

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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A native red squirrel heading for a feast of peanuts at a bird feeder.

Supplied by Kirsty Morris

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We always try our best to make sure that your newsletter is available promptly at the start of every even month. If you would like to contribute to the June issue, please inform us with details by the 1st of May to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of May.

Thank you.

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Editorial



Hopefully the lovely Spring weather is continuing and you're sitting outdoors with a cup of coffee (or something stronger) in hand as you enjoy another bumper issue of the Glenfarg Newsletter.

There's plenty to satisfy all tastes in issue 199, from dog behaviour to soil temperatures. But our very special report in this issue concerns our very own Glenfarg red squirrels.

For the past 4 years I've enjoyed watching red squirrels help themselves to "lunch" at the bird feeders in my garden and I know there have been sightings in Hayfield Road and Lomond Bank. I have taken several photos of them over the years but most of my photos don't convert to black & white terribly well. However the picture kindly supplied by Kirsty Morris really shows our native animal at its best.

Please let me know if you have seen red squirrels in other areas of Glenfarg and even better supply me with photos that could be included in the next issue of the newsletter. It may even be possible to create a map of locations and sightings from your information.

Speaking of the next issue of the Newsletter - how many of you have clocked the fact that this issue is 199, therefore the next will be our "Bicentennial"? Yes, in June 2012 the Glenfarg Newsletter will celebrate its 200th issue and although that doesn't mean 200 years old, with 6 issues per year (if my arithmetic is correct) the GN has been around for over 33 years. Thirty three years since some Glenfarg Worthy put pen to paper, or should I say, finger to typewriter and set the press rolling!

In recognition of this event I would ask that you submit as many photos, memories, stories and general contributions to help create a real commemorative issue. As always the address is

newsletter@glenfargcc.org.uk

Copies of all previous issues are being gathered together to make an archive which will be available for all to enjoy. Please check out Bill Macpherson's article on page 37 and help us complete our archive.

Hope you enjoy your April issue and see you all again in our Commemorative June issue.

Kate

GLENFARG VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2012



Parade leaves
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Fete 2-5 p.m.
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THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO HELP
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SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**

The Fete Committee respectfully request that only alcohol purchased in the Beer and Wine tent may be consumed there. Visitors are also requested to refrain from drinking alcohol outwith this area and should not bring their own alcohol to the event.

Diary of Events

When	Event	Where
April 2nd - 6th	Tennis Camp	Wallace Park
8th (7am)	Dawn Service	Ferryfield, Abernethy
13th - 15th	Glenfarg Folk Feast	Glenfarg Hotel & Hall
20th (7 for 7.30)	Glenfarg Community Cinema	Village Hall
22nd (11am)	S Club restarts	Church Hall
24th (2-3.30pm)	Tea & a Blether	Church Hall
29th (7.30pm)	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
May 3rd (2.30pm)	Train Stop Opening	Main Street
11th (7 for 7.30)	Glenfarg Community Cinema	Village Hall
27th (7.30)	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
29th (2-3.30pm)	Tea & a Blether	Church Hall
June 1st (5.30-6.30)	Summer Fun Night	Arngask School
2nd	Old Folks Outing	10.30am Bus Garage
16th (2 - 5pm)	Glenfarg Village Fete	Wallace Park
Every Mon (7-8pm)	Knit and Natter	Church Hall
First Wed of month	Soup & Chat	Village Hall
Last Sun of month	Wine Club	Terrace Bar

A Village Hall for All

The editor's quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest? Then why not come along.

Day	Time	Organisation (contact details if known)
Monday	6pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8pm-10pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm-6.15pm	Beavers
	7.30pm-9pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6pm -7pm	Rainbows & Brownies
	8pm-10pm (in Winter)	Badminton
1st Wed of month	12.30pm-1.30pm	Soup and Chat
	7pm-11pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	4pm-6.15pm	Tap
	7.30pm-9pm	Scouts

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website

www.glenfarg.org

and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

Use it or Lose it

We are so lucky! Having seen our wee village shop come through a crisis just over a year ago, we have welcomed the new owners into our community and love having our shop open and fully stocked.

Did you know that fourteen small businesses are closing down every single day across the U.K? Many of such businesses are small village shops who struggle to compete with the purchasing power of the major chains. Everyone knows that there is a recession on and we all have to watch our pennies but when I look at the total cost of a car journey to a supermarket in Perth I realise that I'm adding at least £5 to my grocery shop.

From chatting with Mark, Russell and Joe in our village shop, I know they understand that people are unlikely to do their full weekly shop here in Glenfarg but there are many areas where they match the prices of the supermarket and you will not be conned by supermarket so called special offers currently highlighted in the media and programmes like Rip Off Britain.

Personally I now buy all my newspapers and magazines in Glenfarg, both by ordering and impulse buys. Of course these cost the same as they would at Perth station or Edinburgh airport so with the shop opening hours of

7 to 7, 7 days it's dead easy to pop in on your way to or from work. But beyond the paper racks of our village store, there is now an amazing array of goods. When I pop along to the shop expecting to pay a "convenience" premium I frequently find that it is exactly the same price as Tesco and Morrisons. Looking at the other shelves I noted several everyday major brand cleaning products which compared favourably in price with the supermarkets. Many Newsletter readers will already know that all the ingredients for Janet's regular recipe can be found in the shop.

But best of all our village shop now stocks the freshest of locally produced eggs and the double yolkers are just something else. I know they taste the same but isn't there just something magical in breaking an egg into the pan and seeing a double yolk or is that just the child in me?



If you haven't been in the shop recently, go in, look round and prepare to change some of your shopping habits. Mark, Russell and Joe have put a lot of time and effort into providing us with the service we need in Glenfarg, so why not support them and keep our shop safe for the future.

Margaret Ponton

Glenfarg United AFC

With half the league season complete the team have put themselves in a very strong position with only 5 points dropped after twelve games with the Farg sitting proudly at the top of Division III of the Perthshire Amateur League. The early part of the season saw the Farg go on a 6 league game unbeaten run playing silky football on pitches more suited to our style of play. In recent weeks the boys have had to dig in and battle for the points on the much heavier pitches, restricting our flowing style of football. It is going to be a tight finish to the season and we will definitely be in the mix so there's a lot of entertainment still to come between now and the end of the season which should keep the North Bank supporters club on the edge of their seats.

We look forward to seeing our regular supporters along with a few more new ones from the village and thank them for there continued support throughout the season.

Perthshire League

Division Three		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Glenfarg Utd	12	10	1	1	42	19	23	31
2	Bridge Of Earn	14	10	0	4	38	21	17	30
3	Strathearn Grove	13	9	2	2	37	24	13	29
4	Wolfhill	14	8	1	5	49	32	17	25
5	Methven	10	4	2	4	20	16	4	14
6	Kinrossie Caledonian	11	3	2	6	21	26	-5	11
7	Meigle Vics	15	3	1	11	28	59	-31	10
8	Star Of Atholl	10	1	2	7	21	37	-16	5
9	Kenmore	11	1	1	9	15	37	-22	4

The squad remains predominately made up of village talent following the departure of 4 local players in January who have taken it upon themselves to sample the delights of Bangkok, Australia and America over the next 12 months. However as with any club we are still looking to strengthen and any would be committed footballers who are interested please do not hesitate to contact the club.

The team have put themselves into a healthy position on the pitch, equally the club itself is in a healthy position and moving forward off the

pitch following a successful quiz night back in November, which was very well supported by the village community and bolstered club funds. This income has allowed the club to fund winter training facilities in Perth.

As well as the great support from the village community, the Football Club have benefited from the Glenfarg Wine Club who have contributed funds from their annual talent night fund raiser for a new set of strips which have been ordered and will be in place for the start of next season. The players and committee of the Football Club acknowledge the fantastic achievement yet again by the Wine Club, and send our sincere thanks for the donation and support.

The bonus ball sales in the hotel have become a valuable weekly source of income for the club. We send our thanks to all who support it and more so to those who have committed to taking numbers on a permanent basis, which makes it so much easier for Angus to administer. Again our thanks go to Angus for his sterling work in this area for the club.

£25 BONUS BALL WINNERS

SAT 18 th FEB	No. 24	Kate Armstrong
SAT 11 th FEB	No. 6	Ashley Allan
SAT 4 th FEB	No. 46	Euan Dunn
SAT 28 th JAN	No. 1	Victoria McAinsh
SAT 21 st JAN	No. 19	Brian Richmond
SAT 14 th JAN	No. 33	Andy Leeds
SAT 7 th JAN	No. 38	No Winner
SAT 31 st DEC	No. 2	Angus Valentine

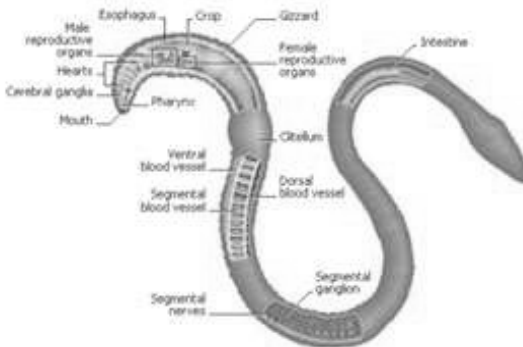
The club held its annual race night in March, again this proved to be another successful event for the club which was well supported by all. Our thanks to Ashley Anson who continues to put untold energy into the clubs fund raising activities.

A non-profit making Whisky Tasting Night was arranged by Ray Dunlop on behalf of the Club on Saturday March 31st held at the Hotel. This event was well attended by local Whisky connoisseurs who wobbled home after sampling some whisky from local distilleries. Many thanks to Ray who we're sure will be repeating the event in due course.

Andy Leeds

Weather Ramblings

by Old Foggie



Charles Darwin wrote, "... it may be doubted if there are any other animals which have played such an important part in the history of the world as these lowly organised creatures." Not the Axolotl; fascinating creature though it is. But the humble earthworm.

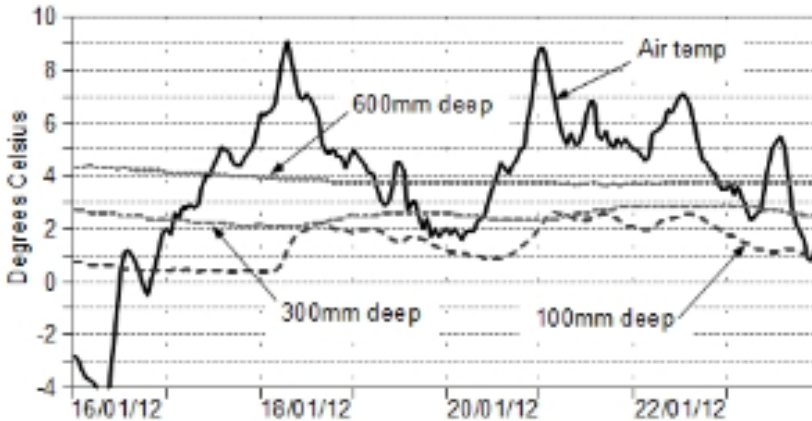
Being a cold-blooded animal, the earthworm cannot survive the freezing temperatures of winter. It spends most of the cold months in a small chamber deep in the soil. To see how effective the earthworm's winter strategy is, the soil temperature was noted for eight days in January. Much to the consternation of the Head Gardener, soil thermometers have been installed in the grounds of Foggie Mansions at 100mm, 300mm and 600mm deep.

The figure below shows air and soil temperatures from the 16th January to the 23rd January. During this period, the air temperature fluctuated between -4 °C and 9 °C. At 100mm deep, the soil provides some insulation but reacts to the air temperature, absorbing heat during the peaks and losing heat in the troughs.

At 300mm deep, about a spade's depth, variation in temperature is less than one degree over the eight days. The peaks in air temperature are mirrored at 300mm deep, but are delayed by a few hours as heat energy is transferred to the lower soil levels. The minimum temperature is only 2 °C compared to the minimum air temperature of -4 °C.

In the sub-soil, at 600mm deep, nothing much stirs. Daily fluctuations have all but vanished and from here on down, it's the seasonal variations which dominate. As the year progresses, from the winter solstice through to the summer solstice, the days lengthen, and the quantity of available solar energy increases. With more sunshine the soil temperature will rise.

Of course, there is a time lag before this seasonal surplus of heat energy can be transferred to the deeper soil layers. So in summer the lower layers are relatively cooler than the air temperature and in autumn the situation is reversed. Heating engineers can use this imbalance to cool houses in summer and add heat to a building in winter.

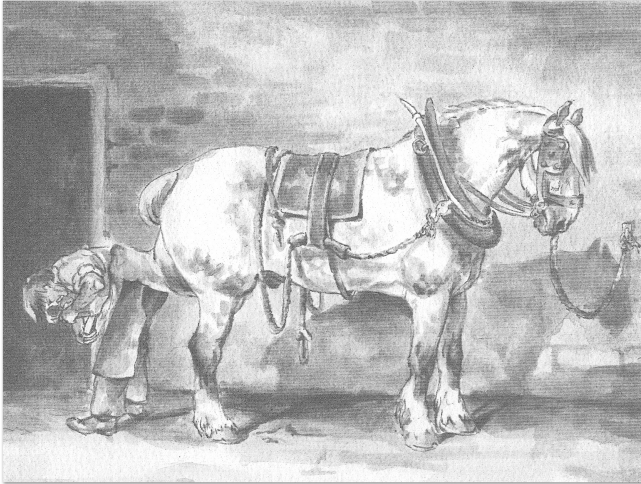


The earthworm can burrow to a depth of two metres and will see out the winter months without a problem. It doesn't truly hibernate and will come to the surface after a few days of warmer weather. As long as the soil does not become waterlogged the earthworm will survive. Unlike the Axolotl which is lumbering down the road to extinction.

(More ramblings from Old Foggie next issue. Will he have solved our unpredictable winters by then?)



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Arngask Church News

My Dear Friends,

Many of you will have heard about my impending move to Deeside. I had hoped to end my ministry here and retire but circumstances have changed. This appointment in Glenfarg and Abernethy has been a very happy one for us. We love the area, we like the people, and I have found the children to be delightful. I have said a number of times that Arngask Primary School is the best wee school in Scotland.



We have worked at some ideas and changes in Church. Not one of these is especially important – the important thing has been getting used to change itself. I have been told by a number of people that the ‘it’s aye been’ attitude has stifled a number of things, and it can and does stifle the church.

My chief concerns have been to get the church thinking positively about the future and to think about growth and what that means (no change – no growth); and to see the church and community move closer together and work together for our mutual benefit. I think if you read over my previous articles, you will find these recurring in one form or another. The church cannot stand back from its local community (‘parish’) but the community needs to be at least open to the church as it seeks to serve.

I hope these trends will continue, and if they are worthwhile they will prosper without me.

Finally I want to thank all the church elders and regular church workers for their efforts and their support over the last four years. Thanks also go to Lynn Strachan – the best wee head teacher in Scotland – for allowing me to be the school chaplain.

May God bless and guide you all,

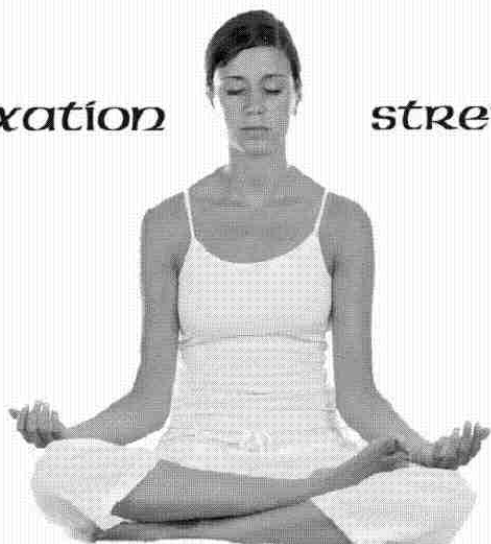
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Soup & Chat

Soup and a Chat is one of the new ventures started up when the Village Hall re-opened in 2008. The idea of a monthly Soup and a Chat came from someone who had been to one in Brora and suggested it to the new Village Hall Committee. Lindsay Kinnaird agreed to organise it and she has made it into an enduring success with a team of volunteers serving hot soup to villagers of all ages.

Apart from school holidays, Soup & Chat takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 13:30. There are forty or more places and a choice of six soups provided by volunteers. Each month the choice of soup



varies (you could call it “Pot Luck”) but normally the two favourites – Lentil Soup and Leek and Potato Soup – are included. Afterwards there is tea and a cake, again made by another volunteer. There is no set charge for this hospitality but individuals are able to make a suitable donation to cover costs and show their appreciation. The money raised is used to pay for the

hall and for any purchased

items e.g. bread, butter, tea etc. All of the money left over is donated to a village organisation or person e.g. GDIB, Cub Scouts and Brownies, Arngask School and some individual sponsorships. Over three years this has amounted to over £1000, as witnessed by some “Thank you” letters sent in to the Glenfarg Newsletter.

Check out my recipe on page 25 which featured at the March Soup & Chat and I’m sure that will inspire you to not only try out the recipe for yourself but also appreciate the type of fare offered by this fantastic team of volunteers

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Glenfarg Village Store-y Book Club

Most of my friends don't read much, or if they do it's specialised and of little interest to me. My sisters were always into historical romance bodice rippers. I would find myself having just finished a stonking good book with no-one to talk about it to.

I had been speaking with Margaret Ponton and Kate Armstrong about wanting to set up a reading group for nearly a year now, but being the worlds greatest procrastinator did nothing about it. Margaret is more of a "let's get on with it" type, so she set up a meeting between the three of us and Glenfarg Village Store-y Club was formed.

We put a poster in the shop and I started asking people if they were interested, we wanted to keep the group small our meetings would be held in private houses we ended up with 14 names. I told everyone that as a taster and just so that we would have something to discuss at the first get together that they should read Bill Bryson's "Notes from a small island", a travelogue of the United Kingdom from an American perspective.

The first meeting was on Tuesday 17th Jan, we had 10 present with 4 letting us know that they had other commitments. It was a very nice informal evening, the general consensus on the Bryson book was that it was very funny at the beginning and got a little repetitive towards the middle. Scotland was featured in the final chapters and we all agreed that these were the most interesting. Kate then gave us her selection for February, "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon a multi genre novel set in Barcelona.

At the second meeting on Tuesday 21st Feb, the opinions on the Zafon book were split, with some of us thinking the book was overly 'wordy' and complex, while others loved getting carried away in the story. For March I have selected "The Woman in Black" by Susan Hill, a Victorian ghost story I'm only on chapter three and loving it.

Our little book club is still in its infancy. If the group grows we will look for a suitable venue to hold our monthly meetings. We have started to bring our used books along to swap and share. It really is so nice to finally have people to talk books with.

Mark Crossey

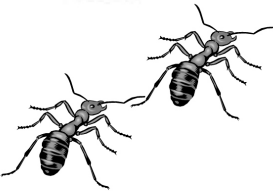
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At the March meeting Maureen Lambie, Vice President introduced Babs Park an excellent representative for CHAS who delivered the thought that "nothing was impossible" and impressed members by the caring, happy and positive atmosphere she depicted within Rachel House. Sales Table proceeds of £102 were donated to CHAS.



Competition Winners

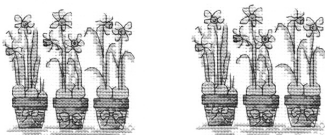


Handmade toy (donated to CHAS)

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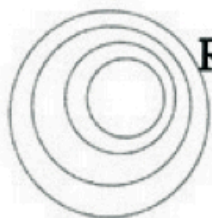


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Glenfarg and the surrounding area has become moribund in recent years and needs reviving

As a first step we need people to volunteer (or re-volunteer) to be the co-ordinator and point of contact for their road, estate or hamlet. Volunteers are needed in all areas of Glenfarg plus Duncricieve, Drunzie, Arngask, Candy, etc.

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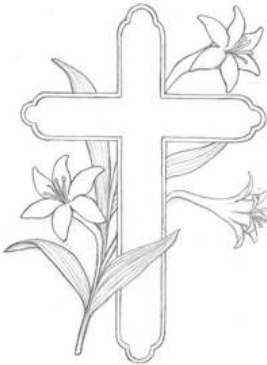
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S Club

Sunday Club

Children aged 3 years and upwards are invited to join the club which meets in the church on Sunday at 11am. The club resumes after the Easter break on Sunday 22nd April and will finish for the summer break on the 17th June.



Easter Services

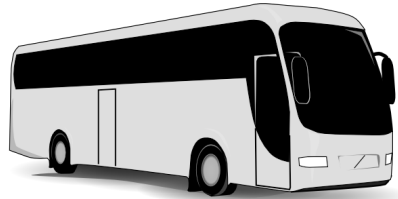
Maundy Thursday 5th April. LECT Communion Service 6pm, Forteviot Church led by Rev Alec Wark

Good Friday 6th April. LECT Service 2.30pm, Forgandenny Church led by Rev Allan Wilson

Easter Sunday 8th April. Sunrise Service 7am, Ferryfield, Abernethy

Glenfarg Old Folks Association Outing

This year's Summer Outing will be to Moffat in Dumfries-shire on 2nd June 2012 leaving the Bus Garage at 10.30am prompt. Cost is £10 with visitors (friends, relatives or those under 60) £15. Replies by 14th May to Mrs C Meldrum 830437 or Mrs J Stake 830526.



Community Cinema

The movies came to Glenfarg in March with a showing of "True Grit". People came with their own cushions, bottles of wine etc. Popcorn, sweets, coke were on sale.

At the end of the show, the audience rated the film. Here are the results . . .

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Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe is provided to help promote Soup and a Chat, a monthly event in the Village Hall from September to June. This soup is one of six that were served in March. If you like things a bit more spicy, add a few chilli flakes to the mixture. An alternative way of serving this is as a stew, in which case the amount of water should be reduced and add a diced potato and a second carrot. As usual, many of the ingredients used in this recipe are available in the Glenfarg Village Store.

Spanish Chorizo and Lentil Soup

Half a chorizo sausage ring cut into small pieces

125g red lentils

1 medium onion finely chopped

1 tin chopped tomato

1 carrot finely chopped

2 garlic cloves finely chopped

2 bay leaves

2 vegetable stock cubes

3 teaspoons smoked paprika

Salt to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
to serve



1. Heat the oil in a soup pan and fry the chorizo gently until the juices colour the oil. Remove from pan.
2. Add onion and garlic to pan and cook gently until the onion is soft.
3. Add tomatoes and fry lightly before adding the chorizo, lentils, carrot, bay leaves, smoked paprika and enough water to cover the mixture by 1" or 2.5cm. Add the stock cubes before bringing the mixture to the boil. Cover, turn down the heat and simmer for 40 minutes.
4. If the mixture is too thick, add boiled water to produce the required consistency. Remove the bay leaves and add salt to taste before serving, sprinkled with fresh chopped parsley.

Janet Little

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The following details forthcoming acts and events over the next 2 months. Members and non members welcome.

April 2nd Open Mic

- " 9th Alistair Ogilvy
- " 16th Folk Feast Survivors Session
- " 23rd Anthony John Clarke
- " 30th Singaround Session

May 7th Open Stage

- " 14th Anna MacDonald
- " 23rd Siobhan Miller & Jeana Leslie
- " Tom Clelland & Albanach
- " 30th Session night

June 7th Session after Orkney Festival

- " 11th Folk Club AGM

What Makes Dogs Tick

By Christine Emerson

(Dog Behaviourist and Head of Behaviour Services for Drove Veterinary Hospital in Wiltshire before coming to join you all in Glenfarg)



We love having dogs around us. Dogs give us something in common with others, make us laugh, give us a reason to exercise and are affectionate creatures who never seem to disagree with our opinion of the world!

It's sometimes hard for dogs to live in our crowded, noisy and confusing society and as such their behaviour can be puzzling. For us to understand dog behaviour we first need to understand what makes them tick.

They have all evolved from wolves but they are physically and behaviourally quite different. The domestic dog can breed more often, lives longer and enjoys the company of humans more. However, it has been bred for certain traits that are not needed as much as they were and some dogs with these traits don't fit into modern urban living too well.

Some dogs have been bred in the past to guard but it's embarrassing and antisocial when they decide a certain visitor should 'clear off'. Border Collies herd, they love it! But herding cars can be a dangerous hobby. Jack Russells are diggers, so perhaps it's understandable when they dig a hole in your settee? Spaniels might chase wildlife and Retrievers are born with big jowls to carry game.....and also drinking water, across your kitchen floor. They are not naughty – it's what dogs do.

They are sociable and need company. They need clear, patient instruction to understand what is expected of them. We need to ask of them only what they can realistically achieve in that situation (like not expecting them to remain calm when a toddler is cornering them and there's no escape).

Every dog needs house rules and boundaries for their behaviour, clearly and consistently practiced. A well-trained dog is a happy dog. A healthy adult dog needs a minimum of two 2 miles walks a day, their meals dispensed in toys or hunted for around the garden. They need a warm, dry and quiet place to eat and sleep. They need choice about those they interact with whether it's human or dog. Without enough mental and physical exercise they can make their own entertainment and it's not easy to live with.

Dogs can show unwanted behaviour because of the food you give them, a stressful environment, their genes and your reaction to that behaviour. For example, dogs only jump up at people because they get a reaction for it – it works! They don't jump up at lampposts. I knew a dog once that would guard her toys from her owner; she would tear and chew them, getting them just the way she liked and then the owner would throw it away! No wonder she guarded them, she didn't have them for long. If, for example, you take a food bowl away to prove you can, after a while that dog will make that hand go away in the only way they know how – their teeth! Then they get told off for reacting to your provocative behaviour. Yet if you added to the bowl, they would want your hands around. Makes sense doesn't it?

Dogs can be a wonderful addition to a family, I couldn't live without them. To live harmoniously you do need to understand what they, as individuals, need. A wise person once said "to love, is to understand their needs and try to meet them". So, how about changing food to one without sugars, 'derivatives' and 'EC permitted preservatives? (it could be cheaper than you think and often relaxes the nervous system). Could you take them for a longer walk and play more? Do they need that vet check to reduce aches and pains? Could you allow them to back off more from dogs and people they just don't want to be around? Now that's love!



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Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate

The Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS) puts in a bulk order 3 times a year : in February, June and November (avoiding December and January when prices tend to rise).

The last combined order was put in at the beginning of February. 47 members ordered a total of 38,000+ litres. The price negotiated was 59.64p per litre inclusive of VAT. An individual ordering 500 litres on the same day would have paid between 66.57p and 72.98p per litre depending on the supplier. Similarly, an individual ordering 1000 litres would have paid from 62.12p to 68.15 p per litre.

By buying through GOBS each member typically saves £25 - £86 on their delivery. Those members that have placed 3 orders over the past year have already saved a significant amount of money.

Can you afford not to join? Membership is free. Further details from Dave & Kate Arnold on 01577 830136 or via e-mail at kadavar@waitrose.com.

Congratulations to...

Hannah McLaughlin of Duncrивie who was 18 on 21st March. She is currently in the 6th Year at Loch Leven Community Campus. In the summer she will be going to Camp America in Massachusetts to work as a Camp Counsellor for 3 months.

Alzheimer Scotland

John Armstrong thanks you all for sponsoring him in his fund raising Zip Slide across the Clyde. To date he has raised over £400 for Alzheimer Scotland and if everything goes well on March 24th, and he doesn't land in the drink, he'll be knocking on doors to collect your pledges. (He promises not to call on those who have already stumped up unless of course, that is you would like to contribute even more to this worthwhile cause!)

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This makes a total of **90** boxes sent since early December from our community – well done!

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Newsletter Subscriptions Update

In the December issue we announced that a subscription would be available for the Newsletter this calendar year and free delivery would be included. This is seen as giving the Newsletter two distinct advantages: a base income for the whole year and ensuring a regular readership.

We are pleased to say that 44 residents took up the offer and now have their Newsletters delivered to their homes soon after publication. In fact David Arnold did a great selling job in Duncreevie, with at least half of the subscribers being there.

For ease of administration it is deemed that only calendar year subscriptions will be accepted. That said, we are prepared to add to the subscribers' list with a donation of at least £1 a copy for the remaining months. If anybody would like to take a subscription, please contact Bill Macpherson at Lyndhurst, Ladeside, telephone 830430.

Newsletter Archive

We are looking at having a Newsletter Archive (accessible to all in the village) to tie in with the 200th issue celebrations in June. The Newsletter has come a long way since it was first cranked out by hand on a Gestetner-type duplicator in a Birch Lane kitchen in 1979. There exists an almost complete collection and it makes fascinating reading, tracking as it does the intimate life of the village over that time. There are a few gaps, however, which we would like to fill. If anyone has a copy of one of the following issues and would be prepared to donate it to the Archive please contact Bill Macpherson at Lyndhurst, Ladeside, telephone 830430. The missing issues are: 42, 66-73, 75, 76, 78, 92/3, 95, 119/120, 124/6, 130, 154, 158, 164, 165, 171, 179, 184, 186 and 189.

Bill Macpherson

Glenfarg's Red Squirrels

You may not think it and may not have seen one but red squirrels are living right on your doorstep in Glenfarg and the surrounding area. Red squirrels have recently been spotted within the village itself off Hayfield Road, in the wood behind the church and even in a tree on Main Street!

Sadly, your chances of catching a glimpse one of Scotland's most iconic animals is reducing all the time. Already driven to extinction from most of England and Wales and disappearing rapidly from Ireland, the red squirrel is in real trouble. Scotland represents its last stronghold in the British Isles. It is estimated that around 75% of the remaining population of red squirrels is to be found in Scotland and Perthshire is currently a stronghold for them. So what is causing this rapid decline? The answer is simple – its grey American cousin.

Most people do not realise that the grey squirrel (or to give it its proper title, the eastern gray squirrel) is not a native UK species but of the United States and Canada. It was deliberately released in Scotland (Argyll & Dumbarton) in the 1890s. It was then released in Edinburgh in 1913 and Dunfermline in 1919.

Since then greys have spread rapidly, appearing in Perthshire at Comrie and Callander by the 1940s and in Kinross and Dollar by the 1950s. Today grey squirrels are found throughout lowland Perth &

Kinross and are now regularly seen as far north at Pitlochry. So why is the grey squirrel causing the extinction of the red? There are two main reasons for this: competition and disease.



Firstly greys out-compete reds for food and shelter, for example greys can eat acorns before they are ripe – reds cannot.

Secondly, greys carry a virus known as 'squirrelpox' which is harmless to them but deadly to the reds. This disease can kill all red squirrels in an area that come into contact with an infected grey squirrel in a matter of days, usually 15 to 20. To date

there have been no known outbreaks in Perth & Kinross but it is regarded as only a matter of time as infected greys from England are moving steadily northwards. A pox outbreak occurred at Culzean Castle in Ayrshire in January.



Yet there is hope. If you are appalled at the demise of the red squirrel and like hundreds of other people across the region determined to do something about it, there are a number of steps you can take. The most straightforward is to report sightings of either red or grey squirrels so that organisations such as Perth & Kinross Red Squirrel Group (PKRSG) can better understand where to channel resources. To do this, simply go to the website: www.pkrsg.com -> Get involved -> Report sightings.

For those who want to go further and actively control grey squirrels (as many already do), a trap loan scheme is available, as is expert training from British Association of Conservation and Shooting (BASC).

If you want to get involved, show your support or simply learn more about red and grey squirrels, please go the PKRSG website: www.pkrsg.com or get in touch: info@pkrsg.com - we would love to hear from you. Simon Poots is the current chairman of Perth & Kinross Red Squirrel Group and lives just outside Abernethy.

**Do you enjoy the Glenfarg Newsletter?
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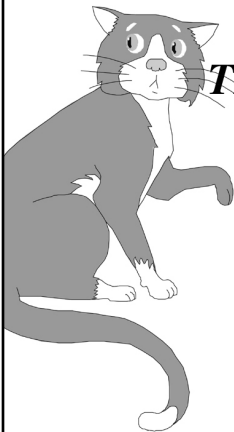
New members of the team are always welcome. The role would
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“Waiting Patiently”



I took this picture in my garden and have entitled it “Waiting Patiently” as I had watched the red squirrel sitting on the branch by the feeder for some time. The squirrel appeared to be waiting until the blue tit on the right of picture finished eating and had flown off. At this point the squirrel quickly moved in to enjoy his own peanut lunch.

This photo has not converted terribly well to black and white but there are more photos for you to enjoy on the Glenfarg Portal website. I would also appeal to all you photographers out there, please send us as many of your photos as possible especially the unusual, the funny and the interesting.

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This can be on public or private land and it is appreciated that there is often no evidence to identify the culprit. However, effective collation of incidents will assist to identify any hotspots, provide a focus for prevention work and assist with enforcement activities.

Perth and Kinross Council are looking to map incidents in our area and it is requested that all incidents of fly tipping are reported to the Police for assisting in the collation of these.

If the dumping is on public land then it is responsibility of P&KC to remove the items but where it happens on private land it falls to the land owner to clear it up. Unless there is suspect persons/vehicles seen dumping items, or paperwork identifying possible offenders found within the rubbish, there will be no further action possible for us to take. In these circumstances any reported incident is likely to be passed on to P&KC by the Police or advice given to the land owner.

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It is an important part of the intangible cultural inheritance of all parts of Britain, and does reflect the subtle differences of the four parts.

The modern style of Scottish Country Dance has lost some of its gems, especially its dances called hornpipes, and has changed others, which the students of Historical Dance have been busy recovering. We can enjoy both the old and the new styles.

Here at Bountree, a group of people meet to rediscover the older style of Country Dancing. It is the only such group that I know of - yet!

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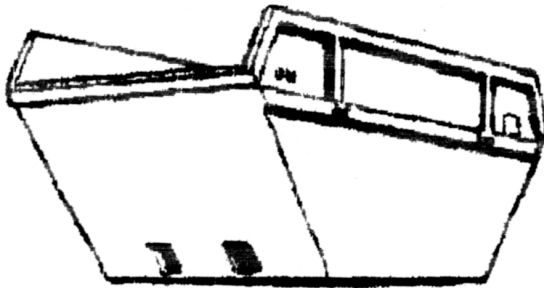
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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom

Spring comes around quicker every year, or so it seems for GDIB. As you read this the plug plants for our floral displays this summer will be arriving in Glenfarg. Thanks to our team of greenhouse owners these plugs will be grown on until planting out time in early June. This year we are delighted that 2 more greenhouse owners have joined the gang and, as I say on a regular basis, many hands make light work.

Our latest big project, the Train Stop on Main Street adjacent to the school, is almost complete with the permanent planting taking place March/April and the official opening scheduled for 3rd May at 2.30pm. We are delighted that the children of Arngask Primary will play a huge part in this opening ceremony and we hope that many locals will also come along to the event. Interestingly, Bill Connolly supplied me with a copy of an old advert showing rail timetable and the fares from Edinburgh to Glenfarg in 1935 when the journey would have cost you 3/6 or 17.5p. Doesn't seem much but the minimum wage in 1935 was only £1.60 for a 50 hour week!



Everyone knows that nothing happens in our community without the input of the people of Glenfarg & Duncrievie and it is no different when it come to GDIB. Our volunteers are a small band but could do more with just a little bit of input from you. Don't worry you don't need to know anything about plants.

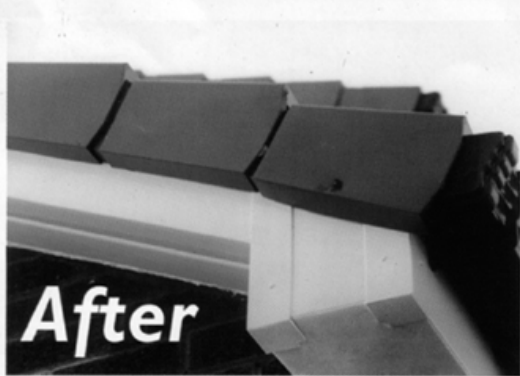


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All of them trying for the prize of gold medal

And what about all those men that row
2000 in Sydney I remember them go
unbearably close neck in neck to the line
Sweat pouring down face - and that was just mine
Steve Redgrave and team were a sight to behold
Their fine muscles and power got them the gold

Addicted to sport and love I think
Whilst watching the women all swim in synch
Perfect 10s, all of them swimming like fish
While the women look on all taking the pish
But watching the sprints is a real treat for us foxes
Slow motion replays of Lycra lunch boxes

But its nice to see our men watching their heroes
It inspires them to get rid of their bellies de beeros
They start pumping their iron and going for a jog
They might even start writing their own fitness blog
How long does it last we often will ponder
But its rarely more than a 9 minute wonder

We live in hope though that Olympians inspire
Our men to get fitter, leaner, on fire
The podium, the pomp, God save the queen

What a vision to see this magnificent scene?
Our men in tears it's a sight to behold
Watching their sportsmen achieve ultimate gold

So who are the hopefuls in August this year
And will we be shouting with joy and cheer?
Chris Hoy's in with a chance on his two wheels
Such focus and spirit - he's the real deal!
Will hubby start cycling - probably not
He just doesn't want to have a sore bot

So how do Olympics affect our males?
Does it really put wind into their sails
Or are they happy to sit, with beer in hand
Advising on triple jump, how to land in the sand
Experts on archery, javelin and hockey
And a game that uses a small shuttlecockey

But one of the faves is women's beach volley
That's when we see them at their most jolly
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Of women in bikinis all tanned and fertile
Yeah right, a serious sport is that one
Now lets turn over to the men's triathlon

But we love our men really- they may not have a six pack
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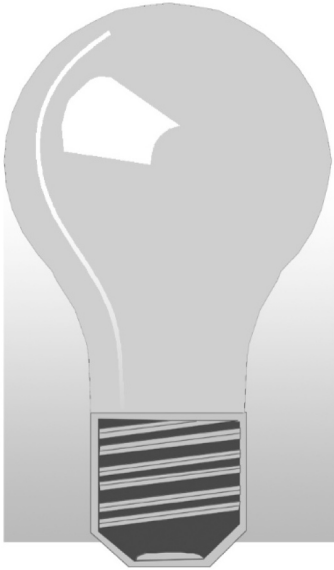
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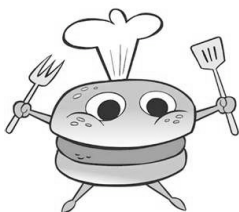
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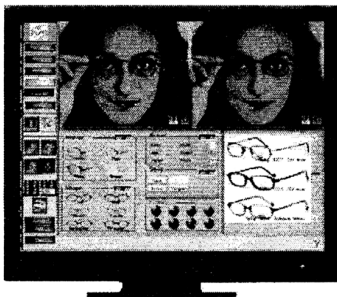
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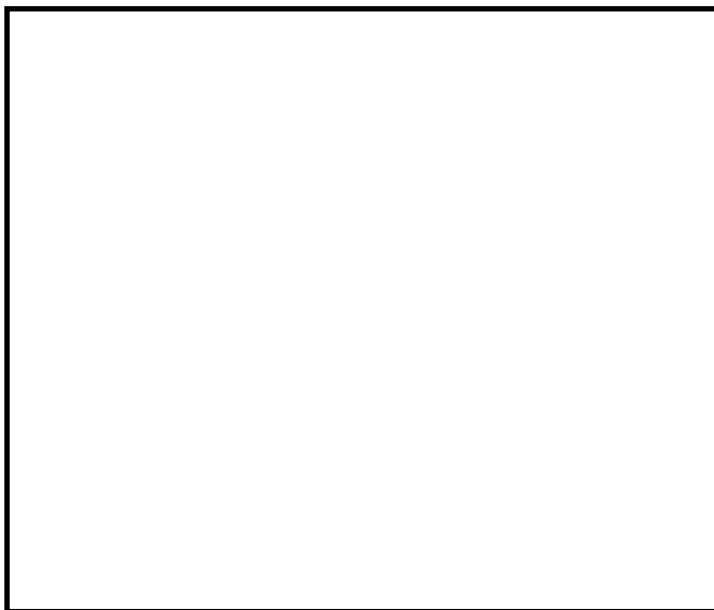
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Glenfarg Wine Club



The Wine Club returned in January from its winter hibernation to an interesting presentation by Hazell Allan and Margaret Ponton. They chose to present wines with an Olympic theme. This involved the members choosing which of the wines had been given a gold, silver or bronze award. This caused huge differences of opinion, and much debate amongst those present. It once again turned into a great evening, with the 2 ladies coming up with yet another novel idea in their presentation.

In February the Club had its annual Christmas dinner in the Glenfarg Hotel with crackers, jokes and even a few carols being sung. It was a fantastic night with everyone joining in the spirit and enjoying the great food, wine and company.

In place of the usual Secret Santa, Margaret Ponton organized party games such as festive bingo, and pass the parcel. A great night had by all!

(Yes, you read that correctly the Christmas Dinner was held in February! This is Glenfarg after all and there is just so much going on it's hard to fit it all in.)



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Glenfarg Wine Club continued

The following evening we decided that despite the indulgences of the dinner, we would go ahead with our normal monthly meeting. (Gluttons for punishment!) This was presented by two of our newest members Jordon and David, who are both part time football referees, refereeing at junior level. Somehow they conspired to hold the tasting based on football!

We were treated to them both opening their presentation dressed in their referee's suits, followed by some very funny video clips. They themed the evening on France v. Chile, very loosely based on a football match between the two countries.

From blind tastings, the members had to decide from which of the two countries the different wines were from, and by the enactment of parts of a football match what strength, colour and type of wine was being tasted.

I should add that by now, the lads were in full referee's kit complete with very loud whistles and several bookings were recorded, including one for leaving the "field of play" without permission when a member went outside for a cigarette.



This was once again a great evening, and a big hand goes to Jordon and David for a very unique presentation.

On the 25th of March we will welcome a guest presentation by Excel Wines of Perth, and on the 29th of April Steve and Alice Mee will do their bit.

We meet at 7.30 in the Terrace Bar of the Hotel, and everyone is welcome to come along and have a really great evening. For the miserly figure of £8.00 you will get at least 6 glasses of high quality wine, and some nibbles to keep you going.

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Glenfarg Village Hall Newsletter

The Glenfarg Village Hall offers key facilities and is a central part of village life. As it is in full and constant use, it requires constant maintenance and management. The Hall has recently been redecorated and the fabric of the Hall is in good condition. However, from time to time, issues arise when users do not properly follow the Conditions of Hire of the Hall. This can cause problems for the Committee, other Hall users and, occasionally, the wider community.

I would like to remind all Hall users of the Conditions of Hire:

1. The Hirer will, during the period of the hiring, be responsible for the supervision of the premises, the fabric and the contents, their care, safety from damage however slight, and for the behaviour of all persons using the premises whatever their capacity. Any accident occurring in the hall must be recorded in the Accident Book, which is held in the kitchen. If the Committee has reasonable grounds for believing that any of the conditions of hire may not be met by a hirer, it reserves the right to cancel the booking and advise the hirer accordingly.
2. The Hirer shall indemnify the Committee for the cost of replacement or repair of any loss or damage to any part of the Hall or its contents as a result of the hiring.
3. The Hirer shall be responsible for (a) obtaining any licences that may be required (i) for the consumption of intoxicating liquor, (ii) from the Performing Rights Society, and (b) the observance of all other regulations pertaining to the premises stipulated by the Fire Authority, Perth and Kinross Council and the Hall Committee (as per Health & Safety Guidelines, Document 2). This includes presenting the Hall Committee with evidence that adequate insurance arrangements are in place. Please note that the Hall Committee is not responsible for any property belonging to groups or the Hirer.
4. If the Hirer wishes to cancel any booking, at least two weeks advance notice must be given to the Bookings Officer. If such notice is not received the normal fee will be charged.
5. At the end of the hire, the Hirer is responsible for leaving the premises and surrounding area in a clean and tidy condition, and for replacing any items temporarily removed from their usual positions. No over spill from any of the storage rooms that have been allocated to different groups for their particular use, can be allowed.
6. All youth organisations must be supervised by at least one adult at all times. Other organisations may be using the Meeting Room. If so, please be considerate and keep noise down
7. The Sound system is to be used for entertainment only and kept at a reasonable volume. All music **must** stop no later than 12.00 midnight.
8. Any changes required to the heating must be dealt with by the Bookings Officer only and not changed by any person using the Hall.



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10. Any Hall hire finishing after 12.00 midnight must be brought to the attention of the Committee at the time of booking, as an additional charge may be made.
11. Food Hygiene Guidelines are on display in the kitchen for the benefit of all users. Please read these and adhere to them. The Hall Committee accepts no responsibility for any food consumed on the premises.
12. The procedures for child protection set out in an appendix to the Conditions of Hire apply to every hire.

It is important that all events be well supervised, and that those using the Hall behave themselves properly both within the Hall and on entering and leaving it. Parking is sometimes an issue, and Hall users should ensure that their vehicles do not cause an obstruction on Greenbank Road in particular.

If Hall users ensure that they are considerate to others, then the Hall will remain an asset to our community. However, if there is inconsiderate behaviour, the Hall will become a problem. I am sure no-one would like to see that happen.

The AGM of the Hall Committee will take place on Tuesday May 22nd at 7.30 in the Hall, and all the office bearers and committee members will stand down. I know that many will not be offering themselves for re-election and I would take this opportunity to thank them for their service. In order for the Hall to function it requires a Committee, and I would urge you to think about helping out by joining the Committee. We need representatives of user groups as well as the usual office bearers. Please have a word with me if you would be interested in taking part in the work of the Hall Committee - and come along to the AGM.

A motion will be put to the AGM to lower the age of attendance from 18 to 16 years. I would encourage younger members of the community to come along and consider getting more involved in the running of the Hall.

Over the past year, a number of milestones have been achieved. Perhaps the most important has been that the Hall Trustees now own the land lying between the Hall and Main Street. This will enable us to raise the money needed to landscape that ground and put in some car parking and an attractive entrance on to Main Street. By doing this the Committee hopes to ease the pressure on parking on Greenbank Road, and make a better pathway via the Hall between Greenbank Road and Main Street - perhaps also linking through to the Village Green.

Cedric Wilkins
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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 5th March 2012 in Glenfarg Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT CCllrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Armstrong, Johnston, Macpherson and Ponton

By Invitation – Sgt, Sandra Williams (Tayside Police) & George Laurie (TRACKS)

Members of Public attending - 5

APOLOGIES Cllr Baird and Cllr Arnold

Previous Minutes Minutes of last meeting held on 9th January 2012 were approved subject to change to item 1 under Planning to read “ advised no grounds for objection”. Minutes proposed by Cllr Macpherson and seconded by Cllr Ponton.

Matters Arising

- Access to Wallace Park – Glenfarg United AFC have replied to GCC letter indicating that their vehicle access to the park is occasional when transporting heavy items. They also reported that damage to grass was caused during last year's fete and by P&KC's heavy vehicles used for ground maintenance. Bill Connolly will raise issue with Fete Committee.
- Binn Farm Community Forum – Cllr Arnold attended 17th Jan meeting.
- Wicks of Baiglie road – Npower obliged to re-instate but work not yet carried out. Start date of 19th March – P&KC dealing in conjunction with entire road improvements.
- Website – Web space has been purchased and ownership of glenfarg.org changed to GCC.
- Arngask Catchment – There will be a public meeting on the proposed change of catchment area for Arngask pupils to Loch Leven Campus on 15th March. The CC secretary will write to confirm our support for the proposal.
- Drain Cover repairs – the drain covers in Church Brae & Greenbank Road have been repaired/replaced.
- Hedges beyond stables – Land owner has been contacted and has advised GCC that his son will be dealing with issue on his return.
- Tractors speeding / Mud on roads – Replies from contacted farmers received. The owner of Fordel reported that although they have traffic going through Glenfarg, it is not of the very large 'crop management' variety. He expressed his understanding of the issue and support for GCC's stance. the owner of Old Fargie advised that they very little, if any, traffic through village. The Chairperson is to meet with the owners

of Colliston in the near future and seek their support in addressing the issues that lead to concerns being expressed. GCC have now obtained from Tayside Police full details of legal requirements relating to mud on roads cleaning responsibilities.

Police Report Sgt Williams reported on vandalism at New Fergie, a detected assault and disturbances at Village Hall resulting from teenage party. There have been speed checks in the area with several warnings issued. Increased security has been noted in rural areas since the tragedy in Forteviot. Community Police are available to attend, and speak at, clubs & groups.

TRACKS George Lawrie presented on agreed Core Paths throughout the region. The Hilton to Glenfarg path has been unable to attract match funding to date. However further attempts to fund are to be made. Total cost £27k. Funding for grass cutting on existing route finished this year. George will meet with new land owner to discuss project. If funding is secured, he would hope that the Hilton track would be done this autumn. The Loch Leven Heritage Trail will now be completed as funding and land owners' agreements now in place. Work hopefully starting in Sept/Oct with completion Oct 2013. Several other projects in area as detailed on P&KC website, Core Paths.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account - £4594.77 (includes monies held for Hall land improvement)

Investment Bond - £6000 (matures July 2012)

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School Prize Fund - £941

According to P&KC requirements of Community Councils, if over £10k held in any one financial year, accounts must be audited. CCllr Vaughan has been advised by Brenda Lackie P&KC that this means only that accounts should be independently examined.

CCllr Vaughan produced report on income/expenditure on marquee for past 14 years. A discussion followed on options for replacement and ownership. She will detail options to the Fete Committee with a view to resolving issue and reserve funds at next meeting of GCC.

Planning

Local Development Plan – Public viewing on Wed 14th March at Loch Leven Campus. Little involvement for Glenfarg with exception of Binn Farm. However with Binn Farm Community Forum attendance GCC is kept well informed on all future plans there.

New Planning applications

12/00119/FLL - Erection of a replacement conservatory and extension to form single garage 27 Birch Lane Glenfarg – no objections

11/02143/FLL - Installation of a wind turbine Binn Farm – no objections

Applications approved by PKC since 9th January

11/01787/FLL - Extension to form garden room Ard Choille Newfargie

11/01981/FLL - Change of use of land and landscaping works for the formation of a horse arena

11/00909/FLL - Modification of existing consent (09/01466/FLL)

Formation of combined heat and power unit, with installation of ancillary equipment and associated landscaping Teg Environmental Binn
Rule Changes – As of 6th Feb there have been some changes to what now requires formal planning application e.g. Conservatories or small extensions. However it is recommended that clarification is sought prior to proceeding with any structural change.

Community Benefit Fund CCIr Ponton reported on the first round of applications and grants awarded by the panel. It is proposed that panel meets 6 monthly with ability to increase frequency if need arise.

An allocation for micro grants to be made at discretion of Community Council is available. There was discussion around whether or not the conditions in the agreement signed by the Community Councils were being worked to. GCC secretary to seek clarification. A link to CBF is to be made available on GCC website.

CCIr Ponton reported that the panel members worked extremely well together and all applications regardless of area were examined equally.

Newsletter CCIr Macpherson reported on a Newsletter Management Committee meeting on 21st Feb. A new template which will be more user friendly and suited to publishing on website is being trialled. The subscription scheme is working well and will be available for part year subscription but annual run will be Feb issue – Dec issue. It is hoped that a special edition can be produced in June to celebrate the 200th issue. An archive of the Glenfarg Newsletter is proposed and talks are being held with Arngask Church re siting of suitable storage.

Mini Glass Recycling facility It was agreed that Glenfarg had adequate glass recycling at Greenbank Crescent site and no addition was required.

Correspondence Secretary reported on correspondence received since last meeting and no action required.

AOCB

- Convention of P&K CCs – GCC no longer members and wish to have no part in the suggestions of the group's leadership.
- Flagpole in Wallace Park – a request will be made to P&KC to refurbish
- Consideration was given to the possibility of asking for litter-picking to be carried out locally through the Community Payback scheme, but this was felt by some members to be an inappropriate role for the scheme's participants.

Date of next meeting 14th May – (combined AGM and business meeting)

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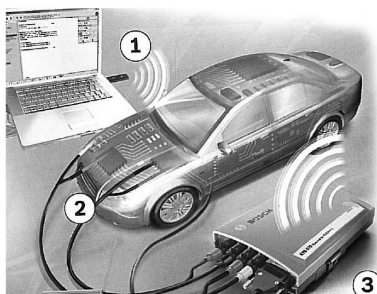
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The van visits the village on alternate
Wednesdays: 11th & 25th April and
9th & 23rd May and stops at:-

Arrgask PS: 9.30-10.15
Hayfield Rd: 10.15-10.30
Ladeside: 10.30-11.15
Main St: 11.15-11.30
Duncruevie: 11.35-11.50



Bank of Scotland

Stops at Glenfarg Hotel
Tuesday 10.45-11.00

Mobile Post Office

Stops outside the Old
Joiner's workshop, Ladeside
Mon 11am-12noon;
Tues 12.45pm- 2.15pm;
Thurs 11am-12noon; Fri 12.45pm - 2.15pm



Recycling Points

Glenfarg: Arrgask School car park for cans, paper and glass
Kinross: Causeway Car Park, Sainsbury's, Station Road, for cans, glass,
paper and textiles.
Bridgend Industrial Estate Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm
Milnathort: Thistle Inn, Black Loan for cans, glass and paper
Orwell & Portmoak Church Office for cans, plastic, paper and ink cartridges
Perth: Tesco, Edinburgh Road for cans, glass, paper, textiles and books

Kerbside Recycling Service: Waste Collection Dates

Glenfarg

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Mondays 2nd, 16th & 30 April and
14th & 28th May 2012

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Mondays 9th & 23rd April and
7th & 21st May 2012

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Thursdays 5th & 19th April and 3rd,
17th & 31st May 2012

Duncruevie

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Thursdays 5th & 19th April and 3rd,
17th & 31st May 2012

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Thursdays 12th & 26th April
and 10th & 24th May 2012

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Saturdays 7th & 21st April and 5th &
19th May 2012