

# THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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# Editorial

It's been a year since I took over the editorship of the newsletter. I think I'm beginning to get the hang of it now. The biggest problem is the deadline. What tends to happen is everyone with something to say waits till the last moment and I get inundated with copy to sort. Oh well - I'll say no more.

Once again, the village shop has Christmas cards for sale with excellent photographs of Glenfarg in winter by Joe (the shop) Taylor. With Joe's permission, I have used one of them for the front page of this newsletter.

Karen Duncan, Duncricvie resident won the Unsung Hero Award for her work as a Community Staff Nurse at the One Stop Women's Learning Service. See page 27 for details. Kevin Whyte has an article on his scaling all of the Munro peaks. Thanks go once again to Dave Arnold for the Christmas Quiz which has become something of a tradition and is once more to be found in the centre pages.

Included in this issue are the profiles of a group of new Community Councillors. Curious, I looked up the collective noun for councillors. Here are some I found. (*An indecision, A dullness, A density*). I'm sure our councillors don't have any of these problems.

Be sure to check the Christmas arrangements for the Loch Leven Health Centre on page 11. In addition to the closing dates there is useful information about healthcare and medication. I phoned P&KC about Kerbside Collections over the festive period but they had not been released. Check nearer the time on 01738 476476 or on the P&KC website.

To all the regular contributors thanks for your help in preparing the Newsletter throughout the year. Thanks go to Kate Armstrong and Andrew Vaughan for invaluable help in proofreading.

The fancy text font on the front page is called 'Joyeux Noel' which reminds me. May your Christmas be warm and stress free and your New Year an adventure. Robin Watson



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# Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
1st December	Fete Committee AGM	Village Hall 7.30pm
2nd December	Soup & Chat	Village Hall 12.30pm
3rd December	Christmas Fun at the Library	Loch Leven Campus 6.45pm
4th December	Kinross-shire Community Policing Drop-In	Kinross Police Station 2pm to 7pm
5th December	Christmas Sale	Village Hall 10 to noon
7th December	Folk Club - Jim Malcolm	Backstage at The Green
9th December	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall 8pm
11th December	Community Cinema - The Theory of Everything	Village Hall 7.30pm
14th December	Folk Club - Roberto & the Tickety Two	Backstage at The Green
18th December	End of School Term	
1st January	New Year's Day Quiz	tbc
8th January	Community Cinema - Pride	Village Hall 7.30pm
11th January	Community Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.30pm
18th January	Folk Club - Archie Fisher	tbc
25th January	Folk Club - Burns Singaround	tbc

# A Village Hall for All

A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

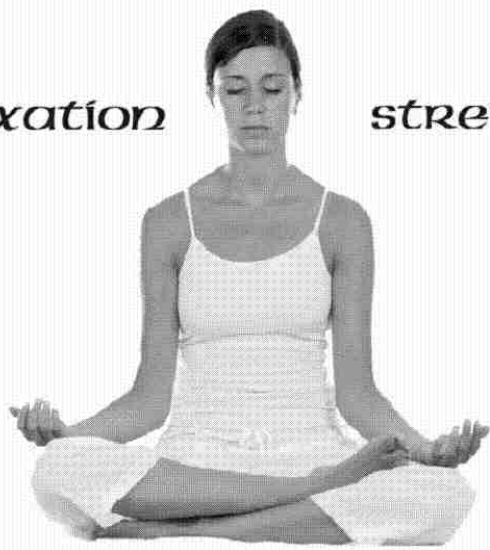
Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Yoga</b>
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	<b>Rainbows</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Guides</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	<b>Badminton</b>
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	<b>Soup and Chat</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</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'

*tune into your inner music*  
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in the  
glenfarg village hall*

**7pm - 8pm**

Chair Class every Friday 10-11am

**contact caroline 01577 830 239**

# Christmas Message

Dear Friends,



Abernethy and Dron  
and Arngask Parish  
Church of Scotland

In his letter to God, wee Dennis wrote, “Dear God, I like Christmas because it’s your birthday. Most people like Christmas because of the presents.” While most Church folk may feel uncomfortable with the massive commercial apparatus that has made the Carpenter from Nazareth into the patron saint of shoppers, like Dennis we are aware that at Christmas we celebrate a birthday that changed the world. We celebrate a life that transformed people’s thinking about God, greatness, power and death. A life that deepened immeasurably the meaning of love, that gave qualities such as mercy, compassion, humility and forgiveness, a new place in the admiration of men and women. Many who encountered Jesus became better and kinder people. They in turn made the world a better and kinder place. Jesus has kindled more fires of affection, induced more liberality and compassion, set in motion more poetry and song, and inspired more great art than any other person who ever lived. That first Christmas a new and powerful force for good entered the world. Jesus of Nazareth lit a great candle of hope in the midst of history.

Advent and Christmas is a time of anticipation and celebration a time for friends and family and festivity. Yet, for some, this Christmas will be tinged with sadness as a loved one, now in God’s nearer presence, is remembered with affection and perhaps with a tear. Wherever and however you celebrate during this festive season may you know Christ’s blessing and the hope, born with the cry of the new-born baby laid in Bethlehem’s manger, which can bring light to the darkness of the world and to your heart.

Please come along and join in our joyful preparation to welcome anew that new powerful force for good that came into the world, the Baby born in a stable and laid in a manger.

Valerie and I wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

May God bless you and all dear to you during this Christmas season.

Your Locum Minister and friend, Robert McCrum, 28 Rose Crescent Perth PH1 1NT

## ***Christmas Services***

13th December:	6:30 pm Christingle Service
Christmas Eve:	6:30 pm Carols in the Village Hall
Christmas Eve:	11:30 pm Watchnight Service in the Church

There will be no Christmas Day service in either of the parish churches but there will be one at Forgandenny at 10:30 am.



# News from Loch Leven Health Centre

## Christmas and New Year Closing

Over the Christmas and New Year period, Loch Leven Health Centre will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Closed

On all other weekdays over the Christmas and New Year period we will be open as usual from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.. Out of Hours cover for evenings and weekends is provided by NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service. They will also be providing emergency cover on the Fridays and Mondays when we are closed. They can be contacted on our usual emergency number –111. All calls will be recorded and we would ask patients to please only contact them with a medical emergency which cannot wait until we re-open. Thank you.

We would ask all patients to please make sure that they have sufficient medication to last over the Christmas and New Year period. If your medication will run out over Christmas and New Year, please ensure that you submit a request for your medication by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We receive a greatly increased number of requests at this time of year and therefore need a bit of time to process them all. Repeat prescriptions may now be ordered on line. If you have not yet signed up for this service, you can do so on our website: [www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk)  
If you have sufficient medication to last over this period, please do not submit a request for more. Prescription requests are all checked prior to issue, and where it appears that sufficient medication has been issued recently, further requests may be declined.

The doctors and all the staff at the Health Centre would like to take this opportunity to wish all their patients a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

# Take to the Hills

Never too late to 'take to the hills'

In 2006 my great friend, Douglas Robertson, and I discussed the possibility of climbing some hills and maybe 'bagging' some Munros.

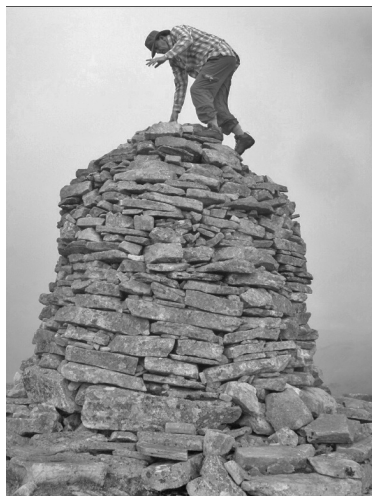
In our spare time we practiced on smaller hills and low level walks to build up our fitness levels.

On 19th August 2007 we climbed our first Munro, Schiehallion. We were well and truly hooked.

We were both just over 50 years old and agreed to be sensible, not over ambitious, and therefore set a target of climbing the Munros in Tayside.

There are actually 43 within the boundary and we got through them steadily assisted by our mountain bikes on the bigger days.

Douglas purchased a book, which inspired us both, entitled 'From Glen Esk to Glen Shiel (and the hills in between)' by James L.W. Baxter, printed by William Culross & Son Ltd in Coupar Angus. In brief it is an account of a circuit of the Munros by two 'Elderly Chaps' Jim Baxter and Dick Griffiths who had both spent their working lives as Rubber/Oil Palm Planters in Malaya (now Malaysia) but had never met prior to a reunion lunch, in Glenfarg, in 1982. They climbed all the Munros together from 1983 to 1993 and were both around 60 years old when they started!



Douglas and I walked in all seasons and particularly enjoyed our winter outings when it was safe to do so. There are so many wonderful memories, and thankfully, not too many scary moments.

We met some amazing people through walking, one in particular stands out.

On 20/02/11 at A'Chailleach (Monadh Liath) we met Robert MacDonald, from Lancashire, who at the age of around 70 was well into his 8th round of the Munros. He completed his first round in 1984. Douglas corresponds with Robert and the latest news is that he has completed his ninth round and has since climbed Ben Nevis which will be the first hill of his proposed 10th round!

Douglas and I, accompanied by family, friends and of course Cuillin, the Spaniel, completed the Munros on Saturday 29th August 2015. Our final Munro was Tom Buidhe in Glenshee.

A big thank you to all who attended and to our good Ladies, Liz and Denise who braved the elements and the Midges to prepare a tasty BBQ in the car park.



So what now? Keep walking for sure. Re-visit some favourite Munros, perhaps taking different routes up, climbing more Corbetts and Graham's.

Finally, a big 'hats off' to the group of '91 Glenfarg Munro completists, the near completists and the long distant Trail walkers.

(photographs by Douglas)

**Kevin Whyte**



Number of Munros  
climbed 282

over 149 trips/days

Year.	Number climbed
2007	17
2008	22
2009	35
2010	44
2011	46
2012	45
2013	40
2014	27
2015	6

# Owen Wilson

Hi everyone, my name is Owen Wilson and I am a singer/songwriter originally from Culloden Inverness, now living in Newton of Balcanquhal, Glenfarg.

While growing up I had a very lucky upbringing since my father Carl Wilson is a singer and professional entertainer. I was always around music and was very lucky to be around his friends from various bands including Scotland's very own Alexander Brothers and many more.

I always wanted to entertain and entered many singing competitions. Unfortunately four years ago I became disabled with degenerative back disease and almost gave up my hopes of singing and entertaining.

But last year through my wife, family and friends getting behind me I entered a singing

competition advertised on Channel 4 called The Singer Takes It All hosted by Alan Carr. I believe 500,000 auditioned through the mobile app. The result is



completely decided by the public. I was voted in the top 10 and was asked to appear live on the show. We were flown first class to London and put up in a hotel. There were cars to take us where we



needed to go and I was singing live on TV. A real dream come true.

From then until now I have been recording cover songs for YouTube "Owenwilson7" and also writing songs which I intend to use for my charity, 12 Dreams.

I'm in the starting position organising things ( when I'm well enough).The premise of the charity is to raise money for anyone from any background in any position who may need help with something - whether it's someone needing a laptop for school or a holiday or to help someone fulfil a dream to meet someone famous etc. When people write in or email the charity, we will decide who needs it most and surprise them and hopefully make a difference to their lives.

So if anyone has any fundraising ideas or would like me to help with any other charity, please feel free to contact me through the following

Twitter @owenwilson777

Facebook

Email. Owenwilson7@aol.com



# New Arrivals



At 2.30am on the morning of September 29th, Lukas Widley finally made an appearance. Born in Ninewells hospital Lukas weighed in at 8lbs 9 & 1/2 ounces. He was healthy and remarkably chilled out by the whole affair, but was very responsive as he met his eagerly awaiting big sister Murrin and big brother Kaleb.

Keith and Sylvia Wall are delighted to announce that their Granddaughter Lauren gave birth to a lovely wee girl on Saturday 3rd October 2015.

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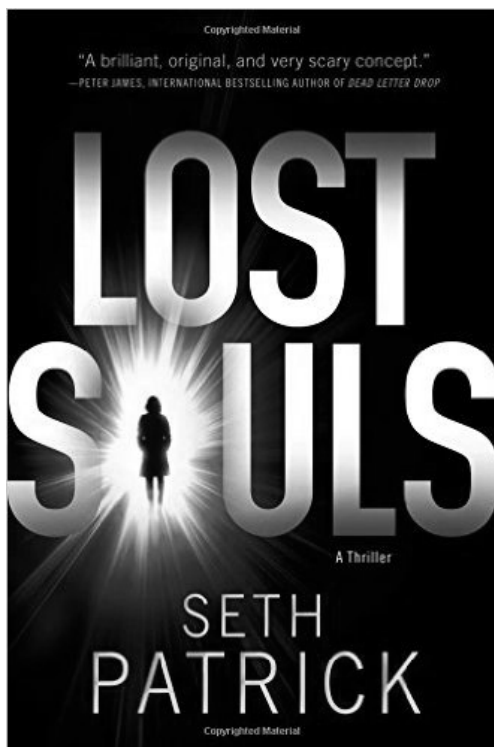
## A Good Read ....

The Glenfarg Store-y Book Club has now been going for over 2 years and in that time I must confess to having many “A Good Read” and none more so than the latest prescribed book.

This group is designed not only to be a great sociable group of avid readers but also an opportunity for all of us to move outwith our reading comfort zone on occasion. Never have I been moved further from my comfort zone than with “Lost Souls” by Seth Patrick. The big no no for me was that this was Science Fiction. But never have I been so enthralled by a tale and in my head I have started to write a film script and cast my favourite actors. Fortunately I was on holiday when I read Lost Souls so the “couldn’t put it down” aspect did not affect my otherwise daily chores. On my return Mark pointed out that this was the second book of a trilogy, something that had passed me by but I don’t feel impaired my pleasure. Some of our group have decided to read the first of the trilogy, The Reviver, and so far the responses have been favourable.

But what about you? Do you think that this type of Book Group is right for you? Ask Mark to include you on his mailing list to receive all the information you need to join in.

Kate Armstrong



# Scout Group Family Camp

The advance party of scouts and explorers left for camp at the Barr Wood near Denny on Friday night. The site was busy with scouts from Forth Valley there for the weekend and we were placed in a different area of the 90 acre site, very near the car park. The explorers and scouts quickly transferred all the camping gear from the car park to our sites.

The scouts pitched a patrol tent for the weekend and the explorers pitched their smaller tents. As the forecast was for low temperatures overnight Erin and Cara were allowed to share one of the explorers tents.



After pitching one of the store tents, Robert realised that the petrol lantern was still sitting on the garage floor. By the time Christine returned with the lantern all the tents had been pitched and the scouts and explorers were waiting for supper after playing a wide game. The lantern would not stay lit and headtorches were needed to serve supper.

Andrew and Robert found a dead tree on Saturday morning and the two patrols of scouts and the explorers carried sections of it back to the sites for firewood. Erin was elected to lead the explorers and quickly got the boys organised to light the fire and cook under her supervision. Grant and Oliver organised their individual patrols sharing a large fire site.

The campers were preparing for inspection as the excited cubs and beaver reinforcements arrived accompanied by their parents. The cubs were handed a camera to record the event while the adults were roped in to help at inspection allowing all three groups to be inspected at once.

Following flag break the explorers and scouts headed off for a game while the cubs





and beaver pitched their tents. Kiron was determined to get his tent pitched ready for his dad arriving later in the day.

Parents, cubs, beaver, scouts and explorers were divided into mixed teams and sent on a treasure hunt. Finding a sycamore leaf among the trees on the Barr Wood is not easy. There is only one sycamore tree. All the teams returned with their items in time for lunch.





The afternoon activity was creating an obstacle course in the wooded area beside the pioneering store. A variety of balance beams, rope bridges and other features were designed, constructed, tested and redesigned. The participants then raced each other round the course.

Back at site the three patrol leaders organised their patrols and guests to light the fires and cook the evening meal, chicken curry or chilli or both. While the groups were washing up, Robert and Andrew went out with glow sticks to prepare a wide game for all the participants. We then joined the Forth Valley scouts at camp fire.

Kiron helped Calum get the explorers fire lit on Sunday morning and then helped by cooking some of the bacon. We joined the Forth Valley scouts for flag break where Finlay, as the only beaver on site, had the honour of breaking the flag. This was followed by a short scouts own.

Returning to our own site, the parents joined the leaders inspecting the scouts and explorers. Inspection was followed by a series of activity bases that the groups rotated round. Calum McPherson and Erin organised a blind trail, Graham first aid, Andrew small tent pitching and Christine firelighting using Kelly kettles.

After lunch the scouts and explorers returned their patrol boxes of kitchen equipment before striking their tents. The cubs, beaver and parents carried equipment down to the trailer. Unfortunately there was a short shower of rain before the tents were down, just enough to make all the canvas damp.

Before the flag was taken down Lee and Suilven were invested as cubs, Mitchell and Fergus as scouts and Lewis, Heres and Grant as explorers.



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# Glenfarg Folk Club

The venue for December Dates will be **Back Stage At The Green** in Kinross. For January dates please check the venue in Folk Club Website.



## **Monday 7th Dec - JIM MALCOLM**

Entry £5 members, £8 non-members.

One of the Club's favourite artistes, and a former winner of the Trad Singer of the Year, Jim is a hugely talented singer and guitar player whose songs range from self-penned to Burns with a smattering of covers in-between. A terrific night in store to bring us into the forthcoming festive season. Welcome back Jim.

## **Monday 14th Dec - ROBERTO AND THE TICKETY TWO**

Entry members £5, non-members £8.

What can we say? The fabulous Roberto Cassani has joined forces with two brilliant musicians, the jazz guitarist Owen Nicholson and the drummer Dave Clelland, to produce a band which is ever-increasing in popularity. Some of Roberto's more famous numbers will be on offer as well as some newer material including no doubt "Man for my Mum"! A fantastic way for us to bring the curtain down on our guest nights for the year.



### **Monday 21st Dec - SINGAROUND**

Entry £3 all.

The final Club night of the year and, as we approach Christmas, why not come and share some festive spirit and mince pies with the rest of the gang at Glenfarg. All songs of a festive nature welcome, as are all attendees, whether singer or listener.

Please note that the Club is closed from 21st December until we reopen on 18th January.

So, merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our readers! See you in 2016.

### **Monday 18th Jan - ARCHIE FISHER**

Entry £5 members, non-members £8.

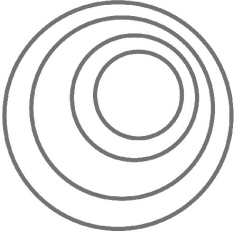
A marvellous way to begin our new year with a welcome back for the legendary Archie Fisher. A man who needs no introduction to our Club, we look forward to once again hearing his wonderful guitar playing, unmistakable voice and brilliant story telling. So, a big welcome to the man himself and a big welcome to you all to another special year at our special Club. Happy New Year everyone!



### **Monday 25th Jan - BURNS SINGAROUND**

All £6.

Our annual celebration of Scotland's bard. There will be an obvious emphasis on his words and music but everyone is welcome to participate with any song or poem or to purely enjoy the entertainment on offer. As a special incentive, haggis, neeps and tatties will be served!



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# Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

When GDIB launched their Fiver for a Flower appeal to raise £500 for new shrubs and plants for the Glenfarg Green, they were quickly inundated with offers of £5s and have almost reached their target. The donors who were happy to forgo anonymity are listed below in no particular order, although a certain little leprechaun said “I’m going to be first”. There have been so many lovely comments from the donors and none more so than from Isobel Nicholson who also donated £100. Another lady gave her Premium Bond prize of £25. Here’s just a few of these comments - “We’re so lucky to have GDIB”, “It’s a pleasure to donate in return for the joy The Green gives us”, “I love sitting in the Green”, “You all work so hard keeping the place so nice”.

Mark Crossey	Isobel Nicholson	Dave Arnold	David Rutherford
David Aird	Gillian Vaughan	Eleanor Campbell	Fiona Rutherford
Janette Adamson	Andrew Vaughan	Cath Fairweather	Finlay Rutherford
Bobbie Davidson	Alison Harrison	Steve Mee	Max Rutherford
Russell Taylor	Kate Armstrong	Rab Barclay	Alison Bett
Gordon Smith	Bill Connolly	Robbie Hackett	Ian Pilmer
Leigh Smith	Jean Connolly	Leslie Godsell	Sheila Crichton
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Janet Little	Kate Arnold	Linsey Penman	Bob Buchan
The Glenfarg Findlays	Burgess family (Findlay)	Milton Keynes Findlays	The Hood family Scone

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# Karen Duncan



At the prestigious Scottish Health Awards 2015 held at the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh on 4<sup>th</sup> November, Duncrigvie resident, Karen Duncan, won the Unsung Hero Award for her work as a Community Staff Nurse at the One Stop Women's Learning Service (OWLS) based in Perth.

OWLS helps vulnerable women in a variety of ways including improving their mental wellbeing and physical health and thus bringing about major improvements in their lifestyles. At the Awards Karen was described as a dedicated nurse and a major reason for OWLS success ..... a true unsung hero. Karen, watched by her proud husband Cameron and son Calum, was presented with her Award by Shona Robinson, the Scottish Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport.

Considering there were 294 nominations from all over Scotland for this particular Award, Karen's achievement is outstanding.



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# Glenfarg W. R. I.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Laing gave a talk and demonstration on the Art of Papercrafting. With a little help from Mrs Laing many of the members had a chance to make their own box.

## **Competition Winners**

Empire Biscuits - 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull

Button and Bead Picture - 1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran

Flower of the Month - 1<sup>st</sup> Lillias Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vivian Hebblethwaite.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Sally Orr-Ewing demonstrated how she made hats. She also brought along many of the hats she had made.

## **Competition Winners**

Handcrafted Flower-1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ursula Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger.

Flask of Soup- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull.

Flower of the Month-1<sup>st</sup> Liz Yull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vivian Hebblethwaite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynda Stuart.

## **Dates for future meetings- Visitors Welcome**

10<sup>th</sup> December: Arngask school entertains

14<sup>th</sup> January- Independent valuer- Mr Ewan Taylor



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# MURDER AT THE VILLAGE HALL



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Glenfarg Arts Project played host to celebrated local crime writer Gillian Galbraith. Gillian is a former advocate specializing in medical negligence cases and the author of the Alice Rice series of detective novels set in Edinburgh.

Gillian was in Glenfarg to talk about her newest hero, Father Vincent Ross. *The Good Priest* is set in and around Kinross and mentions lots of familiar landmarks.

Both Glenfarg book groups chose *The Good Priest* for their October read and there were lots of questions from the roomful of book lovers.

Gillian explained that she likes to explore why good people do bad things, what makes normal people commit murder. Gillian feels little need for unnecessary violence and gore to tell a story, and told us how she preferred to write character-based books. She also said that she was surprised to find that she could just call up the police and ask them questions about procedure and they were always helpful.

When asked about how her career at the bar had influenced her writing, Gillian told an amusing anecdote from early in her writing career. One of the first characters she wrote was based on a very disagreeable judge that she knew, the lady in question had very distinctive flaws, and was immediately recognized by her publisher as his Godmother! A lesson learned.

Will the next Vincent Ross book feature Glenfarg? Very possibly.

# POPPY SCOTLAND APPEAL 2015



A huge thank you to all of you throughout the community of Glenfarg and the surrounding area who so kindly supported this year's Poppy Scotland Appeal.

The amount raised was £282.00 (£262.00 of which was donated at the Village Shop).

This is a magnificent amount for Poppy Scotland from our small community. The money will go towards supporting veterans in need in Scotland and their families.

Thank you again.

Kate Arnold, Area Co-ordinator, Poppy Scotland.



Thank you!

**Catherine Fairweather** would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, flowers and visits received during her illness.

Your kind thoughts and deeds are very much appreciated.

Thank you all.

# Emergency Planning Society Awards

## (Another Duncrievie Award)



In recognition of his work in producing the (superb) Glenfarg Emergency Plan and his input into the Tayside Emergency Planning Forum, Dave Arnold from Duncrievie was invited by Perth & Kinross Council to be a delegate at the Emergency Planning Society Conference and Awards Dinner held at the National Emergency Planning College, Easingwold (Yorkshire) on 28th & 29<sup>th</sup> September.

At the Awards Ceremony Perth & Kinross Council's Emergency Planning Team were Runners Up for the Voluntary Sector Award, being pipped at the post by Kent's Emergency Group. This was disappointing for PKC but coming second was no mean feat considering there are 433 Local Authorities in the UK.

Overall, Scotland did well at the Awards – as can be seen from the above photo of the Scottish Award winners. John Handling, the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Manager at PKC (responsible for emergency planning) is on the extreme left. Dave is standing next to him holding the coveted “we woz almost winners” Certificate!

# Arngask Primary School

## New Maths Setting

In P5/6/7 in Arngask Primary, new maths sets have been established. There are five groups in total, three with Mrs Marshall and two with Mrs Paterson and Miss Aitken.

We have been grouped together by ability and where we are within the curriculum so we get added support or extended work when we need it. We think it's a good idea and it's fun. We like it because we are getting more support with our learning as we are all at a similar place or level with our maths.

By Archie Reid P7 and Samuel Prescott P7

## Victorians Topic

This term P5/6 and P6/7 classes are doing a joint topic on the Victorians. We have already learnt facts about Queen Victoria and we are now looking at Victorian medicines and hospitals. Some interesting facts we learnt about Queen Victoria are;

- She was only 1m 50cm tall, which is the same height as Mark, Anna, Mackenzie and Mitchell.
- She married her cousin Prince Albert who she was madly in love with.
- She became Queen at the age of 18.
- She had 9 children.
- At the age of 8, she was told she would be Queen so she wasn't allowed to go outside without guards. She was home schooled in the palace.

In P6/7 some of us have already done the topic in P3; however we might have forgotten some of the information! We are looking more in depth at how children were influential in the Victorian era and how the Victorians changed the way we live now.

By Faye Robertson P6 and Mark Scott P7

## Warm Fuzzies

First we made little friendly monsters and stuck them on a white board. People who think you have been nice to in the playground write what you did and then they are stuck beside our monster.

We get Warm Fuzzies for: being kind, caring for others, making sure no-one is alone and helping with games.

We get points for our Warm Fuzzies which are added to our House Points

25 Warm Fuzzies gets 5 HP and a Bronze Award

50 Warm Fuzzies gets 5 HP and a Silver Award

75 Warm Fuzzies gets 5 HP and a Gold Award

100 Warm Fuzzies gets 20 HP and a Platinum Award.

At present only Jack Johnston, Henry Silcock, Tess Corcoran and Alice Girling have Bronze Awards.

By Anna Johnstone and Rachel Todd P7

## Arngask Primary Needs Your Help!

We still need approximately 550 2l plastic bottles, some wood for the framework and 120 6ft bamboo canes to put the bottles to make the walls. This is all for our bottle greenhouse where we will grow fresh vegetables that we might sell and raise money for our school. We have collected a lot of bottles so far, so thank you but we still need more!

By Sean O' Neill P7



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# GLENFARG NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Had enough of eating, drinking and making merry? Fed up with trying to find new recipes for leftover turkey? Then why not have a go at our Christmas Quiz and you could win one of the following fabulous prizes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize : £50 M&S Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : £40 Asda Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : £30 Tesco Gift Card
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize : £10 Boots Gift Card
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize : 2 Tickets for any film at the  
Glenfarg Community Cinema
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize : 1 year's subscription to the  
Glenfarg Newsletter

All you have to do is answer the questions overleaf, pull out these middle pages and return your entry to Dave Arnold, 4 Lossley Park, Duncricvie PH2 9QY **by noon on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. There are 30 questions covering a range of topics so everyone stands a chance. **GOOD LUCK!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**  
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## **Entertainment, Music & Art**

1. Who plays James Bond in the 2015 film, “Spectre”?
2. What long running TV soap opera was originally called Florizel Street?
3. Who wrote the famous classical piece “Ode to Joy”?
4. Which 1950s TV show used Rossini’s “William Tell Overture” as its theme tune?
5. What is Elvis Presley’s middle name?

## **Scottish & Local**

1. What is the national animal of Scotland?
2. On what day of the week does the Bank of Scotland van visit Glenfarg?
3. In which European city is Bonnie Prince Charlie buried?
4. Name the chapel south of Edinburgh that featured in the film “The Da Vinci Code”.
5. In Wallace Park, Glenfarg, there is a bench dedicated to Norma & Paul; what is the three-word epitaph on the plate?

## **Christmas**

1. In church at Christmas, what fruit is used to make a Christingle?
2. Who was Top of the Pops at Christmas 1990 with “Saviour’s Day”?
3. What colour are the berries of mistletoe?
4. Who wrote the novel “A Christmas Carol”?
5. In pantomime, who is Princess Marcella?

## **The World**

1. Which African country was once called Southern Rhodesia?
2. Which two seas are joined by the Suez Canal?
3. What is the capital of Brazil?
4. Name any one of the Great Lakes in North America?
5. Which US State is closest to Russia?

## **History / Recent Events**

1. Which city was the capital of Australia from 1901-1927?
2. On what island was Napoleon Bonaparte born?
3. In what year did Argentina invade the Falkland Islands?
4. Who was elected leader of the (UK) Labour Party in September 2015?
5. The ill-fated Gallipoli campaign started 100 years ago (April 1915). In what country is Gallipoli?

## **Sport**

1. Which country won the 2015 Rugby World Cup?
2. What is the colour of the bull's-eye of an archery target?
3. Name the football team nicknamed "The Toffees"?
4. Which city hosted the 2015 World Gymnastic Championships?
5. Name the sleepy Sussex village that hosts the British & World Marbles Championship?

When you have answered all the questions (or as many as possible), fill in your details below and return your entry to Dave Arnold, 4 Lossley Park, Duncricvie PH2 9QY.

All entries will be marked and the one with the highest score will win the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, the second highest score wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize etc. If points are tied, entries will be drawn from a hat and the prizes awarded accordingly.

The names of prize winners plus the answers will appear in the next Newsletter.

**Name:**

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Many thanks to **Chrystal Petroleum** of Cluny and **OilFast** of Crieff who have very generously sponsored the prizes. Both companies have supplied many local homes with fuel oil during 2015 via the Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate (GOBS).

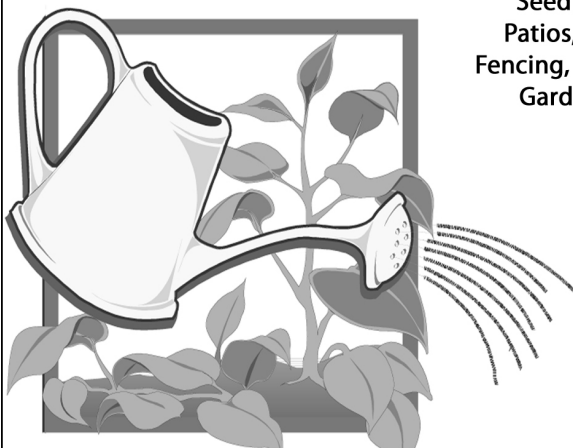


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# Smalls For All



Charity founder Maria Macnamara in Kenya

Just a quick update following the sponsored walk in August...

All the pants and bras are now in, following the sponsored walk in August, and have been taken to the charity's headquarters and will no doubt will be on route to Africa.

The totals are...

Pants 5736 (Pantastic)

Bras 370 (Bravo!)

£1,800

What an amazing effort from everyone who took part in the walk and to everyone who has donated to this amazing charity.

I have also managed to send the following, which will go to the fistula hospitals in Africa.

154 tooth brushes

130 tubes of tooth paste

92 bars of unperfumed soap

Mostly given by the kind folk of Glenfarg and Duncricvie, and a big thank you again to the boys at the shop for once again collecting donations.

Thank you Christine Brookes.





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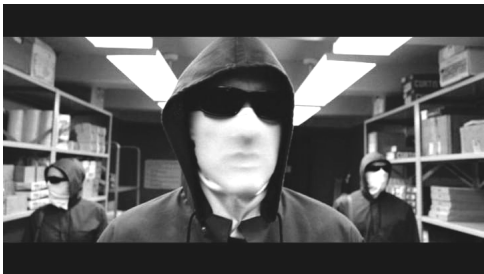
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# What Makes A Film Fantastic?

Well of course, it's a matter of opinion. So that is why Glenfarg Community Cinema asks the audience. At the end of every film night, as the audience is leaving, they put a pebble into one of five jars to give us their opinion of the film.

The jars have been labeled Awful, Not Good, OK, Good and Fantastic. The votes are counted and published on the website and here in the newsletter. It's our own 'Rotten Tomatoes'. Thankfully, we hardly ever get a rotten one!

In fact we get a lot of Fantastic. What We Did On Our Holiday scored 95%. There have been several films in the 80s, and it seems that for over half of our films at least half of the audience rated them Fantastic.



Our October film was Inside Man, which I thought was very good. But was it Fantastic? The film centres on an elaborate bank heist on Wall Street over a 24-hour period. Directed by Spike Lee, I was expecting it to be stylish – and it was. There were wonderful overhead shots of the exterior of the Wall Street bank with fast camera action capturing the buzz of the police response, and interior shots of the gang's leader framed within the large circular vault door like Leonardo's Vitruvian Man.

A great cast – Clive Owen, Denzel Washington, Jodie Foster and Christopher Plummer – but maybe the gang's masks, which were an essential part of the plot, actually made it difficult for us to empathise with them.

The plot had twists and turns – perhaps too many, with the audience trying to work out what was going on! It started with us being sure that we knew who the baddies were, then perhaps they weren't so bad, but at the end comes the confession 'Of course I did it for the money'. I felt that this did at least raise it above the 'black and white' view of most films of this genre. But not everyone was satisfied with its ambiguous ending.

So I was happy that the cinema committee had decided to alter the voting categories, doing away with Not Good (a hardly used category) and adding a Very Good category. Here is how our audience voted.

Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
0%	14%	42%	42%	2%

Come along to our next film, The Theory of Everything, on December 11<sup>th</sup> and cast your own vote.



# Coming Attractions

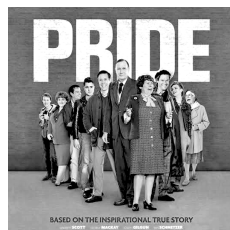
## Dec 11<sup>th</sup> THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING

Little was expected from Stephen Hawking, a bright but shiftless student of cosmology, given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at the age of 21. He became galvanised, however, by the love of fellow Cambridge student Jane Wilde, and went on to become one of the world's greatest living minds.



## January 8<sup>th</sup> PRIDE

It's the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers' families. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.



## February 12<sup>th</sup> THE CONSTANT GARDENER

Ralph Feinnes plays a mild mannered and unambitious diplomat, stationed in North Kenya. His main interest is gardening, until his young activist wife is murdered. Then he sets out to discover the truth, involving big business and corporate corruption. Featuring wide African landscapes, it really needs to be seen on the big screen to be appreciated.



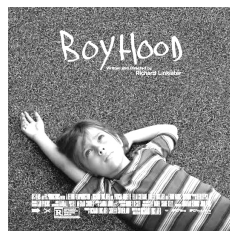
## March 11<sup>th</sup> THE GOLDEN DREAM

A piercing and poetic road movie that follows the fortunes of four Guatemalan teenagers on a dangerous journey across the Mexican border into America. The Golden Dream has astounded and won critical praise world over, garnering numerous awards



## April 8<sup>th</sup> BOYHOOD

Shot over 39 days spread out over twelve years, we follow Mason (Ellar Coltrane), his mom (Patricia Arquette), sister (Lorelei Linklater) and frequently absent dad (Ethan Hawke) as they negotiate everything life throws at them during that time, big and small. The fact that each year within the drama was shot that same year in real life pays dividends



# Monty's New House

Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom are delighted that Monty, the watering vehicle, has finally got his new house. Since he first arrived in Glenfarg he has had temporary homes at Normile Racing Stables in the summer and at Scarhead for the winter months. GDIB are so grateful to Lucy Normile and Colin & Judith Campbell for their accommodation and care. The purpose built garage in the village has been provided as part of the Railway Wall project which will not only enhance the south entrance but will also provide grass cutting equipment. The village location of the garage will ensure that maximum use can be made of Monty especially when his water tank comes off and he is used for all manner of odd jobs over the winter. The garage has also had a coat of paint which will protect it, and Monty, from all that a Glenfarg winter can throw at it. Thank you again to Lucy, Colin and Judith plus thank you to the (happy) painting squad.



Kate Armstrong

# Lest We Forget



In spite of dismal weather there was a good turn-out for the Sunday Remembrance Service conducted by the Rev Robert McCrum. The oration was read by Bill Macpherson.

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## Little Things

One wet driech day I started to browse through a very old book of poetry and found this little gem by C A Mason which hopefully you will appreciate just as much as I did. I have been unable to find out anything about the author or date when this poem was written but I feel the sentiment is as relevant today as it was then.

### Little Things by C A Mason

We cannot all be heroes,  
And thrill a hemisphere  
With some great, daring venture,  
Some deed that mocks at fear;  
But we can fill a lifetime  
With kindly acts and true.  
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# The Guides' First Night Walk

With the nights getting dark earlier and the unseasonable mild weather we set off for a walk around the Hilton and up to Drunzie.

The girls were in high spirits and after leaving the safety of Church Brae and entering into the wet, muddy field a yell of 'cow pats' could be heard from the front. After hearing this cry over twenty times Milly then decided that if she could have a £1 for every one she saw she would be a millionaire.

Moving into the next field they all froze as they could hear footsteps around them. We were surrounded by sheep very friendly and recognising that humans meant food was on its way followed us diligently to the food troughs to the amusement of the girls.

Further along the road they found a herd of young cows and we spent fifteen minutes here as they named them and decided which one they wanted to adopt, having to be dragged away as time was marching on and they clearly were not.

On the Duncrervie Road they were fascinated by the Muckle chair, standing beneath it and not reaching the seat, considering if they could climb up and then realising they may not get down.



In the garden of New House Bungalow they saw the ghosts that had been very thoughtfully left on the line for their perusal although Halloween had been and gone.

The last lap was to go and see the horses, giving them their tea and pumping water for their buckets.

With homemade brownies made by one of the generous parents they all agreed that this was a 'cool' experience, showing once again that it is not money that provides us with fun, but the richness of life, shared with friends that means the most to us.



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# The New Community Councillors

## Ian Pilmer



Hi Folks. I am Ian Pilmer one of your new Community Councillors. I have lived at East Blair for 17 years and work in the Energy business with the added benefit of being home based. My interests include Horse Riding, Dog walking, Motorcycling, Hill walking, Wildlife and many other activities involving the great outdoors hence I am passionate about the preservation of the countryside and the village as a whole. I am very approachable to discuss any matter that requires to be raised at the Community Council and look forward to my term.

# Penny Loudon



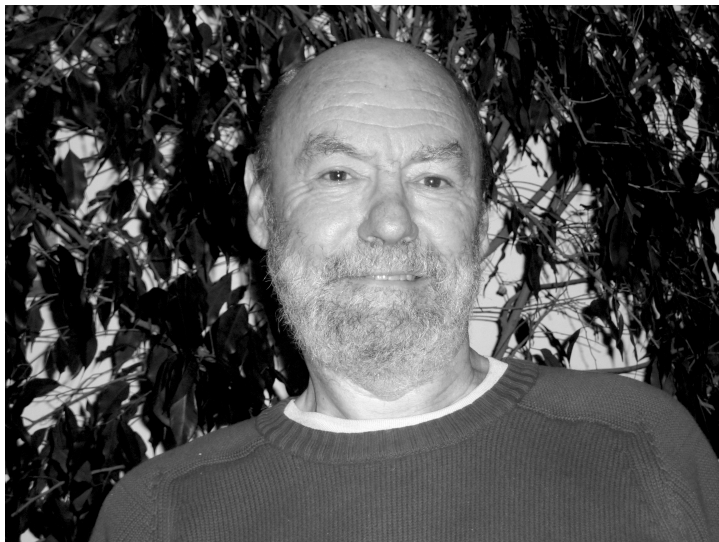
Although Penny has lived a nomadic life she has owned a home in Glenfarg for 16 years. She graduated from The Open University in 1994 went on to read Law at Edinburgh University and worked in the capital as a residential and commercial property solicitor, more recently she worked for St Andrews University advising on their property portfolio. Her free time is spent raising Jacob sheep & Highland cattle, playing golf, running ( she's training for the London Marathon 2016) and is a Patron of the National Theatre of Scotland.

# John Taylor



After living in Dunfermline for 30 years and once our two sons had flown the nest, the time was right for my wife, Joyce and I to find the right place for the next 30! We looked at various houses in different parts of Perthshire and Kinross-shire but were always drawn back to Glenfarg where we have now been living happily for nearly 2 years. Being part of and contributing to an active community was one of our objectives and we have certainly achieved that in Glenfarg getting involved in various organisations including the Fete Committee, the Tennis Club and the Wine Club. Most of my career has been spent in the IT Sector based mainly in Scotland and I have performed a wide range of roles. These have led me to travel to various parts of the UK and, on regular occasions, to France, Poland and India. I am delighted to have become a member of the Glenfarg Community Council and am keen to play as active a part in this group as time permits.

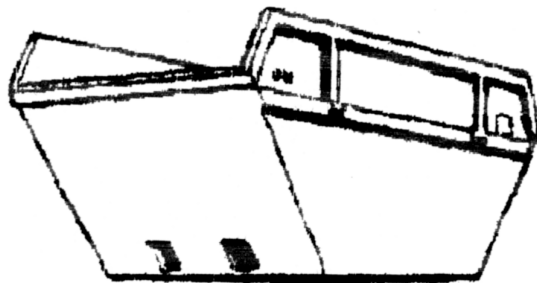
# John Burlison



My wife, Alison, and I have lived on a farm near Glenfarg for 5 years, although the farm has been in the family since 1950. After graduating with a degree in Ecology, I first worked in Mozambique, teaching students ecology and wildlife management and running a game guard training school. On return to Scotland I worked for Scottish Natural Heritage in different areas in a range of roles - everything from inspecting attics for bats to the management of a large team. I took early retirement in 2010 when we moved to take over the running of the farm (now including 90 hens, two horses and a very large vegetable garden) and help support Alison's aunt. We are enjoying living in this beautiful area and have been impressed by the work of the Community Council in helping to look after it for the community to enjoy, and I wish to help too.



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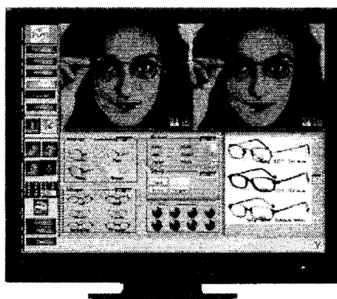
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# GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Glenfarg Village Hall

**PRESENT:** CCllrs Burlison, Duncan, Horsman, Mackenzie, Pilmer, Ponton, H. Taylor, J. Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi, Robertson and 7 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Loudon

The meeting was chaired in the first instance by Cllr Robertson.

### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

POSITION	ELECTED	NOMINATED	SECONDED
Chair	Donald Mackenzie	CCllr Watson	CCllr Ponton
Vice Chair	Robert Duncan	CCllr Mackenzie	CCllr Watson
Treasurer	Daniel Horsman	CCllr Mackenzie	CCllr Duncan
Secretary	To be discussed by CCllrs Watson and Warder		

### SUB-COMMITTEES:

Minute Secretary	CCllr Watson
Planning	CCllrs Duncan, Loudon, Pilmer, J.Taylor
Communications	CCllrs Watson, Horsman, Warder
Binn Forum/	CCllrs Duncan, Ponton
Wind farm Reps	
Data Controller	CCllr Watson
Emergency Plan Coordinator	– CCllr H.Taylor volunteered to help. CCllr Mackenzie to speak to D.Arnold.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were proposed by CCllr Ponton and seconded by CCllr Horsman

### MATTERS ARISING:

Church Brae - CCllr Watson had contacted the Roads Department and received assurance that the white line outside the church will be reinstated shortly.

Ladeside Junction – CCllr Watson reported that P&KC Road Safety division had produced designs and costings for the Ladeside / Main Street junction, and they were awaiting a budget to implement.



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Vehicle Activation Signs – the previous Treasurer had reported that these are due to be installed in Main Street early December.

Boundary Changes – the CC has sent a letter to the Boundary Commission, strongly disagreeing with the proposals to move Glenfarg from Kinross-shire Ward into Almond / Earn Ward.

Fete Accounts – following a request from a member of the public for more information to be made available, the Fete Committee had published its income and details of the distribution of profits in the October newsletter. The CC had been informed by the Fete Committee that the Fete Accounts have been independently examined and will be presented at their AGM.

CCllr MacKenzie made the point that, in future, if anyone had a question in relation to the organisation of the fete or its financial position, such enquiries should be addressed to the fete committee, not the Community Council

Damage to wall on Main Street – CCllr Watson has reported this to BEAR.

Wallace Park / Duncricvie Road wall – CCllr Watson reported that this had been brought to the notice of Community Greenspace some time ago, who had discussions with the Roads Dept. Having visited the site, Roads Dept state it is not an issue for them. Community Greenspace are to remove a tree, which appears to be pushing out two particularly large stones from the wall. They suggest that the Community Payback Team may be able to help repair the wall.

Tennis Club – a member of the public had expressed concerns about vehicles driving through the park to the Tennis Pavilion unnecessarily. The Tennis Club therefore added to its October newsletter article the reiteration that this should only happen in exceptional circumstances.

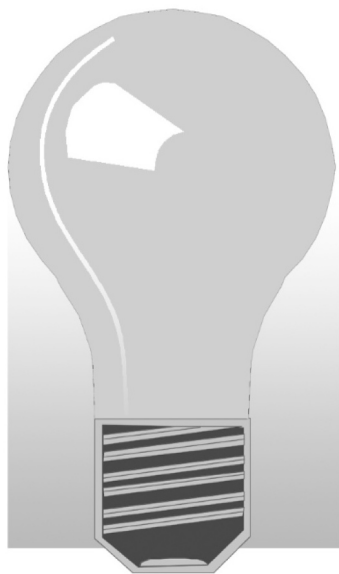
Glenfarg & Duncricvie In Bloom – CCllr Mackenzie reported that traffic controls will be necessary for a short period on Main Street when overhanging trees are cut.

## **PLANNING:**

Alex Johnson reported that, since our last meeting, 1 new application had been noted and Perth & Kinross Council had approved 3 applications.

At Hilton of Duncricvie, a cowshed erected without planning permission was to be taken down. The owner has put in an appeal and a decision is due in January.

The Forestry Commission has contacted the CC with revisions to their original plans for Springhall Forest. The new scenario takes account of a possible wind turbine on the site, although GREA report they are no longer pursuing this option. Changes to the planting scheme remove sycamore from boundary



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The Scottish Government is reviewing the operation of the planning system in Scotland. PAS is holding an event in Perth to hear the views of CCs, and it is hoped that community councillors will attend.

*CCllrs Duncan and Mackenzie*

P&KC is arranging consultations on the next Local Development Plan, including a drop-in-session at the Loch Leven Community Campus. There are no changes to the plan affecting our area.

#### **LOCHELBANK FUND UPDATE:**

CCllr Ponton handed out letters to the CCllrs from Foundation Scotland, relating to the governance arrangements for the RWE Innology Lochelbank Community Fund. The Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference were also provided. These are to be discussed at the next CC meeting.

*Secretary*

Interviews were held to appoint two new Panel Members from Glenfarg. Foundation Scotland has circulated the names of the successful candidates.

#### **BINN WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT:**

CCllr Duncan reported that the agreement had now been signed by all four community councils involved – Abernethy, Earn, Glenfarg, Strathmiglo.

There are 31 conditions imposed on the approval for the wind farm. The police will manage Road closures for the transport of equipment during the build. Trial runs of these are planned.

Detailed plans of underground lines associated with the grid connection will be published. We will be informed of the tariff by January.

A Suppliers Day (10<sup>th</sup> November) has been advertised around the village and local businesses encouraged to attend.

#### **VISION:**

CCllr Mackenzie reported that returns from The Vision Questionnaire had been analysed. The group would meet with the Community Capacity Building Worker to organise a village event to report on the findings and come to agreement on the future priorities for our community.

*CCllrs Duncan,  
Horsman, Mackenzie*

Information had been received from Voluntary Action Fund on funds available through the Healthier Scotland Engagement Fund. It was decided to explore the possibility of making an application.

*CCllrs Mackenzie and Duncan*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A list of correspondence had been circulated to community councillors prior to the meeting, and relevant items were discussed under appropriate headings.

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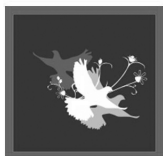
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## **AOCB:**

The Glenfarg - a member of the public queried the present closure of the hotel, apparently until early December. The Community Council has not received any information from the hotel owner, and it was felt that there was a need to establish the facts. The Folk Club has arranged a meeting with the owner and will feed back any information. Cllr Barnacle emphasised that early intervention in these situations was vital. A decision was made to write to the owner, asking for information that would help the community understand what the plans for the hotel were. The point was made that whilst the hotel is a commercial business, it is a core part of the community and it was hoped that everyone would understand the community's desire to know that the future of its hotel was secure.

*CCllr Mackenzie*

Police Report – no serious issues to report. Winter road safety being emphasised.

Treasurer Report – GCC admin account balance £279.65

GCC newsletter account balance £11,150.09

Treasurer has arranged erection of Christmas lights for the last week of November.

Road Safety Issues – CCllr Burlison raised the issue of escorted Scottish Water tankers. It was felt that recently the escort vehicle had not been providing motorists with enough warning of the oncoming tanker. It was decided to write to Scottish Water to express our concern.

*CCllr Mackenzie*

Grit Spreader – a member of the public reported that he had cleaned the spreader but it did not work properly when filled with the grit supplied to the pavement bins by P&KC. It was decided to purchase around 10 bags of pure salt and request that they be stored in GDIB's new shed on Hayfield Road.

*CCllr Burlison*

Newsletter - the new community councillors were requested to provide their photo and a short bio for publication in the December newsletter.

*CCllr Watson*

Superfast Broadband Provision – a member of the public from Cuthill Towers, which is outwith the CC's area, informed us that the residents had been advised that superfast broadband would not be available there until 2018. He queried whether there were parts of our area in the same situation, and was advised to put the question on the Glenfarg Grapevine. CCllr Ponton reported that OpenReach workers laying cables to connect the south of the village believed that the new cabinet was to be sited in Ladeside. As we had been told that the cabinet would be in Hayfield Road it was decided to contact OpenReach to check on this.

*CCllr Watson*

Speed Limits – a member of the public informed us that there are now more school children in Duncruevie and they (and other residents) are walking along roads with no pavements. He therefore requested that we pursue the possibility of a 20mph speed limit in this area. Cllr Barnacle advised that there are 3 rural areas where the 20mph limit is to be trialled. It was decided to request that Duncruevie also be considered, and Cllr Robertson offered to provide a contact.

*CCllr Watson*

Wallace Park Wooden Animals – the Community Payback Team has removed these for repair. It was agreed that the CC would order necessary materials and meet the cost so far (£49.50).

*CCllr Watson*

A children's colouring competition to decide on colours has been held, and the entrants will be judged at the Vision village event.

*CCllr Watson*

War Memorial Project – Jen Lindsay has carried out a research project on the lives of the men whose names appear on the Glenfarg War Memorial. This extensive piece of work has been handed over to the CC and is available in hard copy form in Arngask Church's archive or on the village website history section.

CCllr MacKenzie asked that the Minute record the community's thanks to Ms Lindsay for this hugely important contribution to the historical record of the community and commended it to all members of that community and to students of social and military history.

Data Protection – CCllr Watson informed the CC that, for data protection reasons, email addresses provided to the Grapevine email service would not be used for any other purpose. The file containing the addresses resides on a password-protected area of the CC's server and the password is known only to the Grapevine editors, the server owner and herself.

Dog Fouling Problems – there was extensive discussion on the recent increase in this problem. Solutions suggested were to challenge the owner / report to the dog warden / use Smartphone etc. It was believed that the dog warden has already carried out educational visits. Suggestions of locations were made for the two remaining signs (Greenbank Road and Birch Lane)

*CCllr Watson*

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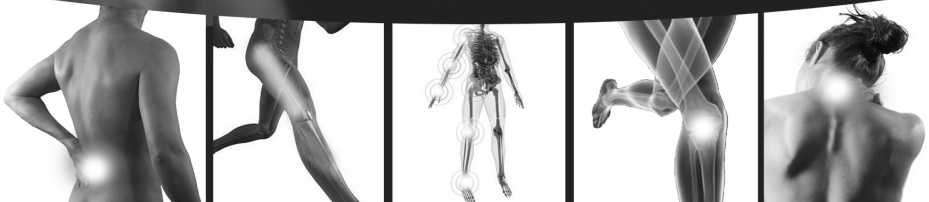
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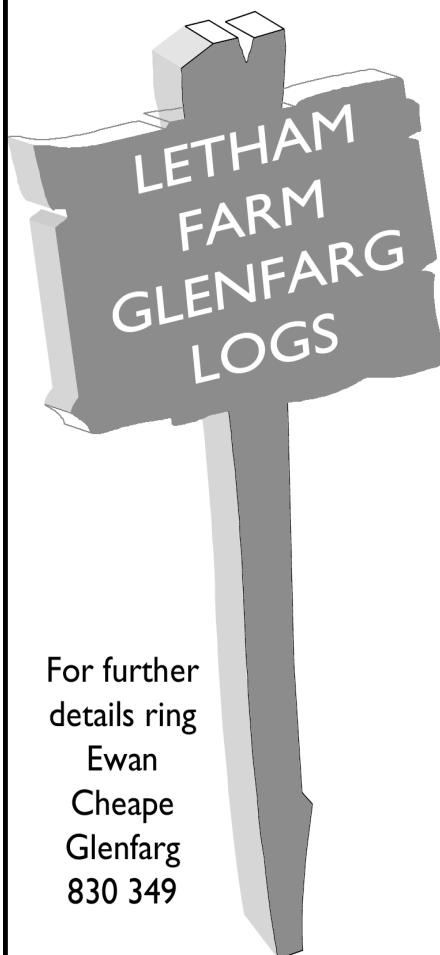
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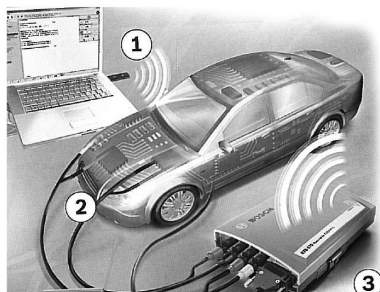
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