

# THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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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 April issue, please inform us with details by the 1st of March to allow us adequate time to plan the issue. Contributions should reach us by 15th of March.

**Thank you.**

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# Editorial



Welcome to the first issue of 2013 and as usual there's plenty of reading material here for you all. Christmas and New Year festivities were enjoyed by many and Santa was extremely well received throughout the area. Unfortunately Glenfarg seems to have experienced a fair share of illness in the past month and I have been asked by many to pass on their grateful thanks for all the help and good wishes they have received. So here's to all you shoppers, soup makers, firewood suppliers and paper deliverers, you're the best!

In this issue we welcome our new "roving reporter" Dave Arnold who is willing to gather stories from the village. But YOU can still submit any article yourself at any time and we'll include it in the next issue. Please see Page 6 for the

Newsletter calendar which gives all the dates for submission of articles and adverts.

This issue is full of opportunities for us all to help our community, everything from Fete assistance (page 69) to In Bloom volunteering (page 40) right through to digging out some old photos (page 31) and tracking down an old telescope (page 64). One sure thing, life in Glenfarg is never dull or routine.

Of course we're all keeping our fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day on the 8th June - Why? - because that's the day of the Glenfarg Village Fete 2013 and we're due a nice day for a change. We'll also accept lots of good weather all year round!

Kate

# Glenfarg Newsletter Calendar 2013

MONTH	Last date for advert submission	Last date for article submission	Issue online	Issue available in shop
January	4th	15th	25th	
February				First week
Advertising invoice payment due 28 <sup>th</sup> February				
March	1st	15th	25th	
April				First week
May	1st	15th	25th	
June				First week
July	1st	15th	25th	
August				First week
September	1st	15th	25th	
October				First week
November	1st	15th	25th	
December				First week

# Diary of Events

Date	Event	Where
Feb 1st	“Ronin”	Community Cinema
Feb 12th 2pm	Pancake Tea	Church Hall
Feb 14th	St Valentine’s Day	Page 15
Feb 14th	History of the Jute Industry	SWRI Village Hall
March 1st	World day of prayer	
March 3rd	Wine Club	Terrace Bar
March 8th	“The Dish”	Community Cinema
March 9th	Coffee Morning & Sale	Church Hall
March 28th 10.30am	Arngask School Easter Service	Arngask Church
March 28th	Term ends	Arngask School
March 31st 9.30am	Easter Service	Arngask Church
April 16th	Term starts	Arngask School
<b>June 8th</b>	<b>Village Fete</b>	<b>Wallace Park</b>
Every Monday	Glenfarg Folk Club	See page 49

# 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.

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

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

[www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)

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



# Village Hall News

Work is shortly to start to improve the land between the hall and Main Street. This area has been neglected for many years and detracts from the hall as an important community asset. The plans for the area include parking for five cars including one space for disabled users; and the creation of a landscaped area for play space and other uses associated with the hall. The work will necessitate the temporary closure of the footpath between Greenbank Road and Main Street. The footpath will be upgraded and a new gateway will be formed to link directly to Glenfarg Green. The construction work is expected to take four to five weeks and will be carried out by the Cupar firm, T and N Gilmartin. Plans can be viewed on the hall noticeboard.

The project has received a great deal of support – both in kind and financially. Financial support has been received from Awards for All (Big Lottery Fund); Glenfarg Community Council; Perth and Kinross Council Community Environment Challenge Fund;



Perth and Kinross Quality of Life Trust; the Scottish Government and the European Community Rural Tayside LEADER programme; the Scottish Community Foundation from the RWE Npower renewables Lochelbank Community Fund; and the Village Hall itself.

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## Village Hall News continued

The support of all these organisations is gratefully acknowledged. Thanks also go to those local professional people who assisted in the design and development of the proposals. Without their support the project would not have got off the ground.

Once the work is completed the hall garden will be available to all hall users – especially youth groups and those groups catering for smaller children. The space could also occasionally be used for marquees for weddings or other larger events. The hall committee hope that the garden will not only remove a blight on the village, but will also ease parking congestion on Greenbank Road, enhance the hall facilities and amenity generally, and extend the range of activities that take place in the hall.



New committee members are always welcome to join the hall committee. The committee recently agreed to encourage younger people to join. If you are sixteen or over and would be interested in the work of the hall committee then please have a word with Cedric Wilkins, Tim Corcoran or Kerry Davidson to find out more.

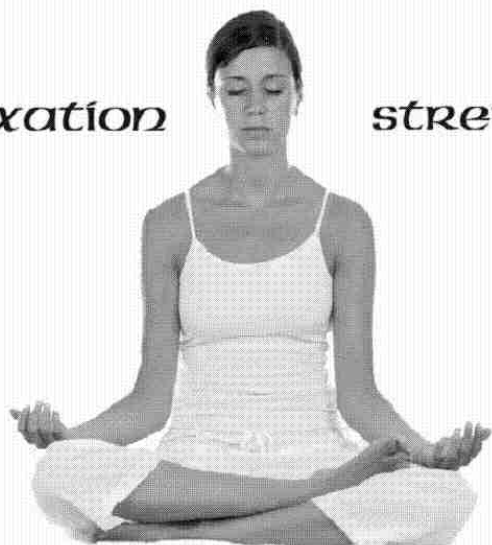


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*Dear Friends*

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*Love Leslie X*

*(Leslie Godsell, Lomond Bank)*

## Old Foggie's Fascinating Facts



On the 20<sup>th</sup> December there was a major rain storm over Glenfarg. At its peak, there were 3.3mm of rain falling per hour. Over the area of the bowling green alone, this rate would equate to 3668 litres per hour.

Up until 6:30 that evening, 35.8mm of rain had fallen from the skies. On the bowling green, the amount of rain, up until that time would have been 39791 litres.

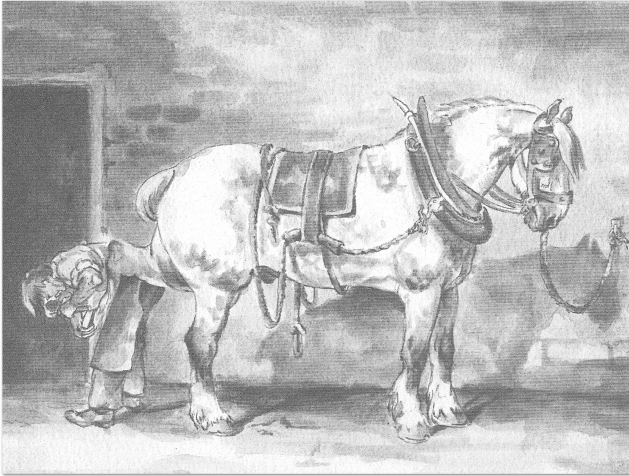
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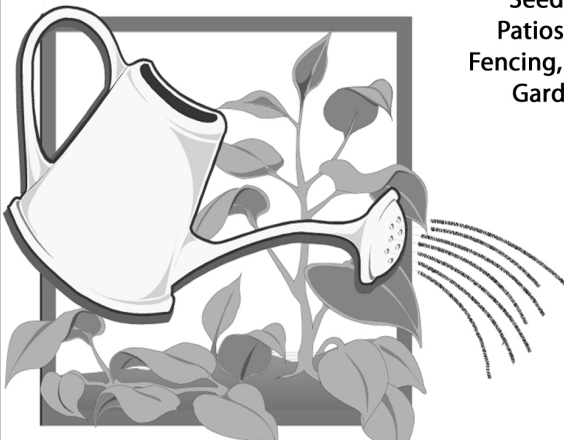
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1 tsp quality vanilla essence  
300ml strong black coffee  
150ml Tia Maria  
4 medium egg yolks\*  
75g caster sugar  
284ml fresh double cream  
200g Savoiardi biscuit finger, or sponge fingers  
Plus – cocoa powder to dust



#### **Method:**

Make the strong black coffee and mix with the Tia Maria, allow to cool in a shallow bowl. Then in a large bowl whisk the egg yolks and sugar until very pale, add the mascarpone cheese and whisk until thoroughly blended. Add the vanilla essence to the mixture and whisk again until mixture is smooth and even. In a separate bowl whisk all the double cream until it stands in soft peaks. Then fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture, and whisk gently to ensure ingredients are thoroughly combined.

Take the Savoiardi/sponge biscuits and dip individually into the coffee mixture and then place in the bottom of a 4pint shallow serving dish. Spread approx half of the mascarpone/cream mixture over the sponges and then repeat with another layer of dipped sponges and a final layer of mascarpone mixture. Cover with foil or cling film and chill for at least 2 hours.

Dust with cocoa powder immediately before serving.

Delicious!

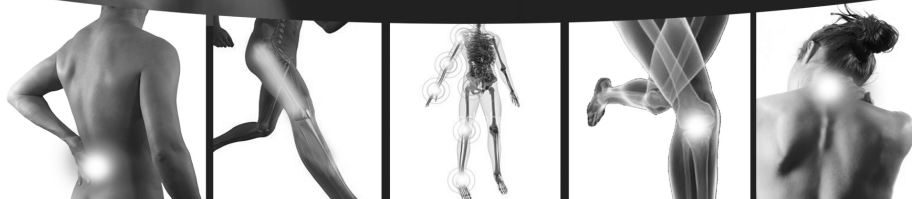
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Submitted by Caroline Parkinson, Marindin Park, Glenfarg

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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

### Winners & Answers

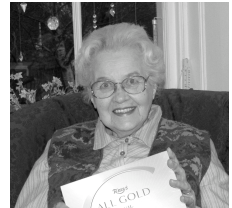
Thank you and well done to all of you who entered our Christmas Quiz. All the entries scored highly with 16 scoring 28 or more (out of 30). 4 entries scored full marks i.e., 30 out of 30 and these were put in a hat and the 3 winners drawn by the Editor of the Newsletter:



1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£25 Voucher) : Fiona Campbell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15 Voucher) : The McLaughlin Family  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10 Voucher) : Jan Pedley

Many Congratulations!

PS: A special consolation prize of a box of chocolates was presented to Muriel Bell – the oldest entrant who scored a very creditable 23 out of 30 without the aid of a computer!



**Thank you to Chrystal Petroleum who generously sponsored the prizes.**

### Answers

**Local & Scottish** 1 Mary Queen of Scots. 2. MacGregor. 3. Donald MacKenzie. 4. Robert Burns. 5. Glen of anger/Ferocious glen.

**Sport** 1Gleneagles, 2 Moscow, 3 St Johnstone, 4 Archery, 5 Ailsa Craig

**The World** 1 Lake Victoria, 2 Baht, 3 France, 4 Valetta, 5 Danube

**Entertainment, Music & Art** 1 True Grit, 2 Rolf Harris, 3 Leonardo da Vinci, 4 Sean Connery/Roger Moore/George Lazenby/Timothy Dalton/Pierce Brosnan/Daniel Craig/David Niven, 5 Laura Carmichael

**Christmas** 1 Donner, Blitzen, Cupid, Comet, Vixen, Prancer, Dancer, Dasher & Rudolph, 2 Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh, 3 Irving Berlin, 4 7 swans a swimming, 5 A Christmas tree.

**History** 1 St Helena, 2 John F Kennedy, 3 Yuri Gagarin, 4 The Salvation Army, 5 The Stone of Scone/The Stone of Destiny.

Dave & Kate Arnold



# Glenfarg Community Cinema

The **Community Cinema** has successfully completed its first mini season from September to December 2012. It has included a French Night with wine and cheese, a Scottish comedy with whisky tasting, and culminated in a guest appearance by Matthew Elf at the kid's Christmas film show 'Elf'.



Here is what the audience thought of the last two films –

## Results of the votes for the kid's show **ELF** . .

Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	8%	10%	82%

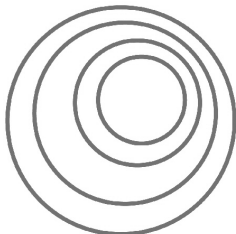


## Results of the votes for **THE ANGELS' SHARE** . .

Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	5.5%	33.5%	61%

So, what comes next? We have planned a mini-season of 4 films. Tickets, £5 each, will be available in the shop or at the door. If you are reading this too late to catch the first two films, then remember that posters go into the shop window two weeks before the show (thanks Mark!) and the whole programme is available on the village website [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) where you will also find photos and the results of the vote.

January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>War Horse</b>	Young Albert enlists to serve in World War I after his beloved horse is sold to the cavalry. Steven Spielberg directs. <i>"A Moving Masterpiece" Daily Mail - *****</i>
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Ronin</b>	A freelancing former US intelligence agent tries to track down a mysterious package that is wanted by both the Irish and the Russians. <i>"Comparable to French Connection, great action." Rotten Tomatoes - ****</i>
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Dish</b>	A remote Australian antenna, populated by quirky characters, plays a key role in the first Apollo moon landing. A comedy drama, based on a true story. <i>"A feel good movie without an abundance of mush." Rotten Tomatoes - *****</i>
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jean de Florette</b>	A greedy landowner and his backward nephew conspire to block the only water source for an adjoining property in order to bankrupt the owner and force him to sell. In French, with English subtitles. <i>Four BAFTA awards in 1988 including Best Film</i>



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# WRI Cake Decorating



Glenfarg WRI invited mums from the Babies & Toddler Group and friends to join in Cake Decorating Classes in the Village Hall. Allison Messenger led the class and imparted her skills to the eager group who all produced beautiful Christmas Cakes. At the end of the last evening, the group made a presentation to Allison to thank her for all her help.

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## **Old Folks Christmas Lunch**

The Old Folks Christmas Lunch took place on Tuesday 4 December and was held in the Glenfarg Hotel. Unfortunately due to illness and other commitments, our numbers were down slightly on last year. However we had a beautiful meal cooked by Alex and Mark, and served by Esa, Laura, Ashley and Stephen. Many thanks to them for looking after us all so well, and all who attended had a lovely afternoon. The meal was followed by a raffle and entertainment, which was provided by Philip Ponton who sang with accompaniment on the keyboard by his wife Margaret. Many of the company present sang along with the familiar Christmas songs. Stewart Smith also played a selection of Scottish and Seasonal songs on the accordion before the party broke up just before 3pm. I think I can say we all had a very enjoyable few hours together.

Judith Stake

## **PTA Christmas Sale**

The PTA ran a very successful and well-attended Christmas Fayre on 30th November in the Village Hall. We had a visit from Santa and lots of stalls with crafts and handmade gifts and a great cake and candy table. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, we made over £900 and this will be used by the school for equipment, transport and trips etc. Our next event is a Valentine's Disco on 16th February, where the excellent DJ who made the Halloween Party such a great night will entertain us. Thanks again to everyone in the community who lends a hand and all who come along to make our efforts worthwhile, it is most appreciated.

Susan Rowell

# Bolero Glenfarg Explorer Style

Seventeen explorers and two leaders left Kinross in a drizzle and caught an evening train from Inverkeithing heading to Edinburgh's Winter Garden for some ice-skating. The weather forecast wasn't good, wet all night but that dampened the clothes of those who had forgotten waterproofs but not their excitement.

By the time we reached Edinburgh the rain had stopped. As we were early in the season there were no queues so once kitted up the explorers headed for



the ice. Three of the explorers had never skated before but after ten minutes they were as good as most of the others. They did manage to attract the attention of the ice wardens when some of them skated in an anti-clockwise direction and not the traditional clockwise. There were a group of columns in the centre of the ice and the explorers gathered there to invest three new members into the unit.

Once off the ice and back in normal foot wear the explorers set off to explore the continental market in Princess Street. The air was thick with the smell of gluwain and vin chaud and the explorers vanished into the crowd. Some of

them tried out the rides beside the Scot Monument and reported that it had been set up very precisely to swing you within a few inches of the structure. Waiting for the stragglers to return to the meeting point, the explorers' attention was caught by a hat stall and several rapidly made purchases.



It had started to snow by the time we returned to Inverkeithing. The explorers spent the rest of the journey home speculating as to whether the school would be snowed off. They must have been very disappointed in the morning to discover that the snow stopped within 10 minutes of us getting back to the village.

Christine Morton

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## Old Photographs of Glenfarg Memories of Glenfarg 1930-1970

I have (been) volunteered to collect old records of our ever changing village community and I am now asking for your help.

The object of this exercise is to compile a pictorial and factual record of how the community has changed over the years. Many of you will know of the Annals of Arngask and James Jack's work Glenfarg & District and now seems the right time to add to these records. This exercise is also linked to the Community Cinema who may use items to create Glenfarg's very own film documentaries.

If you have any photographs or postcards from the 20th century which I could use, please contact me. Items will be scanned and originals returned to you.

However, most of all, I would love to hear your memories. Did you attend Arngask School in the 30s, 40s & 50's? What shops and businesses were around then? Where did you work? What transport did you use? What council services were provided? The list is endless so please contact me on 830343 or drop items in at Culmore or e mail me on [john\\_j\\_armstrong@btinternet.com](mailto:john_j_armstrong@btinternet.com) .

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We would like to thank everyone in the village for their generous support to RDA. In particular, the SWRI for their donation from the Open Evening on December 13th when the Local Vocals provided entertainment, and also Arngask Church for the collection at the Watch Night Service on Christmas Eve. Thanks also to Fiona Rutherford for the kind donation of £100 from the Hogmanay Ceilidh.

The RDA Christmas Hamper was won by Mrs Scott, 6 Hayfield Road. Our thanks go to all at the Glenfarg Village Store for selling lots of tickets.



Before Christmas, our riders achieved grade 1 and 2 tests from most schools attending every week. In 2013 we hope to attend again the Gold / Silver / Bronze Test Holiday at Leeds in August, as everyone enjoyed taking part in 2012. We would like to take some new riders, so some of the donations given to the RDA will be used to finance the trip to Yorkshire where we were the ONLY Scottish Group taking part last year. We also hope to take part in the Musical Ride competition at Ayr and other competitions including the regional Special Olympics.

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## *Centenarian Winnie Barlas*



*Glenfarg ladies Jean Connolly, Janette Kirkland,  
Sheila Harley and Margaret Scott joined  
Winnie on her 100th birthday.*

Winnie Barlas had a highly enjoyable 100th birthday party on Boxing day with family and friends.

She would like to thank everyone from Glenfarg and beyond who sent cards, good wishes, gifts and donations to the Red Cross to her on her 100th Birthday.

Winnie and her family would also like to thank the Church for their lovely bouquet of flowers and the WRI for the lovely hand painted card and orchid.

Maggie Stevenson (Winnie's daughter)

# Tennis Club Ceilidh & Prizegiving

A very successful and enjoyable evening was spent at the Village Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The music was supplied by 'Dancing Feet', an excellent local band hailing from Abernethy mainly..! The bar and catering facilities were both kept busy and a good time was had by all.

Prizewinners for 2012 were ;

Mens Singles Winner Lorne Findlay Runner up Chas Young

Ladies Singles Winner Lillian Swanson Runner up Margaret Ponton

Mens Doubles Winners Rob Arthur and Tim Corcoran

Ladies Doubles Winners Mandy Arthur and Sadie Allan

Mixed Doubles Winners Mandy Arthur and Chas Young

Most Improved Junior Ben Normile



A new season beckons and full details will appear in the next newsletter but meanwhile if you have any queries please contact myself or Sadie. We are happy to confirm this year will see the return of the famous Glenfarg Duck Races amongst many other activities..!

Steve Whiting

*Mens Doubles Rob  
Arthur & Tim Corcoran*

*Mens Singles  
Winner Lorne  
Findlay  
receives his  
trophy from  
Steve Whiting*



*Mixed Doubles  
winners Mandy  
Arthur and Chas  
Young*

# Glenfarg & Duncruevie in Bloom



Dear Residents of Glenfarg & Duncruevie

This is an open letter to the village from the Glenfarg and Duncruevie in Bloom Committee (GDIB)

GDIB is an organisation that has existed for 7 years now and hopefully you will agree that vast improvements have been made to our village. The committee is very small ((only 6 members) and it is impossible for the committee alone to complete all the maintenance necessary. Therefore your suggestions are sought on how to encourage more people to become involved.

Here are some of the tasks which GDIB and friends have done for the village:

- Containers at Marindin, Telephone Box, The Church, Duncruevie South entrance, top of Ash Grove, opposite The Hotel, Shop corner, Earnside wall and The War Memorial
- Hanging baskets along north entrance to the village, at the garage on Main Street and at Duncruevie
- Tattie boxes and containers which line the south entrance to the village and 2 at Duncruevie
- Verge strimming at North and South ends
- Bulb planting along the south verge and at Duncruevie
- Maintenance of the small patch at the North end of the village (called Dupplin because originally the plants came from Dupplin nursery),



Train Stop, The Village Green and Winter Garden, The War Memorial and The School

- Growing on of plug plants (10 families give up their time and greenhouse space to do this)
- Watering of containers in summer,
- Litter picking on various paths in Glenfarg and Duncricieve

Could you take responsibility for maintaining one of these areas/tasks?

The Village Green is a major attraction in the centre of our village but is also a very large area and needs 3 or 4 people to regularly maintain it or perhaps this could be a village day where everyone works together 2 or 3 times a year. Did you know that, at the moment, the only thing the Council does to help maintain it, is to cut the paths and perhaps the meadow grass? (The meadow grass may not be done in future due to Council cuts.) It is up to us as a village to maintain the rest of The Green. Can you do anything to help?

Do you think working as a whole village day is a good idea? Which day and what sort of time of day do you think is most suitable? Everyone nowadays lead very hectic lives and that is why we need to know your personal opinion.

All suggestions/comments would be appreciated but your help would be the best thing. Contact Irene 830441, Sheila 830225 or Kate 830343

or email us at [inbloom@glenfarg.org](mailto:inbloom@glenfarg.org) .



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Can we suggest you have a look at the front of your Driving Licence and see when it is valid from (4a) and when it expires (4b). (You might need a magnifying glass!)



Note: Some drivers still have old paper licences. These are currently valid until the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday but they are being replaced over the next 2 years by the photocard type.

See the official DVLA website for more information or pick up a leaflet at the Post Office.

# A Real Winter Warmer Recipe

## Cock-a-Leekie Soup

This is a traditional Scottish recipe for which there are many, many versions; some involve the addition of prunes, or celery or barley. This is my favourite and makes a fresh and tasty, meaty soup which was one

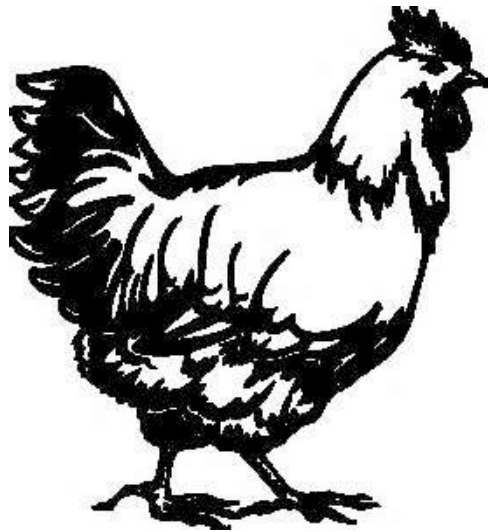


of the soups available at the December “Soup and a Chat”. In line with the current popularity for simpler recipes, there are few ingredients needed to make this good winter soup. Real chicken stock is essential to

provide the best flavour, as well as some meat for the final pot. Rather than using a whole chicken to prepare the stock, I use chicken thighs which give a good flavour. The amounts given will make a large pot of soup that serves up to eight people; it is fairly easy to scale down the proportions to make less. And there is a bonus because not all of the thighs are needed for the final soup, you have some cooked chicken to spare for another dish.

## Ingredients

6 chicken thighs  
3 litres water  
300g leeks trimmed, sliced  
thinly across the stem  
240g carrots grated  
40g white rice  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
to garnish



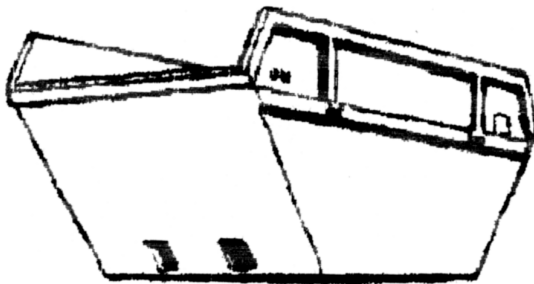
## Method

1. Simmer the chicken pieces in the water in a large pan for an hour, skimming off any foam that appears. Once cooking is complete, remove the chicken pieces to a sieve and collect any liquid that drains to return to the pan. Reserve two or three thighs for the soup, the others can be kept or discarded as you prefer.
2. When the reserved chicken pieces are cool enough to handle, remove the skin and bones before breaking the meat into small pieces. Return the meat pieces to the stock, together with the sliced leeks, grated carrots, rice and salt.
3. Bring the stock back to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes until the rice is cooked.
4. Check and adjust seasoning, adding salt and not too much pepper. Serve with a garnish of finely chopped parsley.

Janet Little



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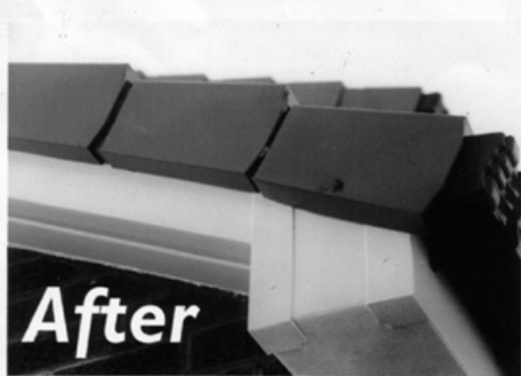


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My name is Quentin Dalrymple and I live on Greenbank Road in Glenfarg. I enjoy playing poker with friends from the village but we often find it difficult to physically get together regularly. So I have found a website where I can start an online club and open it to selected members. The website gives you an endless supply of play money so it will cost you absolutely nothing. At a designated time, for example Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, members will go online and join a virtual table. All the other people at that table will also be from the village. You will be able to type in chat messages and have fun learning how to play Texas hold'em poker. The club will run in a league system where players will be placed in a club ranking position related to how much play money they win or lose. It should be great watching your club ranking go up and down week to week.

Even if you've never played in your life but would like to learn there is a poker school on the website which will quickly have you playing with confidence. The club is open to women and men aged 18 or over.

Remember it is completely free, there is NO hidden catch. We will be playing for pretend money. It will be a fun and friendly online environment.

Drop me an email if you are interested in joining and I'll tell you what website to go to and what software to download onto your computer.  
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# Glenfarg WRI

At an open meeting held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> December we were entertained by Margaret Ponton and the Glenfarg singing group, Local Vocals, who sang a variety of Christmas songs and carols.



December competition winners

Stocking filler--1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran

Edible Christmas tree decoration 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Yull, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margot Moran

Flower of the month- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Harley.

Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> Simon Poot from Newburgh came to talk about his Red Squirrel project. We had a very interesting discussion about how Grey squirrels really are killing out red squirrels and what can be done about it.

January competition winners

A Collage--Lynda Stuart

3 Nutty Biscuits--1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Yull, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynda Stuart.

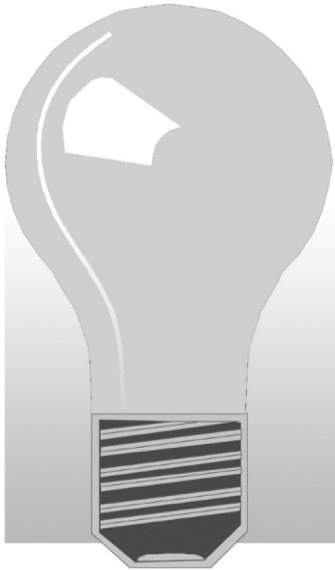
Pot Plant--1<sup>st</sup> Liz Yull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Quartermaine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Scott

Dates for future meetings

14<sup>th</sup> February --History of the Jute Industry

14<sup>th</sup> March-- Mary's Meals Backpack Project

11<sup>th</sup> April-- Visit to Perth Amateur Operatic Society's Production



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## BRIGHTENING UP DUNCRIEVIE (BUD)

The BUD team in Duncrievie would like to wish all readers a Happy New Year and take the opportunity to thank all those who donated their plants, time, energy and enthusiasm to BUD during 2012.

We have worked really hard together to improve our environment and enhance the lovely village we live in, planting bulbs, summer plants and hanging baskets and we are all looking forward to seeing what 2013 will bring and what colours we will have for the bedding plants!



We would also like to thank all the responsible dog owners who bag their dog poo and dispose of it appropriately; it makes all the difference to us in BUD when we are working on the verges and cutting the grass particularly on the footpath leading from Duncrievie to Wallace Park.

Thanks again for all the support – it is much appreciated.

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## GLENFARG OIL BUYING SYNDICATE

As this Newsletter goes to print the Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS) will be putting together the first order of 2013 ready for a delivery in early February.

The last consolidated order was placed in mid November when **82** members ordered a total of over **60,000 litres**. Savings vary from household to household but most members are saving anywhere between £35 and £100 per delivery by buying through GOBS.

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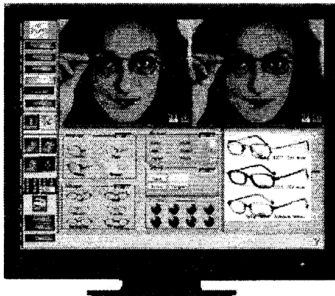
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# Church News



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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter Easter will soon be upon us, and Christmas 2012 will be history.

However, I thought I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in, or attended the various services at Arngask Church: the School Service, the Christingle Service, the Carol singing in the Village Hall, and the Watchnight Service. Well done!

Yes, Easter will soon be upon us. Easter, the Christian Festival which is even more important than Christmas. Easter is the occasion when we celebrate the fact that Jesus was risen from the dead. On Good Friday mankind had done his worst; Jesus was tortured, ridiculed and executed upon a Cross at the rubbish dump outside the city wall. His own people got rid of him with the help of the Roman authorities. All was finished, or so they thought. Three days later Jesus was risen from the tomb; death had done its worst, but somehow death had been defeated. As we know, church people and non-church-people alike, speculation and controversy have surrounded the Resurrection of Jesus, and always will. Christians themselves have different ways of understanding what happened: some take the Bible accounts literally, others metaphorically, but there is one thing we all hold in common. It is this. We know that something happened at the time we call Easter. Something happened about 2,000 years ago which brought new life and new hope to a small group of people.

Something happened which transformed the lives of this small group who risked life and limb to tell a very sceptical, often hostile world that Jesus had risen from the dead. And, as they say, the rest is history. It is the resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter. It is a time for great rejoicing to know that death is not God's final pronouncement on human beings. For all who make the leap of faith and believe in Jesus there is wonderful hope. And such belief adds a whole new dimension to our lives. If you do not usually attend church, don't let that stop you from coming at Easter. Come and swell the congregation as we tell the Easter story once again.

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## **Church News continued**

### **Christmas at Arngask**

There was a good attendance in Arngask Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December when the Sunday Club children (assisted by some adults) presented their Nativity play, thank you to Margaret Ponton for leading the production. After the service the children enjoyed their party and Santa Claus made a surprise visit. In the evening the Christingle Service was well attended and all present enjoyed seeing the children with their Christingles and hearing "Local Vocals", the new village ladies singing group. £168 was raised for the Children's Society. Thanks to David Watt for organising this service.

On Christmas Eve there was a good attendance for the Carol Singing in the Village Hall, followed by a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. The Watchnight Service in Arngask Church on Christmas Eve took the form of nine lessons and carols when lessons were read by representatives of various organisations in the village. A retiral offering of £110.79 was donated to Glenfarg Branch of Riding for the Disabled.

The Christmas Sale raised a total of £1241 - thank you to all who donated and helped on the day. Prize winner's were:- Jar of Sweets - Yona Scott, Christmas cake - Alison Bett, Guess the Whisky - Ian Scott, Hamper winners were Sandra Gourlay, Janette Kirkland, Aileen Leslie, A Shepherd, Sheona Reid, Fiona Rutherford, Maureen Greig, Bobby Davidson, Murray Hunter, E Baxter, Ian Hyslop, Jean Ross, Margaret Ling, Stuart Andrew & Doug Stewart.

### **Dates for your Diary**

12<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Tea in the Church Hall, 2pm-4pm

Adults £2.00 & Children £1.50.

1<sup>st</sup> March - World Day of Prayer.

9<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee Morning & Sale

10<sup>th</sup> March - Communion

24<sup>th</sup> March - United Service /Annual Stated Meeting 10.30 Abernethy

28<sup>th</sup> March – Arngask School Easter Service in Arngask Church 10.30am

28<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy Thursday LECT evening service Dunning 7pm

29<sup>th</sup> March- Good Friday - Abernethy Church 7pm

31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Sunday early morning service - Glenfarg Green 7.30  
followed by croissant & coffee in Church Hall

31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Sunday - Service in Arngask Church 9.30am

PLEASE NOTE as from 6th January 2013 the Sunday Service in Arngask Church starts at 9.30am and will continue at this time throughout 2013 – any change of service will be intimated.



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We are delighted to announce that the entire archived collection of the 204 Glenfarg Newsletters is now housed in a cabinet in the Church Hall.

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Session Clerk 830776

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*Thank you from GDIB to all who purchase second hand books from the shop. The latest collection box emptying yielded £54.07.*

# Glenfarg Observatory & Telescope

*(The following was received by email from the Antique Telescope Society in New York and I hope that we are able to assist them in tracking down the whereabouts and history of this unique telescope.)*

Dear Glenfarg residents, Happy Holidays!

I am tracing the history of what was, in its day, the largest refracting telescope in Scotland. The lens was made by the celebrated Andrew Ross of London, 11.5" diameter, and mounted by Ransome and May. It was shown in the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park, 1851, and then sold to the Eighth Earl of Elchies, Mr. J. W. Grant. He built a substantial observatory at his manor in Wester Elchies and the telescope was used by him briefly and by the celebrated astronomer, Piazzzi-Smyth, also briefly. But Grant died in 1865. Grant sold the telescope not long before he died, in 1864, to a Mr. Tod, owner of Ayton House, Glenfarg. Mr. Tod acquired the estate ca. 1860, and died in 1867. Apparently Tod didn't get much use out of this great telescope either. Mrs. Tod remarried in 1870. After she died, in 1904 there was a court case in which her second husband, Mr. Finlay, was stopped by the heir(s), at least temporarily, before selling the observatory and telescope among other items. After that I know little. I understand that today the observatory is no longer existing, but it was substantial:

"...a handsome circular stone building covered with a moveable dome and built at the eastern extremity of a strip of ground in a field situated at a distance of about 150 yards in a direct line from the mansion house The telescope is placed in



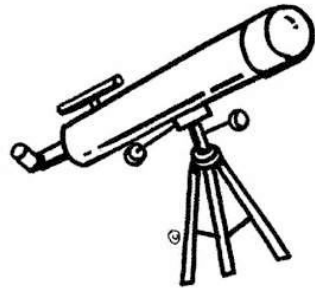
the centre of the building and rests on a solid foundation of masonry 10 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep on which a cast metal baseplate and pedestal weighing about five tons bedded solid in cement This base plate is 9 feet in diameter and 12 inches deep terminating in a pedestal about 3 feet high all cast in one piece upon which rests an iron pillar 7 feet high which is attached to it with bolts The cast metal base is not secured to the masonry with bolts but the great diameter and weight of the base renders these unnecessary the whole being constructed in substantial and permanent manner."

1904 is where my cyberspace trail ends. I am hoping that there is a local historical society or community historian that may have further information about the disposition of the telescope. Was it sold? And if so, to whom and when? Or was it simply dismantled, having languished for 37 years after Mr. Tod died?

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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### **Sunday Club**

The Sunday Club meets on Sunday morning at 9.30am in Arngask Church. Those aged three and upwards are welcome to come into church for the early part of the service then go through to the Church Hall where they will enjoy crafts and activities. All children are welcome in church and “fun bags” are available to amuse babies and toddlers during the service or, if they wish, parents are free to take the little ones into the small church hall. Any parents seeking further information should get in touch with Elaine Morton Tel 01577 830275 or Duncan Stenhouse (Locum Minister) Tel: 01577 866992.

### **Tea and Blether Group**

The group meets in the Church Hall from 2pm – 3.30pm on the last Tuesday of each month. A warm welcome is extended to one and all to come along and enjoy tea, blether and friendship.

# Glenfarg Store-y Book Club

Having to postpone our December date, our group met on 15<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the 2 books we had read over November and December. We now have a regular venue for our chats which is the Hotel and we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30. If you are interested in literature and would like to join us then please speak with Mark next time you visit the Village Store. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Our November book was 'A week in December' by Sebastian Faulks

"It's London, the week before Christmas, 2007. Over seven days we follow the lives of seven major characters: a hedge fund manager trying to bring off the biggest trade of his career; a professional footballer recently arrived from Poland; a young lawyer with little work and too much time to speculate; a student who has been led astray by Islamist theory; a hack book-reviewer; a schoolboy hooked on skunk and reality TV; and a Tube train driver whose Circle Line train joins these and countless other lives together in a daily loop. The novel pieces together the complex patterns and crossings of modern urban life. Greed, the dehumanising effects of the electronic age and the fragmentation of society are some of the themes dealt with in this savagely humorous book. The writing on the wall appears in letters ten feet high, but the characters refuse to see it — and party on as though tomorrow is a dream.

Sebastian Faulks probes not only the self-deceptions of this intensely realised group of people, but their hopes and loves as well. As the novel moves to its gripping climax, they are forced, one by one, to confront the true nature of the world they inhabit."

We all enjoyed the characterisation and feeling of reality with this novel and scored it a resounding 8.6/10.

Moving on to our December read, we tried 'Troubles' by J.G. Farrell – winner of the Lost Man Booker Prize.

“Set in Kilnalough, Ireland, in 1921, in a dilapidated hotel among a motley cast of the equally dilapidated Anglo-Irish upper class, Troubles stars Major Brendan Archer, a veteran of the first World War and fiancé of the elusive Angela Spencer, daughter of the proprietor of the Majestic Hotel, Edward Spencer. The Majestic's name has taken on the quality of bitter irony as the hotel is literally falling to pieces around its owners and residents, a group of elderly ladies left stranded by their own declining fortunes. The Major (as is known throughout the book) arrives to find nothing as he expected. Angela is mysteriously ill, Edward is slowly going mad and the Major finds himself falling hard for caustic Sarah Devlin, who is, of all things, a Catholic.

The Major stays at the hotel for a time, goes away, comes back, and goes away again. Edward becomes increasingly paranoid about the social and political deterioration of British rule in Ireland, and about Sinn Fein (the "Shinners") aggression, and the threat moves closer to home when his son marries a Catholic and runs away. The narrative is punctuated with news items about the state of British rule in Ireland, India and elsewhere in the Empire to underline the sense of instability.

Meanwhile, a colony of feral cats slowly takes over and the building continues to fall apart.



But don't think Troubles is just some grim, depressing book. Farrell's writing is razor-sharp and funny and note-perfect; if you like black humour, Troubles is the book for you.”

This book met with a wide variety of comments, likes and dislikes – it was one of those love it or loathe it reads and our average group score reflected the diversity of opinion scoring it a lowly 5.2/10.

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**[www.glenfarg.org.uk](http://www.glenfarg.org.uk)**

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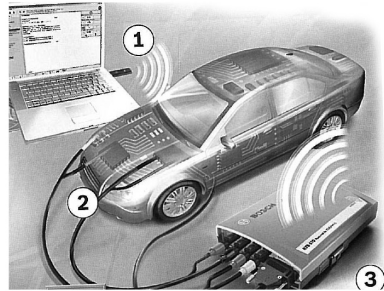
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Hayfield Rd: 10.15-10.30

Ladeside: 10.30-11.15

Main Street: 11.15-11.30

Duncricvie: 11.35-11.50



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