

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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Santa's Little Helper - Glenfarg Prize Christmas Quiz**

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

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Editorial

The Newsletter short story competition has provided an abundant source of material. The standard of all the entries was very high. We look forward to holding another competition next year probably with an August deadline. So you have plenty of time to get your ideas down. The thousand word limit was considered a bit limiting so we have increased the maximum limit to 2000 words.

In this edition are two stories. The first 'Under Arngask' was one of the honourable mentions in the short story competition and features a view of Glenfarg at night. The second story which was sent in by a writer who wants to remain anonymous, is a Christmas fairytale for your delight.

Mark at the shop has asked me to mention 'Sweet Treats for Christmas'.

Mark says, "Last year the kind people of Glenfarg donated over 200 selection boxes and packs of sweets for Broke not Broken Food Bank in Kinross. This has become an annual event and something that we are very proud of. We really do not care where you buy them and we know that some of the supermarkets are doing great deals at the moment. We just want you to help us to put a smile on one little face on Christmas morning."

Once more the Newsletter will be holding a Prize Christmas Quiz and the details can be found on the pull-out section section on the middle pages. Be sure to get your entry in before 7th January.

Another fun event, which will be held in the New Year in conjunction with the Open Gardens Day, is the Flowerpot Men Competition. Have a look at the GDIB pages.

From everyone here at the Newsletter we wish all our contributors and readers a plentiful Christmas and a stimulating New Year.

Robin Watson

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Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
2nd December	Church Christmas Sale	10-12pm Village Hall
4th December	Folk Club - Eilidh Grant and Kenny Speirs	Backstage at The Green
8th December	Light Up Glenfarg	5.30 pm The Green
8th December	Community Cinema 'La La Land'	7.30 pm Village Hall
11th December	Folk Club - Forgaitherin	Backstage at The Green
14th December	WRI Pantomime	
17th December	Christingle in Arngask	6.30pm Arngask Church
24th December	United Service	11am Arngask Church
24th December	Carol Singing	Arngask Church
4th January	Community Cinema 'Whisky Galore'	7.30 pm Village Hall
8th January	Community Council Meeting	7.30pm Village Hall

A Village Hall for All

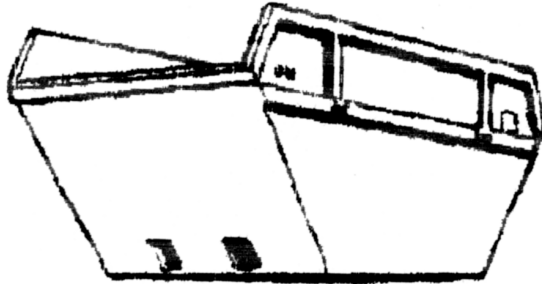
A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	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

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website
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Church News



The Rev Douglas Main has been our locum minister for maybe longer than he had anticipated and he is due a sincere vote of thanks for the support he has given us. In his remaining time with us he can be contacted on 01738 860867 or by e-mail Minister@abernethydrongargaskchurch.org.uk

A reminder that the Church Christmas Sale is on Saturday 2nd December in the village hall from 10-12am.

Christmas Church Services:

- 17th Dec** Christingle in Arngask at 6.30pm
- Chistmas Eve** **24th Dec** United Service in Arngask at 11am
- 24th Dec** Carol Service in Abernethy at 7pm
- 24th Dec** Carol Singing in Glenfarg TBC

With winter now firmly with us let's remember those less fortunate than ourselves, the elderly/disabled neighbour, the lonely, the isolated. Maybe we could offer a helping hand to do some shopping, clear their paths, even a wee blether can make all the difference. Let's be a good neighbour.

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

For more information contact the Session Clerk,

Bill Macpherson on 01577 8730430 or Session.Clerk@ada-church.co.uk

Where Has It Been



Pictured is one of the old pewter Communion Cups in the Church. Somewhat battered it sits up on the window ledge next to the Cross. It is one of three, there were four although the whereabouts of the fourth is unknown. It is part of a Communion Set where each item is engraved "Arngask Church 1807". Its presence in Church is one of those strange coincidences that crop up from time to time.

Previously we had just two of the Cups in the Church. In a Diner in the US an old bag-lady shuffled in with a plastic bag full of bric-a-brac. She went round the tables trying to see if she could sell any of her load. One diner picked out the Cup, our Cup, bent and battered as you can see. Although an American, he had been over to Scotland and stayed with a friend of his in a small village called Glenfarg. Because of that he recognised the name "Arngask". He bought the Cup for a few dollars and then sent it back to its rightful home.

Bill Macpherson

The Lounge @ The Hall

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am - 12noon



No names mentioned but way back in June at a Village Hall Committee meeting a bright young spark put forward some ideas to make better use of the small room at the hall and create an informal sociable place that all members of our community could enjoy. These ideas quickly grew arms and legs and the initial “Coffee Lounge” was created. Thanks to the kind donation of a coffee machine and some soft seating, the acquisition of some speciality coffee cups etc, the amazing generosity of volunteer bakers and the volunteer staff, the Coffee Lounge has operated twice weekly since 24th October. Like all new ventures it has not been without slight hiccups but the feedback from the users has been very positive and if you haven’t already come along, please do on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 12noon. There’s something for everyone.

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Under Arngask

To begin at the beginning: It is a spring, moonless night in the small village, starless and bible-black, the potholed streets silent and the sad spirits of inhabitants-past looking down invisible from the lonely, hidden, weed-ridden old cemetery of Arngask.



The houses are blind as moles - though moles see fine tonight as they pop up their velvetbrown snouting noses through the lovingly-tended, soonest mended, smooth as a snooker table surface of the Arngask Bowling Green. And all the people of the bypassed, bye-bye past village are sleeping now.

Hush, the babies are sleeping, the farmers, the foresters, the tradesmen and pensioners, lawyers, teachers, IT-savvy creatures, all are equal in their slumbers. In the stables sleep the precious, cotton wool wrapped runners.

In the hen houses, the fluffy feathered egglayers cluck as they snuggle close together. In the fields, each mutton mother lies with a lamb

or maybe two. In the garages the cars sleep four by four. Young girls are duveted in their dreams of boys and Facebook, while the boys are away in action-packed, video racked, CGI dreams. Artists dream water colouring, accountants dream sheet spreading, farmers dream muck raking, commuters dream traffic free.



And in Ladeside, the village shopkeepers are dreaming up ways of keeping the shop. Only the eyes of the insomniac are unclosed. It is night moving in the streets, like the ghost of the stagecoach that rumbles down Main Street, iron wheeled on cobbles, black horsed with wild eyes, whip lashing, reins pulling to halt and rear at the sight of the long demolished Inn.

It is the grass growing in Wallace Park where the dogs walk their owners, morning and evening, doctors' orders. It is the trees sleeping on the Druid's Grave, yes they do sleep, relaxing their branches from the day's labours of holding their arms aloft, haughty mannequins displaying their beauty to the sun. It is night in the silent church, the scent of flowers and polish, spick and span and hallelujah; in the joiner's workshop, mousey-nested sawdust and sleeping machinery; in the village hall, silent as a movie, waiting for the swish of racquets, lotus and cat, jam and

Jerusalem, be prepared for party balloons and girls with Stars in their Eyes. Listen. In the Green, our arboretum, acer, aspen, eucalyptus, lace from China, spruce from Serbia, oak from Turkey, weeping ash - in the foreign night they whisper 'What are we doing here?'. And the waters of the Farg say 'Well, we're off, through the Glen and down to the sea, goodbye'.



Listen. In the hotel, nothing stirs, long abandoned it lies waiting for rescue, Marie Celeste. Time passes. Listen. Time passes. Come closer now. Only you can hear the houses sleeping in the sodium yellow streets or the purple deep lanes in the black-blanketed night. Only you can

see, in the velux-blinded bedrooms, the jogging bottoms over the chairs, the charging fitbits, the statins and the vitamins, the sleeping inhabitants who, power showered and electric toothbrushed, will emerge in the morning to another bright, sun creeping over the Ochils day. But what is this? Probing lasers of light from sister moon, penetrating the cumulus and entering through the double-glazed oriel fall on a ghostly sheet of paper. It lies abandoned on the kitchen table, deserted by its owner whose restless, storm tossed thoughts had demanded to be captured on the pristine paper before sleep would be possible. It had seemed inspired. Our Scottish village in the style of Dylan Thomas.

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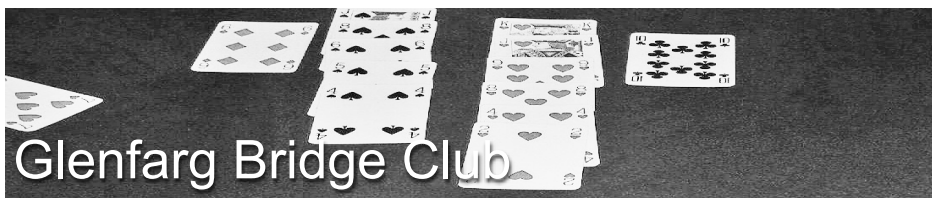
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It has been very gratifying to see several new members at Bridge with as many as up to 10 players at some of the summer sessions. Even though this doesn't occur every week we are still managing to maintain a regular weekly Bridge session.

At our recent Annual General Meeting Sheila Harley managed to charm Evelyn Brockbank into 'volunteering' to take over as club Secretary. We also managed to get Tamsin Morgan (formerly Kinnaird) to agree to act as backup Treasurer.



In October Charlie Kinnaird managed to get 3340 points but that still wasn't good enough to beat the current record that has been held since November last year when Jean Blackwood managed to score 3500 points. However, November has started well with Dorothy Powell looking good with scoring 2770 points in the first week.

Members and spouses are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon next month at the training college in Perth.

Though we have increased our membership we are always looking for new recruits so please feel free to come along and join us on a Friday at 1.30pm in the Church Hall.





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Glenfarg W.R.I.



On the 12th October Katy Galbraith demonstrated the Art of Mosaic. She also brought along several pieces of the work that she had done.

Competition Winners

3 gift tags--1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Sheena Chisholm; 3rd Alison Harrison.

Individual Pasta Salad--1st Alison Harrison; 2nd Ursula Stewart.

Flower of the month--1st Lynda Stuart; 2nd Lillias Johnson; 3rd Sheena Chisholm.

At our meeting on the 9th November Willie Shand gave a talk and slide show. He took us on a trip around Argyll visiting ruins and gardens.

Competition Winners

Photograph of Animal--1st Sheena Chisholm; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Flask of Lentil Soup--1st Liz Yull; 2nd Alison Harrison; 3rd Sheila Harley.

Flower of the Month--1st Sheila Harley; 2nd Lillias Johnson; 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Dates of Future Meetings--Visitors welcome

14th December- Visit to Perth Theatre to see the Pantomime

11th January-An Introduction to Canework by Helen Quartermaine

8th February- Demonstration by Ian Gibb from Perth College.

Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

Winter is upon us with frosts and threatened snow but fear not, GDIB are already planning colour schemes and Open Gardens for 2018. That's the joy and pleasure of taking care of our environment, just when everything looks dark and bare remember that just over the horizon lies colour and sunshine.



The highlight of 2018 will be a fun competition for everyone and I mean everyone; kids, Mums & Dads, households, neighbourhoods. Yes everyone. Glenfarg and Duncrievie will maybe even be renamed Flowerpot Men-ville. From mid April these fun characters will be popping up all around the village and will be there to welcome all the visitors to our



village for the bi-annual fundraising Open Gardens day. Details of how to enter your Flowerpot Man/Men will be in the next Newsletter and the Grapevine but for now “Happy Planning”. I’m confident that your artistic and imaginative skills will see the creation of Super-hero flowerpot men, dressed or painted flowerpot men, even flowerpot animals.

Although the Open Gardens is a very important fundraiser for GDIB there are other smaller, but just as important, contributions. A recent example of such was when our shopkeepers chose GDIB as their “Loose Change Jar” beneficiary for the month of October. Thank you also to the many of you who bought the Islands of the World Quiz Sheet which I hope didn’t give you too many headaches and I promise the next one will be a lot easier.

Kate Armstrong

Contact Irene on 830441, Kate 830343 or Alison 830093.

Glenfarg Community Cinema



It's been an action packed few weeks at the Glenfarg Community Cinema; 2 films in 3 weeks! The two films shown, 'Hacksaw Ridge' and 'The Goldrush' couldn't have been more different.

'Hacksaw Ridge' is the true story of conscientious objector, Desmond Doss, who manages to go to war serving as a medic without firing a shot. Doss is ostracised by his fellow soldiers but went on to earn their respect for his bravery.

The first part of the film depicts his early life living with a father who is disillusioned by his own experiences in the First World War. Desmond suffers at the hands of his abusive father and turns to religion as a way of coping with this. He becomes a Seventh Day Adventist.

The film was a very graphic and gory portrayal of the horrors of war, which some audience members found difficult. However the majority rated it highly.

Awful – 0%, Okay – 0%, Good – 15%, Very good – 65%, Great - 19%

The Goldrush

Take 2 talented gentlemen from different eras and merge their skills, the result being a tremendous evening in Glenfarg Village Hall. The show was a joint promotion by Glenfarg Cinema and The Glenfarg Arts Project (GAP).

The screening of Charlie Chaplin's favourite movie with Dave Watt playing the piano accompaniment was always going to be a popular event but honestly, you just had to be there. Dave found a piano from the correct era and built a cart to transport it from the top of Church Brae. The removal team of Ineke and Philip ensured the safe arrival at the Village Hall.



Set up complete and lights and heaters on meant just waiting for an audience. There was a feeling the evening would be popular but it was lovely to greet over 60 people to witness this amazing event.

I imagined Dave was going to play the original soundtrack to accompany the antics



of the Chaplin comedy - and he did - sometimes ! Dave's skills never cease to amaze and entertain, the addition of short musical clips, such as 'Food glorious food' and 'The Bonny Bonny banks of Loch Lomond' made his performance unique and humorous.

The comedy of Chaplin shines through this wonderful film and his sense of timing and wit has survived the decades. His talents as entertainer, writer, producer and director are evident.

In 1925's *The Gold Rush*, Charlie Chaplin transforms his most famous character, the Little Tramp, into a Lone Prospector, wandering the Klondike in search of gold. In the film, Chaplin masterfully finds comedy in tragedy, starvation, and loneliness: The Little Tramp is stalked by bears, plagued by hunger, and narrowly avoids tumbling off the side of a cliff—only to find himself, in the relative safety of an Alaskan frontier town, falling head over heels for a beautiful dance hall girl who wants nothing to do with him.

After its 1925 premiere, Chaplin told the press, "This is the picture I want to be remembered by."

At the end of the evening comments such as 'Dave should take that to the Edinburgh Film festival' endorsed the feeling we had all witnessed something special.

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Glenfarg Folk Club

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Eilidh Grant and Kenny Speirs

Monday 4th Dec

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Both these fine performers have appeared at the Club in the past in various guises, so we are delighted to welcome them back, this time as a duo. Great voices and sparkling personalities should guarantee a great start to our Festive Season. We will also be looking forward to hearing some of Kenny's new compositions from his most recent album.



Forgaitherin

Monday 11th Dec

Members £6, Non-Members £9

Having first performed together at the Club exactly four years ago at this pre-Christmas evening, Forgaitherin return to celebrate that anniversary. Since then, they have been guests at most of Scotland's folk clubs, have produced 2 CDs and now, with a completely new repertoire, look forward to entertaining their friends at Backstage.



Singaround

Monday 18th Dec

All £2

The final Club night of the year so please come and share some festive cheer with the rest of the merry-makers. All music welcome but we will obviously be featuring songs of a festive nature.

PLEASE NOTE. THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED FROM 18TH DEC UNTIL 15TH JAN 18. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK TO SHARE IN OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY YEAR CELEBRATIONS.



Glenfarg Tennis Club



Well, the weather might be changing, but there's no shortage of activity within the tennis club. These bright winter days encourage us to get out on the courts, albeit with the disadvantage of very wet balls. Tennis elbow is always a big risk at this time of the year.

So, we've moved inside. We are playing league tennis and social tennis at Gleneagles and David Lloyd at Monifeith every week at least once. Having booked sessions gets you out there when going out in the dark to wet courts in Wallace Park might discourage you. We had the juniors championship recently, won again by Jack Johnston of Marindin Park. Well done Jack; and well done to Chris Currah our coach, for organising it. Also, thanks to Chas Young for turning up to help with the organisation.

The other activity on court was the fitting of light deflectors on the easternmost floodlights to limit the nuisance when we play at night.



We honestly do try to mitigate the inconvenience we cause by our games, and these deflectors, made and supplied by Billy Allison, should help that. Thanks also to Billy for providing the fork lift to help us get up to the lights to do the maintenance.

Saturday, November 25th is our annual general meeting, and prizegiving dinner in the clubhouse. We have a three course dinner and a live ceilidh band for £12 per head. And it's great use of our ever- versatile clubhouse.

The journey to prizewinner this year was more convoluted than usual. The weather meant that the finals were played in drips rather



than a whoosh. Andrew McHardie just beat Ralph Hepburn in a really entertaining match on a wet Wednesday. The women's singles was played the following Friday. Sue Knowles beat Tara Winterton in two sets after a nip-and-tuck first set. Mixed doubles was a Round-Robin with The Swansons beating Chas and Tara in the final. Well done Alex and Maud. Andrew added to his singles victory with a men's doubles win over Alex and Mervyn Cooper when he was partnered by Tim Corcoran.

So all winners and finalists were at the AGM to receive their prizes while Hilary Campbell's ceilidh band provided the soundtrack. Mackerel pate and soup, beef in red wine, chicken surprise and aubergine tart, followed by sticky pudding and apple pie, and cheese and biscuits. What a selection of dainty dishes the champions had set before them.

As always, if you want to try out our tennis, our facilities or our friendliness, please give us a shout and arrange to come along. We're always up for a bit of tennis and fun. And if you're new to the area and have an interest in playing inside during the winter, give Mervyn a ring on 07971189201 or contact details are on page 4 of the newsletter.

Santa's Little Helper

“Dad, Dad, Dad!!”

“Whit is it noo. Archie, Can ye no gie me peace for 5 minutes ?”

“ But Dad, Davie McReady says Santa is’nae real.”

“Whit, Santa’s no real? Where do think aw yer presents came fae last year eh, just got there by magic did they?”

“But Dad, Davey says its Mums and Dads that leave the presents and noo that mum’s left does that mean al’ only get half?”

Whit’s the world coming tae thought Alec. When ah was young ah was about 7 before I started getting suspicious and even then I was scared tae ask in case Santa would’nae come if ah doubted him. Noo they’re asking at five and a hauf!

“Listen Archie, dinnae you worry about Santa and yer presents, he’ll be here fur ye the night and it disnae make any difference whether yer mum’s here or no. Anyway she said she’d come roond on xmas day tae see yer presents. Away oot an play and dinnae listen tae Davey McReadie.”

As his wee boy went oot the door Alec sat doon and put his head in his hands. It’s no gaun tae be much o’ a xmas fur any o’ us’ he thought. Noo that ma hours at the Garage hiv been cut and Sheila’s wage is’nae coming in anymair ah ken the meaning o’ austerity! If anybody needs a visit fae Santa it’s me. He could bring my wife back and that would be Archie and me’s best present.

Early next morning as Alec walked to the garage to do his half day shift he saw a car stopped on the crest of hump backed bridge that ran over the small burn that ran through the village. That’s a stupid place tae stop he thought, he’s asking for an accident tae happen. As he drew level with the car he looked in and saw a wee man dressed like a gnome sitting in the driver’s seat, beating the steering wheel in obvious frustration. When

Alec knocked on the window the driver looked startled and immediately began turning the key to start the car. The engine turned and kept on turning but didn't start.



“You'll flatten the battery if ye keep on” shouted Alec but the wee man kept turning the key with a look of panic on his face.

Alec went round and opened the driver's door and put his hand over the drivers to hold it still and again told him he was making things worse by keeping on trying the starter. As he did this he got a closer look at the driver and saw that he was small and dressed like a gnome with a pointy hat and pointy boots. 'It's half past eight in the morning' he thought. 'The last thing ye expect tae meet when ye're walking tae work is somebody gaun hame fae a fancy dress party. Especially someone as auld as this!'

“Ah'm a mechanic” said Alec. “Ah'll hae a look at the engine fur ye.” As he said this he glanced at the dashboard to check the gauges and was puzzled to see an altitude meter where the speedo normally was. He was even more baffled by what looked like a joy stick next to the conventional gear lever. As he looked further round the car he saw that the inside of the car was like the Tardis in Dr Who. It was as big as a bus! He stood back and looked at the car again and saw an old but normal looking vehicle but when he looked inside again the space was huge. By this time the old man dressed as a gnome was standing outside looking as if he was coming to a momentous decision.

“Whit's goin on here?” said Alec. Whit are ye daein dressed up as a gnome at this time o' the morning? Ur ye no getting a bit auld tae be burning the candle at baith ends?'

“Listen” said the old man, “Ah'm in a very difficult position here and ah'm gaunae huv tae trust ye. Ye look a decent man. As ye can see ah'm a gnome and I think you've realised this car's a bit different fae normal. Well

ye ken it's that time o' year when bairns expect Santa tae come roond wi presents for them and nowadays wi the population o' the world being as big as it is, the Reindeers are nae really up tae it so he's had tae modernise and restructure his operation and it's now a global corporation wi' agents in every country and ah'm the Scottish wan and ah need tae get this machine going and back tae ma distribution depot tae get sorted oot for the night or there will be a lot o' disappointed bairns the morra'.

Alec wis thinking 'ah'm a dreaming ah'm a really hearing this, has this auld boy lost the plot?'

He was startled when the old fella said 'no ah havnae lost the plot, ah ken its hard tae believe but it's aw true, but mair tae the point can ye help me afore anybody else comes along?'

It seemed tae Alec that he was moving in some kind of a dream over which he had no control as he made his way to the front of the car and opened the bonnet, immediately seeing the leak in the fuel pipe that was causing the problem. 'Ah've got some tape in ma bag tae fix this temporarily but it should get ye going again' and he quickly made the repair and as the old man turned the key the engine roared into life.

'Where dae ye live?' asked the old man. Alec telt him and as he drove off the old man shouted ' In about 10 minutes ye'll no remember any o' this but ah'll remember ah owe ye wan!. Merry Christmas.'

As Alec looked the car seemed to disappear into the distance, its tail lights rising up into the air. He shook his head and once again decided to give up the whisky.

Alec arrived at the garage about 10 minutes later and when his boss said 'where huv ye been, yer late' Alec could only remember something about a car on the bridge. Something wis nagging at the back o' his mind but try as hard as he could it wouldnae come oot!.

That night, after Archie had been put to bed in a state of great excitement and well warned no tae get up until the next morning, Alec sat in the kitchen and poured himself a whisky. He looked at the few small toys and

bits and pieces he'd bought on his very limited budget and a tear rolled down his cheek as he thought about aw the things on Archie's list that he would'nae get. And it was aw his ain fault. He wis the fool who thought he could still be one o' the boys and be married at the same time. If only he'd opened his eyes he would have seen that Sheila wis'nae gaun tae pit up wi it forever and right enough she'd given him plenty of warnings before she walked out two weeks ago. She phoned every day tae talk tae Archie but when Alec tried tae talk tae her and tell her he would change she was distant with him and would only say she was still thinking about what tae dae for the best but no tae get his hopes up. Alec picked up the bottle tae pour himself another dram but then put it down thinking he'd lost his wife through drinking and he wis'nae gaun tae lose his son as well.

By the time he'd wrapped the few presents it was around midnight and when the doorbell rang his first thought was 'it's Sheila come back' but when he opened the door he was disappointed to see there was no one there just a car disappearing round the corner though it's tail lights seemed to be about 6 feet in the air!. 'That must have been a bigger dram than I realised' thought Alec as he turned to go back in but as he looked down to the doorstep he noticed a bag at the side of the door. He picked it up and took it in and sat down at the kitchen table and saw it was filled to the brim with christmas presents. He pulled them out one by one and saw they were all addressed to Archie from Santa except for two. One had a label saying 'To Alec, Merry Christmas and thanks, Santa's little helper always pays his debts.' As he read it, the thought that he had been trying to retrieve from the back of his mind ever since that morning and just wouldnae come forward, hovered again, but still wouldnae emerge though something about it wis making him smile and feel good.

The other present had a label on it addressed tae Sheila saying 'Merry Christmas and love from Alec xx' As he looked at it he thought when she comes round in the morning tae see Archie's presents he would give her the gift and maybe she would stay a bit longer and they could talk. It would be a start!

Merry Christmas



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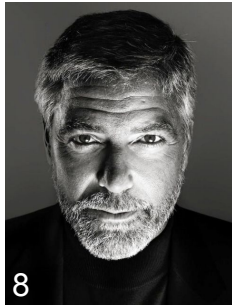
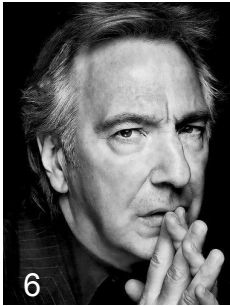
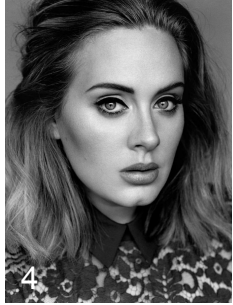
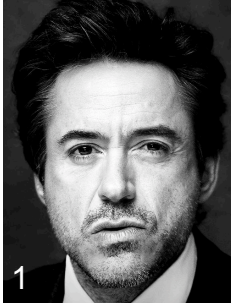


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All you have to do is answer the questions overleaf, pull out these middle pages and return your entry to the editor, Robin Watson, The Haven, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, PH29NW **by noon on Sunday 7th January 2018**. Alternatively, drop it into the village shop. There are 28 questions covering a range of topics so everyone stands a chance. The answers to the Glenfarg section can be found around the village. **GOOD LUCK!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
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Entertainment - Name these stars



Glenfarg

1. In what year did Glenfarg railway station close?
2. What was the population of Glenfarg in 2001?
3. How long in metres is the Glenfarg Railway Wall?
4. Glenfarg is on the same longitude as which of the following -
a) Marseilles b) Timbuktu c) Nairobi ?
5. In what year was Arngask Library built?

(The answers to the Glenfarg questions are taken from details to be found on information boards or plaques around the village. These will be taken to be the correct answers.)

Food and Drink

1. Which ingredient in Glenfarg Cake is grated?
2. Vegetable oil and egg yolk often flavoured with vinegar or lemon is the basic recipe for what?
3. Which 'F' is the name for a side of unsliced bacon?
4. Which two-word name implying an oriental origin is an alternative name for the kiwi fruit
5. Hoki is what type of food.

History

1. Where did the so-called 'Bevin Boys' work during World War 2?
2. From which country did the USA buy Alaska?
3. How many of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still exist?
4. Who was assassinated on the 15th of March 44 BC?
5. Who was the leader of the Gunpowder Plot?

Sport

1. In which sport might you use a recurve, compound or traditional piece of equipment?
2. Which team in 1970 was the first African country to play in the final stages of football's World Cup
3. In which Spanish city do Espanyol FC play their home matches?
4. Name the only English horse racing venue beginning with 'M'
5. In what sport is a tournament known as a 'bonspiel'

When you have answered all the questions (or as many as possible), fill in your details below and return your entry to the editor, Robin Watson, The Haven, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, PH29NW.

All entries will be marked and the one with the highest score will win the 1st prize, the second highest score wins the 2nd prize etc. If points are tied, entries will be drawn from a hat and the prizes awarded accordingly.

The names of prize winners plus the answers will appear in the next Newsletter.

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Cally Rally



Tess, Robert, Matthew and Lewis attended the Cally Rally, a national camp for 300 scouts and guides over the age of 13, held on the shores of Loch Ness. After setting up tents and cooking their evening meal the gang of four went off to meet their neighbours and make friends.

The activities start immediately after flag break on the Saturday morning and those leaders attending the camp are given bases to run. The gang

of four were all in different activity groups. Activities range from zip wires to backwoods science, trading activities to sailing.

Tess and Matthew both drove landrovers in a stubble field and a vehicle unique to Cally Rally that requires team work. The vehicle is basically two landrover cabs welded together with two steering wheels (facing different directions), one clutch and an accelerator. The team have to drive a course collecting trophies on the way.

Lewis's favourite activity was "slip and slide". A 5 by 25 metre long sheet of plastic on a slope with water going down it that the participants slide down on fairy liquid covered air mattresses, inflatable boats. Some particularly enthusiastic participants asked for the liquid on their T shirts and dived, penguin style down the slope.

Matthew enjoyed the mountain biking . He joined up with two scouts from Stornoway and they were named "top team at trading post" at the closing ceremony. When asked how they won Matthew replied that they came up with quirky solutions that made the leaders laugh so they got bonus points.

Robert wasn't too sure about his water activity. He had the least adventurous one - "cally cruisers" where the participants get to steer a cabin cruiser on Loch Ness. Afterwards he was ecstatic. The shore master had been a bit grumpy when Robert hadn't known how to put on a buoyancy aid which hadn't helped and sent Robert off to go sailing. The guy in-charge of the sailing dingy had been "brilliant", "it was fantastic – I got to steer the boat", "it was so good", "I can't believe that I got to steer the sailing boat".

Tess thought that her favourite activities were the zipwire and the backwoods cooking where they had cooked fish, rabbit in piri-piri sauce, a bird (type unknown) and other things. She had enjoyed all the activities and found it hard to pick the best one.

The gang of four all enjoyed the disco. All the participants who attended the Cally base raved about the disco, for some it was the main reason for going to the camp. The disco is held in a tent that becomes a square area of wet mud during the evening and looks odd the following morning when the tent is taken away.

The camp had been dry and all the participants turned up for flag down. Half way through it started to rain properly so we all ended up taking home wet scouts and wet tents. Next year the Cally Rally is planned for the last weekend of October.



Glenfarg Cake – a recipe from the past

On 7 October I received an unexpected email. It was from Jeremy Moiser, a former resident of Glenfarg. He gave me the recipe for 'Glenfarg Cake' which I've never come across in the thirteen years I've lived here. Jeremy and I would both love to find out more about the origin of this recipe. We're hoping there will be a friend or relative who can reveal a bit more about the original baker.

Here follows Jeremys' email.

"This is not an order for a cake (I regret).

Many years ago, when I lived in Glenfarg, there was held one year (1983?) a celebration of the village's past, featuring old maps and photographs etc., and in the exhibits was a Victorian(?) scrap-book containing a recipe for Glenfarg Cake supplied by Mrs A Brunton (who may still be alive for all I know, although my memory of her is that she was then elderly).

The ingredients demanded were:

12 ozs sifted flour
7 ozs castor sugar
7 ozs butter or marge
Half a teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
8 ozs sultanas
2 ozs peel
3 eggs
Half a cup of milk
The grated rind of a lemon.



The mixture was to be baked for 1½ hours (I have found 40 minutes quite adequate) at 375 degrees Celsius.

I am not an experienced enough cook to know how this recipe might differ from other fruit cakes. I'm telling you all this just in case the recipe might be of some small interest to you – as it was to me when I first came across it (even though my memory of that occasion is, as you will have gathered, hazy).

I wish you every success in your business, as my memories of the village, in which I spent sixteen years, are very pleasant. My wife worked at the Glenfarg Hotel as a breakfast chef.

Kind regards

JM – writing to you from central France."

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I'm sorry to say, folks, I've not tried the recipe yet but it does sound very tasty. Sultanas are one of my favourite ingredients although I have to say I'm not a fan of 'mixed peel'.

Why don't you try out the recipe and let me know you get on? There's no information about what size of tin to use but I would imagine a large loaf tin or maybe a 7 or 8" round tin would do the job. Make sure you line it with baking parchment or greaseproof paper.

I'm sure it would be well received at the newly launched Glenfarg Coffee Lounge. That would seem a fitting place for local people to taste it, especially those who don't bake themselves.

If you know of Mrs A Brunton, or if you'd like to contact me once you've tried the recipe, please contact me at info@leighsmithcakes.co.uk I'm looking forward to providing an update to Jeremy and newsletter readers in the next issue.

I'm also publishing a regular blog about the writing of the book – if you enjoy my articles in the newsletter, you might want to take a look. You'll find them on my website at www.leighsmithcakes.co.uk.

Leigh Smith

A THANK YOU FROM DAVE ARNOLD

When my Kate died in July I set up a MyDonate page and asked family and friends to donate to charity rather than send flowers etc.

The MyDonate page has now been closed and the money passed to two charities of particular importance to Kate : MacMillan Cancer Support and Combat Stress. A staggering total (including Gift Aid) of £4182.40 was raised so each charity has received £2091.20.(Unlike other donation sites, MyDonate does not take a percentage; every penny is passed on).

Both charities have sent me letters expressing their gratitude for their donation. I would like to add my own big "thank you" to all of you in the community who donated.

I am pleased that a little bit of good has come out of Kate's premature death. RIP Kate.

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Walk To The Crannog Centre



Loch Tay was the venue for the first weekend activity for scouts and older cubs. Parking at the hamlet of Acharn the participants found that they had to take the leaders for the walk. Each participant had to find the current location on the map and work out which way to go to reach the hermits cave at the falls of Acharn.

Successfully completing this leg the next challenge was to take the party to the stone circle. The views over Loch Tay to Ben Lawers as they ate lunch were fantastic. Each participant had to navigate to a feature on the map as they progressed along the Rob Roy Way before descending to Kenmore and the Crannog Centre.



The Crannog Centre had additional activities for visitors to try and they ended up spending as much time at the Crannog Centre as they had walking. Despite all the scouting experience none of the group managed to light a fire using friction from the stick although the leaders did manage to get the wood to smoke. The participants were not impressed at the effort required to grind corn using stones.





The lathes were a huge success. One was definitely for team work as it needed three to operate it. The other was operated by foot and once they had sorted out the co-ordination the boys were amazed at how well they could shape the wood with the reconstructed chisel. The boys were so engrossed in the activities that the drivers walked to Acharn to get the cars to allow them to spend more time enjoying the Crannog centre.



Halloween Party



The beavers joined the cubs for their Halloween party, all wearing a variety of costumes. There are some very creative parents in the village and it was a challenge for the leaders to recognise the party goers. The sixers and seconders were put in charge of groups of cubs and beavers which they found challenging.

The explorers judged the fancy dress competition,





Fraser as Harry Potter was announced as the winning beaver and the cub was Archie as a werewolf. The explorers were running the doughnuts on a string base and quickly realised they had problems when the doughnuts swung clear of the beavers heads. For the next group they made the strings much longer and Sulven had to kneel to get at his doughnut. Dooking for apples and fishing in gunk were the other bases.

After the traditional bases there were craft activities. Robert and Ben helped them make spooky scenes using a variety of lichens, Grant and Robert worked at putting teeth into apple mouth. Sally and Sadie were in charge of the spiders and Sam really enjoyed herself helping the cubs and beavers ice halloween biscuits.



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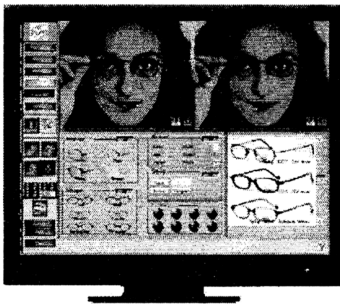
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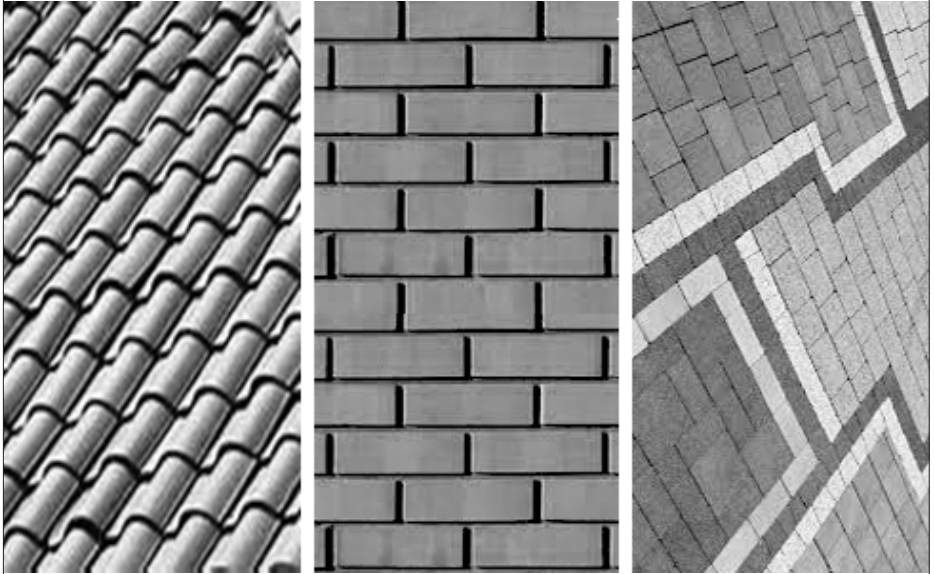
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 6th November 2017

Glenfarg Village Hall

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

Also present - Cllrs Purves & Robertson, 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr R Watters, CCllr Horsman, Community Police

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

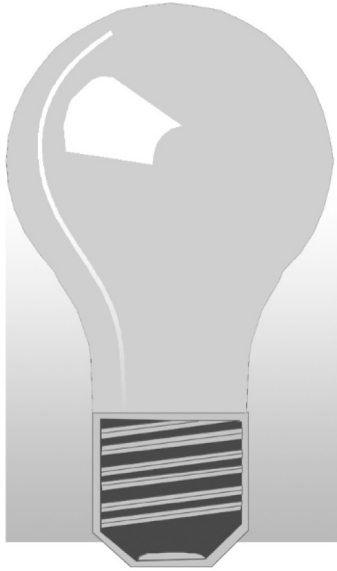
An update on action points from the previous meeting were reported as follows –

Smithy Cottage: No change. Cllr Purves reported that P&KC has an incentive scheme for such properties, whereby 1 year's rate relief can be granted if it will result in progress.

Ongoing

Rescue Pole: CCllr Arnold reported that the throw line and pole had been purchased, their positioning was being discussed with GDIB, and the Community Payback Team were prepared to carry out the work.

Ongoing



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VAS signs: No news on when installation will take place. Cllr Robertson reported that Glenfarg was included in the priority group for installation and he would attempt to get a firm date.

Ongoing

Arngask Cemetery: CCllr Watson reported that a meeting was to take place in the cemetery to consider the possible future of the statue. It would be attended by Karen McGregor of the Preservation Group, Mark Hall from Perth Museum, Simon Montgomery from Historic Scotland and herself.

Ongoing

Telephone Box Greenbank Road: The community had been asked for their thoughts on the use of the phone box. The vast majority were in favour of a book exchange / information board / bric-a-brac / dog poo bags store. A few people were in favour of a second defibrillator but it was agreed to adopt the majority option. CCllr Watson reported that she had checked with P&KC Insurance Dept (Bill Wilson), who had checked with Zurich Insurers, and there would be no extra cost for this use. It was agreed to proceed with the adoption of the phone box.

CCllr Horsman

Ongoing

Metal Drain Cover: This has now been cemented in place.

Weedkiller on public roads / footpaths: Cllr Purves reported that he

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had spoken to Nigel Taylor. Weed control is carried out once a year with a follow-up. Any area still requiring work should be reported.

Business Park: The community had been consulted about the possibility of establishing a Business Park. As there had only been one enthusiastic response it was felt that this idea should not be pursued.

4. MATTERS ARISING (not covered on the Agenda)

a) Stephens Field – A meeting had taken place between the company, a representative of the Tennis Club and a local resident about the work to be carried out. The work has started this week and phase one includes 12 houses. Areas will be fenced off, power cables taken down, work started on the water supply.

b) Caravan – this has now been removed from the road.

c) Wallace Park Development Group – At the last meeting, the matter of the medieval statue being sited in the park was discussed. It was decided that this was not the appropriate place for the statue.

5. POSITION OF CC SECRETARY

CCllr Pilmer has agreed to take on the role of Secretary to the Community Council. He is to take advice on the purchase of a CC laptop, but in the meantime will use his own computer.

6. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported as follows –

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Alterations & extension to dwellinghouse and erection of fence, 31 Cuthill Towers, Glenfarg, Kinross. Ref. No: 17/01669/FLL. Received: Mon 25 Sep 2017. Validated: Wed 04 Oct 2017. No GCC objection.

Air Source Heat Pump Installation, Culmore, Church Brae, Glenfarg. Ref. No: 17/01539/FLL. Received: Tue 05 Sep 2017. Validated: Fri 08 Sep 2017. No GCC objection.

Decisions

Erection of dwellinghouse and double garage, Land 1000 Metres East Of Wester Deuglie Farm, Glenfarg. Ref. No: 17/01411/FLL. Approved.

Appeals

Erection of dwellinghouse land 100 Metres northwest of Glendy Steading, Glenfarg, Ref.No. 17/00383/PN. Site visit took place and PKC's refusal was upheld.

Information concerning a Planning Objection

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CCllr Ponton asked for the Open Space and White Space areas within the CC area to be checked, so that any required changes could be reported before the deadline for the new Local Development Plan.

CCllr Pilmer



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7. POLICE REPORT

The Community Police had been unable to attend but had sent advice, which has been circulated via Neighbourhood Watch – to safeguard farm equipment, beware of cold calling workmen, telephone scams etc.

It was reported that there had been complaints of anti-social and possibly criminal behaviour within Glenfarg. Residents within the affected area had received leaflets giving them advice. It was felt that officials were not receiving information on these incidents. It is essential that such incidents are reported to the police and / or the council department, and residents are assured that such reports are treated with confidentiality. Dog problems should be reported to the dog warden.

The lack of police presence at CC meetings in recent months was noted and our disappointment registered.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CCllr Horsman had emailed his report, which was read out.

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £431.03

Expenditures: Village Hall - £12
Glenfeargach Services Ltd - £76
Remembrance Wreath £33

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 11,885.70

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Income	96.80	1,000.00	Nil
Expenditures/payments	195.00	264.07	Nil
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Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter shop tin £96.80

Expenditures – Newsletter printing £195

Microgrant:

Income – Lochelbank top up £1,000

Expenditures – Pond rescue equipment £124.07 Kinross

Volunteer Group £140.00

3. SCHOOL FUND £341

No change

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £12,657 at 6th November 2017

9. AOCB:

a) Grapevine Editor – the present email editor is standing down. There has been an expression of interest in taking on the role in



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the new year, and the present editor is willing to continue until then.

b) Local Development Plan – CCllr Taylor is to attend the meeting on 23rd November when the approved plan will be launched.

c) CCllr Arnold attended the Scottish Resilient Communities Conference in Glasgow and found it useful.

d) Skip in Duncreevie – this has been on site for several years and our councillors were asked if this was an issue for Planning. We are advised in the first instance to write to the user of the skip, asking if it can be screened.

e) Remembrance Day – CCllr Ponton will lay a wreath on behalf of the CC, Cllr Watters on behalf of PKC. CCllr Pilmer will read a lesson.

f) Christmas Lights – there is to be a laser display this year in Glenfarg Green. Santa will be there to meet children on 8th December. Main Street Christmas lights are to be installed on 28th November. The purchase of more lights for the north end of the village was discussed, but a decision was put off until the issue of the payment for the VAS speed signs was clarified.

g) Potholes – a member of the public asked how to report a pothole. BEAR deals with motorway repairs and CLARENCE deals with other roads. Alternatively, fill in the form on P&KC's website.

h) Faulty street lights – it was reported that two street lights, one on Main Street and one in Duncreevie, are not working. To be reported.
CCllr Arnold

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on
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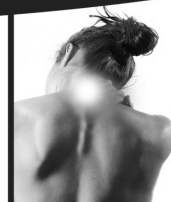
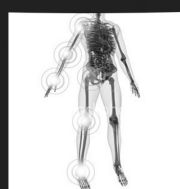


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