

# THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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# Editorial

Once again the children of the village feature prominently in the newsletter. In this issue are reports of the scout's Easter camp, the outstanding concert of Arngask's Got Talent, the World Wars Exhibition and the poem 'Peace At Last' by Sean O'Neill short listed in a national poetry competition.

The cover photograph by Christine Fotheringham pictures the group at Balvaird Castle participating in the Paths Group walk day. The Paths Group is organized by Tim Corcoran and Rob Duncan. See page 14 for Philip Ponton's article on the longest walk that day.

The Glenfarg Fete promises to be an exceptional day. Themed as a 'wild west' extravaganza special attractions are the 'bucking bronco' and the Broken Lance Western Re-enactment Society. Also featured will be the Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre and a hot air balloon.

The Glenfarg Art Exhibition, the brainchild of Mark Crossey was a huge success. There were many contributors in all forms of arts and crafts. Pictured here is the contribution from Muriel



Bell who in many ways was the inspiration for the show. It has been decided to repeat the exhibition next year. See page 16 for a full report.

Again many thanks to our regular contributors to the newsletter. Have you an article of interest to the community you would like included in the next issue? Send me your copy for consideration for publication.

Robin Watson.



# Glenfarg Windows

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# Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Soup & Chat	Village Hall 12.30 onwards
6 <sup>th</sup> June	GDIB Planting Day	Meet at Struan Cottage 10am
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Glenfarg Folk Club AGM	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Glenfarg Village Fete	Wallace Park 1.30 to 5pm
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Folk Club – Duncan McCrone Band	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Arngask School Sports Day	School Sports Field 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Family Fun Night	Arngask School 5.30pm - 8pm
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sunday Club	Arngask Church 9.30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Folk Club – Edwina Hayes	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
29 <sup>th</sup> June	LECT Guild - Elaine Waugh	Aberdalgie Church 7.30
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Arngask School End of Session Celebration	Village Hall 10am
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Glenfarg Community Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.30
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Folk Club Siobhan Miller and Aaron Jones	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Folk Club Terry Dey & Alan Brand/Alex Mckenzie & Brian Mcarthur	Downstairs@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
Monday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Yoga</b>
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	<b>Rainbows</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	<b>Badminton</b>
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	<b>Soup and Chat</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</b>

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website  
[www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)  
 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

# Glenfarg Grapevine

A Community Council initiative for all

## Email

Following the success of Dave Arnold's email circulation list, he requested that it be put on the same footing as the newsletter and website, by the Community Council taking ownership and appointing an editor (Dave). You will notice that, although the news still comes from Dave, it will be sent from [grapevine@glenfarg.org](mailto:grapevine@glenfarg.org). This move will hopefully ensure its continuation and improve the service enjoyed by many.

## Website

The [glenfarg.org](http://glenfarg.org) website will continue to be used as a reference site for all the news and events in the village. It will be updated regularly to reflect the activities in the community.

## Facebook

It was also thought that the time was right to move the community into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and have a village Facebook page.

The idea behind this is that it is a platform that anyone can post onto and converse in the sharing of events, needs and general information. It is now up and running and 73 people signed up to it in the first 24 hours. So, if you need to create a babysitting circle, want a lift, have something that someone else might want – the possibilities are endless and it's yours!

This is seen as being an information sharing page, not for advertising or 'soap box' opinion. In the initial stages the page is being administered and is private so you will need to request to join and post. The administrators are not there to edit, change or censor posts, just oversee the general content.

This may change later but let's see how it goes in the initial stages.

So, if you want to be kept up to date with what's happening or let everyone know what you are organising, then Glenfarg Grapevine is the place for you.

# ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



Abernethy and Dron  
and Arngask Parish  
Church of Scotland

## **Perth Presbyterial Council**

Thursday 4th June at 7.30 pm: Summer Meeting at Kinross Parish Church - Very Rev Lorna Hood, Moderator of the Church of Scotland 2013-14

Refreshments will be served at all meetings and a warm welcome is extended to everyone.

## **Sunday Club**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9.30am: Family Service in Arngask Church.

## **LECT Guild Forthcoming Events**

Monday 29th June at 7.30 pm: Aberdalgie Church - Elaine Waugh, Crossreach Manager, Perth Prison Visitors' Centre.

## **World Mission 2015 Stamp Appeal**

Over 35 million people worldwide are living with HIV. The Church of Scotland HIV Programme enables our partner churches to respond to the challenge of HIV in their communities. We support 29 projects in 17 countries including Scotland. You can help us to continue to support by donating your used stamps, please place used trimmed stamps in the box in the vestibule in Arngask Church.

## **Donating Money at No Cost?**

Just a minute, that isn't possible, is it? Well, yes it is! The Parish has signed up with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to access donations from on-line purchases. Even if you don't make on-line purchases other members of your family might and anyone can register to help the parish. When you register with the site, you register the fact that your preferred charity is the 'Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Church'. Registered with EasyFundraising are literally hundreds of on-line shops. All the big ones are there: Tesco, John Lewis, B&Q, M&S, etc. etc. When you want to purchase something from one of them, instead of going directly to their website, you go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) first and then select the company you want to purchase from. Coming from the EasyFundraising site tells the On-line shop that a small percentage (typically 1 to 2%) of your bill is to be donated by the shop to the Parish.

It really is as simple as that. The donation is not added to your bill, so it costs you nothing, it comes as a charitable donation direct from the On-line Shops profits. Only 1-2%, that's not much! True, but imagine if everyone in the congregation and their family generated just 50p, that's already £60. Someone booking a holiday, that could be worth £30 in a single transaction! The total value can mount up very quickly. Tesco are unusual in that only the first purchase is donated from, so make it a big shop! This is the only such restriction that has been seen by me.

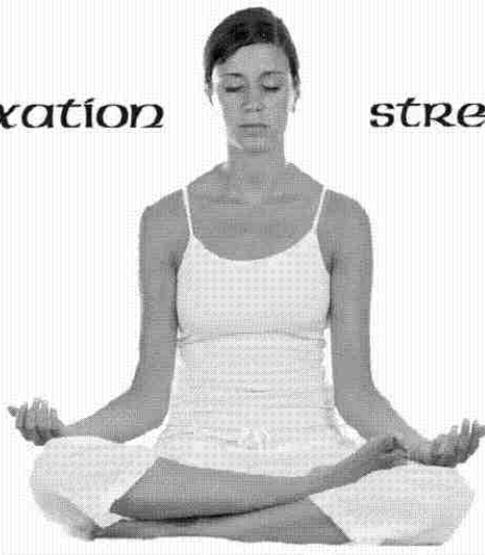
So, if you shop on-line, please register and use Easy Fundraising, if your family and friends shop on-line ask them to register and use Easy Fundraising. If you have any questions feel free to call the Session Clerk, contact details below.

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# The Annual Glenfarg Village Fete

So here is a date for your diary

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June in Wallace Park**

**1.30pm – 5.00pm**

## **And it's FREE**

This year will have a Wild West theme and is going to be a day full of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

The fete kicks off at 1pm with the Kids Fancy Dress parade and full details are available on the Glenfarg Website

The fete will feature the traditional Beer Tent, Tea Tent, Craft Stalls etc that we have come to love and expect, along with a host of stalls and attractions, which range from Ice Cream to Splat the Rat .. lots of opportunities to spend your hard earned cash and contribute to the funds which are returned to community groups in the village.

Main features this year to keep everyone entertained will be:

- Hot Air Balloon
- Wild West Re-enactment Show
- Horse Trampoline Demonstration
- Brass band
- Modern Dance Troup
- Bucking Bronco



There will be music throughout the afternoon and to keep the kips happy we will have the Clyde Built Puppet Show, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and much much more.

The Fete Raffle has some fantastic prizes this year and tickets are £2.00 for a book of 5 and are available from the shop or David Aird on 830370.

So what's not to like about this year's Village Fete .. come along and have a fantastic family fun day out and support your community.

Once the dust has settled there will be some evening entertainment in the form of a Bar B Q with music provided by Dave Watt and Friends. Tickets priced at £12.50 must be bought in advance from the shop or from one of the Fete Committee Check the website for details.

# Glenfarg Paths Group

I awoke bright and full of anticipation for my part in the Glenfarg Pathways Day but the weather did not awake with the same brightness. It was very cloudy with heavy rain and a strong wind was blowing. Oh well, I had agreed to lead one of the walks and went along to the village hall at 11.00am to meet whoever turned up. Our party included Isobel Sturgeon, Maud and Alex Swanson, Heather, Ced and Elliot Wilkins, Rory Stewart and Lisa Hepburn with her dog Diago. Well you can't have a proper walk without at least one dog!



Our route was the amalgam of the two longest routes on the newly produced brochure, a total distance of about 15 miles (24km). Luckily the rain had stopped when we set off and it stayed fine for the next 5 ¼ hours, albeit very blustery at times. We headed south on the Church Brae road as far as Newhill Farm then turned NW on the Path of Condie road, rising gradually to 790 ft (341 m) near Temple Hill. At Black Craigs we left the road



to go NE across country passing the head of the reservoir and coming to the Rossie Ochil road near Heathery Leas. We then turned NE heading away from the village for a short distance before heading across county once more and through the middle of Lochelbank Wind Farm. It was interesting to get a different and close up view of the turbines and

to hear the 'swish swish' of the giant blades. A short distance from the turbines

is Cairn Geddes at 912 ft (278 m) which is the highest point on the route. We of course took a dander to it and braved the winds to get photos on the cairn. Leaving the wind farm boundary we met the Wallace Road and turned N to head once more away from the village towards Dron Hill. Before the summit we noticed some figures in the far distance and thought for a minute they may be shooters, but as we got closer we could see that all they were brandishing were metal detectors! We enjoyed some banter with them before sheltering from the wind for a break in the ruins of West Dron Farm and pondering what it was like in its prime. It gives the impression that, perhaps, it was quite grand in its day. Refreshed we headed on to Dron Hill summit 820 ft (250 m) and took in the wonderful panorama of Bridge of Earn and beyond to the river Tay. The views are just wonderful from this vantage. At this point there were just four of us, Maud and Alex Swanson, Rory Stewart and myself.

The others had headed back to the village at various points due to different commitments, not because they couldn't make it.



From Dron Hill we retraced our steps back along the Wallace Road to the wind farm and headed south past

Lochelbank Farm, not the prettiest of routes, and home to Glenfarg. Luckily Tim Corcorran was in the village hall and had just tapped a barrel of beer and needed somebody to taste it. With 15 miles behind us we were just the people!

The company was convivial, we explored in detail places some of us had not been before and we were a small part of a village event which tempted and got many people out and around our lovely surroundings. The Ceilidh in the village hall completed yet another successful community event. Thanks to the organisers Tim Corcorran and Rob Duncan for making this happen. Philip Ponton.

# Glenfarg Art Exhibition

It all started with a portrait of Mark's mother, painted by Muriel Bell. Mark was so delighted, he wanted to organize an exhibition of Muriel's work. Then people started to tell Mark about all the other talented artists in and around Glenfarg. And so the first Glenfarg Art Exhibition was born.

Eventually, on the first weekend in May the exhibition opened with the work of 14 artists and 4 craft people on display. There were oil painters, water colourists, acrylic painters, photographers, embroiderers, jewellery makers, knitters and card makers.



Over the two days, nearly 150 people came through the door to wonder at the variety of work on show and to sit over tea and cake to discuss what they had seen. There were landscapes, portraits, animal studies, flora and fauna, action shots, still life, some miraculous in their realistic detail and others impressionistic and atmospheric.

Late on Sunday, some pieces were to leave under the arm of a new owner, taken to that place that had been waiting to be filled. Whilst other pieces, Not For Sale, were returned to the wall where they belonged.

Everyone agreed that the exhibition had been a great success. Could this be an annual event? Previously unsure if an art exhibition would pay its way, we had asked for a start-up grant from the Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund. With the overheads already taken care of, we have been able to set aside funds for next year and formally established a group, The Glenfarg Arts Project, to oversee the event.

So put the date in your diary – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

Artists, photographers, craft people – get busy. Having been inspired by chinese artist Lian Quan Zhen, Muriel is already planning to try an oriental style with inks and brushes. Can't wait to see the results next year!

After the success of the art exhibition, I would like to say thank you to a few people.

Firstly and most importantly to Janet Watson and Alice Mee (the real talent). Having never done anything like this before I made some rookie errors. Janet and Alice were both amazingly thorough and organized. It was a pleasure to work with them.



Deborah Widley, prepared all the artists' bios for us and designed the posters. She stepped in just a few weeks before the event and I put a lot of pressure on her already pressurized life. Thanks Debs, you were brilliant.

The ladies who bake! What can I say? At one stage we thought we were going to have to start selling cakes off, there were so many of them. You were so generous with your time and talent that I can't thank you enough. I will of course be asking you all to do it again next year.

All our lovely friends who gave their time to help set up and take down, to serve tea, wash up, man the sales desk, sell raffle tickets and generally kept the entire thing running, you really did make it a community event.

Finally, the artists, and craft exhibitors. I knew there was talent in Glenfarg but did not realize how blown away we would be with some of your work. We are already talking about next year's event, and hope to get a children's section and also get some young adults involved. So if you have a budding Picasso in the family please get in touch.

Mark Crossey

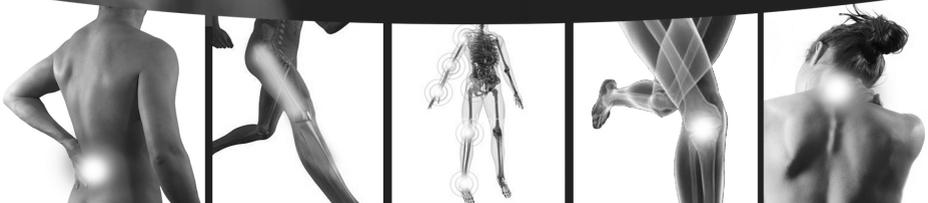
Thank you to the Art Exhibition team for allowing me to leave a donation box for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal in the village hall during their event. The amount collected was rounded up to £100 with other donations and sent to DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee). This amount could be used to provide emergency shelter for up to 4 families, showing that very little money can go a long way in such a crisis and since a second earthquake has hit the region, please continue to donate what you can.

Kate Armstrong

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# Glenfarg Tennis on the up!



There's lots happening down in Wallace Park these days.

Monday nights are taken up with women's league tennis, and despite struggling for numbers, the season got off to a promising start. Now, they are trying some of the newer, inexperienced players who are keeping their end up under pressure.

If you would like to start at any level from the most basic to any skill level, come along to fun, women's tennis on a Friday evening. Ring Tara 07539742325 for more details.

Tuesday evening's coaching. 4:30 to 5:30 is for younger kids, then children from 11 to 15 have a session from 5:30 to 6:30. Adult coaching, again for any level, is from 6:30 to 7:30 and we usually have a bit of a doubles session afterwards.

Wednesday is another fun session at our clubnights. Now that we have the clubhouse, it doesn't matter how many turn up. Everybody gets a turn again regardless of ability. We are trying to make it so that beginners hold sway from 7:00 to 8:30, then it gets a bit faster. All members are welcome, and anybody's welcome to join

Men's league tennis takes up Thursday night. The men's firsts have had an unbeaten start to their season and sit two points clear at the top of the league. The desperate plea we issued for a player to make up our second team unearthed a man who had been hiding his talents under a bushel, and we were able to fulfil our fixture obligations as usual. Despite this act of human kindness, the seconds were unable to hang onto their unbeaten start but sit third in their league.

At present, we don't have any Saturday coaching, but if a demand arose, we have a young eager coach dying to ply his trade. If anyone's interested or has kids who are interested, please give us a ring on 830879. Summers are made for tennis!

We are about to have our Wimbeldon draw, another bonus of tennis membership at the cheapest club in the East of Scotland. There's something on offer for everyone at Glenfarg Tennis Club and with the ball machine available for use by any member, and the clubhouse, and the pristine courts, it's so enticing I'm surprised there's a spare minute on courts. But there's another big bonus. The facilities are so special for a village our size, the courts are rarely, if ever, oversubscribed. Come and join us, why don't you!

# Glenfarg Folk Club

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, APR - MAY 2015



## **SINGAROUND** Monday 1st June All £3

As we approach the Club's AGM, "Finance and Money" will take the stage for being the theme tonight. So, get rid of your angst towards the banking sector or simply describe your money troubles or riches by singing any appropriate song or by simply telling (get the pun?) a rude banking (I said banking!) joke. Enough said. All welcome as usual.

## **AGM** Monday 8th June

A hugely important night of the year for the Club during which we elect the committee for the coming year, set fees and entry prices, and give all attendees the chance to have their say on the running /management of the Club. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

(Entry TBC Entry fees for the rest of the year will be set at the AGM)

## **THE DUNCAN MCRONE BAND** Monday 15th June

A hearty welcome awaits this band's return to the Club. Duncan, Cy Jack and Stevie Lawrence are all very experienced and accomplished musicians and that, combined with Duncan's vocal abilities and song-writing skills will make for another great night for them at Glenfarg.



## **EDWINA HAYES** Monday 22nd June

We are delighted to bring Edwina back to Glenfarg - with her fabulous voice, song-writing skills and personality. Already hugely popular amongst our membership, this is a much awaited night, so be sure to come early!

## **FLEMING AND GRAHAM** Monday 29th June

Two big names from the North East of England folk-scene bring their combined talents to the Club for the first time. Benny Graham, singer, song-writer, and melodeon player is joined by one of the country's finest fiddle players, Chuck Fleming, to bring a great night's entertainment. Can't wait for this one!

## **SINGAROUND**

Monday 6th July

It is the start of the second half of the year so time to give everyone a rest from a specific theme! However, "Chorus Songs" will be the order of the day. All welcome as usual.



## **SINGAROUND**

Monday 13th July

School holidays may bring travel and adventure. So "Holidays/Travel" is tonight's theme. All welcome as usual.

**SIOBHAN MILLER AND AARON JONES** Monday 20th July Winner of the 2013 Scottish Trad Singer of the Year, the wonderful Siobhan returns to the Club, joined tonight by the amazing Aaron Jones. They are guaranteed to bring the house down. A hugely entertaining night, this may also be very busy!

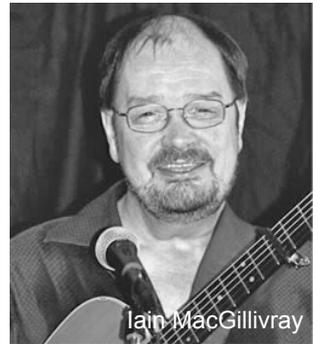
## **DOUBLE-BILL NIGHT : TERRY DEY & ALAN BRAND / ALEX MCKENZIE & BRIAN McARTHUR**

Monday 27th July

Tonight's double header features a duo of well-kent duos! Both have performed here in various guises in the past. They offer very different material and sounds but both acts feature terrific vocals and instrumentation, ensuring a folk night not to be missed.

## **RANALD SMITH AND IAIN MACGILLIVRAY** Monday 3rd August

Two very fine musicians and singers, Ranald and Iain have been carrying the folk music flame in and around Inverness now for over 40 years. They always provide a great night's entertainment and we welcome them back to Glenfarg.



## **DOUBLE-BILL NIGHT: THE FISHER LASSIES / GIFFORD LIND**

Monday 31st August

Another evening of two great acts for the price of one! Gifford has been a pillar of the folk movement around Scotland for many years and brings his inimitable style of performance to entertain us tonight. In complete contrast, we also have The Fisher Lassies, a Borders a capella group who have already gained an excellent reputation for their harmonies and eclectic repertoire. A brilliant night's entertainment is in store.



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# Hazell And The Tank

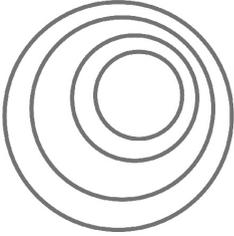


In February 2014 Hazell had her 40th birthday but postponed her celebration for a year. After attending her wonderful party in February 2015, her friends decided as she loved spa and luxury pampering treats that she should learn how to drive a tank ! We went through to the Scottish tank driving experience in Auchterhouse to witness the event and watched as she was declared the loudest screamer they had ever had !



A great time was had and - note to Dave Arnold - if the emergency plan ever needs a tank driver - we know the very person.....

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# Glenfarg and Duncruevie in Bloom



As always Glenfarg & Duncruevie is indebted to those in the community who give of their time and resources to keep your village flourishing. If I was to name you all, the Newsletter Editor would be blocking my submissions. But there's always exceptions and on this occasion I'm singling out Stewart Taylor for his work on the new hanging basket brackets, all the plug plant growers who very soon will be seeing some space in their greenhouses for their personal use, the weed-killing team and last but not least those who have volunteered (or had their arms twisted by Margaret) to join in the watering rota this summer.

GDIB will again be manning the plant stall at the fete, a very popular feature of our annual fete. Margaret (Scott) will again be accepting donations of plants from anyone who can't make it along to Wallace Park between 11am and 12 noon. It's a great help to the stall helpers if you can label your plants, especially if the helpers on the day are like me and scarcely know a daisy from a dandelion. Yes, it just goes to show you don't need to be a plant aficionado to volunteer with GDIB. We've got loads of jobs for you all.

And speaking of jobs, you may have heard that the funding and permissions are now in place for GDIB to carry out the south entrance Railway Wall conservation project. The trees and shrubs behind the low wall will be cleared (not those on motorway land) and the wall restored by volunteers from the Drystone Walling Association. The verge alongside the road will also be re-shaped and some planting will take place. However none of this will happen until the nesting season is over but the other part of the project which involves the erection of a shed on land between Struan Cottage and 1 Hayfield Road can be carried out now. This shed will house the watering vehicle and other GDIB equipment. This project has been a long time in reaching this stage and we owe a great deal to the initial ideas and planning applications submitted by our much missed Sheila and also to Zoe Clark who has worked tirelessly to secure the necessary funds.

## **Date for your diary - June 6th Plant Out Day.**

Come along and help plant up all the containers throughout the village. Meet at Struan Cottage where Irene will be her usual efficient self, distributing plants and issuing planting plans. Thank you all again.

Kate Armstrong

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# Glenfarg Cinema



We have been delighted to see the increase in audience size at the cinema since the installation of the new equipment. All the hard work was definitely worthwhile and our audience has certainly appreciated the improved quality of sound and picture.

Here is what they thought of the films we have shown in April and May.



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OK% 17% Good 38% Fantastic 45%



## **Philomena**

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That is the end of our third season, but we will now spend some time planning a new programme. We aim to bring you some of the films that you have been waiting to see, and others that may be unfamiliar to you but which we hope will be a wonderful surprise.

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# Glenfarg W. R. I.



Milnathort W.R.I. came to entertain us at our meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. A programme of Poetry, Songs, Music and demonstration, was enjoyed by all.

Competition winners-

Decorated Hard boiled egg- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Stuart; 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheena Chisholm

Small box Marzipan fruits- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynda Stuart

Flower of the month- 1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheena Chisholm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger.

Rasp Jam. 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Fairweather, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison. Catherine now goes forward to Federation level for the Gardening Scotland competition. Glenfarg won the Ramage Dawson competition with a 10 Minute entertainment and went forward to the Elizabeth Gardiner competition with the same entertainment where we were runners up..

The A.G.M. took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a demonstration on how to make felt by Mac Stewart. She also brought along many items which she had made from felt.

New committee members - President Margot Moran, Committee - Lynda Stuart, Sylvia Wall, Andzia Scott, Allison Messenger, Edith Oswald, and Jeanie Black.

Competition Winners-

Article in Felt- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheena Chisholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger..

Fatless Sponge 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynda Stuart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger.

Flower of the month- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Harley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vivian Hebblethwaite

Trophy Winners - Jubilee Cup - Allison Messenger; Jenny Adam Rose Bowl - Lynda Stuart; Endeavour cup--Margot Moran.

The first meeting in the new session is on September 10th.



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# Peace At Last

by Sean O'Neill



No more bombings  
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Peace at last  
No more rations  
Peace at last  
The children are home  
Peace at last  
Rebuild our community  
Peace at last  
Thank you heroes  
Peace at last  
Remember those who freed us  
Peace at last

Sean O'Neill a pupil in primary 6 wrote this poem which is one of 8 poems short listed in a National Poetry competition, sponsored by the Haig Fund to celebrate Victory in Europe day.

We are waiting to hear the results of the public vote.

# Arngask Primary School



News from P4/5

This term our topic is 'Awesome Arngask' and we are trying to find out the history of Glenfarg and more about our local area. We have written letters to some local businesses, clubs and local residents asking them questions about the community. If you could help us by providing any information or old photographs, we would be most grateful.

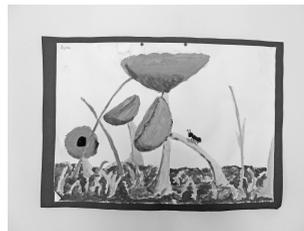
Also we are looking to improve the school grounds so we would like to build a plastic bottle greenhouse along with P1/2 so we can grow our own vegetables and flowers. Our first challenge is to gather as many 2L plastic juice bottles as possible. These are Coca- Cola/ Irn Bru/ Dr Pepper/ Fanta etc. type bottles. Please could these be washed out and cleaned before handing in to school. They do need the lid on them. We will need 2000 bottles approximately. We will also need someone who is handy with a hammer and wood to make the frame for us, so if you know of anyone who can help, please can you let P4/5 know, thank you. Also if anyone would like to donate any of the following, as these will go a long way to make our school grounds a more attractive place, again we would be most grateful: flowering plants, seeds, bulbs, seed vegetables, compost, planters, manure, watering cans, old ( but safe) garden furniture and any spare time to come and help us.

The class submitted Rainforest artwork to the Blooming Artists exhibition at Perth Museum and Art Gallery which runs from Friday 15th May- Sunday 14th June and we were lucky to have five children selected. They are Mitchell Scott, Sonny Lee, Kieran McIntyre, Maisie Price and Sophie Normile. Please head along to see the children's work.

Thank you very much for your help and support.

P4/ 5 and Mrs Marshall

# World Wars Exhibition

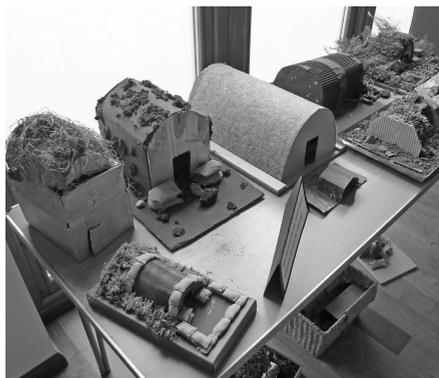


The pupils of Arngask primary put on an exhibition which came from a project they had completed on World War I and II. The show was held in the Village Hall and was well attended.



The project involved the children investigating the names of people who had left the area to go to war between 1914 and 1918. They found out their age, where they had lived and what had been their occupation. If they did not return, they were often able to discover where they had died and where they were buried. The pupil's investigations inspired some wonderful poems (see p31).

The pupils have also been studying World War II. This inspired paintings of the blitz and models of Anderson shelters.



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# Willow Weaving

## Wonderful Willow

A willow weaving workshop was held in March with Jon Warnes. Jon is a woodland educator, green wood worker, wood turner and willow sculptor. Artistic flair, innovation, camaraderie. great food, good conversation all came to the fore on the day. And such good fun!



There will be another workshop next year, when the willow has been coppiced, sometime between November and April, when it is dormant. I usually start thinking about it in January....Anyone needing willow wands, please get in touch.

I would also like to arrange a basket weaving weekend with Jane Wilkinson of Special Branch Baskets. She is a well known weaver in Scotland. I need a maximum of 8 people to cover costs. It is a full on 2 days and you will make a very fine basket believe me.. Cost will be about £100.00.

I already have a waiting list for willow work next year so please contact me, if interested in either of these and with any specific requests or ideas.

Thanks to all those who attended and made this a very special day for everyone.

Jon will be doing willow animal sculptures at St Andrews Botanic gardens on July 4th and 5th. Check their web site for details nearer the time.

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# Arngask's Got Talent

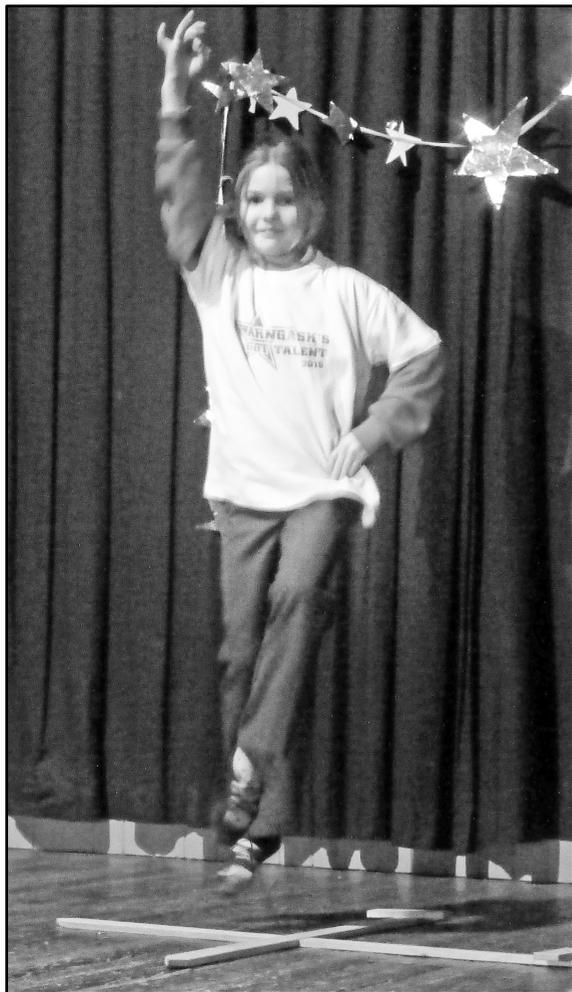
After weeks of anticipation, hard work and preparation, the lights were illuminated and the curtains were drawn at Glenfarg Village Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015. As the audience trickled in, the atmosphere backstage was electric. “Arngask’s Got Talent” was a sold out gig, with family members and villagers turning out to see our Primary School children shine in a variety of acts, including



gymnastics, drama, dance and music.

And they certainly did not disappoint! From the opening number performed by the P1/2 class, right through to the Celebrity Variety Conga to finish, the audience were treated to a fast-paced feast of talent and entertainment, all hosted by the sharp and off-the-cuff wit of “Ant & Dec”.

Arngask's Got Talent was planned, rehearsed and delivered by a dedicated and creative team of parents and teachers who worked hard to ensure that every child had a chance to participate, raise



money for our school and, most importantly, have lots of fun!

With the encouragement and support of School Music Teacher Corrie McDowell, each class group performed a song, culminating with a beautiful interpretation of the recent chart hit "Wake Me Up" from P6/7. We were also brought right up-to-date with hip a capella version of "Am I Wrong" performed by a groovy group of girls.

We all marvelled at the grace and patience of the gymnasts and the cute giggles of the younger dancers brought a smile to everyone's faces. When one young lady dressed up as an old lady, everyone was

surprised and delighted at the confidence, humour and performance of "There was an Old Woman".

The audience were reminded of our homeland with a melodic rendition of "Caledonia", talented fiddle and accordion players, a

solo on chanter, a stunning Sword Dance and some fabulous footwork during The Dashing White Sergeant.

In contrast, the P3/4 class introduced an African influence by singing “Maleezweh”, accompanied by the soothing beat of hand drums. A duet of ukulele and drums also added a flavour of other lands with “Island Story” as did a sweet performance of dancing and piano called “Round the World”.

A glistening trumpet solo reminded us of the power and clarity of brass instruments and one guitar solo brought us into the next season with the fingerstyle piece “Springtide”. Everyone in the hall was moved by a beautiful solo of a song from Frozen which was sung with such innocence and perfection that there was not a dry eye left in the house!

Other children decided to rock the hall with a classic by 1960s blues rock legends Cream on electric guitar, street style dancing and music, an exciting drum solo with flashing drum sticks to add a bit of colour and duets of songs by punk rockers Greenday and Scottish groovers Biffy Clyro. More



mature rockers were not disappointed either as one group performed “Highway to Hell” by AC/DC whilst everyone backstage cheered and danced.

After the entertainment, there was a varied raffle including some fantastic prizes. The star prize had to be a football signed by local heroes St Johnstone F.C. but there were also many other goodies up for grabs.



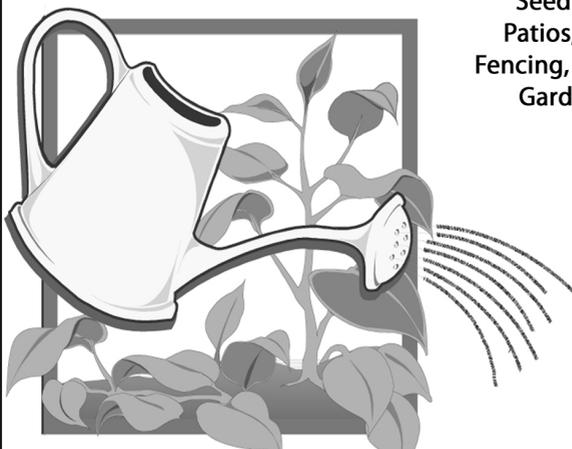
The evening ended with a very proud Head Teacher, Marie Connor, proclaiming that Arngask Primary School most definitely has talent! Everyone who was there that evening and saw the children shine as brightly as they did must surely agree!

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# Murrin's Update

## Quick Recap

Murrin was a happy girl who lived here in Glenfarg. Born with complex medical conditions she had already undergone numerous operations, sometimes life threatening, yet through it all she always kept her smile.

In November of 2013 she underwent the biggest operation to date, spinal realignment, which not only took toll on her body but on her spirits. In November 2014 with Murrin's recovery going well it became clear that her old wheelchair would never do the job. So we came up with a plan. There is a wonderful company named RGK who make lightweight wheelchairs which could be tailored to Murrin's needs. They are not cheap.



We put our heads together and decided along with other ideas to do a table sale in the village to help raise money in order to give her a new lease of life.



We never expected the reaction that we witnessed!

The businesses that were willing to help, the kindness of people who dropped off boxes and boxes of items for the sale, the generosity of others who donated their day's earnings and

strangers who donated money to our cause left Scott and I speechless. Given the outpouring of support we decided that all the stock we did not sell should go to good use. The clothes went to the homeless, the bric-a-brac went to smaller charities and the mountains of books went to our very own CHAS in Kinross.

## Where We Are Today

Our Target. We had set a lofty aim of trying to raise a massive £4000. In all honesty, I did think it would take us much longer to achieve. But I couldn't have been more wrong. With the help of the Dragon's Den in Kinross, our very own village store, family and friends selling a record number of raffle tickets, all those who put their change in the collection jar and even a night time drop-off from a mystery angel, we didn't just meet our target – WE SMASHED IT!

*This meant that we didn't just have to buy what we could afford. We could now afford to get her a chair that would last for many years to come.*

With bright orange trimmed suspension wheels, a super lightweight solid frame fashioned in sparkling blue and green, and red dipped metal connections, you would be forgiven for thinking that this chair sounds like an explosion in a paint factory. But Murrin is far from a girly girl. No matter how hard the RGK staff tried to

show her pretty purple or pink butterflies and flowers, Murrin had her mind made up. She would like a pattern

embroidered into the back – Iron Man! The look was then finished off with Avenger Assemble spoke guards. Just as we choose our shoes and clothes, Murrin now has her new set of legs, made just for her.

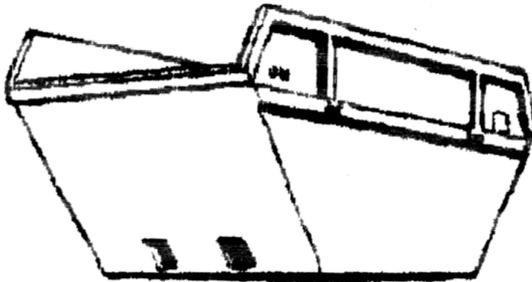
*On a final note, Thank You to everyone who helped out, who donated items, who gifted money. Thank you all. I can now watch my daughter beginning to get her life back and start working towards her dreams. None of this would be possible without the tremendous and humbling support of our village.*

**THANK YOU ALL**





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# Alexander (Sandy) Cumming



Sandy Cumming was born at Clarthy Begg Farm near Auchterarder on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1936. As a young man he did his National Service in the Highland Light Infantry – serving mainly in Cyprus during the early years of the EOKA terror campaign.

In 1957 the family moved to Duncricvie and in 1962 he married Margaret, a local lass. They went on to have 4 children: Alec, Ann, John and Peter. Sandy, in partnership with his brother Peter, established a lumbering company in Duncricvie which employed 16 men and operated 3 trucks. (3 bungalows now stand on the site of their work sheds and timber yard). When not at work he had two main interests: he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kinross where he was Master for a time; and breeding poultry. Raising prize chickens became his main focus once he retired and over the years he won many prizes, supplied prize birds to Princess Anne and others and became a highly respected judge at poultry shows around the UK. He also kept some laying hens and supplied fresh eggs to the village shop.

Sandy died on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 after a short illness. At his funeral service at Perth Crematorium there was a large turnout of family, friends, neighbours, Masons and fellow poultry breeders.

Condolences go to his wife, Margaret, and the family.

<b>RWE Innogy Lochelbank Community Fund: Awards Summary 01 April 2015</b>		
<b>Grant Application</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project Description: Summary</b>
Bridge of Earn in Bloom	£3,100.00	To purchase four 6-tier self watering planters.
Glenfarg Community Council	£1,011.00	To replace the Glenfarg Community Council noticeboard with a larger, weatherproof and more accessible noticeboard and to relocate this to a more prominent and visible position.
Bridge of Earn Tennis Club	£5,000.00	To contribute to the cost of refurbishing the clubhouse toilets and storeroom.
Glenfarg Village Hall	£1,033.00	To purchase additional tables and a display board for hall use.
<b>Total (4 records)</b>	<b>£10,144.00</b>	

## **Ruby's Party**

Mrs. Ruby Peace who used to live at 24 Greenbank road Glenfarg and is now a resident in Ashley House Milnathort will be a hundred years old on Thursday 4th June this year.

My sister and I had hoped to have a party for her in Glenfarg Village Hall. Unfortunately she has become quite frail and we feel a party would be too much for her. On the actual day her own family will all be there. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, even that might be too much for her to cope with.

However if anyone wishes to visit her on another day they will be most welcome

Yours sincerely Jessma Lindsay and Helen Maxwell



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On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April Hannah McLaughlin of Duncrивie, supported by her Mum and Dad (Elaine and Ian) held a Coffee Morning to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation – a charity that arranges experiences for children with life limiting conditions.

Hannah and her friends have chosen this charity in memory of Bobby Hetherington, one of their number who joined the British Army and was sadly killed in Afghanistan in 2013.

The event was well supported by family, friends and neighbours who enjoyed a wide selection of home baking, washed down with copious amounts of tea, coffee and soft drinks. The total raised on the day was a magnificent £450 which was increased to £562.50 with Gift Aid.

Many thanks to all those who baked cakes and/or supported this event.

PS: Hannah and her friends also took part in the Isle of Wight Challenge on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May raising even more money for the Foundation in memory of Bobby.



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# Scouts Easter Camp

The scouts gathered on the opposite side of the road to their parents as they waited for transport to be organised for camp.

Arriving at the site at the edge of Pitmedden forest above Auchtermuchty the scouts were divided into patrols for day activities and different patrols for sleeping. The patrol leaders chose where they wanted to pitch their tents and were left to pitch the tents on their own. Andrew went to help the girls who had never pitched a patrol tent before. The other leaders quickly realised that the more experienced scouts had forgotten how to pitch the patrol tents and went to help. Oliver discovered that being tall had distinct advantages when the leader helping him is Christine who can't reach the top of the poles. Grant used the technique of putting a smaller scout on his shoulders to get to the dolly off and on the pole.



Once the patrol tents were pitched the scouts discovered that they now had to help the leaders pitch some of the group tents – fair exchange! The scouts were then free to

gather firewood, sort fire pits and shelters until it was dark enough to play wide games. Robert returned home to pick up the petrol lamp that had been carefully placed where no-one could knock it over.

After several rounds of signal-sardines the scouts gathered in the second tent for hot dogs and hot chocolate. It was cold outside but 20 bodies inside



one tent soon warmed the place up. The scouts were off to bed before midnight except for the patrol leaders, Grant, Oliver and Jack, who had a meeting with the leaders to remind them of their responsibilities as patrol leaders and the plan for the morning. By the time the leaders headed to bed their tents had frost on them. Some of the scouts had clearly forgotten that canvas isn't soundproof and the leaders could hear the conversations 25 yards away.

One of the zodiac camping challenges is a below zero camp and 10 scouts managed it on their first night.

Saturday morning the scouts started appearing from 07:30 and started working at their fires. Food for cooking was distributed and gradually breakfast of black pudding, bacon and eggs was cooked then served. One

of the camp rules is that everyone at the patrol site eats together and breakfast always starts with the cooked food and is followed by toast and cereal if you want it and there is enough time before inspection. Oliver's patrol had a very hot fire and the first lot of toast was instant charcoal.

Once fed the leaders left their respective patrols washing and drying the



dishes and generally getting ready for inspection. It was clear from tent inspection that Rachel, Ellie, Tess and Anna knew how to be tidy. For first inspection everything in the tent was packed into their bags except for sleeping bags and the tent was tidy. Not to be outdone the older scouts had remembered how to prepare the tents for inspection and one tent had correctly folded back the ground sheet allowing access to their belongings without walking over everyone else's.

After a couple of games the scouts walked to Auchtermuchty common for

lunch before meeting a trustee from the Macduff trust who look after the common. The scouts learnt about the importance of this ancient lowland meadow and the biodiversity it supports before starting to plant some native trees near the meadows. Before planting the sapling the ground needs to be cleared and a T cut into the ground. The T should be deep enough to accommodate the roots. A stake is driven into the ground and a plastic tube carefully put over the sapling and slightly into the ground before the tube is tied to the stake. Gathering the branches on a blackthorn and getting them into the tube without stabbing yourself was an art. Some of the scouts went to help count the flock of sheep that had been recently brought to the common.

Returning to camp the scouts gathered wood then lit the fires to cook the evening meal. Oliver's patrol cooked a chicken curry and a chicken stew. The comments about the stew changed once they were persuaded to taste it and Oliver wanted the recipe to make it at home. Once all the patrols had cleared up after their meal they played French cricket before sitting round the fire until it was dark enough to play man hunt before hot chocolate and bed.

The scouts started getting up before seven to collect fire wood. Jack and Aidan, Oliver and Elliot, and Grant and Mark managed to get their fires lit without assistance. Mackenzie and Murray both managed not to break any of the yolks from the fried eggs. Sam's pan of sausages were the best I have seen at camp, all golden with no black bits and no splits.

Following inspection Grant decided that his pots needed to be properly cleaned and he and Mark attacked them with scourers while the others played a game. The patrols then went to bases to learn more about fire lighting, tree felling, first aid, camp gadgets and how to take down a tent.

After lunch the patrols tidied up their sites before taking down their patrol tents and helping take down the group tents. At flag down the final points for camp were awarded, Oliver's patrol, the scrambled sausages, won the competition. The scouts left the field whistling the theme tune from 'The Great Escape'.

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# Community Council

## Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

### Present

CCllrs D. MacKenzie (Chairperson), J Watson (Secretary), D Arnold, D Horsman, A Johnston, Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi, W Robertson and 6 members of the public.

### Apologies

CCllrs R Duncan, M Ponton, G Vaughan (Treasurer), Cllr M Barnacle.

### Chairperson's Welcome

CCllr MacKenzie welcomed everyone to the 38<sup>th</sup> AGM of Glenfarg Community Council.

### Previous Minutes

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 was proposed by CCllr Arnold, seconded by CCllr Watson and agreed.

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### Chairperson's Report for the Year 2014/15

The Chairperson's Report was received and is available on the community website.

### Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Already circulated. In the absence of CCllr Vaughan, the Chairperson read the Treasurer's Report, the accounts having been verified by an independent examiner. There were no questions, and the adoption of the report was proposed by CCllr Horsman and seconded by CCllr Watson.

### Election of Office Bearers

The present members of the Community Council were elected to serve until November 2015, but the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are elected each year. Donald MacKenzie was proposed as Chairperson by CCllr Johnston, seconded by CCllr Arnold and appointed. Janet Watson was proposed as Secretary by CCllr MacKenzie, seconded by CCllr Johnston and appointed. Gillian Vaughan was proposed as Treasurer by CCllr MacKenzie, seconded by CCllr Watson and appointed.

### Sub Committees

All the existing members agreed to continue in their roles. The sub Committee membership is :-

**Planning** CCllrs Johnston (Convener), Arnold and MacKenzie.

**Newsletter** CCllrs Horsman, Vaughan and Watson.

**Binn Farm** CCllrs Duncan and Ponton.

**CBF Panel** CCllr Ponton. It was agreed that the Community Council would seek a meeting with Foundation Scotland to discuss the membership of this panel as our understanding of the agreement with them was that membership of the Panel should change every few years and there had been no changes since the Panel was set up at the beginning of 2012.

**Emergency Plan.** CCllr Arnold suggested that the Community Council make the Convener of the Emergency Plan an official appointment. The Council agreed with this and appointed CCllr Arnold to that position.

### Independent Financial Examiner

The re-appointment of Mrs Jean Andrew was proposed by CCllr MacKenzie and agreed.

### Meeting dates for the next year

2015 – 6 July, 7 September, 9 November.

2016 – 11 January, 7 March, 9 May (which will also be the AGM).

**Closure** The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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### Present

CCllrs D MacKenzie (Chairperson), J Watson (Secretary), D Arnold, D Horsman, A Johnston, M Ponton. Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi, W Robertson, PC Rhiannon Lorimer and 6 members of the public.

### Apologies

CCllrs R Duncan, G Vaughan (Treasurer), Cllr M Barnacle.

### Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by CCllr Watson, seconded by CCllr Ponton.

### Matters Arising

**Adoption of Phone Box:** The Secretary has sent BT an expression of interest. BT has confirmed that it is available for adoption and that they will pay for the electricity initially but may stop paying after a time. The Community Council would be informed of this before it happens. The Chairperson said that a decision on the defibrillator would be made later on. CPR/AED training has been organised for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 26 people have signed up for it. The training will be provided by Saline First responders.

**Lochelbank Verge:** The Secretary reported that the Road Network Manager, James Watson, had visited the site and reported that the landowner had been clearing out a ditch which had become overgrown. It will now be left open.

**Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS):** It was reported that these have now been ordered by the Treasurer and she is still in touch with the Council concerning installation.

**Community Council Noticeboard:** The Secretary reported that this had been ordered and delivery was due at the end of May. The installation of the board has also been organised.

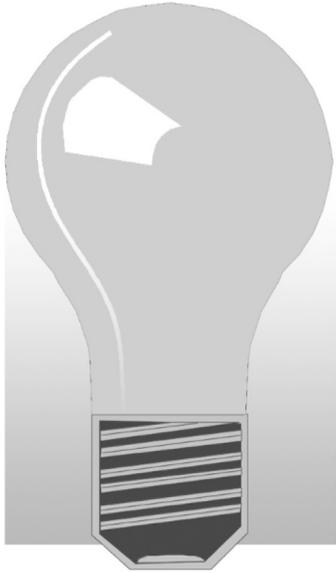
### Police Report

PC Lorimer stated that Community Watch was launched in our area at the end of April. This is a new service for communities to receive local community safety information from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Perth and Kinross Council, SEPA, SSE and many more bodies. Communities are encouraged to register.

PC Lorimer also mentioned that there had recently been quad bike thefts in Fife and advised people to review their quad bike security.

There had been sales of counterfeit chainsaws, etc. from the back of a pick up in Blairgowrie and in Fife. People are asked to be wary of anyone selling such goods around the doors.

There have been no further reports of the unlicensed quad bike or the irresponsibly driven car reported at the last meeting.



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## **Treasurer's Report**

This was circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairperson commented that our finances are in a healthy state. There were no further questions.

## **Planning**

CCllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave a summary of his Planning Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He said that 8 new applications had been lodged since the last meeting and that an objection had been lodged against one. This was the application to build flats on the site of the Lomond Hotel. CCllrs had all been sent a copy of the objection letter. The result of this was that our objections had been taken into account and had been covered by conditions on the subsequent approval document. The Community Council was asked by the Planning Officer if we would be agreeable to this prior to approval being granted. Cllr Robertson said that he was delighted to hear this as it meant that his efforts to get more weight given to objections from Community Councils had borne fruit.

Two other applications had been approved during the period and two had been refused.

The Chairperson commented on the letters that had been received by CCllrs from members of the public about GREA's plans for renewable energy projects, and in particular their ideas for a wind turbine. He said that the Community Council had no role to play until GREA submit a formal application to Perth & Kinross Council.

## **Update on Long Term Vision**

This topic is covered more fully in the Chairperson's Report to the AGM. He stressed the need for the Vision to be that of the Community not the Community Council. Cllr Robertson said that it was a good idea and an opportunity to let the Community know what the Community Council does. The Chairperson stated that Tracey Ramsay, the Senior Community Capacity Building Worker, is actively involved.

## **Update on Binn Farm Proposals**

CCllr Ponton reported that the four Community Councils who are involved with the Binn Farm proposals met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April to discuss the draft agreement put to them by Element Power. They felt that it was important that the four Councils were able to meet without representatives of either Element Power or Foundation Scotland being present. The meeting agreed an approach on the draft document and have arranged a follow up meeting with Element Power for the 21<sup>st</sup> May when the Community Councils' version of the agreement will be tabled.

The meeting also agreed that a Draft Agreement with Foundation Scotland be produced. A meeting of the Community Councils in the same format as the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April would be held to discuss this Draft Agreement. The plan is to be able to sign both agreements simultaneously.

## **AOCB**

### Establishing a Community E-Mail Network:

CCllr Arnold had submitted a paper on this topic. He said that for 3 years he and his wife had been running an unofficial network, sending out details of events to some 300 local e-mail addresses. He would like to see this means of communication made official and put on the same footing as the Glenfarg Newsletter and the Glenfarg Village Website by the Community Council taking ownership and appointing an editor. Council unanimously agreed to this suggestion and appointed Cllr Arnold to the position of Editor. A Community Council email address will also be made available for the editor to use when sending out the emails. After some discussion it was also agreed that the Community should have a Facebook page and Cllr Ponton volunteered to set this up.

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### Boundary Commission Proposals:

Cllr Robertson raised the issue of these proposals which are proposing to move the whole of the Glenfarg Community Council area along with a large part of the Milnathort CC area from Kinross-shire ward to Almond and Earn ward and reduce the number of Councillors representing Kinross-shire from 4 to 3. This matter is to be discussed at a full meeting of Perth & Kinross Council this coming Thursday and he wished to know the feelings of the Community Council. Perth & Kinross Council is opposed to the proposals. After some discussion the meeting agreed unanimously that they were opposed to the proposals. The proposals are due to come out over the summer months for consultation when the Community Council will have an opportunity to state their grounds for opposing the proposals.

### Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund:

CCllr Johnston raised the point that two of the grants awards at the last round of grants were considerably more than the £2500 maximum agreed when the Awards Panel was set up. He understood that that figure could only be changed with the agreement of both Glenfarg and Earn Community Councils. He asked how these latest awards came about. Nobody present knew the answer and it was agreed that the Council would write to Foundation Scotland to ask how these awards came to be made.

### Bus Timetable:

The meeting voiced its disappointment with the new timetable for the 56 bus service. We asked for the Monday to Thursday 22.50 to depart Perth at around 22.00 and on Friday and Saturday evening to have an additional service at around 21.00. Neither of these requests has been met. It was agreed that the Community Council will write to the Public Transport Unit at Perth & Kinross Council to express our feelings.

### Emergency Plan:

CCllr Arnold said that there is a new fund available for local communities in Scotland to purchase emergency equipment. He is going to see if there is anything that we need that we can claim for. Applications for funding have to be submitted by 31 July this year.

The pollution of the River Farg was discussed. The SEPA position is that they do not re-stock formerly polluted waters but prefer nature to do it. Scottish Water has been fined for the pollution but say that they cannot pay any compensation because they are a public body.

### **Correspondence**

The correspondence list was circulated to Community Councillors. The Chairperson picked up on the correspondence from BT Openreach to comment that the dates for the arrival of Superfast Broadband, in common with other communities, in the community are constantly being pushed back. The latest date for this area is July, but he does not expect it to happen then.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015.



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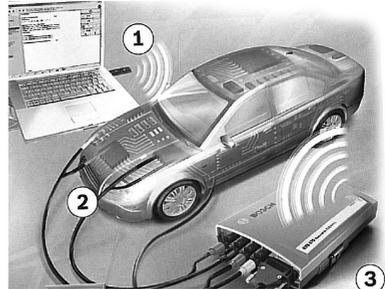
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