

The Glenfarg Newsletter



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If you want to contribute to the Newsletter here is how to calculate the deadline. It is published on the 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December. Copy should be submitted before the 15th of the month prior to the upcoming publication.

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Editorial

Welcome to the March issue of the Glenfarg Newsletter and the first issue of 2020.

The newsletter relies on articles being sent to the editor. Do you have something interesting to write about on subjects relevant to the residents of Glenfarg? Send in your stories and they will be considered for publication.

This month we are fortunate to have two articles from new contributors to the newsletter. On page 26 Christine Fotheringham, a dog behaviourist, has contributed an interesting feature where she tells us 'It's ok not to like dogs' and how we should react when in the presence of a dog not our own. Another new reporter for the newsletter is 7 year old Max Rutherford. In order to complete his bronze award for the beavers, Max completed a 'litter pick' in Glenfarg. Read his self penned article on page 20.

The village pantomime Cinderella was a huge success, with a sell out crowd for both performances. This issue includes a selection of photographs taken on the night. If you want to see more of these pictures in colour, visit the Glenfarg Community Centre website at www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com and scroll to the gallery.

Regular contributor Jim Ashton gives us his observations on the skiing industry in Scotland and the possible impact that global warming may have on its future. See his report on page 30.

Our community cinema has some interesting events planned for the next few months - a 'Supper plus Film' night in March, and in April a film about an environmental activist has inspired an evening which will also focus on 'Glenfarg in Eco Action'. See all the details on page 16 and 17.

Stewart and Maureen Taylor have retired from the Glenfarg Garage. Read about their plans and the future of the garage on page 24.

Many thanks to our regular contributors for keeping us up to date with the news of the various social groups in the village.



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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 Grapevine

Do you feel 'out of the loop'? Are you missing out on village news? Or are you an organiser, needing to reach as many people locally as possible?

Then you need to make use of ALL our wonderful means of communication. Please remember, these are run by volunteers. They will not copy from one medium to another - you need to make use of them all.

Community Website

www.glenfarg.org

for all the information about our village
club contacts / service dates / hall calendar / group and CC minutes etc

Facebook

join the Glenfarg Grapevine closed group
for instant community news / details of events

Email Service

sign up via the community website
to receive a weekly email of upcoming events
plus emergency announcements

Noticeboards

The shop window is the place for general posters
and the CC noticeboard (round the corner) for CC and Perth Council news

Grapevine News for Non-Computer Users

we are now posting a printout of the Grapevine Email Service
on the CC Noticeboard

Newsletter

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Church News



From the Minister

Although maybe a bit early yet for most varieties of plants and vegetables, I notice that some keen gardeners have already been busy planting seeds. And this reminds us that the days are lengthening, signs of Spring are appearing and (hopefully) better weather is ahead.

Although tempting, planting seeds, too early in the season, can have disastrous consequences. Like so many things in life, timing is of the essence. I have to confess that I sometimes get impatient with the natural cycles of day-length and temperature and “try to push the envelope”, a lovely phrase which just means that I have the hubris to try to fool Nature. To this end, a sturdy, well-padded box, with mountains of bubble wrap arrived from Devon. It contained my heated electric propagators. But, as all good gardeners are aware, heat is not enough. And this is when I entered a more clandestine, shady world – one of slightly dodgy websites where less-than-respectable wares are on offer. I have purchased growing lights. These could be put to several uses, I imagine, not just germinating seeds from Dobbies. So, on a murky day, you might get a glimpse of this strange illumination as you pass by the Manse. The ethereal glow, which emanates from my greenhouse, will possibly have little to do with the Holy Spirit. It will be a result of Stan’s special fluorescent tubes designed to imitate natural sunlight. As a result, I am awaiting a surprise

visit from the local constabulary any day now. Effective it might be, but it does look terribly suspicious.

As Christians, we are all involved in this process of sowing, germinating and then waiting to see if anything will flourish. Every act of love and service that we offer, every comforting or encouraging word, each time we share something of our faith, is like a seed sown. These are small things that we plant in the lives of others: our children, our neighbours and those with whom we share our world. Like insignificant looking seeds, small and unremarkable, our deeds needn't be on a grand scale – just heartfelt and sincere. Usually, we never see what becomes of these actions, but we trust in God's love, and we leave it up to him to shed light on them and nurture them until they can be potentially transformed into something wonderful in the future.

This is part of the mystery of Easter: the unstoppable movement from murkiness to brightness; from death to life and from the cross to resurrection.

May you enjoy a truly verdant Spring and a glorious and abundant Easter.

(Rev) Stan.

Rev Stan Kennon can be contacted on **01738 850194**, or by e-mail for non-urgent enquiries at Minister@ada-church.org.uk

Church Services for 2020 are at 11am in Arngask Church every Sunday. Services on the last Sunday of the month will be a joint service with Abernethy and the venue alternates each month.

FUNDRAISING PLANS for 2020

We say thank-you to Margaret Scott for reminding us that the following events and dates have been chosen so far.

Tue 25 Feb 20 Pancake Tea in Arngask Church Hall

Sat 28 Mar 20 Coffee Morning in Arngask Church Hall

Sat 13 Jun 20 Glenfarg Gala Day

Sat 21 Nov 20 Church Christmas Sale in Glenfarg Village Hall

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,
Alex Johnston on 01577 830776 or Session.Clerk@ada-church.co.uk

eLenFARc AND DUNGRIeVie in BLOOM

The unsettled weather at this time of year certainly curtails a lot of our outdoor activity, but not all. In between the rain showers we manage to spend some time trimming the hedges and bushes that are dormant at this time of year.

The pond filling system has required a little attention following the torrent of water coming down the feeder River Farg. Hopefully we have resolved the problem for the foreseeable future.

The In Bloom committee continue to meet regularly and at the last sit down decided we would enter some of the judging competitions following our great success last year. We will be looking for assistance to build on the village interaction and will be advertising various events that all age groups can involve themselves in making our village the place to visit. As the nights start drawing out and the sun gets a little warmer we plan our planting programme and have a few ideas that we are sure will provide more colour to our streets.

You will also have noticed the two new planters on the South Verge which were put in position towards the end of last year. These will also become the centre piece of a new flower display.

As always we are looking for fresh blood to support the cause so if you can spare a few hours a month to help out why not get in touch through the village social media, you will be sure of a warm welcome and enjoyment in the friendly group.

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Realistic rental rates, as I am only looking to cover ongoing bills and expenses.

For more information contact

Lawrence on 07836 578563, or e-mail lozzenge2@gmail.com

Glenfarg W.R.I.



At our December meeting we had a buffet supper with entertainment by Lesley Murison and Andzia Scott.

Competition results

Truffles- 1st Alison Harrison

Christmas table centre- 1st Sheena Chisholm; 2nd Lillias Johnston; 3rd Allison Messenger.

Flower of the Month- 1st Helen Quartermaine; 2nd Allison Messenger; 3rd Alison Harrison.

Our first meeting after the new year took place in the afternoon of the 9th January when Karen and Tracey Baxter from Cloverleaf Apairies gave a talk and slide show. They also brought along some honey, candles and makeup to sell.

Competition results

Homemade Christmas cake (slice)- 1st Allison Messenger; 2nd Margot Moran; 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Favourite Drinking Glass-1st Lillias Johnston; 2ndequal Alison Harrison and Lynda Stuart; 3rd Jeanie Black.

Pot Plant-1st Alison Harrison; 2nd Helen Quartermaine; 3rd Margaret Scott.

Lynda Stuart one of our members gave a Tapas demonstration on the 13th of February. She also brought along various dishes as tasters.

Competition results

Heart shaped Decorated Biscuit-1st Sheena Chisholm; 2nd Alison Harrison.

Valentine card-1st Alison Harrison; 2nd Sheena Chisholm.

Flower of the month- 1st Vivienne Hebblethwaite; 2nd Alison Harrison; 3rd Helen Quartermaine.

Dates of future meetings-- visitors welcome.

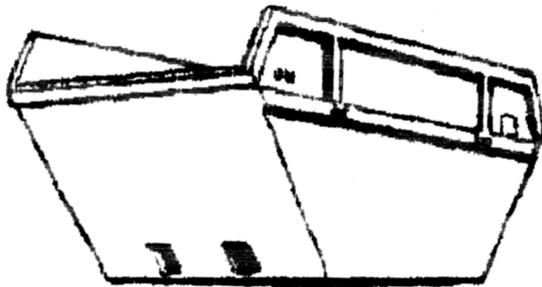
12th March: Visiting Institute (sales Table)

9th April: Money for Nothing talk by Sarah Peterson.

14th May: A.G.M. and Four Corners.



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Glenfarg Improvement Team (GITS)

The small band of gents who comprise the Glenfarg Improvement Team continue to enjoy a little socialising over the winter months and talk about various projects that might take our interest and improve the village environment at the same time.

One of our latest projects is to renovate an old farm cart, which is believed to be around 100 years old. Once complete this will become a colourful, flower feature in the village.



The newly created lending library in the old telephone box appears to be a success and is filled with a collection of paperbacks and some DVD's. Please make sure to have a look the next time you're passing.

One of the main forces behind the Improvement Team provides us with an opportunity for people to get together, for folks who are frustrated sitting in their homes and looking for something to do to get out and meet others of a similar mind. If you would like to join in then come along to the coffee lounge in the Village Hall on a Thursday between 10.00 and 12.00 where you can have a social chat with a few of the guys.



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GLENFARG COMMUNITY CINEMA



Your cinema committee has planned a couple of exciting events to round off the 2019/20 season.

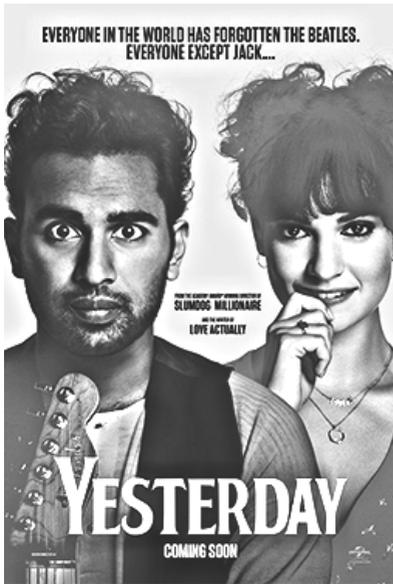
Friday 13th March

YESTERDAY – supper + film

Comedy, fantasy, music

Jack Malik is a frustrated musician whose career is going nowhere. Then, on the night when Jack decides to give up his dreams of musical success, the whole world is momentarily hit by a massive blackout and he is hit by a bus.

When he regains consciousness, Jack learns that he is apparently now the only one who knows the music of the Beatles. What an opportunity! Soon Jack is playing their music, claiming it as his own and achieving the fame he always thought he desired. But is it what he really wants?



Written by Richard Curtis (Four Weddings & a Funeral), directed by Danny Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire) and with the music of the Beatles, what's not to like. Jack is played by Himesh Patel – you may know him as Tamwar in Eastenders – and Jack's girlfriend is played by Lily James. There are also cameo appearances by James Corden and Ed Sheeran as themselves.

Certificate 12A. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Film starts at 7.45pm entry £5

Supper – why not join us for supper beforehand? To compliment the film, we have an authentic Liverpoolian meal. 'Scouser' is a meat and potato stew, usually served with red cabbage or beetroot. There will be a vegetarian option available.

Supper served prompt at 7pm. Tickets £5 **MUST** be bought in advance from the shop,

IDEAS FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT: GLENFARG IN ECO ACTION

Friday 3rd April

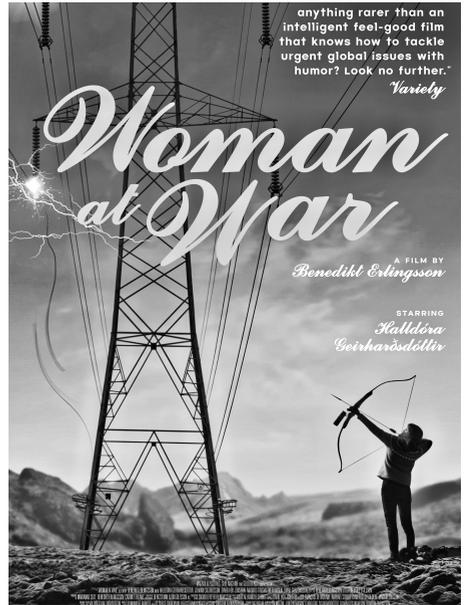
WOMAN AT WAR film + presentations

Adventure, comedy, drama

Halla is a forty-something Icelandic woman who becomes an environmental activist when the aluminium industry threatens the landscape of her homeland.

But then a long-forgotten application to adopt an orphan child from Ukraine is approved, just when the government ramps up police and propaganda efforts to catch and discredit her.

The film revolves around her attempts to reconcile her dangerous and illegal activism with the upcoming adoption.



Certificate 12A. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.
Doors open 7pm for 7.30. Tickets £5. Subtitles.

This film manages to combine art, comedy, drama and reflection, giving us an opportunity to think about Glenfarg's own contribution to the protection of the environment and the fight against climate change.

We plan to share and generate ideas to help the environment at a global, community and personal level.

Our shop has been making changes and is willing to do more. And some of Glenfarg's teenagers are already playing their part, as we reported in the December issue of this newsletter. Tess and Ailsa will be speaking before the film. Come along to listen to local Glenfarg people and pick up a few ideas of how you could help. 17

Kaleb's Fundraising for The World Challenge 2021



This story is one of a full circle growth of a young man, Kaleb Widley. When his big sister Murrin had to go in for life saving spinal surgery, Kaleb took it incredibly hard, not knowing if he would ever see her again. He struggled with the thoughts that he didn't say goodbye, in case the very worst should happen. Whilst we were there for support, he needed to talk to someone. We found help and support for him with PKAVS based in Perth. They helped him to process all those emotions, to come back out of his shell and rejoin the world as they built up his self confidence. So, when he was ready, he wanted to repay that kindness. He and his dad

took part in fundraising for Muddy Colour Mayhem, and he is always putting together big boxes for their charity shop.

Last year an opportunity arose at high school to take part in the World Challenge 2021. This would involve going out to Borneo to take part in the conservation efforts with orangutang, giant sea turtles and sun bears. There would also be some hard graft as they would be digging ditches and assembling fresh water pipes to local villages to give safe fresh water to them.

We agreed this was the chance of a lifetime and it would be a life altering

challenge for him. He is incredibly excited about getting out there to help in any way he can. However this is something that sadly does not come cheap. We have all of 2020 to raise the money to go (including the kit needed) of a massive £4000! Kaleb is doing some fundraising ventures with the school and others who are going, and whilst we can't pay for it, we are helping him to do some events to hopefully bring him closer to his target. These include -

A Race Night - to be held on Saturday 21st of March in the masonic hall in Kinross, with music and a buffet (and bar as run by parents not him).

A Table Sale - on Saturday 25th of April in the same venue, with local crafters, all kinds of home baking and sweet treats, some brick-a-brac and of course guess how many sweets jars - child's & adults versions - and the bear's birthday guess. Hopefully it will be a day of fun with a good cause at the heart of it. There are even some wonderful hand made gifts from animal prints and glass necklaces, to magnets and the most wonderfully cute range of handmade ornamental bears - each with their own story, now available in 'Light up my Heart' gift shop in Milnathort.

Sponsored Marathons - Kaleb's dad is running a year long challenge to help raise money for him by running 2 half marathons and in October a full marathon. He only began running at the end of last year!

The full circle aspect comes around when we set out this promise from the very beginning. We only want what we need, so every penny over the £4000 that's raised will be donated to PKAVS in Perth as a thank you from our son to help them help others who need it as they helped him.

Every single penny is appreciated but if it's a tight time of year, then just spreading the word is every bit as important to help keep some momentum in this long year of fundraising.

If you would like a table at the table sale or can help in any way, please get in touch at debs.w@sky.com

Thank You

Deborah Widley

Litter Pick

Max Rutherford



I did a litter pick in Glenfarg for my personal challenge badge at Beavers to get my Bronze award. Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom gave me a shot of their litter picking stuff – they were pincers and bright yellow tabards. My dad gave me a big pile of bin bags.

I went out for an hour or two every weekend in December in rainy weather, frosty weather and icy weather but not much sunny weather. Sometimes it was difficult to do but I think it was worth it and hope the community think it was a good job.

I was sad to find lots and lots of litter. I even did the same bit three times and each time found more litter.

I was surprised at the things I found.

Lots of drink cans especially energy drinks, sandwich packets, loads of crisp packets, rubbish from McDonalds, takeaway coffee cups, polystyrene packaging which was really difficult to pick up and lots more stuff. Some things made me especially sad like lots of elastic bands that wildlife might mistake as worms.

I found lots of baby wipes and I would like to tell you that baby wipes don't disintegrate at all because they are mainly made of plastic. This made them easy to pick up but it was wrong they were there to start with.

The worst thing to pick up was an exploded nappy – it took two of us to balance it on the litter pincers to get it into a bin bag.

I found some really surprising things like an oil drum which still had oil in it and was leaking into the ground, a car wing from a silver car, a bag of metal pole connectors that builders might use, balls from children's ball pits, a medical insole from a doctor for someone's bad foot, a Greatest Showman CD, half a road cone and some carpet. Some rubbish had been there for a long time because one crisp packet had a best before which was four years ago!

When I weighed all the rubbish I had collected in December it weighed 38.5kg! That is about the weight of my big brother!



Next I sorted through the rubbish and put cans in one bag, glass into another and cleaned the plastic I had collected then put it in our recycling bin. I took the glass to the recycling place and smashed them inside the giant metal containers!



I am going to try and find a recycling place to take the empty drinks cans that will pay me for them and I want to give the money to Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom to say thank you for giving me a shot of their litter pincers.

I was really glad that I picked up all the litter but I was sad it needed done and was really sad at seeing all the rubbish especially when I saw what a big pile it made.

I am going to keep going out to pick up litter every now and again because it just keeps appearing!

Scout and Cub Night Hike



Abernethy scout hall was the starting point for the night hike. Steve led the group through the village to the start of the rough glen track at the south edge of Abernethy. For once it was a dry night which was just as well for the scout who had left his water proof jacket at Glenfarg hall car park. The cubs and scouts chatted excitedly, shining their head torches in each other's faces as they made their way along the track to Craighden to cross the road for the castle law track.

We stopped for a rest at a viewpoint half way up the track, where the cubs and scouts dug into their packs for a snack. The glow of Perth lit up the sky but the city itself was hidden behind Craighend hill, over Abernethy, Dundee out to the east was visible along with the lights on The Law and Craigowl Hill. Along the Tay navigation lights blinked at us and we watched blue lights flashing along the A90 between Perth and Dundee.

Continuing up the boggy track we went past the junction without realising it

and ended up on the shoulder of the hill, in woodland below the summit of Castle Law. The undergrowth showed no sign of tracks so we turned back down the hill to find the track we missed which wound its way up to the summit.

Sitting on the summit of Castle Law, near the old fort, the cubs and scouts had more snacks and drinks before building stone cairns. From the summit we could see up the Earn valley and watched a train heading into Perth.



The track down through the trees was initially steep but the going got a lot easier back on the main track. We crossed the Abernethy glen road and dropped down to the track beside the burn crossing it at the Dell of Abernethy. It was very dark and noisy on the bridge.

Heading down the witches' track we found somewhere a bit quieter to invest Annabel into the scout troop, before continuing back to the Abernethy round tower.

To use up a bit more energy we headed along the main road to the railway bridge before turning down onto a track beside the railway to walk back to the scout hall.

There the cubs and scouts had supper before eventually falling asleep in the wee small hours.

Stewart and Maureen Taylor

When Stewart and Maureen Taylor took over the Glenfarg garage in August 1994 it was little more than an empty shell. Since then it has grown to the highly successful and proficient resource in Glenfarg that it is today.



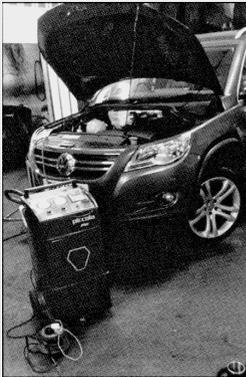
Stewart decided it was time to retire and has handed over the business to his son Scott. I spoke to Maureen who told me that Stewart is presently working on a building project at their home in Saucher. He obviously wants to remain active.

Scott has worked and learned at the hands of the master, his father and I have no doubt that he will keep up the family tradition.

I have had not only excellent service but also useful advice from Stewart in the past and I speak for many in Glenfarg in wishing him and his wife Maureen a happy retirement.

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It's OK Not To Like Dogs

A friend of mine at work confided that she gets terrified if she encounters a dog when walking through her local park. I know others who simply don't like dogs, especially those dogs that force their enthusiastic affection on you. We have an ever increasing number of dogs in the Glenfarg area; for me that is heaven but I was reminded recently, when my dog was seriously attacked by a dog in Glenfarg, that humans don't always control their dogs as well as they should. If you are not a great fan of dogs but understand that we live in a community where compromise is the answer, I want to offer you ways to minimise unwanted affection and maximise your sense of safety.



Ditch the idea that you have to say hello to a friend's dog. Many will thank you for not making eye contact, smiling and speaking to their dog (you've just invited the dog to jump up on you), allowing them to keep their dog calm.

Never stroke a dog on lead unless they have had time to consider their choices and come to you. A dog on lead is trapped. If you surprise them or approach them they may have no choice but to use aggression to make you back off. They only want to create distance. The same goes for dogs in cars, you'll be mad to put your hand in to say hello, how will they make that hand go away if they don't want it? They are entitled to protect their personal space, just like you would if a stranger got handsy with you.

Interpret what you see. A dog with a stiff body, staring at you or your dog, with head low and tail high is one you hope the owner interrupts pretty soon. However, if the body is fluid and relaxed you are safe. Dogs with waggy tails are not always happy, again it is whether the tail is wagged high and stiffly, or mid-way and relaxed.

Fold your arms. Speak the dog's language – body language. Folding arms and turning your head away from the dog, avoiding eye contact, tells them you don't want to interact. This tip is hugely successful at deflecting their attention from you.

Stand totally still if needed. Dogs can't see things that are perfectly still (that's why they stop and crouch sometimes, to make themselves unnoticeable while choosing whether to interact). Being up wind helps too. Yet fast moving things become very clear to dogs so don't be surprised if they want to join in if you run (running and squealing even better).

Trust that dogs off lead are safe. There's a lot of very decent dog owners in our villages who never let a dog who has injured off the lead (and sometimes muzzled) until they are completely rehabilitated. A decent owner will also not let their dog run up to yours if it's on a lead (I need to remind my own about that one), if you get a scallywag bothering your dog on lead, keep walking, its more stressful for your dog if you stop. My dog is only trying to get a laugh when she walks right in front of someone charging on minding their own business, but it's downright annoying so I need to stop being so relaxed and address it. Wallace Park should forever be a place where dogs can be off lead to learn manners and respond instantly when they're called (99% of the time. No dog or owner is perfect). You are right to expect dogs off lead to be under control and if not, there to be an authority who will do it instead.

If you or your dog are unlucky enough to be injured (or have reasonable and justified fear that you will be, as you don't need to be injured to prosecute) both the Police and Dog Warden (Animal Welfare Officer) have a duty to act. Don't let them tell you otherwise or their reluctance to put you off. The AWO deals with injury to dogs, the Police both but usually just humans.

I hope I haven't spooked all you dog owners too much. We do have a responsibility to help our dogs fit in with the community and be socially acceptable, there are great trainers around using modern methods who are worthy of your investment. If we dog lovers refresh our dogs' manners in order to enjoy the freedom of our communal areas safely I hope you will now feel better informed to keep yourself feeling safer in the company of our beloved dogs.



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On The Piste

Scotland's 5 ski resorts (Cairngorm, Nevis, Glenshee, Glencoe and the Lecht) have a total of 66 lifts giving access to 141 pistes. At the time of writing (Wednesday 5th February 2020), 8 lifts were open giving access to approx. 12 pistes! The current season looked promising at the start with the 5 resorts opening about 60 runs between them for a few weeks but since then the mild and wet weather has put paid to the snow cover and although there is some on the hills at present it is not nearly sufficient to allow the resorts to open enough lifts to attract skiers in numbers.



Even if the weather changes enough to bring a reasonable depth of snow for the remainder of the season it is likely to be a poor season in terms of skier days, a day being regarded as one person skiing or snow-boarding a whole day. The 2017/18 season, when the 'Beast from the East' provided amazing snow cover, was a very busy one with 247,139 skier days recorded in the mountains. Ironically 3 of the centres had invested heavily in snow making equipment the previous year following poor snow in the 2016/17 season when only around 50,000 ski days were recorded but this paid off to some extent in 2018/19 which was a poor snow year. If this season continues with poor snow cover then it will

surely have a significant impact on the economy generated by the resorts. A report called 'Game Changer: how climate change is impacting sports in the UK', estimated that there were an estimated 1.1 million recreational skiers and snowboarders in the UK and that the Scottish ski industry adds ~£700m to the UK economy per year and supports more than 20,000 jobs.



All this is a far cry from the 1960's and 70's when Scottish skiing was booming with good snow cover almost every year. Ski Instructors from France, Austria, Switzerland and other European ski centres were coming over to Scotland to work for the Ski season. It's hard to imagine that situation ever returning.

I came to skiing late in life but given the right conditions (plenty of snow, no wind or fog and clear access road!) I would be up to Glenshee as often as I could. I've skied in France and Switzerland and although the ski areas are massive compared with ours, on a fine winters day the skiing in Scotland is as good as it gets.

Faced with uncertain futures due to the unpredictable snow cover, the resorts themselves have tried hard to diversify. Nevis, for instance, has become a major mountain biking center, hosting the UCI downhill world cup which is televised across the world and brings in huge visitor numbers.

Cairngorm also saw the writing on the wall some years ago and invested heavily in building a funicular railway to take people up the mountain all year round and



up to the 'Ptarmigan Restaurant', the highest restaurant in the UK. The Ptarmigan offers great panoramic views down to Loch Morlich and across to Ben Nevis and Ben Hope. But don't build your hopes up for a visit anytime soon unless you're up for walking! In 2018 problems were found with the structure of the track and the funicular, built at a cost of £26m and opened in 2001, and which carried over 200,000 visitors each year was closed and is likely to remain closed until late summer to allow repairs to be carried out. The story of the ownership of the railway and the mountain would in itself make a good 'whodunit' with assets changing hands, large sums of money spent, a major construction fault, companies going into liquidation and an undercurrent of local opposition and frustration. Currently the mountain and the railway are owned by Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and they are now working with stakeholders on developing a 'master plan' for the resort.

Unfortunately, however, it is not possible, as far as I know, to develop a master plan for the weather, although a new study has predicted that dry, hot summers – similar to the one experienced in 2018 – are expected to become the norm and the country should prepare accordingly. I haven't been able to find out if winters are predicted to continue to be unpredictable but if so, then I and the other 1.1 million skiers will continue to remain 'piste' off!



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Cinderella Comes To Glenfarg

The 17th and 18th of January saw the triumphant return of Pantomime to Glenfarg (The last time being in 1990!)

Cinderella played to a packed hall on both evenings, directed by Emma Mackie and ably assisted by Jack Simpson with choreography, hair and make up.

The cast gave an amazing performance with the undisputed star of the show being 10 year old Otilie Price as Cinderella.



A grand total of £2,100 pounds was raised for our new community centre.

The folk at Glenfarg Arts Project would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention to the following...

Lighting - Matthew Gorrie

Music – Dave Watt & Jim Ashton

Stage Management – Georgina Coleman & Margaret Ponton

Costume – Heather McConnell, Doreen Ashton and Carole Gorrie

Props – Isla Craig

Scenes and sets – Gillian Forbes, Ineke Watt, Charlie Thorburn, Bryan Craig.

Back stage - Oliver Roe & Sarah Whyte

Poster – Ineke Watt

Programme – Rachel Houston.

All the hair and makeup helpers.

Without you guys, it never would have happened!

A special thank you to Glenfarg Garage for all their help.

Emma is in the process of forming a local amateur musical society. If you would like to get involved, either front or back stage and are aged 15 years or over, please get in touch at 01577 830067 emmaloumackie@gmail.com











News from Friends of Wallace Park

The Friends of Wallace Park Committee (that's us) hope that all the Friends of Wallace Park (that's you) are looking forward to a busy year of activity in the park.



The good news is that a couple of our funding application have been successful including a big donation of £40K from EB Scotland Ltd towards the extension of the perimeter path. There is still a fair way to go before we are able to fund all the planned developments but it's a very encouraging start. If you have any ideas about possible sources of funding please let us know.

The Woodland trust have kindly donated some trees for the park. The 'wild harvest' trees have been selected to support our local wildlife

and will include hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, elder, and rowan. We are going to need lots of volunteers (young and not so young) on March 28th to help plant the small saplings. More details nearer the day will be posted on the Grapevine page.

Everyone will have seen that Perth and Kinross Council have been upgrading the play area which is part of their scheduled park programme of maintenance and upgrading. We have

also persuaded them to include in this a set of steps beside the large slide.



We hope that we will have a couple of fun day events in the park during 2020. If you have any ideas about what you would like please contact one of the committee or come along to one of our meetings.

Finally we are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the park at some point during the year.

Glenfarg Folk Club



SING AROUND

Monday 2ND MARCH

ALL £3.00

"Mad as a March hare "- one of the signs of spring is the sight of hares leaping in the fields. Let's spring into songs about animals for our theme this week, if you wish to.

EDDIE WALKER

Monday 9TH MARCH

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Welcome back to Eddie and our first blues, hillbilly country and folk mix of the year. Eddie draws his music from many varied influences in the music world and plays a mean guitar, ensuring an excellent evening of entertainment for his audience.

OPEN MIC

Monday 16TH MARCH

ALL £3.00

An invitation and opportunity for you to take to the stage and perform your talents using the club PA system, within the comfort of friends and a supportive, appreciative audience.

BECKY MILLS & RUTH ANGELL

Monday 23RD MARCH

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Ruth, from Derbyshire, is a stunning violin/fiddle player, who found her voice on the folk scene and has joined with Becky, from Yorkshire, to bring us musical storytelling, emotive music and amazing harmonies

BrÒg

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Piper Gary West, Greg Borland on fiddle and Sandy Brechin on accordion. Three of Scotland's finest musicians come together as BrÒg with a multitude of instruments to perform a wealth of tunes and songs from the Scots tradition.

At singarounds, themes are chosen just for a bit of fun. It is not compulsory, however, to sing 'on theme'. You're most welcome to sing anything of your choosing.

42nd FOLK FEAST 3-5TH APRIL 2020

GUESTS:

Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies, Rallion, Hannah Rarity duo, Christine Bovill, Harp & a Monkey, Celine Donoghue / Neil Sturgeon and the new Friday night Gathering.

SINGAROUND POST FEAST

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

ALL £3.00

No theme tonight – anything goes! A chance to sing your competition song again or share your memories of the Feast Weekend or just sing your favourite songs. Listeners are as important as singers!

DOUBLE HEADER NIGHT

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

RACHEL CROFT/ IAN SIMPKINS

Members£8; Non-members£10

Rachel is a singer, songwriter, guitar player and self-taught illustrator from York whose music is described as dreamy, atmospheric with mystical blends, contemporary with a touch of Celtic folk, combined with an excellent singing voice.

Ian is a singer & guitarist from Perthshire who brings an observational take to his music style, mixing Americana & contemporary folk songs with his original material and distinctive guitar style.

FIL CAMPBELL & TOM MCFARLAND

MONDAY 20TH ARIL

Members£8; Non-members£10

A welcome back to Fil and Tom. A night at one of their concerts will send you home with a smile on your face, having sung your heart out for the evening and laughed at the ridiculous stories they pick up along the road, while their sensitive take on life around us will have you thinking.

DUNCAN McCRONE BAND

MONDAY 27TH APRIL

Members£8; Non-members£10

The live set of the Duncan McCrone Band is an eclectic mix of traditional music, carefully chosen covers and their own work, giving a great evening of songs, storytelling and audience participation

Are You Fond of Fondant?

How to work with this essential cake-decorating ingredient

The first time that I tackled the decoration of a ‘fancy’ cake was on the occasion of my Mum’s 70th birthday in 2008. As a few of you may know, my cake decorating journey began in June that year when I picked up a second-hand book at the Glenfarg Gala entitled ‘Quick & Easy Novelty Cakes’. One of the featured designs was a cake that looked like a bouquet of roses, complete with cellophane and satin ribbon. It looked amazing and I challenged myself to make this for Mum’s special birthday the following month, reassured by the detailed step-by-step instructions complete with photos.

I had never used fondant icing before and knew nothing about it. I’m not surprised, thinking back to the morning of the birthday party, that I was still finishing off the cake half an hour before we were due to leave, still not changed or ready for the party and struggling to pull together the finished cake. ‘Quick & Easy’ was not how I’d describe my first experience with fondant icing!

Since then, I’ve gained much more experience, studied (and bought) loads more books, attended courses, and watched loads of YouTube videos. I’m no longer nervous about working with fondant icing – I’m now fond of fondant - and I’m happy to share some tips with those of you who are keen to experiment with some cake decorating ideas.

What is fondant icing?

It’s a soft, kneadable icing that can be rolled out flat. It can be used to cover cakes, as well as making figures like animals and people, and some types of sugar flowers. Fondant icing is made of icing sugar, egg white (or dried egg white powder) and liquid glucose.

Where can you buy fondant icing?

I’ve never made it from scratch. Sometimes I use own-brand icing from supermarkets like Asda, Morrisons or Tesco, all of which are perfectly acceptable. There is a fairly broad range of colours available. A popular cake decorating brand, Renshaws, is available from Lakeland. Their coloured icing, in particular is often a better quality than the cheaper makes.

For wedding cakes, particularly if you want a really bright white colour of icing that's less likely to crack, you can buy a number of more expensive brands. The one I use is Culpitts Brilliant White. Another that's popular with professional cake decorators is more expensive again, Saracino, it provides in a super smooth finish and doesn't tear which can be particularly useful when covering very tall cake tiers. You can also roll it out slightly thinner than other makes so it does go a bit further.

How do you get it ready to roll out?

Once it's out of the packet, you need to spend time kneading it until it becomes softer and really flexible, which can take several minutes. In cold weather, this can take a bit longer, and in summer, can take very little time!

Before you roll it out, you want to sprinkle icing sugar onto your work surface or board. As an alternative you can use cornflour. Be careful not to knead too much icing sugar into the fondant icing as this can make it dry out and be more susceptible to tearing. As it dries out quite quickly once exposed to air, pop any that you're not currently working with in a sealed plastic bag.

Can you use fondant icing to make little figures, animals, flowers etc?

It's great for making little figures of people, cats, dogs etc. You can either stick all the component parts together by brushing on some cooled boiled water or edible glue. Although you can make some basic flowers with fondant icing, in particular by using cutters, it's not ideal for making 3D flowers like roses, carnations, lilies etc. There's a different type of icing called flower paste (or petal paste) that's much better for finer, more life-like flowers. It's available from Lakeland and Celebration Station in Perth and comes in several colours. It's more expensive than fondant icing. To make a cheaper version of flower paste, you can add a powder called tylose into fondant icing by kneading it in. Leave it for around half an hour before working with it and it will give you a stronger icing that can be rolled out quite thinly without tearing, to give better results for modelling and flower making.



How do you make the exact colour of icing that you need

It can work out quite expensive to buy pre-coloured icing. However, lighter colours can also be made by colouring white fondant icing (or flower paste) with gel or paste colours. You can also create new colours of fondant icing by kneading two or more existing colours together e.g. for a lighter blue, add some white fondant to blue fondant or knead yellow and blue together to create green. However, for dark colours it's always better to buy pre-coloured icing rather than adding lots of colouring to white fondant.

The most expensive coloured icing I've ever bought was to match the colour of a bridesmaid's dress. It was something between jade and forest green and proved impossible for me to mix myself. I sent off the fabric sample to an 'artisan' icing maker called Beau, and they created the perfect icing to match.

How can I find out more about working with icing and cake decorating skills in general?

I'm always happy to share cake knowledge and later this year I am hoping to run some demonstrations (which I didn't get round to last year, apologies) so watch the Grapevine for news on that front. If you are interested in one-to-one tuition, drop me an email at info@leighsmithcakes.co.uk or call me at 07814 239142.



I also recommend that you search for videos of specific cake decorating topics on YouTube. Do you want to know how to make a puppy dog? There will be loads of videos for you to watch free of charge.

For more formal cake tuition, at your own pace, check out Paul Bradford's cake tuition website at www.cakeflix.com. He offers a subscription service that gives you access to hundreds of online tutorials from beginners to advanced level, on a host of cake decorating and baking topics. I attended a number of Paul's courses in Scotland, before he set up his school in Spain, and he is a brilliant teacher.

Good luck with your cake decorating journey!



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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING

Monday 6th January 2020 Glenfarg Village Community Hall

PRESENT: CCllr Ponton (Chair), CCllr Fraser, CCllr Duncan,
CCllr Warder, CCllr
Pilmer, Minutes G. Christie.

Also present: PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Purves

APOLOGIES: PKC Cllr Barnacle, PKC Cllr Watters, Cllr
Horsman

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed CCllr
Pilmer;
Seconded CCllr Duncan.

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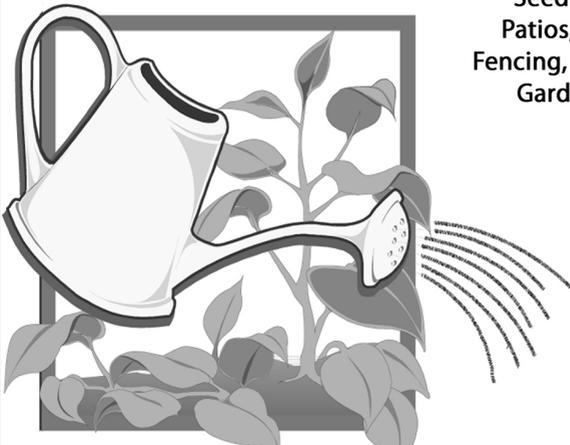
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2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

(i) Dave Arnold Purchase of Santa Outfit

Discussion took place on any organisation within the community who could use and keep the Santa outfit. It was agreed that because there is so much activity at the hall at present that this outfit would be best left in the meantime in CCllr Horsman's possession.

(ii) Police Community Bus

CCllr Pilmer had written to Police Scotland and also to the Primary School (Mrs Miller) with a view to progressing this. To date no response has been received from Police Scotland. CCllr Pilmer will send a reminder. Concerns were expressed regarding recent vandalism at the school. *CCllr Pilmer*

(iii) Road Sweeping / Drainage

PKC Cllr Robertson advised that this is carried out every two weeks on a Wednesday. This has proved difficult for the council workers due to parked cars causing blockages. It was suggested that an item be raised in the Grapevine with dates and asking for roads to be kept as clear as possible to allow these works to be carried out.

CCllr Warder



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(iv) Lomond Building Site

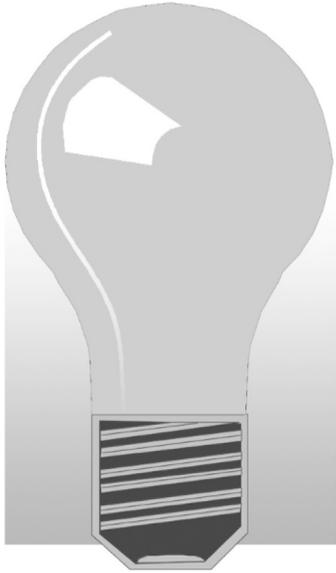
Correspondence received from David Craigie (Director). He will ensure that action is taken to clear pavements of all building debris / mud, He will write to all contractors regarding the parking situation. An invitation has been extended to the committee to visit the building site. This was considered positive with a view to producing a small article in the newsletter as this is the largest building to be built in Glenfarg for over 150 years.

CCllr Pilmer

(v) Crash Barriers

PKC Cllr Robertson advised that the budget was spent for this financial year, however, provision for erection of barriers between the viaduct and Bein Inn had been factored into next year's budget. CCllr Ponton requested that PKC look at the non-slip surface outside Binn Group entrance as this had now become worn and cars were slipping on this surface.

Cllr Robertson



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(vi) Telephone Box

This has been handed over and is now in full use. There is a small dehumidifier in place. There is now an Information Sheet displayed however, this does require to be updated.

(vii) Grapevine Email Service

CCLlr Warder has tested this and it is all working correctly. Any Emails will be placed on the notice board. The relevant personnel have keys for the notice board.

(viii) Grapevine Facebook

This site has now re-opened with new administrators in place.

(ix) Festive Lighting

Currently festive lighting is to the North of the village. There are seven poles to the South of the village identified to attach further lighting to. It is thought that all the poles are PKC owned. A list of these pole numbers is to be sent to PKC to apply for lighting to be attached.

CCLlr Fraser

(x) A complaint has been received from residents of Greenbank Crescent regarding neighbouring residents' waste and antisocial

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behaviour. As this is an ongoing issue PKC Cllr Robertson will take this back to the council particularly as the type of waste in question could pose a danger to local children.

Cllr Robertson

3. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Duncan reported on the notified Applications:
Domestic extension at 1 East Blair Cottage

4. POLICE REPORT

No police officer was present. Cllr Pilmer read out the following report.

No serious crimes to report.

There was a report of vandalism at the school logged.

Investigations are ongoing. A discussion took place regarding installation of CCTV at the school. The school are following PKC Education policy regarding this.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

TREASURER REPORT 6th January 2019

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £526.09

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2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 12,328.99

This balance is made up as follows:

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 5 th November 2019	7,395.34	1,197.15	4,011.00
Income	140.00	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	164.50	250.00	Nil
	<u>7,370.84</u>	<u>947.15</u>	<u>4,011.00</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

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3. SCHOOL FUND £241

No Transactions

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £13,096.08 at 6th January 2019

6. AOCB:

Binn Wind Farm Community Turbine Project

CCLr Ponton gave an update. Four turbines have now been delivered to the Binn site - two for Greencat and two which could be taken into ownership by the communities of Abernethy, Bridge of Earn, Strathmiglo and Glenfarg. **There is to be a presentation on Sunday 12th Jan at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

There will be a PowerPoint presentation on the subject. Anyone with an interest in this topic is encouraged to attend. The project is being financed by Greencat so there is no financial risk to the community. It would appear all risks have been covered; however, this will be fully explained at the meeting. CCLr Ponton

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advised there would probably be no payback to the communities for 15 years but considerable payback after then. The community would need to ensure there is no risk further down the line with things such as decommissioning etc. Notification of the public meeting will be posted on the village's Grapevine Email and FB.

Wallace Park

Phase one of the redevelopment of Wallace Park starts this week. The planned works are upgrading of the children's play park area. As a result, Pedestrian access is restricted from Ash Grove and Elm Row to allow these works. There is a meeting with contractors where it is proposed to discuss restriction of access.

Resilience

CCllr Fraser gave an update on resilience matters:

Grit buckets now full

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Communication Between Various Groups

CCLr Warder raised the fact that there was very little communication between the various groups in the village. It was felt it would be beneficial if groups were to be represented at the CC meetings. An invitation is to be sent to the various group

CCLr Warder

AGM Community Hall

At the above meeting it was announced that phase 1 would be completed by Spring 2020

Transport Forum

CCLr Fraser will attend the next forum which shall take place in the next couple of weeks.

CCLr Fraser

Close of Meeting: 8.35pm.

The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020.

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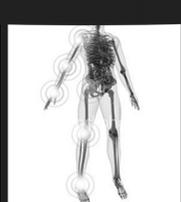


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Wallace Park car park for glass.

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March	Glenfarg	Green Lid	Fri	13	27	
		Blue Lid	Fri	6	20	
		Brown Lid	Thu	12	26	
	Duncreevie	Green Lid	Thu	12	26	
		Blue Lid	Thu	5	19	
		Brown Lid	Sat	14	28	
April	Glenfarg	Green Lid	Fri	10	24	
		Blue Lid	Fri	3	17	
		Brown Lid	Thu	9	23	
	Duncreevie	Green Lid	Thu	9	23	
		Blue Lid	Thu	2	16	30
		Brown Lid	Sat	11	25	
May	Glenfarg	Green Lid	Fri	8	22	
		Blue Lid	Fri	1	15	29
		Brown Lid	Thu	7	21	
	Duncreevie	Green Lid	Thu	7	21	
		Blue Lid	Thu	14	28	
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