

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of the Newsletter.

Already we have had the first snow of the winter and our front cover photo, taken by Lindsey Spence, captures one of our well know landmarks beautifully.

Thank you to our regular newsletter contributors for their updates on local club and group activities. Thanks also to our columnists for some very interesting articles. Anyone wishing to add a one-off article or regular column please contact me.

We are aiming to produce a newsletter every quarter in the first weeks of March, June, September and December. We can't do this without input from the community so please keep them coming in. All contributions welcome, big or small.

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SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

Where has this year gone?

At our November meeting, Ruth Lewis gave us some good advice on how to look after our feet. Ruth worked as a podiatrist for the NHS for many years. We all left the meeting with some 'steps' we need to adopt when caring for our feet.

Our programme for 2026 starts on Thursday 8th January, new members and visitors are also welcome.

Forthcoming programme

- **8th January:** **Mhairi Lavender "The Knitter"**
- **12th February:** **Visiting Perth Museum**
- **12th March:** **Heritage Talk**

We meet at 2 pm in Glenfarg Village Hall for refreshments, cake and chat. You may never have tried the SWI, why not give it a go?

For more information contact Linda Martin: 07771 632830

Scout Cub and Beaver Update



Cub and Beaver Camp Craggan 2025

9 excited cubs and beavers chattered the whole hour they were on the community minibus travelling to Craggan Guide and Scout Campsite near Cultybraggan. We met a peloton of cyclists on the single-track road who were negotiating a farm vehicle and trailer.

The participants were divided into their teams, then tents for the weekend. The beavers had been practising tent pitching so had an idea of what they were doing, resulting in the tents being



pitched quickly and efficiently. Once their own tents were pitched, they helped pitch Suzanne and Catherine's tents (Vango force tents) which were a different design to the tents they had just pitched (Vango deltas).

The wasps came to join us for lunch. The beavers and cubs tolerated the wasps very well. Some participants were bothered far more than others. Initially we thought it was the ones who were eating jam or fruit but it soon became obvious that the wasps were not after sweet things. It seemed to be Eli's warm jacket that they were attracted to. After several wasps had landed on him the jacket was put on the ground a distance away and he was no longer bothered by wasps. Later in the camp Mac put on clean clothes and the wasps flocked to see him. It seems that there is something in some of the detergents or conditioners that the wasps were attracted to.

We explored the whole campsite after lunch. The wild beavers seem to have migrated from the site, the dam is in disrepair, and the burn is a burn again, not a beaver-made large area of water. We found some interesting prints in a muddy area and the campers were very disappointed that we didn't follow them to see if we could find a beaver (even though they are nocturnal animals). We did find tree stumps and trees the beavers had gnawed down which were closely inspected by the cubs and beavers. They were running their fingers over the pointed stump feeling all the grooves left by the beaver teeth.

After a couple of games, the participants planned an obstacle course which they then built. Each leader helped one tent group. Once all constructions were completed the participants tried out the obstacles before racing round them. The times were all very close and the winner by 2 seconds was not who we expected it to be.

Once the obstacle course was dismantled the cubs and beavers headed off to gather fire wood eager to demonstrate their fire lighting skills. Fire lighting was



not as easy as they expected and a puff of wind can blow the match out before you get it to the newspaper. Eventually both fires were lit and we were able to start cooking the evening meal.

We had a campfire where the cubs and beavers learnt some new songs and sang some old favourites before toasting marshmallows. It seemed as if every participant had brought a bag of marshmallows to share at campfire, these were handed to the leaders for safe keeping!

A simple wide game in the dark was set up for the participants while the marshmallows were toasted. The participants ran round the area near the

huts in the dark looking for glowsticks. As a result, the porch of each tent was colourfully lit up by the hanging glowsticks.

Theo had the fire going for breakfast before the beaver leaders were up



and about. He was very pleased with this achievement. His group cooked bacon, egg and beans for breakfast. After eating his bacon and egg Eli asked for his beans on toast. He thought that using an electric toaster would have been quicker than toasting over the embers. It was explained that there is no electricity on site and if he wanted toast it had to be done over the fire.

Fraser told us that he had seen a deer when he has been up to the toilet during the night. We were a bit sceptical about this but decided that his description of height, shape and running we decided that he had actually seen a roe deer sniffing one of the tents.

We started to strike camp as soon as we had washed up after breakfast. One observant young beaver looked up as he was tying the guylines on his tents and asked “did I feel a drop of rain?” He was correct and we managed to get the cub and beaver tents down before the rain started. The same could not be said for the canvas leader tents which got rather wet.

Suzanne and Catherine organised games for the cubs and beavers while the trailer was packed ready for departure.

The beaver leaders, Catherine and Suzanne, are just as keen as the beavers to go on another camp. Suzanne had camped at Craggan as a guide and the camp was a trip down memory lane for her with improvements. The introduction of the composting toilets, which

fascinated the beaver scouts, has improved the experience and made leaders lives easier when packing up.

Water Sports Afternoon at Longcraigs Scout Centre South Queensferry



I got wet and I saw a dolphin while I was on the rib. I'd never been in a kayak before.

I loved going in the speedboat because it was very fast.



It was AMAZING because we went kayaking and sailing and when we were sailing we saw a dolphin called Danny. He was right beside us when we were sailing.

World Scout Jamboree Selection Camp

The next World Scout Jamboree will take place from 30 July to 8 August 2027 in Gdańsk, Poland. All scouts in Perth and Kinross, Fife, Dundee and Angus were invited to apply for 30 places for the East of Scotland and 180 scouts did, including one from Glenfarg, to this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Jasmine enjoyed an action filled weekend crate staking, go karting, obstacle course, campfire, problem solving, KABOOM, Lego, talking about politics (boring), badge design, blind tent pitching. We were abandoned in a polytunnel for a couple of hours which was supposed to be an airport terminal with our flight cancelled, an insta post to promote scouting and a talent show. For the talent show Jasmine showed how she could balance spoons on her face.

Jasmine thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and was selected to represent East of Scotland Scouts at the 2027 World Jamboree where she will be one of half a million scouts aged 14 to 17 from 178 countries.

Bravely is the motto of Jamboree, inspiring courage, collaboration, and engagement. This motto holds particular significance in Poland, especially in Gdańsk, a city renowned for its association with the historic Solidarity movement. In Gdańsk, let's be inspired to make a change and take action for our environment!

Mills Observatory Dundee Visit

The scouts used EE55 to travel to the observatory in Dundee. It had been raining most of the day and the skies cleared as we arrived. The walk to the observatory was longer than we expected and we cut through the woods on a path to reduce the distance. There were lots of bats zooming around in the woodland and none of us had torches. Some of us were a bit breathless at the entrance to the building.

After climbing the stairs to the observatory telescope the astronomer opened the roof and let us see through the telescope. We then moved out onto the flat roof while the astronomer pointed out some of the constellations. He was busy explaining how the pole star changes and

where the next one was (for 50 years hence) when a fireball appeared out of the plough. It was impressive: “the coolest thing I’ve ever seen” commented one scout. The astronomer hoped it was one of Elon Musk’s satellites as there were far too many of them lighting up the sky making it impossible to see into deep space properly.

We had great views over the River Tay and out to the Sidlaws. We took the short cut through the woods again to return to the bus. Much harder going downhill in the dark with no lights than going up.

Izzy’s Fundraising For Poppy Scotland

The Poppy Scotland team came out to say thank you to Izzy who had been making crochet poppies and raised £70 selling them at school.

Izzy has been teaching herself crochet for the last year and when making something else with red wool, her mum suggested it could easily be a poppy. Izzy made a poppy and her mum gave her some money for it. Izzy asked if she crocheted more poppies could she sell them at school? Izzy’s teacher and the school also supported her in her endeavours and her great idea grew. Izzy crocheted 27 poppies and raised £72 for Poppy Scotland.



Izzy has always been curious about the poppy appeal even when she was very young. Her parents explained about the charity that supported ex-servicemen and also how her great grandparents served in WW2.

Glenfarg Curling Club



150th Anniversary Bonspiel

David Burgess

Glenfarg Curling Club celebrated its 150th anniversary this year with a celebration Bonspiel featuring teams from Abdie, Bishopshire, Kinross and Glenfarg Ladies. The event took place on Saturday 20th September with 4 rinks from Glenfarg taking on visiting teams. It was a fabulous event with the High Road being won by Bishopshire and the Low Road won by Kinross. The

wooden spoon was taken by the Glenfarg team skipped by the President Mike Dougal! It was an absolutely superb day with back-to-back games (with a little refreshment break) on perfect ice followed by a wonderful meal in the 9th End. The



trophies of the club were on display which accompanied the speech from our President which highlighted some of the history of our club. After the 100th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance in the Gartwhinzean Hotel in 1975, it was felt that the Bonspiel was a fitting tribute to celebrate the rich history of the club. A huge thank you to all our fellow curlers who joined us for the competition and the meal after and thanks to Angie and the team in the 9th End for the amazing food.

Purchase of Kinross Curling Rink

John Taylor

Kinross Curling Trust is delighted to announce that a deal was concluded on 30th October 2025 for the purchase of the curling rink at Kinross from Montgomery Hotels Ltd. This is a really exciting, good news story against a backdrop of other curling facilities in Scotland closing (Ayr), being brought back from the brink of closure (Moray) and under threat of closure (Dewars in Perth). Through the Trust, the curlers of Kinross now own the facility and, with a robust business plan in place, curling is secure for many years to come

The purchase has been funded through loans and donations from individual members of those clubs who curl at Kinross – a truly tremendous effort and measure of support. The deal secures the future of curling at Kinross, a high-quality facility with staff providing a warm welcome for curlers and non-curlers from the wider community both on the ice and in the excellent 9th End Cafe

Kinross Curling Trust entered into a 50-year lease agreement with the owners and took over the operation of the rink in 2013. The Trust successfully raised over £1 million to fund the very significant upgrade required, and this was completed over the summer of 2014. Since then, further developments have included an extension to increase the space upstairs, the installation of a lift to increase accessibility and the replacement of the viewing windows overlooking the ice pad with full height safety glass. All the loans taken out to cover this work have now been paid off and the Trust is debt free.

The future of curling in Kinross is now secure and so the Trust can finalise development plans for the coming years to align with the wishes of the curling community.

A Tribute To Calum: 15 years our postie!

Leigh Smith

Firstly, thanks to everyone who kindly donated to the collection for Calum Mcinroy, our local postie who had to retire recently on medical grounds. The Village Store agreed to host the collection but in fact they went even further, contacting as many people as they could to make sure that we gave Calum the best possible thank you present. The grand total of £500 was raised, a superb amount.

A great deal of subterfuge then took place between myself, Calum's daughter Beth and his wife Carla. Calum is looking forward to spending more time fishing, and has spoken in the past about spending time gaining knowledge from a ghillie, around the Dunkeld House beat specifically. After some research online, my husband and I set off for Blairgowrie to Kate Fleming's fishing supplies shop, a place Calum had visited previously. The first part of the gift was nailed with a £200 voucher, which will easily allow him to purchase a new lighter weight rod and line.

Next was the quest to find out about a one-to-one session with a ghillie. We came upon one called Gordon who takes people out on the Dunkeld House beat. And so, the other £300 went towards either a day's session in the low season, or a good part towards a day in the high season.

Our next decision was how to get the gifts to Calum, whom we knew to be an assuming, humble guy who would not enjoy being the centre of attention. Having got to know his wife, Carla, and daughter Beth in the past, we thought it would be nice to invite the family to ours for coffee and cake. It was kept a total surprise and Calum had no idea at all why he had arrived in Glenfarg on a Sunday afternoon.

We spent a lovely few hours, learning more about Calum's life. Calum's 33-year long Post Office career started off out of the blue when a friend who was already with the Post Office, mentioned that he could get him a job there. The day after the interview, he was a postie, with very little training to start him off. Eventually, he ended up doing his longest stint in

one place, delivering our mail in the Glenfarg and Duncreevie area for 15 years.

Calum reflected on how important he felt it was to engage with customers. He not only enjoyed chatting to customers but also he felt it was an important part of a postie's role, one that is sadly disappearing. He would even go as far as popping by a vulnerable elderly person's home on days when he had no post for them, to make sure they were OK.

Calum's love of fishing and his career in the Post Office were intertwined many years ago. He had represented Scotland in Post Office fishing competitions in the days when it was no problem getting time off work to travel and take part. All competition-related expenses were paid for by the Post Office, whose own sports association organised the competition. Changed days for sure, that just doesn't happen any more.

Calum's face was an absolute picture and he was rendered speechless when he opened the £200 gift voucher, and was even more gobsmacked to realise there was another £300 for his future outing with a ghillie.



Here's wishing Calum many happy days on the Tay!
The trout had better watch out.

Glenfarg & Duncreevie in Bloom



Another year in the life of GDIB and we are pleased to report that, with all the planters cleared out and some plants and bulbs planted for the Spring, we have now hung up our gardening tools for the season and are starting to think about plans for next year.

Overall, it was a successful year, although it is always a challenge to keep the village tidy and provide nice floral displays. Our only disaster was that the snails had a “wee party” in the planters on the South verge, invited all their friends and gobbled up all the first batch of Dahlias, so they had to be replaced.

New posts at Dupplin

As you know, the posts at Dupplin were damaged a couple of years ago and had to be removed in the interest of safety. We have not been able to display baskets since, and they have been missed. However, thanks to a very generous donation received from the Soup Monday Club we were able to buy the necessary materials to make new ones. Gone are the rotted wooden posts and rusty brackets and we are grateful to Ron McCaffrey who made and erected the five replacement posts for us which are now ready to put the baskets back up next Summer. We are looking forward to seeing our baskets in bloom again. We are indeed grateful to the Soup Monday Club for their generosity.



Green Tidy up (Second round - October 18th)

We are so lucky to have such willing people who turn out year after year (and twice this year) to help us to clear up the Green. They were prepared to roll up their sleeves and trouser legs and get stuck into the pond.



As well as our loyal team of volunteers from the community, we were joined by seven strong, willing (and very handsome) young men from Scottish Water who provided great support, especially with a lot of the heavy work. A big thanks to all of you for your hard work, we could not do it without you.

The pond was cleared of a lot of vegetation during the tidy up but there is still work to do. It really needs to be drained but, despite boundless efforts by two of our intrepid volunteers who donned waders and wet gear to find the drain plug, they were unable to locate it. We hope to be able to complete this task in the Spring.

A big shout out to the Binn Group who, for many years now, have been providing us with a skip for the event at no cost. A sincere thank you from us. Having the use of the skip is a great help and is very much appreciated.

The Question Mark feature at Glenfarg Viewpoint

This feature is located behind the wall on Duncrievie Road, alongside the pathway at the top of Wallace Park (behind Copperfields). Unfortunately, it has not had regular maintenance and has fallen into disrepair. However, Philip Ponton has cut back the overgrowth and cleared it up and we are now considering various options to replace the timber seat so that it can be used by all again to enjoy the view.



Wandering planter

If you travelled along the main street to Milnathort one day and thought you saw the three-tier planter at the bus stop on the **L/H** side of the road, but on the **R/H** side on the way back, do not worry. You didn't have one too many, nor did the planter sneak across the road on its own.

We moved it across as the position was not safe for parking our watering vehicle as visibility for oncoming traffic was impaired.



Crocuses and Narcissi

We had a little windfall a few weeks ago when we received 500 bulbs from PKC, as well as the use of a turf-cutter to plant them. Our thanks to Bob Buchan and Ron Thom who took on the task of planting them in the roundabout at Copperfields. It should look quite colourful in the Spring.



What we do

Apart from choosing plants and planning the Spring and Autumn planting, like every other committee, there are lots of tasks to be undertaken throughout the year. They require a variety of skills and bring a variety of people together, which make the tasks more interesting.

- General maintenance: We look after many of the general areas in the village, i.e. grass-cutting along the South verge as well as Ash

Grove, entrance to Duncreevie, pathways in the Green and Village Hall garden, etc.

- Plant and machinery maintenance: We have various pieces of plant and machinery, a ride on mower, Monty (our loyal Kawasaki 4 x 4 truck) and an array of gardening tools which require regular maintenance and repair and ensuring there is always sufficient fuel available.
- Watering: There are extra duties required during the summer months which are carried out by volunteers who are on our watering and grass-cutting rotas.
- Fundraising: We are always trying to think of new ideas to raise funds as we have recurring expenses, i.e. vehicle insurance and consumables.
- Meetings: Our AGM is usually held in May. We hold our committee meetings between May and September in the village hall so that we can monitor our activities and make future plans.

All the above tasks take time and effort, but there is an element of fun in everything we do (and sometimes even tea and cake). There is always time for a chat and it is an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know people as well as building comradeship with people with similar interests. We are always grateful for the help we get and really appreciate it when new people turn up to join us, but we are always looking for more help to spread the load.

You don't need to be an expert but, if you enjoy doing any aspect of gardening, or any of the above jobs, we would love it if you would join us in our efforts and help us to do what we do better. We would love to hear from you.

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Glenfarg Community Cinema

Mervyn Cooper



We're excited to kick off 2026 with another fantastic line-up of films, bringing drama, romance, and thought-provoking storytelling to our big screen. Here's what's coming up:

January 2026

Friday, January 9th, 7:30 PM: White Bird

A moving war drama that explores courage, compassion, and resilience in the face of unimaginable hardship. This powerful story reminds us of the enduring strength of hope even in the darkest times.



February 2026

Friday, February 13th, 7:30 PM:
Bridget Jones Mad About the Boy

Everyone's favourite romantic heroine returns in this witty and heartfelt comedy. Bridget navigates love, life, and motherhood with her trademark charm and humour, promising plenty of laughs and tender moments.



March 2026

Friday, March 13th, 6:30 PM: Food & Film Evening, Brooklyn

A beautifully told romantic drama about a young Irish woman who emigrates to New York in the 1950s. Torn between two countries and two loves, her journey captures the bittersweet pull of home and the courage to embrace new beginnings. This special evening begins with an Italian-inspired menu served before the film, perfectly complementing the story's themes of heritage and belonging.



April 2026

Friday, April 10th, 7:30 PM:
The Father

A deeply affecting psychological drama starring Anthony Hopkins as a man grappling with memory loss. This poignant film offers a powerful exploration of identity, family, and the shifting realities of dementia.

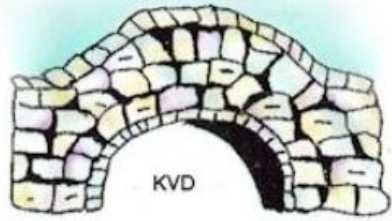


Tickets are available four weeks in advance from the village shop (cash only) and at the door on the night (cash or card). Tickets are £6 each.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers (KVD) have been delivering a vital service for some of the most vulnerable residents in our community for over 40 years.

By providing assisted transport to enable clients to attend mainly health appointments, we deliver a door-to-door service, with our volunteers always remaining with the client. KVD operate in the Kinross-shire area including Glenfarg and support clients in attending appointments throughout the NHS Network.



Bridging the Gap

To Book a Volunteer Driver and for more details of the charges that apply

Contact us on 01577 840196



Volunteering for KVD

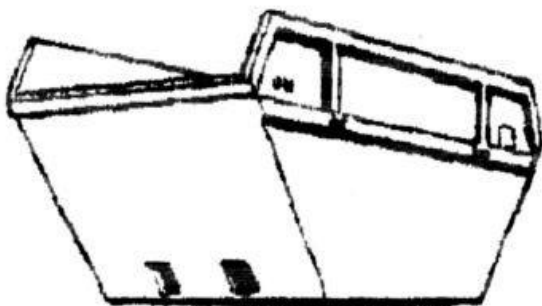
Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Why don't you consider volunteering for KVD. I have been a volunteer for over 10 years and I can honestly say it is one of the most rewarding things you can do to support those clients in our community.

Give me a call and I'll talk you through how it works

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Kinross and Ochil Walking Group

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www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil



24 of our members recently met up in Muckhart for a choice of a very gentle 2 mile walk or a more strenuous 4-mile walk, followed by a pub lunch at the Inn at Muckhart and our AGM. Among the items discussed was our weekend away in 2027! (The 2026 weekend in Coupar Angus is already well in hand).

Below are the details of our upcoming walks in December. For details of our walks in January and February please see our website www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil or contact the walks coordinator.

Tuesday Short Walks

Unless otherwise stated, these walks are usually about two hours long and a fairly gentle four miles. We often follow the walk with a visit to a cafe, farm-shop or pub for refreshments, but this is entirely optional.

Tuesday 2nd December, Coalsnaughton to Alloa via the Alloa Waggonway

Parking at Alloa, we will catch the 11:00 bus to Coalsnaughton. The route heads towards Gartmorn Dam and follows the route of the old waggonway on its way to Alloa docks. A leisurely 4 miles.

Tuesday 16th December, Muckhart Meander

Up the main street to Yetts of Muckhart, then on peaceful tracks and paths, past the pond and through the countryside. Some quiet road walking to the Golf Club, then back to the start. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to provide some early festive cheer!

For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact: Carol Wilkinson on 07375 058542.

Weekend Longer Walks

Weekend walks are a degree more challenging and of varied longer lengths. We advise bringing along a packed lunch and drink and that you have appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

Saturday 6th December, Christmas Lunch for Members

Details of the meal and venue will be available from Carol.

Saturday 20th December, Field and Forest at Blairadam

This route takes us through parkland and past fields from where there are excellent views before finishing on forest paths and tracks. A leisurely 6 miles.



For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for weekend walks or for general enquiries, please contact:

Carol Wilkinson on 07375 058542.

Glenfarg Wine Club

Steve Mee



At our meeting on the 27th of September, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Club. Our first meeting was on the 24th September 2000, with 12 people showing interest in the formation of the club whose aim was for people to learn all about wine, its types, its origins , New World against Old, etc etc .

At our next meeting, only 8 people attended, and I thought this was not going to work, but we persevered and now 25 years later we usually have 30 - 40 members attending, although we have over 80 listed on our Facebook page.

We decided at our Silver Anniversary meeting to “push the boat out” and sample good wines, and match them with food selected to match each wine. We had a record turnout of 46 members, and a wonderful informative evening was very much enjoyed.

We chose 6 wines matched with the appropriate food:

- A sparkling Rioja, paired with specially selected blue cheese
- A fantastic Greek wine with smoked salmon
- A white Rioja with charcuterie
- A wine from Ribera del Duero also with charcuterie
- A Shiraz from Australia paired with black pepper sausages from Wintons butchers in Milnathort.
- An appassimento wine with mature cheddar cheese from Wookey Hole in Cheddar

This was an evening for wine and cheese enthusiasts and was a huge success. If anyone would like to come along and have an evening with us, keep a lookout on the Club’s Facebook page, where details of future meetings are posted, or contact myself (Steve Mee) or David Aird.

Steve Mee and David Aird (stephenmee1949@gmail.com)

Brunch? Ooh, yes please!

The Catchup Queen

I think I first understood the merging together of 'breakfast' and 'lunch' to create the decadent meal that is brunch, long before there was any chance of me experiencing it. Growing up, my family experienced the daily breakfast, lunch, dinner routine that was standard Scottish tradition in those days. Somewhere along the line (probably from TV programmes) I had the impression that 'brunch' was more an American meal but it actually originated in late 19th century England, and became popular in the USA in the 1930's. Apparently, it has been a popular weekend meal in US, Canadian and UK military messes.

The 'decadent' association of brunch to me is simply the fact that you've had a longer lie in bed, at the weekend for most working people (and still so for some retirees) possibly after a misspent night with friends the night before, depending on your social life.

It's also the perfect time to indulge in Eggs Benedict (poached eggs and ham or bacon, served on a warmed muffin and enrobed in rich Hollandaise sauce) and all the



modern variations on that theme that you find nowadays.

We are spoiled in our area as there is such a good variety of places to indulge in 'brunch' (or you might just call it a 'late breakfast') any day of the week, at different prices and locations. Here's a selection of our favourites.

One we have tried in the last week is the newly refurbished **Powmill Milk Bar** now under new ownership. It's been an institution in the area for over 65 years. The new owners have given it a fresh new look, the comfy chairs in particular were much appreciated. It's very family and pet friendly, so it should appeal to a large audience. We had to take into account the huge draw this place has had in its first week of opening which meant that the place was packed out on a weekday morning, and some of the younger serving staff were struggling occasionally to get everything just right. In spite of the huge demand on the kitchen, the standard of the food when it eventually arrived was first class: hot (in the case of the roll and sausage), very tasty and exactly as we expected it to be. You can check out their menu at powmillmilkbar.co.uk

The avocado and poached eggs on toast that I enjoyed, which was accompanied by tomatoes, was so filling, largely on account of the very generous amount of avocado - it turns out that it's a firm favourite of one of the owners. We felt the price was reasonable, too, for what we had. We will definitely be returning for a late breakfast (even though they don't serve Eggs Benedict) and with the owners now committing extra time to staff training, as well as opening a takeaway service in a separate location in their car park, things can only be on the up again for this very popular place.

Our usual 'go to' in the past has been **Glendoick Garden Centre** on the road to Dundee. Over the years we have found this to be a great place to enjoy a lunchtime bowl of home-made soup and a sandwich. In the last few years, this has been added to our list of 'favourite brunch places'. In particular, their variations on Eggs Benedict are just delicious. It's a difficult choice sometimes between the luxurious and pricier 'Royale' which uses smoked salmon in place of bacon, the Highlander which uses haggis or vegetarian haggis, or the Balmoral with its rich black pudding. The Hollandaise sauce was not quite as thick as I like it but was still very tasty. I might get into trouble for saying this, but I've become accustomed to ordering a 'half Balmoral, half Highlander please' (see photo) which allows me to enjoy two choices in one brunch, there always being 2 muffin halves with 2 poached eggs in each of these 'Benedict'

variations. Like the Powmill Milk Bar, you do need to order your breakfast or brunch at Glendoick before 11.30 am. See glendoick.com for their full menu. There is a 'pet-friendly' area within the café.

Our third brunch option is one we usually enjoy when meeting up with friends from the Stirling area, or when we have friends who are staying with us for the weekend, who are visiting for a special occasion. If there's been a 'bit of a do' on the Saturday night, we will usually suggest going out for brunch late Sunday morning by which time we have tidied up the glasses from the night before and rediscovered our appetite. If you think this sounds like something that would appeal, then take yourself off to **Auchterarder to Café Kisa**, on the High Street almost opposite the Co-op behind which you'll hopefully find a parking space. And always book, especially at the weekend. They moved the café across the road several years ago, and the current venue is much brighter and more modern in look and feel to the previous one. They have a more private dining area for a larger group, as well as very comfy booths, and the standard tables and chairs. It does feel like a more expensive place to be, although their Eggs Benedict is a similar price to Glendoick's and their Eggs Royale is actually cheaper. What makes it our first choice for a Sunday brunch is that they extend their normal breakfast ordering time to 12.30 pm instead of 11.30 pm, ideal when you've had a late Saturday night. Dogs are only welcome in their outdoor seating area, so it might be best to leave them at home unless it's a nice day. Take a look at their menu at kisas.co.uk where you'll also find out about their café in Caulder's garden centre in Kinross as well as their restaurant 'Kisa's' next to the Concert Hall in Perth.

The three places I've recommended are also good for breakfasts, coffees, lunches etc. Particularly if you're new to the area, I hope you find these options useful to help you get out and about and trying local produce in friendly and comfortable places. This is only a small selection so have fun finding others on your own.

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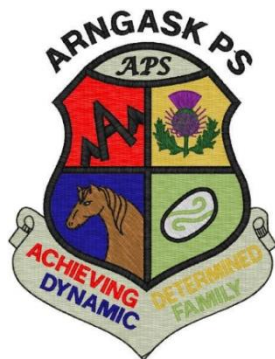


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Arngask Primary and Nursery

Nicola J R Marshall - Principal Teacher

As always, our school calendar is busy with lots of learning experiences across the curriculum as expected, but we also have visits from outside agencies to enhance our children's school experience.



We have had input from the NSPCC with their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign, football taster sessions for P1-3 from Live Active, P4-7 are learning Mandarin from Miss Wang organised by the Confucius Hub at KHS, getting P4-7 singing with input from P+K Music Service as a choir, Kinross Library visits, a Halloween party organised by our awesome Parent Council and some crafting lessons too.

P6/7 Earth Energy Education Workshop: We had Tanya, Kitty and Neil from BLC Energy educating the children on everything to do with energy:

renewables/non-renewables, fossil fuels, climate change and the impact these have on our planet. BLC Energy are working closely with the Binn Group on their solar farm project. Children took part in discussions, developing their



knowledge of renewable energy and climate change, learned how solar technology functions and explored the different stages and careers involved in developing solar farms. They also learned to recognise the benefits of renewable energy in tackling climate change. A very interesting, enjoyable and fact packed session!

P1/2 were looking at shape during Maths Week Scotland. They used colourful circles to create artwork inspired by the artist Kandinsky. They enjoyed researching about Kandinsky also.

P4/5- Since our orchard is very well looked after, firstly, by Eric and now by Bob, Maud, Andrew and Rory, we had a huge number of apples this year. Angus' parents very kindly gave us the use of their apple press, and



we had fun trying to make apple juice. Mrs Marshall found out she hasn't any muscles, but some juice was made.

The usual 'make something with apples' was given for homework, and there were lots of delicious

crumbles and pies made. The class worked hard to collect windfalls and learned the 'twist and pull' method for picking the apples too.

This term, P3 have enjoyed taking part in football taster sessions, getting active and trying out new skills. We also had a visit from the NSPCC as part of their Speak Out, Stay Safe. programme. The children learned about who can be a trusted adult both in and out of school and discussed who they could turn to if they ever feel worried, scared or unsafe.

Nursery have been making the most of the mild Autumn afternoons. They enjoyed crunching through the leaves, looking for fairy houses and crossing the troll bridge! They have also added fun packed, spontaneous learning all about worms, starting off the morning singing their wiggly woo song which led them to talking about worms, watching a short video full of facts and then got to crawl around the rug to see who could do the

best worm impression. Afterwards they took their learning up to the field and put to the test whether stomping on the ground would



Look out for Trolls!

bring up worms and it worked. In the afternoon they then filled their wormery up with mud and leaves and took it to the field where they did some more stomping to get some worms to add to it.

Some successes:

Olly, P6/7 winning the 'Slow Down' poster campaign with Police Scotland Kinross-shire, then coming 2nd overall across Scotland. His poster was made into a banner for display outside the school.

Cameron, P6/7, won the Renewable Energy poster competition for BLC Energy, which was displayed at the community event in the Village Hall.

Looking forward to our Enterprise Fayre on Friday 28th November from 2pm in the School Hall, everyone welcome!



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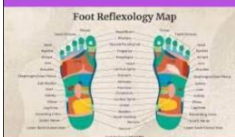
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Janet Watson – Greener Glenfarg

GLENFARG'S RED SQUIRRELS

After a summer concentrating on Glenfarg's biodiversity, in autumn we are still concerned about the threat to our red squirrel population from the greys. We therefore invited Hollie from the Eastern Lowlands Red Squirrel Group to come to speak to us.



Hollie is an inspirational speaker, so we very much enjoyed her talk and learnt a lot about our squirrels' way of life. Hollie then spoke of the threat to them from the greys – firstly in terms of the larger greys taking

the majority of local resources, then the discovery of squirrel pox in the grey population which is fatal to the reds.

Two local volunteers spoke about the work they were carrying out in our area. James, a volunteer from the newly-formed Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group, spoke about efforts to contain the greys in the Glen. In recognition of the work going on here, the group is now renamed Kinross-shire (and Glenfarg) Red Squirrel Group. Find them on Facebook.

Then Grant spoke about his work in Arngask, on the other side of the motorway - an attempt to create a safe area for the reds who live there. If you regularly walk there and would like to help, we have a WhatsApp group. Contact janet_watson@mac.com to be added to this group.

Scottish Water Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

**Caroline McKenzie - Scottish Water & ESD Joint
Venture**



On the 20th of November, Scottish Water and ESD, were delighted to welcome members of the Greener Glenfarg Group to a presentation on plans for the ecology and improvements in biodiversity at the new water treatment (WTW) works site.

Nine members from the group joined us to hear from Beccy Johnson of JK Ecology, Alison Barr who is a Scottish Water landscape architect and Evan Cale, ESD's environmental advisor.

The idea behind the event was to provide information on the surveys which have been carried out, to share the results we have obtained and then to show what our plans are based on the findings. As part of the project, a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan was commissioned relating to the land around the existing WTW, the reservoir and the sand filter area.

The Biodiversity Enhancement Plan advised the development of the Landscape Planting Plans which cover the main areas of the upgraded

WTW site and pipe routes. The landscape proposals include the planting of native trees and woodland to help with visual screening of built elements, along with new features managed to increase biodiversity, such as meadow areas and hedgerows. It is also the intention to connect existing sections of trees and woodlands for a greater general benefit.



A survey of the area identified owls, peregrine falcons, kingfishers, plovers, crossbills, badgers, pine martins, water voles, pipistrelle bats – amongst other species. We have recently installed a squirrel bridge! We hope this specialised rope bridge will allow the squirrels to cross at height and not be in any danger on the road and is in addition to other squirrel protection measures, such as a strict speed limit, speed bumps, a gatehouse near the main squirrel crossing point, and toolbox talk for all operatives.

Alison, Becca and Evan were happy to answer the wide range of questions asked by the group and there were some very interesting discussions. Greener Glenfarg are certainly a very knowledgeable group!

We repeated the event on the 27th of November for the wider community, to tie in with the village coffee morning.

This was also well received as were the fabulous cakes on offer!

Is there a wolf in your home?

Canine Correspondent Christine Fotheringham

Is a cute, big-eyed, easy-going, cuddly dog as closely related to a wolf as those with long pointed noses, a short dense coat and a cool, confident manner? Yes, it is. All dogs descend from a wolf-line that no longer exists but they share 99.9% of the DNA of the wolf we know, so the two can reproduce.



Domestication started about 15 - 50,000 years ago (opinions vary) which is a blink of the eye in evolutionary terms so not enough time for novel gene mutation. However, the differences we now know began all those years ago as a result of humans breeding for tasks like protection and ability to tolerate and fit in to a life with humans.

A client once asked me why I recommend division of a dog's food in to three or four meals when a wolf would eat sporadically (and stuff themselves silly when the opportunity arose). I explained that the dog's digestive system is now quite different. Wolves are carnivores, dogs are omnivores. Our dogs can get quite ill eating their daily food all at once e.g. gastric torsion, and it can cause aggression due to an imbalance in brain chemistry.

I was asked to help when a middle-aged Border Collie bit the face of a young child approaching its bowl when it was eating. They had lived together happily for years, the dog and boy best friends. However, they recently changed to a cheap dog food to save money and as life had got busier, changed to feeding the dog once a day. The bite happened while blood sugars were low and was a predictable reaction given the circumstances. I'll tell you why...

The shape of a wolf and dog brain is quite different. A wolf doesn't have the pre-frontal cortex that all dogs have grown over time. It's a fantastic area that is used for consideration before response, as opposed to the fight-flight amygdala that, when brain chemistry is upset, delivers an impulsive reaction, without prior thought. The Border Collie noticed his friend approaching but because his brain had defaulted to fight mode, due to not eating for 24 hours and a lack of good nutrition, which would have aided a default to the clever 'consider and respond' part of the evolved brain, he bit out of instinct. The dog had apparently terrified himself with what he had done. With a reinstatement of good regular food and some training to increase tolerance and reduce risk, just to be on the safe side, both the boy and dog went on to live happily and safely together.

Wolves only live for about 7 years and have one season a year after sexual maturity at 2 or 3 years old. Dogs live twice as long, mature sexually at 6 – 18 months and have two seasons a year on average. This is probably due to nature responding to the easy availability of resources.

Even though the domestic dog gained internal differences to the wolf over thousands of years, it remained looking like a medium sized brown

dog until fairly recently (and interestingly, all dogs would return to look like a dingo if they were feral, given a few generations). It was the Victorians who kicked off breed standards resulting in the variety of pedigrees we see today, some fitter than others unfortunately.

So no matter whether you have the ‘wolf-like dog,’ a Yorkshire Terrier or a delightful medium brown dog cross, they are all more or less the same inside. It’s just the coat and shape that has changed. Some breeds inherit a disposition to similar behaviours and some owners enjoy the thought their dog’s traits are because of the breed retaining more of a wolf than others but that just isn’t so. The dog’s environment, that includes us, has the greatest influence on their personality. So rest assured that all domestic dogs are far removed, physically and behaviourally, from the wolf.

Next time, in the Glenfarg Newsletter, I’ll share with you the reasons dogs do what they do, like sniffing bums, licking your face and kicking back after toileting.....what’s that all about?

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Climate Connect Perth & Kinross

Scottish Climate Week: First Minister John Swinney MSP meets communities connecting on climate action



John Swinney MSP, First Minister and Constituency MSP for Perthshire North, met in Blairgowrie and Rattray with representatives from across the local Climate Café® Network and representatives from two more networks from Climate Connect Perth & Kinross to progress local climate action and collaborate on community-led initiatives.



Ahead of Scottish Climate Week, the workshop highlighted the importance of community voices in leading and shaping practical responses to climate challenges. The workshop brought together a wide range of community voices, from across six communities in Climate Café® Network with Kirsty Gowans representing Climate Connect Perth & Kinross, Daniel Muir and Marie-Claire Fisher representing Climate Connect Food and Climate Connect Zero Waste networks respectively.

The First Minister received a warm welcome from the group, sharing coffee and conversation in true Climate Café® style with the Climate

Connect Food and Climate Connect Zero Waste network representatives there to support progress and action.

The focus of the session was practical action to support and encourage a shift to reusable alternatives to single use plastic, to cut waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve resources, and protect local environments.

John Swinney MSP, Constituency Member of the Scottish Parliament and Scotland's First Minister, commented:

“Climate Connect Perth & Kinross is a fantastic example of how communities can come together to drive meaningful action on climate. It shows the power of collaboration in building a more sustainable future and I warmly welcome these contributions across the region.”

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Glenfarg Freewheelers

Tara Winterton

The Freewheelers have been very busy. We had record number of bikes borrowed from us in September and October especially by groups of friends and those borrowing for a longer term to see if they would like to buy an e-bike from themselves. We have continued to organise bike rides on Thursdays to encourage confidence, social rides and increase physical fitness. Here is a sample of some recent Thursday rides:

Round the Arngask loop

5 miles and either a steep hill up or steep hill down. Perfect for views, extensions to Balvaird castle and a walking/biking friendly route.

Milnathort and Balgeddie Toll

Go past the park and down to Milnathort past Drunzie and Netherton. In Milnathort, take the turn to Burleigh Castle. At the railway bridge, turn left onto a track and end up at Mawcarse and Balgeddie Toll road. Turn right for a coffee/lunch and left to get home.

Tillyrie and Milnathort

Go up Church Brae, along the back road to Milnathort. Turn right and right again to Upper Tillyrie. New houses are up the road to the right. There's a wee short cut across to Meikle Seggie farm. Then go straight down and over the A91 road which takes you into Kinross/Milnathort for a coffee before choosing your route back.

Dunning

Church Brae, path of Condie and top road to Dunning. Pub lunch or more coffee in Dunning then come back along the small Invermay road towards Forgandenny. Come back over Rossie Ochil or along the road to Bridge of Earn.

Round the loch

Bike down to Mawcarse and take the road to Balgeddie Toll and Loch Leven's Larder. Go round the loch on a great track. To avoid the walkers and dogs, go early or during the week. Stop at Findatie or RSPB to spot the egrets, ospreys, lapwings and incredible wild flowers at certain times of year. Come back from

Burleigh sands, over the road and up the track to the railway line as above.

Stronachie and Path of Condie

Go up Church Brae and turn right at Newhill Farm to Path of Condie. Left to Stronachie and go into the forest which eventually brings you out at Ledlation corner. Lovely road back along Tillyrie and home.



We leave Glenfarg Community Centre at 11.30am on Thursdays. We sometimes stop for a soup if the rides are long. We sometimes have two rides- one short and one long, or start all together and some go further. Anyone can borrow an e-bike but please give us notice of this.

If you are interested in joining a ride our or WhatsApp group, please contact us on bookfreewheelers@Glenfarg.org or text to Freewheelers on 07436 419585

FREEWHEELER Events Next Year

- **Dr Bike:** Bring your bike to be checked over before the summer starts
- **Family Funday:** Very successful over the past two years. Coordinated with parents to encourage children to get on their bikes
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Grow Club

Maud Swanson

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In September, a small group of us met to make Kokedama. These are made by forming a ball of compost around a small plant, covering that in moss and securing the ball with twine. Originating in Japan, the Kokedama method allows you to display indoor or outdoor plants in new, and hopefully elegant, ways.

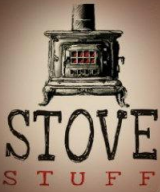


At our October meeting we had a session on collecting seeds from our own plants. We'll test them out in the New Year to see how well they germinate. We celebrated the end of the growing season with a pot-luck supper and enjoyed an array of veg- and fruit-based goodies including soups, salad, potato tortilla and raspberry cake.



We had a bonus meeting in the middle of the month when we welcomed a guest grower, Susan Thores, a professional gardener and succulent enthusiast. She gave us lots of useful information about how to grow and propagate succulents. She brought a large selection of different plants for us to use in a Christmas-themed pot. Hopefully, each plant will grow and

divide and we can all become succulent enthusiasts!



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The Kinross Handcraft Circle

Jean Hogben



As we complete our current projects for this session, we turn our attention to the new year and the new classes being offered. But first we are in for a bit of fun! On 2nd December we welcome back former member, Terri Gilham, who is leading us on an adventure with paint. Called Drag and Flow, this is an easy and original way to produce colourful artwork which can be used for cards or collages. This is followed on 9th December with our Christmas party and a short workshop on Furoshiko, the Japanese art of gift wrapping with fabric.



After all this fun, our new session starts in earnest on 13th January with three exciting new workshops. Linda Chapman will be leading a class on Gold Work, a style of embroidery using metal threads, usually gold in colour. These are couched or stitched and often embellished with gold beads.



We will also be making small 3-d birds out of felt with the help of Ann Caudrey.

These delightful little birds will be filled with toy stuffing and decorated with folk embroidery.

Our third workshop is being run by Dianne Mitchell who is going to teach us Amigurumi. Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting small stuffed yarn creatures.

Of course, if none of the above appeal, members are always welcome to bring along their own projects to work on.



In addition to the above we will be running a one-day workshop on Rag Rug making in February. Our annual outing in March is to The Georgian House, a National Trust property in Edinburgh's sophisticated Charlotte Square, providing a fascinating insight into fashionable society in the 18th and 19th Century.

Meetings are held on alternate Tuesday mornings in the Gateside Memorial Hall from 9.45 until 12.15. Members are welcome from all towns and villages in the surrounding area. Our first December meeting is on 2nd December and our Christmas party is on 9th December (members only). We start our new Spring session on 13th January. New members will be made very welcome.

Special Christmas Offer: As we are approaching halfway through our year, we are offering new members a 50% discount on membership – just £15 instead of the full fee of £30. This covers the cost of renting the Gateside Memorial Hall and teas, coffees and biscuits at each session. Perhaps a special present for a crafting friend or relative?

For more information, please contact our Secretary Ann Caudrey:
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Tennis and Pickleball Club Update

Tim Corcoran

Our 99th year ended with our AGM and lovely prizegiving dinner in the clubhouse. The winners of our internal championships were awarded their trophies and we enjoyed a marvellous Indian meal delivered by Chatni in Methven.

We had another successful year for our little club. We entered teams in both the men's and mixed leagues in the Perth & District division. At the AGM we discussed what we could do to celebrate our Centenary Year next year. We are planning some big events in Wallace Park in June, sharing our history with villagers and guests. We intend having past and present members playing out some matches on our courts while the rest of the park stages some of the traditional stalls from our fetes through the ages, hopefully with a touch of nostalgia. We're going to need help to do this, so if you are willing to help us in the preparation, please give Tim a ring on 07790870561.

Cheers from the Tennis and Pickleball Club!



Wind Farm Funding for Local Projects

Malcolm Jack – Foundation Scotland



RWE Lochelbank Wind Farm Fund

Now in its 14th year of operation, the Fund has awarded over £350,000 through 164 grants to 46 different community groups and charities across Glenfarg & Earn on a roughly 50-50 basis between the two areas over time. Did you know that in Glenfarg over the years, this has supported many aspects of community life:

- The Scout Group, Brownies & Rainbows
- Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Parish Church Hall
- Arngask Parent Council for the playground climbing wall, and the path from Greenbank Road to the Crescent
- Friends of Wallace Park for the Zip Line
- Glenfarg and Duncreevie in Bloom for the shed, mower and village planters and hanging baskets
- The Bowling Club's green maintenance equipment
- Brownies and Rainbows
- The growth & redevelopment of Glenfarg Community Centre
- Glenfarg Community Cinema equipment
- Christmas lights, village noticeboard and small grants schemes organised by the Community Council
- Glenfarg Curling Club's "Try Curling"
- The Glenfarg Fete, and 2012 Village Folk Fest
- Glenfarg Community Transport's services and Glenfarg Freewheelers e-bikes
- Glenfarg Tennis Club facilities
- Perth Chamber Music Society's local workshops
- A range of support to autistic children and their families through Perth Autism Support
- Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association's work to explore community ownership of a turbine in the Binn Wind Farm

Most recent grants in 2025 include support for sorting out the electrics in the Old School part of the Community Centre, and a contribution to children’s cooking groups run by Perth Autism Support.

2026 application dates have now been released – check out



<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/rwe-lochelbank> where you can also see news and stories about the funded activities.

Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund

Community benefit funds also come from the profits from community-owned turbines on the Binn Wind Farm site, with the amount available varying each year. In its first period (2023-24), the Fund’s Panel awarded £36,500 to 17 different groups and projects across Glenfarg, Abernethy and Auchtermuchty areas.

The biggest grant awarded was £7,500 to Glenfarg Community Transport Group towards minibus purchase, with other awards for Glenfarg Community Council’s microgrants scheme.



The Fund will be awarding around £35,000 at the end of 2025 – the Panel meeting is in December.

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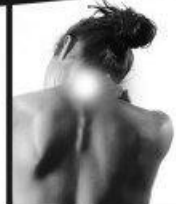
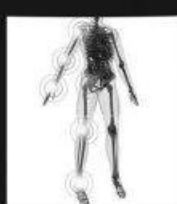
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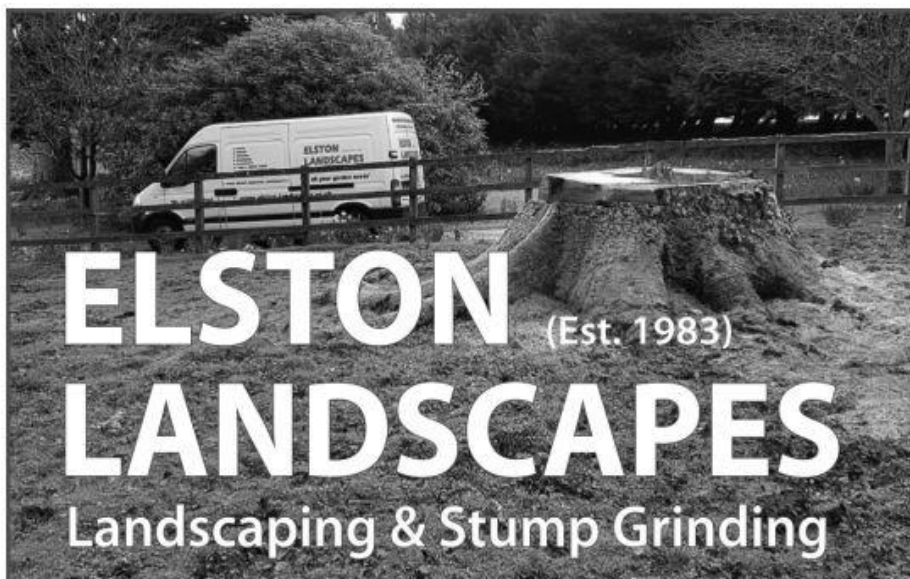
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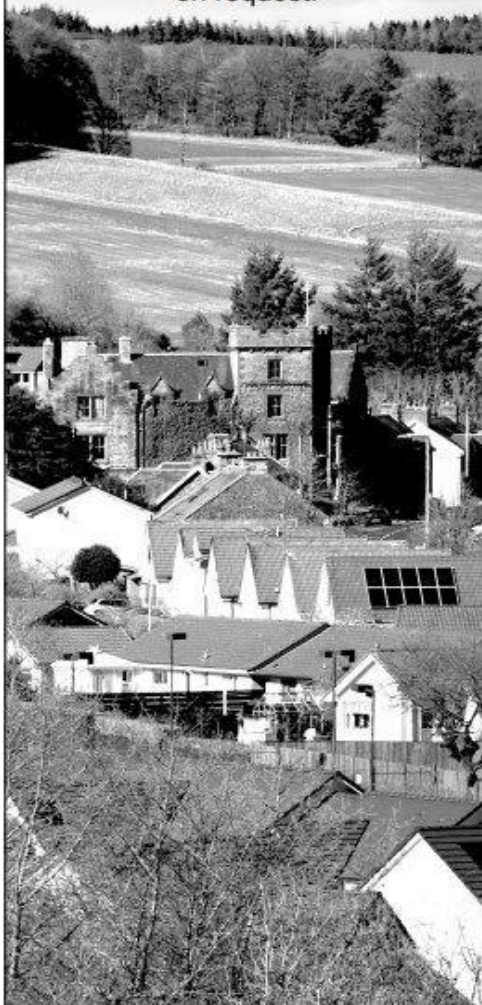
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