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Full report and exclusive photographs on page 5.

#### WILD BOAR, BIG CATS AND NOW MOLES

In our last issue we reported on wild boar at Knocksheen farm and this was shortly followed by reliable sightings of Big Cats in our area. For our April 1st edition we can report that New Galloway are now plugued with moles on their football pitch. Brian Edgar Chair of Kells Community Council spoke to 'the Gazette: "These moles have made a complete mess of our football pitch. When the Council have out the grass, the mole hills have been flattened and over time tidges have developed which makes playing football dangerous. The sooner those moles are red carded the better".

Mr. George Prentice, Local Councillor also speke to The Gazette, "Despite reports that this matter has not been followed through, I can assure the good citizons of New Galloway that someone from the Council has been to investigate the matter and the moles are now being caught. We are not allowed to poison them and so they are trapped humanely". Also affected is local farmer, Mr. Io King from Knockandeumin Farm. He told The Gazette: "I have farmed these hills for 40 years and have never seen so many moles. Big moles, little moles and lots of medium moles. Byorywhere I go moles, moles, moles and more moles". Continued page 13

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#### Anna Campbell Chairman Glenkens Education Action Group writes for the Glenkens Gazette:

After having been given time to consult the bodies they represent, members of the Glenkens Education Action Group met recently.

Reactions were given from all the communities, the represented groups and the independent members to the decisions taken by the Education Committee on 25 January. They can be summarised as follows:

- There is a warm welcome to the decision to retain Carsphairn and Kells Primary Schools and Dalty Secondary School.
- There is a general welcome for the linkage with Castle Douglas.
- \* There is some disappointment that there will be no Head Teacher in Dalty but there was discussion as to the role, job specification and opportunities for the new post of Depute Head Teacher. It was agreed that this would be a key issue to be addressed by the working group.
- \* There is obviously a lot of confusion within the community due to the absence of any details of the new linkage.
- \* It is felt that there is a considerable degree of urgency to get the working party in place. The group would wish to become involved in the consultative process at the earliest stage possible.

The Director of Education has been informed of how we see the situation as well as our desire to become involved in the process.

The communities and hodies had also been asked for their views on the continuation of the Group and the response was that it should remain in being.

Personally, I feel that the Glenkens has been given an opportunity to respond to the challenges we gave ourselves in our presentations to the Area Committee and in the submissions sent to the Director of Education.

Let us go ahead positively in the knowledge that our schools are retained and build upon that vital tool of education to encourage people to come and live and work here. Let's promote and use our excellent local schools for our children's education and for our own life long learning. The opportunities are there, let's use them locally.

#### Anne Rutherford writes:

Carsphairn Community Council has been successful in purchasing the dereliet site at the southern approach to the village. Negotiations with the owner recently came to fruition when the Council were told that the sale was concluded. Initial plans are to tidy up the site, it is intended to develop the site as a garden and members of the community will be consulted for their ideas

#### Carsphairn Heritage Group:

has received £4619 from Awards for All mainly towards the publication of a brochure on the 'Past Schools of the Glenkens' but also for the annual exhibition in the Heritage Centre.

The costs of taking the village children to the combined schools concert in Kelis School on May 10th will also be funded in part from this money.

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#### GCAT NEWS

It's time for all Glenkens gardening enthusiasts to get out their gardening gloves! With the help and support of The Beechgrove Garden we'll be developing a Community Garden at the Old School in New Galloway over the next 18 months.

Meanwhile the CCAT Steering Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary Melivenna to the post of Office Manager from 1st April. Mary comes with a wealth of experience gained laher 16 years in the World Heritage Village of New Lanark. Mary says 'she is thrilled to be involved from the beginning with such an exciting project as GCAT'. Mary will also be the Co-coordinates for the Glenkens Community Bus which should be op and running by the summer. Any interested voluntary groups or volunteer drivers should contact Mary at the GCAT Shop.

Watch out for GCAT events in May and June to suit all tastes. Check the Diary for dates and the Box Office for all events will be at the OCAT Shop. The GCAT Shop is open each weekday morning and some afternoons. Everyone is welcome to come and find out what's happening in the Gleakens, check on the progress of the Old School and book tickets for events.

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#### The Covenanters; The Killing Times & After.

Cornet Graham, brother of Claverhouse, held a court at New Galloway and everyone between 16 and 60 had to appear under severe penalty, to declare upon oath how many conventicles they had attended, who had been the preacher, who were present and what children were baptised. Fines were collected and gifted to informers and soldiers!

A fugitive roll issued in May 1684 named all persons who were not to be sheltered or given food. Anyone breaking this rule was to be punished.

John Clement of New Galloway narrowly avoided capture many times when returning home from conventicles. Once disguised as a shepherd with a pile of newly clipped fleeces, he sent his pursuers back over the moor to Holm Glen. On another occasion, when he heard troops following him he lifted a dead sheep and walked back towards them. When asked had he seen a man crossing the moor he told them he had, and directed the troops towards Minnigaff. Clement survived the persecutions and lived to a good old age.

Galloway was a dismal place indeed. Treated like a province in revolt, it was over-run with troops who behaved diagracefully. Caves and secret places in the forests were no longer safe places to hide; all were hunted out and terrorised.

Adam McWhann from near New Galloway.had a remote hiding-place under a huge boulder by the Cornelloch Burn, north of the Black Water of Dec. He unfortunately contracted a fever and had to return home.

Troops found him, dragged him from his bed and put him into New Galloway jail. Two days later, on 12th May 1685, he was taken to Knockdavic outside the town, and shot. Friends secretly moved his body by night and buried it at Kells Churchyard. Later, Robert Paterson, (Old Mortality), erected a stone to his memory. In 1832 the stone was placed in a handsome granite monument, subscriptions for which were collected by Rev. Dr. James Maitland, minister at that time who in, 1837 married Louisa Gordon Bellamy, heir to the Konmure Estate. The boulder heside the Cornelloch Burn is still known as McWhann's Stone.

In 1688 James VII fled to France, William and Mary came to the throne, and the Glorious Revolution took place. Lord Kenmure had the pleasure of capturing the notorious Grierson of Lag, so long the terror of Catsphaira district, and despatching him to Edinburgh to be imprisoned. Most Covenanters rejained the Established Church, but some wished to remain apart forming the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

In May 1689 the followers of Rev. Richard Cameron furmed the 26th. Regiment of Foot, The Cameronians, Scottish Riffes, raised at Douglas Dale in Lanarkshire by the Earl of Angus. They had 279 years of distinguished service as our local regiment, and each man as part of his kit, was issued with a Holy Bible. Many from the Glenkens served with this famous regiment in war and peace in many far flung parts of the world.

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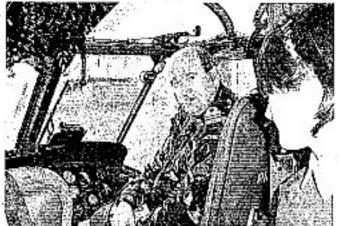
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#### FLYING VISIT TO DALRY SCHOOL







The dreich weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of Dalry pupils when a Sea King helicopter dropped in to visit them in February. Based for a week in Carlisle the crew were on an information and teaching tour of schools in south-west Scotland. All pupils were given a guide through the £2 million search and rescue aircraft where they had the opportunity to ask questions and try on the some of the gear used by the crew.

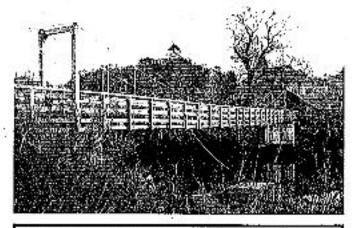
Capt. Lt. Commander Stan Burgess was in the pilot's scat to explain some of the controls used to fly the 22 year old machine. He had flown up from their base in Culdrose, Cornwall, the week before, 77-1 Squadron had recently seen action by rescuing the crew from a freighter off the coast of Skye. He pointed out to the young ladies of the school that it is now quite common for crews to be entirely female and they should consider a career in the air-force. The helicopter flies with a crew of four: two pilots, a navigator and a winch man. The minimum height they can fly is 50 feet. With a 250 mile range from shore they can fly for nearly five hours before having to return to base, After all of the pupils had been shown through the helicopter a lucky few were given a ride high in skies above Dalry, on a trip they were to remember for ever.



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#### Local Crime Prevention starts with commonsense and a little careful thought.

We are fortunate in Dumfries & Galloway to live in an area with one of the lowest incidences of crime in the country. However we mustn't be complacent about protecting ourselves against those who would take advantage of what they perceived to be a casual attitude towards security. Whilst crimes of violence against the elderly are very rare it has to be accepted that bogus callers and other fraudsters do regard the elderly as legitimate targets for their crimes and accordingly it is important that we know what action to take when dealing with 'cold callers at our doors.

Firstly we should establish who is at the door before we open it. This can be done by using a peephole or using a door chain. If the caller claims to come from a recognized body such as Scottish Power it is important that we thoroughly check their identification badge before letting them in. Once any such person is in our homes we should ensure that they are only given access to the area required such as any meter. At no time should they be given free reign to walk about the house.

Another point, which we should address, is what attracts bogus callers into our homes in the first place. Unfortunately all too many elderly people still keep large sums of cash in their homes. With the progress of technology and Internet banking the requirement for cash continues to decrease and it will soon be possible for most of us to make most of our purchases without it. Most credit cards have built in protection to prevent the holder losing out if they are stolen but if you lose any cash it will probably not be replaced. So don't keep large sums of cash at home.

Another common con trick at this time of year is for someone calling at your door offering to do some work on your house or garden. Most likely there is no need for this work to be carried out in the first place but if there is use a reliable firm to do it. That way you have a guarantee that the work will be carried out to a satisfactory standard and if you are unsatisfied in any way you can seek redress via Trading Standards.

Also ensure that the locks on windows and doors meet the requirements of your insurance policy. What most require is a five-lever mortice deadlock on all-external doors and key operated locks on all ground floor windows. However there is no point in having the locks if they're not used. Ensure that when you leave your house that it is properly secured. When going out at night leave a light on to give the impression that someone's in. Use a low energy light bulb that is very cheap to run.

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S'cool's Out Again

The second edition of Dalry Primary school magazine went on sale in March

Jim White P5 was the editor, assisted by Terry Stevenson. There was a competition to win a signed football by St.

Johnstone, pet portraits, puzzles, news and jokes. There was also a very good report on the "This is your Life"

Burns Supper held on 25th January. Congratulations.

#### DALRY DOUBLE DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



Mr. & Mrs. Young



Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson

Dalry was celebrating double diamond wedding anniversaries in March. Thomas and Anne Young from Main Street were first. The couple moved to Knochsheen in 1944. They have 4 children, 8 grand-children and 9 great grand-children. Thomas said he has enjoyed the healthy living of the Glenkens and a happy family.

John and Babs Forguson from Kirkland Street celebrated their big day on 11th March. Both were born in Dairy, John just four door away! Two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren all helped make their diamond wedding antiversary a really special day to remember for a long time.

#### THE GREEN TEA HOUSE IS NOW 3 IN ONE

If you're looking for somewhere that's a little bit different to spead an hour or so when you're out for a Sunday drive (or my day of the week except Mondays!) why not try The Green Tea House in Moniaive?

Originally, opened in November 2000 by Scottish comedian Phil Kaye, -this comfortable and welcoming venue is the only fully organic cafe in Scotland and to add to ifs uniqueness if also houses a poetry shop and a bair que beauty salon).

All the wonderful load is supplied by Catherine Book, also known as The Organic Country Cook who has been involved in flie Green Tea House since the beginning and has

recently taken over the lease of the cafe. Helping: Cathering to runt it is luckie Goddard, who describes herself as a batty mum and very gradging housewife hur who is also quite west known for having opened the only Poeny Shop in the world! Nowadays Jackie not only helps to wait on oustomers but also sells copies of her autobiography 'Up From the Ashes which she is happy to sign if requested and will even barst into humorous verse on decasion! To complete the unusual trio there is now folie Richards hairdressing salou where quatomers can be parapered to their hearts content under the very same roof. The salon is owned and ron by Julie Jenkins, originally from Liverpool where she also raw two very successful salous until she moved to Mortialvo in August 2000. So if you're looking for isomewhere to be flioroughly pampered as well as entertained then call in any day except Monday from 11 - 4.

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#### An Appreciation of Maude Wright who passed away on February 3rd 2002

Maude was a much leved wife and mum, granny, sister and friend who will be very much missed.

The real Mande was buried long ago by the terrible disease which crept up on her and slowly took hold. However we always knew that she was still there as her face would light up when she saw a familiar face, and she still couldn't resist attning pans on the cooker or bringing food out of the pantry as she had done for years.

But I hope that now she will be remembered as the unassuming and selfless person who would go out of her way to help friends and neighbours and was keen to be involved in village life. She cared for both her own parents and in turn Atan's mother and father (who looked on her as their own daughter) as they became elderly and infirm - at the same time coping with three head strong daughters and reenage moods.

When she wasn't in the shop she was usually to be found in the kitchen with her Kenwood Chef, or at her long serving sewing machine. She went everywhere at a run - like a green flash in her shop overall. Now I can see she enjoyed being in the greenhouse pricking out seedlings - for a bit of peace and quiet!

She leaves behind in her family her enjoyment of cooking, sowing, and her, practicality - and her thriftiness.

The collection for Alzheimer Scotland taken after the funeral of Mrs. Maude Wright on February 3rd 2002 and subsequently, raised the sum of £485.00. Our sincere thanks to all those who contributed,

Alan Wright & family

#### BALMACLELLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting took place on 25th February. Mrs. Gillian Hilsley was co-opted as a member, bringing the council back to full strength.

Co-ordinated arrangements for the Glenkens walk, linking all 4 communities will now be put in hand, following general agreement. This is planned for Monday 3rd June as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The walk will integrate with Dalty Clachan Pair events and its conclusion will fit in with the proposed gathering and entertainment in New Galloway Park. Carsphairn folk are welcome to join other Glenkens citizens. A letter has been sent to the Council complaining about the withdrawal of winter gritting of the A712 between Balmaclellan and Corsock. A response was received explaining Council policy. Although not officially confirmed, it is understood that the road is likely to be reinstated on the gritting list for next winter. Following installation of the new Hall floor, a servey of other necessary work has been made; including toilets for the disabled. The district architect is to carry out an inspection shortly.

The legal measure to secure full title to the land on which the Hall stands has been initiated but cannot be finalised until the matter of the adjacent side road is dealt with a this would have a bearing on any future building developments.

Consideration has been given to the published proposals for regulation of private water supplies, following a European directive. The additional requirements, responsibilities and costs associated with this could be a cause for concern as many within our area depend on private water supplies. The consultation document is available to any interested parties.



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CAN YOU GUESS THIS ISSUE'SLOCAL CELEBRITY? YOU MAY HAVE SEEN HIM ON T.Y..

ANSWER PAGE 12

#### Alasdair Morgan MSP writes for The Glenkens Gazette.

Development Constraints - The activities of West of Scotland Water have been the subject of much controversy lately. It transpires that development for both housing and business/ industry in much of Dumftles and Galloway is being effectively provented because the West of Scotland Water sewage system is unable to cope with the autiliew from new developments. For example, in the Glenkens, Balmacielian, despite having had a new sewage works built only a few years ago is apparently subject to development constraints. It is only one in a long long list, comprising most of the major settlements in my constituency which are also affected. At a time when we are desperate to try to get small businesses to start up, at a time when we are desperate to attract people with young families into our communities, in order to keep the communities viable and to keep the tolts in our schools high enough to stave off closure threats, it would seem that the one government agency is effectively putting a block on such plans. The issue has been raised both at council level and in the Parliament and will continue to be a major issue until some resolution is reached.

Drawing the Lines - interesting politicians considerably at the moment, but perhaps not the electorate to the same extent, although there was a large public meeting in Dunafries on the subject recently, is the proposed change to the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies. This is caused because the act which set up the Scottish Parliament also decreed that at the next reassessment of boundaries, the average size of Scottish scats abould be reduced to equal that of scats south of the border. At the moment Scottish seats average around 55,000 electors, whereas English scats average 70,000. The significance of this for Westminster is that the number of Scottish MPs (and with it the equivalent numbers in the Scottish Partiament) has to be reduced from 72 to around 58. It is fairly clear that in rural Scotland this is not going to be achieved without some grief because of the way communities are going to be a split off from neighbours who have traditionally shared the same NW, and attached to others with whom they have very little connection. Under the proposals the Galloway and Upper Nithadale seat will thus take in Dumfries town while losing Upper Nithsdale, whereas the seat which takes in Gretna will stretch as far north as Peobles, getting well towards the optskirts of Edinburgh. One way to avoid this problem is to make urban constituencies higger than average, so that rural soats can avoid geographical inconsistencies by retaining a smaller size. Whether the Boundary Commission will see the access of this argument is very much open to question.

However, Glenkens is likely to remain in Galloway whotever else

happens!

#### CLACHAN FAIR COMMITTEE PRESS ON WITH PLANS

The Clacken Fair Committee met recently and programme arrangements are well in hand. The Committee expect the June event to a great success.

The Edith Forguson Ensemble will perform on Saturday 25th May at 6.30 in the Town Hall. Previous visits to Dairy by Edith. have been a great success and so tickets are expected to be snapped up quickly when they go on sale.

A Justier Disco will be held on Saturday 1st June in the Town

The Clachart Fair Week itself begins on Sunday 2nd June with Songs of Praise on Newfield Green. The Sanquiar and District Silver Band and the Glookens Churches Church Cheir will participate in this event.

Monday 3rd June is the Golden Jubilee Holiday and various events have been scheduled to mark this; a morning walk. around the Glenkens villages is being organised by Balmactellan Community Council ( certificates will be awarded to those who participate ), Dairy is to have street parties in. various locations during the afternoon and there will b a boufire. and barbecus near the Mulloch in the evencing.

Other events planned for the week are as follows:

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Race Night in Town Hall Scottish Night in Town Hall Pet Show at Newfield

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Priday:

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Saburday

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#### KELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

March was a busy month for pupils with Dumfries and District Music Festival. Pupils competed in: Choral Competitions, Unison singing, pupil conducted competition (Grace Tulloch and Emma Blore), Hymn singing and unaccompanied Scots Song. Instrumentally, the whole school was involved in the Combined Musical Activities in 2 competitions, one for Primaries 1-4 and the other for 5-7. The former group played "The Steeton Stomp" and the latter, "Consider Yourself". The infant class also competed in the Singing game competition.

At the end of March the pupils competed in the Dumfries and District Speech Festival, held in The

Theatre Royal,

The Kells Festival Concert is to be held on Friday 19th April in New Galloway Town Hall. April sees the start of the "Fun Fours" Pootball Tournament involving the younger footballers. Friday night is football for the Under 12s Under 10s and Under 8s in Castle Douglas during summer. Extra-curricular clubs. As well as the regular training for football on Mondays for seniors (Mr. Edgar) And Wednesdays for Infants and Juniors (Mrs.Plummer), Chess Club (Mr Nelson) and Knitting Club (Mrs Clendinning Snr.) there will also be added the Young Investigators' Club (Science Club) and The Golf Club (Mr McHaitie). The final two clubs will start after Easter Holidays.

Wednesday 8th May sees the whole school outing to Edinburgh Playhouse for "The King and I" Friday 10th May sees a joint concert with Carsphairn, Dalry and Kells.

Monday 13th May sees a visit of Northern Lights (Planetarium)

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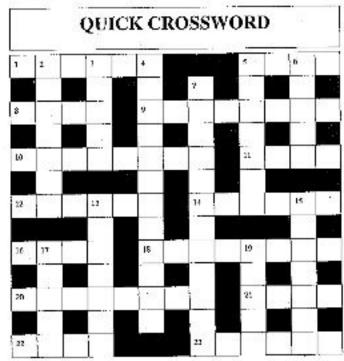
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#### GLENKENS DIARY

#### APRIL 2002

1st Dalry Community Council Meeting Town Hall 7.30 pm 1st Puppet Balmaclellan Hall 10th Balmaclellan and Kells Gulld Talk by Rev. A. McKenzie 7.30 New Galloway Town Hall 12th Phoenix Auction Dalry Town Hall 6.30 pm Lynda 01557 870453

13th Mossdale Hall beatle and Bingo 7.30 pm

16th Dalry WRI Town Hall 7.30 pm

21st Senwick House, Brighousebay Garden open 2-5 pm 23rd Dalry Good Neighbours Dalry Good Neighbours Aftermoon Drive to Burns Centre Alloway

29th Kirkcodbright Presbyterial Guild Council meeting in Castle Douglas Church Hall 7.30 pm

#### MAY 2002

5th Walton Park Castle Douglas garden open 2---5

6th Dalry Community Council Meeting Town Hall 7.30 pm 11th Mossdale hall Terri Farley and Jim McPhec 8 pm

11th & 12th First Moniaive Folk Pestival

12th Carstramon Gatehouse of Fleet garden open

2-5 pm

19th Dromineen Gatchouse of Fleet garden open 2-5

21st Dairy WRI Town Hall 7.30 pm'

23rd Lifeboat Coffee Evening Dairy Town Half

25th Edith Fergusen Ensemble

Dalry Town Hall 6.30 pm 26th Corsock House Castle Douglas garden open 2-5

JUNE 2002

2nd Mossdale Hall Arts & Crafts Sale 1.30 - 5.30

2nd Clachan Fair Week See report on page 10

7th Bakerlite Boys Daity Town Hall plus bar.

30th United Service with Choir at Kells Church.

JULY 2002

16th Crossmichael Castle Douglas garden open 2-5

23rd Cally Gardens Gatehouse of Floot gardens open 2--5

30th Southwick House Dumfries gatdons open 2-5

#### AUGUST 2002

1st Dalry Community Council Meeting Town Hall 7.30 pm 24th Flower and Produce Show Dalry Town Hall

Discoverers Club meets at noon on 2nd and 4th Sundays in Dalry Session House, Sunday School at Carsphairn. Church on 1st Sunday of month-10.30. Also, at the Service in New Galloway Church on third Sunday of the month a Sunday Club at 10.30, So there is something for the children virtually overy week.

ANSWER TO OUR MYSTERY COSLIGBRATY Alasdair Morgan MSP ANSWER TO DO YOU KNOW YOUR GLENKINS IS THE SWING BRIDGIS OVER THE RIVER KEN DALRY

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#### Deadline for June / July issue is 13th May.

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Congratulations to Miss Harvey and Steven Pullen from Carsphairn on the arrival of Mark Steven Pullon Born on 26th January 7 lb 0 oz

> Congratulations to Jackle and Jim on the arrival of Jasmin Rose Thomson Born at home in Dairy on 5th February 6 lb 8 oz

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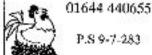


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