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Thank you.

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Editorial

I hate computers!!! Especially those that think they have the right to change words after proof reading as was the case last issue. I can assure you all that Caroline does not serve canopies with drinks. She does however serve lovely canapes. Hopefully this issue doesn't have too many such errors and there is plenty for you to sit back and enjoy.

But don't sit around too long - remember Saturday June 8th is Fete day, and I have been promising you a sunny day this year, so get out there for a real family fun day. I've just been reading through the list of entertainments and competitions and there seems to be SO much on this year in addition to all the regular features. I just hope I manage to get round everything.

Check out the website and posters for all the timings but most of all remember to come along.

As always the goings on in Glenfarg certainly fill each issue of the Newsletter but in this issue you'll find some new advertisers as well as great features from our occasional contributors.

Additionally on page 64 there is a Community Benefit Fund article which is well worth a read for all



who are interested in the way forward for Glenfarg.

Lucy Normile's plea to drivers, when approaching or passing horses on our roads, is one that is echoed by many horse riders in the area. Please give a bit of room and SLOW DOWN. In the 24 hours you have each day giving up that few minutes isn't going to be too hard.

Another four legged friend that may be in danger is our beloved red squirrel. Just the other day I saw a cat run across our garden with a squirrel in its jaws. I love cats and I know they are merely exercising their hunting skills, but PLEASE cat owners, fit your cat with a collar and, most importantly, a bell. Give our wildlife, squirrels and birds, a chance.

As we come to the end of another school year may I wish all school leavers every success on their chosen path. I have heard so many wonderful stories of university places achieved and travel to far shores. Good luck to you all, and best wishes to our Primary 7 pupils as they move up to secondary education. Remember to keep us informed of your adventures and achievements.

Kate



Sat 8th June 2pm Wallace Park Glenfarg

See page 41 for details of some of the attractions

Diary of Events

Date Event		Where
June 7th	Sports Day	Arngask School
Saturday June 8th 2pm	Glenfarg Village FETE	Wallace Park
June 9th	Holy Communion	Arngask Church
June 14th 7.30pm	Jambouree Choir	Abernethy Church
June 27th	Term ends	Arngask School
Every Monday	Folk Club	Terrace Bar
Every Tuesday Term Time 2pm - 3pm	Community Cafe	Arngask Primary School
Every Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30 am	Baby & Toddlers	Village Hall

Chili Cook Off

All aspiring Mexican chefs openly brag their Chili is the best. OK prove it! At the Fete this year, there will be the inaugural

Glenfarg Chili Cook Off

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Entries to Steve Mee by the 5th of June.

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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
	6pm - 7.30pm	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	Тар
	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'

Announcements and Local News



Congratulations to Gillian and Joty Chauhan on the birth of their daughter Isla Alexandra on May 4th in Los Angeles, USA. Isla is a second granddaughter for David and Janet Little who are delighted with their expanding family.

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two of our much loved residents.

MARGARET MURDIE

Margaret Murdie passed away suddenly on 28th April 2013 after a short illness. She was 61 years old. Margaret lived in Drunzie for many years then moved to Blairnathort. In 2008 she lost her husband, Bob. She was well known throughout Glenfarg being the cleaner for the Arngask Church and a number of local households. She regularly helped out at the Fete and other village events.

Always cheerful, with a good sense of fun, she will be missed.

PETER HASLAM

Peter Haslam who lived in Duncrievie died on 3rd April 2013 aged 86 years. Originally from Chesterfield, he was in the Merchant Navy and later worked for the Electricity Board.

He moved to Duncrievie some 10 years ago to be nearer to his son and his family who live in Kinross.

Condolences are sent to his wife, Kath and their family.

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..... to all neighbours and friends in the village for the flowers, cards and phone messages on the death of Mary's mum Nina Birnie of Newburgh, originally from Belgium.

Mum, up to recent years, always enjoyed her visits to the fete, the duck race and the Christmas Fayre in Glenfarg. Thank you again from Roy, Mary, Victoria and Robert McAinsch.

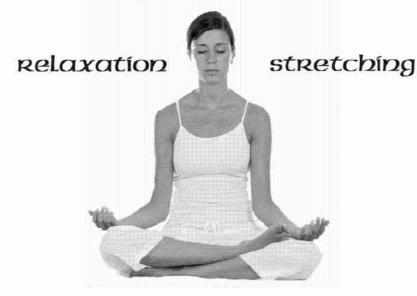




..... from the British Heart Foundation to all who donated to the collection at the funeral service of Marette Aird. A total of £930 was raised for the BHF.

...... to Jen Lindsay, Jimmy's daughter, who donated many of her late dad's garden tools to Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom. Jimmy was a great supporter of the work of GDIB and would certainly have approved of Jen's gift.

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Glenfarg Kids

The following e mail extract was forwarded to the Newsletter by David Aird of Glenfarg Folk Club, who thought that the village would like to know how our children are seen by a non resident, a children's entertainer, Mr Giggles, who appeared at the recent Folk Feast.

"I sincerely hope that everything went to your entire satisfaction at the children's entertainment in the Village Hall during the Glenfarg Village Folk Club extravaganza this weekend. Thank you for the coffee and biscuits, very much appreciated. I personally enjoyed myself and found all of the children (and parents) a delight to entertain. As usual there are so many more magic, tricks, games I wanted to do but time I am afraid passed all too quickly.

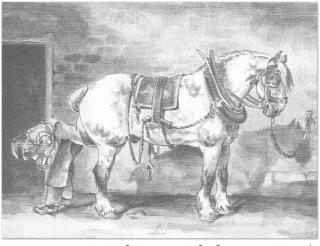
As you can understand I do not like to single out any event but I thought that you should know that as a professional children's entertainer I meet lots of children and perform at lots of events and every now and then I come across an event which is especially memorable. The Glenfarg Folk Feast is such an event. All of the children we met were extremely thoughtful and charming with that special blend of youthful enthusiasm, excitement, innocence and oh, what smiles. All in all they were a tremendous credit to you and their parents. You must be very proud of them. I really do wish more children were as nice as Glenfarg children."

Yes, David, we are proud of them and throughout this issue you'll find many examples of just how great our kids are. - Editor



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A busy time at the yard, with quite a good number of the horses still in full work, especially as the Scottish weather is so unreliable that not only do we have all the horses who are in training to run through the summer on the good fast ground that we expect to have but we also still have a good number of the winter horses still in training as we appear to still have some winter ground at many of the racecourses. Hopefully we will get more of the earlier and less of the latter and we can get some horses out for their summer holidays, mind you there is not much grass for them and the nights are still pretty chilly and to turn horses out permanently when its too cold can do more harm than good and it takes them a while to get the condition back.

Two old favourites have been retired recently, **English City**, who we have had since he walked into the yard as a gangly three year old, seven years later and five wins under his belt, niggling problems have brought us to a decision to retire him while he is still sound and happy. A cracking little horse who could really have got to the top but for injury a few years ago, he did us all proud, he will find a very deserving home and live a life of luxury. **Primrose Time**, who was born here, is the winner of four races and again has been a joy to train



and given her owners plenty of fun times. She set off to stud today and will be covered by Midnight Legend, and we all look forward to training her offspring in the years to come. Two superstars in our yard who will be missed by us all but especially Caroline and Steve, who have looked after them and treated them like royalty.

Lucy Normile

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Plea to Drivers

One issue that I would like to bring up, and unfortunately its not usually village residents who cause the problems but perhaps I can make you aware of this, is horses and traffic. Most of our horses are great in traffic, and when we have young and inexperienced horses on the roads we will always make sure that we have an experienced horse on its outside. Horses are big and can be unpredictable creatures and sometimes it is not the cars or lorries that give them a fright but can be a cat in the bushes, or a plastic bag or even the wheelie bin that they walk past every day, one day it can just be housing monsters and they will be more frightened of that than the passing vehicle.

We are all very grateful to those who slow right down or even stop when we pass, there will always be people who don't really understand horses but it only makes your journey a few moments longer – and gives us less grey hairs and wrinkles.

Horses and Vehicles – please slow down – THANK YOU





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Glenfarg Community Cinema

The Community Cinema has reached the end of its first season – and a very successful season it has been!

After initial concerns about whether the village could sustain the surprisingly high cost of putting on a film, we are pleased to say that each film has paid its way and we are left with a small profit to carry on to a new season. Hope you have enjoyed our choice of films. Here is what the audience thought of the last two.

Film	Awful	Poor	OK	Good	Fantastic
Jean de Florette	0%	0%	10%	25%	65%
War Horse	0%	0%	3%	14%	83%

We have tried to give 'added value' to the cinema experience with French nights, whisky tasting, children's Christmas entertainment and a lot of socialising. Thanks must go to the committee and the helpers who have turned out to put the show on the road – or should I say 'the screen on the wall'. We have also been able to display local talent, both those doing the filming or those being filmed.

Collaboration with the Glenfarg History Project

The planned showing of War Horse made us think about what Glenfarg was like in the first half of the 20th Century. John Armstrong has been collecting photos and postcards from the era, and he has been delighted by the stories he has heard from some of our older residents. We thought that the best way to share them with you was to video some of the people who had agreed to share their memories, and link their reminiscences to photos of the time. The messages on the postcards are also very interesting – did you know that you could post a card in the morning arranging to meet in the afternoon, confident that it would reach its destination in time. An Edwardian form of texting! We have captured some of the messages for you.

The resulting DVD was shown before War Horse, and is now held by the Glenfarg History Project. It is hoped to add to this in the future. If you would like to contribute, contact John on 830343.

Janet Watson

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

Monday June 3rd BOB FOX

Members £5 Non-Members £8
Returning to the Club after an absence of several years, Bob's entertaining NE English music and humour are eagerly anticipated. His wonderful and distinctive voice and guitar playing guarantees a great night. Bob recently completed an 18 month run appearing in the London production of the theatre play War Horse.



Monday June 10th CLUB AGM

Members only. All members are strongly encouraged to attend, to vote for their next committee, and to help shape the future direction of the club.

Monday June 17th GERRY CREEN

Members £5 Non-Members £8

Gerry is a Belfast singer-songwriter, whose fine voice and songs have earned high praise in his home country for many years. This will be Gerry's first visit to the Club.

Monday June 24th

MOT: MUNRO, O'CALLAGHAN, TITCHENER

Members £8 Non-Members £10

One of the biggest Club nights of the year, John Munro, Mike O'Callaghan and Pete Titchener are, in Eric Bogle's words, "the real deal". They are on a UK tour from their native Adelaide where they performed individually and with super-group Colcannon, and now enjoy fame there with their brilliant combined musical talents, voices and stage chemistry. (John was Eric Bogle's guitarist and backing vocalist for many years).

Monday July1st SING-AROUND

In the upstairs lounge All £3

All welcome. Immediately following after the UK Armed Forces Day on 29 Jun, "The Military" gives us a perfect theme for this sing-around. The theme is a suggestion only and all songs are most welcome.

Monday July 8th SING-AROUND

In the upstairs lounge All £3

It's holiday time! A perfect theme to keep the rain at bay. All welcome.

Monday July 15th SING-AROUND

In the upstairs lounge All £3

St. Swithin's Day today so whatever the weather is doing might affect the next forty days! St. Swithin is also associated with apples (!) so songs about the weather or fruits would be very appropriate. All welcome.

Monday July 22nd GREG RUSSELL

Members £5 Non-Members £8

With an outstanding debut CD, Greg (with his duo partner Ciaran Algar on fiddle) won the 2013 BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award. We already had him booked for Glenfarg and we know he is going places. Chesterborn Greg plays guitar, bouzouki and concertina as well as being a very fine singer with a wide-based repertoire. Don't miss his first visit to Glenfarg.

Monday July 29th DAVID SWANN

Members £5 Non-Members £8

David is an acoustic singer-songwriter from North Yorkshire, who wowed a couple of club members who saw him there last year. A modern all-round folk entertainer and raconteur, this is David's first visit to Glenfarg. His repertoire covers a wide range from ballads to comic numbers and love songs. Anthony John Clarke says of him: "As the man himself suggested on his last CD, dreams may indeed not be for dreamers but this man's lovely songs are for everyone."

Baby & Toddlers



We are a successful club with quite a few new members but we always welcome new faces - it's a great opportunity for pre-school children to come and play with new toys and meet new friends, as well as for parents and carers to grab a coffee and a chat with other grown ups!

As well as meeting up every Wednesday, we also have a Summer outing - this year, we're going to Active Kids in Stanley, plus we have a hugely successful Christmas party and other themed events such as Halloween. Please contact me to get any other information.



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Glenfarg S.W.R.I.

On Thursday the 11th April we had a visit to Perth Theatre to see the Perth Amateur Operatic Society's Production of "Oliver".

The A.G. M. took place on Thursday the 9th May. The new committee are President Margaret Scott, Vice-President Helen Quartermaine, Secretary Lesley Murrison Treasurer Lynda Stuart, and committee members Andzia Scott, Allison Messenger, Sylvia Wall.



Mary Ramsay from Blairingone gave a demonstration on Sugar craft. Her ability to make a cake into a make-up bag complete with lipstick etc. amazed us all.

May competition winners

Article in paper craft- 1st Helen Quartermaine, 2nd Margot Moran

Decorated Cup cake-- 1st Lynda Stuart. 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Jean Connolly

Flower of the month--1st Allison Messenger, 2nd Sylvia Wall, 3rd Lynda Stuart

Extra competition--Gypsy Creams-- 1st Jean Connolly.

Competition Trophy Winners--Jubilee Cup-- Allison Messenger; Endeavour Cup--Liz Yull; 3rd-- Margot Moran

Jenny Adam Rose Bowl-- Liz Yull.

Our next meeting is in September, details of which will be published in the August Newsletter. Have a lovely summer.

Glenfarg Curling Clubs

Glenfarg Curling Clubs held their annual dinner and presentation of prizes at the Glenfarg Hotel on 19th April 2013 Prize winners were:- (Skips names first)

Ladies Club

	Winners	Runners-Up
Hamilton Cup:-	Valerie Inglis Maria Tait Gretchen Sculthorp Linzi Sim	Sheila Swan Christine Melville Margaret Jenkins Christine Painter
Wooden Spoon: (Hamilton Cup)	Caroline McGregor	
Jessie Deas:-	Maria Tait Annette Bennie Alice Bogie Maeve Clark	Jillian Milne Christine Melville Linda McLachlan Angela Taplin
Bette Pirie:– (Novice Skip)	Margaret Jenkins Annette Bennie Maeve Clark Gwen Poole	Jane Brewster Sheona Reid Christy McGregor Karen Purvis
Pairs High Road:-	Lora Burgess Maeve Clark	Sheila Swan Helen McInroy
Pairs Low Road:-	Valerie Inglis Margaret Jenkins	Caroline McGregor Christine Painter
Points:- First Second Third	Sheila Swan Lora Burgess Jillian Milne	
Ladies Challenge:- Men Won 31-14 Highest Up Rink	Arthur Jenkins Cameron Gaudin Lorne Findlay David Burgess	

The Ladies Club external successes were winning the Blairhill Trophy and the Loch Leven Province Bonspiel at Kinross, an excellent double.

Gents Club

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Winners Runners-Up	Winners	Runners-Up	
Colin Campbell:- Ladies Team Won	Valerie Inglis Fiona Rutherford Sheona Reid Anne Farquharson		
Willie Murray:-	Arthur Jenkins Christine Melville David Burgess Fiona Rutherford		
Piper Cup:–	Arthur Jenkins David Rutherford Finlay Campbell Sandy Smith	Lorne Findlay Cameron Gaudin Gordon Walker Dave Miller	
Blair Struie:-	Gary Rutherford Cameron Gaudin Kerr Watson Sandy Smith	Gordon Walker Alistair Allardyce Nigel Goody Keith Sime	
MacLellan Cup:-	Lora Burgess Gary Rutherford Fiona Rutherford David Burgess	Dave Wyllie Christine Melville Arthur Jenkins Lesley Brown	
Pairs High Road:–	Gary Rutherford Nigel Goody	Arthur Jenkins Gordon Walker	
Pairs Low Road:–	Cameron Gaudin Kerr Watson	Allan Taylor Dave Wyllie	
Points:- First Second Third	Gary Rutherford John Swan Arthur Jenkins		

The Gents Club external successes were winning their section of the Perth Club League and subsequently reaching the overall Final and also winning through to the Semi-final of the Perthshire Double Rink competition.

On a personal level David Rutherford and his team won through to the Final of the Perth Ice Rink Seniors Knockout.

Fancy a cuppa?



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Brownies and Rainbows

We are very pleased that five of our Brownies, Jemmi-Lee, Naomi, Katie, Sarah and Sevi have taken their promise and have now become fully fledged members of the unit. Afton, one of our Rainbows, also took her promise in a joint ceremony with the Brownies.

Additionally we awarded the following badges: Healthy Heart – Katie, Millie, Sarah, Tess, Alice, Ellie and Rachel Craft – Katie, Millie, Sarah, Tess, Alice, Anna, Jemmie-Lee, Ellie, Rachel, Naomi and Ellie R and Sevi. Rider – Anna and Millie Swimmer – Millie

Tess was made up to a sixer, following in her sister's footsteps Alice was made up to a seconder

The Rainbows all received a Well Done badge

The girls who are working on their hostess badge provided us with tea, coffee, juice, sandwiches and some very yummy cakes made at home with I suspect a little help from mums.



The Brownies were

very excited as they were going to Dalguise for a Brownie exclusive camp in April, for many it will be their first away from home weekend, but there is so much on offer that they are sure to have a good time.

We currently have 12 Brownies and 6 Rainbows, if you are interested in joining us as a parent helper or your daughter wishes to join the unit could you please contact me at glenfargbrownies@gmail.com

PGL Camp - Dalguise



In April the Brownies went along to Dalguise for a weekend. Eleven Brownies and three leaders braved the weather and we very glad that we were all sleeping indoors, not that a lot of sleep was had, especially since some of the girls had not been away from home alone before.

The first night, Friday, saw us all shivering and huddling together at the Camp Fire and the Brownies learnt new songs, which they have been singing ever since.

Saturday morning's weather was still not being good to us, but the sun shone through at times and we did not get overly wet. The girls took part in an orienteering course for the first session and then moved onto abseiling. They all had a fabulous time with even the very quietest having a go. It was an enormous challenge for some just to climb the tower and wave to those below from the top, much braver than I would have been



Lunch was very welcome and all the girls had lots to talk about as they sat munching together. Lunch and the warm dry comfort of the canteen certainly fortified the girls for the races in the afternoon.

Many thanks to the Brownie parents for their support, especially for all the treats that were sent in to sustain the girls between the meals. Everything was eaten and the girls were really grateful for drink and nibbles between the activities and they all want to go on such an adventure again.

All the girls did us all proud, which meant a rewarding experience for all. Many thanks go to the staff at PGL, to Julie for coming along to support us and to Nicole for being 2nd in command as she helped the girls in all the activities.

Jan Brownie and Rainbow Leader



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Glenfarg Store-y Book Club

The Glenfarg Store-y Book Club has read 2 books since the last Newsletter, the first being **Stonemouth by lain Banks**

Stonemouth is a town north of Aberdeen with a long sandy beach and a bridge and is beautiful when the sun shines, which is a rare event in this novel. The story opens with Stewart Gilmour returning to his hometown for the funeral of a gangster, five years after he was run out of town by the deceased's family for committing an as yet unknown crime. The story unfolds in real time and in flashback and the uneasy truce between Stewart and the town's biggest crime family, the Murstons, becomes even more strained. Stewart feels he has moved on with his life and is disconnected from his friends who have stayed behind in Stonemouth, doing the same things, drinking in the same pubs with the same people as he did five years before. This is also a love story. Stewart was in love with Elle Murston and may still be, but this could prove fatal! The group didn't really enjoy this novel, some thought that Iain Banks was trying too hard to be "cool and trendy" with mentions of iphones and other gadgets. Others felt the plot moved too slowly and the ending was preposterous. We haven't awarded it marks out of ten because hardly anyone finished it.



Our second was **The Redemption of Alexander Seaton by Shona MacLean**

A thriller? A murder mystery? A historical novel? This book is all of these. This is a gripping tale set in Banff in the 1620s. Alexander Seaton is our main character, a, disgraced minister turned school teacher living a dissolute life. When his friend is accused of the murder of the apothecary's apprentice he vows to prove his innocence. Set against a background of witchcraft, superstition, spies and a possible Catholic threat from Spain this novel gathers pace to a very satisfactory conclusion. The group felt the author described the setting and the time period well enough that we could conjure up a picture of

them. We did feel a map of the area between Banff and Aberdeen would have been useful as would a list of the characters and perhaps an explanation of some of their job titles, Baillie, Provost, Session Clerk to mention a few. The group awarded this book 7.5 out of 10. It certainly gave us plenty to talk about.

Shona Donaldson

Arngask Church News

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Dear Friends

I have just put down my TV "zapper" (remote control I think is the technical term) to write this letter. I have been "zapping" through a multi-channel digital world, partly because I am putting off the effort of writing, and partly to see what is out there in the wide blue yonder for our diversion and delight. There are channels galore offering news, sport, sales bargains, chances to win (and lose) a fortune, films, classic sit-coms, yes, and the ones when we hope the parental control is turned on. In this digital world we are overwhelmed by choice, but not all of the choices on offer do us much good. The problem is that there is so much "air-time" to fill that what can politely be termed "rubbish" finds it way on to some channel or other.

The result can be quite confusing and sometimes we can find ourselves feeling frustrated because it would seem that so much is being "dumbed down".

Yet, when we look more closely we can still find quality programmes; there are still a few diamonds glittering amidst the dross. There are still channels which uphold high standards.

Our experience of the real world can be very much like our experience of the multi-channel digital television world. So often we complain about standards being "dumbed down" in society. We complain that people are less polite, less compassionate, too self-centred, dress slovenly. And, of course, we can all point to examples: inconsiderate drivers; children ruling the roost at home; lack of respect for authority; bellies bulging over jeans etc.

However, there are still bright rays of hope shining in the midst of society. There are children who are a delight to take anywhere. There are young people who care for relatives and who raise money to help others. There are drivers who make way for other drivers. There are neighbours who go the extra mile to help. There are still people of all ages who dress for the occasion.

There are still many people who see the need to keep up timeless values for the sake of maintaining a civilised society.

As we look forward may we look for the gems that are to be found amidst the mediocre. May we look to the potential for good that is in everyone. And may we make it known to those who would "dumb down" our lives, be it in the multi-channel digital world or in society in general, that we do not thrive on accepting mediocrity, but on striving for perfection.

In this age of austerity, when life is becoming more difficult for many people, we could easily settle for less than we are capable, but harder times can present challenges to reach for the best that we can be. If my memory serves me correctly, there was a man who lived in Palestine around two thousand years ago who believed in the limitless potential of human beings. His name was Jesus. I am sure his Spirit is still around to help us spot the gems of hope that are all around us.

Rev Duncan Stenhouse Locum Minister

Diary Dates

Sunday 9th June - Holy Communion will be celebrated in Arngask Church at 9.30am.

Friday 14th **June** - Concert by the Cabaret Singers (the senior members of the Jambouree Choir) in Abernethy Church at 7.30pm. Tickets price £7.50p are available from Helen on 830410.

Sunday 23rd June -Today will be the last meeting of the Sunday Club until after the school summer holidays.

Wednesday 26th June - Kirk Session meeting in Arngask Church Hall at 7.30pm.

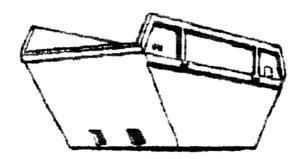
Sunday 30th June - Lower Earn Churches Together (LECT) have organised a walk in the afternoon from Dunbarney Church to the Garden Room at Kilgraston where there will be time for reflection and refreshments before returning to Dunbarney Church for a short service. Timings will be announced later.



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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom

Flaming June? Well let us hope so. To date the weather has not been kind to the poor gardeners but I can't remember when the daffodils were as beautiful as they have been this year, and have you seen the majestic primula display at the church? Obviously some things in nature appreciate a late Spring.

Many of our daffodils are planted along the South verge and GDIB have for some time been considering how to improve this area, creating a year round feature. A project to reinstate the wall, improve the verge and introduce some permanent planting, is at the initial planning stage. This project will provide an attractive entrance to the village whilst promoting sustainability.

The past couple of months have seen us help the school create a new raised bed garden at the school and we welcomed our mini allotment gardeners to the area in Glenfarg Green. We were also delighted to have the help of scout Jack Fairweather who, almost single handedly, wheelbarrowed and spread a load of forest bark in the Green. Thank you Jack.



GDIB will again be manning the Plant Stall at the Fete on June 8th. Donations can be brought along on the day or contact Margaret Scott on 830369.

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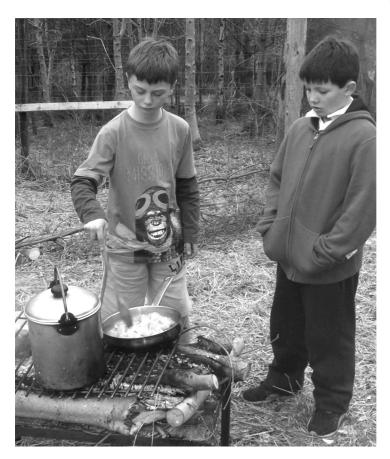
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The beef which was matured for three weeks, butchered, packed, labeled and priced at Highland Drovers in Perth can be found in the freezer section.

Scouting Skills Day

Oliver, Elliot, Jack and Ben started their skills day by pitching one of the big blue dome event tents as the shelter for the day. Elliot's eagle eye was quick to detect problems in the pitching when the poles came apart as they were being bent into place.

The scouts then moved on to pitching a patrol tent properly, sorting the pegs out so that the biggest pegs were used on the guys holding the tent up and the little brailers kept the canvas on the ground. After lunch they learnt how



to strike (take down) the tent and fold it properly. They discovered that it takes organised team work to carry the packed tent!

Ben was the first scout to finish making a tent peg with an axe. Fire wood for the evening cooking fires was sawn to length using another new skill.

There was an orienteering course to practise walking on a compass

course and they were able to sit in the sun and find features they could see around them on the map.

After a couple of games they explored the edge of Pitmedden forest assessing the cycle tracks. The scouts thought that their route back to the camp would be much faster than Andrew's, he was enjoying his coffee when they turned up.

Ben and Elliot cooked chicken curry while Oliver and Jack made chicken supreme, all complaining that the smoke followed them round the fire.

Once the dishes were washed the blue tent was taken down and the cars loaded up they toasted marshmallows over the fire while we waited for it to get dark enough to play some "wide games" in the woodland. Robert was the only person to find Graham in signal sardines. The final game was storm the castle before we headed home.

Christine Morton



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Fond Farewell to Jacqui

Our beaver scout leader swam away from Glenfarg beaver colony on Tuesday 26th March after an evening of the beaver's favourite games. She was presented with a pampering voucher and an engraved glass beaver to commemorate her time as colony leader. The beavers were more impressed by the beaver blue cake with logos that they all sampled before she left. Jacqui Macmillan started as beaver leader just after the Easter holidays in 2006 and has introduced over 60 young people to the world of scouting. Thank you Jacqui for all your hard work.





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Glenfarg Wine Club

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Starting off in March we had a tasting of Bordeaux wines from Kate and John Armstrong and their theme was one of matching foods to wine. John had prepared a 'virtual' menu which got us all salivating and the wines presented by Kate met with our full approval. Kate had made use of recommendations from the Association of Wine Educators (AWE). There was the thought that they would be wasting their time on trying to educate us Glenfargies but hope springs eternal. A super night, with all the wines readily available from Tesco, Asda, Morrisons or Sainsbury.

In April we had a visit from Diane Brown of Provender Brown the Perth based independent fine food delicatessen, stocking the very best of farmhouse cheeses, traditionally cured hams, artisanal salamis, hand selected olives...and so the list goes on. Diane had selected a range of wines from the Puglia Region (that's the heel of Italy) Starting with a

couple of whites Diane moved on to the region's most famous wine the Primativo and with the wines Diane severed up copious amounts of some of the fine chesses and hams from her deli and she finish the night with a fine desert wine accompanied with a chocolate sensation. No surprise that within a couple of days Provender Brown was sold out of some of the wines we had tasted.



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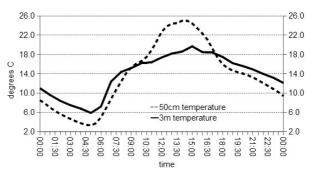
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The graph shows temperatures at fifty centimetres and three metres above ground level. These were recorded in Glenfarg on the seventh of May; our only summer day this year. (Ed. - "At time of writing, you should say, Old Foggie").



In the still air of early morning, the temperature at both levels rises at about one degree every twenty minutes. As the morning progresses, the warm air at the three metre level mixes with cooler air above and the rate of increase in temperature drops to one degree every ninety minutes, peaking at a pleasant nineteen degrees.

Not so at the sheltered lower level. At fifty centimetres the temperature continues to rise. Round about eleven o'clock in the morning its climbing at one degree every ten minutes and peaks at a steamy twenty five degrees. Now we are reaching stress levels for both plants and insects.

In the evening, with no energy input from the sun, the ground cools more quickly than the air above. The temperature gradient reverses now with the air nearer the ground being about two degrees cooler than at the three metre level.

So please remember. The next time you see someone lying down on the grass apparently asleep, don't disturb them. As they are actually carrying out vital meteorological research.

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Glenfarg History Project

The Glenfarg History Project seemed like a good way of whiling away some winter days when I (was) volunteered to set the exercise in motion last Autumn. However not only has it become a much greater project than first envisaged, it has been, and continues to be, absolutely fascinating.

I came to Glenfarg in the late '70s and have seen many changes since then, but when I hear the personal memories of residents who were here in the '20s, '30s, '40s onwards it really opens up the story that is Glenfarg.

I have been so fortunate already to have had a good blether with Yona Scott, first Dux of Arngask Primary, and with Stewart Smith, a scallywag of the '40s whose first job was on the milk cart at the age of 7. Both Yona and Stewart agreed to have our chats recorded on film and the recording wizard that is Robin Watson undertook all the technical stuff. As a result a mini DVD was presented at the Community Cinema before the showing of War Horse.

This is just the beginning of what promises to be an educational, entertaining and worthwhile recording of Glenfarg's recent social history.

The cover photo of this Newsletter is one I had not previously seen despite collecting Glenfarg Postcards over the past 30 years, and Cath Fairweather was good enough to give me some detail "The photo was probably taken a few yards from the main road and shows the entrance which is just about where the road crosses the River Farg (almost across from the main road entry to the Village Hall). It shows the Station Master's house with the adjoining waiting room /ticket office. The trees on the right hand side of the picture behind the house are on Arngask road. Also on the right hand side there is a gate which I am sure lead to the garden." Thanks for that Cath.

I will, with your help, continue to record all such snippets and memories and with Robin and Janet's help there will be a product we can all enjoy for years to come. Please keep sending me material.

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Community Benefit Fund

Minutes of Glenfarg Conversation meeting held on 30/04/13 Chair – Colin Campbell

Present: David Aird & Margaret Ponton (Lochelbank Panel members) Tom Black (Foundation Scotland). 28 members of the community.

Introduction by the Chair was followed by Tom Black's outline of the role of Foundation Scotland in developing good practices in fund development. The Foundation also trains panel members and offers community support and consultation. When requests for funding are submitted to Foundation Scotland they contact each applicant to ensure the guidelines for awards are being met. The Foundation makes agreed payments and monitors the progress of the projects, feeding back to the Panel and communities the outcome of the awards.

The Lochelbank Fund provides £20,000 per annum for the Panel to distribute between Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn Communities. The Panel consists of 2 members from each community elected by residents and 2 nominated CC members, 1 from each CC.

At present, the fund pays £500 per annum to each Community to distribute in the form of Micro Grants which are available when needed. The balance of the Fund is distributed following meetings of the 6 panel members, which are held 3 times annually.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that our whole Community is aware of the fund and work of the Panel and to establish a system whereby awards are made with the knowledge and support of the people as a whole. A detailed discussion took place with a variety of views being aired. The feeling of the meeting was that a 'legacy' of the fund was something that is desirable in some format. With this in mind, it was decided that a village profile should be produced to allow a clearer picture of the needs of our Community. Knowledge of similar schemes in local areas and a document already in the Village following the shop project should be investigated. Cedric Wilkins, Colin Campbell amongst others showed willingness to drive this forward and report back at a further meeting within 6 months. The meeting will be called following the production and circulation of this document and

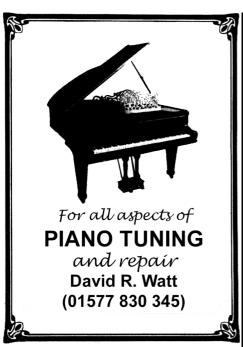
before large projects should be considered.

The current Panel members agreed to make public – via the noticeboard and website – any application received by Foundation Scotland that are due to be discussed. Members of the Village can read and comment on these to assist the Panel members in gauging the level of support for each possible award.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm with thanks to the Panel and Chair.

Awards to Glenfarg Organisations to Dec 2012

Organisation	Purpose	Date	Amount
Folk Club	Contribution to Folk Feast Costs 2012	23/2/12	£1000
Tennis Club	Architect & Surveyor fees	1/11/12	£2000
Brownies & Rainbows	Equipment & extend range of activities	16/2/12	£1413
GCC	Micro Grant Fund	23/3/12	£500
Bowling Club	Grounds maintenance equipment	Not yet issued	£2000
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GCC	Micro Grant Fund	6/9/12	£500
Scouts	Group running costs	14/12/12	£1500





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and experienced Wildlife Crime Officer.

If you have something to report or need some police advice he can be reached via the new non-emergency police telephone number – 101. (If it's an emergency you should always ring 999).

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Glenfarg Community Council

Draft minutes of 36th AGM held on Mon May 13th 2013

Present

CCllrs MacKenzie (Chair), Watson (Secy), Vaughan (Treasurer), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson and Ponton

By Invitation

Cllrs Giacopazzi & Cuthbert There were 3 members of the public present.

Minutes of 35th AGM

There being no amendments or corrections these were proposed by CCllr Arnold and seconded by CCllr Vaughan. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report

CCllr MacKenzie's full report can be read on the website www.glenfarg.org and on the community noticeboard. In his report he thanked the Community Councillors for their combined efforts in professionally addressing many issues within the Council, developing new communication networks and promoting the whole community. The report was proposed by CCllr Johnston and seconded by CCllr Ponton.

Treasurer's Financial Statement

CCllr Vaughan presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013. It was received and proposed by CCllr Watson and seconded by CCllr Ponton. Full accounts may be viewed on website.

Office Bearers

Chairman – Donald MacKenzie – proposed by CCllr Johnston, seconded by CCllr Vaughan.

Secretary – Janet Watson - proposed by CCllr MacKenzie, seconded by CCllr Armstrong.

Treasurer – Gillian Vaughan - proposed by CCllr MacKenzie, seconded by CCllr Macpherson.

Kate Armstrong continues as minute secretary

Sub Committees

Planning - CCllrs MacKenzie, Johnston & Arnold

Binn Farm Liaison Groups – CCllrs Arnold & Macpherson

Newsletter – CCllrs Macpherson, Vaughan & Watson

CBF panel representative – CCllr Ponton

Independent Examiner

Unanimous agreement to appointment of Jean Andrew

Meeting dates for 2013/14

July 1st, Sept 2nd, Nov 4th, Jan 6th. Mar 3rd, May 12th (AGM)

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2013

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By Invitation

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There were 3 members of the public present.

Apologies

Cllr Robertson, PC Pentley

Minutes of last meeting held on 4th March

Proposed by CCllr Johnston and seconded by CCllr Ponton

Matters arising

- 1 Church Brae/ Duncrievie Road junction Scottish Water have responded that their pipes are intact. Meeting on site with P&KC and Scottish Water to be arranged.
- 2 Avenue Tree report neighbouring residents happy with report and landowner addressing issues. Communication with Fordel to be made as flooding in area appears to be related to run off from Fordel property.
- 3 Reduction of ground maintenance by P&KC P&KC reviewing comments and responses. Final decisions will be advised to communities.
- 4 Gritting Service bins not filled as frequently as required. Repeated requests from residents with no response. Delays of up to 10 days reported. Cllr Giacopazzi asked to be kept informed in future.
- 5 Duncrievie 30mph roundels expected in near future.
- 6 Ladeside/Main St parking at junction Cllr Cuthbert to pursue possible white lines
- 7 Overfilled Bins at hotel Litter caused by crows accessing insecure bags of food and general waste. Cllr Giacopazzi to pursue issue.
- 8 Hillton footpath access restrictions CCllr Arnold has been unable to make contact with the TRACKS Officer. He will continue his efforts."
- 9 Neighbourhood Watch signs being erected throughout village. GCC to promote requirement for residents to register with scheme.
- 10 A further 8 dog waste signs are also being erected.

Police Report

Police officer not present. Formation of single force, Police Scotland, reported and reminder of non emergency phone number 101.

Planning

3 applications since last meeting

Meteorological Mast at Templehill, extension to Woodside (approved) and 2 turbines



Glenfarg Community Council continued

for Scottish Water. No objections to any application.

Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom project

GDIB are proposing a project which would see the south verge wall restored, the immediate area behind the wall cleared of self seeded vegetation, the verge reduced to former levels and permanent planting. There are no plans to remove any of the vegetation motorway side of wooden fence. This project is in early stages of viability assessment.

Lomond Hotel

Several communications have been made with developer David Craigie by Secretary without receipt of responses of substance. Members of GCC expressed grave concerns that such was the state of the building now that it was believed there is now an imminent risk of damage and fatalities to neighbouring properties and people therein. Cllr Giacopazzi is to pursue.

Post Office Service

Over the past weeks and months the mobile Post Office service in Glenfarg has been extremely poor, with failure to appear for full week at a time, failure to provide all services due to computer issues. Secretary is to pursue with Post Office and would ask that all reports of service failures be copied to her.

Correspondence

All correspondence received and sent copied to all CCllrs.

AOCB

Community Woodland

Robert Morton reported that the Scouts had been refused permission by AJ Stephens to carry out a supervised environmental activity in the community woodland. This refusal was allegedly on insurance grounds. As a report was also received that the Fete organisers had been refused permission for sky divers to land in AJ Stephens field it was agreed that GCC communicate with AJ Stephens as Scouts, Fete and sky divers are all covered by their own insurance.

Binn Farm Wind Farm

Ongoing – possible 3 / 4 turbines with planning application submitted August 13.

Emergency Plan

CCllr Arnold to identify if there is a need for a Glenfarg Emergency plan.

Micro grant Fund

Since last meeting an application for Neighbourhood Watch signs has been met from Newsletter fund and an award of £70 made for shed roof repair materials to Baby & Toddlers group.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm





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Mobile Services

Library

The van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays: 5th & 19th June and 3rd, 17th & 31st July and stops at:-

Arngask PS: 9.30-10.15 Hayfield Rd:10.15-10.30 Ladeside: 10.30-11.15 Main Street: 11.15-11.30 Duncrievie: 11.35-11.50



Bank of Scotland

Stops at Glenfard 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: Arngask 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): Fridays 14th & 28th June and 12th & 26th July.

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Fridays 7th & 21st June and 5th & 19th July

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Thursdays 13th & 27th June and 11th & 25th July.

Duncrievie

Green lidded bin (Non-recyclable waste): Thursdays 13th & 27th June and and 11th & 25th July

Blue lidded bin (Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic): Thursdays 6th & 20th June and 4th & 18th July

Brown lidded bin (Garden & food waste): Saturdays 1st, 15th & 29th June and 13th & 27th July.