

The Glenfarg Newsletter

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Editorial

In this issue we have the first of the short stories and winner of the competition 'See You At The Gate'. The story was written by our staff reporter Jim Ashton. The other entries were of a very high standard of writing and as promised they will be published in later editions of the Newsletter.

'In The Footsteps of Wallace' is the title of Jim Ashton's latest walk where he traces the Wallace Road. Follow his footsteps on page 42.

In the last edition of the Newsletter there was a photograph showing Bill Macpherson being interviewed by a film crew outside the Corbett Institute. On page 18 Bill gives us the explanation and the story of Scottish philanthropist and MP Archibald Cameron Corbett.

The centre pages have a selection of photographs of the Glenfarg Gala. The weather was good and the show was a great success.

Alison Harrison reports on the centenary celebrations of the SWI at Scone and follows this with an article on the history of 'The Rural'.

Thanks again to Leigh Smith for the latest of her cake related articles. This time she describes strategies for designing a theme cake.

Philip Ponton writes on the introduction of the ducks to the village pond and the newly installed duck house.

It is with great sadness that we at the newsletter have to report on the death of a dear friend Kate Arnold. See page 25.

Thanks once again to our regular contributors and I'm happy to report that everybody got their copy in on time. It makes such a difference.

Well Janet and I are off on holiday. See you next issue.

Robin Watson

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Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
20th August	Duck Race	1pm Village Hall
26th August	Family BBQ	5pm Village Hall
2nd September	Tabla Night	5pm Village Hall
4th September	Community Council Meeting	7.30pm Village Hall
9th September	Tennis Club Finals Day	1pm Tennis Courts
16th -17th September	Glenfarg Bike Ride	9am outside Hotel



Goodbye to the old School hut

A Village Hall for All

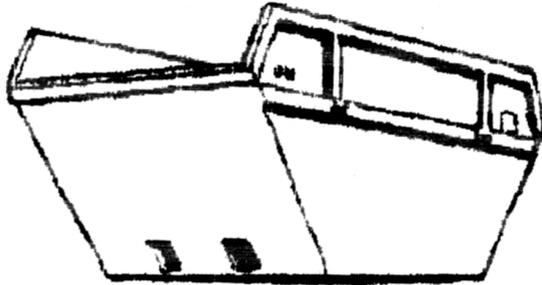
A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	Beavers
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Zumba Gold
Wednesday	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

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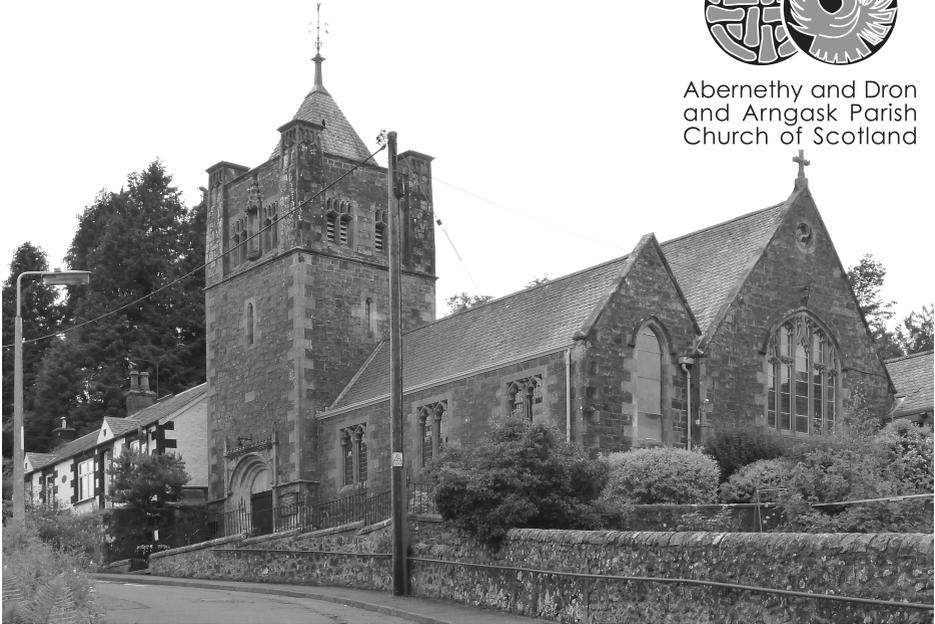
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Church News



Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
Church of Scotland



We continue the search for our new minister. There has been interest shown in the vacancy but to date we have been unable to find a suitable candidate.

We are grateful therefore 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

Just to remind everybody that Arngask Church Service is at 9.30am every Sunday, except for (usually) the last Sunday in the month when a joint Service will be held at 11:00 am, alternating between the two churches. Everybody is sure of a warm welcome and especially anybody who is visiting the area over the summer period.

Reminder that the Church Hall is available for hire and enquiries should be addressed to Sheona Reid 01577 830388

Defibrillator Training



A defibrillator training session for local residents was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th June.

Twenty two villagers of all ages learnt how to give CPR and how to use the community defibrillator (located on the wall of the Village Shop).

The training was arranged by the Community Council and carried out by four members of Saline First Responders.

This brings the number of villagers who have been so trained to over one hundred.



Short Story Competition



The short story competition attracted a fair number of entries and it was the opinion of the judging panel that the standard of writing was exceptionally high. The judging panel comprised Margaret Ponton our Community Council chairperson, Mark Crossey from the shop, and the editor of the Newsletter.

The stories when handed in were processed by my wife Janet in such a way that the judges including the editor had no idea to whom each piece belonged. Thus the judging could be without bias.

The winner of the competition is Jim Ashton with his story "See You At The Gate" which you can read on page 14. Jim, on the left in the picture above, wins a £20 book token. The judges did order the stories according to their preference but as there is only one prize I felt that the other entries should all be designated as runners-up. The good news is that the other stories will feature in subsequent editions of the Newsletter.

Editor

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See You At The Gate

Wednesday 24 December

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It's strange how life happens, is it no Willie? Twenty years ago, there wis you, young, full o' ideas, the future stretching before ye, fu o' promise and yours fur the taking. And there wis me, alcoholic, middle aged, my best days behind me and nae future that I could see.

Dae you remember that night we met? You were looking for a driver and were'nae having much luck then Alec telt ye about me. Dae ye ever see Alec? Ah often wonder whit happened tae him, he was mad wis he no, especially after a few wee bevvies? Ah remember him taking on three lads in the Rovers one night. He'd a killed them if some o' us had'nae pulled him aff. Sometimes a red mist came o'er him and he did'nae ken when tae stop. Well, we ken aw aboot that noo, do we no Willie! Ach, he's, probably deid by noo if he carried on like that.

Anyways, as ah wis saying, ah had been one o' the best and had worked wi' aw the big lads roond about, made guid money and ah suppose that wis ma problem. Ah aye had money tae buy a drink or two for my pals and

of course I had tae hae yin as well and wan led tae another, well ye ken the story!

Ah'll never forget that night when ye telt me ye wid make it well worth ma while tae gie up the drink for a few weeks and join you and Alec on your wee job. It's the last thing a think about at night afore they pit the lights oot and the first thing when ah wake up in mah wee room in the morning. Dae you think about it as well Willie? Ah bet ye dinnae. Ah hear your aw respectable now wi' a wife, family and a big hoose.

The nut doctor here tells me I've got 'anger issues' and ah suppose he's right because every time ah think about whit happened and how ah'm paying fur the baith o' you, ah lash oot at whoever happens tae be near me. That's why ah'm still here efter aw this time. When ah tried tae get time aff fur good behaviour they practically wet themselves laughin.

Twenty years! Jist for being the driver. Ye've got tae admit Willie that that's no fair. Whit makes me really angry (and ah can feel ma hert pumpin and my blood biling jist thinking about this) is that ye telt me naebody would get hurt. Ye never said that Alec wid be tooled up! Alec! Of aw the folk tae gie a shooter tae he wis the last person on this earth. He wis on a hair trigger at the best o' times and when the security guard tried tae radio fur the cops, he didnae hesitate did he? Bang, bang, two shots right intae him, one o' them right through his heart. Deid!!Ye'll be wonderin why ah'm telling ye aw this Willie. Ye ken that I got baith o' ye away fae the place pronto and dropped ye aff wi' the money while I went tae get rid o' the car. Jist my luck that the polis pulled me up on a routine stop jist before they received a call telling them tae look out for the car as it had been involved in an armed robbery. Willie, it wis mah worst nightmare. Aw they polis questioning,

questioning fur weeks on end. 'Who wis wi ye? Tell us and it'll make things easier for yourself. If ye dinnae tell us who wis there ye'll go doon fur the whole thing yerself and be charged wi' murder'. Well, ah kept quiet and that's whit happened.

Twenty years Willie, Twenty bloody years because ah widnae tell them about you and Alec and ye've never came near me in aw that time. But am ah bitter? Ye better bloody believe ah am and it's time for you tae make it up tae me. Ah heard ye only ever did that one job and efter it ye went tae London and when ye came back ye hud yer ain property company and worth a fortune.

So, getting tae the point noo, Willie. As ah said earlier ah've learnt a few things in here and wan o' them wis that the grand that should've been my share 20 years ago is worth 20 times that noo, plus a wee reward for my continued silence and I'll settle for hunner grand. Ah know that's jist small change tae ye Willie, but it'll dae me, for noo!

So what ah want ye tae dae Willie, is phone the jail on Wednesday the 31st December, that's the day ah'm getting oot, and tell them yer mah pal and ye want tae pick me up at the gate and they'll tell ye the time tae be there. We can bring in the New Year and talk aboot how its gaun tae be a guid yin for me!

Ah've nothing tae lose now Willie, ah've done ma time. But you, well that's different, you've got everything tae lose and remember, there's nae time bar for murder!

See ye at the gate, pal! Bobby

Wednesday 31st December

‘Good morning, this is Her Majesty’s prison, how can I help you?’ ‘Please hold, I’ll need to transfer your call to the Chief Officer’.

‘Hello sir, this is Chief Warder Thomson, I understand you are a friend of Robert Douglas and you want to pick him up at the gate today. This is difficult, but I’m sorry to tell you that Mr Douglas passed away last night. Heart attack we think. I’m sorry to break the news this way as it must be quite upsetting.

What are you laughing at sir?’ ‘Hello.....Hello.....
are you still there caller?’.....

Jim Ashton



The Film Crew



It all started with an e-mail from the Minister “A group from the London area want to film inside the Church, can you arrange it?”.

It transpired that the group lived in a large housing estate built in the late 19th/early 20th century in south east London and were making a film about its origins. The development was built by a Scottish philanthropist and MP Archibald Cameron Corbett, who was born in Glasgow, but lived for much of his later life in London. They wanted to film in the Church because that was probably the church he attended while in/visiting Glenfarg.

Apparently they linked up with Glenfarg because all the streets on the estate are named after places in Scotland, and there are three roads next to each other called Arngask, Fordel and Glenfarg – and another close by called Duncrивie.

Corbett’s brother in law, Harry Polson, bequeathed his library to the people of the village. You may be aware that the house next to the War Memorial was originally the “Corbett Institute” (such can be seen carved into the stone above the original door) and was built as a meeting and recreational place for the community and also held the library. When the school was moved from what is now the Village Hall to its current building, the function of the Corbett Institute moved to the somewhat larger old school and the Corbett sold.

The film will document Corbett’s life and is funded by the National Lottery. It is hoped that when finished it can be shown during a Cinema Club evening.



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Thirdly if they want a disco party they could go there into the disco room instead of them buying a disco ball for lots of money and it would be all ready. Also if all the girls want a night out they could go in the secret room and to their make up and watch movies and have fun. Further more the house would be for the whole villiage and for the family.Finally when it is a nice day the kids could go outside and play in the soft play.

In summary I would be happy if I could get my dream house built

Yours sincerely ellis

Sweet Treats

I am writing to you to persuade you to buy my sweets!

Firstly, it is only this once that we are selling the sweets so come on, the whole class will get them. We will share the sweets out equally and believe me you will like them!

Secondly, if you don't like the sweets we will give you your money back and different sweets if you like. You have to like that!

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Glenfarg and Duncreevie in Bloom

Planting/Growing

There were 12 plug growers this year including Arngask Primary who looked after their own plugs for milk cartons from Easter. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone for the time and effort put into nurturing our little plugs. GDIB ordered approximately 1,200 plugs and also had another 80 which were recycled from last year. That's a lot of greenhouse space!

Planting took place in early June on a very wet Saturday morning! (We always seem to have a wet day for planting but then the day is selected and the job has to be done.) Perhaps it is good idea to plant when wet since the vast majority of containers and planters are looking stunning; some still need heat from the sun (whatever that is) to bring them on.



If you have a preference for any plants you think are suitable and would like to see in planters next year, then get in touch with one of our committee members.

Everyone has very different ideas as to what they like!



Pond clearing

A spur of the moment decision to go ahead and clear some of the debris from the pond for our little ducklings was made on a Friday afternoon in mid June and an amazing 25 people turned out to help on the Sunday morning. What a job was achieved! 2 hours or so of hard work to get the debris to the side of the pond and another 6 hours or so to get the dried debris into the skip. The pond does look good and this shows what can be done with your support.

As always, GDIB need more people to become involved. The current committee has an average age of approximately 67. Younger people would be appreciated to become involved for the future! You do not have to be a gardener because there is a lot more to GDIB than growing flowers for summer.

Contact Irene on 830441, Kate 830343 or Alison 830093.

Kate Arnold

1954 - 2017



Kate moved into Duncreevie with husband Dave in the summer of 2006, after a long and exciting career in the Women's Royal Army Corps. She had joined in 1973, hoping for an exotic foreign posting but initially was sent to Aldershot! However, her talents were soon recognised and as a Corporal she found herself in London. Then, as a Sargeant, she was sent to Cyprus. By 1979 she was in Rhodesia as PA to General Acland for the handover of power and met such dignitaries as Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo. Here she was one of the very few women to be awarded the Rhodesia Campaign medal.

Back in London, Kate worked long hours during the Falkland War, typing up notes of meetings with Margaret Thatcher and the Cabinet. She became very good at looking surprised when another British attack was announced on the late night TV news in the mess a few days later!

In 1982 she was posted to the Governor's residence on Gibraltar (known as The Convent) and, being in charge of all the WRAC girls on the Rock, she was known affectionately as "The Mother Superior"!

It was in Gibraltar she met Dave and they married in 1984. Kate left the Army in 1987, her last job being PA to the Director WRAC. They settled in Saline, Fife until Dave left the Navy in 1992. They then took a break and spent 7 months backpacking round the world before returning to the UK.

In Duncricvie, Kate continued to work part-time for a couple of businesses, as well as giving a large part of her time to the community. Over the years, she and Dave set up GOBS, started the email service which became The Grapevine and resurrected Neighbourhood Watch. At various times, Kate was Secretary to the Village Fete Committee, Treasurer to the Community Cinema and the local Poppy Scotland Coordinator. She was always there, willing to do the washing up, plant daffodils, make a pot of soup or walk for charity. Kate was one of life's givers and she gave much to our community. She made it a better place and she will be greatly missed by many.

Glenfarg Folk Club

Backstage At The Green, Kinross



August 7th

Duncan McCrone & Cy Jack

August 14th

Singaround

August 21st

Celine Donoghue & Neil Sturgeon

August 28th

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Glenfarg W.R.I.



The first meeting of this session is on the 14th of September 7.30pm when the speaker will be from the SCAA.

Competitions are

Housewife- Individual Trifle.

Handcrafts- Favourite Fridge Magnet

Flower of the Month

On the 12th of October there will be a Demonstration on Mosaics.

Competitions are-

Handcrafts- 3 gift tags on a board (different crafts)

Housewife- Individual Pasta Salad.

Flower of the month

All meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the village hall. All Welcome.

Applications for a Share of Gala Day Funds

Now that the gazebos are down, the dust has settled and all the numbers crunched, we are delighted to report that the final surplus generated by the Gala Day 2017 was in excess of £1,900. Local organisations, groups and clubs are now invited to apply for a share of the funds raised by the Gala Day 2017. Applications should be for specified expenditure that contributes to the development and/or sustainability of the organisation, and/or the achievement of its developmental or improvement aims. We are also planning ahead and looking for those who apply to propose ideas for next year's event. Application forms are available from the Village Shop or online at the Glenfarg website www.glenfarg.org.

Closing date for applications is Friday 25 August 2016. The bids will then be reviewed by the Gala Day Committee during September and applicants advised of the result.



Mary McAinsh would like to thank family, friends, staff, parents, pupils and anyone who gave her a gift for her early retirement after 27 years at Arngask Primary School. They are very much appreciated.



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Scout Group

The scout group AGM was held on a sunny Thursday evening in May. There were activities and challenges for all to try before a short report from the group scout leader and the presentation of the top cub award to Keiran Todd by the district commissioner Sean Thorpe.



Congratulations Caroline

To a resounding chorus of "About time too" from friends and colleagues, the University of Edinburgh has awarded a personal chair to Caroline Hayward who now becomes Professor of Quantitative Traits Genetics.



Caroline began her research career in the early eighties working for Professor David Brock looking for the genetic mutations which cause cystic fibrosis. She was then head-hunted by the Medical Research Council Human Genetics Unit in Edinburgh. Her present role is as principal investigator and coordinator of the quantitative traits in health

and disease research programme based at the Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine in Edinburgh.

Her small research group produce a disproportionate number of research papers and in spring of this year Caroline was the most cited research scientist in the University of Edinburgh.

A strong believer in international collaboration, Caroline leads and is an active participant in research projects in Europe and the US. Her role in establishing the collection and analysis of samples and personal data from the island populations of Croatia came to the attention of the World Health Organisation for whom she now works as a consultant.

Caroline has been a resident of Glenfarg for over thirty years and is a past committee member of both the Folk Club and the Bowling Club. Her great passion is her garden and you will find her deep in the undergrowth on most weekends.



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Pizza Via

by Alanna Ramponi

For as long as I've known Colin he has had an interest and a flair for cooking and I'm convinced it's from being from Italian descent - his Dad's family come from the north of Italy, near Milan. Throughout his life Colin has always been around the hospitality trade – being brought up in hotel and bar environments along with his 3 brothers. His Mum and Dad, Fiona and Franco Ramponi, ran the very popular Queen Vic Pub in Kinross during the 70's and 80's previously having run pubs/hotels in Islay, Blackford and Perth - his Dad being the chef and his Mum running the bar and everything else! His eldest brother also entered the Italian food trade in the 80's when he opened Spaghetti Junction in Kinross which was a pizzeria on the corner of the High Street and Swansacre. Colin, being just a youngster at the time was designated pot washer but he can clearly remember his Dad cooking vast pots of Italian red sauce for the pizza toppings and having to run up and down from their house on Swansacre to Spaghetti Junction numerous times in a shift.

So cutting to the here and now - we had talked for a few years about being our own boss, and the natural thing for Colin to go into was the food trade





– cooking is what he loves doing and has a passion for – I’m the organiser.

Colin had obviously been researching the mobile pizza van thing for months, I had never heard of the concept, and unbeknown to me he had already been in contact with a guy down in Kidderminster who hand makes the wood fired pizza ovens and has successfully ran his mobile wood fired pizza business for 15 years. So back in January we went down to meet Jay and talk about us venturing into the trade. A week later we had our oven on order and the rest – as they say - is history!

Wood fired is the traditional way to cook pizzas, the floor of our oven reaches in excess of 350 degrees once up to temperature and cooks the pizza very quickly and with a thin and crispy base. This allows the pizza to be eaten the way it is meant to be – folded up at the sides, folded up at the end and shoved in the mouth – simple!

Colin’s aspiration is to cook simple and tasty food, made with quality ingredients that everyone can afford. All our ingredients come from Deli Italia, the Italian wholesalers, which receive deliveries on a weekly basis direct from Italy, so we can be as authentically and traditionally Italian as possible.

**Pizza Via will be at the Village Hall car park
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 5:00 till 6:30**

Quackers? Who Me?

For many years ducks were a feature of our village pond and added a lovely feel and ambience to that area of the village. What is better than seeing grandparents taking grandchildren to see the ducks? Some time ago, for whatever reason, they all disappeared. Hopefully they found a new home somewhere? (No sad endings in this story).

Last year we were staying with friends in Oxfordshire in a village full of cute thatched cottages complete with a village pond and resident ducks. The ducks even had the privilege of a thatched duck house in line with their keepers! Well this was the seed that was sown in my mind....I would instigate a plan to re-introduce ducks to Glenfarg Pond.

It has to be said that for every one person who said "What a good idea Philip", there were ten or so who were Doubting Thomases. "They won't last long, the foxes will soon have them", said in a gruff monotone fashion! "You must be crackers" said another.

Not to be daunted I pressed on, and Tim Corcoran and family were soon on board with stacks of encouragement and enthusiasm to match. We visited a lady by the name of Jocelyn who runs 'Hens Made Easy' in Dairsie, who gave us lots of useful advice and yet more encouragement. A duck house and four female Khaki Campbell ducks were ordered and it was "Game on".

Prior to bringing them home it was clear the pond needed a complete clear out as it was very overgrown and the water surface area much reduced. At short notice over 20 people of all ages turned out on a weekend day and got stuck in, quite literally in some cases! "Mum, I've lost my boot" and other similar phrases were heard more than once! A skip, kindly donated by The Binn Group, was sited to take away all the debris. Needless to say it was almost filled to the top indicating just how badly the pond needed clearing. Well done to everybody who turned out on the day.

So, at just twelve weeks old the new arrivals appeared. For the first seven days they were confined to the duck house and a small run to get them used to their new home. No swimming on the pond just yet! I doubt many people even knew



they were there as the house hides amongst the giant leaves of the Gunnera plant. The poor ducks must have thought they had been put on another planet.

It was then time to release them for their first paddle on the pond. A good turnout of

mostly youngsters was there for the occasion and much excitement ensued. “Quack quack” was all we got from our feathered friends. We had lift off...well actually we didn’t want that exactly, but you know what I mean.

Every night the ducks are shut inside the house to protect them from predators. The first few weeks were interesting to say the least, as we tried to encourage them to go to bed. Typical youngsters, they did everything to avoid that. But time passes quickly and we are all now into a steady routine and they waddle off into their wee house quite readily.



We are now seeing many people around the green and pond, sitting on the bench, walking around with toddlers by the hand, looking to see where the ducks are and so on. We do hope this continues, the ducks are there for everybody to enjoy and get pleasure from. All we ask is for everybody to look out for them and for dog walkers to remember the ducks are there.

I’m indebted to everybody who has helped especially Tim, Tara, Freya and Tessie.

Glenfarg Gala Day



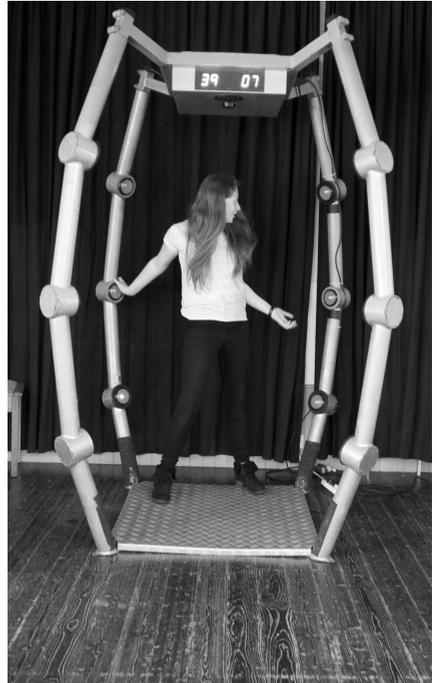
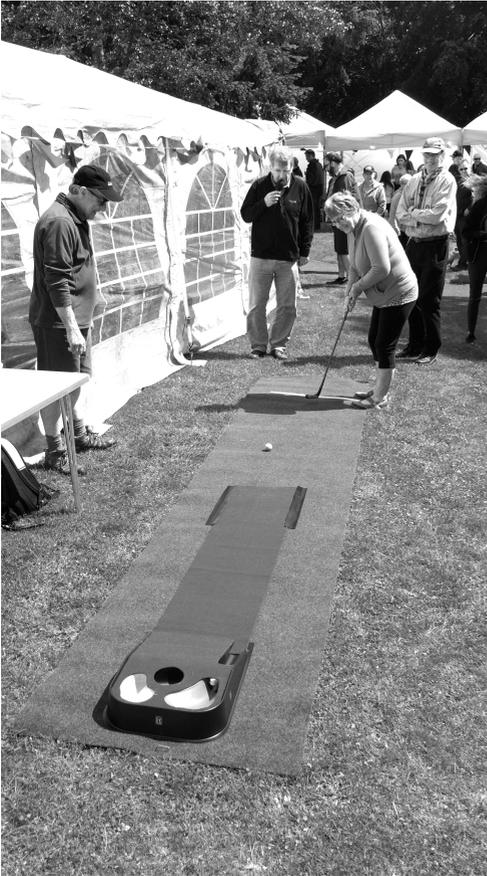
The annual Village Gala was held on the weekend of the 23rd of June, and once again was a great success with about £2000 being raised for the benefit of the Village Community.

There was a huge turnout despite the weather not being at its best, and everybody had a great time enjoying the various stalls and games, music from Perth Brass, and the ever popular bar (surprise, surprise)!

The only big let down was the cancellation of the giant bouncy castle due to the high winds.

The Gala committee would like to thank everyone who helped to set up the tents and marquee, and who were there on the day manning the stalls and games, and serving the fantastic home baking and teas, and pouring pints of beer.

And of course not forgetting the villagers and their guests who came along to support the event, it was a fantastic turnout.







Gin tasting



Glenfarg Tennis Club



Glenfarg Tennis Club continue to have a good year, albeit without league promotion for any of its three league sides.

The six person men's team finished third in their league, a really commendable performance in an 8 team league.

The 4 person team also came third, again a really great result.

The women played their first season in a 4 set league, bleeding some new members in the hurly-burly of league tennis and finishing 4th.

The really great thing was that we managed to complete all three leagues after early fears that we wouldn't have enough players for competitive tennis. And as some older folk dropped out or became less available, some new and exciting talent came through.

Then, our annual Duck Race will be held on August 19th. Again, thanks to Mr Hewitt, it will be held in the grounds of the Village Hall. First race will be off at 1. There will be ten races plus the Invitational ones. We're hoping to have a few more attractions this year and the barbecue will be in full fire, the bar well-stocked and gushing. So make a day of it. It's a fun day for everyone. And just a mention- please expect us coming round the door in the week before, trying to peddle our irresistible plastic ducks!

This year, our internal club tournaments are being played all in a fortnight, last week in August, first week in September, culminating in Finals Day and a social evening in the Clubhouse on September 9th. Elspeth is organising the draw and the ties, so it will all be done properly. Again, there will be refreshments, a barbecue and entertainment, as well as some competitive tennis. Wallace Park the venue. Come and watch the action.

16th September is the date for Glenfarg's Great Bike Run, year 12.

As time goes by, we lose some and we gain some, but the rides get a wee bit shorter, year by year. This year, we're bound for Blairgowrie, a run of 31 miles there and 29 back. We go through the back of Perth, over the hill by Craigie Hill golfcourse, down by Huntingtower and Pitcairn Green to Bankfoot. Then across country- Caputh, Clunie, Craigie to Blairgowrie.

We're staying at various hotels, b and bs and guest-houses and then on Sunday 17th, back by the Braes o' the Carse ridge and Perth Harbour to home.

As always, everyone is welcome to join us. All you need is a bike with good brakes and a helmet and off we will go.

Ring me on 830879 for more details or encouragement.

Glenfarg Duck Race

Sunday 20th august @ the village hall

- candy floss • bbq
 - games
 - refreshments • bar
- come along, 1st race 1 o'clock!
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Glenfarg Tennis Club

Club Competition and Finals Day

9th September @ the tennis courts

1 o'clock for bar and a bbq
come along and enjoy the sunshine!

Glenfarg Bike Ride

16th -17th September

- Start – Hotel 9am 16th
 - staying in Blairgowrie
 - finish – hotel 4.30pm 17th
- please call Tim on 07790870561

In The Footsteps Of History

Walking The Wallace Road

In my first article for the magazine on walks, I briefly mentioned the Wallace Road but did not give much detail. It was only when I spoke to Philip Ponton one day recently as he was setting out with family and dogs to walk down via the Wallace Road to Bridge of Earn that I realised that this is a very accessible walk for anyone living in Glenfarg who would like a good day out in the hills with refreshments and transport home available at the end! Thank you Philip.

Not only that, but on this walk you will be following in the footsteps of many illustrious people from the past viz; Charles the 1st, Oliver Cromwell, Mary Queen of Scots, Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and of course William Wallace who are all said to have traversed this route on their journeys. The road itself is thought to have also been used by the Romans as an alternative to crossing the Rivers Tay and Earn to reach their Gask Ridge Forts.

So on a warm Saturday at the beginning of July my wife and I set out up the Wicks of Baiglie Road towards the entrance to Lochelbank farm



where there is a signpost directing you to the start of the Wallace Road. Walk up the farm track keeping to the right of the farm buildings. I should mention here that this is a working livestock farm and once you get past the farm many of the fields with livestock are unfenced so dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

As you walk steadily uphill towards the wind farm, looking back you are rewarded with wonderful views of the Lomond hills. Ahead you can see



Cairn Geddes on your left at about 11 o'clock, now just a small pile of stones, but thought to have been much larger when built and containing a stone coffin. Apparently over the years many of the stones were taken for building purposes.

At the wind farm you will reach a point where the track forks and you take the right fork downhill towards a fence and a stile. To get across this stile you need long legs but fortunately there is a metal gate nearby over which you can climb.

Once across the stile, the road disappears and there is no defined path so head towards the corner of the scots pine wood directly ahead and from there walk diagonally left towards the bottom of the field where you will find another smaller stile to cross. The bit just over the stile can be quite wet although at this time of year it was no problem.

Looking up from here you see Dron hill ahead and the ruins of a building that is all that remains of West Dron Farm. Make your way towards the ruined building through long grass and thistles, a dangerous business if you are wearing shorts as we were!

Once at the ruins of what must have been a substantial building, carry on ahead and you will see on your left a large pond. Apparently at one time the road to the farm was fringed by an impressive avenue of Elm and Ash trees but Dutch Elm disease and the passage of time has meant that they have all but disappeared. If you look around there you can see the remains of a few of these trees.

Just beyond, the remains of an old wrought iron fence with a gate can be seen. The Fence, which I think was erected in Victorian times, was to mark the spot where Sir Walter Scott stood and remarked that it was one of the finest views in all of Scotland and he describes it in his novel 'The Fair Maid of Perth'.

What puzzles me, is why anyone thought they needed to put an enclosure round it. It's not as if someone was going to steal it or it was going to disappear!

There is some argument as to whether this was the exact spot or not but whatever the rights and wrongs of that what can't be denied is that the view from here is magnificent.

Looking east, you can see all the way down the Tay Valley to Dundee and to the North, the edge of the Grampians.

At this point, if you're feeling fit, you can make a short detour onto the top of West Dron hill on your right.

From the ruined fence continue ahead and you will pick up a clear path that takes you left, down to a rough road where the walking becomes easier. The road winds down towards some cottages and a small modern development at West Dron.

Turn right at the cottages and when you reach the tarmac road turn left downhill and after about 100 metres where the road turns sharp left you will see a sign for Bridge of Earn pointing straight ahead down a track. At the end of this track you reach the Forgandenny Road where you turn right and walk past the grounds of Kilgraston School and into Kintillo and Bridge of Earn.



This is a delightful walk with great views. We saw and heard many small birds including quite a number of skylarks soaring upward with their melodic song.

We allowed ourselves two and a half hours for the walk and that worked out fine for our bus back to Glenfarg.

You can of course do this walk the opposite way round but bear in mind that if you do it's uphill all the way!

Centenary Celebrations

SWI Tea in The Park 2017

Sunday 2nd July was a fine day, if somewhat breezy. The Glenfarg contingent of the Perth & Kinross Federation SWI boarded the luxury Earnside coach and was soon joined by fellow members boarding at Abernethy and Kinross. 22 members of Glenfarg Institute attended this memorable event, enjoying a splendid afternoon tea in a magnificent marquee at Scone Racecourse. It was a treat to see nearly 550 ladies all bedecked in their finery, with fascinators and hats much in evidence. Similar events have been taking place in other Federations across Scotland, which has a total of 731 SWI Institutes. Each Federation comprises Groups and those of Perth & Kinross Federation are Atholl, Blairgowrie, Breadalbane, Carse, Earn Valley, Kinross, Strathearn and Tay Valley. The individual institutes are too numerous to mention, but suffice to say, wherever you live in rural Perth & Kinross, there is an institute near you!



Perth & Kinross Federation Chairman Ursula (“Mac”) Stewart introduced her top table guests: the Lord Lieutenant of Perth & Kinross, Brigadier Melville Stewart Jameson, the new Provost, Dennis Molloy and his Lady wife, SWI National Chairman Linda Retson, Strathearn Group Chairman Isobel Robertson (who is a Past National Chairman and a Past Federation Chairman) and Perth & Kinross Federation Vice Chairman, Evelyn Scobie. Brigadier Jameson explained that he was representing Her Majesty the Queen at this event and read out a letter of congratulations and best wishes from Her Majesty.



The attractively decorated celebration cake, comprising three parts, was delicious and was baked by Allison Messenger, of Glenfarg Institute.

To commemorate the Centenary, a beautiful tapestry was designed by Susan McGhie of Kinglands Institute. Institute members placed stitches and members of the public were invited to do so too, for a small donation, as the tapestry travelled around the county giving people an opportunity to participate or simply view.



The Rural

Affectionately known as “The Rural”, the Scottish Women’s Rural Institute was founded in 1917.

Catherine Blair was one of Scotland’s unsung heroes, a woman who was the driving force in a campaign to improve the lives of Scottish rural women. Bearing in mind that many were living in isolated areas, with shocking housing conditions, whilst a World War deprived many of them of not only their labourers, but also their nearest and dearest male relatives, it is understandable that Catherine decided action was required.

Catherine was a farmer’s wife from East Lothian and was born in 1872 into a political household. After leaving school, she attended the Glasgow School of Art before marrying an East Lothian farmer, John Blair, in 1892 and making her home at Hoprigg Mains Farm in Longniddry. Catherine was a Suffragette, but it is not known exactly when she joined the movement. She wrote in her diary of many things that had influenced her greatly. She was related distantly to Sir James Simpson of chloroform fame and one day while young, she was in his house and overheard him talking to a visiting Minister of the Church of Scotland. They were discussing the use of chloroform in childbirth. The Minister was strongly against this, telling Simpson it was wrong, as women were “divinely ordained to suffer, to atone for the sins of Eve”. That was one of the many things that gave rise to her desire to obtain social justice for women.

It is hard for us to believe today that the position of women in the late 19th Century was that they were of no account, unable to have bank accounts or hold mortgages. If your father died and left you some money, you had to hand it over to your husband, or if unmarried, to your nearest male relative, with you having no say in the matter, and having to ask for every penny. He was entitled to spend it as he wished, even in the casino, on the pretext he would increase your fortune – and if he lost the lot, that was just tough!

The rural woman had to work alongside her husband on the farm, whether she had little children or during pregnancy - that was part of the contract. After work, she would have to try to make a home out of what could be a tumbledown hovel. When a man signed up for work it is unlikely he would have seen the house before signing as he would have been recruited at what was called a "feeing fair", usually held in the nearest market town.

Children were also affected, being isolated and having miles to walk to school. No 4 x 4 vehicles in those days! They too had to work on the farms at busy times, missing schooling. From the age of 7 they would do useful jobs on the farms while the eldest girl would stay at home to look after the house when mother was pregnant – which was nearly always! The average life expectancy for a rural woman was only 47.

By 1917, women did not want to stay on the land. They were exhausted and isolated – the only ray of sunshine being that whilst their husbands were absent, they were not pregnant every year!

They started to leave the farms to work in towns in the munitions factories and although dangerous work, it had a social setting and better pay. In order to stem this flow, the Government decided to emulate the Canadian women who some years previously had set up institutes to meet and socialise. But how could this be done? They called on a woman who had been on the committee of a group called Women in Agriculture, and who had probably been making their lives a misery reporting on the conditions of housing, etc., and that woman was Catherine Blair. She decided to co-operate but was perhaps not fully aware of what she was taking on.

It was decided that an Organiser and a Secretary would be required and although it was all very well for the Government in London to say they would pay for the set-up of Institutes, getting the money from the Treasury in Edinburgh was a different matter.

The attitude of the Treasury was, “These Women’s Institutes are one of the fads of the present day, and personally, I think there is a good deal of humbug about them. The Board of Agriculture has decided that they are to be fostered and encouraged in every possible way.

I think you should oppose this idea, for if you have two women stomping the country they will surely return to you for a third.”

Mrs. Blair and her friend Nannie Brown had difficulty at first getting support, as it was unheard of for women to go out without their husbands, but eventually a meeting was called in Longniddry on 26th June 1917. 37 women attended and after Mrs. Isabella Bathgate seconded the motion to found a branch, “the Rural” was born.

If there had not been a formidable Catherine Blair to lead this movement and show women what they could do when they worked together, would it still be alive today? Probably not, as not many women at that time had the drive, skills and force of personality to set up a movement. She was able to face down dismissive civil servants and also show women that they were capable of working together to improve their lot.

By accounts, Catherine was not an easy person and perhaps even arrogant. From her obituary notices she was dogmatic and did not suffer fools gladly. In the 1920’s she was at loggerheads with her fellow Board members on the Rural Committee over her insistence that the rural magazine should be what the members wanted and in her opinion, anyone who said differently was wrong. These may have been character flaws but could anyone else less resolute have survived the battle to establish the Institutes and to have withstood the scorn of civil servants – who were male, of course – to keep them going? Probably not.

The organization changed its name in 2016, dropping the word “Rural” in a bid to expand its horizons into towns as well as villages with a view to increase membership. Despite fairly ferocious opposition – after all, “Rural” is the very essence of “the Rural”, therefore many felt the baby was being thrown out with the bath-water – the organization has

withstood this change and to members who joined before that date, it will always be “the Rural” no matter what it calls itself.

If you live in or near Glenfarg, and would like to join Glenfarg SWI, or even attend a couple of meetings to see if it is for you, then come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of any month from September to May, where you will receive a warm welcome and the opportunity to make many new friends.

The format of the meeting is that we have a short business meeting, followed by an interesting speaker, then we enjoy a cup of tea over a natter. You don't have to enter the monthly competitions, but competing is an excellent way to improve your skills by making things you would never have dreamt possible. We participate in the Kinross Group Spring Show in March at the Bankfoot Church Centre and in August, we have our own tent for competition entries at Kinross Show at Vane Farm, taking place on Saturday 12th August this year.

Members are not obliged to take part at Group or Federation level, though quite a number do like to attend these meetings which are held at various Institutes around the County. The Education Committee organizes at least one annual outing and nationally there are summer schools and skills days where members can enjoy learning traditional and new skills from expert tutors. Whether your interests lie in traditional handicrafts, home baking, gardening or art, or you want to try something more adventurous such as drama, archery, quizzes, outdoor or stadium bowling or golf, country dancing or enter for proficiency certificates, or become a judge, there is something to suit everyone. For further information, have a look at www.theswi.org.uk or look up Facebook for Scottish Women's Institutes (SWI).

I am indebted to SWI National Chairman Linda Retson for the photographs and for the history of Catherine Blair and the organisation.

How Do You Design A Cake?

Sometimes people know exactly what they want from a special cake. Other people aren't sure where to start. There are a few key things to think about.

How many people do you need to feed? If it's a small family meal with only 8 people, the number of portions is not as critical as your cake will probably give you more than enough. If it's a larger affair with lots of guests then it will be really important that you don't run out of cake. Just image if that happened at a wedding! It's probably just as disappointing for those who miss out if it happens at a birthday party, to be fair, so make sure you work out your numbers in advance.

Should you try to come up with a long list of themes – perhaps the birthday person's hobbies, interests, achievements, certificates from school etc? You do sometimes see cakes covered in symbolic elements of the birthday person's life and people do have fun recognising and remembering them. However, in my experience, if you want a cake with a big 'wow' factor, especially if it's going to be a surprise, you'll find that sticking to two themes is probably enough, at a pinch you could maybe sneak in a third.

Square or round? It's just personal preference unless the design dictates that it has to be one over the other, you might even end up with another shape altogether, or even a '3D' cake like a guitar or a dog. Most shapes and sizes are possible, just be aware that the more complex ones are likely to cost more as they take longer to produce and may use more materials.

What about just picking a design from the internet? While it's really easy to find cake designs just by typing a few words like 'horse-themed cake' into an internet browser, bear in mind that it's best to use the images you find for inspiring your own design, rather than going for an exact copy. There can be copyright issues with certain cakes, particularly those that are completely unique and could be identified as someone else's design.

When it comes to cartoon or TV characters, it's OK to use the official branded cake toppers, figures etc. that you can buy but you risk running into problems if you copy a recognised image or brand into your own design. This is particularly so nowadays when lots of people publish photos of their cakes on social media. You never know who's watching!

Don't forget the flavour. A final word of advice; as well as knowing what the birthday person's favourite colour is, which could be another element of the design, you might also want to think about the cake flavour as well – what's their favourite? If it's chocolate cake, they may feel slightly disappointed when they cut into a vanilla sponge!

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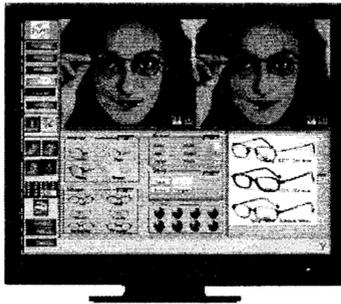
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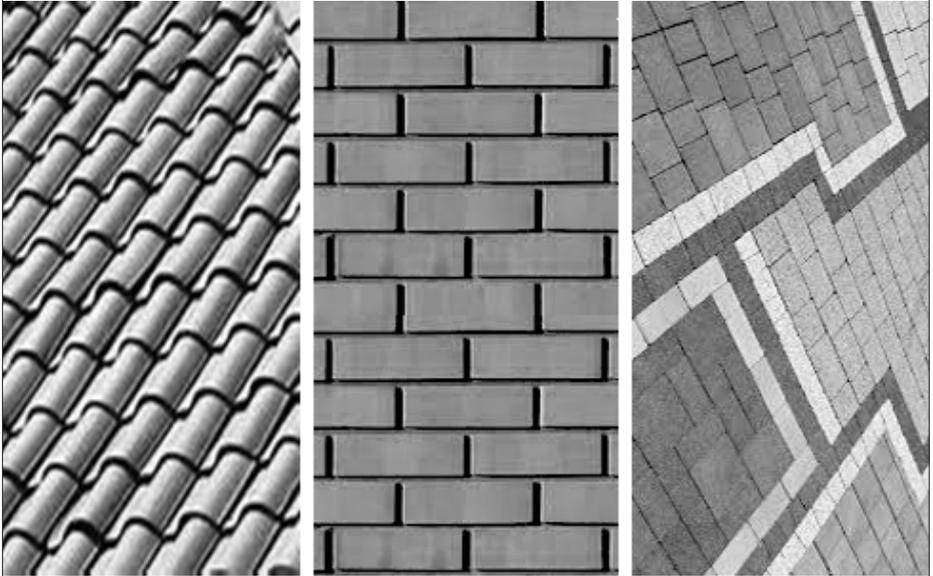
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 3rd July 2017

Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Horsman, Loudon, Pilmer, Ponton, Taylor, Watson

Also present - Cllrs Barnacle, Purves, Watters and 6 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: CCllrs Arnold and Burlison, Cllr W. Robertson, Police Constable Spalding.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

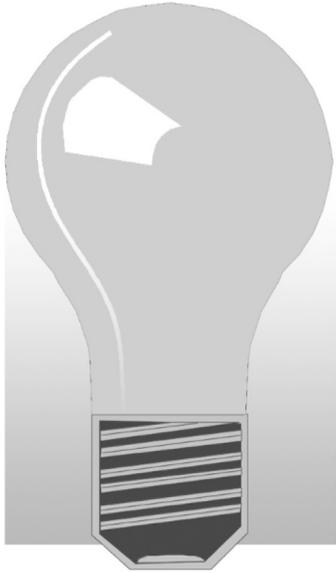
CCllr Watson had prepared an update on action points from the previous meeting and reported as follows –

Duck House: Tim Corcoran reported that the duck house had been installed by the pond. Four Khaki Campbell ducks had been purchased and were thriving. The total cost had been around £400, of which £250 had been supplied by a micro-grant. Notices have been put at the entrances to the Green, asking that dogs be kept on a lead. Tim thanked the 24 people who turned out to clean the pond before the ducks arrived.

Discharged

Green Route: Cllr Barnacle reported that the proposal for a Green Route through Glenfarg had been passed. There was no timescale for its implementation.

Smithy Cottage: CCllr Watson reported that she had asked PKC for the outcome of the inspection by the Building Control officer but none had been received.



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Defibrillator: Councillor Arnold has reported that the defibrillator training took place on Saturday 17th July. 22 residents attended; there were 4 trainers. A donation of £100 has been sent to the trainers, Saline First Responders.

Discharged

Rescue Pole: a member of the public reported that the old rescue pole is in use.

Ongoing

Avenue Gate: Councillor Robertson reports that the Avenue Gate is now repaired and the hinges adjusted to prevent the gate falling off them.

Discharged

VAS signs: Cllr Robertson has met with representatives of the roads department. They are finalising the VAS installation programme. Glenfarg is in the priority group for installation.

Ongoing

School Traffic Sign: Councillor Watson reported that she had checked the sign and it is now working.

Discharged

Water Ponding in Duncreevie: Councillor Arnold had reported that a report has been received from Scottish Water, stating it is probably contaminated ground water (ie It is not a leak from the drinking water main). Scottish Water have said they will therefore not be taking any further action. The Secretary is to keep a copy of the report on file. A member of the public reported that the leak had reduced recently.

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Gwendoline Row Sign: Councillor Arnold had reported that the damaged sign has been replaced.

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Burn in Stephens Field: It had been reported that, since Stephens installed the ditch at the bottom of their land, the original ditch in the gardens of 2 houses on Main Street no longer had any flow and there was a smell of sewage. CCllr Ponton reported that SEPA had inspected and told her that either Stephens Builders or PKC should deal with the problem. Neither of these organisations would accept responsibility and the issue could therefore not progress. Since all correspondence had been verbal, it was decided to send all details by email to our Councillors who would investigate.

CCllr Ponton

Ongoing

4. MATTERS ARISING (not covered on the Agenda)

There were no other Matters Arising.

5. ARNGASK CEMETERY

CCllr Watson reported that a meeting had taken place in the cemetery the previous week, attended by members of the Preservation Group, Willie Grieg (PKC Maintenance), Diane Barbary (PKC Conservation Officer) and herself. The grass was now very high and fallen stones were often not visible. Mr Grieg believed that the cemetery was due minimal maintenance ie grass cutting 3 to 4 times per year. He intended to check this but, despite several reminders, no confirmation had been received from him.

Mr Grieg had promised that those stones damaged by PKC workers would be righted and repaired. He had paid a contractor for this but was not happy with the standard of work, which was felt by all to be totally inadequate. Photographs were taken. This matter was to be pursued by Mr Grieg.

The CC had asked for costings for restoration to the watch house in order to shelter and preserve the medieval statue in the cemetery. Diane Barbary had told the group that any restoration of the watch house should be in keeping with the original, as it was C-listed. A slate roof would be suitable. Perspex may be a possibility but Ms Barbary pointed out that this would be

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Quotes for possible work were being sought and one company so far had quoted the following –

With slated roof £29,400

With Perspex roof £24,600

There was some discussion about bringing the statue down to the centre of the village. It was decided to approach the church again.
CCllr Ponton

6. SCHOOL LIAISON

CCllr Horsman reported that, despite concerns expressed to PKC by The Friends & Parents of Arngask and the Community Council, the hut to the north of the school was being demolished this summer and work had already started. Councillors believed that Arngask PS was not part of the present review process.

CCllr Watson reported that a review of the success of the changes had been promised for the autumn. Since one of the complaints made had been a lack of communication from PKC, it was important that the result of this be pursued.

Ongoing

7. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported as follows –

There has been an increase in Planning Application (PA) fees as from the 1st June 2017 and should the PA be advertised then this would incur an additional fee. All details can be found from the web link: www.pkc.gov.uk or by contacting Planning and Development at Perth and Kinross Council.

Applications

Siting of Caravan for a temporary period. Land 400 metres south of Brampton House, Glenfarg. ref. No. 17/01509/FLL. No GCC objection.

Erection of 2No dwelling houses (revised design and layout).

Land north west of Gwendoline Row, Drunzie, Glenfarg.

Comment on Application 17/00674/FLL by GCC. Planning



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committee were asked to submit a comment regarding this development by a local resident after our previous CC meeting. Our minutes stated No GCC objection and this remains. The comment submitted reflected the requirement for PKC Planning & Development to consider the previous recommendations for this development as a whole.

Decisions

Erection of a dwellinghouse. Land 100 Metres north west of Glendy Steading, Glenfarg. Ref. No. 17/00618/FLL. Refused.

Erection of an Agricultural Storage Building. Land 400 metres south of Brampton House, Glenfarg. Ref.No. 17/00383/PN. Approved.

CCllr Ponton asked about the regulations for a touring caravan being permanently parked on the road, either occupied or unoccupied. To be investigated CClr Pilmer

8. POLICE REPORT

No police officer was present but PC Spalding had sent the following short report.

I reviewed the last months crimes for Glenfarg and there has not been a crime reported since May 23rd

I am aware of issues regarding the new residential property at Tarra house and we have organised a meeting for 11th July with the residents and Councillor Willie Robertson to discuss the matter

We continue to patrol Arngask Primary during the holidays to ensure no youths causing damage etc

Members of the public present were dismayed at the reference to 'no crime reported', as the police had been called to Duncricvie on several occasions over the past few weeks. It was felt that the police were restricted in their reporting as the offenders were minors. The CC was sympathetic with the

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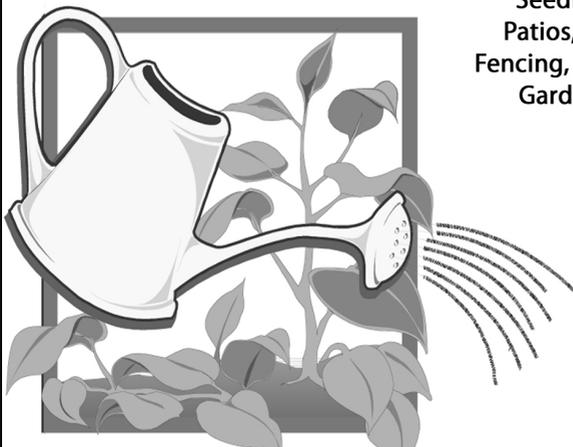
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residents' complaints about the commercial concern that is running the residential property and therefore agreed to send a representative to the 11th July meeting in Kinross Police Station.

(tbc)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. GCC – Balance on Account £304.23

2. GCC Newsletter Account - Balance £ 11,596.41

This balance is made up of Newsletter £7,261.02, Microgrant £324.39, Nursing Fund £4,011.00.

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income - £111 from shop donation tin.

Expenditures – Newsletter printing £195, Defrib Training £120

Microgrant:

No change

3. School Fund £341

No change

Total Funds Held £12,241.64 at 3rd July 2017

9. AOCB:

Telephone Box It was agreed to adopt the telephone box at the junction of Main Street and Greenbank Road.

CCllrs Watson and Horsman

The September agenda should include an item on ideas for its use. *Secretary*

CC Computer It was agreed to investigate the purchase of a computer for the use of the CC Secretary. We need to



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CCllr Horsman

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MSP Mark Ruskell's proposed 20mph members bill CCllr Watson explained that there was a consultation on this member's bill that would reduce the default speed limit on restricted roads from 30mph to 20mph, whilst giving local councils the power to retain specific streets as 30mph zones where necessary. Cllr Barnacle explained that the approach across Scotland was piecemeal, but PKC was aware of restrictive nature of their own regulations and was addressing this. The CC agreed that this was a better option than a Scotland-wide enforcement and would respond to the consultation accordingly.

CCllr Watson

Gala Day CCllr Taylor reported that the Gala had raised approx £2,000 to be distributed to local organizations on application.

Small Industrial Estate for Glenfarg A member of the public present suggested that Glenfarg should have a cul-de-sac of small units for business use. Cllr Barnacle explained that this would require an employment zone to be identified in the Local Development Plan. It would therefore need to be suggested for LDP2, and he intended to raise such matters at the next Community Forum meeting. It was agreed that a member of Glenfarg CC should attend this meeting. *(tbc)*

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