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Editorial

I have always been interested in the history of Glenfarg. John Armstrong and I have been collecting and archiving photographs and documents relating to Glenfarg and area. So I am delighted that this edition is just full of history.

First there is John Armstrong's second piece in his series of articles on Glenfarg's social history including photographs from the archive collection.

Laurel Oliphant from Canada describes her genealogical search into her forebears from Glenfarg. She tells of her return visit to the village in a poignant article called 'Path To Glenfarg'. Laurel has many old photographs relating to Glenfarg and she has graciously consented to sharing them with the social history project.

Another historical article comes from Alison Harrison's story of her search in the archives for her Granny and her discovery of the reason why she never re-married.

Good news for Glenfarg churchgoers. A new minister has been appointed to take over at Advent. Read about the new appointment in the Church news.

Also in this edition is another of Jim Ashton's walks. Jim describes a walk from Dunkeld which takes in the Loch of the Lowes, the home of an osprey family. Another series started in the newsletter is the book review. This month Hazell Allen reviews 'The Alchemist' by Paul Coelho.

From all the staff here at the newsletter office may your Christmas be warm and safe and your New Year an adventure.



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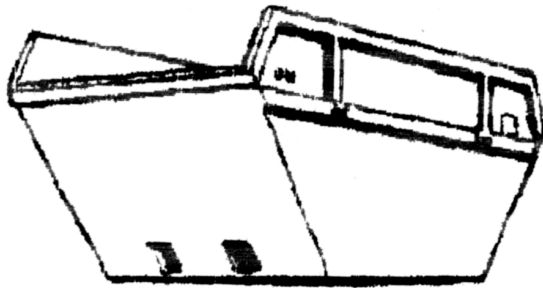
A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.45pm - 6.45pm	Beavers
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Zumba Fitness
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Guides
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	Badminton
	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



We are delighted to confirm the appointment of the **Rev. Stan Kennon** as our new minister. After a long search we believe we have found the perfect man for the job. Stan will take up position following his induction service on the 28th November, and I'm sure the village will give Stan and his wife a warm welcome as he looks forward to becoming part of the community.

A huge thank you goes out to all our locum ministers and pulpit supply who have supported the church over the vacancy period, and especially at this time the Rev Susan Thorburn who has been our Locum for the last few months.

The Pastoral Team are now up and running and they can be contacted via Gill Boardman on 01738 850940

Not long now until Christmas and I would confirm that on Christmas Eve 24th Dec there will be Carol Singing at 6pm in the Village Hall followed by a Watchnight Service in the Church (time to be confirmed)

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,

It gives me great pleasure to confirm that on the 28th November I was inducted into the parish of Abernethy and Dron and Arngask as your new minister and I take up the post just in time for the Church to celebrate Advent, a period when we all reflect and think about the significance of Christmas. It is a time of waiting and expectation and it marks the start of a new year in the life of the Church – a very appropriate time for any clergy-person to take up a new charge. I thought I might let you know something about Stan - the man who is your new minister.



Stan was brought up in Garelochhead, on the West Coast and attended secondary school in Helensburgh. He worked for eight years with Boots the Chemists. in Dumbarton, before training for the Church of Scotland ministry and returning to academia to study divinity at Edinburgh University. His first joint parish, in which he served for eight years, was in Stow, in Selkirkshire. He joined the Royal Navy as a Church of Scotland Chaplain in 2000 and served in the Chaplaincy Service for sixteen years. During this time, when he wasn't at sea, he lived with his family in either Devon or Cornwall. Having retired from the Senior Service in September 2016, Stan has worked for two years as a locum minister in the linked parishes of Muirkirk and Old Cumnock Trinity in Ayrshire, These parishes provided him with a welcome, fulfilling and happy return to the fold of parish ministry, North of the Border.

He is married to Aileen, an Occupational Therapist, who currently works in their adopted home town of Tavistock in Devon, but who will soon retire in the Spring and subsequently join Stan in the manse. They have two grown up children: Naomi and Reuben. His interests include growing vegetables and plants and he would like to find a greenhouse in which to grow tomatoes again. His other hobbies include cycling and walking and occasional activities encompass cooking, entertaining, music and playing Mah Jong.

I am very excited to be starting a new ministry and serving and leading the people of the church and parish in this special place. And, as we look ahead to the birth of the Christ-child, it is perhaps good to reflect on the fact that his incarnation brought hope and light and new life into our dark world: a better present than any of us could have ever expected or indeed, wished for.

Looking forward to getting to know you all and wishing you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Rev Stan Kennon

Your Community Council Needs You!



The Glenfarg Community Council consists of elected people from within the community who work to improve our environment and assist groups within the village to thrive and succeed. Although the Community Council has limited powers it works alongside our Perth and Kinross Ward Councillors and other Community Councils, thus ensuring good communication with Perth and Kinross Council to tackle local issues.

The Community Council holds an open and public meeting once every 2 months and in between times the Councillors work on various matters to do with local issues.

Currently, the Council is looking for new members and should you like to be involved with the maintenance, improvements and negotiations for many projects within our area and you live in the Ward then please ask any of the current committee for more details. Alternatively, why not attend our next meeting to see and hear what we do. Therefore, place the following date in your diary - Glenfarg Community Council meeting Monday, 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall or contact our Secretary, Ian Pilmer for further information via email at: secretary@glenfarg.org

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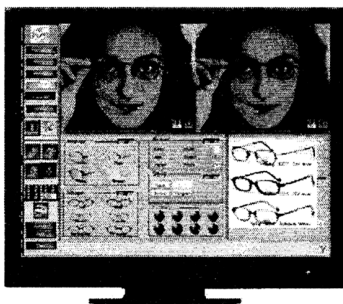
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Glenfarg Community Cinema



Since the last issue, the Community cinema has shown two very different films. In October we saw 'Darkest Hour' and in November 'O Brother, Where Art Thou' and this is one of the joys of having the cinema in our village.

'Darkest Hour' told the story of the period in May 1940 when Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain lost his grip on power and was replaced by the unpredictable Winston Churchill, a man of large emotions and appetites, who drinks whisky for breakfast and is rarely without a Cigar in his mouth. There have been a number of 'Churchill' films in the recent past but in this one Gary Oldman excels in his portrait of a leader who is not only battling with the enemy, Germany, but also with many politicians in his own party. Churchill is seen as a force of nature who can veer between anger, humour and depression, sometimes in the same sentence! It is not surprising that he was awarded an Oscar for his performance. There was a good audience for this film and they voted as follows:- Awful 0%: OK 6%: Good 13%: VG 47%: Fantastic 34%

The November film could not have been more different. Starring George Clooney, it is set in the Depression-era Deep South of America. Three escapees from a Mississippi prison chain gang: Everett Ulysses McGill (Clooney), sweet and simple Delmar, and the perpetually angry Pete, embark on a series of adventures whilst being pursued by the posse and meeting a number of larger than life characters along the way. The story of their incredible journey is peppered with country music from the period including the iconic 'Man of Constant Sorrow' which Clooney and his partners record under the nom-de-plume of 'The Soggy Bottom Boys', and which, to their amazement, becomes an unlikely hit. As with most Cohen brother's films, a dark vein of humour runs throughout the script and Clooney in particular has some great one liner's which he delivers with aplomb. This film, however, definitely divided the audience and they voted as follows:- Awful 17%: OK 25%: Good 36%: VG 19%: Fantastic 3%

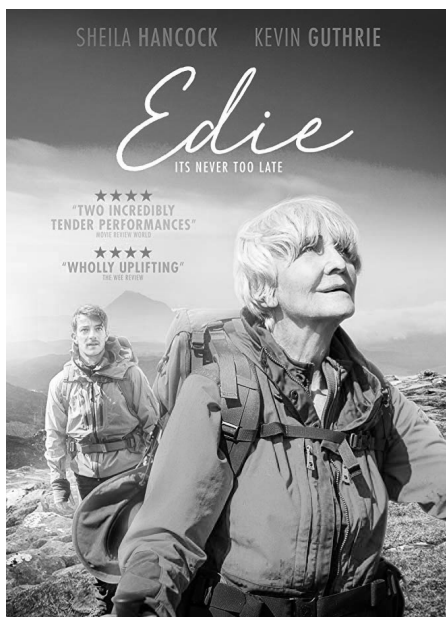
'Darkest Hour' is not a film that I would ever have chosen to go and see but in the event thoroughly enjoyed. So even if you don't fancy the film to be shown, come along and like me you might be pleasantly surprised, but in any case, for the small sum of £5 on a Friday night you can relax, see a film, meet and chat with fellow cinema goers, enjoy your drinks and nibbles or the tea and biscuits served at half time. What's not to like?

14th December RARE EXPORTS

So why not come along to our December film which promises to be very different from the usual Christmas offering. Set in Lapland on Christmas Eve, an 'archaeological' dig has just unearthed the real Santa Claus. But this particular Santa isn't the one you want coming to town. When the local children begin to mysteriously disappearing, young Pietari and his father Rauno capture the mythological being and attempt to sell Santa to the misguided leader of the multinational corporation sponsoring the dig. Santa's elves, however, will stop at nothing to free their fearless leader from captivity.



This film is a great piece of cinema. It is the fight of good against evil. It's not a Christmas movie as you know it but you will be entertained, awed by the scenery and thrown into the world of storytelling. *Please note – This film is not for children under 15.*



11th January - EDIE

Sheila Hancock stars in the role of the eponymous character. 83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late - packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have - climbing the imposing Mount Suihven in Scotland.

The film was shot on location in Sutherland. Everything in the film was done for real by the then 84 year old actress.

A Favourite Walk

In previous issues we have looked at fairly local walks but this walk is slightly further afield at Dunkeld and is one of our favourites.

It is a circuit which can be done from the centre of the village or if parking is difficult you can drive up and park in the Cally Car park which is one kilometre from the village and start the walk from there. Take the A923 Blairgowrie Road and the car park is the second lane on the left. It's a fairly bumpy ride up so we usually try to find a parking spot in the village.

Dunkeld is a favourite place of ours with many varied walks and is always vibrant with visitors, and to meet their needs there are all kinds of delightful establishments in and around the main street.



On our last visit we called in at the new bakery, on the main street just on the corner of Brae Street, to buy a couple of rolls for our lunch. One of the owners is a local girl who was a 'Bake-off' semi-finalist and when you sample some of the goods you realise why. There are of course many other shops and café's where you can buy equally delightful produce!

We started the walk just opposite the Cross by going up Brae Street which is a steep tarmac road and as you walk slowly up take time to look at the Yellow house

on your right a hundred metres or so from the start. This property known as Sun dial House is one of the oldest in the village and gets its name from the fine ogee-headed sundial set on angle corbel with inscription: 'JOHN BALLANTINE JANNET STEWART 1757.' The Scots magazine of 1746 carries an account of the trial in York of Jacobite rebels, one of whom was John Ballantine. He appears to have been a reluctant rebel as several witnesses stated 'that he was forced into the service by a party of the rebels, who took him by violence out of his bed, threatened to stab him if he did not go with them, and did not allow him time even to put on his cloathes; and that afterwards they placed a guard over him to prevent his making his escape.' When the jury returned their verdict 'Not Guilty' the poor fellow was in such a transport of joy that he threw his bonnet up to the very roof of the Court and cried out, 'My Lords and Gentlemen, I thank you. Not Guilty! Not Guilty! Not Guilty! Pray God, bless King George for ever. I'll serve him all the days of my life,' and immediately ran out into the Castleyard, with his irons on, took up a handful of channel water and drank his Majesty's health."

A bit further up on your right you will see 'Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing' known locally as 'The Field'. Started in 2011 when the village received a gift of the land, it is managed and maintained entirely by volunteers, and produce is sold locally in the village twice a week during the summer. This is an 'allotment' on an industrial scale planting three quarters of a ton of potatoes and eight thousand leeks! As you pass it you will see a stand which often contains produce which you can purchase via an honesty box.

As the road flattens out and you approach farmland there is a sign pointing you left up through woodland to Loch of the Lowes. Take this track which climbs slowly through mature birch, beech and oak and opens out on to wonderful views of hill ground north of Dunkeld. On our last walk here in October we saw Jays, Redwings and deer on this part of the track.

About 1.5K from Dunkeld you reach a sign giving you the option to go on to the Loch of the Lowes or turning sharp left to the Cally car park. If you are doing this walk between April and October it is worth taking the detour to the loch for the chance to see the Ospreys which nest there.

However we turned left and the track drops down slightly and it is often a bit boggy here. On your right you have great views of the nine-hole extension to Dunkeld golf club. Carry on past the solitary cottage following the waymarked posts and go through the fields. If you glance up to your right just past the cottage you will see Fungarth farm where there is a workshop making bagpipes. They specialise in the Scottish smallpipes which are a bellows-blown bagpipe with a softer and more mellow sound than the better known Highland Bagpipe.

Once across the fields go through a gate into a short grassy patch and then up into the golf course car park. Walk down the golf club drive (keeping an eye out for golf balls!) and when you reach the main road you have a couple of options.



You can shorten the walk by taking the waymarked path on the left which takes you down directly into Dunkeld, coming out near the car park at the north end of the village. We carried on by taking the wooden walkway on the right and across the main road to the path which swings left up through a lovely area of beech. At this time of year with all the leaves covering the path it is hard sometimes to see the route but again there are waymarks. The track swings slightly right through an area of pines and here there are signs of red squirrel occupation with the pine cones on the ground nibbled down to a narrow stalk. When you reach a forest road, turn left and walk down to the lane which leads into Cally Car park, turn left down this lane and right at the main road and you will clearly see the road back into Dunkeld.

The distance of this walk is approx. 8km (5 miles) and takes between two and two and a half hours allowing time for a short break and sightseeing. The terrain is mixed and walking shoes are advised.

As mentioned earlier, you can start this walk from Cally car park and at walkhighlands.co.uk there is a good description of this walk from there but taking the opposite direction.

If you have a favourite walk somewhere not too far from Glenfarg then let us know about it either by writing a description or just let us know the location and we can walk it and write it up in a later issue.

Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom



“Och it’s winter time noo so there’s nae much dein’ for the In Bloomers, is there?”

Well you’re probably right - I guess it must be the magic elves who clear the planters of last year’s bedding, plant the bulbs for spring colour, prune back all the shrubs & trees, spread the forest bark, reinstate the area by the “question mark”, repair and refurbish the planters etc etc. Och you must be fed up of me telling you all about these magic elves but you may be interested to hear that these elves aren’t getting any younger (all in their 60s and 70s) and if you want the magic of colourful displays and well maintained public areas to continue in your village you may need to don a magic hat and join them.

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday was well attended at the war memorial in spite of chilly conditions. The service was conducted by the Rev Susan Thorburn and Alex Johnston (pictured above) read out the names of the men from Glenfarg who did not return from the Great War.

The wreaths were laid by Margaret Ponton for the Community Council, Councillor Callum Purves for PKC and Bill Macpherson on behalf of the church.

The scouts were on parade and later served tea and scones in a very full Village Hall.

Glenfarg W.R.I.



On Thursday 11th October we welcomed Cliesh W.R.I. They entertained us with Poems, a Quiz and the tasting of many chutneys.

Competition results-

Photograph of my Garden- 1st Liz Yull; 2nd Lynda Stuart; 3rd Sheena Chisholm.

Individual Fruit Fool- 1st Helen Quartermaine; 2nd Lynda Stuart; 3rd Alison Harrison.

Flower of the month- 1st Margot Moran; 2nd Vivian Hepplethwaite; 3rd Allison Messenger.

Jane Sanderson was our speaker on the 8th of November. She gave a slide show of her visit to Kilimanjaro and talked about all the different lotions and creams that comes from the plant Aloe Vera which they used on their trip.

Competition results.

Knitted hat-1st Margot Moran; 2nd Jeanie Black; 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Fruit loaf- 1st Liz Yull; 2nd Margaret Scott; 3rd Lynda Stuart.

Flower of the month-1st Sheila Harley; 2nd Helen Quartermaine; 3rd Lynda Stuart.

Dates of future meetings-- Visitors welcome.

13th December: Christmas buffet supper with entertainment.

10th January: Napkin Art by Lynda Stuart.

14th February. Talk by Peter Dickson on Stationary Binding.

Scouts and Cubs Hillwalking in Glenshee



The weather forecast was for an improving day, showers clearing in the afternoon and winds dropping, which sounded very hopeful. What wasn't clear was just how windy it was.

When we arrived at the Glenshee centre Robert assessed the weather by watching the mist whipping along the top of the hills. Eventually he decided that it wasn't too windy and that we didn't need to use plan B, a walk from Linn of Dee.

The cubs and scouts were sent to shelter in the lee of the ski hire building where we checked that they were ready for the challenge and that they could find where they were on the map. Max led the first leg up to the round restaurant and Callum the second leg to a right angle bend in the track and Lee the third to the top of the ski tow with Suilven leading to the summit of the munro, Carn Aosda.

We got caught in a shower as we approached the summit and were hit from behind by horizontal, jet propelled rain. The boys covered on the summit cairn for the photo and the camera lens got hit by rain. We tried to find shelter off the side of the summit as we struggled into our waterproofs.



The shower blew through and we headed towards the col between Carn Aosda and the Cairnwell. The visibility wasn't bad with the main cloud base above the summit and once shown the boys were able to recognise showers coming towards us. All but one of these hit the side of the Cairnwell, missing us. We found some boulders to shelter behind for lunch part one before heading up the Cairnwell. The boys suggested that we should just return to the minibus but were



really pleased with their achievements in reaching the summit of the Cairnwell. The wind was being deflected over the hill so it wasn't nearly as windy as the first top. The boys walked down the tiger ski run into the car park and back to the minibus.



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Lochelbank Wind Farm Fund (LWFF)

The originator of the Fund is RWE npower Renewables Limited, the owner of the Lochelbank Wind Farm. The Fund is to benefit the residents of the geographic areas represented by the community councils of Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn.

Foundation Scotland is acting as an agent appointed by RWE npower Renewables Limited to manage the Fund. They are a charitable organisation and their representative chairs the LWFF panel and administers the activities. We have three village representatives on the panel and impartial advice can always be asked of them via the Community Council.

Foundation Scotland will distribute grants from the Fund to support the charitable activities of constituted, not-for-profit groups working to benefit residents within the area.

In addition, the Foundation has established a Micro Grant scheme to award small grants of up to £250 for general charitable purposes in response to requests from individuals or unconstituted groups within its area. The Micro Grant scheme is controlled and administered by the Community Council.

Locally, the Glenfarg community has benefitted from the LWFF over the past years through grants awarded in the form of major grant and micro grant applications. For instance, in previous years the Tennis Club (a constituted body) has received funds in excess of £250 towards improvements to the tennis courts, whereas the unconstituted Friends of Wallace Park have submitted microgrant application of no more than £250 for startup funds.

Total income since the introduction of the Fund in 2012 to November 2018 now stands at circa £173,000. This includes the annual payments from Innogy Renewables and bank interest. Total outgoings for grants released and to be released amount to circa £141,000 over the same period.

In the next issue of the newsletter we will update you on the distribution of funds over the past year.

The Community Council encourages Groups or even individuals who have a project on an ongoing community wide topic that could benefit from funding to consider applying for a grant.

Microgrants - any Community Councillor would assist with an enquiry or contact the secretary@glenfarg.org for an application form.

For larger grant applications you are directed to use the grant link through Lochelbank Wind Farm Grants via:-
www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/lochelbank

Closing Dates in 2019 are as follows –

13th February	(for consideration	mid	April)
12th June	(for consideration	mid	August)
11th September	(for consideration	mid	November)

All information is on the Village Website www.glenfarg.org. Look under the Community Council menu for Funds Available.

Ian, GCC Secretary



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reopening Monday 07th January.

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Russell, Mark and Joe



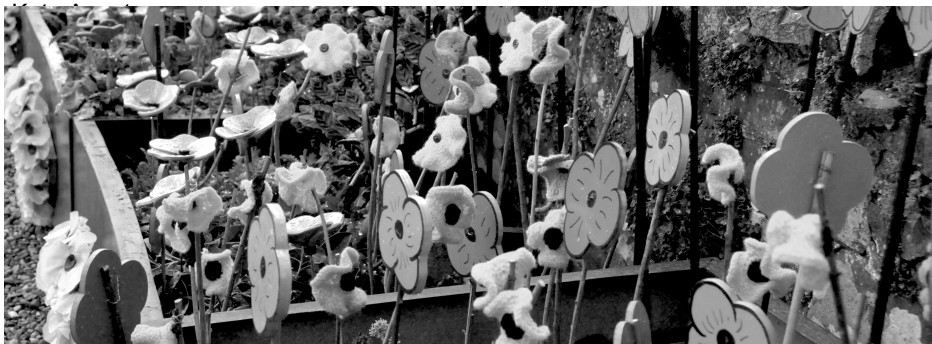
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Poppy Display at War Memorial



As we all know the planters at the back wall of the War Memorial garden are filled with poppy plants and produce a lovely display during the summer. However as there are no real blooms in November, GDIB decided to take the lead on producing a display for the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. And how the community responded! The number of people involved in the production of poppies was amazing, too many to mention here or the Newsletter Editor will be shouting at me. There were knitters, crocheters, potters, and woodworkers. There were also painters and donors of paint as well as a donor of metal poppies. However I must make mention of one special "team" who not only created beautiful ceramic poppies but used the exercise, as a family, to discuss the issues of conflict and in particular PTSD and mental health of service personnel. This really brings home the fact that the issues of conflict are as relevant today as they were in 1918 and, at the request of the family, a quiet reflective corner was created by the bench at the War Memorial.

After Remembrance Sunday all the hand crafted poppies were available to buy with all monies raised going to Poppy Scotland, Help for Heroes and Combat Stress. In keeping with the ethos of GDIB - Recycle & reuse - many of the poppies were created from second hand materials.





Glenfarg Tennis Club



We have worked hard at Glenfarg Tennis Club to continue to improve the service we provide to our trustees, our members, our village, our school connections and our benefactors. At last, it appears there are one or two green shoots of progress. With historic membership dying off, moving away or getting too old to play, we have developed a group of 20 or so younger members who have helped run the club in the 21st century. We desperately needed a new group (of teens, twenties and thirties) to improve the health of the club for the future. We have spent money and effort encouraging this from the schools, both primary and senior, but have previously found little to sow seeds of optimism. However, we now have an extra coaching class, started by necessity, to accommodate some older, teenage kids. It's a small sign but hopefully one that can mature.

2018 has been a year where perseverance has been the by-word. By and large, our open courts policy, adopted in 2014 has been widened out to allow any activity on the courts which treats the courts and the club with respect and does not cause damage to the infrastructure. There are a few boys playing tennis on an afternoon, some football, but not in an organised sense and some girls go down there specifically to practice their hockey ball control. All these things we see adding to the usefulness of the club and its place within the village.

We continue to work closely with Arngask Primary school and we hope to continue with our policy of introducing every pupil at the school to tennis in spring 2019. We propose using some of the fund money from the Glenfarg Gala, originally pigeonholed for led lighting for this purpose.

On the subject of lighting, the change has proved to be financially elusive and unjustifiable. Our intention was that a more targeted lightbeam would reduce the light pollution effecting the houses backing onto us from Elm Row. Unfortunately, the lighting contractors thought the change would make little difference and the cost, at £18,000 per pylon seemed ridiculously prohibitive. Our intention now is to wait until a simple plug-in alternative with a 1,000 watt equivalence becomes available, and in the meantime, spend the funds in the pursuit of schoolchildren as mentioned above.



Our men's league performance has again been impressive. We chose to go down to one team as the 4 person league produced too many frustrating mismatches, but the men's 6 missed promotion from their division, being pipped by the very last game (not Match) of the season when a draw with Darnhall saw them promoted at our expense merely by having a better 'set' average than us. The demands of the 6 person team were such however, that we did see an increase in social tennis, which encouraged some members who are not first choice for the team getting more tennis in.

The women returned to a 6 person outfit, and did better than 'hold their own' in their division. They have greater talent coming through now, and sometimes have the luxury of resting some of their perennial stalwarts. Hopefully next year will be their Breakthrough Season.

Finals day was a great success with more than 40 locals enjoying the tennis on a beautiful September's afternoon.

The courts continue to do us proud and we will continue to spend time and money increasing their availability and their attraction. The efforts of Andy our groundsman add to the wellbeing of the club in just the same way as the absolute assiduousness of the treasurer, the positive responses of the committee and the voluntary willingness of the active members. Together they make this a very easy club to run and one which every member and villager can be proud of.

Tim Corcoran

The Path To Glenfarg

By Laurel Oliphant

Quite a gloom was caused in the Glenfarg district yesterday morning when it became known that Mr Anthony Graham, cattle-dealer, Blindwells, near Glenfarg, had been run over and killed the previous evening.

—The Dundee Courier, November 13, 1901

If my great-grandfather, Anthony Murray Graham, had not died after being thrown from a threshing machine on his way home from an auction, my family might very well be living in the Glenfarg area. Instead we are spread across Canada, “the true north, strong and free”—which seems to me a particularly Scottish sentiment.



At the age of 34, Janet Sharp Graham found herself a widow with two young children. Murray, my grandfather, was 7 years old and his sister, Isa, was only 2. Heartbroken, Janet left her stone cottage at East Blair and moved back to her parents’ home in Glenfarg. David and Isabella Harley ran a small grocery store attached to Roselea Cottage, which still sits on Main Street by the bridge to Arngask but now bears the name “Dhivach”.

Peter Ferguson, another Glenfarg resident and Janet’s childhood friend, is the second reason my family left Scotland. His parents became Canadian homesteaders in 1883, attracted by our government’s heavily promoted promise of “free land”. For \$10, a homesteader could purchase 160 acres of wilderness provided they build a house and cultivate a portion of their property. The Fergusons were granted land in the district of Moffat, near the town of Wolseley, Saskatchewan.

One of nine Ferguson children, Peter eventually acquired a farm of his own, married and had five children, sadly losing his wife after the birth of their last child. In 1907, Peter travelled back to his hometown of Glenfarg to settle some affairs for his father. During his visit he spent time with Janet, a one-time sweetheart of his older brother Findlay. It was agreed that she would move to the farm in Saskatchewan and the couple would marry and raise their children together.

And so, 111 years ago, the Canadian branch of the Harley-Graham family tree began. I visited Glenfarg this September with three of my Graham cousins and we saw many similarities between the Arngask area where our family lived for generations and Moffat, Saskatchewan where a new life was forged. Both are agricultural communities centred around a church and school. Both have a nearby town that grew and prospered after the completion of a national railway. Stone buildings are constructed in such a similar style I find it hard to determine from old photographs of family farms and cottages whether they are in Scotland or Canada.

There are, however, significant differences. I often think of Janet arriving at the Ferguson farm, living through her first harsh prairie winter with temperatures as low as -40C and snow as deep as she was tall, all the while caring for seven children and doing the hard work of a farmer's wife. She must have missed that pretty glen on the River Farg the rest of her days.

Still, the town of Wolseley is our Glenfarg, the place we cherish as our family home in Canada. We often return in a ritual of remembrance to the old Moffat cemetery to clean the headstones of our loved ones. We walk through the cemetery and lay yellow roses on each grave and tell our time-worn stories to honour those who came before us.

Janet's children, Murray and Isa, were the first Grahams to spend most of their lives in Canada. Murray married Kalista Hoard, a school teacher, and they had Gwen, my mother, and Max, my uncle. Isa married Bob Taylor, a local farmer, and they had Tommy, Jeanette and Graham. So between the two families there were five charismatic and talented children, and it was this generation that led the strong Canadian-born families that continue to grow and thrive today.

Living in a small rural community, the five cousins were constantly together and became life-long best friends. Tommy and Max spent years getting into mischief, eventually drawing the much younger Graham into their tight circle. My mother and Jeanette spent many happy days together visiting Berry Hill Farm, the home of Peter and Janet Ferguson, and were the closest of friends.

The little stone church in Moffat was the glue that kept the local community together. The entire family would attend church every Sunday and considered it the social highlight of their week. Determined to adapt to their new circumstances, these early homesteaders also organized Ladies' Aid meetings, youth groups, choir practice, concerts, socials and picnics, replicating many of the activities they had been accustomed to in Scotland.

Over the past century, the original core of three—Janet, Murray and Isa—has grown into a family of over 70 children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. We are politicians, lawyers, accountants, nurses, educators, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, horse trainers and traders, travelers and students. We hold an annual Clan Graham reunion where my generation and the next gather with our photographs and heirlooms to keep our bonds strong and our family history alive. We are proud of our stout Scottish heritage, our ethic of hard work, our love of outdoor life and our families, and our close ties to our communities.

Glenfarg has always been a mythical place for us, our ancestral home. When my cousins and I visited, we discovered a welcoming town, very much like Wolseley. We met the Macphersons, the Smiths, and Sheila Harley, who were all so kind to us, sharing what they knew about our family, inviting us for a meal, and directing us across the foot bridge to Arngask, where we hoped to find our family graves.

As we walked through the rain, up the grass-covered lane toward the old graveyard and church, past the school and through the gates, we had a sense of reverence, knowing we stood where our people once had and now lay at rest. The next time we visit we will bring yellow roses to honour them and share the stories we're uncovering.

Laurel Oliphant



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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 Suilven had to kneel to get at his doughnut. Dooking for apples was one of the other bases.

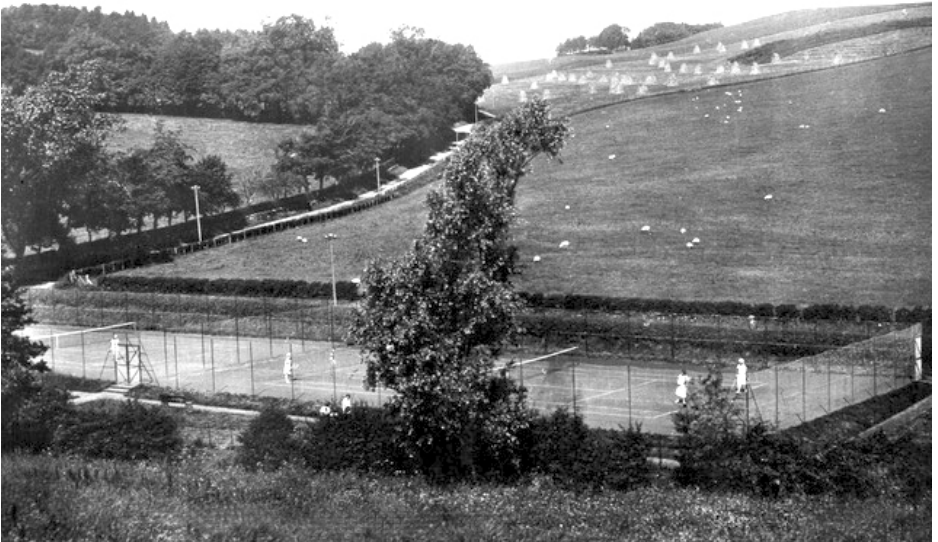
After the traditional bases there were craft activities. Robert and Ben helped them make spooky scenes using a variety of lichens, Grant and Robert worked at putting teeth into apple mouth. Sally and Sadie were in charge of the spiders and Sam really enjoyed herself helping the cubs and beavers ice halloween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

Glenfarg's Social History

In the last issue of the Newsletter I left you with the puzzle “Who were the two angelic little girls and their mum in the photo?” I haven't heard from any of you so in case you're still stumped the girls are Anne and Moira Davidson - oh sorry - you may know them better as Anne Imrie and Moira Gourdie. Their mum is obviously the much loved late Jean Davidson of Flowerdene.



This issue's picture won't be a puzzle but as the Lomond Hotel site is progressing some of our more recent or younger residents may enjoy seeing this image of the fine old building that used to stand on Main Street.



Hopefully the Glenfarg Social History project will be presenting another slide show at the Community Cinema in the Spring. However in the meantime we need you to dig out your old photos and either lend them to me or scan them and e mail them to Robin at the Newsletter.



I Never Knew My Granny

Rebecca Howie Laird Robbie 1893 - 1935



When I was a child, I yearned for grandparents, because unlike most of my friends, I knew none. Everyone seemed to have copious numbers of aunties, uncles and cousins, mostly living in Perth. On Dad's side, grandfather Currie had died during the war years and granny Currie lived far away in Folkestone. So although I had five uncles and an aunt, and 15 cousins on my Dad's side of the family, I knew none of them. I met Granny Currie only once, when we stayed with her for a holiday when I was 7. On Mum's side, all I knew was that she had been orphaned by the age of 12 and brought up by her grandparents. Mum never even had a photograph of any of them.

Mum's half brother was a guard on the railways and lived in Carlisle. I remember him making a surprise visit to our home when I was about 5. The next time I saw him he was in his coffin on the day of his funeral in 1982. I keep in touch with his widow Betty (95) and their only daughter, my cousin Elaine.

When I was 21, Mum suddenly decided to tell me a little more and I was shocked to discover that my grandmother Rebecca had married a man just after the end of WWI, had a son in 1920 and that in 1921, a policeman turned up with a woman who, it transpired, was his first wife. Therefore the marriage to my granny was bigamous and he was taken off to jail. Rebecca later fell in love with a Royal Army Pay Corps Captain, who was stationed in Perth. This union resulted in the birth of my mother, but despite his pleas over the following 7 or so years, she refused to marry him, because she did not want to leave her parents. I always wondered why.

Eventually, he gave Rebecca an ultimatum – either she must marry him, or he was off to Cairo on posting, would make a financial settlement on their daughter Freda and he would never return to Perth. She chose the latter. That seemed a bit odd to me, but I did not question it. My granny died of cervical cancer at the age of 42, when Mum was only 12. In the late 1980s, one of my mother's cousins gave her two photographs of their mutual grandparents. She was overjoyed.

In about 2003, out of the blue, I received a notification from Genes Reunited that a mutual relative of Ann Murray Laird wished to make contact. I knew that Ann Murray Laird was my great granny's sister, and had been named after Duchess Ann Murray, wife of the 4th Duke of Atholl, for whom one of my ancestors had been Head Keeper. We worked out that we were third cousins and though I had never met Dot or her sister Barbara, it transpired that I had known their grandmother Nan, their mother Gladys, their two aunts Phyllis and Violet and her daughter Diane!

We exchanged a few emails and then met at Cameron House, by Loch Lomond, where my husband and I were on holiday. They were both keen and experienced genealogists and brought a wealth of information and photographs plus extracts from various books and historical documents. By the end of their visit, the reason for my granny's decision not to marry my grandfather became clear.

Dot and Barbara's granny was my granny's cousin. When I was a child, my mother used to take me about once a year to visit a lady in Glasgow, whom she called Auntie Nan. While visiting Auntie Nan, I met her oldest and youngest daughters, Phyllis (a spinster) and Violet, who worked as a racecourse teller and had always visited us twice a year throughout my childhood and into my twenties, when the races were on at Scone. I'd also met Violet's daughter Diane when I'd spent a weekend with them to go to the Ideal Home Exhibition in Glasgow when I was 14. Nan's third daughter, Gladys and her husband came to visit us in the 1950s and my recollection was that they looked like film stars. Gladys was Dot and Barbara's mother. I was elated to find that Gladys and Violet were still alive in 2006, but my hopes were dashed immediately when I discovered they were living together in a care home, both suffering from vascular dementia.

Then came the real shock! When Nan was a young bride with two tiny daughters,

her husband Geordie Collins went off to war with the Black Watch. Violet Rae Collins, her mother-in-law, watched her SIX sons go off to war. Only one brother returned - Davie.

Geordie was killed on the Somme in 1917. Army policy was (and I believe still is) that when a serviceman dies, his family have only one week to vacate the married quarter. Had it not been for the kindness of Violet Rae, taking her to live with her, Nan would have been out on the street, with two tiny daughters, as she had nowhere else to go other than the “poor house”.

This is how she came to live in Glasgow. Suddenly, everything made sense and I understood why Rebecca would not marry her Army Officer. She must have been absolutely terrified at the potential insecurity of marriage to a serviceman, after knowing what happened to her widowed cousin. So rather than marry the father of their child, with the security of marriage, she chose the security of remaining with her parents, even if this meant bringing up her two children alone.



Davie returned from the war to live with his mother and Nan, and in time they fell in love and Violet (named after Violet Rae) was born. Davie suffered from shell shock and I do remember any time I visited Auntie Nan, he was a small slight man, who scuttled out of the room with his head down, whenever visitors arrived.

About a year after the meeting with Dot and Barbara, I received a lovely surprise in the post, from Glasgow. By then, Violet had died and when Diane was clearing her house, she came across two photographs that she did not recognize. Fortunately, her mother had written on them, “Freda’s mother” and Diane realized she was looking at her granny’s cousin. She gave the photograph to Barbara as she knew we had been in touch, and Barbara forwarded it to me. It is wonderful to know what my grandmother looked like and to be able to understand her decision not to marry my grandfather.

Alison Harrison

Running for Charity



Some early morning villagers may have noticed I have taken up running again. I have set myself a challenge for 2018 and I am running at least one mile EVERY day.

Some runs are on a treadmill in the gym and some are definitely 'dog assisted' but with most of the year gone, the end seems to be in sight. I hope the knees make it. Although this is a personal challenge to get fit and loose weight (2 stone so far), I am also raising money for 3 worthwhile charities:

- The Dogs Trust, working to provide happy lives for all dogs
- The Smile Train, providing cleft lip and palate repair to children in developing countries
- IWORK4ME, supporting adults with autism towards self employment

So any donation is welcome on www.virginmoneygiving.com/Richardibbotson2

Feel free to wave as I run past over the next few months, I might not be smiling but will try to wave back.

Richard Ibbotson

The Book Review - The Alchemist

Well what can I say – this could actually be two reviews for the price of one..! What more value can you ask for?

I would like to talk a little about a book many of you may have heard of and read, or like myself read and listened to? The narrator of choice – Jeremy Irons can whisk you off to be enveloped in the descriptive prose created by Paul Coelho wrapped with his warm and feeling tones to a place – akin to escapism. Which is exactly my desire on my daily commute. However I digress, back to the book...

Published in Portuguese in 1988, then not until 1993 it was published in English. This might make you steer away from a translated novel, thinking it may lose something in the transcribe process, however please if you have this thought, don't!! I personally do not have Portuguese as a language, however I would not have known this was the case when lifting this novel for the first time that it was not penned in English.

The Alchemist is a simple tale expressed in beautiful, simple prose. The hero, Santiago, is a shepherd, travelling with his flocks through the Andalusian countryside in the south of Spain. He has already been brave. His father had wanted him to be a priest. But he stuck to his guns in wanting to travel and see the countryside. His father, in my words not his, mouthed the cliché that the tourists who come to your town are entranced by all that you cannot wait to leave behind and all the wonders over the next hill you crave are just somebody else's boring home town. Having made his point, the father gave in, surprisingly easily, making Santiago suspect that his father had always had a secret ambition to be a shepherd and to travel himself.

The book is really all about the importance of following your dream. The odd thing is that to me it seemed that all in all Santiago was pretty contented. He loved his sheep. He loved the Andalusian countryside with all its variations. And he had met, albeit, a year earlier, a young woman, and the daughter of a merchant. Santiago was looking forward, hopefully renewing and possibly advancing his acquaintance with the merchant's daughter and his only worry was whether he could keep both her goodwill and the travelling life of a shepherd.

As the book is about following your dream , we have to consider what ‘most ‘ people’s dreams are... maybe playing rugby for Scotland; writing the great novel; or getting picked up for a starring role in a west end show..etc.etc.... Even if most sporting of us all at high school rugby, life will take hold and we end up enrolling in accountancy or a job that provides of some sort, and we spent a good number of years with the dream in front of mind and know what it is by definition a dream...!

For Santiago, it was an actual dream, about some place called the pyramids that upset his levelheadedness. Santiago had to consult a gypsy to find out what the dream meant. A king, called Melchizedek, who turned up in the town square disguised as just another old man and started talking to Santiago, had to tell him what to do. The good king, Melchizedek, also gives Santiago plenty of encouragement telling him that the universe conspires to help us when we follow our personal dream.

It was this idea of Santiago finding out his life’s mission from an obscure dream that was the first of the controversies that troubled many a book club reader and has spun discussions I am sure around the world on the topic – of why would you...??

It is a small fact that Coelho’s Portuguese translates as personal legend, not personal dream. Maybe, that suggests vocation rather than personal dream. But, if that were so, further problems arise for the analogy that lies at the heart of the novel. Why should Santiago take business and personal, not to mention romantic, risks for something he was not personally passionate about? One would not, for example, spend all your time with a paint brush in hand at an easel hoping for inspiration to deliver your dream, if you had no talent you were aware of or just because the universe wanted one to be something from a dream.

The King - Melchizedek is a little down on family life from my point of view...! The friends and family will support you pursuing your destiny, he said. If they do not, they don’t deserve you, he said, to emphasise his point. So again changing your path with this advice and the dream, seems a pretty big decision point in life and risky to take on this guidance alone!

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SO moving forward the universe teaches Santiago some harsh lessons. He gives up a tenth of his sheep for Melchizedek. That's fair enough. He sells off the rest at a decent price which is also fair enough. He leaves Tarifa for Tangier in Morocco, that same day, which is reckless. Also he fails to even think, until after his arrival, that he does not have a single word of Arabic? Sounds like a pretty weak plan does it not? In a local bar, he finds a new friend who speaks Spanish. The new friend also manages to steal all his money. At first, alone, penniless, friendless and not speaking a word of the local language, Santiago, understandably, is a little discouraged. However, finding that he still has two special stones, given to him by Melchizedek, which go by the names, Urim and Thummim, Santiago rediscovers his good cheer, his self-confidence and his optimism. Soon, through his resourcefulness and optimism, he finds, in the one place, at the top of a hill, a source of food and shelter and a means of restoring his fortune. The Alchemist is dishing out life's lessons that "Simplistic" seems a fitting description so far in the story.

But the language used for the story telling is indeed beautiful; that Santiago was a charming creation to whom we could wish only success and goodwill; and that the book drew cleverly from a range of religious and philosophical traditions to weave its philosophy and narrative. Whilst readers may question everything about the novel, I don't think you will stop reading it.

The Alchemist does convey one powerful and important psychological truth. When we are near to grasping that thing for which we have sacrificed the best years of us and our families, said Melchizedek, we often choose failure. That was, indeed, excellent advice for Santiago and ourselves.

There is a twist at the end of The Alchemist, and it is in that twist that Coelho finds his second great psychological truth. Santiago finds a new take on his father's words of advice from the beginning of the novel.

And, just maybe, we find out the reason for those 65 million sales of The Alchemist. Buy The Alchemist. Read it, listen to it, either way most importantly - enjoy it. Then you can debate with yourself what it is all about and whether it was worth it! You won't have time to regret it.

Hazell Allen

Glenfarg Folk Club



AINSLEY HAMILL AND ALISTAIR PATERSON

Monday 3rd Dec Members £6, Non-members £10

Having met at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2019 and having shared the stage with Barluath since then, we are delighted to have Ainsley and Alistair tonight as a duo. Come and listen to Ainsley's glorious vocals in both Gaelic and English in company with Alistair on keyboard/piano. Great stuff.

WENDY WEATHERBY BAND

Monday 10th Dec Members £6, Non-members £10

We are delighted to welcome this extraordinary group to bring our artiste guest nights to a close for the year. Wendy - cello, composition and vocals, Sandy Brechin-accordion and keyboards, Steve Lawrence -multi-instruments/ bouzouki, and Fiona Cuthill - fiddle. What a line-up, concert standard!! Brilliant night on offer.

SINGAROUND

Monday 17th 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.

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VISHTEN

Monday 28th Jan Entry Members £7, Non-members £10.

A trio of multi-instrumentalists from Canada's east coast who are flag-bearers for the Cajun tradition and who offer an exciting evening of tunes and songs from their native land. They are wonderful performers and will be performing with us as a result of their appearance as headliners at Celtic Connections. This will be a big night for the Club and we are envisaging a full-house for their visit.

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Most Unusual Wedding Consultation Ever



I was contacted earlier this year by a couple called Kevin and Shrabani about a wedding cake for their reception at Fingask Castle. They had a theme in mind, a desire to create something based on peacocks and thistles. This sounded like an unusual mix of ideas but as both use similar colours I thought we could come up with a design combining both elements without too much difficulty. I browsed the Internet for inspiring images of cakes based either on peacocks or thistles to get their imaginations going in preparation for the consultation.

It turned out that Shrabani wouldn't be able to come along due to work commitments but Kevin would be attending with his mum and gran. All great so far. Until I got the time mixed up and opened my front door at 2 pm one Tuesday afternoon to see 3 strangers. Panic stations! I wasn't expecting to see Kevin until that evening as that's usually when people book midweek appointments.

Luckily I had everything ready except for 3 different flavours of icing which I threw together at breakneck speed while my visitors relaxed in the lounge. Once we started off the consultation I realised why Kevin was free on a Tuesday afternoon and Shrabani wasn't. Although he was from Perth originally, he had actually flown over from their home in Beijing to make final arrangements for their wedding. Shrabani, who, it turned out, was originally from Brooklyn, had stayed back in Beijing to work. So we did the sensible thing, got hold of her via Kevin's phone, and I was able to see and chat to her about our cake design discussions.

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First time I've ever chatted over cake colours with a bride-to-be in her pyjamas while she sat on her bed thousands of miles away.

It turned out that the couple were having two wedding receptions, one in Brooklyn for about 300 guests and a smaller one at Fingask Castle for about 120. They wanted both their grans to be able to attend but as neither could travel they had decided to have two receptions, one in each country.

Here are some pictures of the Scottish cake. I've not seen the American one but it must have been huge.

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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday 5th November 2018

Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CClrs Ponton (Chair), Loudon, Pilmer, Taylor, Watson,

Also present: Cllrs Purves, Robertson & Watters, and 1 member of public

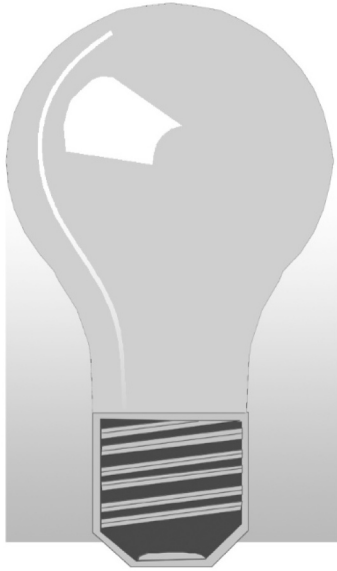
APOLOGIES: Cllr Barnacle, CClrs Horsman, Mcleish, Community Police

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

An update on action points from the previous meeting were reported as follows –Phonebox: CClr Horsman had reported that we now own the phonebox. Ideas had been sought on its use and the majority of the community who expressed an opinion had been in favour of a book exchange. It was decided



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to ask the Glenfarg Improvement Team to renovate the box and install shelves. *(CCllr Watson)*

Marquee: CCllr Pilmer reported that the marquee had been moved temporarily to Shuttlefauld. In a few months time, the CC would need to reconsider the future of the marquee.

Skip at Duncrievie: CCllr Pilmer had received a reply from Binn Skips. They did monitor their skips on roads and paths but had no power to intervene with skips on private land. However they were willing to contact the user and get back to us on the issue. Concerned residents in Duncrievie had requested that CCllr Pilmer contact SEPA on their behalf. It was thought that this would not be successful. Cllr Robertson had obtained the details of the company renting the skip and it was agreed that the CC would write to them requesting that the skip be repositioned or screened. *(CCllr Pilmer)*

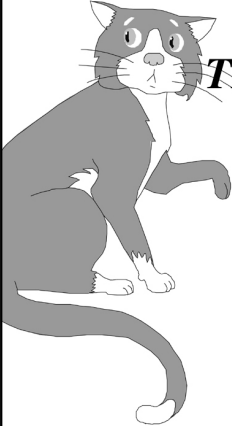
3. MATTERS ARISING (not covered on the Agenda)

Mound of earth in Wallace Park: This has now been landscaped which has improved its appearance. No further action.

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Friends of Wallace Park: CCllr Watson reported that the group had met with a P&KC landscape architect and hopes that he will be able to work with them on drawing up a professional plan for developments in the park. This will allow the group to produce costings and start fundraising.

Field next to the Stephens Development: CCllr Watson had written to Stephens asking if they owned this field but had received no reply.

4. SCHOOL LIAISON

Cllr Purves reported that the Education Scotland Inspection Report on Arngask Primary School had been made public and a meeting had been held to allow the parents to discuss the report with the Head Teacher. The Quality Indicators for the primary school were evaluated as Very Good, and those for the nursery were evaluated as Good. It was felt that the Head Teacher had good plans in place to take the school forward.

CCllr Watson asked about PKC's promised review of the new accommodation arrangements following the loss of a classroom. Cllr Purves to enquire if this had been carried out.

5. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported that there had been no relevant applications or decisions.

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Cllr Ponton commented on new arrangements of street lighting and bus stops at the entrance to the Stephens estate. It is unclear whether existing bus stops will also remain. Cllr Watters commented that the arrangements had probably been laid down as conditions to the Planning approval. Any concerns amongst residents about the siting of lamp posts or bus stops should be discussed with our local councillors (contact information on the PKC website).

6. POLICE REPORT

No police were in attendance as they had been scheduled for 'bonfire night' duties. Cllr Pilmer reported from the police bulletin which is circulated by Neighbourhood Watch. This contained warnings on bogus workmen cold calling about driveways and scam phone calls purporting to be from a bank. Cllr Robertson added that fly tipping was on the increase in the area. Advise was to be aware of any pickup vehicle drivers acting suspiciously and report registration numbers to the police.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cllr Horsman had supplied a Treasurer's Report as follows.

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2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 12,603.49

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	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 5 th November 2018	7,429.74	34.66	4,011.00
Income	150.00	1,162.49	Nil
Expenditures/payments	184.40	Nil	Nil
	<u>7,395.34</u>	<u>1,197.15</u>	<u>4,011.00</u>

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter shop tin and Advertisers £150, Foundation Scotland Microgrant top up - £1,162.49

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3. SCHOOL FUND £241

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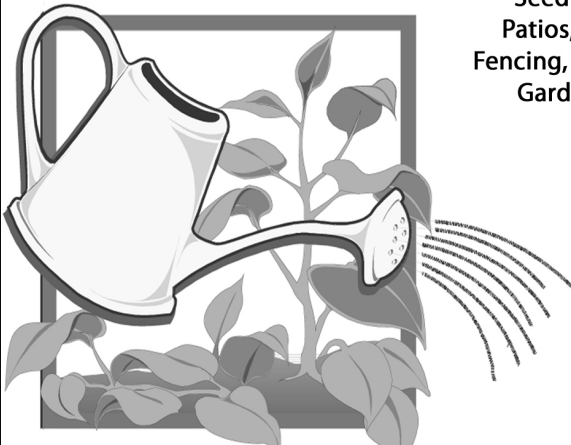
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A Microgrant application from Glenfarg & Duncricvie In Bloom for £250, for gravel and bark, had been approved. It was noted that the Microgrant was intended for non-constituted bodies, and constituted bodies could be encouraged to forecast future needs into one application for consideration by the main Lochelbank Panel.

CCllr Ponton asked for consideration to be given to the use of the Nursing Fund, which stands at just over £4,000. This is to be used for the Health and Wellbeing of the community. Two possibilities were mentioned, but it was agreed that community councillors should bring all suggestions to the next CC meeting so that residents could be consulted.

(all CCllrs)

8. AOCB:

a) CCllr Heser has resigned from the community council for personal reasons. The CC thanks her for her work on the council and wish her well in the future.

b) HGV traffic through the village. It was felt there had been an increase in this with incidents of speeding, and several residents had made complaints. There had also been at least one incident



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(CCllr Pilmer)

c) Lochelbank Windfarm Fund. It was felt that this fund should be advertised more widely. It was agreed that the distribution of funds report should be published in the newsletter and displayed on the noticeboard.

(CCllr Watson)

d) Defibrillator Insurance. CCllr Pilmer has investigated this, and believes that no other local communities insure their defibrillator. He further discovered that insurance companies are unwilling to cover them. No further action.

e) Remembrance Day. CCllr Taylor to do reading and CCllr Ponton to lay wreath.

f) Kinross-shire Forum meeting 12th November 7pm at the Campus. CCllrs Ponton and Loudon to attend.

The next meeting of the Community Council

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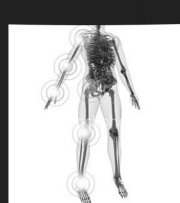
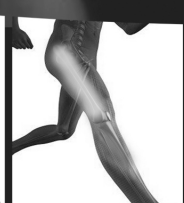


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