncreevie. Our preferred route would be to make the stile on the core map more useable and after the right angle turn, continue on that trajectory, well to the right of the cabins and their related sauna to cross the Hilltown road about 100 yards from its junction with the Milnathort Road, and establish a new bit of path along the field boundary to emerge onto the Milnathort road just before the Glendy turn. It's on the map attached.



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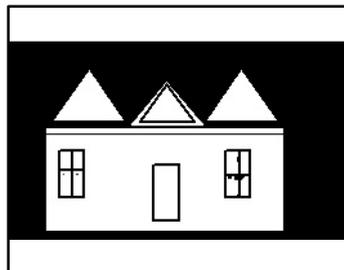


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On becoming a Bishop, Steven & Difference were sent to Kaliyeka District to start their new Assemblies of God Church. Their first service was held under a Mariana tree with only 10 people supporting them. Now they have a temporary church with a congregation of over 100.

Steven is now trying to raise funds and needs MK2,500,000 (Malawian Kwacha), which equates to approximately £3800, to purchase a plot of land on which to build a permanent church. *(continued overleaf)*



It is a challenging situation for him because their church uses a system of self-support, self-governance and self-propagation and Steven is asking us if there is any way we can assist him.



Quoting Steven: “I have totally ventured into a different safari unlike that one of taking people into places of interest now it’s about taking the prostitutes, drunkards, robbers, people of this type into the Kingdom of God and there’s great joy when I see people surrendering their lives to Jesus”.



“We feel that we cannot but try to help this couple who devote their lives to helping others.

We know Steven to be a trustworthy and genuine person.

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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT: CClrs Donald MacKenzie (Chairman), Janet Watson (Secretary), Dave Arnold (Minutes), Rob Duncan, Daniel Horsman and Alex Johnston. Also present: PKC Cllrs Willie Robertson and Michael Barnacle, PC Sadie Allan and four members of the public. APOLOGIES: CClrs Margaret Ponton and Gillian Vaughan.

The Chairman opened the meeting with two announcements: (1) Bill Macpherson has resigned from the CC; (2) Ruby Peace, our oldest resident, has left Glenfarg and is now living in a care home in Milnathort. It was proposed by the Chairman that the CC send her a card, a bunch of flowers and our good wishes. This was agreed unanimously;

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rob Duncan was proposed by Donald Mackenzie and seconded by Janet Watson. Dan Horsman was proposed by Janet Watson and seconded by Donald Mackenzie. Their membership of the CC had been validated by PKC. The chairman welcomed the two new members and wished them success in their new roles.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: This was held on 1st September. The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CClr Johnston, seconded by CClr Watson.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. The Effigy in Arngask Churchyard. How to best preserve this historic effigy is still being discussed/investigated. An application has been made to the Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund to pay for advice from a stone conservation specialist. A decision on the application is due on 12th November.
2. Micro Grants. The latest tranche of Grant funds has now been received.
3. The Avenue. There was a general discussion on the need to improve The Avenue and in particular how to install effective drainage. Cllr Watson made it clear that the gravel along the War Memorial wall was infill from when P&KC laid the drainage pipe and had not been dumped or caused the flood. From the floor, Ced Wilkins said he had emailed Jan Pedley with suggestions for Balfour Beatty who were offering volunteers for local projects. It was unclear whether this request was sufficiently detailed for Balfour Beatty. It was also thought that Tim Corcoran and the Paths Group might be

looking at the possibility of TRACKS taking over The Avenue. It became clear this matter requires a more co-ordinated approach and, as a first step, the Secretary was asked to contact PKC to see if they hold any plans (inc. drainage) for The Avenue.

4. Hilton of Duncreevie Core Path. The Paths Group is still looking at ways of linking the two existing paths and ensuring they are usable. However they have been unsuccessful in contacting the TRACKS Officer. Cllr Robertson offered to speak to George Lawrie, the TRACKS Officer to try and get some action on this matter.
5. Tennis Club Pavilion. The rubble has been removed and the area grassed, as originally planned.
6. Binn Farm Landfill Site. A letter has been received from the operator (SITA) explaining its decision to close the Landfill Site in September. This was in response to the chairman's letter of concern about how the matter had been handled.
7. Glenfarg Emergency Plan. CCllr Arnold gave an update on the Glenfarg Emergency Plan:

- a. The Plan is now ready for uploading onto the village website. It was agreed unanimously that it will include CCllrs landline home numbers only (i.e., not their home addresses, e-mail addresses or mobile numbers).
- b. Safety helmets, tabards, etc., for use by CCllrs and volunteers have been purchased. They will be located in the Village Hall in the near future.
- c. A new version of the EP will be issued to all CCllrs in the next week or so.

8. Police Report. PC Sadie Allan was present and referred to her written report that had been circulated prior to the meeting:
 - a. Tools were stolen from a van in Melville Terrace, Glenfarg.
 - b. There have been some break-ins in Kinross.
 - c. Some counterfeit notes (mostly £20 but some £10) have been circulating in the area. Banks, shops, etc., have been alerted.

PC Allan also confirmed that PC Dougie Stapleton has been moved to other duties and that she is now the Community Officer for Glenfarg and all of Kinross-shire. CCllr Arnold commented that this makes her our fifth Community Police Officer in around two years and that this was unsatisfactory.

9. Treasurer's Report. In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman gave a summary of her report (circulated prior to the meeting). He noted that the total funds held was a healthy £12,010 but added that a good proportion of that was already earmarked for various community projects.

The Treasurer requested permission to pay PKC for the erection of the Christmas

Lights in Main Street (this should be around £500). This was agreed unanimously.

10. Road Safety Report. CCllr Vaughan accompanied by CCllrs Arnold and Watson had a meeting with PKC's Road Safety Officers on 31st October 2014. The Chairman in the absence of CCllr Vaughan relayed the main points of her report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting):

- a. Road Safety & Lighting at the Ladeside/Church Brae/Greenbank Road crossroads will be the subject of surveys by PKC.
- b. A Road Safety Survey will also be carried out by PKC of the junction of Ladeside with Main Street i.e., by the hotel. PKC will consider putting in white lines to deter parking on the corners, also extending the junction and footpaths out into Main Street.
- c. PKC will investigate and cost the installation of electronic speed signs at either end of Main Street.

It was suggested that the Nursing Fund might be used to purchase the electronic speed signs, although other suggestions may also be made. A final decision would be made when full costings were available.

11. Planning Report. CCllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave a summary of his Planning Report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting). This summary included:

- a. A potted history of the cattle court/agricultural storage shed at the Hilton of Duncruevie. The latest application is 14/01826/FLL.
- b. The refusal of a wind turbine at Colliston Farm Duncruevie despite the lack of any objections. Cllr Barnacle noted there was currently a lot of inconsistency in decisions regarding wind turbines and that this may be improved following the Local Landscape Review which is ongoing. He also mentioned that the application for the proposed wind turbine at Temple Hill, which had been refused, is now the subject of an appeal to the Scottish Government. He also said that there was unlikely to be a public hearing and that a decision would be made on the written evidence provided and an unaccompanied visit to the site by the Reporter.
- c. The Planning Application for the proposed Wind Farm (four turbines) at Binn Farm is due any time. It is understood that no construction traffic will pass through Glenfarg.
- d. The Forestry Commission has purchased Springhall Farm, south-west of Glenfarg, and proposes to plant mixed woodland for commercial and

recreation purposes. A general discussion about this proposal ensued and included:

- i. The possibility of a community-owned wind turbine on site (Ced Wilkins, Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association);
- ii. Whether any public footpaths will be included (CCllr Duncan).

It is understood the Forestry Commission has organised a “Drop In Scoping Meeting” in Glenfarg Village Hall, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 4th December. The Secretary was asked to ensure that details of the meeting are widely circulated and to advise those groups with a vested interest (Paths Group, GREA, etc.) to ensure they have a co-ordinated approach/objectives.

12. Wallace Park. There was a general discussion on how Wallace Park could be improved:

- a. Cllr Barnacle reported that PKC had investigated the cause of the boggy area on the corner of the football pitch – which had been fenced off some time ago. A broken drain had been found and repaired so the area should now gradually dry up. Once dry, the fencing will be removed.
- b. CCllr Duncan noted that access to the Park for baby buggies, wheelchairs and mobile scooters was difficult due to the lack of dropped kerbs, the kissing gate leading to Birch Lane, etc. CCllr Duncan was asked to draw up a wish list of improvements and pass them to the Secretary for onward transmission to Dave Stubbs (the PKC Access Officer).
- c. Sadie Allan said that the children’s fixed wooden table/toys near the play area were dirty and covered with mould and asked if they could be cleaned. Cllr Robertson said that this would be an ideal task for community payback. All agreed. Cllr Robertson will pass details of the Payback Office to the Secretary.
- d. Two boughs have been brought down in the recent gales. One is on the Druid’s Mound near the changing rooms and the other is in the small copse near the path that runs parallel to Duncreevie Road. Neither is considered a safety hazard. Cllr Robertson volunteered to report them to the Parks Department.
- e. CCllr Arnold noted that the flagpole is now extremely rusty and is beyond repair. He asked if it can be removed. The Secretary will write to PKC requesting removal.
- f. CCllr Duncan observed that a dog mess bin is very near the children’s play area and asked if it could be moved. The Secretary was asked to write to PKC to

see if it could be moved some 6 metres towards the alleyway that leads to Elm Row i.e., next to the signpost.

- g. The Elm Row entrance to the park was observed to be very boggy, with a raised drain. Secretary to ask PKC if this can be improved.

13. Further Discussion on the Development of a Long Term Vision for the Community. This item had to be postponed because Tracy Ramsay, the Community Capacity Worker was unable to attend the meeting. This matter will now be discussed at the next meeting (12th January 2015). It was suggested that it would also be useful to have a member of the Planning Department present. Secretary to investigate.

14. Correspondence. The Secretary circulated a list of correspondence received since the last meeting. With regard to the question of blocked drains, it was noted that routine, programmed cleaning of drains is no longer carried out. They are now only cleaned in response to a complaint.

15. AOCB.

- a. The Secretary reported that the domain name glenfarg.scot is not yet available. It will be released at some future date. The Secretary has registered our interest.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. No-one has come forward to take over from James Mason. All present were asked to keep looking for a replacement.
- c. The Secretary reported on her initial investigation into purchasing a new CC noticeboard (which will be sited on the side of the Village Shop next to the mailbox). After discussion it was agreed that a good quality, weatherproof noticeboard capable of taking around 15 A4 size pages is the ideal. The Secretary was asked to investigate further and obtain quotes.
- d. Cllr Robertson raised concerns about the availability (or not) of the reports written by Conservation Officers. It appears they are currently not routinely seen by Cllrs, CCllrs and the public when dealing with Planning Applications. He is pursuing this matter through the Council. CCllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub Committee, totally agreed and supported Cllr Robertson.
- e. CCllr Vaughan (via a note) reported that details of our Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) had been passed to the Scottish Ambulance Service. SAS are now mapping location of all PADs so when someone dials 999 for medical help, the call handler can tell them where the nearest PAD is held.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th January 2015



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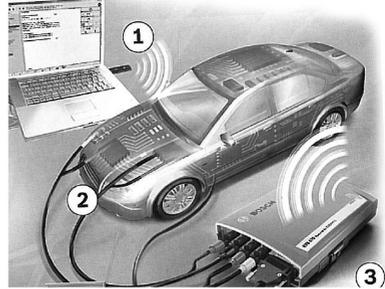
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