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Editorial

Hi to all our readers from the new Editorial Team. You can read all about us on pages 49 and 51. We are glad that as a team this ensures the continuation of our much loved newsletter.

In this edition there is a good insight into activities at the primary school, including interaction with some of the GITs on outdoor projects. Catch up on the activities from Page 32 through to Page 37.

Included in this edition, on Page 12, we have an interesting article on the Community Centre, providing an update of the next steps. This is an exciting time for the village. Once immediate works are completed, the committee hope that you can come along and lend a hand to decorate and sand floors to prepare this important hub for everyone's use.

Now that COVID restrictions are starting to lift, it's good to see groups coming together again. We have some great input from the Glenfarg Runners (Page 16), The Community Cinema (Page 24), Fitsteps and Ballroom (Page 20) and the return of the Coffee Mornings (Page 14).

We have an article on Page 38 from the committee of the proposed Village Inn, showing progress to date and also next planned steps. Hopefully in the next issue we can provide some further information on this topic.

Hope that you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, and please get in touch if you have any contributions for our next issue. Can we also ask all groups on the Contacts page to check that their details are up to date.

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A Village Hall for All

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	12.30am - 1.30pm	Pilates
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	7.30pm - 9pm 1st Monday every other month	CC Meeting
Tuesday	9.15am - 10.15am	Pilates
	5.45pm - 6.45pm	Beavers
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	Yoga
	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Badminton
	7.00pm - 11.00pm 1st Wednesday of month	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning
	2.00pm - 4.00pm 2nd Thursday Sept to May	SWI
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
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 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'



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Letter from the Manse

Dear Reader,

Like many people, bored and a bit '*cheesed-off*' by lockdown and the prolonged effects of a pandemic, I have discovered a new hobby. Santa was good enough to furnish me with a book about stargazing which was really a beginners guide to astronomy. I also received a planisphere, which is a circular, moveable image of the night sky – one which cleverly tells you what stars you can expect to see on any given evening. Not only that, I was lucky enough to find an astronomical expert right on my doorstep in the parish, who introduced me to the world of computer apps, telescopes of both eye-watering dimensions and monetary costs and fascinating facts. David Millar, just like his namesake David Bowie, is undoubtedly a first class 'Starman' – one who enjoys sharing his love of all things astronomical with a wide audience. I now know that the bright object in the night sky which I see to the right of Castle Law as I lie in bed, is in fact the star Sirius. Also known as the Dog Star, it is the brightest star in Earth's night sky. The name means "glowing" in Greek — a fitting description, as only a few planets, the full moon and the International Space Station outshine this dazzler.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvellous display of his craftsmanship. Day and night they keep on telling about God. Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world. (Book of Psalms)

In the Hebrew scriptures, the Psalms written around 1000BC, are

perhaps one of the more popular books not least because they combine beautiful poetry with profound theology. Traditionally, if we subscribe to the idea that they were written by (another) David then we might even harbour the attractive notion that (as a shepherd), he would be inspired to write this poetry whilst out tending to his sheep at night and looking up to the heavens. No problem with light pollution then. When I visited my parish Starman, he quoted something from the American astronomer Carl Sagan who once stated that *“there are more stars in our universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth”*. A mind-blowing fact, which is probably a conservative estimate. The sizes of the stars, the distances of planets and the prevalence of galaxies are too large for our small human minds to comprehend. And some modern theories of black holes suggest that the ‘rules’ by which we think time, space and light operate, will need to be eventually re-written.

Spring is a good time to do some star-spotting according to my expert, so why not take a look up there sometime soon on a clear night? If you do, you might want to consider that all that unmeasurable expanse of wonder is an indication of God’s glory and I defy even the most hardened of heart or cynical of mind not to be moved in the deepest part of their being. Those heavens at night, do indeed, keep saying something incredible about our God. And us.

With all good wishes.

Rev Stan (January 2022)



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For more information contact

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Community Centre

Hooray! At last, things seem to be returning to a new 'normal' and, in the centre of the village, the Hall is about to begin its integration with the Schoolhouse.

In early April, the builders begin putting new ceilings and fire doors into the Schoolhouse. The plans are to keep the traditional Victorian feel but modernise the facilities, with a café on ground level and rooms to rent upstairs. Work will take a few months after which volunteers will be needed to decorate, sand floors and get it ready for use. This flexible space will be the new hub of the community: a perfect venue for parties and weddings.

Currently, the Hall has many regular bookings: Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Dancing Classes, Pilates, Chair Yoga and The Kinross Pipe Band to name a few. We ask all hall users to bear with us as we make these changes. We'll try to keep disruption minimal and those affected by major electrical work have already been notified. We can't wait to have a Grand Opening and share that moment with you so WATCH THIS SPACE!

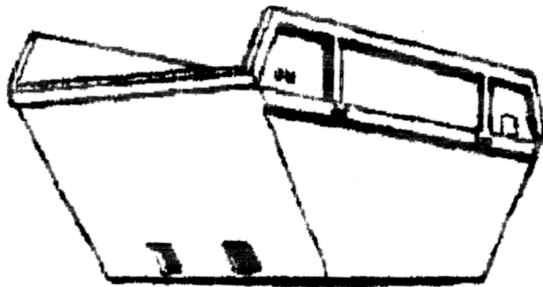
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Village Hall Coffee Morning

Tuesday 24th October 2017 was the launch of our Village Hall Coffee Morning. The idea was that a bunch of us would get together on Tuesday and Thursday morning to provide a space where people could meet and have a chat over coffee and home baking. It really took off and became an integral part of our community life.

After a break for Covid 19, the coffee morning is enthusiastically welcomed back by it's users, now being held on Thursday mornings from 10 am – 12 noon.

Although I'm no longer a member of the Hall Committee and as such have no say in the decision making process, I was one of the founding members and still think of the coffee mornings as my baby. We are a non-profit, volunteer organization with any monies made being put straight back into our community.



Here are a few reasons why you wouldn't want to come along...

“I don't know anyone.”

That's precisely the point! We are all completely lovely and you will be made to feel very welcome, you'll soon get to know everyone and by week 2 probably helping with the washing up.

“I’m still a bit nervous of being around people.”

All covid rules are strictly adhered to and in many cases surpassed, your safety and the safety of your family is of paramount importance to us.

“ I have my jar of Nescafe and my packet of Hobnobs, I’m all set.”

Aren’t you tired of feeling that your tongue has been Gaffer taped to the roof of your mouth by 5 pm after all that instant coffee? Wouldn’t you like a nice creamy latte and a slice of something delicious instead?

“I work from home.”

They must let you have a coffee break; you’re not working in a sweatshop! Plus, the walk there and back will help towards your daily steps.

Whatever your reasons for not joining us, I would urge you to give it a try, I promise you will not be disappointed.

Mark



Glenfarg Runners Need You!

For those of us fortunate enough to live in spectacular surroundings such as ours, the advantages became all too clear during the covid pandemic and subsequent lockdowns of the past two years. The number of people exercising outdoors increased significantly.

During the gradual relaxation of rules in 2021, a few of us got together to run once a week in Wallace Park Glenfarg. The aims were simple; to be outdoors, to meet with other people (albeit at a distance), to maintain or develop some fitness and to have some fun doing it. It was never (and so far, still isn't) the intention to establish a running club in the formal sense. There would be no membership or subscriptions and the running would always be organised for all abilities.

Over the past several months we have met regularly at 6.30pm each Wednesday at Wallace Park, rain or shine! We have run interval training in the park, short bursts of intense effort geared to improving speed, endurance and general fitness levels. We have also had more leisurely runs including some trail running in the surrounding area and the odd local handicap.

We have a mix of abilities and aspirations whether it is to simply enjoy running outdoors in company to keep fit or to train for an event or a faster time. We have a whatsapp group so people can also organise their own social or training runs at a time that suits. We are also planning to organise some of our own events and challenges over the summer, just for fun. Watch this space!





Although we are slowly growing, we are still a relatively small, though friendly group. We need new recruits to continue to make the running challenging for all abilities as well as good fun. Whether you are an experienced runner or new to running you will be made most welcome. So why not turn out some Wednesday evening and give it a try?

We meet by the tennis courts, Wallace Park, Glenfarg at 6.30pm each Wednesday. Whilst the dark nights are still with us bring a headtorch if you have one.

Friends of Wallace Park are delighted that the Glenfarg Runners are making good use of the new path. It has always been our aim to bring more facilities into the park, for the benefit of the community.

Watch out for the start of Phase 2 developments, which will see fitness stations and other facilities being built. At the time of going to press, funds are in place and Perth & Kinross Council are finalising the document to go out to tender. We will inform the community when work is about to start as there will be some temporary disruption.



In the meantime you should be seeing spring flowers appearing along the top path and down by the tennis courts - thanks to the volunteers who planted them.

Glenfarg S.W.I.

At our December meeting, two members, Lesley Murison and Andzia Scott, entertained us after our meal with a quiz, a game of “true or false” and songs. Competition results were as follows:

<u>Handcrafts - Knitted Angel</u>	<u>Homeskills - Festive Fruit Loaf</u>	<u>Flower of the Month</u>
1 Helen Clark	1 Alison Harrison	1 Alison Harrison
2 Lillias Johnston	2 Linda Martin	2 Linda Martin
3 Linda Martin	3 Margaret Scott	3 Margie Davidson

The meeting on the 13th January was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Evelyn Scobie who was to be our speaker in January agreed to come on February 10th. Evelyn was the organiser of the Federation walking group and brought some of her many slides of the lovely flowers she has seen on her walks in the countryside during lockdown.

Competition results.

<u>Photograph of Fun</u>	<u>Brandy Snaps</u>	<u>Pot plant</u>
1 Linda Martin	1 Linda Martin	1 Alison Harrison
2 Margaret Scott	2 Alison Harrison	2 Helen Quartermaine
3 Liz Yule	3 Liz Yule	3 Lillias Johnston

Dates for the future- Visitors welcome.

10th March-Presentation by Leighs Glass Shed.

14th April- Friends from Carnbo.

12th May- A.G.M. and 4 corners. A tasting tour of Europe

Glenfarg SWI meets in Glenfarg Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month between September and May, at 2pm till approximately 4pm.. Visitors are welcome. Come and hear some interesting speakers, make new friends; learn and share skills and if you like a challenge, members can enter the monthly competitions.



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I also teach wedding couples their first dance, which can be arranged privately. Socialising regularly has measurable benefits for self-esteem, and can lower stress-levels and BMI, so why not join us at the Village Hall, try some steps, get fit, meet friends and have fun? All ages and abilities welcome.

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Glenfarg & Duncrevie in Bloom

Yes Spring is just around the corner and, despite the fact that it's bitterly cold outside as I write this, the wee bulbs are poking their heads up and lots of snowdrops are already in flower. There have been many additional bulbs planted this year on South Verge and Wallace Park so hopefully, if the mice don't get them, there will be colour aplenty for us to enjoy.



GDIB have quite a few tasks about to get underway this year with the first hopefully the Glenfarg Green Pond clean up day. This is always weather dependant so fingers crossed we will have a mild March and get it done before the tadpoles arrive. This is always a popular, fun task with folk loving to get their wellies or waders on, so I hope you'll join us. Remember that not everyone has to get in the pond as there will be plenty of tasks on "dry land" too.

Also on our schedule of tasks is the improvement of the edging of the garden at Train Stop. This has long been an area causing issues with earth slippage onto the paved area and we are delighted to say that, thanks to funding from the Covid relief fund handled by the Community Council, we are now able to undertake this work.



In addition we are also making improvements to the wall adjacent to the wild flower area at the north end of Main Street. Carrying out much of this work will be the Drystone Walling Association with GDIB providing the materials. The “drystane dykers”, as I like to call them, are scheduled to do the job over 2 weekends at the end of March beginning April, again hopefully with good weather. Many of you will remember this group being involved when we restored the old Railway Wall along the South Verge.



Again I, and all at GDIB, thank you, our generous donors, for your continuing financial support. You have sustained us through hard times and ensured our endeavours, to make Glenfarg and Duncreevie as beautiful, colourful and maintained as possible, can continue.

Kate Armstrong

GLENFARG CINEMA



Glenfarg Community Cinema celebrates its 10th Birthday!

It began in 2012 over a cup of coffee. Jenny Holtbrook and I were talking about the Village Hall and how nice it would be to have some regular entertainment. We thought about music events, poetry readings, 'meet the author' nights – but finally decided on starting a community cinema.

A couple of weeks later, a group of people met in The Old Library. I had been in touch with an organization called Cinema For All and they had arranged for the Colinsburgh Cinema organizer to speak to us. Peter was very encouraging and, at the end of the night, 10 people each bought tickets for the February, March and April films without knowing if they would go ahead.

That £150 raised from the original group allowed us to go ahead with our first film, the remake of the John Wayne film "True Grit". It was a cold February night. We needed to turn off the hall's heaters as the light interfered with the screen. Half way through the film, the gunslinger, horse and little girl were struggling through a freezing snowstorm. It was so cold, we decided to stop the film and make the tea and coffee which had been planned for the end of the evening. This turned out to be so successful, turning it into a real social occasion, that we have kept it ever since.

The profits made from the first film allowed us to continue with the second, "Made in Dagenham" (based on the true events which led to equal pay legislation), and then The Third Man (a classic!). Since then we have shown a film every month from September to April including a variety of special occasions such as French nights, curry + film nights, silent movie evenings with Dave Watt at the piano.

In the early days we managed with borrowed equipment, which had to be collected from the last user and assembled from poles and sheets etc. What we needed was our own equipment.



It took us 3 years to raise the funds but now we have a fully wired-in system. This made great improvements – up-to-date equipment, no more dangerous wires snaking over the floor and a screen that appears at the touch of a button! The only problem yet to be solved was the poor acoustics.

Now the hall ceiling boasts acoustic panels, thanks to equal donations from the Community Cinema profits and the Community Centre funds. We all agree this has made an enormous difference to sound quality, but covid restrictions have meant we haven't been able to show off as we would have hoped.

In the next few months, we hope that this will change. At present we have restricted numbers and ask you to buy your tickets in advance from the shop or from ashton.doreen@yahoo.com. But soon we plan to open our doors wide and celebrate properly.

Janet Watson

Cinema Programme

11th March - *Gone Girl*

The film of the successful psychological thriller written by Gillian Flynn and featuring an outstanding performance by Rosamund Pike.

With his wife's disappearance having become the focus of an intense media circus, a man sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent.

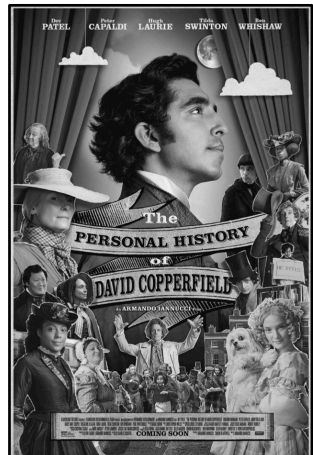


8th April - *The Personal History of David Copperfield*

The 2019 comedy-drama film written and directed by Armando Iannucci, based on the 1850 novel David Copperfield by Charles Dickens.

It has an amazing cast and gives Dickens a radical and amusing twist.

More details of all these films will be given on our Facebook page nearer the time so do look out for them.





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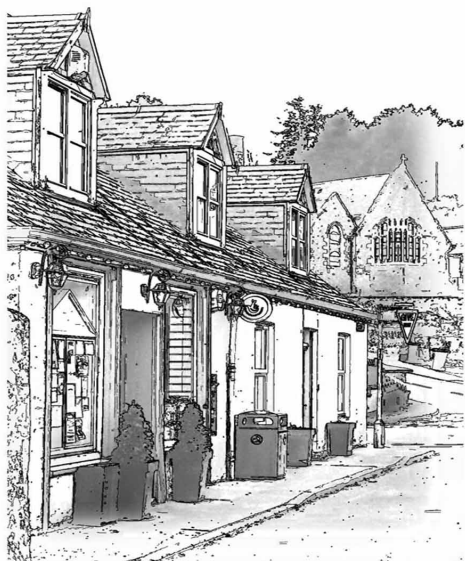
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The Catchup Queen

reviewer of local(ish) places to eat and drink

In January I visited a local Perth establishment for a lunchtime catchup, although it would also be great for breakfast, afternoon tea and everything in between.

Effie's of Perth

(proclaimed on their website as 'Perth's finest Victorian Tearoom')



Catching up over lunch after a spot of shopping in Perth is a favourite pastime. Even if it's only window shopping! Do you find, like me, that M & S varies between 'there's so much great stuff to choose from' (like the new Spring range) or 'there's nothing I like, it's all so dull'.

I recently decided to try somewhere I hadn't been before - I must have known that I was going to start reviewing eateries for this newsletter. Admittedly, Effie's may well be a big favourite with a number of you already but I was also thinking about Glenfarg residents who are new to the area and looking for places to try. And after 18 years in the village (I'm still an 'incomer') it was about time I went somewhere different instead of the usual two or three places, it's about time I spread my horizons wider than Costa.

I admit to having a wee peek at TripAdvisor before deciding where to book. The number of positive reviews about Effie's was astounding. Nothing negative to report at all from several minutes of browsing. This is most unheard of! Another excellent sign was their website – effiesofperth.co.uk - which is attractive, well written and laid out, and

informative, both in terms of the story of Effie's and the engaging descriptions in their menus.

On a Friday lunchtime, my lunch companion and I found that Effie's lived up to expectations based on those reviews and their website, starting with what felt like a genuinely warm Scottish welcome as soon as we arrived. We were offered a cosy table for two at the window (I love a window seat) and enjoyed the vintage-feeling interior with a wide variety of objects on display. Even if you are on your own, there is plenty to keep you occupied just by looking around. One time my friend was here she had actually ended up buying a clock that was on display.

One aspect that appealed to us about the lunch menu was that it catered for every level of appetite, big or small, you could either snack on sandwiches or a baked potato, for example, or go the whole hog and dive into a hearty plate of macaroni cheese or mince and tatties. This is very much a Scottish-based menu. The phrase 'When you're here, you're at home' appears on their website. I can remember so many of their dishes from Mum's cooking, growing up near the Pentland Hills outside Edinburgh.

We settled on a baked potato each. I was so tempted by the macaroni cheese but couldn't possibly justify a piece of cake after a main course and I was in the mood for a sweet treat. Mine came with coronation chicken – a favourite filling of mine and a fitting choice for this Platinum Jubilee year. It was served with a fresh salad with a tasty dressing. There was a good selection of cakes and other treats to choose from and I finished every morsel of mine, along with a very good cappuccino.

Well worth a visit, I'll be back. Check their website before you go for opening times etc and maybe book a table to be on the safe side. Another gem to add to my catchup options. (And somewhere I can enjoy a bacon roll next time I'm early for the hairdresser's along the road.)

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Arngask Primary School

Nursery

We like to upcycle as much as we can. We have an outdoor mud kitchen made from pallets and a music area with old pots, pans and spoons for instruments. Recently, we used milk cartons to make dinosaur skulls and used a wooden stump to create a small tree with bottle top leaves. These activities were so much fun that we decided to create artwork on a bigger scale.

Recently, we have been learning about lifecycles so we decided to create a caterpillar. We asked people to hand in their old bottle tops to the Glenfarg Village Store and so, once a week, we walked to collect the bottle tops. Once they had been cleaned and sorted into colours, we took turns hammering them onto an old pallet. This was great for our concentration and hand-eye coordination.





Our Very Hungry Caterpillar turned out much better than expected and he is pride of place in the nursery garden: his natural environment. But be warned, we have already started working on our next project which is not quite so friendly... A DRAGON!

Primary 1/2

We have been creative with the Kapla: experimenting with design, construction and demolition. Some of us built a high tower and tested its stability by taking it apart one brick at a time – from the middle!! It was a nerve-wracking experience for us all. Learning through play at its best.



Primary 2/3/4

As part of our Birds and Flight topic, we collected natural materials found within the playground to make beautiful bird art. What an abundance of creativity and enthusiasm



Primary 4/5

We were lucky to work alongside Eric, Bill and David from the GITs to plant new apple trees in our beautiful orchard which also boasts plum and hazel trees. We can't wait until the autumn when we will harvest the fruit to make pies, sauce, crumbles and other delicacies.



Primary 6/7

We have been learning to speak Mandarin with Miss Wang. To celebrate the Chinese New Year, we created these beautiful paper-cut Chinese lunar tigers. We said goodbye to the Ox and entered the Year of the Tiger on 1st February 2022.



We also held a Sportshall Athletics. A huge well done to everyone who competed! Our top 3 athletes from each year group received a certificate and a special mention goes to James Taylor who achieved a Bronze level!



GITs and The Orchard by Eric Hayward

Sadly, trees in the school orchard have always suffered from apple canker, a horrible fungal disease which attacks the bark and can eventually kill off branches. Although diseased wood can be cut out during winter pruning, young trees will struggle to survive and so we replaced four ailing trees with varieties that have natural resistance to apple canker. Of the chosen varieties, “Saturn” and “Greensleeves” were bred at the famous East Malling Research Station in Kent, “Katy” comes from the Balsgard Research Station in Sweden (where it is known as Katya) and “Orleans Reinette” is an old French variety first recorded in 1776.



Mrs Marshall and the Primary 4/5 pupils did the planting with GITs David Aird, Bill Chalmers and Eric Hayward keeping an eye on proceedings. To start, bonemeal was spread in the planting pits and the soil loosened to encourage root growth. With tree stakes in place, the pits were backfilled with soil and compost and the soil firmed down. Protective spiral wraps were wound around the stems and then the trees were secured to the stakes. Finally, labels were tied to the trees and, with all tools gathered in, the job was completed within the hour. The children did not go home as clean as they had left – always the sign of a good day!



Afterwards, as part of their homework, the children produced a leaflet about varieties of apple trees. These activities have increased their interest in, and ownership of, the orchard. The next aim is to put a gated fence around the orchard to keep out hungry bunnies and rogue footballs! A special thanks goes to Glenfarg Community Council and the RWE Lochelbank Community Fund for funding the purchase of the apple trees.



GLENFARG VILLAGE INN

When Covid impacted on all of us in March 2020, we were just about to launch the Community Share Issue, to raise the funds required to build a Glenfarg Village Inn. Everything was put on hold, including this initiative, and here we are almost 2 years later having to start again.

As we move forward and hopefully towards more normal time the GVI committee has got its mojo back and we are determined to deliver this project for the community.

The original site we had planned is no longer available, and following discussions with the Village Hall Trustees, we have agreed in principle to build the Glenfarg Village Inn in the grounds of the Old Schoolhouse adjacent to the Hall.

1. An Architect has been commissioned
2. Pre-planning application is in place
3. Share Issue Document has been updated
4. Established a professional team to manage the project
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6. Developed an appropriate legal structure to ensure full ownership and control by the community

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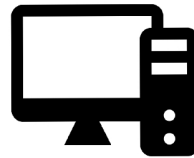
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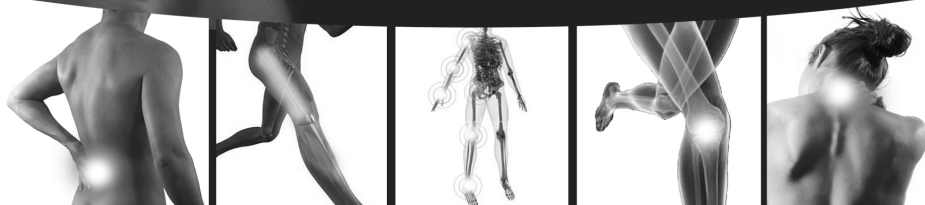
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Christine is our photographic expert - taking those colour photos you send us and making them look good in black and white.

Philip handles all the advertising queries, copy and invoicing.

But of course the most important part of the team is YOU! Without your contributions there would be no newsletter. So please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any thoughts, ideas, contributions.

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Geoff Christie

Hi, I'm Geoff. I moved to the village with my wife Sheila four and a half years ago. Since moving here I have been involved with GCC and deal with planning matters for Glenfarg, Duncrevie and surrounding areas. I am now working with Janet and the committee to produce the quarterly Newsletter. My day job is Property Technical Manager for Aviva covering a large portion of the UK.



Christine Morton



I have lived in Glenfarg since I got married in 1984 and have two sons and a 2 year old granddaughter. I am a twice retired clinical pharmacist. My first retiral was the second day of the first lockdown and returning to work for NHS Tayside was more interesting than being stuck at home. I enjoy hill walking, ski-mountaineering, cycling, stand up paddleboarding and gardening. I am currently the beaver leader. I like taking pictures, my camera is usually attached to my waist belt so I can record and then identify the varied flora and fauna I find.



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Philip Ponton

Originally from Hampshire we moved here over thirty years ago. A lifetime career in the farm machinery sector was the reason and why you may see me around the village on a classic red tractor. That is, when I'm not hiking up a hill or wild camping or in a bothy somewhere. Roles on several village committees as well as a UK wide Tractor Club make for a busy life.



Catriona Scott

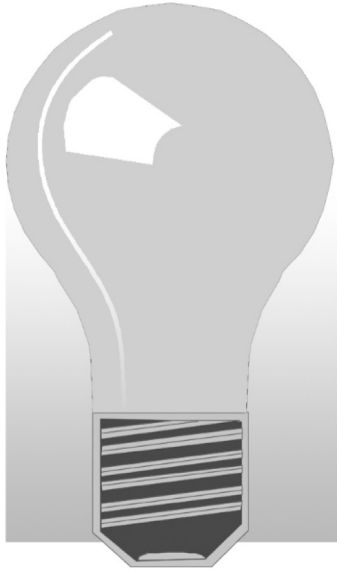


Catriona has a BA Honours in Scottish Literature from the University of Stirling and an “-ology” in the Scottish Highland Dancing Tradition from The School of Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Not only did she scoop the Grierson and Sloan Prizes for Scots poetry and song, she was also a Celtic Connections Danny winner and Tradition Bearer. Having worked as a ghost writer in Biblical Hebrew for three years in Little Rock, Arkansas, Catriona moved to Copperfields, with husband David and three children, during last winter’s snowy lockdown. She's living the dream in warm-hearted Glenfarg, spending her days tutoring university students and writing children’s books on Scottish traditions.

Janet Watson

Originally from London, I've been in Scotland for 47 years and in Glenfarg for 21 of them. At first I was working in Fife, assessing pupils with Additional Support Needs, but when I retired I wanted to become more involved with the life of the village. A spell as a Community Councillor has led to roles in various local organisations. For the past 7 years I have helped Robin to produce this newsletter, and now I am handing on that experience to the new team.





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Virtual meeting held by Zoom

Agenda

Welcome

GCC Vice Chair - Councillor Pilmer welcomed all attendees wishing them a Happy new Year.

Attendance

Councillor Pilmer, Councillor Horsman, Councillor Fraser, Councillor Christie, Councillor Macpherson, Councillor Murray, Councillor Macleod. PKC Councillors: C. Purves, R. Watters, W. Robertson and three members of the public. Councillor Ponton joined later.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

Councillor Pilmer stated *for the record* that the Minutes for the October Business Meeting had been approved and seconded by Councillor Ponton and Fraser respectively on the 31st October 2021.

3. Action Points

Roads & pavements

Councillor Fraser reported that overall matters relating to this topic have not been addressed completely. There is physical evidence that drain, gully and pavement requests have not been attended to and that it was a cause of concern. The areas relating to Main

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Street and Duncreevie Road are still in need of rectification work. It was noted too that persons participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme had been active in sweeping the pavement on Main Street. PKC Cllr Robertson is to progress the lack of rectification work matter directly with his contact in the Roads department of PKC Council. A member of the public raised a serious concern with respect to a broken Drain Cover on Main Street and that this was a potential trip hazard. PKC Cllr Roberston will progress this serious concern with immediate effect. Cllr Robertson stated that serious potholes on the south bound towards Cuthill Towers from Glenfarg had been repaired of Glenfarg. *Action CCllr Fraser, PKC Cllr Robertson.*

Transport survey

CCllr Fraser reported that the survey had had a good response and that he would publish a full account of the results once a local PKC Transport committee meeting has taken place on a yet to be decided date. *Action CCllr Fraser*

Notwithstanding the survey results, it was noted that public transport availability for evening and weekends is a concern amongst the younger population.

The topic of public transport was discussed further in relation to the link up of the 55 and 56 services to and from Cuthill Towers to Glenfarg/Kinross and further afield. A suggestion to alter timetables had been previously made however, this was not accepted by PKC Transport and that a link to Perth was served by the 55 to Kinross that permits connection to the X56

Community Speedwatch

CCllr Ponton reported that this topic was very much work in progress and that matters would/should be addressed at a next Kinross Communities Forum meeting.

6. Reports for virtual meetings

None to report presently

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7. Planning Report

CCllr Christie gave details about local planning matters as follows:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details
21/01182/AML	07/08/2021	Mason	Erection of dwelling house 70 mtrs South East of Deuglie Croft, Glenfarg
21/00705/FLL	21/04/2021	Green Cat Renewables Ltd	Installation of photovoltaic solar farm and ancillary works Land 150 Metres North East Of Binn Hill Transmitting Station Glenfarg
21/001631/IPL	18/10/2021	Blakie	Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle) at Land 50 Metres North West Of Drunzie Farmhouse, Drunzie, Glenfarg
21/01710/FLL	16/11/2021	Verstage	Alterations to dwellinghouse and installation of a flue at Arngask Home Farm
21/00929/LBC	16/11/2021	Beatson	Alterations (in part retrospect) Dairyman's House Newton Of Balcanquhal Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QD
21/01209/FLL	22/11/2021	Shand	Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle) Land 120 Metres NW Of Prinns Smithy Glenfarg
21/01922/FLL	18/12/2021	Watt	Erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design) at Bumble Brae, Newfargie, Glenfarg, PH2 9QT

A discussion took place about a future PKC Local Development Plan and if there should be new social housing allocated to Glenfarg to accommodate displaced persons – both from the UK and abroad. This will require to be addressed once the GCC is made aware of the LDP documentation sometime in 2022 or 2023. *Action CCllr Christie*

8. Police Report

CCllr Pilmer stated that no serious matters relating to Glenfarg had been reported. The Police reports had been stopped due to the COP26 taking place in Glasgow and had now resumed for 2022

9. Finance Report

CCllr Horsman stated the following:

TREASURER REPORT 10th January 2022

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Income	Nil	Nil	3 000
Expenditures/payments	253	244	700
	<u>4 141</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>2 300</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – £222.88 Danscott Printing £29.99 Newsletter
Computer Hardware

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – £244.32 War Memorial upkeep

Covid Recovery Fund:

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The two following items were moved from AOCB to Finance as follows: A member of the public raised a question in relation to a non-payment for a Covid Relief payment for and on behalf of GDIB for the sum of £500. This is to be investigated. *Action CCllr Horsman*

CCllr Pilmer stated that a microgrant application for the Mother & Toddler group to replace an outdoor storage shed and a Glenfarg Cinema application for Covid Relief payment for assistance with income for bills had both been successful.

10. AOCB

Pavement Gritting

CCllr Fraser gave an update on the volunteer numbers and pavement gritting machines that would be deployed should the winter weather affect the village pavements.

Glenfarg Allotment

CCllr Fraser stated that this matter was very much “Work in Progress” with PKC however, it is hoped that further information will be made available for the next GCC Business meeting.

Action CCllr Fraser

Binn Windfarm proposal

CCllr Ponton gave a brief outline of a proposed meeting through Foundation Scotland to establish a working committee comprising of four local Community Councils to discuss the “best way forward” for the distribution of Community Funding. The income for the Community Funding will comprise of deposited funds from the four wind turbines that are now operating at the Binn Group facility. CCllr Ponton asked any CCllr to step forward to join her and to assist with the initial meeting that will be held shortly (February 2022). CCllr Ponton will provide feedback in relation to the new working committee in February. *Action CCllr Ponton*



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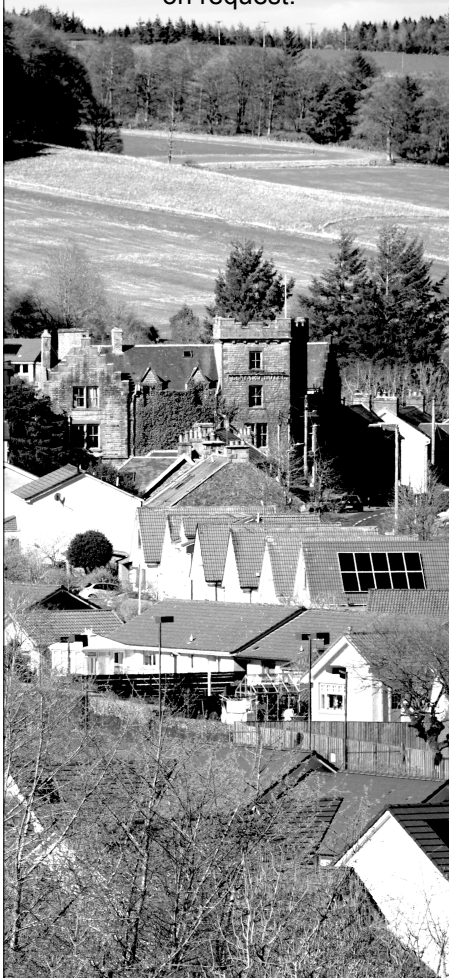
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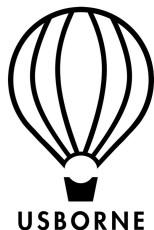
The matter was discussed amongst all persons at the meeting and it was agreed that a CCllr should have an informal discussion with the business owner. It was agreed further that no malice is cast in any direction however, safety needs to be addressed. *Action CCllr Murray*

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Date of next GCC meeting

Monday 7th March 2022 at 7:30pm. Details of a venue/virtual meeting including an Agenda to be confirmed and published nearer that date.

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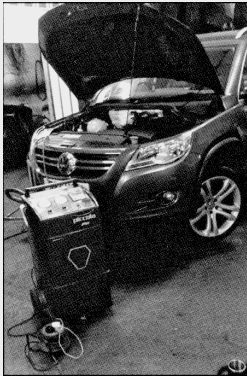
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