

The Glenfarg Newsletter

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Editorial



The front cover picture of this issue was taken on the Open Gardens Day in Glenfarg. It was a lovely sunny day and I thoroughly enjoyed going round the various gardens on show.

Our staff reporters have been hard at work with articles for this newsletter. Jim Ashton relates a fishy tale of an evening's angling on Loch Leven with your editor. The story of this extraordinary outing can be found on page 14. Alison Harrison tells of an inspiring meeting at the WRI given by Scott Paterson on wildlife in the garden.

Glenfarg-raised Simone Bett, daughter to Alison and Andy Bett, is coming to the Community Cinema to present the feature film 'First And Only' which she is producing. There will be a showing of a short section of the film and Simone will take questions on the project. See page 38.

Important news on the influenza vaccination clinics is to found on page 11 where you can find the dates and times of the clinics and your eligibility for the treatment. Don't wait for a letter of invitation. If you are eligible you can make your appointment now.

Allocating space in the Newsletter is the principal function of the editor. It makes my job so much easier if I can be warned in advance that you are going to send an article for publication. So even if the article is not ready let me know with a short e-mail that you are preparing a contribution and give its likely length.

Robin Watson

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Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
10th October	Folk Club - Bram Taylor	Backstage at The Green
14th October	Community Cinema The Oxford Murders	7.30pm Village Hall 10
14th October	Bridge Club AGM	1.30pm Church Hall
24th October	Folk Club Top Floor Taivers	Backstage at The Green
29th October	Halloween Monster Mash	7pm Village Hall
31st October	Bingo Night - W.R.I.	7.30pm Village Hall
31st October	Folk Club Fraser Nimmo/ Coaltown Daises	Backstage at The Green
7th November	Community Council Meeting	7.30pm Village Hall
11th November	Community Cinema Hotel Paradiso	7.30pm Village Hall
14th November	Folk Club Paul McKenna	Backstage at The Green
28th November	Folk Club Anthony John Clarke/ Dave Pegg	Backstage at The Green
3rd December	Arngask Church Christmas Sale	10am-Noon Village Hall
9th December	Community Cinema Eddie The Eagle	7.30pm Village Hall

A Village Hall for All

A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

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
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Guides
	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

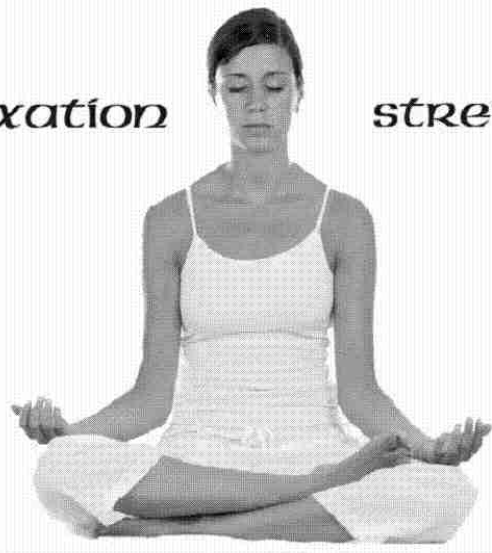
To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website
www.glenfarg.org
 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

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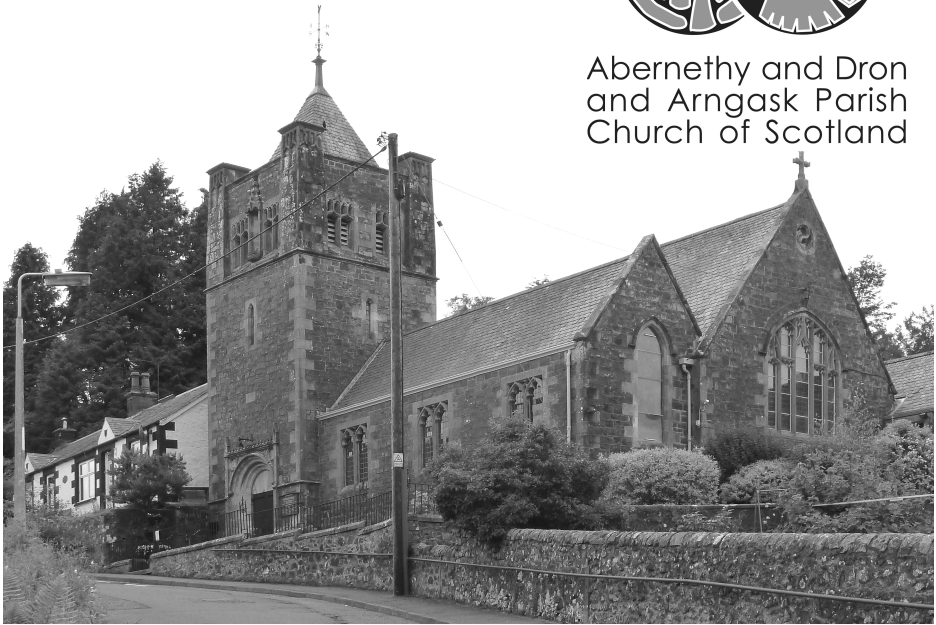
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Church News



Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
Church of Scotland



As we continue the search for our new minister we are grateful to have the continuing support of our Locum Minister, the Rev Douglas Main. He can be contacted on 01738 860867 or by e-mail Minister@abernethydronarngaskchurch.org.uk

A highlight for the church last month was the appearance of the Osiligi Maasai Warriors who performed authentic and exciting Maasai tribal song and dance in the village hall. The performance was very well received by the audience, who filled the hall and left with a spring in their step.

Scottish Churches are holding a Housing Action Event on the 7th Oct 10.15 – 2.15pm at 121 George St Edinburgh. 'Spotlight on Homelessness' To register please contact the Session Clerk.

A date for your diary is Saturday 3rd Dec when the Church will be holding its Christmas Sale. Glenfarg Village Hall, 10.00 – 12.00 with all the usual stalls, Christmas Hampers and refreshments.

All welcome

News from Loch Leven Health Centre

Influenza Vaccination for Adults

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on Saturday. The dates are as follows:-

Monday 3rd October

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 22nd October

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 29th October

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 12th November

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.** Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:-

Over 65s

Those over 65 by 31st March 2017 i.e. born before 31st March 1952

Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' Groups

Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions

Chronic heart disease

Chronic kidney disease

Chronic liver disease

Chronic neurological disease

Diabetes

Immunosuppression

Pregnant women

Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy

Long stay residential

Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities

Unpaid Carers and young carers

Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability.

Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

Influenza Vaccination for Children

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 - 5 who are not at school. Children must be aged 2 or above on 1st September 2016. The vaccine is administered via a nasal spray rather than an injection and appointments may now be made at Reception. If your child is at primary school, the vaccine will be administered there.

Pneumococcal Vaccination for over 65s

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31st March 2017, are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once and can be administered at the same appointment as the flu vaccination.

Shingles Vaccination

The shingles vaccination is available for all those aged between 70 and 79, except for those aged 74 and 75 i.e. those born between 2nd September 1940 and 1st September 1942. Those aged 80 on 1st September 2016 are no longer eligible. Eligibility can be checked at <http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/vaccines-and-diseases/shingles.aspx>.

Special clinics are taking place on Monday 3rd October and Saturday 22nd October for those who wish the shingles vaccination. The flu vaccination can be given at the same appointment. Those who have previously had the shingles vaccination do not need another.

Public Holiday

The Health Centre is closed on Monday 3rd October for a public holiday. There will be no appointments or clinics other than pre-booked flu or shingles appointments. In the event of a medical emergency please phone 111 and you will be connected to NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service.

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A Fishy Tale

Ospreys 2 : Fisherman 0

Loch Leven lies on our doorstep, a fantastic natural resource which offers all kind of pastimes in beautiful surroundings. Now that there is a path all the way round, you can cycle, jog or stroll round and it doesn't need to be a chore as there are three strategically placed watering holes viz., The Boathouse Bistro, Vane Farm Cafeteria and Loch Leven's Larder, all excellent!

For families there are a couple of playparks, lots of green space, plenty of parking and, essentially, ice cream, available at the Pier.

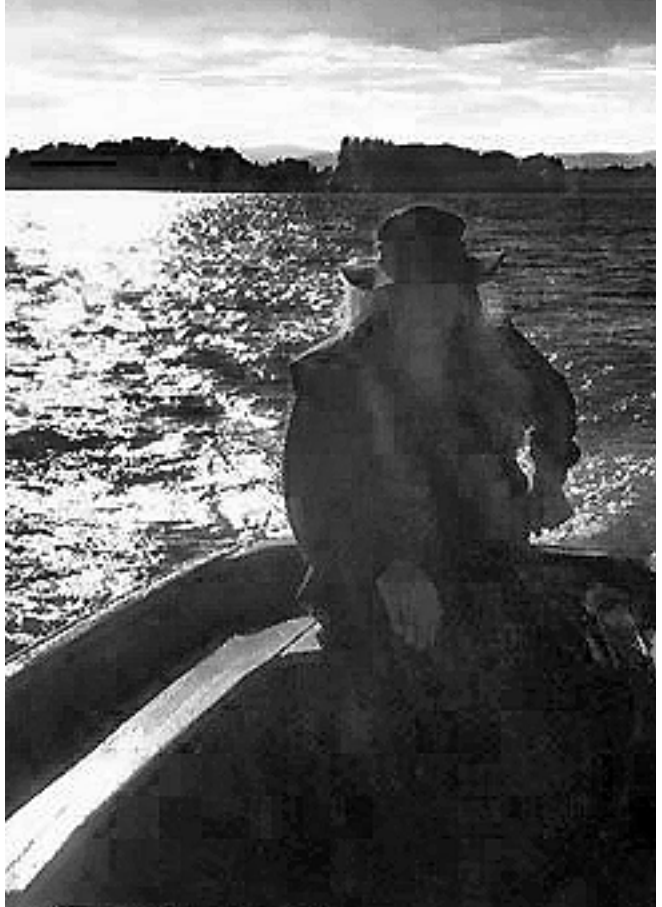
However, if you are a fly fisherman, then Loch Leven is something quite different. Loch Leven is simply the holy grail of trout fishing. At one time Loch Leven trout were considered the finest specimens of their species and were exported all over the world to colonise rivers and lochs. However massive blue-green algal bloom problems in the 1980's/90's caused the loch to lose its reputation and appeal and in 1992 measures were taken to combat this. Although some algae is still present, it is minimal and there has been a huge improvement in water quality and the return of some magnificent specimens of wild Brown trout.

If you talk to fly fishermen and they know you are from Scotland they will ask 'have you fished loch Leven' and when you tell them you haven't, they give you what can only be described as a pitying look.

The Editor and I have taken to going off on fishing expeditions, mostly to the River Earn and during one of these outings the question was asked and when it was revealed that I had never fished loch Leven, he gave me much the same look, but followed it up by saying that he would arrange a trip to remedy this.

True to his word, he quickly organised an evening session and it was with great anticipation that about 6pm on the beautiful evening of Wednesday 17th August, we set off in our boat from the pier with Robin keeping a firm hand on the tiller.

It's only when you are sitting in a boat in the middle of this vast expanse of water that you start to wonder what the chances are of a hungry fish passing by just at the moment you cast three tiny imitation flies on the water! By around 7.30 pm, when we had seen neither hide nor hair of any fish, the anticipation was having to be sustained with cups of coffee from our flasks and it was



whilst doing this that I noticed a large bird flying overhead. I realised it was an Osprey and it was soon joined by three others. I pointed them out to Robin who was still thrashing the water without success and he quickly put his rod down and got out his camera.

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One of the birds swooped down onto the water surface and emerged with a trout between its talons and it was quickly followed by a second bird that also emerged with a fish.



We were both delighted to witness this spectacle at close range but at the same time dismayed that they could so easily catch fish (without permits!) while we were growing more despondent by the hour.

Fishermen are by nature optimists always believing that the next cast will be the one and so we carried on until darkness enveloped us, but it was not to be and about 9.30 pm we made our way back to the boathouse empty handed. As we got off our boat, another boat that we had seen throughout the evening fishing in front of us on the same drift came in and one of the two fishermen was clutching a plastic bag with what looked like something big inside it!

Yup, you've guessed right, it was a huge 4lb 4oz trout that he had caught about 30yds in front of us and in a spot that we fished shortly after him but without success. Talk about rubbing salt into the wound!

So, a fruitless evening in terms of fish caught, but a wonderful evening spent in a beautiful location. Being in a boat in the middle of the loch gives an entirely different perspective on the landscape and what a landscape. We saw a beautiful sunset over the hills to the west followed by a huge moon rising behind us and casting a light over Bishop Hill and onto the water.



As mentioned earlier, you have to be an optimist to be a fly fisherman and in the short time it took us to journey back to Glenfarg, we were already planning the next outing and had convinced ourselves that with the right conditions and the right cast it would be our turn to land a specimen fish!

Jim Ashton.

Glenfarg Grapevine

Do you feel 'out of the loop'? Are you missing out on village news? Or are you an organiser, needing to reach as many people locally as possible?

Then you need to make use of ALL our wonderful means of communication. Please remember, these are run by volunteers. They will not copy from one medium to another - you need to make use of them all.

Community Website

www.glenfarg.org

for all the information about our village

club contacts / service dates / hall calendar / group and CC minutes etc

Facebook

join the Glenfarg Grapevine closed group
for instant community news / details of events

Email Service

sign up via the community website
to receive a weekly email of upcoming events
plus emergency announcements

Noticeboards

The shop window is the place for general posters
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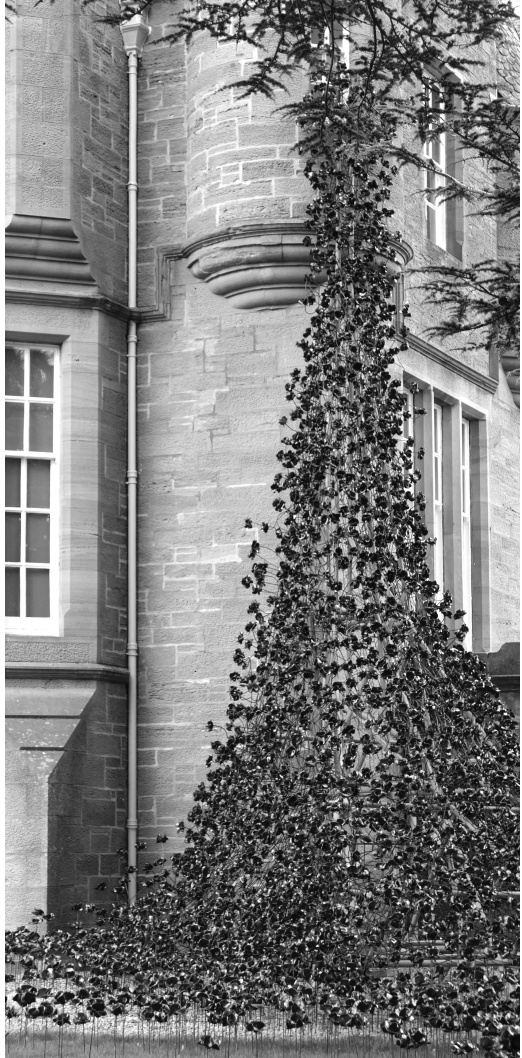


Poppy Scotland Appeal

Poppy Scotland is the leading charity supporting ex-Servicemen and women and their families in Scotland. It was established in 1921 and is an independent charity which relies entirely on public donations to allow it to continue its life-changing work. Much of its funding is raised during the annual Poppy Appeal in November.

Last year the Scottish Poppy Appeal raised an incredible £2.9 million which was used to provide financial assistance to thousands of ex-Servicemen and women in need as well as helping to fund long term care, housing and employment. It also helped fund specialist veterans' charities such as Combat Stress.

Look out for the Poppy Scotland collection tins which will be placed in the Village Shop nearer the time.



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Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom

Regular readers of the Newsletter may have been a little confused by the minute of the Community Council in the last issue which was unclear in the roles of and the working relationship between GDIB and BUD (Brighten Up Duncrievie). For this reason I have attached GDIB's Chairman's letter which should clarify the current situation of both groups. Disappointingly there has been no increase in our volunteers since my plea in the last issue so I guess the old crocks will just keep on going until they're pushing up daisies instead of cultivating them. Seriously though, it's crucial that new blood joins the group to ensure its survival and I would ask that if you're under 65 please call Irene, Alison or myself and find out how you can help, or leave your contact details with the lads at the shop and we'll contact you.

Our bi-annual Open Gardens Day was a great success even though numbers were down, mainly due to clash with "Edinburgh Tattoo comes to Perth". As always, we are so grateful to the garden owners in Duncrievie and Glenfarg as without their generosity such fund-raisers cannot happen.



Minute of Community Council meeting of 4th July 2016

I write as chairperson of Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom (GDIB) and refer to that part of the Minute headed 'Microgrant BUD'.

We are extremely concerned that the Minute suggests a situation that does not exist and feel strongly that before any such opinions are expressed and committed to public record within our community, some checking with the organisations should have been carried out.

The Minute, which may leave the reader with a view that there are no, or poor, arrangements for sharing already in place and give the impression that there is some sort of division between the two bodies, needs to be amended. These opinions are wrong and we would ask that the next CC meeting clarifies this so that it can be recorded on the Minute.

The Minute emphasises the need for GDIB and BUD to review arrangements for sharing equipment and uses the term 'shared ownership'. GDIB has always made it very clear to those involved with BUD that the equipment owned by it is a community resource. Subject to people being properly trained in the use of the various pieces of equipment, they are available not only to BUD but to other organisations as well. That has been stated in writing in the Newsletter previously.

If some of those involved in BUD wish to purchase their own equipment, so be it. But any such decision should not be taken to mean that GDIB is unwilling to share what it owns.

On the matter of 'shared ownership', we suggest that the use of such a term is unhelpful. The various pieces of equipment owned by GDIB have been purchased through fund-raising efforts by that organisation. More important, however, is the matter of insurance. As far as we are aware, BUD remains an unconstituted body. That is perfectly fine in terms of its activities. However, when it comes to the matter of equipment ownership, we feel there is a risk attendant on being unconstituted in terms of not being able to provide proper insurance cover, either for the equipment or for third-party liability. Any injury caused to a person using the equipment under the auspices of BUD, or any member of the public could result in the individual members of BUD being held liable. GDIB, on the other hand, has full insurance cover in place. So the idea of any individual or body other than GDIB being considered the 'owner' of equipment already owned by GDIB, is not an option we could entertain. In summary, we suggest that the Minute reflects opinion that is uninformed and misleading and would ask that a correction is noted in your next Minute.

Yours sincerely,

*Donald J MacKenzie
Chairperson, Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom*

Glenfarg Folk Club



Backstage At The Green in Kinross.

Doors open 7.30pm Music Starts at 8.00pm

Open Stage

Monday 3rd Oct

Members £6, Non-Members £9 The second of our ever-popular nights of the year in which we feature 4 different acts. Tonight's performers are Faramach, Maggie Holland, Chris Sear with Gill Halliday and Adam Nosal. A varied programme in store.

Bram Taylor

Monday 10th Oct

Members £6, Non-Members £9 A vastly experienced artiste with a wonderful, distinctive voice, Bram is welcomed to entertain us with his relaxed manner and brilliant stage presence. Should be a great night.



Singaround*

Monday 17th Oct

All £3 NB. Venue is Loch Leven suite, not Backstage. Autumn brings wonderful colour changes to our countryside; so let's make "Colours" our theme for this week.

Top Floor Taivers

Monday 24th Oct

Members £6, Non-members £9 A quartet of young, multi-talented ladies based in Glasgow who are gaining an increasingly impressive reputation whilst performing both traditional and contemporary songs and tunes. They are award-winning Claire Hastings as lead vocalist, Tina Jordan Rees on piano, Grainne Brady on fiddle, and Heather Downie on clarsach. We are proud to bring them to The Glenfarg VFC.

Fraser Nimmo; Coaltown Daisies

Monday 31st Oct

Members £6, Non-Members £9 Another of our double-header nights which are becoming increasingly popular at The Backstage. Fraser is a very fine singer-songwriter, guitarist and old-school entertainer who has performed at the Club on many occasions over the years. We are equally delighted to welcome back Lynzy Moutter and Vivienne Bern, for only their second time at the Club; they provide a high energy performance and everyone will leave tonight with a smile on their face. Check out their brilliant zany website!

Sandy Watt Quaich

Monday 7th Nov

All £3 The Club's own annual song competition in which the aim of the performers is to provide a high degree of pure entertainment for the audience. So come and sing to make the audience laugh with joy or cry with sadness. Entertainment is the order of the night.

Paul McKenna

Monday 14th Nov

Members £6, Non-Members £9 No, not the world famous hypnotist, but instead Scotland's world famous singer-songwriter and guitarist who we welcome back to once again perform his exciting arrangements of both traditional and contemporary folk music. Nobody will be going to sleep during this performance! Welcome back Paul.

Singaround*

Monday 21st Nov

All £3 With the approach of the Festive Season, let's prepare by having "Food and Drink" as our theme for the evening.



Anthony John Clarke and Dave Pegg

Monday 28th Nov

Members £8, Non-Members £10 A first time visit to the Club for these 2 brilliant artistes as a duo. One of our favourite men, AJC is joined by the ex- Fairport Convention "Peggie" to give us a night to remember. Fun, laughter, brilliant songs and singing, all on offer tonight. We are extremely fortunate to book them during this, their latest tour. Don't miss this one.

* Please note that for all our singarounds we give a theme – but if you can't think of a song that fits, anything off theme will do! Non-singers are also always welcome to come and listen.

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Glenfarg W.R.I.



At the first meeting of the session on the 8th September, Mr Scott Paterson gave a talk and slide show on wildlife in your garden.

Competition winners

Bird ornament--1st Jeannie Black, 2nd Lillias Johnston, 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Jar of Marmalade--1st Alison Harrison, 2nd Sheena Chisholm, 3rd equal Helen Quartermaine & Liz Yull.

Flower of the month--1st Helen Quartermaine, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Alison Harrison.

At the Perth Show, Allison Messenger won the Best entry in the Baking section with her Sultana Cake. She also won the Catherine Thomson Salver for her Cloutie Dumpling, and the Eba Miller Quaich for the best exhibit in Baking.

At the Kinross show, Glenfarg were first in the Housewives Community and Allison Messenger won the Paperweight for the best exhibit in this section. Margot Moran won the Embroidery trophy, and Jeanie Black won the Ann Watson Trophy for the most points in the Handcrafts section.

Dates for Future Meetings

Visitors Welcome

13th October: Chocolate Demonstration.

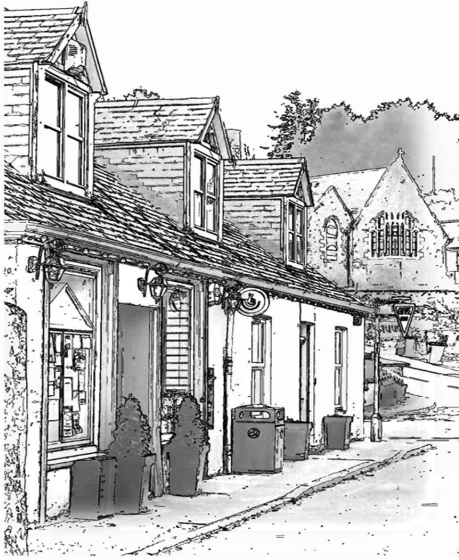
Competitions--Favourite Jug; 2 Chocolate muffins; Flower of the month.

10th November: Christmas and Flowers by Francis Drysdale

Competitions: Recycled Item; 3 canapés; Flower of the month

8th December: Christmas Party.

October 21st: Bingo night in Glenfarg village hall 7.30. All Welcome.



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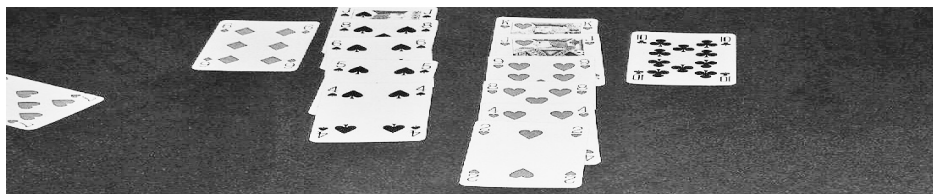
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Glenfarg Bridge Club



We have all enjoyed our summer sessions in the Bowling Club. Looking out over the Green is a very pleasant and relaxing place to spend Friday afternoons playing Bridge. We change venue, however, to the Church Hall at the end of September.

The AGM on Friday 14th October will therefore be held in the Church Hall.

We are always looking to extend our membership. Are there any Bridge (or Whist) players who would like to come and join us on Friday afternoons at 1.30pm? You do not have to commit to every Friday, few members do, and the annual subs are a staggering £5!

As the training college in Perth has resumed we are, at the time of writing, trying to arrange a Christmas luncheon for December for members and spouses.

If you would like any other info, please contact Charlie Kinnaird on 01577830337 or Sheila Harley on 01577830319.



Explorer Scouts

Summer Camp On Lewis



Clear of Perth, we made good progress, arriving early in Ullapool for the ferry. Those who didn't listen to the instructions found that the listeners got their suppers bought for them. The weather as expected was getting blustery as we crossed the Minch to Stornoway. Our minibus was one of the first vehicles off the ferry and it took a good hour to drive to the camp site at Kneep near Uig and on the west coast of Lewis we were certainly feeling the wind. Using the minibus as a wind break we pitched the tents and instructed the explorers to take their sleeping gear and nothing more into the tents. Amazingly we were all in bed before midnight, lying listening to the wind.

Sam announced "Our tent has collapsed in the wind" - it was 5am. Outside the shelter of the tent it was difficult to move in the gusts as we struggled to re-pitch the tent and put emergency guys on the force tens before moving the minibus as the wind had veered.

Proper Sunday morning was just as windy as at 5am and we struggled to find a spot sheltered enough in a hollow in the sand dunes to cook bacon for breakfast before re-pitching the tents in a more sheltered spot recently vacated by a camper van, moving the minibus again to provide more shelter.

The wind was whipping up the sand and sea spectacularly. The leaders needed to stay on site to ensure the tents didn't blow away during the afternoon while the explorers went for a walk to Valtos to check where they could find phone reception in preparation for the exam result texts. To cook the evening meal the inner was removed from a three man tent and once the curry was cooked all nine of us crowded into the tent to eat.

Fortunately, the wind dropped overnight and we were able to pitch the shelter tent to cook breakfast, making life a lot easier! Finally managing to get our kit off the minibus and into the tents, we drove to Mangurstah for a beach clean. We moved a lot of rubbish off the beach, including 5 wellie boots, plastic bottles, containers, rope ends and bits of fishing floats from the nets. It's important to remove all the plastic, even the small bits as they get ground down in the storms, ending up in the water where the tiny bits are swallowed by fish who are unable to digest them and the plastic leaks hormones that prevent them from reproducing. Plankton feeders are drowned by the tiny bits of plastic which block their gills. A visit to the Uig community shop for ice creams was a learning experience for Herris who had spent all his cash on the ferry. After trying to pay by card for goods less than £10, he was sent to the cash withdrawal point where his card got stuck in the machine.

Tuesday morning the new 5th years, plus Grant for moral support, walked to Valtos before breakfast to get their exam result texts. McPherson celebrated by letting Erin give him a new hairstyle. He thought that his results were good enough for his mum not to mind his man bun.

We had hired a rib to explore the coastline for the afternoon and with the waves still pounding the headlands, we weren't sure how far we would get. Iain, our skipper, explained how the seals working in pairs and the gulls, by sitting on the top nets, try to get easy meals from the fish pens that hold thousands of fish. A well ship was approaching the pens to Hoover up the fish and take them to Stornoway for onward delivery. We passed common and grey seals basking on the rocks who were happy to approach the boat while it glided, but vanished as soon as the engine was powered up. After visiting a tranquil island lagoon in the middle of the very lumpy sea, we headed back towards the shore for a spot of sea fishing before returning to the quay.

In the sunshine back at camp, Sam constructed the barbeque while the others gutted the mackerel and ling, a new experience for the explorers. Barbequed mackerel is thoroughly recommended.

The tents were damp from the drizzle as we packed up and headed to Stornoway for a food shop. The explorers were challenged to buy food for three course. The evening meals were to be cooked as a competition, 4th years versus 5th years on a budget of £25 per group. We then drove back across the island to Shawbost where it was wet with wind forecast. Two of the tents had been damaged in the wind at Kneep and replaced by two of the extra tents. The ground was very wet, water was coming out of it where feet were placed and sitting on the ground sheet didn't keep you dry. Again the explorers were instructed to take minimal kit into the tents and leave the rest on the mini bus.

Thursday was another wet day. Bethany was finally invested into the explorer unit among the 5000 year old Callanish standing stones. Dun Carloway Broch, a 2000

year old defensive structure proved a challenge for the taller explorers as the door lintel was just over waist height. Undeterred, they managed to use the remaining stone stair between the walls to make their way as high as possible.

Driving round we had noticed that the road to the end of the coastal walk at Dhail Mor was closed. Instead of the full walk, we went half way then turned back towards Na Gearrannan. Glancing back towards Dhail Mor as we returned, the mist had risen enough to reveal the top of an oil rig.

Na Gearrannan black houses provided respite from the drizzle and the explorers were happy to watch Lewis Tweed being woven on the hattersley loom and a video of peat cutting, alongside other tourists who were sheltering there.

Returning to camp the explorers learnt to fly the two handled kites which rapidly developed into “kite wars” as they tried to knock each other’s kites out the sky. The evening meal was cooked in the mess tent and carried across to the comfort of the tiny kitchen area for eating.

Callum and Lewis left with their parents and the sleeping tents were re-organised as the water was seeping through the girls' tent. The minibus, now containing most of the contents of the mess tent, was moved as close as possible to the mess tent to provide shelter from the increasing wind.

At 5am, the tents were being battered by the wind again and the domed roof of the mess tent kept vanishing. Opening the door, we discovered that the roof poles were on the ground, the elastic had snapped in one and a pole section was impaled in a plastic container. Quickly the tent was emptied into the minibus and then taken down. Christine and Robert then had to move their own tent to a more sheltered spot.

Breakfast of Stornoway black pudding was cooked in the tiny camp kitchen before driving up to the Butt of Lewis where we found a tiny sandy cove. After visiting the horse kiln and mill we walked along the coast to have a good look at the oil rig perched on the rocks. From our viewpoint, there was no evidence of pollution escaping from the structure. The coastguard helicopter was busy flying and hovering around so we didn’t stay too long.

Re-pitching the mess tent, we found the roof poles wouldn’t stay in their pockets so resorted to putting a mug on one end of the pole to prop the roof up and an empty tin on the ground end. The explorers were able to successfully cook the evening meal.

Saturday morning the minibus was reorganised again with all our kit before we headed back to Stornoway for the ferry to take us back to the mainland.

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MacMillan Coffee Morning



In 1911, a young man named Douglas Macmillan watched his father die of cancer. His father's pain and suffering moved Douglas so much, he founded the 'Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer'.

The simple idea of getting together with friends, colleagues or neighbours to hold a coffee morning and donate the money to Macmillan has now raised a total of **£139 million** by the end of January 2016. The first official coffee morning in 1991 saw 2,600 supporters raise £208,000 with the number of registered hosts rising to over 200,000 in 2014.

The people of Glenfarg have proved themselves time and time again when it comes to giving, not only their hard earned money, but their skills and their energy. Elaine Morton, Emma Roe and I knew we would have no trouble getting support, and hoped to raise a few hundred pounds.

A date was set; 27th August at 10am, and the bakers rallied. We got there early to set up and figured a conservative 6 tables of 8 would be plenty. How wrong were we? By 10.30am the place was mobbed! The level of support shown by our wee community absolutely overwhelmed us! By 12.30 we had raised an astonishing £1,400 and at the time of going to print we were still taking donations.

Elaine, Emma and I would like to thank all who contributed, donated and baked, who washed up, cleared tables and all who helped to make this such a special morning. We would like to thank you all individually, but you know who you are and how much we think of you.

We would however like to give a very special mention to our junior members who gave up their Saturday morning and worked tirelessly. To Oliver, Millie, Rachel, Mark, Lee, Yasmine and Archie. Thank you all!

Will we do it all again next year? Bet your life we will!

Birds in Your Garden

Here are a few things you might like to know about birds in your garden.

At the S.W.I. meeting in September, we had a fascinating speaker from Kinross Ecology, called Scott Paterson, who is a bird enthusiast and something of an expert throughout Scotland.

Kinross Ecology offers ornithological surveying for renewable energy schemes, planning and development proposals, infrastructure and housing developments – in fact anything requiring up-to-date reliable ornithological surveys such as Environmental Impact Assessments, Ecological Appraisals, pre-construction or demolition work and agri-environmental schemes.



Chaffinch

Scott told us he was *the most popular man in Scotland* during the building of the recently opened Borders Railway because he kept halting work as he had been specifically employed in order to protect nesting birds!

Scott can provide informal and enjoyable bird identification sessions either on a one-to-one basis or with a small group at a location of your choice or based at Loch Leven. He also offers a friendly and knowledgeable guiding service on a birdwatching visit or day trip throughout Scotland. Visit his Kinross Ecology website for contact and further details.

The top ten most common birds you may have seen in your garden are:

1. Guess I will tell you later. 2. House Sparrow 3. Blue Tit 4. Blackbird 5. Starling 6. Woodpigeon 7. Great Tit 8. Robin 9. Coal Tit 10. Goldfinch

I made a few notes, which might be helpful with identification and differentiation. These facts also might be handy at some point if you are involved in a quiz!

* Chaffinch – yes, it was Number One. It has a white flash on the wing and on its tail.

* The tree sparrow has more white and a beauty spot. Male and female look the same! They nest colonially and they like nest boxes!

* The great tit has a yellow breast and the male has a black blaze down his chest. His call sounds like, “Teacher, teacher, teacher.”

* Coal tits like confiders. They do not have a yellow breast. Their call sounds

rather like a bicycle pump! They have a white patch on the back of the head.
* Starlings – their plumage changes each season, so they do not always have that glorious petrol/oily plumage.



Blue Tit

* Woodpigeons breed all year round and produce two to three broods a year. They have a five-note song.

* Robins migrate by using their right eye to detect the earth's magnetic field. Sometimes the robin you see in your garden in autumn is not the same one that is there in spring! There are migrations into the area for over winter and another lot arrive in spring, by which time the autumn arrivals have departed. Male and female robins sing and their

song sounds like, "Tk tk tk". If you have an old teapot or an old boot and you can fix it into ivy, robins may well nest there.

* Goldfinches love nyjer seeds and thistle seeds.

* The long tailed tit has a round body and head and a long tail. They live in clan formation and are very social creatures.

* The dunnock has a thin dark bill.

* The first collar doves in Scotland were seen in Nairn in 1957. They came from Asia. They make a monotone three part sound that sounds like "United, United, United".

* The greenfinch has a pale, pinkish ivory bill and has greenish yellow sides to its wings.

* Jackdaws have only one partner, mating for life.

* Magpies, ravens, crows, rooks, jackdaws and choughs all belong to the Corvin family of birds.

* Jays hide a cache of acorns each year.

* The great male spotted woodpecker has red at the back of his head, while the female has red near her tail. The young have red caps.

* The wren is the second smallest bird seen in UK and yet has a big voice! It is very territorial.

* The goldcrest is the smallest.

* There are two types of thrush – Mistle and Song.

* Bullfinches feed on heather buds and seeds. They move upland in winter.



Goldcrest

First And Only



First and Only is an exciting adaptation of a bestselling Kindle novel by Scottish-based author Peter Flannery. The exciting thriller follows the story of Simon, a young man with exceptional psychic powers as he attempts to stop a serial killer while evading UK authorities. The novel had a truly exceptional response with over 130,000 downloads and over 500 reader reviews, the majority of these being 5 star.

Glenfarg-raised Simone Bett (daughter to Alison and Andy Bett) is producing the feature film First and Only with film director Magnus Wake.

These filmmakers have already met with success. They produced the prologue to the feature film as a short film to capture a key element of the

story. This short film 'Simon, First and Only' featured in the Short Film Corner of this year's Cannes International Film Festival, meeting their 'cinema artistic values'. It was also part of the official selection at the London Independent Film Festival. The short film was recently selected to screen at the Catalina Film Festival 2016 in the US in October. Producer Simone said, "Only 10% of short films submitted to Catalina were accepted so it's great to get this recognition and it demonstrated the high quality and entertainment value of our short film 'Simon, First and Only'."

The short film will screen at the Glenfarg Community Cinema on Friday 14th October, along with a presentation and Q&A from Simone.

Simone said, "We intend to create a highly entertaining commercial feature film that will target the pre-existing audience for paranormal thrillers and the current and future readers of the First and Only book. We know we've got a great story. The Amazon reviews for the book are off the scale. Combine that with an experienced production team and we're confident we're going to produce a winner."

The film company, First and Only Ltd., is offering the public an opportunity to share in the success of First and Only. The Edinburgh-based company has released a limited number of shares, enabling investors to invest in the film for an equity share and a range of unique perks. Funds raised for the film will contribute to costs of development and pre-production.

Please follow the project on twitter at: [@FirstOnlyMovie](https://twitter.com/FirstOnlyMovie) and on Facebook: [Facebook.com/FirstOnlyMovie](https://www.facebook.com/FirstOnlyMovie)

For further information contact Simone Bett at simone@encaptivate.co.uk

Glenfarg Community Cinema



Glenfarg Community Cinema returned with a great night in September. 'The Lady in the Van', written by Alan Bennett and starring Maggie Smith, had been the film most requested by our audience.

Based on a real character, first described in Alan's memoir, Maggie Smith plays a homeless woman who 'temporarily' parks her van in Bennett's driveway - and stays for 15 years!

In describing their relationship, Bennett portrays her as both a comic and a tragic figure.

There were certainly plenty of laughs in the hall that night. Having recently seen a BBC2 programme on laughter, with academics discussing their research into laughter as social bonding, I did think that there was a distinctive social aspect to the evening. Having previously seen the film at the local Odeon, it hadn't seemed half as funny. But among friends and neighbours, we all enjoyed ourselves enormously. Or maybe it was the wine that made the difference!

So, if you are coming along to the cinema this season, be sure to bring your own drinks. We will supply the popcorn, ice creams etc. And for your added comfort, we now have some cushions to hire, 50p a time.

Here is what our audience thought of the film -

Awful 0% OK 0% Good 27% Very Good 50% Fantastic 23%

The programming group has now planned the next few films, up to the end of the year. Since laughter is so good for you, we will be showing a comedy / biography in December, 'Eddie the Eagle'. In October we have a murder mystery 'The Oxford Murders'. And, in line with our aim to bring international cinema to Glenfarg, November's film is a charming italian film about cinema itself.

If you were in the audience in September, please note that we have sorted out the muddle over the October date. It is definitely the 14th. This is the date when we will have a special visitor - our own, home grown film producer. For more information, see page 38

Glenfarg Community Cinema Programme September to December 2016

October 14th **THE OXFORD MURDERS.**

Crime, mystery, murder.

At Oxford University, a professor and a grad student work together to try to stop a potential series of murders seemingly linked by mathematical symbols.

(After some initial confusion the date is definitely the 14th)



November 11th **CINEMA PARADISO.**

Drama.

A filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with the movies at his village's theatre and formed a deep friendship with the theatre's projectionist.



December 9th **EDDIE THE EAGLE.**

Biography, comedy,drama.

The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.



David Duncan Reekie

Black Watch – died 30 July 1916



At the Black Watch Museum, on the hundredth anniversary of each day of the First World War, a short commemoration service is held for men of the Regiment killed 100 years ago that day. A named cross is placed in the Memorial Wall to commemorate their sacrifice with the service being held at 11:00 am. On 30 July this year the above Private David Duncan Reekie, who was a native of Glenfarg, was included in that service, having been killed in the attack on

'High Wood' (part of the Battle of the Somme) along with 155 of his comrades in the Regiment. He is listed as one of the missing, and was 24 years old. Six members of the Glenfarg community were there to commemorate this son of our village and his named cross was placed in the wall by Alex Johnston (ex-RA TA).

The position of High Wood, one of the highest points on the ridge above the Somme valley, provided an excellent observation position over locations central to future advances towards the Belgian border. High Wood had to be taken and the high ground occupied.

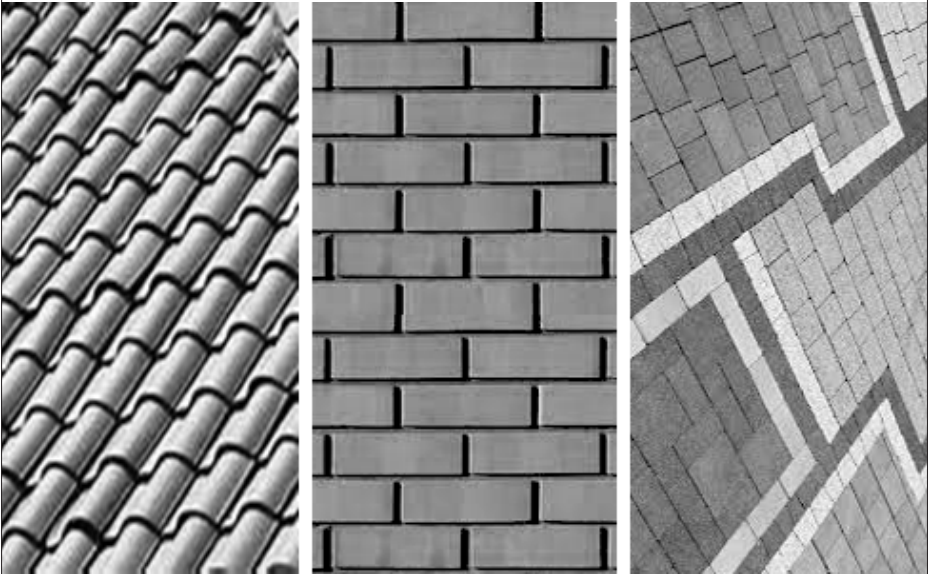
High Wood had been well prepared to withstand an attack. A trench system known as the 'switch line' ran from a point several hundred yards from the NW corner of the wood, through the northern most point of the wood then extended east and south for several hundreds of yards. This was a deep trench system protected by lines of barbed wire, machine gun posts and a network of forward trenches.

There were two approaches that provided some cover into the wood from the British lines: Wood Lane to the east running along the plateau and, alternatively, a shallow valley running north from Crucifix Corner directly into the wood. The former was exposed to fire from the extended switch line and from the wood itself and the latter, although hidden from view, was uphill and in easy range of the German artillery.

Attacks by the British on High Wood were carried out on 14th July and 20th-23rd July but were unsuccessful. 16th – 19th July was a period of heavy rain and turned the approaching ground into a quagmire. Improved aerial reconnaissance by the Germans allowed them to observe the build-up of British troops and equipment preparing for a major assault on the 30th of July. At 6:10pm, 7th Black Watch began an advance on the eastern side of High Wood along Wood Lane. This was done in conjunction with a supporting, creeping barrage. The Germans were prepared for this attack. Artillery and machine gun action caused many casualties.

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Cubs Visit Blair Atholl Jamborette

Josh, Lee and Suiiven accompanied 100 other cubs from the district to visitors day at the 70th Scottish Scout Jamborette at Blair Atholl.

The cubs explored the camp site known as the Field of Dreams while looking for the explorer scouts they knew. With over 1000 explorers, half of them from Scotland, the camp is divided into six sub camps- MacDonald, Maclean, MacPherson, Robertson, Stewart and Murray, all with their own sub camp chief. The Scottish explorers work in patrols of five or six and each Scottish patrol is paired with an international patrol.

Together the patrols create their table with a platform for cooking on a wood fire and an area for dish washing at the other end. The two patrols live and work together for the 10 days and then the Scottish scouts offer home hospitality to their new friends.

Each of the sub camps had a theme; jungle



book, star wars, Hogwarts, space camp and brave. The Cubs were amazed at the effort some of the sub camps had gone to creating interesting gateways and relaxation areas. The entrance to the Robertson Jungle sub camp was “the best” with a mini climbing wall, slide and two rope ladders to climb to reach the bell. Here the Cubs found one Lewis.



At 14:00 the country fayre started. Each patrol is encouraged to bring a simple game or cook a traditional food from their country. All visitors are given 10 Atholls to “spend” at the stalls, the explorers are not handed any money but have the opportunity to use the money from their stall to visit other stalls creating a mini economy.

American Scouts were selling a fizzy drink popular in America but not a hit with Lee who pulled a face before pouring his on the ground. Lee enjoyed the Mexican spicy chicken. Suilven remained dry in the stocks when the others threw wet sponges at him. The Swedish Scouts had brought a skiing activity where they had to work as a team to walk on the skis. Watching them was hilarious, left and right did not mean the same to all the cubs, although their co-ordination had improved slightly by the end. Sweet cheese was the speciality available from the Norwegian Scouts. Lee volunteered to be a jockey at the horse racing stall.

The Cubs took one look at the queue for the souvenir shop and decided to give it a miss, preferring to watch the entertainment on stage provided by the Maltese, Canadia and American Scouts but declined to join in the dancing.

Blair Atholl Jamborette left the Cubs inspired and wanting to attend the friendly event when they are old enough.

Christine Morton

thank you!

Mrs Jean Ogilvie wishes to thank all those caring friends and neighbours who handed in cards and flowers on the death of Norman.

These were a very great comfort to her.

Very many thanks.

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Glenfarg Olympic Games



Never to be outdone at Glenfarg, the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Beavers held their own Olympic Games on the 16th and 17th August, The games were slightly different but tailored to fit the age groups so we had:

Races:

Ball and spoon, Skipping, Running, Hopping, Pop a balloon, Sack.

Games:

Boules, Cricket, Hoola hoop, Golf.

The children all had a lovely time, the weather was very kind to us and the medal winners were very proud of their achievements.



In the Rainbow section

Orla - Gold,
Christina - Silver,
Crystal - Bronze



In the Beaver Section

Tate – Gold,
James – Silver,
Jake – Bronze



Brownies

Gold - Holly,
Silver – Jessica,
Bronze – Alice



Guides

Ellie - Gold,
Anna Fairweather - Silver,
Anna Baynes – Bronze

Cake Maker Turned Garden Designer



Earlier this year, Janet Little won the prize of a celebration cake in a competition I ran in the Glenfarg Newsletter.

I asked Janet to think of an occasion when she might want a special cake and her wedding anniversary in August seemed a good choice.

To create Janet's unique cake, I found out that either sailing or gardening would be a good theme to base the design on. Often, one theme is enough when designing a cake, to give it maximum impact, and we decided to go with gardening.

I paid a visit to Janet's garden to take some photos and enjoyed a tour round the many and varied vegetables, fruit and flowers that are grown and expertly maintained by Janet and her husband, David. To try and recreate the garden exactly in cake form would have been hugely difficult but I reckoned that a rectangular bed of fruit and vegetables, and a similar bed of flowers, would probably do the trick.

The cake ended up as a moist chocolate cake covered with green icing representing lawn and box hedging. To one side was a bed with raspberries, potatoes, courgettes and chard, and on the other side, golden rod, peonies, a pink flower whose name I don't know, and New Zealand daisies. Janet was very pleased when she saw the cake and I was delighted to receive her comments later "Tastes as good as it looks Leigh. Brilliant." I think I'd better catch up with my own gardening now!

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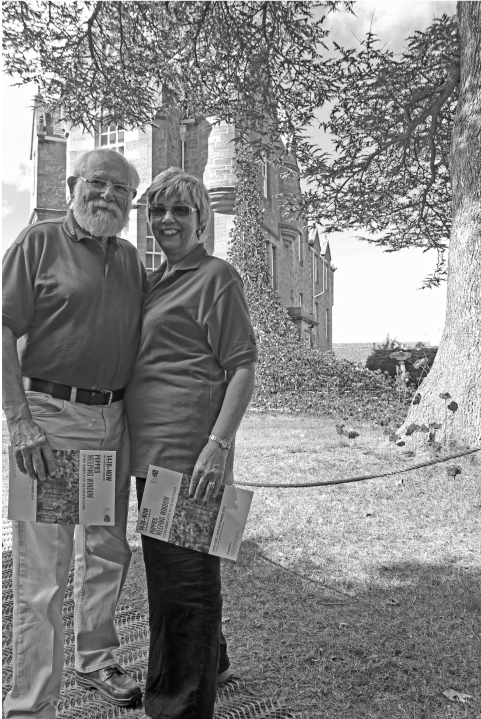
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The Weeping Window

The Black Watch Castle and Museum in Perth hosted the “Weeping Window” Poppy Sculpture from 30th June – 25th September. The Weeping Window is made up of around 5,000 hand-made ceramic poppies which were originally part of the installation created at the Tower of London in 2014 to mark the centenary of the First World War.



At the Tower of London a total of 888,246 Poppies were planted – one for each British or Colonial soldier killed in the Great War.

In early June the Black Watch Museum put out an appeal for volunteers to help with the 100,000 visitors expected to come to Balhousie Castle to see the Poppies. Around 120 volunteers, aged from 16 to 82 years, from all over Scotland offered their time – including Dave and Kate Arnold from Duncrievie.

Dave and Kate thoroughly enjoyed their shifts as Poppy Partners and met many interesting people from all over Scotland, other parts of the UK and the world.

The Weeping Window is now on its way to Caernarvon Castle in Wales; once it finishes its tour of the UK in 2018 it will become a permanent exhibit at the National War Museum.



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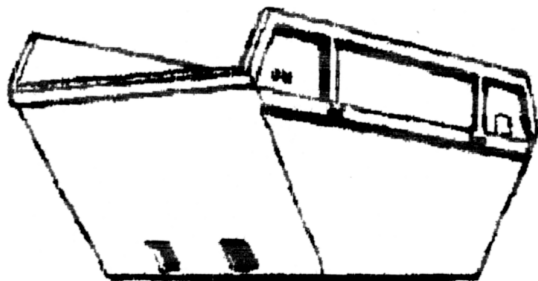
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 5th September 2016

Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Horsburgh, Loudon, Pilmer, Ponton , Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr W. Robertson and 9 members of the public
CCllr Arnold joined the meeting during Matters Arising

APOLOGIES: CCllr Burlison, CCllr Taylor, Cllr Cuthbert, Cllr Barnacle

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Following a communication from Glenfarg & Duncricvie In Bloom, it was agreed to amend a section of the minutes of the 4th July meeting headed "Microgrant BUD".

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MATTERS ARISING:

Wallace Park Storage CCllr Warder reported that she had spoken with Bruce Strachan of Stephen Builders about the changing room and toilet building in Wallace Park. Stephens are to

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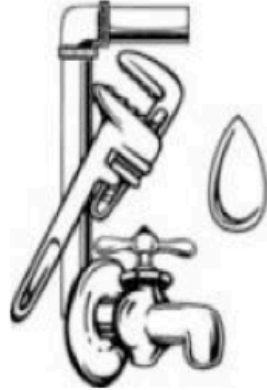
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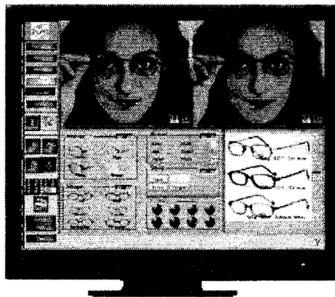
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demolish the existing buildings and the CC wished to investigate the possibility of Stephens erecting community storage, especially for the marquee. Mr Strachan reported that no move is expected for the next 8 months. The planning application for demolition is in and any storage structure would require an amendment to the application. Since there are overhead wires, a 9 metre clearance would be required. Stephens are unlikely to be able to help.

Storage for the marquee etc still needs to be investigated. Cllr Robertson suggested KLEO or perhaps local farm buildings belonging to Mr Baillie.

Secretary

Wallace Park Trees Replacement A member of the Tennis Club present informed the CC that planting would take place in October. Cllr Ponton asked the Tennis Club to supply plans, so that they could be communicated to the community.

Information Sign on the Glenfarg to Duncreevie Path With the growth of trees planted in the area, there is no longer a view of Glenfarg at this site. It was agreed that the sign should be moved to the top of the path as this presented the best viewpoint. The Community Payback Team to be asked to carry out the work.

Cllr Arnold

Social Hub Working Group A member of the group provided the CC with an update. He reported that, following the Public Meeting about the closure of the hotel, the group had originally been tasked with looking at alternative social premises, but had also becoming involved in fighting the hotel closure.

A Glenfarg Community Company had been formed in order to apply for a Community Right To Buy and to apply for funding. Their original CRTB was turned down, but there is the possibility of a second application. However, the building would need to be on the market.



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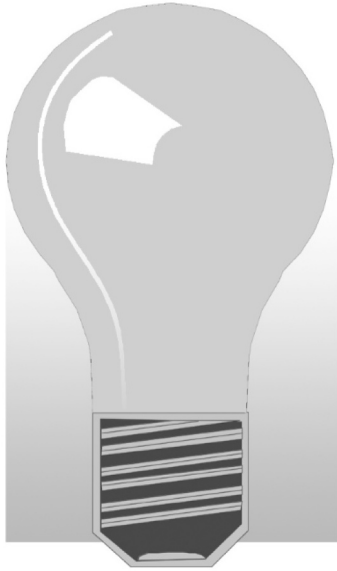
Several sites for an interim solution have been investigated but no headway seems possible at present, although it has been good to see that pop-up events have been successful.

- A replacement building is now the main focus of investigation, either a new build or the purchase of a private building for conversion.

Funding possibilities are also under investigation. CCllr Ponton thanked the group for their work, and it was agreed that the group will continue to keep the CC updated.

Bus Timetable CCllr Ponton had asked the community, via social media, for their comments on the changes. She had received a large number of replies, mostly complaining about gaps in the morning service. The reduced service has produced the following problems -

- Parents are unable to drop children at school and then get a bus to work.
- Young people, whose employment opportunities have been reduced by the closure of the hotel, cannot seek work outwith the village without appropriately-timed transport.
- It appears from the new timetable that the bus from the village to Kinross no longer links with the Park and Ride (to be investigated)
- The timetable should take into consideration connections with other services.



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It was decided to form a group to ask for a meeting with the company. CCllr Pilmer agreed to lead and Cllr Robertson to attend. Those members of the community who had sent in replies will be invited to attend the meeting. *CCllr Pilmer*

The Vision CCllr Horsman explained that this had grown out of the Glenfarg Conversation. A questionnaire was circulated in the village, to extract ideas on how we would wish our community to develop. Answers were collated and put in order of priority –

1. Development of Wallace Park
2. Improved amenities
3. Consideration of the needs of children and young people
4. Improved environment

It was agreed to publish these findings in the Glenfarg newsletter *Cllr Horsman* and to use the article to find volunteers to form a Wallace Park improvement group. A member of the public has agreed to lead such a group. Cllr Robertson reported that other communities had formed groups that had worked successfully with PKC to improve their parks.

CCllr Arnold asked about the other developments requested, and it was agreed that we would tackle the highest priority first but would be open to other developments if people came forward as a result of the newsletter article.

Vehicle Activated Signs CCllr Watson reported that the Road Safety Officer had agreed to order the new signs, draw up plans for the new position of the northerly sign and cover the cost of installation work. The CC would be invoiced for the cost of the signs minus VAT.

Work would also begin on the alteration to the Traffic Regulation

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Order to extend the 30mph speed limit southward. There was discussion on whether PKC had already agreed that this would happen as a result of the Stephen's housing development. This is to be investigated. *Cllr Watson*

Cllrs Arnold, Watson and Pilmer had looked at possible locations for a third site at Duncreevie, with a view to moving signs around locations. However, it was felt that there was no location without problems and it was probably not sensible to pursue.

Cemetery Cllr Ponton reported that she had met with the Session Clerk and members of the Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group. The group were asking the community about their wishes for the two artefacts of significance that are in need of preservation – the statue of Lady Margaret Barclay and the old church bell-cote. The bell-cote must remain in situ, but the statue could be removed to the church, offered to Perth Museum or kept in place. Cllr Robertson suggested that the statue could be protected by a Perspex case and be a point-of-interest for visitors. A member of the public pointed out that it would still need to be protected from frost.

It was decided to await the decision of the church meeting. A member of the public pointed out that PKC no longer cut the grass in the cemetery and asked Cllr Robertson to request that maintenance be put in place.

Cllr Ponton asked if the village should produce a leaflet for visitor. It was decided to ask the Vision Group to investigate.

Cllr Horsman

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PLANNING: CCllr Pilmer reported on applications since the last meeting.

Applications

16/01231/FLL 3 No. dwelling houses on site of Berryhill Quarry, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/01142/FLL Dwelling house on land 100m NW of Glendyburn Steading, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

Approvals

16/00788/FLL 2 LPG tanks below ground on land 20m south of Rowan Cottage, Main Street Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/00971/FLL Conditions of alteration and extension of a development period at East Fordel Farm, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/01102/FLL Alterations and extension for The Old Bakehouse, Main Street, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

Refusals

16/00807/FLL Dwelling house with garage at land south of Edendale, Duncreevie Road, Duncreevie (No CC objection)

Enforcement Notices

A member of the community enquired as to the existence of an Enforcement Notice in place for the removal and resiting of a known Agricultural building in the area. This was confirmed by P&KC and that the topic was still ongoing.



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CCLlr Ponton asked the CC to consider if changes were necessary to the planning sub-group procedures. It was agreed that the sub-group had always had the full support of the CC to carry out its work independently. However, in order to keep everyone informed, the sub-group will now inform all CCs of any objections / contentious issues that arise and allow 24hrs for discussion.

POLICE REPORT:

No police officer was present and no report had been received. It was noted that a couple of worrying incidents had occurred recently, and social media had been useful in passing on information.

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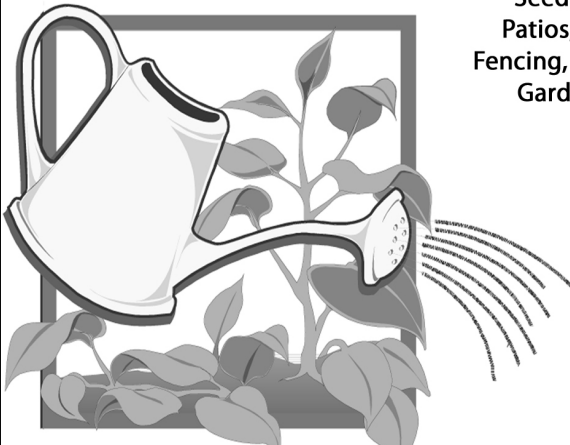
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School Fund £441. £100 paid for end of year school prizes. It was agreed that, instead of distributing this at present rate, the Head Teacher should be asked if the school would prefer a one-off payment for a specific project *CCllr Horsman*

Total funds held £11,743.19. It was noted that this will be substantially reduced by the costs of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

AOCB:

The Avenue CCllr Watson reported that work would start on upgrading the Avenue on 26th September and run for 4 weeks. All details are as explained by the TRACKS Officer at the CC's January meeting, except that the path would now be extended to the top of the playing field and continued down the field to the back entrance of the school playground. Two springs that have caused flooding will be diverted into drainage.

Ducks and Duck House for the Pond This possibility was discussed, with problems identified as dangers from foxes and buzzards, plus maintenance problems.

PKC Planning Forum Cllr Robertson reported that CCs would be invited to a meeting to decide on the makeup of this forum, which will consider how services are delivered.

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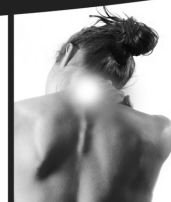
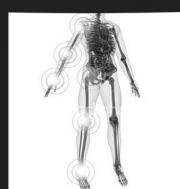
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