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

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Editorial

Trying to meet the deadline for the newsletter has always been a problem but trying to fit in a holiday at the same time makes it even harder.



Here you see your editor in the wilds of Lincolnshire attempting to finish this month's edition. Many thanks to our regular contributors for your early submissions.

In this edition we have photographs from the village fete which in spite of miserable weather was well attended and profitable. See pages 37- 41.

For anyone interested in the history of Glenfarg and its residents see the article on page 16. Jen Lindsay has been working on a project researching the lives of the men listed on the Glenfarg War Memorial. If anyone has recollections, stories or photographs which might help in her research she would be delighted to hear from you.

The Glenfarg Folk Feast is moving to 'Backstage at the Green' ,The Green Hotel, Kinross. Why? See page 13.

Finally how is this for an idea - a debating society! See page 35.

Robin Watson.



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Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
3 rd August	Glenfarg Folk Club Iain McGillivray	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
11 th August	Cinema Returns!	Village Hall 7.30pm
12 th August	Record Breakers	Loch Leven Library 11am
14 th August	Closing Date for Fete Funds Applications	
15 th August	Mary Queen of Scots Boat Race	Kirkgate Park Kinross 12 noon
17 th August	Glenfarg Folk Club Black Feathers	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
18 th August	Start of new School Term	
30 th August	Arngask United Service	Arngask Church 11am
31 st August	Glenfarg Folk Club Fisher Lassies	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
2 nd September	Soup & Chat – maybe! (check shop notices)	Village Hall 12.30
7 th September	Community Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.30pm
7 th September	Glenfarg Folk Club John Doyle	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
10 th September	WRI meeting	Village Hall
14 th September	Glenfarg Folk Club Union Jill	Downstairs@The Glenfarg
21 st September	Glenfarg Folk Club Tommy Sands	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	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'

Summer Outing

The annual summer outing of The Old Folks Association is as popular today as ever and took place on Saturday 6th June. A total of 37 members and a few guests set off from Earnside Coaches at 10.am with Wendy as our amiable driver. On the journey there was plenty of banter interspersed with Stuart Smith passing along the coach with the sweets on a regular basis.



Our first stop was Garrion Bridge near Lanark. This is a garden centre with a difference as it also has a large antique hall along with a nice restaurant. It was easy to spend two hours or more here as it was all under cover and kept us dry from the unseasonal rain storms which persisted all day.

The next stop was to the heritage centre of New Lanark. Vivien Hebblethwaite had arranged to drop off a very old knitting machine especially for socks which she was donating to them. Arthur Jenkins and Stuart Smith kindly wheeled it down the hill from the coach park on a sack barrow – a good job it was downhill.

After this short stop we swung in to see the Kelpies, a must to see if you have not been up close. A few photos later the windswept party reboarded the coach for the short trip to the Leapark Hotel in Grangemouth for a high tea and an alcoholic beverage for those who wished it – and some did!

Back aboard the coach and it was time for the raffle with some really nice prizes for those lucky enough to win. If only all raffles had prizes of this quality! Wendy then delivered us all back to Glenfarg for about 7.45pm and everybody agreed it was a very enjoyable outing and money well spent. This event is partly funded by the eligible villagers and partly by the Old Folks Association. Any guests present pay the commercial rates.

Philip Ponton.

ARNGASK CHURCH NEWS



Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
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From the Manse

Dear friends, I wish to thank you for all the support, love, prayers and good wishes that have flowed to me from the moment the news about my illness broke. The support I have had has helped me enormously, lifting me up when low.

I have now finished my treatment. From the start I had no idea what the effect of the treatment would be; perhaps in hindsight it is just as well! All I have to do now is to recover from the effects of the treatment. This will be no small task I am told (and am now beginning to fully understand), and is likely to take many months. Remember that old word “convalescence”? I am beginning to realise exactly what it means.

The thought of coming back to work amongst you all is what keeps my spirits up. If you see me tottering about, do come up and have a chat.

I owe a great debt to the Locum Ministers David, Ken and Robert, and the Interim Moderator Allan, for allowing me the peace of mind to know our spiritual and pastoral needs are in safe hands.

God bless you all.

Kindest regards

Moir.



Sunday Club

On Sunday 21st June the Rev Robert McCrum welcomed the congregation to a family prize-giving service in Arngask Church when the children were presented with books and then sang two songs they had learned at Sunday Club. We extend a warm welcome to all children to come along to the Sunday Club. Enjoy activities, singing, crafts and story telling, when the club resumes on Sunday 30th August at 11am. Come along for friendship and fun!

Diary Dates

Sunday 26th July, United Service in Arngask Church at 11am.

Sunday 2nd August, United Service in Abernethy Church at 11am
(No service at Arngask that day)

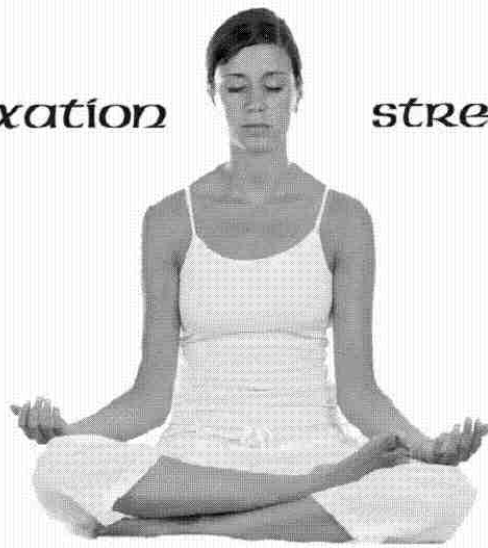
Sunday 30th August, United Service in Arngask Church at 11am.

Sunday 4th October Harvest Thanksgiving Service

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Glenfarg Folk Feast 2016

The club committee have been reviewing the last couple of Folk Feasts and there were a number of fundamental issues which needed to be addressed.

The outcome of this deliberation is that we feel the Feast has outgrown its current home and we have decided to move the **2016 Feast to 'Backstage at the Green' The Green Hotel, Kinross**. This is a purpose built venue which provides us with all the space, facilities, and accommodation that we need to run a successful Folk Feast. It will remain the Glenfarg Folk Feast, run by the club, and the programme will reflect its proud tradition.

The main issues that have led us to this decision are:

1. Accommodation; we are increasingly having to turn people away due to lack of bed space in the village. In Kinross the Green Hotel itself has considerable accommodation and there is a far greater choice of hotels and B&B's for people to choose from.
2. Camp Site; there has been a huge increase in the number of Camper Vans coming to the Feast and with parking limited to the hard standing in the park they have ended up parking all over the village. In addition permission was withdrawn for any cars to go on the grass and there is now no official running water or toilet facilities for campers in the park. In Kinross we have been allocated a dedicated space adjacent to the hotel which will more than accommodate the number of Camper Vans, Caravans and Tents we can expect.
3. Session Space; a very important part of any festival is the opportunity for visiting musicians/guests to come together and enjoy playing and singing their music in an informal way. Currently there is a lack of suitable session space. Backstage at the Green provides this space and ensures we can build a true festival atmosphere.

Glenfarg Folk Club Nights

Our relationship with The Glenfarg hotel remains on a firm footing and the club will retain its home in the hotel and will continue to deliver its annual programme of quality artists and successful singaround nights in **The Downstairs Bar at The Glenfarg**, every Monday night, with the music starting at 8pm

Glenfarg Path Network

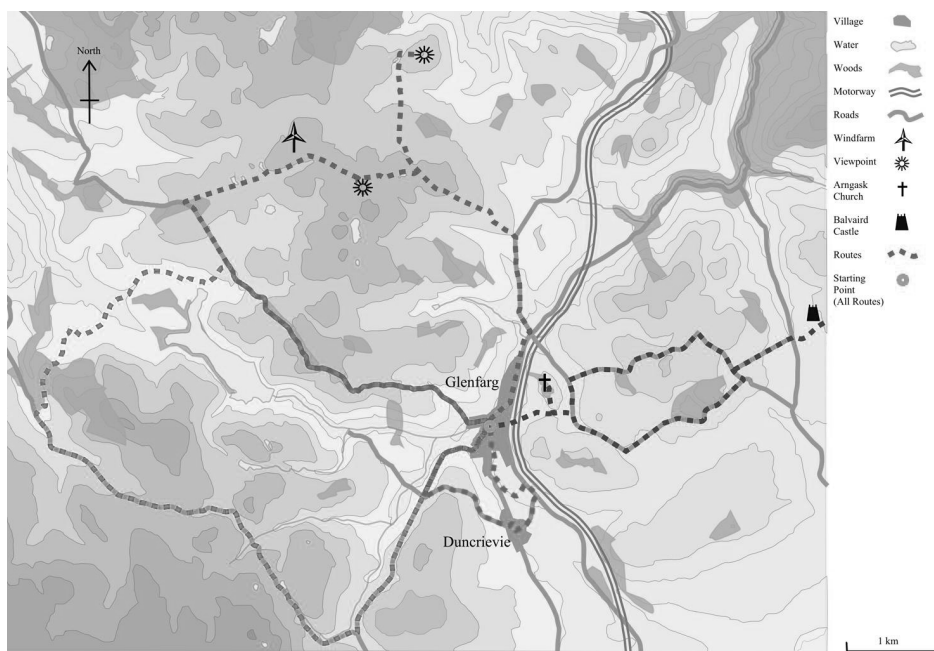
The Glenfarg Path Network comprises four circular walks starting and finishing at the village shop. The routes are suitable for all ages and abilities, and include sections of quiet back roads, pathways or Core Paths.

The shortest of the walks is the **Duncrieve Circular (Green Route)** which takes about an hour to walk or half an hour to cycle, and is mostly on minor roads or good paths through open countryside, with no steps or stiles, but some fairly steep gradients. The route goes through Wallace Park, Duncrieve Village, over Hilton Hill, and back to the village along the Glendy road, and offers views west over Glenfarg reservoir towards the Turret Hills, as well as elevated views of Glenfarg and views east to the Lomond hills.

The **Balcaghual Circular (Blue Route)** is the second shortest of the four circuits and should take about 2½ hours to walk or an hour to cycle. It is mostly on minor roads or good paths through open countryside, with no steps or stiles, but some moderately steep gradients. The route includes the historic sites of Arngask Church and Balvaird Castle as well as fine views of the Lomond Hills and the Howe of Fife. The Balcaghual Circular (Blue Route) takes in the historic sites of Arngask Church and Balvaird Castle.

Taking 3½ hours to walk or 2 hours to cycle, **Lochelbank and Dron Hill (Red Route)** is the second longest of the four circuits and includes hill tracks and rough terrain as well as some possible gate climbing. There is also a burn crossing on the optional part of the route. The route offers impressive views in all directions from the high points of Cairn Geddes and Dron Hill.

Finally, the **Reservoir Circular (Purple Route)** is the longest of the four circuits and should take about 4 hours to walk or 2½ hours to cycle. The route includes hill tracks and rough and moderately steep terrain. The route traverses around the top end of the reservoir and offers great views in all directions.



A leaflet containing full descriptions of these walks and a map of the routes is available from the village shop or can be downloaded in pdf form from the Glenfarg website.

Disclaimer: The Paths leaflet is just a rough guide. Those who follow these routes must accept responsibility for their own actions and safety. Please ensure you have the necessary fitness and equipment before you set off on any of these walks. The members of Glenfarg Path Network cannot be held responsible for any misfortune suffered by any individual whilst doing these walks. Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and respect other land users. All the sections of these routes which are not on public highway, follow Core Paths which allows non-motorised public access, however many sections cross agricultural land which may contain livestock or crops. If this is the case, please follow the guidance set out in the Outdoor Access Code.

For further information about Core Paths, or the SOAC please visit the Glenfarg website www.glenfarg.org.

WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT



I have recently been working on a project researching the lives of the men listed on the Glenfarg War Memorial who died in the first world war. This came about because I had always been intrigued by the grave with a war-pattern headstone in Arngask New Cemetery of Frederick Laing (MM and Bar: Royal West Kent Regt.) – what was the story that lay behind how and why a man from Kent came to be buried in Glenfarg?

His story proved intriguing and poignant, and I then decided to extend my research to include the lives of all the men listed on the Glenfarg village war memorial as having died in world war one.

With two exceptions and one or two extras, I commemorated the life story of Frederick Laing and each of his Glenfarg comrades on the (free) website set up by the Imperial War Museum, which will be saved as a permanent, digital memorial to those who served in the first world war (www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org). I have created a 'community' (group of life stories) for the war memorial so if you type 'Glenfarg War Memorial' into the search box, the community should come up and you can click on individual life stories.

I have also written up slightly fuller accounts than the website allows, and I am considering making a small pamphlet/booklet of the stories



with images, and/or something which possibly could be made available on the Glenfarg Village website. Before going much further however, I wonder if there may be people in the village who have photographs/recollections/stories which can add to what I know and what I have written?

For example, the two men whose life stories I so far cannot firmly establish are William Davidson (2/Black Watch) and Samuel McKenzie (Royal Army Service Corps) – I have a couple of 'candidates' for each of them, but need a fact (e.g. known Service no.; next of kin) which would confirm their identity and the Glenfarg connection.

If you have images or recollections of any of the 'memorial men' please do get in touch. (If you want to know Frederick Laing's life story, I can send it to you).

Thanking you,

Jen Lindsay

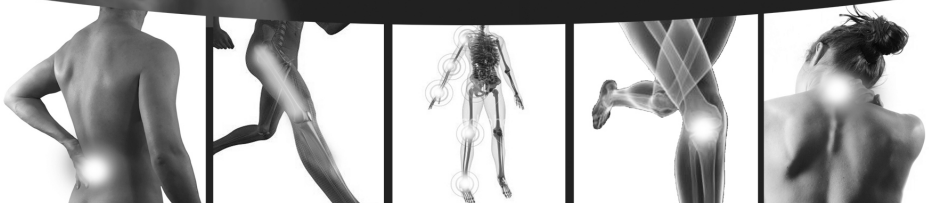
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Glenfarg Tennis Club

Going around the clubs of Tayside, playing for Glenfarg Tennis Club, it is possible to view the fees demanded of their members as Club Subscriptions. West End Dundee for instance, ask £150 for adult membership, Glenfarg is £60. Darnhall, Perth want £240 for Family Membership on a municipal court, the Glenfarg family fee is £160. These are not isolated figures. Glenfarg Tennis is cheaper, has some of the best courts, the best setting, the best clubhouse, and the best training equipment in the East of Scotland. And did I say how inexpensive it is? Additionally, the tennis club have decided to give many children in the village annual membership as a supplement to the coaching they are presently undertaking. This will give them access to the courts whenever the courts are available and the child wants to play. This is in recognition of the huge growth in interest there has been in tennis in the village in this present season.

In order that they can make use of the courts, they will be loaned a training racquet and there will be some tennis balls left on court in a waterproof bag or box for their casual use. They can access the courts and the balls by entering the code that we pass on into the combination padlock on the tennis court gate. We just ask that they would leave the balls and the court gate as they were found.

With this goodwill gesture come a couple of reasonably obvious conditions. (a) The child does not have access to the clubhouse unless an adult is present. Our duty to care for the wellbeing of the child cannot be fulfilled when there are no other adult members in responsible positions on the court. (b) The child will not have access or usage of ball machine nor any other club equipment unless an adult member of the club is present. The ball machine can dispatch balls at some speed and wandering in front of the machine is easily done and a ball can cause severe injury, and (c) The children always play with respect to the club, the courts, the village and the equipment.

This is all in an attempt to make the tennis club and its facilities a truly village asset. There are few places more attractive than Wallace Park to play tennis, and we think that everybody in the village should share it.

We would ask that parents and other responsible adults help us to implement this plan. Tell your kids they are not allowed to go into the clubhouse unless an adult is present, that they are not allowed to access or use the ball machine without an adult present, and point out what a good deal they're getting and to look after the golden goose. Additionally, we'd like to thank parents for helping their children get involved in village tennis, and extend an invitation to you all to come down and try the facilities yourselves.

Glenfarg Tennis Club would also like to acknowledge the National Lottery's assistance in helping us make Glenfarg Tennis Club one of the friendliest, most welcoming, best run clubs in Scotland. Happy Tennising!

Glenfarg Folk Club

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, AUGUST / SEPTEMBER



Iain MacGillivray

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.

SINGAROUND

Monday 10th August

It is almost the Glorious Twelfth so time to think of Scottish Moors, the Highlands and, generally, of the Scottish countryside. So let's just have "Scotland" as our theme for tonight. All welcome as usual.

THE BLACK FEATHERS

Monday 17th August

A very different night is in store with the arrival at the Club of a wonderful young duo from Gloucester who offer perfectly paired vocals/harmonies and great song writing. They base their entertainment on folk and Americana to huge effect. So, Sian Chandler and Ray Hughes, Black Feathers, are assured of a very warm welcome to Glenfarg



SINGAROUND

Monday 24th August

As it is the middle of the festival season in Edinburgh, we will celebrate by having "Festivals/Parties/ Fun Events/Good Times" as our theme tonight. All welcome as usual.

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.



For SEPTEMBER gigs, see the Diary of Events on page 7



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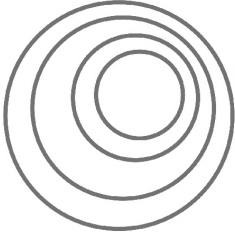


FOR ALL

Once again the folk of Glenfarg and Duncricvie delivered on our request for packs of pants for children and young women in Africa, so a big thank you once again. My next project is to send out 50 wash bags with basic toiletries, I have been given the wash bags and now .. you guessed it I am looking for donations of the following, toothbrushes, tooth paste, and unperfumed soap. Once again very basic items we use every day, and take for granted. The bags will be given to women in hospitals who are in need of basic toiletries, following fistula operations.

If your able to slip an extra item in your shopping trolley for this plea it will be very much apprieciatted. Donations can be handed into the Village Shop or I will collect telephone 830553

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To see the availability check the booking calendar on our web site at <http://abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk>, select 'Bookings' then the 'Arngask Church, Glenfarg' tab. Bookings can be made via Sheona Reid at 830388.

Bill Macpherson, Session Clerk, 830430.



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The first meeting of the session takes place on

Thursday 10th September

Sheila Fisher will give a talk on Bees.

Competitions-

Baby Picture of Self; 2 Flapjacks; Flower of the month.

Thursday 8th October

Papercrafting Demo by Mrs Laing.

Competitions-

Button and Bead Picture; 2 Empire Biscuits; Flower of the month.

Thursday 12 November

Baiglie Bonnets by Mrs Sally Orr-Ewing.

Competitions-

Handcrafted Flower; Flask of Soup; Flower of the month.

Visitors and Friends Welcome.



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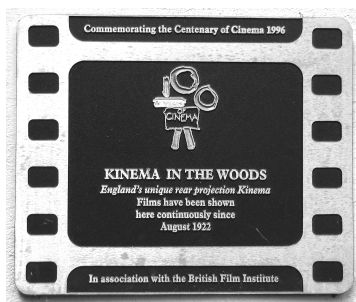
Glenfarg Community Cinema is closed over the summer months so, to avoid withdrawal symptoms, we set off to find other local cinemas of interest.

Hidden in the woods at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, we found 'The Kinema In The Woods'. This independent cinema has been showing movies continuously since 1922.

It started life as a sports and entertainment pavilion dated from the late 19th Century. The pavilion sat in the grounds of The Victoria Hotel, looking over tennis courts, croquet lawns and gardens, until The Victoria Hotel burnt down on Easter Sunday 1920. This led to the relationship between the hotel and the pavilion being severed.



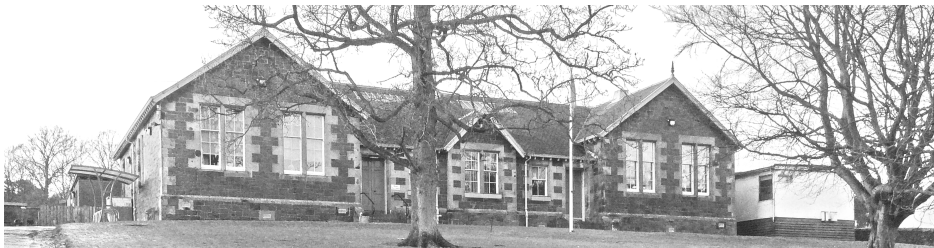
In 1922, Sir Archibald and Lady Weigall purchased the Victoria Hotel ruins including the sports pavilion and, with the assistance of Captain Carleton Cole Allport, the pavilion was transformed into a cinema which opened its doors on Monday September 11th 1922 at 7pm. The first film to be shown was intended to be "The Lion Eaters", however the film failed to arrive and a Charlie Chaplin film was shown in its place.



There are now 2 Screens, seating capacity 265 and 92, with proper seats where once there were deckchairs. On Saturdays you also get a recital on the Mighty Compton Organ. We didn't go inside (it was showing *Terminator Genisys*) but we did take the Glenfarg Store bag for a photo.

Our cinema reopens in September - programme to be announced soon. Janet Watson.

Arngask Primary School



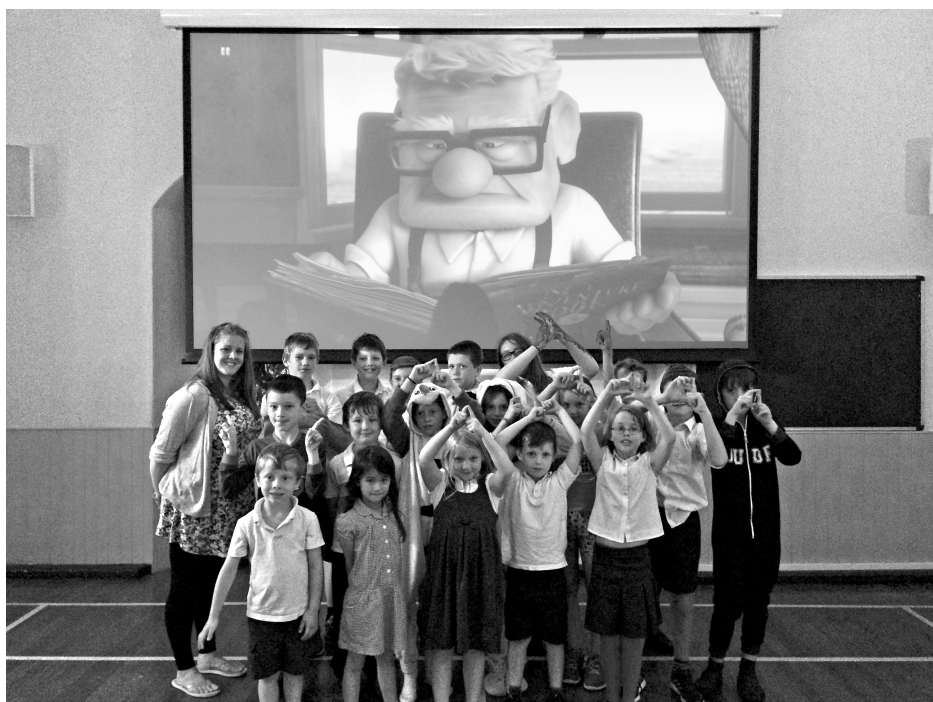
Having reached the end of the 2014 / 15 session, now is the time to look back at some of the achievements.

Arngask pupils are divided into four Houses - Arngask, Deuglie, Duncrievie and Fordel.



Throughout the year, weekly Golden Rules such as 'Be Kind to Others' are adopted and House Points awarded to pupils who have done well in this area. At the end of each term, the winning House is acknowledged and at the end of the session the House with the most points gets to choose a special activity.

House Points 2014-2015				
Total points	Arngask	Deuglie	Duncrievie	Fordel
Term 1	160	104	131	135
Term 2	149	117	162	114
Term 3	364	358	431	280
Term 4	600	780	632	483
Total	1273	1359	1356	1012



This year it was a very close contest, but the final winner by only a few points was Deuglie. As a prize, they chose a 'cinema experience'. So, on the Wednesday afternoon Deuglie pupils left their classrooms and walked down to the Village Hall for a showing of the animated film 'Up'.

The cinema committee had set up the equipment, and their teacher had brought along 'goodie bags' for them to enjoy.

UP - Carl Fredrickson marries an adventurous girl named Ellie. They dream of going to a lost land in South America. 70 years later, Ellie has died. Carl remembers the promise he made to her. Then, when he inadvertently hits a construction worker, he is forced to go to a retirement home. But before they can take him, he and his house fly away. However, he has a stowaway aboard: an 8-year-old boy named Russell, who's trying to get an Assisting the Elderly badge. Together, they embark on an adventure.

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Glenfarg Debating Society

What, you didn't know about it? Well probably because there isn't one, but there could be!

I think a debating society could be a popular addition to the life of the village, it could also provide a very good life-skills training ground for people of all ages. In the world of work it is said that one of the biggest reasons for failing at interviews is the inability to speak confidently. One thing that holds many people back once in work is the feeling that they cannot present or speak 'in public'. Both of these skills come through practise and there is no better training ground than debating with 'well kent' faces all around.

So from teenager to old codger, male or female, this could give an evening of entertainment and training.

So what happens during a debate? The subject (Motion) is chosen beforehand and a proposer, seconder and opposer are allocated. It is important to note that the Motion is not necessarily something the proposer feels strongly about, or even agrees with, and vice-versa; the opposer doesn't necessarily naturally oppose the Motion. Before the debate the three 'leaders' research the topic from their debate given standpoint. Another good trait, the ability to look at an argument from many points of view!

The debate starts with the proposer proposing the Motion 'This House believes X' with a short speech, the opposer responds, obviously some prepared content but also reacting to some of the proposed arguments. The seconder speaks, again reacting to both. The Motion is then thrown out to the floor with points for and against the Motion being argued, again reacting to comments, without necessarily actually believing in the position taken. Good humour tends to, nay must, pervade.

The debate is managed by the chairman who tries to keep a balance between proposer and opposer. When it would seem the debate is running out of steam a vote is taken on the motion 'This House believes X' and people vote on the quality of the arguments offered. A small prize may be given to the leader of the winning side.

Having been at a number of Glenfarg Burns Suppers I know that there are obviously a number of good speakers in the area, but I bet there are many more waiting to be found. So, if you are even slightly interested in the idea call me at 830430 or e-mail at bill.Macpherson@glenfeargach.co.uk.

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Glenfarg Village Fete

Saturday 13th June 2015

So the sun didn't shine for us this year but the folk of Glenfarg still turned out to enjoy and support the annual village fete. A wild west theme was promoted this year and boy did the



children really put their all into dressing up for the parade. Cowboys and Indians flooded into the park to get the fete started and brought a smile to all our faces.



Unfortunately the weather meant we couldn't have the Hot Air Balloon as scheduled but all the other attractions did us proud. From the Majorettes to the Horse Vaulting. From the madcap Wild West Re-enactment to the Brass Band, and the Dancers, they all delivered superb entertainment.



This year's King and Queen, Elliot Wilkins and Holly Anson

Refreshments were provided by the Tea Tent and the Beer Tent for adults while Ice Cream and Candy Stall went down really well with the kids. And the burger stall sold out yet again.

The wide variety of stalls meant there was loads to do and kept everyone happy despite the inclement weather.



Sincere thanks are due to everybody who helped make the event such a success – the Marquee erection team and the Scouts, the stallholders, the parade team, the service teams in the tea and beer tents, the entertainers and last, but by no means least, the great Glenfarg public!





Special mentions are due to
Cath Todd (Tea Tent co-ordinator),
Alison & Brian Harrison (record breaking bottle stall),
Dave Watt (splendid evening 'do') and
Brian Todd (transport with a smile).
Long service medals are currently on order for Bob, Alex &
Alan (Bar), Iain Fairweather (Golf), Lindsey & Family (White
Elephant) and Roger & Rory (BBQ). Thank you one and all !!



A fantastic community event which has raised £3750.00 which will be distributed throughout the community to organisations and groups. So whatever your level of involvement and whatever your contribution (in money or kind), please be assured you have all helped and done your 'bit' in continuing to make our community a vibrant , happy and better place in which to stay. Thank You - The Fete Committee.

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Application form available on the village website or through the shop. Closing date Friday 14th August.

Robert Horne Bell

1922-2015

Bob Bell was born and raised in Ashburn cottage, Glenfarg, where he lived with his mother and father (Elizabeth and Robert Bell) and older siblings, Jim, Sadie and Chris. He attended Perth Academy and then went on to join the RAF at the age of 16, training as a radio engineer. At the outset of the war he was posted to the Far East, finding himself in Singapore just as it fell to the Japanese. He escaped, was captured in Java and remained a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities in 1945. He received the Pacific Cross, the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-45 War Medal for his service.

After the war his mother and father moved to another house in the village at 22 Greenbank Road. Bob was a very sick man as a result of his experiences and endured a lengthy period of rehabilitation before returning home. He trained in what was then the new method of time and motion study and it was during this time he met his future wife, Nancy Thomson, who was originally from Dunning. Her family had the tenancy of the Bein Inn and many a night was spent at the dancing and racing up and down the glen on the Farg road. They married in 1952 and moved to Aberdeen where Bob became works manager at the Pirie Appleton paper factory.

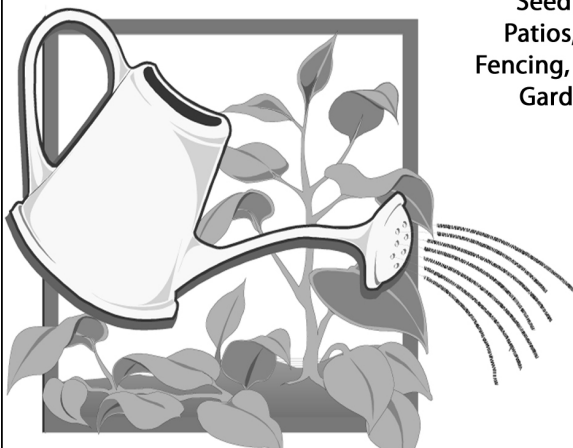
In the 60's they moved to England where Bob worked for what was then the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority. Bob and Nancy had a long and happy life together. They were married for 63 years and had five daughters and six grand children. Bob was a man who loved life and lived every day to the full. He never forgot the village and surrounding countryside where he grew up, returning regularly to the hills and glens he roamed as a boy. Over the years, he contributed some of these reminiscences and poems to the Newsletter. Bob died in the spring at his home in Loughborough, just a few days short of what would have been his 93rd birthday. His ashes will be put in the grave where his mother and father are buried at Arngask Cemetery. He was well-loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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Glenfarg Scout Group



Glenfarg scout group celebrated 40 years of continuous scout activity at the AGM in May. The scout group was initially formed between the wars and there is a log book of activities from the 1930s that starts with finding a new leader and gives an insight into village life between the wars. The group grew from the scout troop with a cub pack forming and the beaver colony added in 1989.

The age range for the different sections has changed over the years but it is clear that there has always been an emphasis on camping and having fun on adventures in the outdoors.





The beavers taught the cubs, scouts and parents two songs before Finlay Rutherford and Brogan Guilar were invested. The parents were put into teams with members of the scout group and challenged to build towers before playing several games including the human knot.



Several top sectional awards were presented to members of the group. Lee Scott and Kyle Stanfield gaining their chief scout bronze award. Mitchell Stewart and Fergus Warder gained their chief scout silver. Niall Macmillan, an explorer scout who had progressed through scouting in the village was presented with his Queen's scout award.

Robin Lambie was presented with an engraved tankard to commemorate his contribution to the group for the past 40 years.

Robert Morton was awarded the silver acorn for his services to scouting.



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Ruby's 100th Birthday Party



This year, the June Soup & Chat became a very special event when we realised that one of the regulars, Ruby Peace, would be celebrating her 100th birthday the next day. The day itself was for a family celebration, but on the Wednesday there was the opportunity for the community to mark the event.

Lindsay Kinnaird and her helpers organised the lunch, with balloons, decorations and a special cake made by Julie Russell. Everyone came along to wish Ruby a happy birthday, including a surprise guest, Bill Stirling from Dunfermline who has been a friend of Ruby's for many years. Bill is just celebrating his 90th birthday.

Richard Melville made a speech, highlighting the changes that Ruby had seen in her long life and the pleasure it had been to have her living next door as a good friend and neighbour. Robin Watson sang a Burns favourite, Ae Fond Kiss, and then led the singing of Happy Birthday to You as the cake was brought in. Clara Holt Brook presented a large bouquet, provided by the Community Council on behalf of the community.

Ruby then rose to her feet to reply, saying thank you to everyone for being so kind. Having lived here since 1970, she very much misses Glenfarg now that she is living in Milnathort. Ruby wanted to say that Glenfarg is a very special community.

And the community thinks that Ruby is a very special lady!



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Ruby's Thanks



Mrs Ruby Peace would like to thank everyone in Glenfarg and beyond for all the lovely cards gifts and flowers she received on her hundredth birthday. She was absolutely overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. My sister Helen Maxwell and myself Jessma Lindsay would like to add our thanks and appreciation.

Yours sincerely Jessma.

Queen's Garden Party

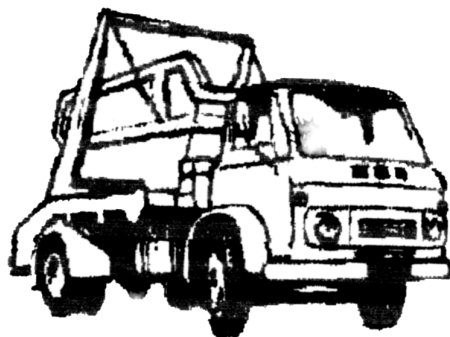


The sun shone for my daughter Gillian and I when we represented the Glenfarg Community at the Queen's Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

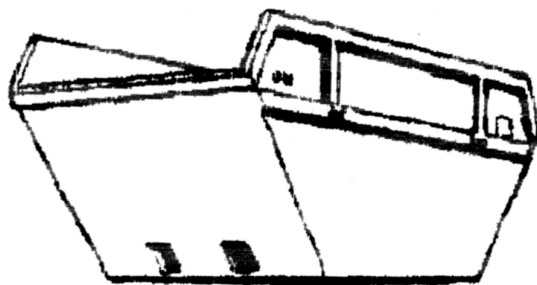
Unfortunately no photography was allowed. Attached is a photograph of the two of us just before we went into the palace grounds.

A fantastic day out and not a cucumber sandwich in sight.

David Aird.



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Glenfarg Curling Clubs

Glenfarg Curling Clubs held their annual dinner and presentation of prizes at The Glenfarg on 24th April 2015. Prize winners were:- (Skips names first)

Ladies Club

Hamilton Cup:-

Winners

Valerie Inglis
Fiona Rutherford
Sheona Reid
Susan Rigby

Runners-Up

Jillian Milne
Helen McInroy
Anne Farquharson
Gwen Poole

Wooden Spoon:- (Hamilton Cup)

Maria Tait

Jessie Deas:-

Jillian Milne
Valerie Inglis
Maria Tait
Annette Bennie

Margaret Jenkins
Janet Peddie
Karen Purvis
Susan Rigby

Bette Pirie:- (Novice Skip)

Karen Purvis
Maeve Clark
Susan Rigby
Annette Bennie

Jean Andrew
Sheila Swan
Anne Farquharson
Margaret Jenkins

Pairs High Road:-

Sheila Swan
Christine Melville

Leslie Brown
Maggie Scott

Pairs Low Road:-

Lora Burgess
Jane Drysdale

Sheona Reid
Jean Andrew

Points:-

First	Lora Burgess
Second	Sheona Reid
Third	Fiona Rutherford

Ladies Challenge:- Highest Up Rink

Gents Won 22-21
Arthur Jenkins
Finlay Campbell
Allan Taylor
Mike Guild



Gents Club

Colin Campbell:-
Men's Team Won

Winners
Gordon Walker
David Rutherford
Lorne Findlay
Nigel Goody

Runners-Up

Willie Murray:-

Gordon Walker
Lesley Brown
Allan Taylor
Margaret Jenkins

Piper Cup:-

Stuart Smith
Bill Melville
Kerr Watson
John Angus

Arthur Jenkins
Cameron Gaudin
Allan Taylor
Dave Miller

MacLellan Cup:-

Gordon Walker
Margaret Jenkins
Bruce McNaughton
Sheona Reid

Lora Burgess
Arthur Jenkins
Annette Bennie
Bill Melville

Pairs High Road:-

Darren Ritchie
Hamish Breckenridge

Arthur Jenkins
Keith Sime

Pairs Low Road:-

David Rutherford
Cameron Gaudin

John Swan
Nigel Goody

Points:-

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Third	Lorne Findlay

The Gents Club's external success this year was reaching the Final of the John Stewart Trophy at Kinross but then lost to Kinross Curling Club.

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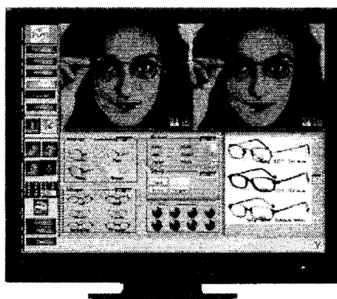
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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 6th July 2015

AT GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: CCllrs Donald Mackenzie (Chairman), Gillian Vaughan (Treasurer) Dave Arnold, Rob Duncan, Daniel Horsman, Alex Johnston, and Margaret Ponton. Also present: Tracey Ramsay (Senior Community Capacity Building Worker PKC) Cllr Giacomazzi and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Janet Watson (Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

This was held on 11th May 2015. The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Horsman, seconded by CClr Duncan.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Community Benefit Fund - it was felt that further clarity of 'exceptional circumstances' is needed and community awareness needs to be increased as to this aspect of the awards.
2. New Bus timetable - there are no concerns to be raised regarding the new bus times.
3. Newsletter sub group - this group now covers all aspects of Glenfarg communication.



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4. Noticeboard - The new CC noticeboard has been installed and thanks go to John Allison for his skills and time which were given freely. Thanks to the shop for allowing the notice board to be positioned on their wall.

POLICE REPORT:

There was no Police report presented. Councillors are still aware of a problem regarding speeding through the villages of Glenfarg and Duncruevie.

Neighbourhood Watch - there have been 87 members since 1st May 2015. Messages are regularly circulated.

A LONG TERM VISION FOR GLENFARG:

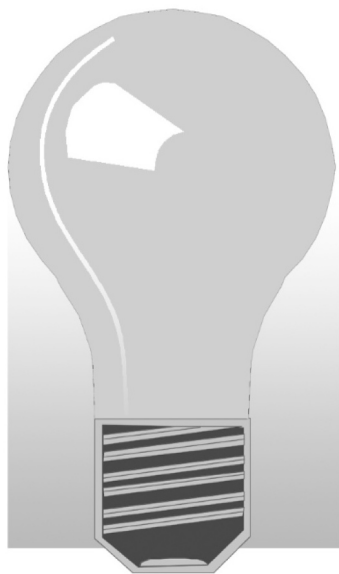
Tracey Ramsey along with members of our Community has produced a questionnaire which is to be circulated to all residents of the CC area. to ask people to think about a long term development plan for Glenfarg area. The questionnaire will be electronically circulated along with delivery of paper copies. It will be on the village website and shared through the 'Grapevine'.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a summary of her report (circulated prior to the meeting). She noted that the total fund held was a healthy £11,599. The administration grant of £373 has been received.

AED/CPR training was well attended and worth while.

VAS - two signs have been ordered at a cost of £4850 and they will be installed in 6-8 weeks.



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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). 5 applications have been received and the CC have no objection to any of these. 4 applications have been approved, including the Lomond Hotel site. Discussion took place over the 'cumulative affect' of turbines but Cllr Johnston felt the CC were being consistent in their approach to applications.

A & J Stephen have appointed construction engineers for the infrastructure work and they are now working on the detailed infrastructure plans. These are to be submitted to P&KC in September and permits for the work are expected by end November. If that happens infrastructure work will begin in January and, if there are no weather delays, the plan is to commence building the first house in April.

BINN FARM UPDATE

Cllr Duncan report that the pre agreement document between Element Power and the 4 communities had been discussed in detail and amendments had been made. He felt that the 4 communities are now in a position to sign this on 15th July. The objection submitted by Historic Scotland has been withdrawn.

The meeting agreed to sign the agreement.

RESPONSE TO ROAD CLOSURES

There was felt to be a lack of communication between P&KC and the community regarding road closures. The information that was available was too little and given too late. The road marking at the end of Church Brae have not been reinstated. The CC will communicate our concerns to the Council.

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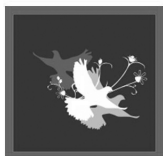
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CORRESPONDENCE AND AOCB

1. Parking at the shop - The shop keepers have asked for there to be no permanent parking outside the shop. In accordance with the Highway Code, there should not be parking at a dropped kerb and the Chairman will speak with them to find a suitable way forward. The CC will write to the Council requesting a white line at the dropped kerb.
2. Elections - Each candidate shall submit a supporting statement by 24th September.
3. Broadband - There has been no planning application as yet for the second pair of cabinets which would provide this service to the south end of the village. Superfast Broadband is available in the north end of the village currently.
4. Glenfarg History - Jen Lindsay has researched in detail the names on the war memorial and would like to give the information to Glenfarg. It was agreed to accept this offer and to keep it in the newsletter archive store in the church hall. John Armstrong will also be approached to see if the material will be useful to him in his work on village history. The information will be made available on the website.
5. Wallace Park - A reminder is needed for the repainting of the wooden ride on toys in the park.
6. Fete Funds - It was felt more clarity was needed into the funds raised from the Village Fete. The application process for the distribution will start soon.
7. Local Development Plan - Glenfarg is not mentioned on this - it was felt the area has nowhere further to develop.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 7th September

The Bottle Stall



At this year's fete, the Bottle Stall raised a record amount. Alison Harrison would like to thank all those who helped.

- the Scouts, Dave Arnold and others at Duncricvie who delivered slips requesting bottle donations for the fete

- Mark, Joe and Russell in the shop, for promoting and looking after donations

- David Aird, and also to anyone else who helped collect donated bottles

- all those who helped on the bottle stall on the day

- Angus, who helped Brian with setting up and dismantling, as well as tirelessly helping for the whole day on the bottle stall.

- the wonderful people of Glenfarg, for generously donating so many bottles, and turned up on the day to queue in the rain for over four hours to buy tickets

- finally, a huge thank you to Brian - the reluctant hero who did an absolutely splendid job, making a tombola drum and staging for the bottles, and worked his socks off getting everything set up and organised. He is a star!

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Glenfarg Village Hall News

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall committee will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30 pm in the hall meeting room. All residents are welcome to attend, meet the committee, and let us know your views on the management of the hall.

The Village Hall now offers tables and chairs to hire for private functions. To make a booking please contact the Hall Keeper, Tanya Bisset by phone 01577 830156 or email glenfargvillagehallbookings@gmail.com. The Table hire costs £2 per table and includes the chairs.

In collaboration with the Cinema group, a new automatic projection screen has been installed at the back of the hall. This is available for all hall users. Projection equipment is also be available by arrangement with the Cinema Group. Contact Robin Watson.

Bookings for the hall now need to be paid for when the booking is made. Payment confirms the booking. If you decide not to use the hall then you must let the Hall Keeper know at least one week in advance otherwise you will be charged for the hire. To check if the hall is available, and view all hall bookings, go on-line to <http://www.glenfarg.org/Community/hallcalendar>

Hall hire remains at £10 per hour for the main hall and £6 per hour for the meeting room. After using the hall could users please replace tables and chairs in the cupboards and behind the stage, sweep the hall, and remove any rubbish to the bins in the bin store area in the garden. Please also ensure that the lights are off and the emergency exit is properly closed.

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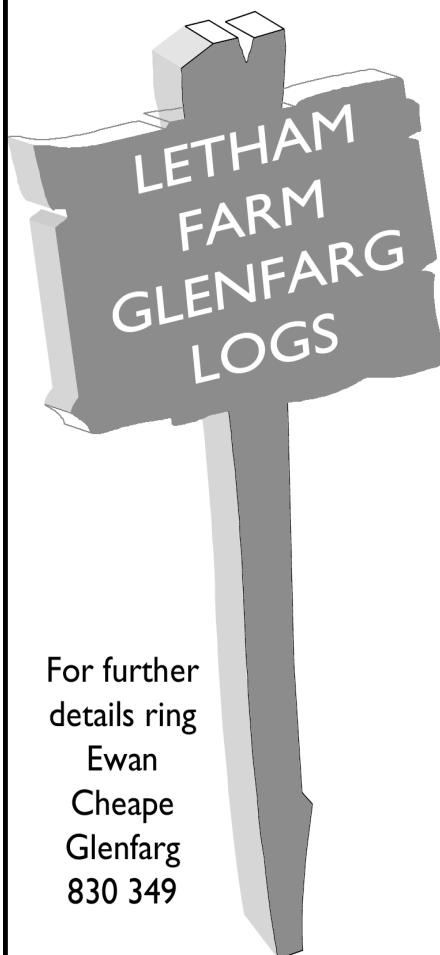
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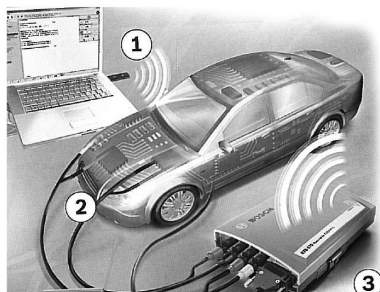
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Glenfarg

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