

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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SWINGS & ROUNDABOUTS AT DALRY PLAYPARK

Having got off to a good start with a grant from Groundbase Ltd to fence off the site and prepare the entrances, the Dalry Playpark Project is currently being held up by a number of factors outwith the control of the Project Committee. After planning permission had been awarded, the question of the long-term maintenance of the Playpark was raised. For Dumfries & Galloway's Department for Community Resources to take on the maintenance of the facility an agreement had to be reached between the Education Department and the Property Management Sub-Committee about the use of the site.

The maintenance issue has now been satisfactorily resolved allowing the Stewartry Area Committee (S.T.A.) to reconsider a previously delayed funding application.

At a recent meeting the S.T.A. awarded £4,000 to the Play Park Project. The award of this sum will help applications to other funding bodies who require their grants to be matched.

BBC Children in Need are in the process of revising their application procedure and form, and have suggested that the Project Committee re-submit a previously rejected application when the new form is available. This should be in the very near future.

Re-application will take several months to be considered, so it looks as though it may be the spring before progress is made.

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DALRY GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Once again another full programme has been put together by the Dalry Good Neighbours Club Committee. The schedule is listed below and for further details / confirmation call Hilda McAdam 01644 430383. New members always welcome at the meetings held in Dalry Community Centre, Kirkland Street. Meetings start at 2..00 pm prompt unless soup & sandwiches served.

November	7th	Soup and Sweet Lunch	1 p.m.
	14th	P.C.Dick Henry	Security etc.
	21st	With The Guild	Altacane Soap Making
December	5th	Soup and Sweet Lunch	1 p.m.
	12th	Steve Harfield	Local Health Visitor
	17th	Christmas Lunch	Lochinvar Hotel
January	13th	Gaiety Theatre	
	16th	Soup and Sweet Lunch	1 p.m.
	23rd	Burns Supper	Lochinvar Hotel
	30th	Local Slides and Videos	
February	6th	Soup and Sweet Lunch	1 p.m.
	13th	Cards and Dominoes	
	20th	With The Guild	Experiences Abroad
	27th	Members Entertainment	
March	6th	Soup and Sweet Lunch	1 p.m.
	13th	Bob McSporran	About Dunaskin
	20th	Andrew Bielinski	African Wild-life slides 7 p.m.
	27	End of Season Party	Lochinvar Hotel
April	24th	Afternoon Drive	

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

New Galloway & Kells

There were twelve nominations for the twelve places on the Community Council and so no election took place. The members are:

Chairman	Brian Edgar	Vice Chairman	Gordon Linsay
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Carsphairn

Chair	Silvia Sinclair	Vice Chairman	Margaret Richmond
Treasurer	Anne Rutherford	Secretary	Anna Clark-Kennedy
Councillors	David Donnelly	Simon & Liz Holmes	Bill Wiseman

Local Recipes

There are two recipe books available in your local shops, both great gifts for your friends at this time of year and both will provide funds for good causes. The original Glenkens Cookery Book has been re-published from 1981 and profits go to the Dalry Town Hall. (Priced £3). Light as a Feather is a collection of recipes from South West Scotland compiled by Cathy Agnew in aid of the Leonard Cheshire Fund (Priced £5). Reprinted below is a recipe taken from Light as a Feather by Jean McMurdo, Dumfries.

Rich and Light Christmas Pudding (Makes 4 Puddings in 2 pint bowls)

1lb currants	1 lb sultanas	1 lb seed-
less raisins	4 oz mixed peel	
3/4 lb suet	1 lb soft brown sugar	5 eggs
	grated rind & juice of lemon	
6 oz s/r flour	1 teaspoon mixed spice	
1teaspoon nutmeg	4 oz golden syrup	
1/4 pint rum	6 tablespoons milk	

Well grease 4 x 2-pint pudding basins. Place grease-proofed paper in base of each. Place all dried fruit in a large bowl. Mix in chopped peel, suet, flour, mixed spice, nutmeg, brown sugar and bread crumbs.

Add grated rind of lemon and strain juice, golden syrup, beaten eggs and rum. Stir, adding milk to make moist. Divide mixture between bowls and cover with foil. Allow to stand overnight in a cool place. Place in pot with water on plate or saucer. Simmer steadily for 2 hours. When cool cover with fresh tops and store in a cool place. Re-heat, as above, for 1 1/2 hours.



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NEW GALLOWAY. OUR HISTORIC BURGH. PART 1

Those of us who have the good fortune to live in the beautiful parish of Kells may feel a certain and justifiable pride in our little town of New Galloway, for it has the distinction of being the smallest Royal Burgh in Scotland.

Prior to 1630 the district consisted of the Castle of Kenmure, a number of scattered farms and a few tiny cottages. The settlement, such as it was, was situated in an area just north of the Castle and was called The Roddings. Then, in the early 1630's things began to change.

Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, who owned the land in this area, obtained from King Charles I a charter authorising him to erect houses and buildings on a portion of land and create a Royal Burgh. The original intention was to build at St. John's Clachan of Dalry but due to some disagreement between Sir John and the inhabitants of the Clachan, this was abandoned. A second charter ratified by Act of Parliament in June 1633 was drawn up and a site for the new Burgh was chosen on lands west of The Water of Ken, close to the Castle of Kenmure. Just one month prior to this, Sir John had been raised to the Peerage and was created Viscount Kenmure, Lord Lochinvar.

The building of the Newtown of Galloway commenced almost at once but unfortunately the First Viscount died at a very early age on the 12th September 1634 and his project was never completed. The Burgh was destined to remain a village forever.

However, the Royal Charter had given Newtown of Galloway the right to hold "one market weekly on Wednesdays and three Fairs yearly" on the 1st April, 16th June and 28th July unless these dates fell on a Sunday, in which case the Fair would be held on the following day. One Fair was to last the space of three days.

The tiny Burgh also boasted its own Town Council, composed of local Gentlemen. The Council originally numbered 19, namely a Provost, four Baillies, a Dean of Guild, a Treasurer and 12 Councilors. In later years this was reduced to 17, possibly because it was felt that such a large council was not necessary in a very small town. Or maybe they just had difficulty in finding 19 "Gentlemen"!

Part II of "Our Historic Burgh" will appear in the next issue
Helen Bolton



Glenkens Playgroup

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VETERINARY SURGERY, OAKWELL ROAD, CASTLE DOUGLAS

The following article is submitted by Anna Campbell who has been teaching evening classes on "The Unexplored History of Glenkens". For more information on other Dalry & Glenkens Adult evening classes, contact Pat Loughlin on 460668

Over the last 250 years there have been at least 19 schools in the Glenkens. From around 1870 log books have been kept for the schools and the older volumes are held at the Ewart Library in Dumfries. Written through the eyes of the head teacher they are a fascinating account of school life. Attendance, the curriculum, the H.M.I. annual inspections and the weather all feature prominently.

The Inspector at Monybuie in 1910 wrote in his report *"The work professed in class subjects is meagre in quantity and only fair in quality"* and at the Dee School (Clatteringshaws) the teacher wrote *"In view of the fact that some of the pupils come 5 miles to school and one or two even further the attendance is wonderfully good."* The Head Teacher at Mossdale which opened in 1876 complained frequently for the first few years about the condition of the building and at Kells the Head Teacher recorded meticulously the names of the songs that the children learnt between 1870 and 1872. In 1887 the Head Teacher of Carsphairn wrote *"Work during the week very oppressive. The New Code has added considerably to the work required from such a school where there is only one teacher"* On the outbreak of World War 1 the teacher at Balmaclellan couldn't get to school because *"of interruption of traffic caused by war"*. Dalry logbook contains details of epidemics of mumps or "branks" in 1878 and whooping cough in 1928. Modern technology reached the Deuch School (Moor) in November 1935 when the teacher wrote: *"The installation of the wireless on Thursday 21st caused some diversion from work. Children heard lessons on Nature Study, Geography, Speech Training and Music"*.

Space does not permit me to continue with this wonderful insight into education but the resolve and passion for education was clearly put into practice in the Glenkens. I finish with a comment from the Dumfries and Galloway Standard of May 1st 1891. *"We continued our walk thinking this (Corseglass) as a splendid example of Scotland's determination to provide education for her 'children'."*

Carsphairn School P.T.A. Sponsored Walk

Report by Carsphairn Primary School Pupils

Recently fourteen children and their parents took part in a sponsored walk around Dundough Hill. Two grandparents and our Headmistress and teacher, Miss Rutherford came along too. Most people took dogs along with them.

The day started off quite hot, then a slight breeze came, which helped to cool people down. After a while it became very tiring because it was getting hotter again. Some people washed their faces in a tiny stream at the side of the forest road to cool down. It was about a three mile walk. Most of the boys ran ahead and left everybody behind. Alastair McMorran found a bird box lying on the ground, next to a tree. His dad hung it back up. We passed Kendoon Loch and saw a man swimming about. At the side of the loch we saw Glenkens Fish Farm. We also saw the surge tower at Kendoon.

Because some of the girls found the sun too bright, Jessie MacKay made bracken hats for them and found sticks to help them walk. Some of the boys had to wait for quite a while for everyone else to finish the walk because they ran most of the way.

Agnes Holden, the secretary of the PTA, brought refreshments for everyone to have after the walk. The Holden family could have walked to the start as they lived very close, but they went in the car because they had refreshments to carry. The boys had a juice fight at the end. Harry shook a bottle of cherry-ade and Daniel opened it because Harry said he couldn't get it open. The cherry-ade fizzed up and squirted out all over Daniel's face. This made him very sticky and attractive to bees, which followed him everywhere!

After refreshments, most of the kids and dogs either went to play in the river or in the forest. Daniel got soaked again when Kerry MacKay threw a stick into the water for the dog and it landed right next to him with a splash! Whilst the kids were off playing, the adults were being boring and chatting. The money collected will go to the PTA funds to help Carsphairn School.

New Galloway Community Horizons Initiative Update

The initiative has progressed well since the last open day held in June and specific projects have now been identified as priorities by the three action groups.

The Youth Action Group has targeted improved sports facilities and is currently looking at costs and plans. The Tourism and Environment Group has decided to concentrate on promoting tourism in the area and to this end has secured the funding to employ a researcher on a temporary contract to research and collate the tourist and historical information to produce a brochure and leaflets dedicated to the Kells area. Mr. Ronald Russell of Greenhead, New Galloway has been appointed to the post and will be starting in November. Mr. Russell has a great deal of experience in researching and writing books and a keen interest in local history. Another interesting aspect of the job will be to collect oral history and folklore and record it in some way for future generations before it is lost forever; so if you know of any legends (true or otherwise !) please let us know.

There are many skilled craft workers in the area who would possibly benefit from a common retail outlet during the tourist season and if appropriate premises could be found this would provide employment as well as another tourist attraction. Possible community and/or business uses for the Old School building were also discussed, and further enquiries are being made into this.

The need to reform the Gala Committee was highlighted to help provide events throughout the year for locals and tourists. Considerable interest has been expressed at the open day and a meeting will be called in the near future in the hope that enough volunteers will come forward to reform the committee in time for events next year.

A comprehensive overall community initiative plan will be produced as soon as possible detailing all the aims mentioned, together with other longer term objectives.

Meantime the Youth Projects will move forward together with the tourism issues which will be progressed by the appointment of Mr. Russell.

The plans already in place provide an exciting opportunity for our area and prove that if the community work together they make a difference.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

3 Nov	7.30pm	Concert with Gallowayians New Galloway Town Hall
5 Nov	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Carsphairn Church
25 Nov	7.00pm	Dalry Church Party Dalry Town Hall
17 Dec	6.30pm	Carols by candlelight Balmaclellan
24 Dec	11.30pm	Watchnight Service Kells Church
25 Dec	11am	C of S Dalry Family Service Dalry
31 Dec	11am	C of S Dalry Service Choir Carsphairn

REGULAR SERVICES

Carsphairn	10.30am every Sunday
Dalry	12.00 noon every Sunday
Balmaclellan	12.00 noon every 1st Sunday in month
Kells	10.30 am every Sun. except 1st in month

DALRY CHURCH PARTY

Dalry Church is organising a party in the Town Hall on Saturday 25th Nov. It will be a time for dance, fun and games, with musical items led by Primary School. There will be a buffet supper midway through the evening. £1 admission charge, children are free 7-9.30 pm. All welcome.

GLENKENS CHOIR

The Glenkens Church Choir was formed about 18 months ago and during that time has performed in various churches at Harvest, Easter and Christmas services. They are currently working on a programme of Christmas music for "Carols by Candlelight" which will take place in Balmaclellan Church on December 17th at 6.30 pm. At present the choir has 24 members and practices in Dalry Session House between 7.30 and 9.00 on Thursdays. If you would like to come and sing, please call Jean Munro 01644 420889 or just turn up.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE COLLECTIONS

Since January, Blythswood Care has been able to send 56 loads of aid to Easter Europe and Africa. They have now begun a monthly collection circuit around the South of Scotland. Our nearest collection point is Cynlla Douglas. Donations of food (rice, flour, pasta, cooking oil etc.), clothing, bedding and household goods are appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the Mince or collected from your house.

GLENKENS MOTHER AND TODDLERS

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LOCAL EVENTS ROUND-UP

GLENKENS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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SALTIRE DISCO
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Saturday 18th November
Friday 1st December
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Primary Party
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Joint primary / Secondary
Christmas Service
22nd Morning

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GLENKENS SCOUT PACK

Every Wednesday evening from 6.45 pm to 8 pm the Glenkens Cub Scout Pack meet in the New Galloway Scout Hall. If you are aged between 8 years and 10 1/2 years why not come along and give it a try? See what Scouting is all about. We are currently looking for someone to help out at pack meetings. If you are interested please contact: Heather McIntosh 4200375 or Jean Fisher 430493. Joke from the Cubs: Why couldn't the viper vipe her nose? Because the adder 'ad 'er hankie!!