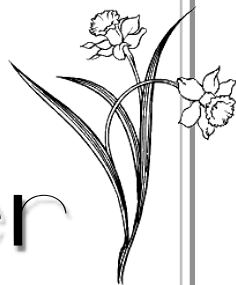


# The Glenfarg Newsletter



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The Fatal Mistake - Off Again - Robert Burns

Flowerpots - Glenfarg & Duncrievie In Bloom

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# Editorial

Spring has brought the daffodils to the front cover and hopefully we have seen the last of the 'Beast from the East'. The front cover picture is by Robert Morton and is one of the many fine photographs recording the exploits of the Cubs and Scouts, which both Robert and Christine have sent to the newsletter.

Looking forward to getting out in the garden? Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom have decreed that this is the year of the Flowerpot Men and have organized a competition with many prizes. Entries must be registered by the 6th April and the judging will start on the 16th of April. You can read the details on page 34.

Another of our short story competition entries is featured this issue. It is 'The Fatal Mistake' a fantastic macabre tale by an anonymous entrant. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is purely accidental. *When looking up the wording of the above disclaimer I came across some amusing alternatives. From the Three Stooges, 'Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is a miracle'. Another is "The characters in this picture are fictitious. Anyone resembling them is better off dead."* Also in this issue is the second part of the Robert Burns story by regular contributor Jim Ashton and a travelogue by Ian Pilmer on his motorcycle trip called 'Off Again'

I keep getting asked about the cut-off date for submissions to the newsletter. Here is a simple way to obtain it. Pick up a copy of the current newsletter and there it is on page 2.

Thanks to all my regular contributors and here I'd like to mention my proof readers. Thanks Janet, Andrew Vaughan and Kate Armstrong and Doreen Ashton.

Robin Watson

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# Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
<b>April</b>		
2nd	Folk Club - Anthony Toner	Backstage at The Green
9th	Last Entry - Flowerpots	
10th	Friends of Wallace Park	7pm Village Hall
13th	Community Cinema 'Inferno'	7.30pm Village Hall
16th	Folk Club - Gness	Backstage at The Green
20th	Church Fund Raiser Earn Singers	
30th	Folk Club - Rob McHale	Backstage at The Green
<b>May</b>		
7th	Community Council AGM	7.30pm in Arngask Church Hall
12th	Pop-up Restaurant	7.30 pm Village Hall
14th	Folk Club - Rod Clements & Ian Thompson	Backstage at The Green
16th	WRI AGM	Village Hall
17th	Pop-up Pub	7.30pm Village Hall
28th	Folk Club - Tommy Sands	Backstage at The Green



# A Village Hall for All

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

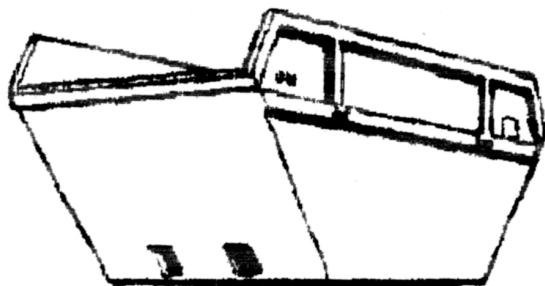
Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
Tuesday	5.45pm - 6.45pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Zumba Fitness</b>
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	<b>Rainbows</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Guides</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	<b>Badminton</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	1pm -2pm	<b>Zumba Gold</b>
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</b>

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website  
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A reminder that church services in Arngask Church are at 11am.

A fund raising social evening is planned for Fri 20<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm – 9pm Entertainment will be from The Earn Singers. Everyone is welcome and a donation from the tickets sales will go towards the new Defibrillator fund. Tickets are £8 Adults £4 Children and are available from David Aird 830370

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](mailto:Session.Clerk@ada-church.co.uk)**



## New Community Councillors for Glenfarg Community Council

It gives me great pleasure in announcing that we have two new Community Councillors joining the Glenfarg Community Council (GCC) - **Nici Hesar** and **Helen McLeish**. We required to strengthen the team and are delighted that, from our village, Nici and Helen have agreed to be co-opted on to the GCC - welcome aboard ladies. A 'who is who' article about your GCC Councillors will be available in a future edition of the Newsletter following the GCC's AGM in May.

Ian Pilmer GCC Secretary.

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# Glenfarg Gala

**23rd June at the Village Hall**



**The annual Glenfarg Gala will be held this year on the 23rd of June.** There will be a fantastic range of activities available including bouncy castle, bar, craft stalls, bottle stall, tea and cakes, and lots of games including putting, pig racing, splat the rat, train racing and much more.

As usual we will have our huge raffle with fantastic prizes on offer, and of course the bar will be open all day. A big success last year was the Gin and Whisky Masterclass sessions, so look out for tickets going on sale. Back by popular demand are Perth Brass after their brilliant performance last year.

On the eve of the Gala the 22nd, there will be a pop-up bar with great beers and spirits, plus a couple of buskers from Perth to entertain you. Put the date in your diary for what will be another great fundraising day in Glenfarg.

**Volunteers always needed and welcome.**



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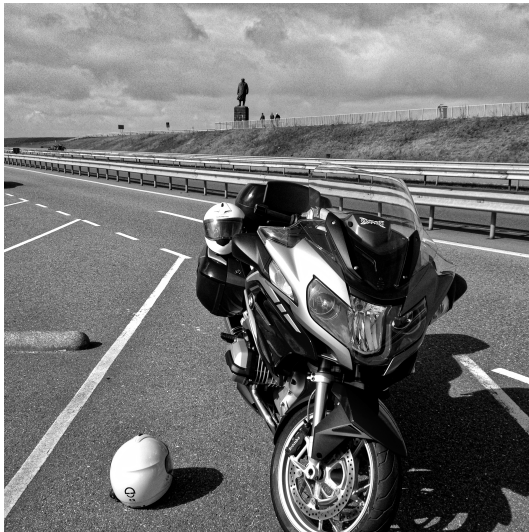




# Off Again - when the weather improves

Sitting here at home mulling over road maps and planning this year's motorbike trips it's hard to believe that the snow will disappear, spring is just around the corner and that summer shall arrive, albeit eventually. Once the better weather does arrive then not just me but many other motor bikers will be out and about doing what we like and that is to ride our bikes, be it for commuting or leisure. Fortunately for me I have more leisure time now and plan my trips when it suits me. I've been riding motorbikes for over 40 years and the expectation of a great bike ride anywhere in Scotland or further afield, no matter the weather, is something to be savoured and enjoyed. Scotland and Europe have such a diverse range of roads to tour on and no matter where you go, once stopped, somebody wants to talk to you about your motorbike, where

you have ridden from and where you are going.



Looking back on last year's trips brought back memories of my April 2017 foreign trip along with planning the route, where to stay overnight, what we'd like to see and coping with languages. My favourite pillion rider, Mrs RT Rider, and I have travelled throughout Europe on my motorbikes although Denmark was chosen for a break

to stay with friends in Copenhagen during April. My Danish goes as far as "Hello, Goodbye and Thank you" although not to worry because a majority of Scandinavians do speak English and you can always get by with lots of



gesticulations and laughter. Nevertheless, come April's Easter holiday, it was load up the BMW 1200cc Road Tourer (Funnily enough I had one pannier for my entire ten day wardrobe requirements whereas the top box and other



pannier were for Mrs RT Rider! Why, do ladies need all these clothes?) and off to North Shields to catch the overnight Wednesday DFDS Ferry to Ijmuden, Holland and then on to Hamburg, Germany for our Thursday night's stopover. The ferry trip offered great food, shopping, entertainment and a cosy cabin.

Following an "eat as much as you like" breakfast it was time to disembark and head through Dutch Border Control. The Dutch Border Guard, a lady, loved my Scottish accent and wished us a great trip to Copenhagen. Mrs RT Rider's comment was "Did you like her then?" "Eh, no dearest, only being friendly" – ha ha. It was dry and cool in Holland as we rode north and over the causeway (photo above). My motorbike is equipped with a few "boys toys" and being able to have Sat Nav, heated seats and grips,

cruise control at your fingertips makes for comfortable trips. Plus we have Bluetooth Intercoms on our helmets that allow Mrs RT Rider and I to chat to about the correct directions per her excellent map reading skills or anything else. Our first stop in Holland was at a typical motorway services so I guessed that despite Dutch being



spoken in the queues I'd use English and was spoken to expertly without any bother at all. More miles covered and we were into Germany early afternoon (no border controls) and onto the unrestricted speed zones of the Autobahns.



When you're sitting at 80ish mph and being passed by a Porsche well in excess of 100 mph you have to be careful when moving out to overtake because the fast boys "creep up" on you rather swiftly. A couple of stops for coffee, snacks, fuel and trying out my German successfully we arrived in Hamburg at 5:00pm in rush hour traffic. Following a few minor detours, Mrs RT Rider's excellent directions and traffic filtering we found our bespoke hotel complete with scaffolding outside and the early 1900s lift out of action! Despite that we had a great room, a tasty evening meal and a comfortable night. Next morning we set off north heading for Denmark and onto Copenhagen. At the motorway border the Danish Police waved us through and then it was the chance to "tick off" one of my bucket list events: to ride over the Great Belt Bridge that links Copenhagen island to the Danish mainland. We negotiated the bridge and headed down to the Toll only for Mrs RT Rider to let go the 20 Kroner note, leaving it to flutter onto the Toll concourse. A hasty parking stop was made, I sprinted back and retrieved the note.

Another comfort break, coffee and a snack followed thereafter, two hours later, we arrived in outer Copenhagen on late Friday afternoon. A chat with a local gentleman, in perfect English, confirmed the directions to Valby where our friends live and once in the area their house was found quickly. What a great night - beer, schnapps, food, wine and laughter. The city break was spent visiting Copenhagen centre, museums, art galleries, the Little Mermaid, and the harbour area. More food, wine and schnapps were consumed and while it was great to meet up with our friends it was very difficult to leave. Nevertheless, we trust that they'll be over to Glenfarg this year to visit us.

On the Monday we rode back a similar route returning over the Great Belt Bridge, down into Germany to Bremen for our two night stopover. After crossing the border into Germany a stop was required for fuel, coffee and cakes



at a service station. Despite it being cold, sunny and dry a chat about the weather including an order for Curry Bratwurst mit Frites und Kaffees was most appreciated and consumed swiftly!

Mrs RT Rider was amazed at my German, she believes that I am bilingual – ha ha! Next stop Bremen and our hotel. Bremen has a lovely old centre and parks plus the Coffee Houses with their excellent cream cakes make for a great day out.

Up again on the Wednesday morning early, stuffed full of German breakfast, we departed for Ijmuden, Holland and the DFDS ferry home. We arrived at the port in plenty of time after negotiating the Amsterdam Ring Road (equivalent to London's M25) for the teatime sailing back to North Shields. It was a bit chilly riding

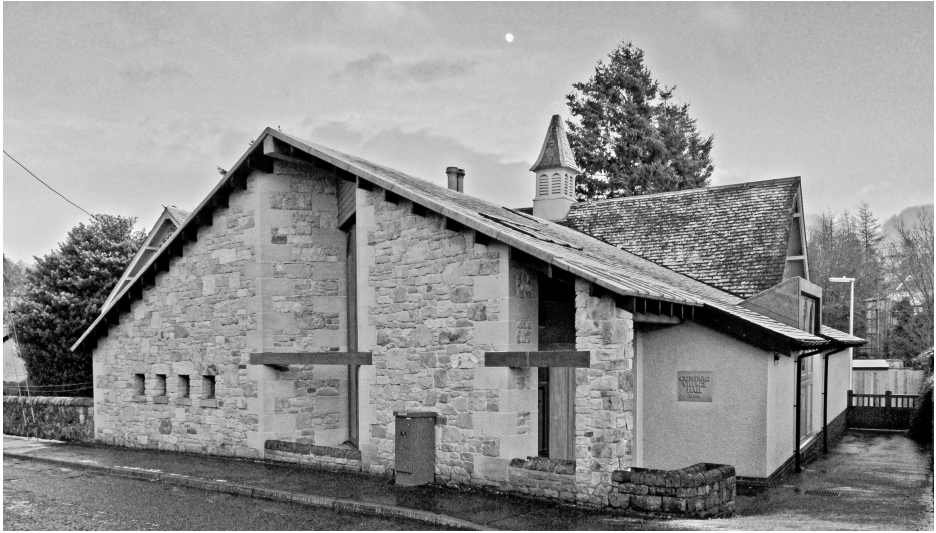


across Holland despite being “toggled up” with warm gear and the heated seats “full on” we were pleased to be onboard the ferry as it was cosy. Arriving back in “Blighty” on the Friday morning it was a steady ride back up to Glenfarg. Once home thoughts were discussed about where to go in 2018? Having said that I still had my biker gang trips (over 50’s guys) Whisky Tour to the Isle of Mull and Skye in June and the annual pilgrimage to Aviemore’s Thunder in The Glens - the Harley Davidson themed rally in August. Now then, what’s planned for 2018? The NC500, a Whisky trip and another trip to Europe are already in the planning.

The RT Rider



# Hall News



## Your Village Hall needs your help!

Jean Andrew and Kerry Davidson have done a fantastic job for your community over many years, and have now decided to stand down from the Hall Committee. They deserve our sincere thanks for the dedication, time and energy they have given our community.

We now need two people to step forward and serve on the Committee as Treasurer and Secretary with effect from the Annual General Meeting in September. It is important that there is some overlap with Jean and Kerry, who will both be retiring at the AGM.

The Hall is a vital part of your community and requires a Committee to manage it properly and plan for the future.

If you feel you could help in either of these positions (or indeed as a committee member) please have a word with me or with Jean Andrew or Kerry Davidson. I can be contacted on 01577-830300 and at Woodlands, Church Brae. Cedric Wilkins, Chair of the Hall Management Committee.



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# Glenfarg W.R.I.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> February we had a demonstration from Maxwell Desserts of Bridge-of Earn.

## Competition Winners

Paper Flower: 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynda Stuart; 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull.

Individual Mousse: 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Stuart; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison; 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull.

Flower of the Month: 1<sup>st</sup> Vivian Hepplethwaite;

2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Quartermaine; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Harley.

Scone W.R.I. entertained us at our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

## Competition Winners

Embroidered Handkerchief: 1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran;

2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alison Harrison.

3 rock Buns: 1<sup>st</sup> Lillias Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison;

3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger.

Bowl of Bulbs: 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison; 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger;

3<sup>rd</sup> Vivian Hepplethwaite.

## Dates of Future Meetings-- Visitors Welcome

12<sup>th</sup> April: Visit to Perth Theatre. ( change from Syllabus)

10<sup>th</sup> May: A.G.M. and Finger Buffet.



# Glenfarg Community Cinema



Thank-you all for joining us to watch..

**Lion, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Audience Voting**

Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
		1	13	27

Firstly, from the feedback on the night, the film was well received and for those who did attend – I was right in my preamble the weeks before, there were tears, however not all sad ones! The ‘new’ seating arrangements have gone down well with the audience and we hope to keep this arrangement to have a nicer warmer ambiance to enjoy the movie. Anyway I digress! A little about Lion itself:

Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of Kilometers across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family. There’s something unbearably potent about the image of a tiny, fragile child alone in a vast empty space. From the moment director Garth Davis places his camera high above a desolate railway station to capture five-year-old Saroo, vulnerable and separated from his older brother, we are emotionally snared by this story.

Davis, a first-time feature director with a background in commercials and television (*Top of the Lake*), delivers a confident debut. This adaptation of the true story of Saroo Brierley has some pacing issues and an overbearing score, but nothing that isn’t erased by the swelling, tear-jerking crescendo of an ending.



And... The 'pop-up' snow day movie of the season.....

## **The King's Speech, 12th March**

### **Audience Voting to select the film**

The Kings Speech	Pirates of the Caribbean	Harry Potter & the Philosophers Stone	Avatar
8	0	7	5

So in a snow bound Glenfarg, we decided to try a last minute film for anyone with enough cabin fever to need out of their home but not venture all the way out of the village! Sufficient feedback came via the Facebook Grapevine to hire the hall and save some sanity! Well done Margaret for seizing the idea and delivering the event. The 'new seating' idea came up this evening with the lower seats and tables at the front which really made it feel a much more relaxed and enjoyable experience.

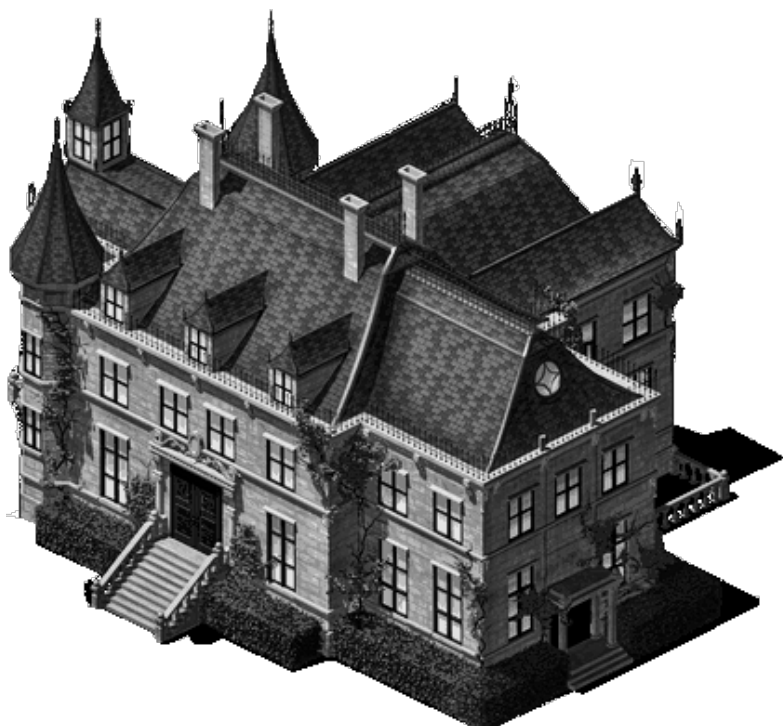
*The King's Speech* plays out on the battlefield of words, not action. Writer David Seidler (doing keenly insightful work partly owing to his own bouts of stammering) had conceived the story first as a play. Before you think the words "static" and "confining," be advised that director Tom Hooper, garlanded with Emmy dust for *John Adams*, *Elizabeth I*, *Longford* and *Prime Suspect*, breathes fresh, urgent life into every frame of this powerhouse. Hooper, 37, is a prodigious talent. The emotion this film produces is staggering.

Hooper begins in 1925, as George VI (then merely Prince Albert) is trying to speak at the British Empire Exhibition. The words stick in his throat, and his silences between syllables fill the stadium. The prince's embarrassment is acute, and deeply felt by his compassionate wife Elizabeth (a superb Helena Bonham Carter), who goads him to visit speech therapist Lionel Logue. His Highness goes into heavy snob mode in the presence of this commoner. When Lionel first calls Albert "Bertie," Firth's poleaxed reaction is priceless. Lionel treats speech lessons like therapy sessions, pushing for details about life in the royal family. What he gets is a portrait of a blowhard father, George V (Michael Gambon), and a taunting brother, Edward VIII (Guy Pearce is absolutely stellar), who reduces the proud, vulnerable Albert to rubble by committing the one unforgivable sin: Edward abdicates the throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson (Eve Best), leaving Bertie to succeed him. Suddenly, the man who would not be king most assuredly is.



# The Fatal Mistake

The three pals, Stevie, Davie and Jonny had been out to the nearest city to have a few beers and some lunch. This they found to be a real pain in the neck since the local council had, in their infinite wisdom, decided to firstly close the only remaining hotel, bar and restaurant in the village, and then followed that by carving up the bus timetable and severely reduce the amount of buses, through the village (if they even turn up). But needs must because the local Hotel and bar had been closed for 18 months, so if





anybody felt the need for a sociable refreshment, they had to travel either north or south from the lovely village they live in.

After this particular outing to the “Big City”, and suitably content with their excellent lunch and a few pints of ale, they got off the bus, but instead of going straight home, they decided for some obscure reason to have a nosey round the hotel to see how the structure was holding up.

They slowly wandered round, casually looking through some of the windows, but all they really could see was water dripping down in a few places, and some wallpaper peeling off in some of the rooms. “This is so depressing.” said Jonny to no one in particular, “Just think of all the great times we’ve had here over the years.” The other two voiced their agreement, and as they made their way around the building, they came to what was the former public bar. Stevie looked fondly through the window casting his mind back to the many fantastic days spent in there. Suddenly he let out a frantic cry, “Boys come here, look through the window, I can’t believe what I am seeing!”

Sitting on a bar stool looking directly facing the window was what could only be described as an emaciated and wretched skeleton that was emphasised by two huge eye sockets staring menacingly at the three mates. It seemed



to be laughing at them as there were two rows of teeth grinning as if in great mirth at something hilarious.

Jonny (always the sensible one) said “ We need the police.” as he hit 999 on his mobile phone. “What do we do?” said Davie as the three stood transfixed looking at the macabre vision grinning back at them.

Eventually, after what seemed like ages, two plain clothes police officers and a couple of uniforms arrived, “Hi, I’m DS Sadie Mcigue, and this is DC Les Hacket, so what’s all this about a dead body, are you boys serious? “ Just look through that window” said Stevie. After looking through the window, Sadie told Les to bring the crowbar from the car, “ I’m not hanging about here” she said, "and I certainly can’t wait for backup to arrive, plus I’m willing to bet we’ll never find the key holder”. Very soon, after a loud snapping noise, the door gave way and they were in.

Once inside, it was easy to see the body had been dead a very long time, so there was no option but to bring SOCO team in (Scene of Crime Officers). They were in luck! The team were soon to pass the village after just completing an investigation in Dundee. Heading up the



team was a Professor Whiting known universally for his exacting and precise investigations into any suspicious death.

Straight away, Sadie was at him for time and cause of death. “ DS Mctigue, I’m not a magician, this will take time. I’m taking him back to the morgue. You can come round at 9.00 sharp in the morning”.

Next day as promised they all gathered in the ante room at the morgue. The professor came sweeping in as he usually did, and immediately declared he was ready to disclose his summary.

"Time of death? Around the 1st of December 2015. How can I be so certain?... He had a copy of the local paper in his pocket, showing that date, and the headline .....Last Hotel in Rural Perthshire village to close”.

“Cause of death? Malnutrition coupled with dehydration, his stomach was empty, and he showed classic signs of a severe drouth.”

"In conclusion, I think he came to the Hotel expecting to be fed and watered, went to the toilet and got locked in. He was in a pub with no beer, and no food. Poor sod!"





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## Community Website

[www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)

for all the information about our village

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

## Facebook

join the Glenfarg Grapevine closed group

for instant community news / details of events

## Email Service

sign up via the community website

to receive a weekly email of upcoming events

plus emergency announcements

## Noticeboards

The shop window is the place for general posters

and the CC noticeboard (round the corner) for CC and Perth Council news

## Grapevine News for Non-Computer Users

we are now posting a printout of the Grapevine Email Service

on the CC Noticeboard

## Newsletter

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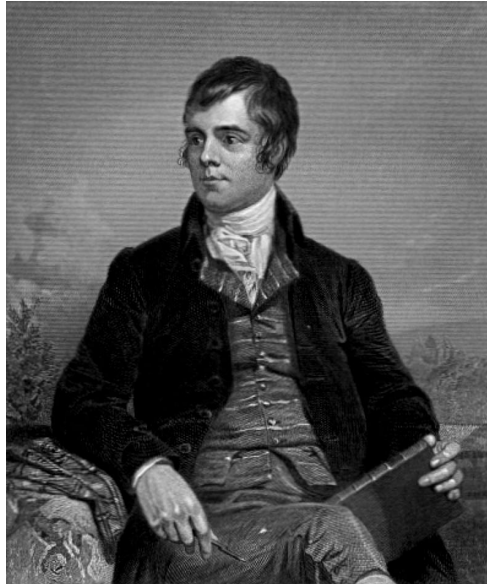
# Robert Burns

‘He’ll hae misfortunes  
great an’ sma’.

In the last article we left Burns in 1784, aged 25 years, unsure of what the future held.

He and his brother Gilbert had leased Mossgiel Farm and were determined to be successful farmers. Burns hoped his fortunes would change and said *‘I entered on this farm with full resolution- I read farming books:*

*I calculated crops; I attended markets and in short, in spite of the ‘The Devil, the world and the flesh’ I believe I should have been a wise man’*



However, as he had already observed in his poem ‘To a Mouse’, *‘The best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men Gang aft agley’* and this was to be the case at Mossgiel. The land itself was high and *‘mostly on a cold wet bottom’*. The first year the seed they bought was bad and in the second year the spring was late and they lost half their crop each time.

This disheartened Burns but did not stifle his poetic or amorous passions. He becomes a father for the first time on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1785 when Betty Paton, a farm servant, gives birth to his illegitimate daughter. Burns has also met Jean Armour, a woman who would figure throughout his life, and as observed by his brother Gilbert, their friendship reached a point where *‘this connexion could no longer be concealed’*.



It would seem that Burns saw a future with Jean as he wished to shield her *'from the consequences of their imprudence'* and in 1786 it was agreed between them that he would give her a written acknowledgement of marriage, a document sufficient by the law of Scotland to legalize their connexion. Burns begins to think about going to Jamaica to 'push his fortune' and that Jean should remain with her father until Burns was in a position to support her.

James Armour, a prosperous master mason and contractor in Mauchline, was said to be 'in the greatest dis'tress' when he heard his daughter's situation and he and his wife encouraged Jean to tear up the marriage proposal and forget about Burns. Under pressure from them and being a dutiful daughter Jean did what they wished and this was seen by Burns as a betrayal and huge slight on his character and it would take him a long time to forgive Jean, although forgive her he did!

Burns is weary, dispirited and angry and he arranges to become a book-keeper on an estate in Jamaica owned by a Dr. Douglas. He has, however, to find Nine Guineas to pay his passage and a friend Gavin Hamilton suggests that he publishes, by subscription, the poems he has written. In April 1786 he sends off his proposal for publishing 'Scottish Poems, by Robert Burns, One Vol. price (stitched) Three Shillings'.

Around this time, Burns has a mysterious dalliance with Mary Campbell, a nursery maid in the family of Mr Hamilton and this assures her fame forevermore as 'Highland Mary'. It is not known how they met but, as a friend of Gavin Hamilton, Burns would no doubt frequent his house on occasions. Despite or because of having been rejected by Jean Armour, Burns immediately throws himself into a head-over-heels relationship with Highland Mary. Burns says that they met *'by appointment, on the second Sunday of May, in a sequestered spot by the banks of Ayr, where we spent the day in taking a farewell, before she should embark for the West Highlands to arrange matters among her friends for our projected change of life'*



They exchanged bibles and the inference taken from this account given by Burns is that Mary was to go with him to the West Indies where they would become man and wife! Mary dies in October 1786 and little is known of whether Burns saw much of her following their meeting in May.

In the meantime Jean Armour, who had been packed off to Paisley for 3 months by her parents, returns to Mauchline of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1786.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June Burns writes to a friend, David Brice, and in the letter says *'Poor , ill-advised , ungrateful Armour came home on Friday last. You have heard all the particulars of that affair, and a black affair it is. What she thinks of her conduct now, I don't know; one thing I do know - she has made me completely miserable. Never man lov'd, or rather ador'd, a woman more than I did her; and, to confess a truth between you and me, I do still love her to distraction after all, tho' I won't tell her so, tho' I see her, which I don't want to do.'*



Reading this letter, penned only weeks after his romantic meeting with Highland Mary, you can only think that Burns, although bitter and hurt by Jean's actions, still loved her dearly. Yet here he was, trunk packed, waiting on his ship to take him to the Indies and having what appears to be more than just an affair with Mary Campbell!

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, Burns agrees to stand with Jean on three Sundays in



Mauchline Kirk to be harangued by the minister for their sins but after which he can obtain a certificate pronouncing him a free bachelor. But his troubles continue. On 30<sup>th</sup> July 1786 Burns writes an emotional letter to John Richmond, his closest friend in Mauchline. The letter dramatically begins,

*'My Dear Richmond,*

*My hour is now come - you and I will never meet in Britain more'.*

He goes on to say that within three weeks he will be aboard the schooner 'Nancy' en-route to Jamaica but that Jeans father 'has got a warrant to throw me in jail till I find security for an enormous sum'. He tells Richmond that they tried to do this secretly but *'I got it from a channel they little dream of'*. I wonder if this could have been Jean because he goes on in the letter to pour scorn on her parents but asks Richmond 'to spare the poor ill-advised Girl for my sake'. Burns says he 'is wandering from one friend's house to another and like a true son of the Gospel, "have nowhere to lay my head"'.

The final paragraph of the letter reveals his despair and how sorry he was feeling for himself when he writes *'For Heaven's sake burn this letter, and never show it to a living creature - I write it in a moment of rage, reflecting on my miserable situation, - exil'd, abandon'd, forlorn'*.

The year is 1786, Burns is now 27 years of age. He seems convinced that he is the victim of unfair treatment with little prospect of his situation and fortune improving and that the only solution is to leave the country he loves.

What will happen next? Will he be thrown in jail? Will he board the ship and sail off ? Will his poetry subscription pay off?

Jim Ashton



# Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

As many of you regular Newsletter readers will know 2018 has been decreed as the Year of the Flowerpot Men, well in Glenfarg anyway, and Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom have organised a fun competition (with prizes) for the whole community. "So," I hear you ask, "How do I enter, how do I make a flowerpot man, what are the prizes, etc. etc?"



The competition will comprise of three categories namely 1) Arngask School Houses 2) Household/family and 3) Village Organisation. The displays can be as large or small as you wish. Already the school has received a load of goodies from Dobbies Kinross and a mountain of second hand pots from the Potagers Garden in Kinross and the children have already started planning



their displays for the school. The best School House display will receive further rewards.

Of course we all know that Mums, Dads and grandparents can do better than the kids, or can they? The second category Household/Family will meet that challenge. Create a display for your own garden (ask a child to help if you're stumped) and register your entry by 9th April. How? Send your name & address to Kate Armstrong by e-mail or drop it into Cartref, Main Street. If your house and display may be difficult for Judges to find, please also give directions. Fabulous prizes in this category have been donated by Dobbies, Kinross.

The final category Village Organisation is for any display created by any group e.g the Scouts, the Church, Baby & Toddler even the Wine Club. Again send details to Kate giving name of organisation and location of display by 9th April. Again the prizes are well worth winning.

Judging by an independent judge will take place during the week commencing the 16th of April, so don't forget your entry must be registered by the 9th of April to be eligible for the great prizes.

Obviously the internet is full of ideas and "How to make" instructions but already, here in Glenfarg, I've seen many ingenious ideas for connecting pots ranging from knotted string to twisted wire with washers or milk bottle tops as spacers. I've even seen foam insulation used, I've seen some wearing hats and scarves and others with great facial expressions, I've even seen animals made out of old flowerpots. The ideas are endless so over to you. Please get in touch if you need more pots. And remember no matter how small or large, no matter how creative or simple your display is, I guarantee it will bring a smile to someone's face this summer.

*See next page*













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# Friends Of Wallace Park



The 'Friends of Wallace Park' has now held it's second meeting. At this point there are lots of good ideas but no plans or decisions have been made other than starting the group.

We have ideas about development and maintenance, potential sources of funding, how to communicate with the community and how the group should be constituted. The new Friends of Wallace Park section on the village website ([www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)) contains the minutes of our meeting.

It would be great to get all users of the park involved. We will keep the community up to date through the website, Glenfarg Grapevine and this newsletter and hope that you will share your ideas and views. Our email address is [fowp@glenfarg.org](mailto:fowp@glenfarg.org)

*Richard, Margaret, Daniel, Janet, Jim, Sheena*  
(*'Friends of Wallace Park' Committee*)

**Open Meeting 10th April, 7pm in Village Hall Meeting Room**



# Bake To Escape The Project

Some of you may know that I'm working on a book about how the process of baking can be a source of relief to people who suffer from anxiety, stress and/or depression. There's also a bigger project in the 'baking' than just the book. Although I admit the book isn't finished yet, not even the first draft, but I'm definitely working on it.

I'm interested to experience first-hand the effect that baking has on people. As a former language teacher and IT trainer, I've been thinking about volunteering to use my teaching skills to provide tuition to people who might benefit from baking. Through a chance conversation with a fellow member of Perthshire Businesswomens' Network, in February I made contact with PKAVS (Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Services). PKAVS are a charity and the description of what they do, that they publish on their [www.pkavs.org](http://www.pkavs.org) is as follows:



“PKAVS is a small charity with a big heart working tirelessly to improve lives and connect communities throughout Perth & Kinross. We help over 5,000 local people through our 5 hubs - Carers, Minority Communities, Third Sector & Volunteering, and Mental Health & Wellbeing.”

After discussion with PKAVS staff who provide services to help unpaid carers, I've now submitted an application to the 'Participatory Budgeting' fund administered by Perth and Kinross Council, to finance free baking lessons (the cost of ingredients and equipment) to carers in Kinross who are registered with PKAVS. If we're successful in getting funding, we'll run a pilot block of baking lessons and see how successful they are.

All being well, my next project would be to offer funded baking lessons to people in and around Glenfarg who are caring for someone and who'd like to try baking as a way of escaping, albeit temporarily, from the worries that their carer role may bring. This might be you or perhaps you know of someone who could benefit – if so, feel free to contact me in confidence at [info@leighsmithcakes.co.uk](mailto:info@leighsmithcakes.co.uk).



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# Glenfarg Tennis Club



Good Heavens! Will this winter never end? We're desperate to get our tennis season off the ground, but at the moment it's all up in the air. The only activity we've had is indoors at Gleneagles and Monifeith.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we'll be underway with our women's tennis, every Monday from 7.30, coaching on Tuesdays from 4.30 for kids and 6.30 for adults, clubnights Wednesday from 7, and men's from 7.30 on Thursdays.



We have entered a women's team in the Tayside Tennis league on Monday nights from around the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and a men's 6 person team on Thursdays, starting around the same time. For people who aren't in the team, or who don't want to play competitive tennis, when the league games are away from home, there will be social tennis on these nights in Wallace Park with all welcome.

You see, we have chosen this year to make the tennis and the courts much more available to villagers who just want to play tennis for fun and exercise. There will still be the opportunity to play competitively if you wish, but there will always be opportunities to come along and have a bash.

It was intended that the first tennis social occasion would have been on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, but now it looks more likely it will be April 14<sup>th</sup> or even 21<sup>st</sup>! We will keep an eye on the weather and let you know through Grapevine and Facebook of the plans.

Stephens have started building adjacent to the courts, initially 11 or 12 properties which will bring much needed new members to our little club, we hope. It is intended they will also bring permanent plumbing and drinking water to supplement our other amenities. With the other developments talked about for Wallace Park, this should make a natural outside functional playground and leisure facility that all the village can enjoy.



# Glenfarg Bike Run

This year's bikerun, our 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive since St Andrews in 2005, is again going across the water to West Lothian, past the Kelpies and staying somewhere around Linlithgow or Falkirk.

There are some interesting little backroads through West Fife and Clackmannanshire, again taking us across either the Kincardine Bridge or the newish crossing further upstream. Then, we'll be wandering around Carronshore with lots of local history to the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots (Linlithgow).

Sunday, we come back across the tranquil Forth Road Bridge, Dunfermline, and home. It's about 30 miles each day, hardly the Tour de France and with a little bit of preparation, everyone reading this could manage it. And the big advantage of having a southerly destination is that there's no Wickes o' Baigle on the Sunday, a big bonus for even the most masochistic.



So, get out the bike or borrow one from a neighbour and start with little bits as soon as the weather is kind enough. Just start with a little round Arngask - Paris Bridge or even round Wallace Park before increasing it to the Milnathort Round or the 5 mile Arngask round. If you've done the Path of Condie round, you're fit enough to do what we'll be doing on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Get pedalling.... But easy does it.



# Glenfarg Folk Club



**Monday 2nd April Anthony Toner** Members £6, Non-Members £9  
Following Anthony's first appearance at the Club 2 years ago, we were inundated with requests to get him back as soon as possible. A really talented young singer-songwriter from Northern Ireland, he truly gives a great night's entertainment with a lovely voice and wonderful songs, both self-penned and covers.

**NOTE. The 40th Glenfarg Folk Feast** - 6th to 8th Apr- is sold out.

**Monday 9th Apr Post - Feast Recovery Singaround** All £2  
Come and wind down at our recovery evening. All survivors welcome to come and share your songs and tales of the weekend. No theme for tonight. All welcome as always.

**Monday 16th Apr Gness** Members £6, Non-members £9  
Gness are a dynamic four-piece comprising fiddle, flute, guitar and percussion and who tackle tune sets and songs with a "maturity of ability many of greater age will envy - Living Tradition". They are one of Scotland's hottest up and- coming folk bands and the lads are Graham Rorie, Aidan Moodie, Connor Sinclair and Craig Baxter.

**Monday 23rd Apr Singaround** All £2  
Time for a Spring clean around the residence! With that in mind, we will have "House/Home" as our theme for tonight. All welcome to help with the housework.

**Monday 30th Apr Rob McHale** Members £6, Non-members £9  
A North Carolina-based folk /Americana artiste, Rob will be performing songs to take us "through a small town, down a dirt road or on an historical journey - and bring us back again"! Highly regarded in his home country, he will offer us a different perspective to our home-grown talent.



**Monday 7th May Singaround.** In honour of the arrival of Spring, the theme for tonight is “HOPE, HAPPINESS AND JOY”. All welcome as always; entry £2.

**Monday 14th May Rod Clements and Ian Thompson.** A very big night for the Club with the arrival of Lindisfarne’s Rod and Ian, fantastic guitarist/singer and double bass player respectively. Both have huge pedigrees within folk music and Rod’s songwriting is legendary and will undoubtedly be on display. Entry £6 members. £10 non-members.



**Monday 21st May Singaround.** Spring cleaning to the fore tonight when our theme will be “DIRT, GRIME AND/OR UNCLEANLINESS”. All welcome as always, Entry £2.

**Monday 28th May Tommy Sands.** We are delighted to welcome the legendary Tommy Sands to the Backstage for the first time. A frequent guest at the Club in Glenfarg in the past, Tommy is one of the most sought-after singer/songwriters in the folk world and a grand night’s entertainment is in store. Entry £6 members, £9 non-members.



# Culteuchar Hill

The February joint older cub and scout event was a walk in the local Ochil hills on an exceptionally windy day. The cubs and scouts practised their navigation as they ascended the steep track from Glenearn. Arriving at



the old fort below Culteuchar Hill there were plenty of hollows to find shelter in the stone ramparts from the wind. There were great views over Strathearn and the Tay and it was easy to see why the fort had been situated at there.





The cubs and scouts continued on to the summit of Culteuchar Hill where Katy was invested. Navigation practise continued on the descent back to the minibus and all participants passed the stage two navigator badge.





# Cubs and Scouts Skating



Dundee Ice rink was the venue for the January joint older cub and scout event. The day didn't get off to a good start as the minibuses hadn't been used over the winter holidays and wouldn't start when Robert went to collect one. In the end Tara transported the scouts and Robert the cubs to Dundee. The group were quick learners with good balance and were all confidently skating round the rink by the end of the session.



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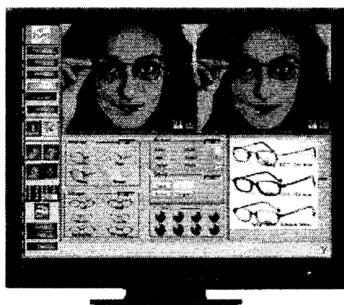
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# GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Monday 5th March 2018**  
**Arngask Church Hall**

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

Also present - Cllrs Purves & Watters, 4 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson, CCllr Heser, Community Police Officer Stapleton

This meeting, planned to take place in the village hall meeting room, had to be held in Arngask Church Hall. CCllr Ponton thanked Bill Macpherson (Church Session Clerk) for arranging this at short notice.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.  
Proposed CCllr Taylor, seconded CCllr Horsman

## **3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:**

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

VAS signs: A pole has been positioned by the hanging baskets, not exactly as expected but acceptable. A speed sign showing the driver's speed is still to be installed.

***Ongoing***





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Telephone Box Greenbank Road: CCllr Horsman reported that BT had acknowledged our payment for the adoption of the box. We are to be informed when the box has been decommissioned. The power supply will continue.

***Ongoing***

Wall at the north end of Main Street: CCllr Ponton has been in contact with the owners of the nearby house. The work was being carried out by employees of Fordel Farms and the pavement has now been cleared.

PKC Budget Consultation Website: On behalf of the CC, CCllr Taylor has posted comments re funding for roads clearance / gritting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING** (not covered on the Agenda)

There were no other matters arising.

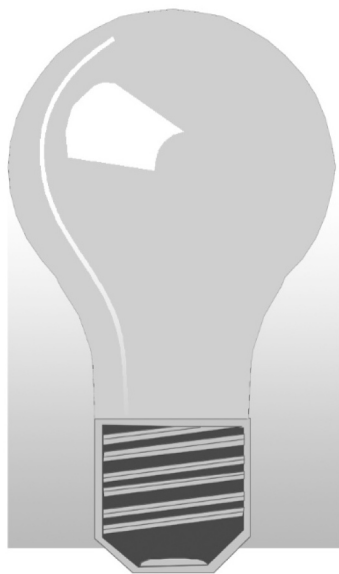
**5. ARNGASK CEMETERY**

CCllr Watson had sought the thoughts of the community on the preservation of the medieval statue, both through the newsletter and the Grapevine. Residents were asked to contact the CC secretary. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had only received two replies, one for preservation but unable to offer practical help, one against preservation on the grounds of cost. There had been only a very small number of comments on the Grapevine, some for and some against preservation.

CCllr Ponton reported that the Glenfarg Improvement Team were willing to provide manpower, but fundraising would still be required. It was decided that the CC was unwilling to get involved with fundraising. The preservation Group are to be informed.

*CCllr Louden*





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## **6. SCHOOL LIASON**

Nothing to report.

## **7. PLANNING REPORT**

CCllr Pilmer reported as follows –

### Applications

#### **Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)**

Land 20 Metres South Of Scarhead Cottage, Glenfarg

Ref. No: 18/00081/IPL. No objection

Ref. No: 17/02258/FLL. No GCC objection.

#### **Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses**

Land 100 Metres North West Of Glendy Steading, Glenfarg

Ref. No: 18/00133/FLL. The Community Council received correspondence concerning this application by the proposed developers and other members of the public thereafter, a comment was lodged with Perth & Kinross Council.

#### **Alterations and extension to farm buildings**

Colliston Farm, Drunzie, Glenfarg

Ref. No: 18/00161/FLL. No objection

#### **Renewal of permission 10/00638/FLL (erection of 3 dwellinghouses)**

Prinns Smithy, Glenfarg, Cupar

Ref. No: 18/00250/FLL. This matter was taken up previously by the Community Council for Auchtermuchty, Gateside and Strathmiglo and not Glenfarg Community Council. No comment unless requested by other parties.



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## Decisions

### **Part change of use from dwellinghouse (class 9) to nursery (class 10)**

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Ref. No: 17/02258/FLL. Approved

### **Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse including raising the ridge height**

Glendale Duncrievie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PD

Ref. No: 17/02241/FLL. Approved

CCllr Ponton reported that she had received a communication from one of the applicants and had invited them to the CC meeting to discuss their concerns. They were not in attendance. CCllr Pilmer emphasised that the CC has no greater sway over the Planning Department's decision than any other interested party. The CC's comments are available on the Planning Applications section of the PKC website.

## **8. POLICE REPORT**

CCllr Pilmer had received the following report –

There have been no incidents of note over the past month but there has been a recent housebreaking in Crook of Devon and another in Milnathort.

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## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CCllr Horsman had compiled the Treasurer's Report as follows.

### 1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £388.07

Expenditures: Village Hall - £12

### 2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 11,488.60

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
	£	£	
At 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	6,955.88	560.32	4,011.00
Income	793.00	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	581.60	250.00	Nil
	<hr/> 7,167.28	<hr/> 310.32	<hr/> 4,011.00
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Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

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## **3. SCHOOL FUND £341**

No change

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD £12,217 at 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

## **10. AOCB:**

Drawings of Glenfarg by Jim Douglas: CCllr Ponton reported that she had contacted the previous printers of these drawings. They held printing blocks but the drawings had never been digitised. It should therefore be possible to digitise the drawings and have them printed anywhere.

*CCllr Ponton*

Binn Farm Forum: CCllrs Pilmer and Ponton had attended a meeting with representatives from the other 3 community councils (Abernethy, Bridge of Earn, Strathmiglo) who could be part of a renewable energy project at Binn Farm. Greencat Renewables are suggesting a revival of the project to build 4 wind turbines on the site. They are suggesting community ownership.

Friends of Wallace Park: There is now a constituted group working towards improvements in Wallace Park. This has



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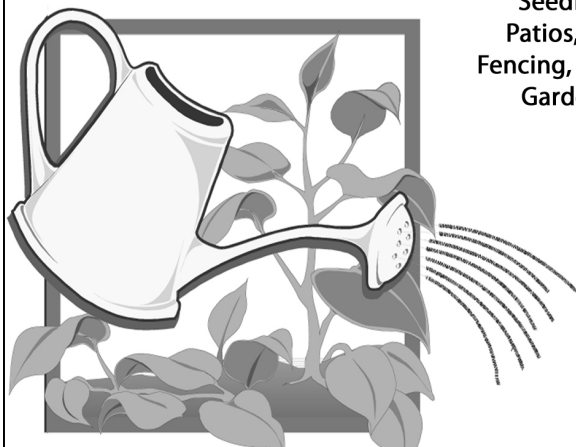
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Diane Cassidy (PKC) is working with the group and there is the possibility of the services of a PKC architect. The school, scouts and the tennis club have all been approached to take part. Cllr Watters suggested the use of an on-line questionnaire which had been used in similar situations and may be made available to us.

Roads and Footpaths: The state of the roads and pavements, and the lack of snow clearance were discussed. CCllr Taylor had expressed our concerns by using the PKC Budget Consultation online.

Cllr Purves explained that Category 1 roads had to be given priority and, with continuing snowfall making a revisit necessary, Category 2 & 3 roads may not be reached. Cllr Watters felt that the roads department had done well in the circumstances.

Repairs – it is now PKC policy not to patch potholes, except in emergencies. Potholes in Glenfarg, such as at the crossroads at Ladeside, have been patched and it was felt that a full review of the problems was necessary. Our councillors agreed to meet with community councillors to walk around affected areas.

*CCllrs*

*Ponton & Horsman*

Perth and Kinross Council Budget: Cllr Purves had provided the





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CC with details of the recent PKC budget. He explained that there was a need to save £55 million over the next 5 years. It was felt that there had been an inequality in services between the Perth area and more rural areas. This was to be addressed and £1.2 million has been made available as a local investment fund for local projects.

CCllr Ponton highlighted a problem with the bus service, as the service had to bypass Glenfarg during the bad weather. Could the priority list for road clearance be changed to ensure bus routes have higher priority? Cllr Purves to investigate.

Tree cutting in the Glen: There has recently been work carried out in the Glen to cut back overhanging branches, which has left unsightly, ragged edges and debris. It was not known if this was done by PKC workmen or contractors.

Emergency Plan: It was felt that the Emergency Plan needed updating. *CCllr Pilmer*

Defibrillator Insurance: CCllr Pilmer reported that the defibrillator beside the shop was not insured. The shop has offered to include it in their existing insurance. CCllr Ponton asked if this would involve additional costs for them. *CCllr Pilmer*

Bein Inn: It was noted that the Bein Inn appears to be closed. The reason for this is not known.

**The next meeting of the Community Council (AGM) will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in Arngask Church Hall**



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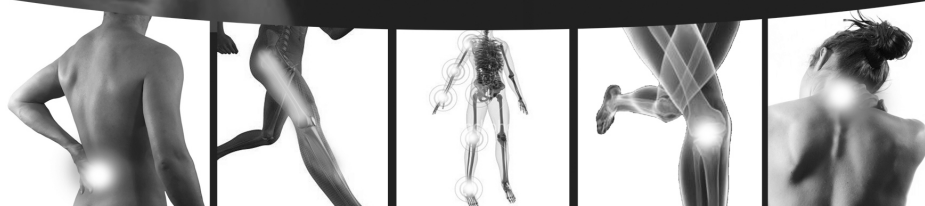
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