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CLACHAN FAIR 2002

The Clachan Fair Committee 2002 is delighted that, after all the weeks and months of planning, the events went off so successfully. The support and participation of the people of the Glenkens was crucial to the enjoyment and success of the various events.

Through the Glenkens Gazette, the Committee would like to acknowledge its appreciation of the part played by all those who participated in the different events - those who were involved in catering; those who made contributions to various stalls; those who contributed prizes; those who

participated in the fancy dress parade; those who donated the use of their vehicles or premises; those who put up bunting; those who decorated their houses and streets for Jubilee Day; those who contributed to the wonderful success of the street parties; those who used their talents to entertain others; the Dalry Lad

and Lass for the way in which they carried out their duties so well throughout the week and finally all those who took part in any or all of the week's events.

Clachan Fair Week 2002 was a great success thanks to the efforts of the whole community. If members of the commu-

nity had not taken part in such an enthusiastic way, we would not have had such a good week.

After the success of Clachan Fair 2002 the Committee hopes that there will be great enthusiasm and support for the next Clachan Fair, which will take place in June 2004.



**"The Law of the Land"
by PC Ewan Cannon
Glenkens Community Officer**

I am delighted to report that recently 25 children from schools in the Glenkens took part in the National Cycling Proficiency Tests, and with a 95% pass rate, it has to be said that the hard work and commitment was a credit to all children who participated in the scheme.

Also, a local competition was held in the 4 primary schools' area, where each pupil had an art project to complete. The entries were again of a very high standard, and the 3 categories were judged as follows:

P1-P2: Fiona Campbell, Carsphairn Primary

P3-P4: Hannah McKenna, Kells Primary

P5,6 & 7: Ewan Hensey, Corsock Primary

Well done to all children who took part, and each winner received a £5 book token.

It's a sure sign that you are getting older when you begin to reminisce about the summers of years gone by, and how there was always better weather then. Well, going by the summer we have had (or not had) so far, I can feel myself getting older by the day!

However, I am led to believe that better weather may be on its way soon, and I feel it is appropriate to highlight some of the problems that may be encountered over the summer months. Obviously, on warm days and nights householders often leave windows and doors open. However, never leave your property unattended as this will only give a thief a perfect chance to commit a crime, even if you are nearby, or away for only a short time, for example if you are in the garden.

In such a picturesque area it is usual to see a large increase in the number of visitors to the Glenkens, and there may always be a few opportunist criminals among them. With the various activities the area has to offer, such as watersports, fishing, walking and camping, high value equipment is often used and not easily replaced. Luckily for all of us, the crime rate in the area is relatively low, but this should not give us any reason to be complacent.

If you are going away on holiday, remember these basic crime prevention measures:

* Ask a neighbour to look after your property, putting the bin away etc.

* Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries

* Fit a time-switch to lamps, radios etc to switch on at various times of the day and night

* Give your holiday address/contact telephone number to a neighbour in case of emergency.

These may sound like obvious points, but they can easily be forgotten when preparing for a holiday, and they can prevent your property becoming the target for crime.

Anyway, I wish you all a safe and happy summer, and if you need to contact the police, the telephone numbers are:

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MOSSDALE

Sunday 2nd June 2002

Two events took place on this day in Mossdale. The gardens of Hensol House were open to the public and despite the damp conditions there was a steady stream of visitors. This was part of the Scotland's Gardens Scheme and money raised from entry fees was given to the John Paul Jones Cottage at Arbigland Estate near Kirkbean.

This curious object stands in the grounds of Hensol. Beneath it is this description: "This sundial was constructed in 1674 for Sir Alexander and Lady Cunningham of Corsehill in Ayrshire, Scotland and bears their initials and coats of arms



on its base. It was brought to Hensol in 1919 by its owner, Captain Dick Cunningham, who moved to Hensol at that time. The sundial is positioned for its locality & degrees west of Greenwich and can register the time at all times of the day for every day of the year, provided the sun is shining! The dial has 59 faces, 55 gnomons, 380 hour lines."



Simultaneously an exhibition of the work of several Mossdale artists and a sale of crafts was taking place in the village hall.

Going All The Way?

So runs a heading in the official leaflet. "The Southern Upland Way," it continues, "includes some very long and demanding stretches - walkers tackling the route in one expedition must be very fit and experienced hill walkers." Why, then, did it



occur to Rear Admiral Paddy O'Riordan CBE, now living 'in his dotage', as he puts it, near Mossdale, and whose pastimes include sailing and fishing, but not specifically hill walking, to go all the way?

The answer is SSAFA - The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association. Paddy is the chairman of the Dumfriesshire and Stewartry branch of SSAFA and this was his chosen way of raising funds for the organisation. £4,000 a year is needed by the branch itself to keep going and its work needs far more. SSAFA Forces Help has 15 local trained volunteer caseworkers who help members of the Land, Sea and Air Forces and their dependants who are in need or distress. They visit and offer friendship and practical assistance where needed. In the last year the local branch has dealt with 122 calls for help in the two counties, and helped to provide furniture and equipment, house repairs, help with debts and medical aids.

But why the Southern Upland Way? Perhaps Paddy's own comment sums it up - "I'm fairly masochistic - it seemed like a good idea at the time!" The planning began just before Christmas last year. 'Carers' were enrolled to provide company and support along the way. Training walks commenced - "4 miles a day with the dog".

Nearer the time the applications of Zinc Ointment to the feet began, a substance often used in the prevention of nappy rash.

On Tuesday 30th April at 9.50am Paddy and carers finally set off from Portpatrick. The planned arrival time in Cockburnspath, 219 miles away, was 5pm on Sunday 12th May. In the end they arrived at about 4pm. Apart from some rain in the first hour of the walk the weather was dry. The 13 days of walking produced not a single blister and an ankle twisted only a fortnight before the walk began caused no problems. The overall average walking speed was 2.3mph, but excluding stops was more like 3.5mph. The greatest distance covered in a single day was 22 miles, from Wanlockhead to Beattock.

Paddy's sponsorship eventually amounted to some 2.3p per yard, and to date he has raised over £9,000. He wrote to all sponsors before the walk

and did so again on its completion and would like to thank all those who made donations. He particularly wishes to record his thanks to Richard Cliff, fundraiser for the Dumfriesshire and Stewartry area, who also accompanied him as a carer. A major fundraising event for SSAFA in mind for 2003 is Beating the Retreat at Drumlanrig Castle. Events such as this and Paddy O'Riordan's trek help to raise awareness of the work of SSAFA, both in those who might make contributions to the funds, and also in those who might benefit from them.

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By Helen Bolton



Part IX Hard Times and Improvements.

Following the Treaty of Union in 1707, when English markets were opened up for the sale of Scottish beef, many radical changes began to take place across Galloway. Some landowners and wealthier tenant farmers decided to cash in on the new opportunities by raising and fattening their own stock. To do this satisfactorily they divided their land into fields, enclosing them with drystone dykes.

Now, the cottars employed on estates and farms had for centuries held the right of free pasturage on the laird's grazing land, this being an essential part of their livelihood. Once the enclosure of common grazing began, the cottars could no longer keep their stock, and many people, men, women, and children, once employed in keeping animals from straying onto cultivated land were no longer needed, and were thrown out of their jobs and their cottages.

As more and more grazing land was needed the lairds took over the cottars' rigs of arable land to increase the stock farming. Smaller

tenant farmers were also dispossessed, easily achieved as their leases usually ran on a year to year basis. It was a very hard time for the poorer folk, and the many ruins of small farms and farmtowns in the Glenkens tell a sad tale. Those who were evicted had to make new lives for themselves and many went to the Colonies, Virginia and the West Indies chiefly, where they would work as cheap labour on the plantations.

However, there were ways in which money could be made in those dark days, as many lonely ports and creeks along the Galloway coast were ideal for the landing of contraband goods brought to Scotland via the Isle of Man. Indeed smuggling was big business at that time and more than one smuggler's track led up through New Galloway on its way from the coast to Ayrshire and the north. We can be sure, therefore, that the inhabitants of the little burgh would have been more than willing to assist in the hiding of goods or the hire of a decent pack-pony or two, in return for some fair reward!

Hard though these times were for many, local agriculture, which had been primitive in the extreme, undoubtedly improved as the result of the introduction of better farming methods. Crops increased, and by the mid 18th century New Galloway had a thriving meal market, and both a smithy and a tannery had sprung up in the town. Also, wool production had increased in Kells parish and spinning and weaving became a cottage industry. John Heron, a town baillie, had a large weaving business famed for excellent workmanship. He employed eight or ten weavers in his little thatched cottage in the Main Street, each loom having a small window to provide as much light as possible.

The Glenkens area had also become a thriving grain growing district, and New Galloway's watermill, driven by water gathered in a large dam north west of the town, dates from the mid 18th. century. The little burgh was becoming a busy, prosperous town.

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Midsummer Madness

Midsummer day, the longest day, warm, light, a deck chair in the garden, a glass of wine, a time to relax - what went wrong? How was it that this 21st June a retired, moderately idle ex-schoolmaster, approaching his old age pension, spent the evening over 500m up a remote hill, devoured by midges, floundering through bog and across scree in thick mist and rain, with soaking feet and aching lungs. How did this madness take hold? The answer lies with 'The Duke of Edinburgh Award'.

When I heard that volunteers were required to help to train some of our young folk for the expedition part of the 'Award' I thought this was something I could do. After all I had been involved with taking school parties walking in the Scottish mountains, skiing in Switzerland, sailing and camping in Wales, for over thirty years. Wasn't that enough?

Times have changed. Too many accidents, too many court cases, too much publicity when things have gone wrong and the old laissez-faire attitudes have had to go. It is not enough now to claim past experience - one has to undertake up-to-date training in hillcraft, navigation, first aid and camping skills - particularly relating to work with groups. Hence the 'Midsummer Madness', which was the assessment of our navigational skills as a part of our hillcraft training. This had been preceded by first aid and rescue training - involving lying in the snow by Carlingwark - and hillcraft training which once again included roaming the hills in pouring rain.

Whatever we organise for the young people doing their Bronze Award, it is unlikely to involve them in as much personal discomfort as experienced by their volunteer trainers!

Mike Davis



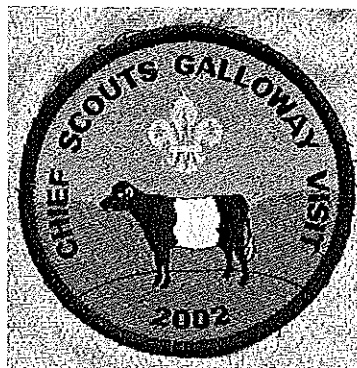
Macmillan Summer Fair.

On Sunday 30th June, despite the weather, a very successful day was had. The Summer Fair was held at Newfield Farm by kind permission of the Edgar family. Over £1,200 was raised. A very good team effort. A big thank you to all who supported and donated or helped in any way.

Elizabeth McFegan



Chit Chat from the Cubs



Over 300 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders gathered recently to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It was also an opportunity for all uniformed members of the Scout Association in Galloway to come together and enjoy a visit by the Chief Scout, George Purdy. He was accompanied by Andy Matthew, Chief Commissioner for Scotland, and Dorothy Weston, Assistant Chief Commissioner for SW Scotland.

A weekend camp was held at Kirkdale Port, Gatehouse. The Cub Packs organised activities based on Commonwealth countries and a 'Golden' or '50'

theme. All came together for a Jubilee Banquet with the Chief Scout as guest of honour, and a camp fire.

To remind the Chief Scout of his visit Angus Hilsley from Balmaclellan presented him with a special badge which he had designed, and a Galloway tartan neckerchief. He also received a gift from the Area, a beautiful commemorative plate made by Hannah McAndrew, a leader with the Glenkens Pack.

One of the major problems in Scouting is recruitment of volunteers. It is more and more difficult to convince people to give up their time to work with young people. There is a thriving Cub Pack in the Glenkens but no Scout Troop for them to move on to. We would like to hear from anyone who feels they may be able to restart Scouts and do rewarding work with young people.

Cub Scouts meet on Wednesday evenings at the scout Hall, New Galloway from 6.45pm to 8pm. If you are between 8 and 10 ½ years old and would like to come along and join in the fun, you would be made most welcome. We restart on 4th September. For further details contact Heather (420375) or Hannah (440212).

Heather McIntosh



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The Bakelite Boys

REVIEW

This entertainment, which was co-promoted by GCAT and the Dalry Clachan Fair Committee, was presented by The Bakelite Boys in Dalry Town Hall on 7th June, the Friday evening of the Clachan Fair week. It



was an amazing bounty, billed as 'Pop goes the Century - 100 years of pop music in 100 minutes' - well, not quite - it lasted for 110 minutes. 110 minutes starring three energetic, eccentric, hilarious stars who sang, danced and cavorted around the well-filled hall, entertaining us in a manner quite novel.

On a board were mounted the 100 years, covered to begin with. Each year was eventually revealed as the show progressed. The first half of the programme lasted all of 50 minutes. Where these three men got their energy from we do not know but we certainly got our money's worth of entertainment. Some were happy songs, some sad, some we knew well, some we knew not at all. They were not performed in chronological order but seemingly just as the trio fancied, which all added to the fun of the evening.

These artists were extremely talented and did not spare themselves as they took us from Victorian times through the First World War, The Depression, The Wall Street Crash, the Second World War and beyond. The second half seemed to go even more quickly than the first. We were treated to ukelele, keyboard and guitar, acrobatics, poems, songs, music from the Beatles' era, the swinging sixties, flower power, the seventies, eighties and nineties. We were almost breathless: the entertainers certainly were. It was an evening to remember and much enjoyed by all present. M.B.B.

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VOLUNTEERS FAIR

This event, organised by the Stewartry Council of Voluntary Services and Volunteer Action, took place on Thursday 13th June in Kirkcudbright Town Hall, and brought together volunteers representing many organisations to receive certificates



in recognition of their work. Pictured above with Galloway and Upper Nithsdale MP Peter Duncan (holding a copy of the Gazette) and the Lord Lieutenant Sir Norman Arthur (far right) are Dave Turner (SSAFA), Anna Campbell (Carsphairn Heritage Centre), Cathy Agnew (GCAT) and Roy Woolhouse (Cats Protection and GCAT). Cathy Agnew received the certificate on behalf of all the volunteers working with GCAT.

GLENKENS GAZETTE

The editorial group of the Gazette would welcome contributions in the form of articles, stories, poetry, photographs, drawings, cartoons etc, for possible publication in future issues, in addition to information about forthcoming events.

BOOK LAUNCH & EXHIBITION



The launch of Ronald Russell's new book, 'Glimpses of Old New Galloway', took place on 25th May. An exhibition associated with the book launch, of old photographs of life in the Glenkens, was eventually viewed by some 300 people in the Town Hall and later in the GCAT Shop. Much appreciated by many were the aerial photographs of the Glenkens kindly loaned to us by the library service.



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THE OLD SCHOOL

Whilst it may appear that 'nothing' is happening as far as the development of the OLD SCHOOL is concerned, I can assure you that behind the scenes there is a lot of activity. The Feasibility Study from consultants Halcrow Fox has now been delivered and was formally accepted by the Steering Group at its last meeting on 12th June. We are currently in the process of making grant applications to fund a new post that will employ a Project Manager for 2 years. This person can start to implement the recommendations of the report and begin the exciting stage of developing the building. We shall be advertising shortly in the press and on our website for someone who has had experience of working on a comparable sized building development project and who has also had experience of sourcing funding from both the private and public sectors. Only when this person is in place can we start the process of appointing Architects and Building Teams. I know Rome wasn't built in a day but...whilst it all seems extremely time consuming, it is vital that we take things step by step.

EVENTS

Meanwhile we've a series of EVENTS planned for the next few months and are particularly grateful to both the region's Gaelforce Festival and the Scottish Arts Council's Arts in the Community Fund for their financial support. This will enable us to promote high quality and enjoyable events on a regular basis throughout the Glenkens catering for every taste.

JUBILEE

To celebrate the Queen's JUBILEE we have also been awarded grants from both Awards for All and the Scottish Community Foundation to set up a network of Glenkens Jubilee Walks and Cycle Routes. This should be a true legacy of this Jubilee Year, which will benefit local residents and visitors alike. The grants will specifically enable us to commission an artist's map of the area showing walking and cycling routes and highlighting points of interest along the way, and to produce proper

wooden signs and benches on the routes. Relevant leaflets and fliers will also be produced to tell people about the walks.

COMMUNITY BUS

The COMMUNITY BUS is now being built in the factory at Dalkeith and should be delivered to us in the Glenkens during September. We ran a School's Competition to design a logo for Glenkens Transport Initiative and were particularly pleased that so many pupils from both Kells Primary and Dalry Primary took part. It was a hard decision, but in the end the Judges chose 9-year old Robert Newlands' design for the bus's logo. Robert will be awarded his prize of a £10 Art Voucher once the bus arrives.

AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT

The GCAT Steering Group is taking part in an Audience Development Survey undertaken on behalf of the Region's Arts Team and Dumfries and Galloway Arts Association by Manchester-based consultants Morris Hargreaves McIntyre. We are also contributing to the region's new Arts Strategy as well as sharing our story with other Community Initiatives within Dumfries and Galloway. So if nothing seems to be happening at the Old School at the moment, I hope you are reassured that it will be soon.

Cathy Agnew
Chairman

The Duo Mazaika appeared at the Ken Bridge Hotel in a co-promotion between



GCAT and Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival. They gave a performance of stunning virtuosity, with great variety and charm. They were given a

standing ovation in return. +++-+ -++-

FORTHCOMING GCAT EVENTS

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FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

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JUBILEE WEEKEND 2002

with flashbacks to
THE CORONATION.

I write about the Jubilee celebrations in this area as one of the youngest who actually remembers the Coronation. Coronation day is etched on my memory with a sharpness peculiar to the magnitude of the event, and the budding awareness of the young brain.

The setting was Ternemny in the Knock/Glenbarry area of Banffshire – so similar to how I imagine the Glenkens to have been back then. The village and school were the centre of my universe. The school was the epicentre of village life and my Dad was the central figure – the 'dominie', and in charge!

The top of the Knock hill was to be the site of the Coronation bonfire. The day of building the bonfire was to ruffle my Mum's feathers. It was a father/daughter outing,

but my four year old legs had become weary half way up the hill. I remember my Dad saying, 'Stay by that tree,' but my imagination must have wandered, and I must have followed it. When he returned from the top I was no longer by the tree. It was windy and wet. I remember hearing my Dad's voice swallowed by the wind as he shouted my name. We must have been reunited or I would not be here to tell the tale, but I suspect it was the 'dominie' who was scolded that night!

I do remember the bonfire a few days later as a small, distant, orange ball shrouded in mist. More vivid in my memory is the fancy dress parade. I wore a white muslin tutu style dress with red white and blue streamers, and carried a sort of cone with yet more streamers. My brother, aged thirteen, was dressed as a woman. I didn't know why, and I don't think he knew why either. He's turned out OK. Perhaps my mother was liberal without knowing it.

But all that was then and this is now. Jubilee Day 2002. Fifty years on and so much has changed, and yet it hasn't.

And yes, it was raining, but it was just as well we did not listen to the weather forecast. What started out as a gloomy day began to freshen as the Glenkens Walk got underway. What a motley bunch we were. Some walked briskly and with

pulled along by keen dogs. I delighted in the company of a future woodcutter and story-writer in the form of nine year old Jethro, a visitor from near Manchester. He delighted in everything he saw, and told me everything he thought. His family rescued me from 'sore ears', but I was happy. By the time the walkers reached Dalry the sun was well and truly out. And so we all soldiered on to Bal-



maclellan along the back road, with more chatting and even more encouragement. By this time talk of sore feet and blisters crept into the conversation and led to thoughts of foot baths along the home straight to New Galloway.

– and so to the park. This is where New Galloway Community Council had planned their celebrations – 'Picnic in the Park' – and we were blessed with more sunshine than cloud, indeed more sunshine than we've seen since. Raymond's Disco set the scene with the sounds and songs of fifty years, which went a long way to creating an atmosphere of nostalgia mingled with here and now pop. There were so many activities, from face painting to old fashioned games – hoopla, hopscotch, and hula-hoops, alongside skipping and skittles.

There was one face which was a picture that day – the disbelief and pleasure on Mrs. Nettie Murray's face when she was given the Freedom of the Royal Borough Burgh of New Galloway. This honour was bestowed on her as she is the oldest local resident to have



purpose. Others straggled or chatted or pushed buggies. Some pulled reluctant children along, while a few were

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been born and brought up in the town. The presentation was made by the Provost, Mr. Brian Edgar, alongside Mr. Gordon Lindsay who had gone to great pains to make sure Nettie was there in all her finery.

Everyone participated, even if it was just to picnic on the



grass or drink tea in the tent thanks to the ladies of the Guild. I watched the happy faces of the children parading in fancy dress with a royal theme, and thought back fifty years. Some were photographed on a throne by our resident co-opted 'royal' photographer/health visitor. Others just ran freely, savouring one activity after another. What struck me was that virtually everything was free, apart from ice creams and tea.

Dairy, with its glorious bun-

ting, revelled in an outcrop of street parties on Jubilee afternoon. From Main Street to Underhill to the Crescent and round to Kirkland Street people partied, ate and made merry. As befitted the occasion, music was provided by Tommy Edgar on his accordion, and as the day moved to night folk danced in the Thoroughgate. Was there ever an eightsome reel there before? Since the Coronation, Tommy has entertained the Glenkens folk with his songs and poems. Dairy festivities were rounded off with a barbecue and a bonfire on the slope up to the Mulloch.

And it was not raining!

There was a unique atmosphere in all the villages, which in itself was remarkably reminiscent of the 1950's, remembered or imagined. The currency of Jubilee day throughout the Glenkens was good old fashioned FUN, and my hope is that the young people may carry that memory happily etched in their minds for another fifty years just as I have held the memory of the Coronation with that same poignant accuracy.

Shelagh Neil



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Saturday 1st June

was an important date in the farming calendar in Dumfries and Galloway this year. On that day, the first Agricultural Show in the Region took place since the 2001 outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. Carsphairn Pastoral and Horticultural Society had taken the decision, after consultation with the field owners, and with a few concerns over entry numbers, to go ahead and put on the show at Messrs McMorran's Crofts field in the Village. However, the



committee was not disappointed, and despite the existing movement regulations an excellent turnout of sheep was present on the day.

CARSPHAIRN SHOW 2002

The judging started at ten o'clock with the Blackface Sheep classes confined to the local parishes. The Champion in the confined section was won by Knockreoch, and soon the Open Blackface, the Commercial classes and the Blue Faced Leicesters and Any Other Breed Classes were underway. Early afternoon, and Interbreed Judge, Jock Loch, took his place in the ring to select



the Overall Sheep Champion. The Supreme Blackface Champion (Millmark) was joined in the ring by the Champion Mule (Craigskenn), the Champion Blue Face Leicester (Dumrassie) and the Champion Any Other Breed (Beltex, Newfield). Mr Loch took his time in making his selection, making the exhibitors sweat a bit no doubt, but entertaining the ringside spectators at the same time! The Interbreed Championship was won by Messrs Ramsay, Millmark.



Simultaneously, adjacent to the Showfield, Bob Burnie was running the all day Sheep Dog Trials, for which there were 64 entries. This was won by W Welsh. The Industrial classes were judged in the

Lagwyne Hall in the morning, with a continuous stream of admirers in the afternoon. Children had their Pet Show, with judge David Finlay having great fun judging between dogs and rats.



Children's sports were much enjoyed in the afternoon. These were organised by Michelle Brown, and the Annual Hill Race was won by Nathan Bennet.

Show day was rounded off by the usual Show Dance, where Graham Barbour entertained the dancers.

At the end of the day the event was voted a success, and brought out friends to see friends again. If the noise in the Bar Tent was anything to go by, then it was a great day. Traditionally, Carsphairn Show Day has been a landmark in the Glenkens shepherds' calendar: let's hope it is now back in its rightful place again for a long time to come.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

New Galloway

At the meeting of the Community Council held on 1st July 2002 one issue considered was the Forest Enterprise proposal to create a Deer Larder at Cairn Edward. At present Forest Enterprise have lodged with the planning office plans for two alternative sites, one on the main road just past Cairn Edward House and the other approximately 250 yards up the forest road from Carrick and Burnfoot. In order to allow representatives of Forest Enterprise to provide information concerning the proposal an Extraordinary Meeting was called.

This meeting took place on Monday 15th July in New Galloway Town Hall at 7pm.

Present were council members, about 20 local residents and, from Forest Enterprise, Ian Fergusson (Chief Ranger), Rob Souter and Stephen Fell. A comprehensive presentation of the background to the proposal was given and the meeting was then opened for questions and discussion. A number of issues were raised concerning the suitability of the sites under consideration and the likely impact on the immediate and surrounding areas of such an undertaking.

The plans are available for inspection at the Department of Physical Planning offices in Castle Douglas (opposite the Swimming Pool) where any objections should be lodged.

Weather Statistics from Glenlee

June 2002

wettest Wednesday 19th 19.9mm
sunniest Monday 17th 16.4hrs
warmest Thursday 6th 23.7°C (75°F)

June Rainfall Totals

2002 160.3mm (6.4inches)
(2nd wettest since 1937)
2001 71.4mm (2.8inches)
1938 195.0mm (7.7inches)
(wettest since records began)

2002 Jan to June - 1137.4mm or 45.4ins
or about 3 feet 8.5 ins

NB All readings are taken at Glenlee Power Station and so can be only a rough guide to the weather in the Glenkens generally.
Donnie McMillan

CALL FOR ENTRIES

artists are invited to submit
work for the

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October 2002

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AUGUST

Sunday 4th Scottish Alternative Games. New Galloway Park.

Friday 9th *Dorset Consort*. 7.30pm Mossdale Village Hall.

Saturday 24th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. Doors open 1.30pm Dalry Town Hall.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 14th *Tommy Smith & Murray McLachlan*. Glenkens & District Music Club concert. 7.30pm Dalry Town Hall.

Friday 27th 'The Road to McCarthy' *Pete McCarthy* 8pm Dalry Town Hall (with bar).

OCTOBER

Friday 4th Harvest Supper in Balmaclellan Village Hall

Wednesday 9th Balmaclellan &

Kells Guild meeting. 7.30pm New Galloway Lower Town Hall.

17th, 18th, 19th & 20th Glenkens Annual Art Exhibition. Dalry Town Hall

Friday 25th *The Gallovidians* 7.30pm New Galloway Town Hall

NOVEMBER

1st-3rd *Jo Miller & RSAMD students*. Schools' Workshop & Cellidh weekend. Various venues.

Saturday 9th *The Carducci Quartet*. Glenkens & District Music Club concert. 7.30pm New Galloway Town Hall.

Saturday 16th 'Stick Granny on the Roof Rack' *Fiona Knowles*. New Galloway Town Hall.

Saturday 30th St Andrew's Night Concert. Mossdale Village Hall.

Deadline for October/November

Issue: Saturday 14th September.

Please contact Philip on 01644 420374,

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with dates of events for free inclusion in the Diary or with any other news or pictures.

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Times of Christian worship in the Glenkens

<i>Church of Scotland</i>		<i>Sundays</i>
Balmaclellan	12.00	1 st
Carsphairn	10.30am	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th
Dalry	9.00am	1 st Sunday in August
	12.00	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th
Kells	10.30am	2 nd & 4 th
New Galloway (Town Hall)	10.30am	3 rd (Family Service)

Episcopal Church in Scotland

St Margaret's, New Galloway	10.30am	Every Sunday & Wednesday (Eucharist)
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Roman Catholic

Mass is celebrated at the following times:

Castle Douglas	6.00pm	(Sat)
Gatehouse of Fleet	10.45am	(Sun)
Kirkcudbright	9.00am	(Sun)

Congratulations to
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