

A photograph of a garden path lined with red and purple flowers, leading to a green bench under a large tree.

The Glenfarg Newsletter

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Editorial

So now we are entering the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. The Glenfarg Green is looking beautiful thanks to the efforts of the 'In Bloom' team and many volunteers. The crocosmia was a blaze of colour when I took the picture for the front cover just days before publication date.

In this issue there is more news on the developments happening with both the Village Inn project and the conversion of the old schoolhouse into a bistro.

Read about Eric Hayward's fascinating project of creating a 3D image of the Lady Margaret statue in the old Arngask kirkyard. Eric showed me the imaging which can be seen on any computer using available free software. Eric spent a considerable time on the project and the results are well worth seeing. See details on how you can see the image on your own computer on page 30.

Regular contributor Jim Ashton gives us an insight into the perils of taking your guitar to a party and singing an all time classic song by Don Maclean. I can really empathise with this story.



The Village Fête was a huge success in spite of changeable weather. Pictured here is our singular fête fairy. Details on the distribution of the funds raised can be found on page 33. Happy winners of the fête raffle prize 'A guided tour with Trike Tours Scotland', Les and Jane Newman tell of their exciting experience on a motor tricycle.

The new season of the Glenfarg Community Cinema starts in September with 'Stan and Ollie'. See the new programme within. Did you know that you can see the trailers for the upcoming cinema programme on the Glenfarg Community Centre website?

Finally many thanks to my faithful regular contributors.



Robin Watson

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A Village Hall for All

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
	7.30pm - 9pm 1st Monday every other month	CC Meeting
Tuesday	9.30am - 10am	Metafit
	5.45pm - 6.45pm	Beavers
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	8.00pm - 10.00pm In winter	Mixed Badminton
	7.00pm - 11.00pm 1st Wednesday of month	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm 2nd Thursday Sept to May	WRI
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	Chair Exercise
	7.30pm - 10.00pm 2nd Friday Sept to April	Community Cinema

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

Glenfarg (Village Hall) Community Centre

Do you want a party or get together without the hassle of having it in the house?

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Our calendar is updated daily and can be found at <https://www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com/>

From there you can email me at any time at glenfargvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

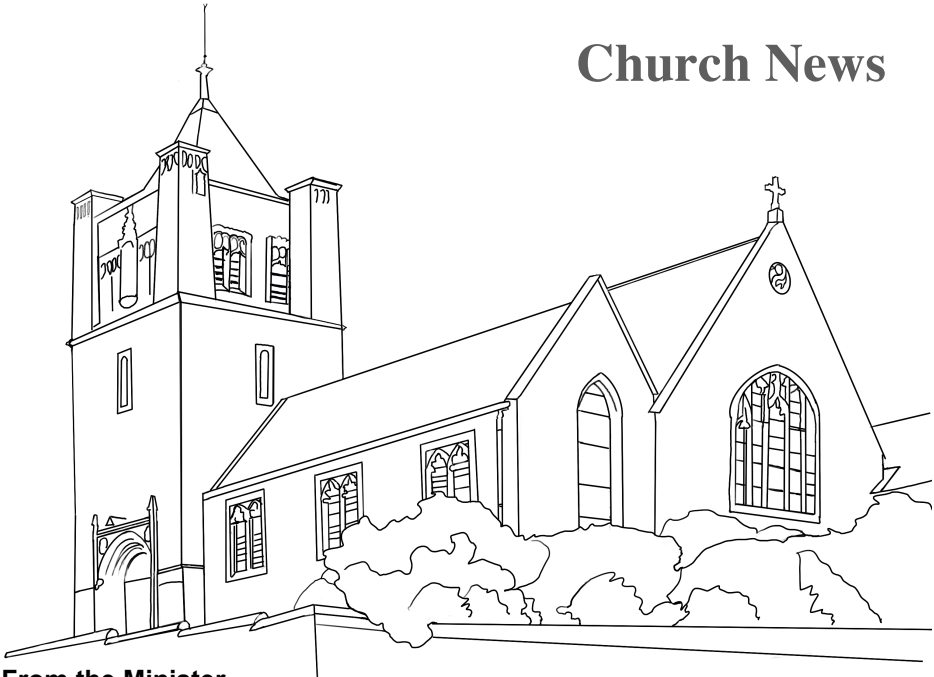
I look forward to hearing from you all...so

Come along and have a look
Shout me if you want to book
Bring your pals and family too
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Tanya McKibbon

Hall Keeper

Church News



From the Minister

As we look forward to Autumn and the darkening and shorter days of winter, perhaps like me, you are hoping for some decent programmes on the telly? One of my favourites last year, was a BBC docusoap called “Fake or Fortune”. Journalist Fiona Bruce teamed up with art expert Philip Mould to investigate mysteries behind paintings. By using scientific techniques and detailed analysis, they decided which paintings were the genuine article and which ones were fake. One episode focussed on a still life painting by the British painter William Nicholson – at least, that is what was assumed. The likeable lady who purchased it in 2008 paid the whopping sum of £165,000. It depicted a glass jug, a pile of plates and two pears. Maybe not the kind of thing you might like hanging on your wall, but the owner in question, Lyn, was obviously very fond of it indeed. Questions had been asked about its authenticity and that is when the programme makers stepped in. As a result of extensive research, consultation with art experts, and an interview with an art forger, the news was not good. At the end of the programme lovely Lyn, is told the bad news: her painting is deemed a fake and therefore worth very little. Although disappointed and deeply affected by the blow, Lyn is brave and all she says, in the end, are the enigmatic words: “This too shall pass”. And the credits roll.

Her apt quotation is often thought to be Biblical, but it is probably an Iranian saying used by the Sufi poets. As the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes, a philosopher called Qohelet, was also wise enough to point out: if we are having a happy and good time in life, then it is best to enjoy it whilst we can because it won't last for ever. And, on the other side of the coin, if we are currently experiencing a sad or difficult passage in our lives, then that too, will (thankfully) come to a conclusion. Saint Paul, in his Second letter to the Corinthians wrote something similar, but with a more hopeful slant:

“...this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory.... What can be seen lasts only a time, but what cannot be seen, lasts for ever.”

The viewers of the programme are left with the distinct impression, that even although she has just lost a great deal of money, Lyn has no intention of tearing her favourite painting off her living room wall. Worthless it might be, in an extrinsic sense, but she remains captivated by its beauty and artistic qualities, regardless of who may have actually painted it. Although saddened, it remains her picture and she is holding onto it right reason or none.

“Good for her!”, I say. Faith is sometimes about acknowledging that life can be very good or very bad. The trick is to accept that neither condition will last. We hold on to an unchanging God, who remains steadfast and who cares for us whilst undergoing all of life's widely varying conditions. We too hold on to our picture, faults, deep disappointments and all, because it is our picture and although not perfect, we trust that God will indeed transform it one day into “a tremendous and eternal glory”.

Meanwhile, why not get up into that attic and see what you uncover? “Fake or Fortune” wants to hear from you.

Rev. Stan Kennon

Summer services have ended and we are back to our normal calendar with regular church service in Arngask Church every Sunday at 9.30am

Rev Stan Kennon can be contacted on **01738 850194**, or by e-mail for non-urgent enquiries at Minister@ada-church.org.uk/ One date for your diary is Remembrance Sunday which will be held on Nov 3rd when there will be a Church Service at 3pm followed by a 4pm Wreath Laying Service at the War Memorial. 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

The Glenfarg Community Centre

The project to establish a Community Centre at the Schoolhouse adjoining the village hall is progressing well. An Open Day was held on May 19th. It was a very successful day which raised awareness of the Community Centre project and produced a lot of ideas from those who attended. We had over seventy visitors, many of whom have now joined the charity as members. (There are now over 150 members so if you have not done so visit the Glenfarg Community Centre website and fill in the membership application form).



The main feedback received at the Open Day was that the house was a lot bigger than expected and was very solid and well built, the garden was very pleasant and a great asset, and there was a lot of potential in both the house and garden to create a facility of value to the village. Several visitors indicated a willingness to help in various ways and there were lots of ideas about what activities there could be in the Community Centre.

In early June, the rear part of the garden was cleared so that it could be used for the Glenfarg Gala. Thanks to all the volunteers and to Billy Allison for help with this. On June 26th over twenty volunteers helped to clear out the old floor coverings from the house and put them in a skip kindly provided by Binn Skips.

An architect has been appointed to prepare plans for the conversion of the house and to apply for planning permission and building warrant for this work. Work will start shortly to repair the roof and carry out internal timber preservation and damp treatment. Plumbing work is also

planned to replace old lead pipes and install a new hot water heating system.

Once this essential repair and maintenance work has been completed and the relevant consents achieved, work will start to convert the house into a community facility linked to the hall itself with a café/bistro and a variety of club rooms.

Fund raising is going well and the Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Scottish Land Fund, the Gannochy Trust, Foundation Scotland, the Thomson Trust, the Kinross Community Investment Fund, Earnside Coaches, and the many individuals who have made donations, helped out and pledged support so far. Further fund raising is needed to bridge the funding gap and local fund raising is also going well. The volunteers and supporters of the Hall Coffee Lounge have been raising funds to support the project, and members of the Committee and other local supporters have signed up for the Kilt Walk in Edinburgh taking place on September



15th. Visit the Kilt Walk website to find out more. You can make a contribution or even take part yourself – and for every £1 raised The Hunter Foundation will add a further 40p. This is a great way to make fund raising go further. The Kilt Walkers would like to thank all those who have made generous contributions so far. Hopefully we will be able to bridge the funding gap to allow all the conversion work to be completed quickly so that the Schoolhouse can begin to be of real value and benefit to our community. Remember that the Gannochy Trust has kindly offered to match our local fund raising pound for pound up to a further £5,000. You can see updates of the fund raising activities on the website www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com.

GLENFARG IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Since the last time of writing, in the June newsletter, the Glenfarg Improvement Team (GITS) have been busy boys (slight exaggeration, perhaps - elderly gentlemen).

The old telephone box has received a rub down and is about to re-painted and fitted out with shelving to turn it into a book exchange.

The team have also assisted the 'In Bloom' team with a bit of litter picking and pavement cleaning giving the village the best possible chance of succeeding in the judging competitions taking place.

You may have noticed that the Council have given the war memorial stonework a tidy up.

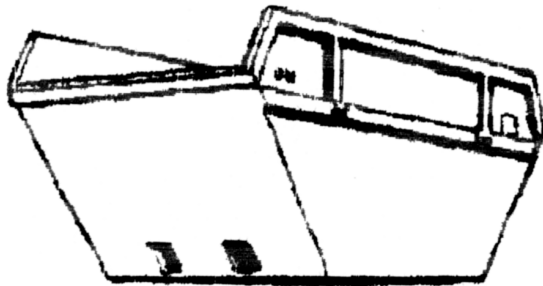
Along with this the GITS did a bit of tidying also, so the monument area is looking good and a fitting tribute. It is encouraging to see a few new faces amongst our ranks and the extra manpower will go a long way in new ventures to be undertaken.

If you are interested in helping, age is not important, then please get in touch or pop into the coffee lounge on a Thursday between 10.00 and 12.00 where you're sure to find someone you can have a chat with, they really are quite sociable.





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Thank You

Roy & Mary McAinsh

would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the cards, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary and also Mary's Birthday on
14th July 2019.

Thank you all again.

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, 2nd September 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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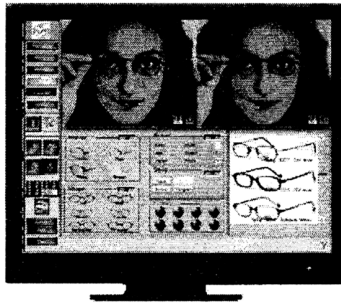
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GLENFARG COMMUNITY CINEMA



Hi Folks. The Community Cinema welcomes you back in September with a brand new programme. We hope that it will have something for everyone. This is our eighth full season and last year was our best ever. So, if you haven't been before, why not give it a go. We have a large screen, comfy seats and tables, candlelight, ice cream, popcorn, tea and coffee. Why not bring a bottle of your favourite wine and a couple of glasses. Just as good as Edinburgh but without the travelling. And you'll meet lots of friends too.

SEPTEMBER 13th

We start the season with **'Stan and Ollie'** - as portrayed by Steve Coogan and John Reilly. Don't worry if you're not a real Laurel and Hardy fan. This is a bittersweet film about the twilight years of the great double act.



With the Golden Era of Hollywood behind them, Laurel and Hardy face an uncertain future. Diminished by age, they tour variety halls in Britain to reconnect with their fans. The shows become an instant hit but Stan and Ollie can't quite shake off the past, as long buried tension and Hardy's failing health threaten their partnership. Steve Coogan and John Reilly's performances are among the best either has given. This is one film I meant to see when it came round, but of course I missed it. Now is the opportunity to catch up.

OCTOBER 11th

'Hidden Figures' is adapted from Margot Lee Shetterley's book which revealed the incredible untold story of three brilliant African-American women mathematicians who work at NASA and played a vital role in one of the greatest operations in history - the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. In 2017, this film was nominate for the Best Picture Oscar.

NOVEMBER 8th

'Dirty Pretty Things' is a thriller from 2002. Okwe, a kind-hearted Nigerian doctor, and Senay, a Turkish chambermaid, work at the same West London hotel. The hotel is run by Senor "Sneaky" and is the sort of place where "dirty business" like drug dealing and prostitution takes place. However, when Okwe makes a shocking discovery, he uncovers something far more sinister than just a common crime. This film was nominated for an Oscar for its screenplay.

DECEMBER 6th

And in December, we bring you a feel-good movie as an alternative to the usual TV Christmas fare. **'The Hunt for the Wilderpeople'** is a 2016 New Zealand adventure comedy-drama whose hilarious screenplay was based on the book Wild Pork and Watercress by Barry Crump.

Ricky is a rebellious kid from the city. Hector, an elderly man who has spent his life in the country, agrees to foster him. They don't get on too well! Child Services decide to send Ricky back to the orphanage. Ricky runs away, and he and Hector become the subjects of a manhunt after they get stranded in the New Zealand wilderness. A big-hearted picture full of small, understated moments of magic.



All trailers for these films are now available on the Glenfarg Community Centre website at <https://www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com/>
Check the Events page for the new season information.

If you would like to be kept up to date, email our secretary ashton.doreen@yahoo.com

GLenfARe AND DUNgRIeVie IN BLOOM

Well, the judging season is truly upon us. In the last few weeks the team at GDIB have been working their wellies off along with help from the Glenfarg Improvement Team (GIT's) making the village look as good as it can. Trimming, cutting, weeding, mowing you name it we've been beavering away, despite the atrocious weather at times.

The end result was much appreciated by the judges from 'Beautiful Scotland' and 'Take a Pride in Perth & Kinross' and we wait with baited breath to see the outcome which will be announced in September and October respectively.



As if that wasn't enough we also had judges looking at the 'Solheim Cup Themed Display' at the North end of the village which was the handy work of one of the GDIB committee members.

All in all a very busy period for all of us. The GDIB Chairman, Donald Mackenzie, thanked the volunteers and supporters who gave up their time to make these judging days a success.

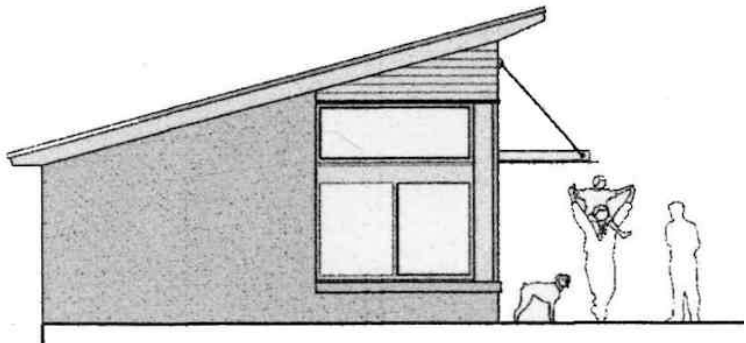
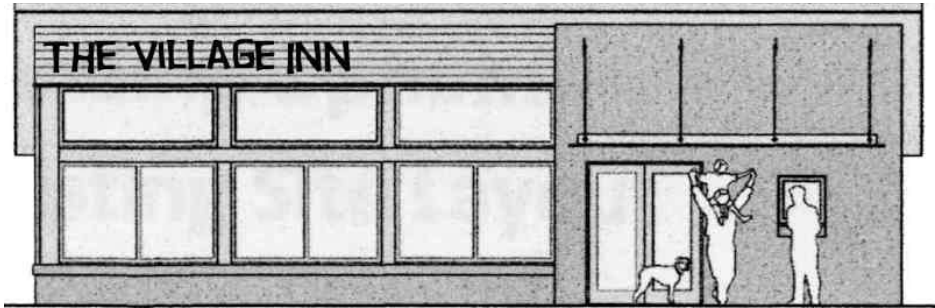
You may have noticed new additions to the display planters on the South verge where two rather large planters and basket trees have been positioned. Over time these will become an attractive addition to the many



other planters that blossom every year. We are grateful to the 'Community Environment Challenge Fund' for their financial support with this venture.

Every year brings the challenge of raising much needed funds in order that the GDIB group can function. An opportunity to do just that came about through a discussion with long time villagers who are downsizing and donated surplus wood to us. With this material a couple of handy committee members set about producing bird boxes and the sale of these raised an impressive £430.00. A big thank you to all who supported us. Another new feature for GDIB is a monthly snapshot of the local plants/flowers which is presented in the village facebook page. Whilst this is still finding its feet, the organisers are grateful for the positive and sometimes educational feedback we get. Keep your eyes open for the ongoing issues which will show the seasonal changes to our beautiful village. So, after a short break it's back to the weeding, mowing, trimming and tidying. Hopefully you are all enjoying the summer (despite the downpours).

STOP PRESS - next fundraiser PLANT SALE and Afternoon Tea 20th October 2pm



I don't think anybody thought it would take so long for us to plan, develop and then build our proposed Glenfarg Village Inn, but progress is being made.

First of all a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the 'Expression of Interest' letter. The response was fantastic and has really given us a boost in our efforts to raise the funds required. If you haven't completed one yet they are available in the shop or go online at

<https://www.glenfargvillageinn.co.uk>

The next stage will be to launch the formal **Community Share Offer** .. watch this space.

In addition to the Share Offer we have been busy preparing and submitting a funding application to the SSE Sustainability Fund , and thanks must go to Suzette, Kath and Tim from the committee, for all the time and effort they put into what we hope will be a successful application... we will know the result in October.

If you want to become more involved in this exciting venture please give me a call:

David Aird 01577 830370 or secretary@glenfargvillageinn.co.uk

Glenfarg W.R.I.



The first meeting of the 2019/2020 session is on the **12th of September**, village hall at 7.30. Demonstrator for the evening is Corrine McRaw of Light up my Heart.

Competitions-

Coaster any craft, Individual Quiche (shortcrust pastry), Flower of the Month.

Subscriptions £30. No tea money.

10th October- Felting by Ursula Stewart. This is an open meeting, visitors £5. Refreshments included.

Competitions-

Knitted Scarf, 3 Canapés , Flower of the Month.

October 18th- Beetle drive, village hall, 7pm. All Welcome. Adults £4 children £2.

14th November- Christmas Wreaths and Table Centre demonstration by Alison Harrison. This is an open meeting. Visitors £7 includes a glass of mulled wine and Mince pie. Members and visitors to bring holder, holly, candle. For catering purposes could visitors please let Margaret know, 830369 or email Margaret.scott50@btinternet.com or any committee member.

Competitions-

Best Wrapped Parcel, 3 Pieces Shortbread, Flower of the Month.

12 December- Buffet Supper with entertainment.

Competitions

Home-made Christmas Table Centre decoration, 4 Chocolate Truffles, Flower of the Month.

A Long Long Time Ago.....

So begins American Pie, Don McLean's homage to the early rock and rollers, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper who perished in that fateful flight on February 3rd 1959. McLean was a 13-year-old paperboy in New Rochelle, New York and a big Buddy Holly fan when Holly died. He learned about the plane crash when he cut into his stack of papers and saw the lead story.



There have been countless articles written about this anthemic song and McLean has never really gone into any detail about the meaning of the somewhat strange verses. He was always being asked to interpret the song and must have gotten pretty fed up with this question.

While being interviewed in 1991, McLean was asked for probably the 1000th time, "What does the song 'American Pie' mean to you?" to which he answered, "It means never having to work again for the rest of my life."

When you sit down and look at it closely it does develop into a pretty strange song but I have never tried to delve into the meaning of the song and have just enjoyed its melody and its catchy chorus.

When the song was written in 1971, I was 25yrs old and had bought a guitar two years previously. When I bought the guitar I naively thought I would learn it in a few weeks, never realizing that 50 years later I would still be learning! The first months were painful, literally, with the steel strings cutting into the top of my left hand fingers as I pressed the strings

as hard as I could to stop them buzzing. American Pie has a great chord structure and I set to, trying to master it over many months, eventually succeeding in managing what I thought was a passable version of the song.

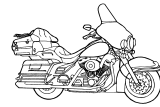
Having a guitar and being able to play a few songs I found that when I was invited to parties it was always stipulated that I brought my guitar along so we could have a bit of a sing song. I was perfectly willing to do this and took my guitar and enthusiastically played some popular songs. However it soon became obvious to me that selecting the time to play was critical. Too early and everyone was too shy to get up and sing, too late and everyone was too drunk to remember all the words! I say 'all the words' with tongue in cheek as I found that most people only knew the chorus and a few lines of verse of most of the songs they suggested.

American Pie was the song that finally made me stop taking my guitar to parties. During the evening someone was bound to ask 'Can you play American Pie' and I would duly start off 'A long, long time ago, I can still remember how that music used to make me smile...' and I found that nearly everybody was with me through the first verse and chorus and maybe the first few lines of the second verse but after that I was on my own until the chorus when everybody would join in again. If you know the song then you will know that after the second verse it all gets a bit surreal and most people lose interest until the chorus comes round again. If you sing the whole 889 words of the song then you inevitably end up singing on your own as most people have lost interest and left to plunder the crisp bowl or get another drink.

So I decided not to take my guitar to parties but have continued to play throughout my life and it has given me great enjoyment, so much so that I was thinking that when I die I might do as the ancient Egyptians did and take some worldly goods viz., my guitar, with me into the after-life. But as I thought about this it occurred to me that as I arrived with my guitar in hand at wherever we go someone might say 'Great , you've brought your guitar, can you play American Pie' NOOOOOOOOO.....



Trike Tours



My husband and I won a raffle prize at the Glenfarg Gala. The prize was an hour guided tour with Trike Tours Scotland. Our choice of date and venue: Thursday 18 July, 2 pm, South Queensferry below the Forth Rail Bridge. A pleasantly warm and sunny day.



Our chauffeur and guide cruised in on the Big Yellow Machine. Easy Rider, Gordon is the works! Leathers, helmet, pony tail, beard, personality and fun. No time lost, Gordon flips open the rear panier, throws us a leather jacket each. Are these two rookies beginning to look the part? No, he fixes on our helmets in double quick time and gets us loaded and strapped into the Big Yellow Machine like the king and queen.

One roar for effect and we're off! Straight up the steep hill and don't spare the horses, nor the horse power.



We are told that about forty-five miles an hour will be our top speed. It feels much faster! The G force is felt! The tarmac is close! Feel the wind! This is why bikers love to bike! Gordon is a skillful rider. He obeys the law of the road. He has to. It's a big responsibility. This is his living as well as his passion and fun.

In Cramond there's a short stop by the shore. Lovely view across the Forth. Out of the rear panier Gordon pulls thermos flask for tea, coffee and shortbread. He entertains us with local history, flora and fauna. It's time for the return trip. Last chance for some more exhilaration.

Great experience, great fun. Many thanks to Gordon of Trike Tours Scotland and Glenfarg Gala.

Les and Jane Newman

Wallace Park - Past Present & Future

Past: Thanks to a local resident, Friends of Wallace Park have recently acquired some paperwork associated with the long slide in the park. It seems that some time ago, the mums of local primary school kids felt that something extra was needed in the park and so they fundraised for the slide. That got us thinking. Who was the park named after? The information board simply says 'A former owner of Duncricvie gave the park to Glenfarg'. Later, Mr J L Anderson built a pyramid-shaped cairn on the wooded mound known as Druid's Grave. Apparently, it contains a canister of items linked to the park.

Present: At present, FOWP are working on the sun clock. Soon new gravel will be in place and the numbers/ months on the stones will be painted to make them easier to read. So, when did the sun clock appear? And who was responsible for its creation? These were the questions we were asking ourselves as we cleared away the stones and weeds.



The wooden animals have also been giving us some cause for concern. Despite the Community Council arranging to have them repainted this year, we have been warned that they are not in good condition and won't go on for ever. Standing out in all weathers is taking its toll. But does anyone remember the animals sauntering into the park to take up residence? Where did they come from?

Having nearly finalised the plans for the park's development, the Friends of Wallace Park are also busy with the frustrating job of filling in funding application forms and looking for sponsorship.

Future: Not sure what developments are planned? Have a look on our temporary notice board at the Elm Row entrance to the park. Working with TRACKS, who created the path to Duncricvie and The Avenue to the school, we are confident that we can raise the finance and get the paths extended around the park before next summer. And PKC should have the kids' play area upgraded by then as well.

One of the additions to the park will be an information board. So if you can answer any of the questions above, please email us at fowp@glenfarg.org

Glenfarg Tennis Club



We are having a busy time down at the tennis courts lately. After several waterlogged attempts we finally had our Tennis Taster day last Sunday, sponsored by Nature Valley energy bars. Good bars, better tee shirts. It wasn't over subscribed, but the offer still stands. Anyone who wants a whizz at tennis of any level, all they need to do is give us a call. We are desperate to introduce Glenfarg to tennis. Glenfarg, this is tennis. Speaking of which, we did have someone unexpected on the tennis court this week. After a year of trying, we are getting very close to having real, live drinking water plumbed right into our taps! The site inspection was carried out this Monday by a Scottish Water fitter from Rothesay. He was great. Not only did he advise us on what was required for the job to progress, he also wanted 'a go' on the tennis courts. We discussed water issues for 5 minutes, and spent half an hour playing rallies at tennis. Unfortunately, his knees were worse than mine so we retired to the Limpy Bar for a coffee. Our Club Championship is in progress and once the ties have whittled down the entrants, the finals will be played from lunchtime on Saturday, September 9th. It will be a hotly contested day, deciding the 5 individuals and pairs who will deservedly wear the swagger of champions for the coming year. On the same day, we will say farewell to great friends of tennis in Glenfarg. Annette and Alan Eadie are departing for a leisurely retirement in Shropshire. They have both played Badminton and 'socialised' with us for umpteen decades and supported any ventures the tennis club have over-ambitiously proposed. We will all miss them miserably, and wish them well in their adventures.

Lots of new building in Glenfarg. Remember, anyone new to the village, gets their tennis free for the first year. Form an orderly but impatient queue.



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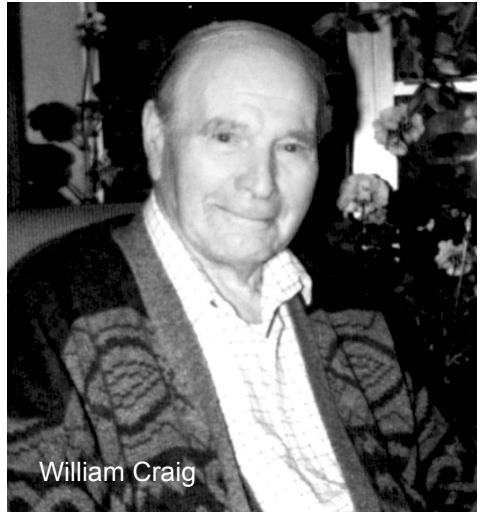
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Request for Information

I have very recently moved to Glenfarg, and wondered if any of your readers have any records or photos relating to Easterton Farm, Glenfarg from the early 1940's?

My late father (Robert Craig) was born while his parents were living at Easterton Farm, where my Grandfather was employed as a Cattleman. My grandparents were William (Willie) Craig and Helen Craig (nee Gray). I don't know many details, as my grandparents moved around a lot. However, I do know that my father was born on 14th May 1941, in the midst of an unseasonable blizzard - and that the snow was so deep that the ambulance struggled to get



up the hill from Glenfarg. It must have managed somehow, as my dad was born in hospital in Perth, and then brought home to Easterton. My grandparents moved away from Glenfarg within a few years, and my father then spent his early school years in Errol. I would love to hear from anybody who has any records relating to this time - or copies of any photos which I could look at, to see if I could identify my grandparents!

If you do have anything which might be of interest, please get in touch on 830125, or email to bryancraig1@live.co.uk

Bryan Craig, Cairnbeg, Church Brae, Glenfarg.

The Lady Vanishes

Four hundred and ninety two years ago a lady of Scottish nobility gifted land and money to her local church. In return, prayers were to be said, in perpetuity, for the souls of herself, her family and the king. It would have been in recognition of this generous donation that a statue in her likeness was erected within the church precinct.

Unbeknownst to the lady, the protestant reformation was just around the corner when a great deal of church statuary was destroyed. Eventually the old church was demolished and another erected in its place. But some consideration for the statue remained as it was taken to a safe place and then reinstated after the new church was completed.

Through the long centuries, the statue endured, surviving the union of the crowns, the covenanting wars, the '15 and '45 rebellions, the agricultural revolution and the various schisms of the church.

Fast forward to the present day and, of course, we are talking about the statue of Margaret Barclay, standing in its patch of weeds behind temporary fencing in Arngask kirkyard. It has to be admitted that the centuries have not been kind to Margaret and weathering has removed a great deal of the original detail. A report in 2016 was commissioned to assess the condition of the statue and recommend what conservation work would be needed. But to date, no action has been taken.

However, all is not lost. Advances in computing have meant that Structure-from-Motion (SfM) photogrammetry, once the exclusive domain of specialists companies, is now available to all. Thanks to the generosity of the internet community, the software and tutorials needed are all freely available. With SfM photogrammetry, three dimensional images are created from two dimensional photographs. Even today in our world of clever computers, the results are quite impressive. The 3D image

can be rotated both horizontally and vertically and zoomed in and out. Being in three dimensions, the detail is much greater than that of a conventional photograph.

The SfM photogrammetric survey of the Margaret Barclay statue revealed some interesting features. For many years it was reported that the statue, "... has beads used by the Catholics hanging around the hands." Closer examination shows that the beads are in fact the frills of the dress cuffs. Rotating the head clearly shows that the nose and chin have been broken off, rather than eroded away. By



tilting the image, it is even possible to make out the outline of a brooch on the bodice of the dress.


No matter how much the statue deteriorates in the coming years there is now a detailed digital record of how it appears today. Using the computer image, it would not be beyond the realms of possibility to create a physical model of the statue.

Anyone who would like a look at the computer image of the statue, please let me know. If you would like your own copy, I can provide the Margaret Barclay file and simple instructions for downloading and running the free software.

Eric Hayward

Glenfarg Community Panto

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Glenfarg Village Fête

Organisers of Glenfarg Village Fête have hailed the event as a huge success! After a wet start, the weather improved throughout the afternoon as up to 400 people turned out for the 'Musicals' themed fete. From pony rides to soft-archery, racing pigs to splatting rats, face-painting to a wide range of stalls in the tent - there was something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors also enjoyed musical performances in the hall and outdoor keep fit fun.



Due to the success of this year the committee are delighted to announce that there is £3000 to distribute to community groups! Huge thanks to all those who came along and helped to make the day so successful.

Any groups seeking a share of these funds are asked to complete the form posted on the Glenfarg Grapevine and the Glenfarg Village Fête Facebook page and return it to Isla Craig, Cairnbeg, Church Brae, Glenfarg PH2 9NL or by email to islacraig70@gmail.com by Friday 13th September 2019. A decision on all the applications is expected to be made in early October 2019.



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HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY – THE ORIGINAL CHAS SHOP

Craggan and I were recently invited to join in the celebrations to recognise the 20th anniversary of the original CHAS* shop in Kinross (*Childrens Hospices Across Scotland). As many Glenfarg Newsletter readers will know, Craggan and I volunteer at Rachel House, the childrens' hospice in Kinross, with Craggan being a firm favourite as their big, cuddly Therapet.

As well as being invited to attend the event, I was very happy to be asked to



make a special cake to mark the occasion. As well as animals, cakes are popular with press photographers when looking for interesting photo opportunities, and the press team at CHAS were pleased to hear that both a cuddly dog and a cake could be provided, as members of the press would be coming along to record the celebrations.

Of course, the cake was also being provided as a rewarding, tasty treat for the many shop volunteers who would be attending the party and who would be staffing the shop that week.



I met with Christine Brookes, the Deputy Shop Manager for Kinross, to discuss the look of the cake and I was very happy with her suggestion to use the original Kinross CHAS shop front as the design, with its large windows and distinctive green door with the CHAS logo above. We agreed on Madeira cake with vanilla buttercream and strawberry jam as a summery flavour that would appeal to most people.

When Craggan and I arrived with the cake at 9.30 on the morning of the event, there was a great buzz around the shop. Many of the volunteers had arrived early and were sharing their memories of working in the shop over the years.

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Giant 'CHAS' letters in their distinctive patterns and colours, perfect for photos of events, were parked on the roadside and the volunteers had fun posing in front, behind and even on top of them. There were some strange looks from people passing by in their cars as they slowed down to get a better look, making the photographers' job tricky, to say the least, as they were standing on the opposite side of the road to get the best possible vantage point for their shots.

The cake itself was well admired as invited guests, and several customers not sure of what was going on, arrived at the shop, many of whom were heard to say 'Wow it's the shop!' as soon as they saw it. There was a table spread with tasty goodies and some very welcome cool summery drinks were also provided for the volunteers and guests to enjoy. Craggan was very popular and got lots of attention; as a special treat for behaving so well I managed to find him a wee soft toy from the large selection available in the shop which he held onto proudly, inviting even more attention and photos.

The anniversary cake featured in some of the official photos, including one on the front page of the Courier where it was pictured with a couple of the volunteers who had been given the honour of cutting the cake.

If you'd like to read more about the anniversary and see a selection of photos from the celebrations, there's a full article on the Charity Today website at www.charitytoday.co.uk – search for 'CHAS shop' once you're on the site and you should find it quite easily.

If you are new to the area, why not pay the CHAS shops in Kinross High Street a visit? There are two very close to each other, the smaller one being a stylish ladies' wear boutique and the other just a few doors down, with everything else you'd expect to find in a charity shop. Donations are always welcome so if you've just moved house or just had a bit of a clear out, it's the ideal place to take your 'previously loved' items. Don't forget to browse when you drop off your items, you're bound to pick up a bargain, and you'll be helping a great local cause at the same time.

Leigh Smith

Glenfarg Folk Club



SINGAROUND

Monday 2nd SEPTEMBER

ALL £3

“September, it was the most beautiful of words, he’d always felt, evoking **orange flowers, swallows and regret**” (Alex Theroux) Let your mind wander and settle on what emerges.

ANTHONY JOHN CLARKE

Monday 9TH SEPTEMBER

Members £8; Non-Members £10

A Glenfarg folk club favourite, the hugely popular Anthony John Clarke returns to entertain us with his Irish wit and insightful songs and stories.

SINGAROUND

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

All £3

Agatha Christie was born at this time in 1890 and became a bestselling writer of murder mystery, crime fiction and thriller genre. So let “death” be your very easy theme- or maybe not?

DAMIEN BARBER AND MIKE WILSON

Monday 23RD SEPTEMBER

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Norfolk meets Teeside as together Damien and Mike bring us their rich heritage of traditional and modern songs and musical skills.

JOHN HINSHELWOOD BAND

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Members £8; Non-Members £10

With Tim Black and Ed McGlone we welcome them back to the club to enjoy the well-crafted songs and music for which they are renowned. Sit back and enjoy an evening of Americana/folk/country with style.

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER DOUBLE HEADER NIGHT
AMY PAPIRANSKY DUO/
ROY BARTLETT HENDERSON & SANDY LEGGAT
Members £8; Non-Members £10

Amy is a talented young singer/ songwriter and musician from Keith who was a finalist in 2018 young traditional musician of the year. She has been making a name for herself on the folk scene both here and abroad with a voice that has been described as “a breath of fresh air”. Roy Bartlett’s wide repertoire of traditional and contemporary songs and thoughtful, sometimes quirky, guitar arrangements is well known in the club. His recent teaming up with superb North East fiddler Sandy Leggat has opened up a new musical chapter for both players which is proving exciting for audiences. Expect a lot of joiny-in!

BEN BEDFORD & KIRSTY MCGEE – venue change LOCH LEVEN SUITE
Monday 14TH October
Members £8; Non-Members £10

Ben Bedford & Kirsty McGee bring an intimate & memorable live show with tales from both sides of the Atlantic.

With a voice that sounds like honey and smoke, UK songwriter Kirsty has collected songs from the Mojave Desert to arctic Norway. Hailing from Illinois, Ben’s soft-voiced poetry and captivating guitar work has led to him being compared to such luminaries as Townes Van Zandt, Bob Dylan and John Prine.

SING AROUND – venue change LOCH LEVEN SUITE
Monday 21ST OCTOBER
ALL £3.00

Today is “Apple Day”- a time to reflect on the importance of trees, orchards and get your teeth into the fruits of our labours. Apple themed songs to keep the doctor away.

PAUL DOWNES
Monday 28TH OCTOBER
Members £8; Non-Members £10

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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 1st July 2019

Glenfarg Village Community Centre

PRESENT: CCllrs Pilmer (Acting Chair), Watson,
Horsman, Fraser . PKC Cllr Watters

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1 member of public
present

APOLOGIES: PKC Cllrs Purves and Robertson, CCllrs
Ponton, Loudon, Taylor, PC D.Stapleton Police
Scotland Community Liason

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

Crash Barriers: CCllr Pilmer reported that Cllr Purves
had confirmed in writing that he had put forward the
CCs request for an update to Charles Haggart.of PKC.



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However, due to Cllr Purves and Mr Haggart being on annual leave, the matter is still pending an outcome from PKC. (Cllr Pilmer)

Elm Row Pumping Station: Cllr Pilmer reported that he had received a positive result following his letter to Scottish Water. The existing old wooden fence and the substitute metal barriers are to be replaced with a new wooden post with rails fence. This work should be completed during August/September.

Ladeside Road works: Cllr Fraser reported that his correspondence to PKC had been met with a non-committal answer concerning access for the village shop and a general public notification/advertisement. However, steps were taken by the CC to publish information via the Grapevine and the CC Notice Board. Also, the owners of the Village Shop had received verification that, when possible, access to the road immediately outside the Village Shop would be maintained pending work activities. Cllr Pilmer reported that he had received notification from PKC that the works were proceeding better than expected and that works on this road's junctions would be completed too with the outcome being ahead of schedule.

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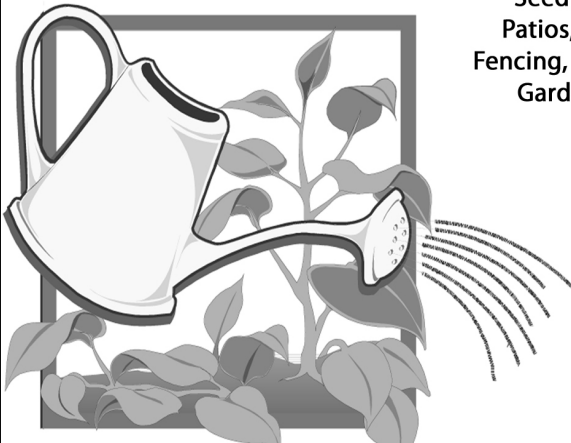
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Countryside Youth Community: CClr Watson reported that the object of the Charity (CYC) is simply to introduce City Kids to the Countryside and in the next 9 months they are developing partnerships throughout Scotland. There are plans for the Easterton Lodge as a leased base for the Charity, it will be developing over time and with an intended launch date in the late Spring of 2020. Providing an event is launched through a school activity, then an offer was made for a spokesperson to attend with the view to address the young persons about the topic.

3. SCHOOL LIASON

There were no other matters arising with this topic and it was decided that there was no need for its continuance as a bi-monthly business matter. Nevertheless, it was decided that it requires to be a Business Agenda item for the Annual General Meeting.

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4. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported as follows:

Applications

Erection of a dwellinghouse (existing)

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Ref. No: 19/00889/LAW. Awaiting decision

Decisions

Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse

Flowerdene Greenbank Road, Glenfarg PH2 9NW

Ref. No: 19/00799/FLL. Refused

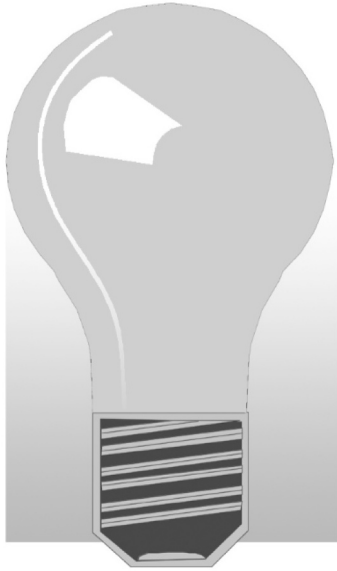
Change of use and alterations to agricultural steading to form extension to dwellinghouse (revised design)

Site Adjacent Of Easter Deuglie, Glenfarg

Ref. No: 19/00709/FLL. Approved

5. POLICE REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported that Police Scotland's Community Policing team village officer, PC Douglas Stapleton, had met with CCllr Pilmer to discuss a number of matters. PC Stapleton confirmed Police Scotland's approach to the community was one of responding to incidents



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including visits as per operational requirements. Summer Drink/Drug Driving campaign, Speed awareness and the general wellbeing of the community were the main points at the forefront of the discussion as well as an assurance that Glenfarg is being looked after. PC Stapleton did confirm that because of operational work it meant that attending CC Business Meetings cannot always be possible and that prior to a CC Business Meeting an update of policing matters relating to Glenfarg would be communicated to the CC Secretary. Thankfully, there were no major incidents to be reported on. PC Stapleton confirmed with CCllr Pilmer that, when required, extracts from the Area Commander's Bulletin that are of public awareness (for example Scam emails and Bogus workmen) are to be published via the Grapevine.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT 1st July 2019:

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

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Income Nil. Expenditure Nil

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Thank you.

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 12,886

This balance is made up as follows :

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		£	£
At 27 th May 2019	7,726.00	697.00	4,011.00
Income	889.00	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	248.00	189	Nil
	<u>8,367.00</u>	<u>508.00</u>	<u>4,011.00</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter shop tin and Advertisers £389. Sale of Marquee £500.

Expenditures – Newsletter Printing £248

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – J. Armstrong. IRO telephone box restoration costs £189

3. SCHOOL FUND £141

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7. AOCB:

Scottish Water Community Event: CCllr Faser reported that he and CCllr Pilmer had attended this event on Wednesday 19th June. The event was an open forum that allowed CCllrs to raise any matter to do with water (for example quality, investment, future plans) in relation to Scottish Water as a public supplier. CCllr Fraser raised the point about an odour in the water supply to Glenfarg village and that it raised concern with some residents. Scottish Water were aware of this point and their Director of Technical & Scientific Services explained what was being done to the water supply, why and what the outcome has been. There are strict measures in place to monitor the water quality and that the Chlorine level has been adjusted to reduce the odour without compromising the quality. CCllrs Fraser and Pilmer were offered a tour of the Water Treatment works and this will take place in due course.

Kinross-shire Forum: CCllr Fraser explained that he and CCllr Taylor had attended the most recent Forum held at the Kinross Community Campus. The main focus about the meeting was the delegation of matters that could be taken on by the Forums such as funds relating to local initiatives. For example: Speed measuring of vehicles through communities by local residents, Road repairs and Transport. The idea is that whilst PKC have



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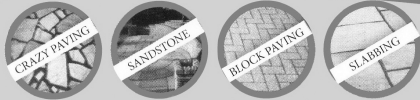
an overall authority, local Forums headed up by local Cllrs with full voting rights and CCllrs with an advisory capacity may be best placed to tackle local needs allowing them to be addressed quickly and be more meaningful to their communities. A fact-finding paper with notification of intentions has been issued to all of Kinross-shire's Cllrs and CCllrs to gather feedback and with comments to be returned week ending 12th July.

Roads and Pavements: At the last CC meeting, a member of the public requested that this topic required addressing in as much that there appeared to be no monthly/bi-monthly schedule. The member of the public raised the matter again that to date no works have taken place to any of the CCllrs' knowledge nor that of the member of the public. The CC was tasked with contacting the local PKC Cllr Robertson to progress this matter once again. Also, to clarify what PKC schedule is in place to address the requirements of Glenfarg village. GCC Secretary to contact CCllr Robertson.
(CCllr Pilmer & Cllr Robertson)

Social Housing: A member of the public raised the matter of tenancy and a commitment to the care of properties as allocated by PKC. Cllr Watters explained the ethos behind the allocation of housing and commitment for property care. There was a request to explore the matter further by the member of public and that Cllr Robertson had been helpful in providing

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information previously. The GCC states that it is not up to nor a desire of theirs to make comments about Social Housing tenancy however, an exploration of the topic as whole will be carried out. *(CCllr Pilmer & Cllr Robertson)*

Wallace Park: CCllrs Watson and Fraser spoke about the future plans for the park and that Drawings with plans would be available for review and discussion after the Business Meeting. CCllr Horsman spoke about sourcing funding to assist with the financial aspirations. Cllr Watters was able to give notice about a fund that may assist and that funding from the Lochelbank Wind Farm community fund could be another source. The CC voiced its support to the present plan and agreed to put its name to the Planning Application. Update at next CC meeting.

*(CCllrs
Watson, Horsman, Fraser)*

Nurses Fund: The CCllrs agreed that a further discussion on the use of the fund be taken when all CCllrs are in attendance at a future Business Meeting. Suggestions pending are: Wellbeing fitness apparatus for Wallace Park, New Defibrillator.

Festive lighting: CCllr Pilmer reported that he had received correspondence relating to Festive Lighting apparatus (similar to what is available to the Village presently). CCllr Fraser confirmed that he was in receipt of similar information and that there had been a

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previous discussion about extending the Festive lighting towards to south end of the village's Main Street. A further discussion will take place at the next GCC Business Meeting.

(GCC CClrs)

SHARE: CClr Pilmer reported that there is an initiative from the Scottish Health Research Register to recruit potential members who are willing to be contacted about health matters. SHARE would let you know if you have been selected to participate if you are interested. However, you can say no and withdraw. Interested? Sign up online at www.registerforshare.org

A poster will be placed in the GCC Notice Board

LWBF Panel: CClr Pilmer reported that a banner is now available to promote the Lochel Wind Bank Farm Panel Community Funding activity. Should any person wish to have/see the banner displayed at a local event then contact the secretary@glenfarg.org.

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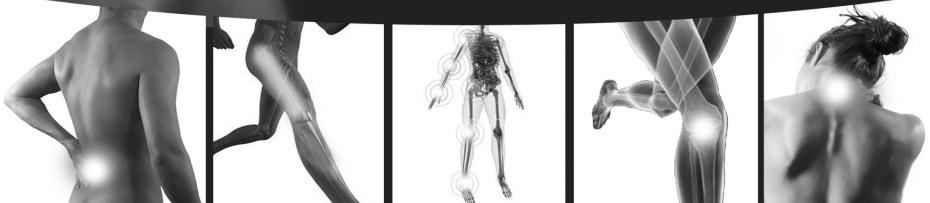


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Blue Lid		Thu	5	19		
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