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GLENKENS SCHOOLCHILDREN VISIT R.S.A.M.D



After three visits to the Glenkens by tutors and students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama over the last two years when they gave a programme of concerts and workshops in the schools, it was now the turn of Glenkens pupils to pay a return visit to the RSAMD in Glasgow. They had been invited to take part in an International workshop which formed part of the Celtic Connections Festival.



Early on a cold and frosty January morning, the Glenkens Community Bus, driven by Head Teacher Fraser Simpson and with GCAT navigator Anna Campbell from Carsphairn by his side, set off with 13 Glenkens primary and secondary children (aged between 10-14 years) on their day's adventure to the city. Packed with a variety of musical instruments - clarinet, keyboards, guitars, fiddles, flute, cello, chanter and saxophone - the bus and its passengers fearlessly and intrepidly made its way to the Academy in Renfrew Street.

One of the RSAMD students, who herself visited the Glenkens last autumn, was waiting to greet the party who were taken to a recording studio and welcomed



by Brian McNell, the Head of Scottish Music at the Academy. There were also groups of students representing the University of Northumbria, Carl Nielsen Academy from Denmark, the University of Limerick and the RSAMD. The visit coincided with the annual International Festival School. Each group of students gave a short presentation first by playing traditional music from their own country and then the Glenkens children were split into four groups to go with the students for workshops. The workshops culminated in everyone coming back together and performing the short piece that they had all worked on. The piece was then recorded for posterity and will soon be sent to each school. Even in such a short time the children got invaluable experience from working not only with the tutors from the Academy but also from playing with the students from different countries. It was definitely the highlight of the day.

During the lunch break in the students' canteen and foyer, there was a hub of constant activity including the fascinating sight of photographs being taken of a fabulously costumed, exotically wigged performer from the Marriage of Figaro - the dress rehearsal of which was taking place that afternoon.

In the afternoon the group visited the National Piping Centre, just across Cowcaddens Road from the Academy, where they met Jimmy Banks who is Head of Piping. After an introductory talk the Group was split in two with half looking round the museum whilst the others watched an audio visual show about piping.

Back to the RSAMD for a whistlestop tour of the building by Chris Gray, the RSAMD's Reach Out Manager. He explained that the Academy was opened at its present site in 1987 by Sir Alexander Gibson. The combination of the quality of the facilities, the architecture of the light modern building and the huge variety of musical sound emanating from various corners made it an impressive tour of a wonderful centre.

Chris Gray also outlined the education work that is being developed in forging links with schools all over Scotland and mentioned in particular the plans for the Glenkens becoming a REACH OUT Centre in the new Music and Arts Centre. GCAT's music programme is likely to concentrate on percussion and traditional music - partly due to the enthusiasm of tutor Jo Miller, herself a native of the Glenkens.

Fraser Simpson, having exchanged his bus driver's hat for his more familiar Head Teacher's hat at the end of the day, said 'what a great experience it's been for the children and I'm proud of how well they've performed'. He and Anna Campbell were very impressed by the warm welcome and hospitality they all received from everyone they met in the Academy.

The children were all very positive and thoroughly enjoyed the day. 'The whole day was great', 'we got an insight into all aspects of the Academy' and 'from what I saw I could certainly choose a

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course to study in the future' were just some of the enthusiastic comments from the children. One pupil summed things up by saying 'My favourite part of the day was when we learnt to play a tune with other people and then put all the instruments together - just like a real band'.



GCAT Chairman Caitly Agnew said 'It's been terrific to have started this two-way exchange and I look forward to developing closer links between the RSAMD and the Glenkens. For pupils from the Glenkens to be given the opportunity to participate in these international workshops has been of immense benefit to their music education and has also been a thoroughly enjoyable experience.'

The lucky children who went to Glasgow were: Christy Case, Daisy Grimwood and Hannah Sainsbury from Kells Primary; Caitlin Gilligan, Autumn Wheeler and Rosalind Wise from Dalry Primary and Peter Birch, Emma Blore, Aaron Edgar, Robbie Struthers, Emma Thomson, Grace Tulloch and Kim Wheeler all from Dalry Secondary.'

We Hae Meat.....



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE GALLOWAY NEWS

KELLS ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER

Primary 7 pupils once more excelled themselves at Kells 11th Burns Supper. The children, aided by pupils from primaries 4-6, organised and set up the supper for 135 people. Thanks, too, to Mrs Tulloch and Mrs Wilson who helped set the tables, to Mrs Pallister at Balmacellan Hall and Mrs McGaw and New Galloway Hall for a loan of the tables. The meal, donated in the main by the Parents and for which the school says a huge thank-you, was delicious and the guests considered the younger pupils to be excellent hosts and hostesses.

Miss Christy Case & Miss Hannah Sainsbury were the Maisters of Ceremony and very ably led the evening. The Haggis was addressed by Maister Matthew Smeed and Maister Jack Newbold gave a very entertaining Toast tae the Lassies. Miss Maeri Mackay gave an equally able reply tae the Laddies! The Immortal memory was proposed, this year, by Miss Beth Gregory and Miss Daisy Grimwood.

Mrs N Plummer



BAIRNS DO BURNS AT DALRY SUPPER

Pupils at Dalry Primary School adopted a novel approach to a celebration of Robert Burns. The school hall was full to capacity as friends and family sat down to a superb three course meal prepared by staff and served by volunteers from the secondary school. The Selkirk Grace was confidently spoken for by Angus Hibley who was the master of ceremonies; everybody stood for the piping in of the haggis which was brilliantly performed by piper Lea Gowans and accompanied by Poozie Nance - Carina Smith. The evening progressed with the Address to the Haggis delivered in style by Ross Smith then on to renditions of Ye Banks and Braces - Autumn Wheeler and Caitlin Gilligan and To a Louse by Rosie Wilson and Jim White. The Toast to the Lassies, performed by all the boys in the senior primary class wearing "shades" and kilts, in the form of a comical rap song geared to make fun of the girls was led by Terry Stevenson. A clever Reply to the Laddies swiftly followed from the Lassies confidently delivered by Samantha McColm. The first part of the evening was finished off with harmonious singing of Rhea Cute and Autumn Wheeler.



The evening was concluded with a lively ceilidh, music kindly supplied by Tommy Edgar and a splendid violin performance from Alasdair MacKinnon playing Auld Lang Syne.

Joan Trueman



The Top Table (left), and (right) the Address to the Haggis with piper Andy McCortney. Poozie Nance, who carries the Haggis (this year Sylvia Sinclair), and addressing the Haggis, Robert McTurk.

CARSPHAIN BURNS SUPPER

Thursday 22nd January was the date on which Carsphairn held its 35th Annual Burns Supper. An excellent array of speakers was lined up and this in return brought in a record number of guests. The logistics of supplying over a hundred traditional meals of haggis, neeps and tatties - hot and on time - is a challenge, but the committee of the Lagwyne Hall as usual rose to the occasion and must be praised for their skills.

The Artists for the evening were as follows:

Floor: Mr Andrew McCartney, Selkirk Grace: Rev David Bartholomew
Address to the Haggis and Reelation: Mr Robert McTurk
The Immortal Memory: Mr Stewart Park
Toast to the Lassies: Mr Mungo Bryson, Jnr
Reply for the Lassies: Mrs Sheila Rusby
Singers: Mrs Margaret Taylor and Mr Andy McDermott
Accompanist: Lillian Thomson

Stewart Park presented a memorable Toast to The Bard followed by Robert McTurk who kept the audience spellbound with an exciting and vivid rendition of Tam o' Shanter. Mungo's Toast to the Lassies was aptly responded to by Sheila Rusby and the music of the evening completed the atmosphere of an enjoyable evening. The proceedings were again competently chaired by Anna Campbell, and David Gibson gave a comprehensive Vote of Thanks to the Artists for coming to Carsphairn and making the event so special.

Jean Gibbon

NEW YEAR'S DAY DIPPERS



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE GALLOWAY NEWS

The 20th anniversary of the New Year's Day Dip saw a record number of dippers. 34 brave (or daft) charity raisers entered the chilly waters of the River Dee at Crossmichael. Jim McLellan who organises the dip and Alan Peacock, formerly of Dalry, who both dipped for the first time 20 years ago were there again! Harry Fenton and Alan Jarlerson spent the longest time in the water, setting a new record of 4 minutes and 36 seconds. Dee dipping fundraisers from the Glenkens included the Nursery Teacher Mrs Irving and Nursery Nurse Miss Bell who raised funds for the Nursery at Dalry, Janie and Susan Murdoch who raised money for both the Nursery and Glenkens Playgroup and Marilyn McMath who raised over £100 for 'Friends of Dalry School'.

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NEW GALLOWAY - Our Historic Burgh

PART XVIII by Helen Bolton

Half A Century Ago

The last week in January 1954 brought to the Glenkens some of the heaviest snowfalls in living memory, with the exception of the really severe winter of 1947. The snow began to fall on the Monday morning, and by nightfall deep drifts had blocked the roads. One S.M.T. bus, bound from Castle Douglas to Ayr got stuck at Carsphairn and the crew and passengers had to spend the night there. An incoming bus from Ayr ran into a large drift just outside Carsphairn at around 8pm., and it took the driver, conductor and passengers until early the next morning to clear a way through. It stated in the Galloway News that the bus reached Castle Douglas at about 4.30am, all eight passengers being sent to their destinations by driver "Bill" Ewart.



The memorial to Ralph Furlow, erected inside the Sheep Stall where his body was found.
Photo by Helen Bolton

Severe frosts later in the week made the roads even more treacherous, and strong winds from the east brought further snowfalls and heavy drifting of the powdery snow. The road between Dalry and Carsphairn was completely blocked for several days by drifts up to ten feet high in some places, and all the farms in the area were cut off. Carsphairn was isolated and it was not until Friday that one-way traffic was, with great difficulty, able to get through to Dalneilston.

With conditions in the glen being so bad it can well be imagined what the shepherds up on the Kells hills were having to cope with. The blizzards, driven by easterly gales, swept the high hills and sheep were being trapped in the deep, drifting snow.

One young shepherd, 17 year old Ralph Furlow, was employed by the Department of Agriculture to look after the hirsels at "Back Hill of Bush" on the remote western slopes of Millfire. Ralph stayed with Mr. Pringle, the shepherd at "Burnhead of Kells", and was a keen young lad, always eager to be out on the hill attending to the sheep in his charge.

On Wednesday, January 27th 1954, Ralph set out from Burnhead at about 8am as was his usual habit, to do his round of the hill. On this morning the snow was already deep on the hill slopes, and more was forecast. Accompanied by his faithful collie the young man set out to search for any sheep trapped by drifting snow. By late afternoon he had not returned and Mr. Pringle was concerned for the safety of the young man, sturdy and strong though he was. A

search party of shepherds was organised by Mr. Pringle, and they set out from "Burnhead" to look for Ralph. After some four hours they were forced to return, a severe blizzard having swept the hills in the afternoon, making their progress impossible.

With reinforcements and signalling lights the rescue party set out once more, and soon after midnight, just as the searchers were again on the verge of giving up due to cold and exhaustion, far away towards Millfire a dog was heard barking. Guessing it was Ralph's dog, attracted by the lights on the hill, the rescue party made their way towards the sound. There, in the shelter of a sheep stall, they found the body of young Ralph, guarded by his dog.

The following day a bearer party, accompanied by the police, made the difficult ascent to bring the young man's body down to "Burnhead". Among those who made the sad journey was Ralph's grandfather from Parton.

A memorial was erected in the sheep stall below the slopes of Millfire, and hundreds of daffodils now bloom there every spring in memory of a keen young man who lost his life while tending his sheep. On the memorial are inscribed the last four lines of the poem 'The Hill Herd', a fitting tribute to a brave young son of the hills.



The Ralph Furlow memorial, now surrounded by forestry planted by Forrest Estates. Photo taken from the summit of Millfire.

"The Hill Herd"

When blizzards sweep, wi' angry swirl,
The snow-laden dunes, an' drift, an' swirl,
An' driven hard, along the burn,
Yon two strange shapes familiar grow,
As tho' the hards their vigils keep,
On bleak hill sides among their sheep.

Has a' on hilly hillsides there,
That Scotland's sons can hand their ore,
O' hards we hae had our share,
On land, at sea, or in the air,
When snow-storms sweep the hill ground sweep,
We've hards not among the sheep.

We burred off a' grief the other day,
Bonnie brave life was ta'en away,
A young hard laddie, blythe an' braw,
Perished among the driftin' snow,
Thus due the hards tradition keep,
They lay their lives then for their sheep.

On Scotland's page of gilded fame,
Inscribe this shepherd hero's name,
Give him his place among the great,
The men o' War, or Kirk, or State,
An' add this message, chivalled deep,
"The Hill Herd died to save His Sheep."

D. CARGEN.

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6th Feb 1954

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CARSPHAIRN SHOW CRAFT TENT

Carsphairn Show will be held on Saturday 5th June 2004 and due to the success of our Craft Tent at last year's event we have decided to make the Craft Tent available again this year. (The Show Society is indebted to Carsphairn Community Windfarm Fund for Sponsorship for the Marquee).

SO IF YOU INTEND SELLING YOUR CRAFTS OR WARES,
YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN PLENTY OF NOTICE!

The price of a table will be £10 and spaces can be booked by telephoning Jean Gibbon, Secretary, on 01644 460244.



CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cub Scouts have been working towards their Local Knowledge Activity Badge and the concluding part was a visit to the local Fire Station to find out about the role of the fireman and Fire Brigade in the community and how they implement their skills to protect life and property in the Glenkens.

It was also a special evening for Edmund, Greg, Jamie, Josh and Kyle who made their Cub Scout Promise at the Fire Station.

Our recent annual trip to the Gaffey Theatre, Ayr was a great success. This year's performance, "Mother Goose", was the usual high standard and enjoyed by all.

SANTA'S

EMERGENCY CALL

LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS TO THE RESCUE!



It was just before Christmas and all the children of the Glenkens had been invited to the first Fire Service Christmas Party. An invitation had also been sent to Santa but unfortunately on route to the fire station his sleigh broke down. With their usual speed and efficiency a fire crew was dispatched to rescue Santa and bring him, lights flashing and siren sounding, to the party!

New Galloway Fire Service, on behalf of the National Fire Service Benevolent Fund would like to thank the Community Council and Lions Club for their generosity in helping to make the party a success. All the children enjoyed themselves and we owe a special thank you to Santa - his spectacular entrance and sack of presents helped to make the evening one to remember.



EXPLORER SCOUTING

The Glenkens now has a Beaver Colony for 6-8 year olds, a Cub Pack for 8-10½ year olds and a Scout Troop for 10½-14 year olds, but what happens next?

Well, now there is Explorer Scouting. This new and exciting section within Scouting is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 18. It offers you a huge range of activities and the chance to meet with people of the same age from across Galloway.

In the last six months the Stewartry Explorer Scout Unit have taken part in:

- wild camps and hiking in the Galloway Hills
- the national Explorer Scout Launch in Dunfermline with about 600 others doing canoeing, rock climbing, archery, salsa dancing, quad biking and bike-racing to name but a few.
- a Remembrance Service with a difference on the summit of Great Gable.
- the first ever Galloway Explorer Scout Challenge
- crate climbing at our local camp site
- weekends of fun and unusual activities

For 2004 we are planning:

- a weekend rock climbing at Ratho Climbing Centre
- to attend the Blair Athol International jamboree
- to complete the "Three Peaks Challenge" - Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, in 24 hours.

We also have the Young Leaders Scheme which lets you spend time helping with any of the younger sections in Scouting. This can work alongside the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or the Queen's Scout Award, or be done simply to increase your own enjoyment, satisfaction and abilities.

If any of this grabs your attention or you just want to find out more about being an Explorer or Leader, please contact Hannah McAndrew, the Explorer Scout Leader on 01644 440212. email: hmcandrew@care2.com

DRUMBUIE VENTURES

2004 looks set to be a busy year for us at Drumbuie, with a bumper harvest of vegetables (hopefully) anticipated. We aim to set up a box scheme this year, supplying fresh and seasonal fruit and vegetables to locals. Already Rupert and Janet are hard at work clearing the two thirty metre polytunnels, fighting with the nettle roots and laying an irrigation system out. The plan is to plant anything that grows well in this area with the addition of some flowers and culinary herbs which have a positive contribution to biodiversity as well as making for pretty displays and yummy cooking. In our outside garden fruit trees and raspberries will be the focus with any spare room going to good old tatties.

For help with all this we will remain members of the WWOOF scheme where volunteer workers come from all over the world for work experience in exchange for bed and board. I use the term 'work experience' loosely - a few have been much wiser and older than us with a wealth of gardening knowledge to share. Some heroic annual visitors, a man in his seventies from Newcastle named Coleman has proved to be one of the hardest workers ever and we expect him again in late March. As well as proving invaluable in the polytunnels WWOOFers generally become family friends - Joe and Hamish have enjoyed company

from as far afield as South Korea and the Czech Republic as well as from Spain, Belgium, Denmark and the UK.

The Galloway Soap Company is also busy at the moment. Thanks to Andrew Wolfe we have just agreed a contract with the Turnberry Hotel in Ayrshire to make all their Valentines bath bombs. We'll spend the first two weeks of February up to our ears in flower petals and essential oils. For the rest of the year we will continue to supply Holistics in Castle Douglas and the Heart of Galloway in Wigton with fresh handmade soap, as well as filling in a few craft stalls.

It looks set to be an active year on the Axe Throwing circuit for Morag and Rupert. The year will kick off at the beginning of June with the Welsh Open at St Asaph closely followed by the Scottish Championships in Edinburgh. Morag will be defending titles at both these events and hoping to do well at the British Championships later in the year. The latter is a biennial event and Morag's main rival will again be flying over from Sweden. Axe Throwing UK (four gentlemen from around the Dumfries and Dumfries area, along with Morag) will also be taking part in displays throughout the summer. The most local of these looks to be at the Galloway Country Fair in August - come along and see this exciting spectacle!

Mung Pearson

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An Historical Interlude

"GOD BLESS THE QUEEN"

A recent issue included mention of the building of the present Kells Church in 1822. Helen Bolton expanded on this in a subsequent article, noting the prominent part played by the minister at the time, the Reverend William Gillespie. He also featured in what now seems a bizarre incident, in a situation of royal family conflict, not unlike that which has more recently afflicted us.

George, the Prince of Wales and son of King George III, married Princess Caroline of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel in 1795. The marriage was a disaster from the beginning, and they soon separated, with recriminations flying in both directions thereafter. With the insanity of the king, the Prince of Wales became Prince Regent. He eventually succeeded as George IV after his father's death at the beginning of 1820. This meant that the estranged Caroline became uncrowned queen. The king immediately instituted proceedings for divorce and to deprive the queen of her royal title. By a small margin he gained the support of the House of Lords. The Bishop of London said that the king could do no wrong, and reasoned therefore that the queen must be at fault!

Many were not, however, convinced by such a simplistic line of argument, and there was considerable support for the queen. This was very much the case in the Glenkens and the Stewartry in general, where there was resistance to attempts to denigrate the queen or to deny her rights.

The moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland received an Order in Council instructing that "henceforth every minister and preacher shall, in his respective church, congregation, or assembly, pray, in express words, for his Most Sacred Majesty King George and all the Royal Family". The intention was to exclude the queen, and to prevent any specific mention of her. In line with this, a resolution of the Kirk session of Crossmichael, during a vacancy there, resolved on 16 July that no officiating minister should pray explicitly for the queen.

At this point the Reverend William Gillespie comes into the picture. Apart from being minister of Kells, he was also chaplain to the Kirkcudbright Gentlemen Yeomanry Cavalry. He was requested by the commandant, Colonel James Gordon of Culvenann, to give the customary sermon to the corps while they were assembled in camp. At the same time he was asked to confirm that he would adhere to the prescribed form of prayer for the royal family. His response seems to have been deliberately evasive, saying that he would act to the best of his apprehension of the law of the church and the land.

On Sunday 30 July the Rev. Gillespie preached his sermon to the assembly on "The Rebellion of

Absolom". Colonel Gordon was not present, as his wife was indisposed, but his officers apparently subsequently confirmed to him the quality of the discourse. However, he was dismayed to learn that the chaplain in his concluding prayers had been unequivocal in pronouncing "Bless likewise the Queen".

The colonel was so incensed that he ordered that the Rev. Gillespie be placed under arrest. He took the view that the alleged misdemeanour was not just a lapse of procedure but deliberate disobedience of military authority. Any element of confinement associated with the arrest amounted to very little, if anything at all. In any case, the next day the matter ended and they all went home. However, the Rev. Gillespie was greatly affronted, and strongly maintained his position.

His action did not escape notice. Just three days later, at a meeting of the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright at Castle Douglas, the resolution made earlier at Crossmichael was condemned, on the grounds that it was "a flagrant and presumptuous violation of the laws and constitution of this church."

Feelings in respect of the incident ran high, and high-level action was necessary to bring the situation under control. The Rev. Gillespie's "arrest" was officially ended on 28 August, on the intervention of the Lord Lieutenant. The dispute between Gillespie and Gordon was finally ended after submissions to the Lord Advocate. In his award, he was an even-handed as possible to both parties, but found that "the step so taken by Colonel Gordon was contrary to law, indiscreet in its nature, and ought not to have been adopted". Colonel Gordon was instructed to write a peace-making letter to the Reverend Gillespie, which he did.

On the wider front, the proposed legislation to dispossess the queen was halted before it reached the Commons. This outcome was obviously welcomed here. "The Scotsman" reported a dinner at the Douglas Arms in Castle Douglas to celebrate what was regarded as a victory for the queen. The strength of feeling is reflected by the further report that "almost every hill in the Glenkens district of Galloway was surmounted by a blazing bonfire". Unfortunately, there was little time for the queen to enjoy her vindication, as she died the following year.

It is interesting to appreciate, even in the days before the impact of the mass-media, the strength of the local response to a seemingly distant situation—, particularly where personal loyalties and resistance to resented authority from outside were concerned.

(The local particulars of the case are taken from notes in "The Galloway Herds", published in 1909, with information collated by Thomas Fraser.)

Alan Polister

GLENKENS LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARCELS LAST CHRISTMAS DELIVERY?

This Christmas 117 food parcels were delivered to single pensioners throughout the Glenkens by your local Lions Group. The parcels and friendly Christmas cheer were welcomed very much by all who were lucky enough to have a Lion call!

The Glenkens Lions Club is part of an International Charity which raises money and provides services throughout the world. Locally the club has been in existence for over ten years during which time it has raised and distributed well over £10,000 to local, national and international causes.

Unfortunately in the next couple of years the club is in danger of having to fold due to lack of members. So if you would like to make a contribution to the Glenkens Community and help this "endangered species" please contact Tommy Edgar or come to a meeting held every 2nd Sunday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Lochinvar Hotel, Dalry. You will be made very welcome.

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LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

THE OLD SCHOOL

Plans for work on The Old School, New Galloway are progressing well. The Architects are soon to be instructed to take things forward to Stage D design whilst at the same time a major Development Campaign will be launched. It is hoped that work will start on the site before the end of the year. The GCAT Steering Group is confident of raising the funds for the project and is keen to ensure that an Endowment Fund for the future is set up at the same time.

The idea of raising over £1 million for both the development costs of the building and the Endowment Fund sounds to be a very great deal of money, and so it is. But two things in particular must be remembered:

1. **The money that we hope to secure from public funding is not money that would be available to spend on other budgets – for example schools, roads or hospitals, and**
2. **If GCAT does not make applications to attract this money to the Glenkens to create a high quality building available for use by each and every member of the community, then quite simply, that money will be spent elsewhere and we in the Glenkens will miss out.**

The Southern Uplands Partnership

"Striving to keep people living and working sustainably in the Southern Uplands of Scotland"

Having completed a short contract as GCAT Events Coordinator Flora McDowall moved on to join The Southern Uplands Partnership in the autumn. However, she is now back in the GCAT offices where she has her SUP desk.

The Partnership is a membership organisation which works on a wide range of rural development projects across the south of Scotland. Activities include environmental, economic and social initiatives as well as working to raising the profile of the area generally. Flora represents the SUP on the west of the country, working with Project Manager Pip Tabor, who is based in Galashiels. Director Mary Ann Smyth is also in the Glenkens, at Balmaclellan, so local interests should be well represented.

Information on the work of the SUP can be found on its website (www.sup.org.uk) or in the quarterly newsletters which are distributed through the region's libraries and other outlets - or pick up a copy from the GCAT shop!

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BROADBAND IN THE GLENKENS : A Simple Explanation

At present we are aware of one initiative to bring broadband communications to the area. This is the Scottish Enterprise supported Glenkens Broadband Ltd Wireless LAN project which will use satellite links. This aims "to bring high speed digital networking and internet access to homes and businesses in an area where they are deemed not viable by commercial companies". If you are interested in this, please fill in one of the Glenkens Broadband forms.

BT will bring broadband to the area by land link (known as ADSL) if there is sufficient interest. In New Galloway, for instance, this requires 100 expressions of interest of which we have 20 as of 27th January. Once this trigger level has been reached, the time to the first installation is currently around 6 months. If you are interested in this, please register direct with BT on their web site or via 0870 607 2777 or sign the sheet at the GCAT Shop.

You can, of course, express an interest in both. If you are never going to use email or the Internet to any extent then obviously there's no point in registering. However, when used intelligently, the Internet and broadband in particular, can be very useful. Within the limitations of copyright etc you can download music, books, pictures such as wedding or holiday snaps, films, software or software updates for your computer and many other things over broadband that are not practical over dial up connections. Broadband also means that your mailbox won't be blocked by the occasional large item (such as a scanned page or two) attached to an email that someone has sent you either deliberately, not realising its size, or as spam (unsolicited email). Like most technical advances, the price of broadband will no doubt come down significantly and in a few years it will become like a TV or telephone, present in most households. It may well put rural areas at a significant disadvantage not to have this facility available.

The difference between the flavours of broadband is explained in the accompanying literature available from the GCAT Shop. For detail on the local implementation of the satellite link, contact Glenkens Broadband Ltd. In summary:

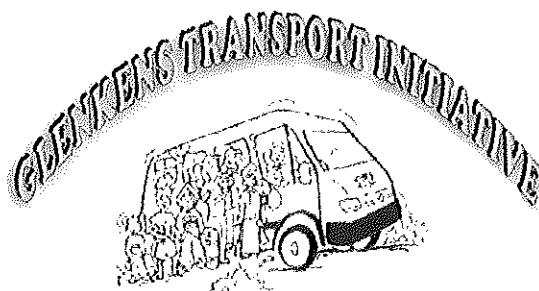
ADSL requires the exchange to be broadband enabled by BT. From the exchange, the high speed link to subscribers is carried by normal telephone lines. The speed is approximately ten times faster than a fast dial up line and the connection is always on. However, the speed also depends on the quality of the line and won't work over distances of more than 6km. The distance refers to the length of telephone cable, so it could be much less than 6km as the crow flies or the road runs, if the cable goes by a very indirect route.

A satellite/wireless link requires a receiving/transmitting station and a means of distribution. Distribution is by radio transmitters (access points) situated within line of sight of the subscriber's antenna (which could be mounted on a rooftop pole), so that for instance hills, trees or other buildings between the two will prevent communication. The range depends on the power output of the access point and the equipment at the subscriber end. The speed depends on the provider satellite and the number of subscribers using the link. Further links can be added to cope with increased demand.

Gordon Hill

BUS NEWS!

The Glenkens community bus recently celebrated its first year in service. The bus, funded by a Scottish Executive scheme, Help the Aged and the Stewartry Area Committee and of course in a small way by the patrons, was set up to provide easily available, cost effective transport for the community's many active groups.



Currently, the bus user groups have grown to over twenty, varying from the local schools, Drama Clubs to groups of friends enjoying an evening out. However, there is scope for a lot more use. Fancy an evening in Edinburgh? A shopping trip to Glasgow? Or getting together with friends? Why not set up a regular weekly visit to Dumfries in comfort, and be delivered back to your door?

The bus can seat up to fourteen, registering is quick and easy and training is available for anybody interested in becoming a new driver. If you would like any further information about how to book the bus or you are interested in a certain route please contact the GCAT office at 01644 420374.

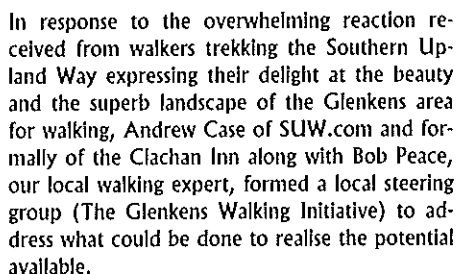
GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

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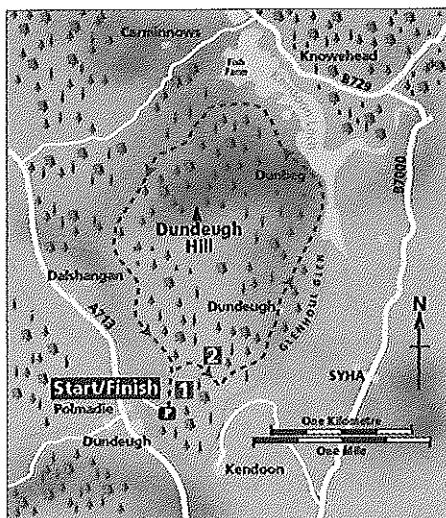
1st	No. 84	Rev D Lane
2nd	No. 36	J & M Sloan
3rd	No. 18	Mr D Thomson

January 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st	No. 66	Anne Hughes
2nd	No. 4	Bob Peace
3rd	No. 155	Steven & Audrey Wood



SUW.com has, free of charge, provided a web presence (www.glenkens.com) which, as well as hosting the walks, provides information on local accommodation, places of interest etc. Mapping is now being produced and a guidebook is in the development stages, which will hopefully be launched at the 'Clachan Fair' in June.



The initiative was given extra drive following a report received from a walking/cycling consultant that suggested the Glenkens has the potential to be one of the leading walking and cycling destinations in the country. The steering group hopes that they will continue to receive support from individuals and businesses within the Glenkens and that they will in turn benefit from the hard work being afforded to the project at this stage. They especially would like to thank the relevant landowners who have been extremely cooperative and who see the value of this project to the community.

Anyone interested in learning more, including businesses that wish to feature on www.glenkens.com or in the guide book please contact Andrew on 0870 835 8448 or at info@glenkens.com

The Group held its yearly meeting in November. The first year of the new Dalry Castle Douglas link was discussed and it was agreed that it had been a very positive start to the arrangement. The Group itself had had a quiet year and therefore there was some discussion regarding its future or demise. Members agreed that it should continue to exist as a monitoring Group so that if local issues do arise in the future debate can take place in an already recognised local body that is known by the regional authority. The Group will also take opportunities to discuss and learn about national education issues that will affect our local schools.

Current members are Mrs Lillas Thomson (Kells) Mrs Margaret Sainsbury (Kells) Mr Dave Turner (Kells), Mr Godfrey Smith (Balmacellann) Mr Roland Chaplain (Dalry) Mr Tom Scott (Dalry) Mrs Agnes Holden (Carsphairn) and Mrs Anna Campbell (Carsphairn). We would welcome other members. Please contact Mrs Anna Campbell.

Saturday 27 March sees the welcome return of 'MSFIT' Fiona Knowles to New Galloway Town Hall to perform her 1-woman show **WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A T JUNCTION** written by award-winning writer Rona Munro. The characters in the show are acutely observed as the reactions of three disparate women who collide at a T Junction with an hilarious outcome, are meticulously explored. Having played to full houses at the Traverse in Edinburgh and the McRobert in Stirling, this is definitely a welcome evening of comedy in the Glenkens not to be missed.

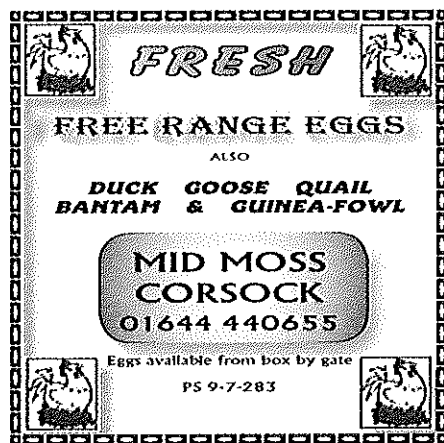
GCAT has been asked to look into the possibility of setting up a Glenkens Business Group to consider joint networking, branding, sales and marketing opportunities. The idea of a regular Glenkens Community Market has also been suggested. For more information please contact Andrew Ward at GCAT.

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Kirsteen Currie, 12

See'Ya all there Yee-Ha ! - Susan Currie



GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

KELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'The Christmas Dragon' - performed by Primaries 1-4 and 'The Victorians' - performed by Primaries 5-7 were considered a roaring success by a fully packed audience at the school. The concert was watched not only by family but many friends and supporters in our community. Donations reached £374 which will pay for all the entries and transport to the Dumfries 7 district Speech and Music Festival in March.

Many thanks to all the community from the Staff and pupils. As usual, a video has been made and members of the community can purchase one for the cost of £6.00. Please contact the school ASAP if you would like a copy.

Mrs N. Plummer, Head Teacher



THE GOLDEN TAPESTRY PROJECT

Kells is one of three schools who have taken part in embroidering the tapestry which includes cows, dolphins, insects and birds representing the flora and fauna of the region and there is also a Belted Galloway, Red Kite and porpoises. The tapestry is to become part of a huge woven story representing a year in the life of the Commonwealth of Nations. Once all the panels have been put together, the finished work of art will be taken around the 49 countries and will go on show in New Zealand in time for next year's Commonwealth Games. Mrs. J. Grimwood and Mrs. J. Grimwood Sm., and Mrs. J. Clendinning have been helping the children with this in school.

STILL MISSING KELLS AMNESTY STILL MISSING

Several football kits and ties have gone astray. School is down to 4 spare ties and we can't replace the football gear (no longer in catalogue). Please check and return..... there will be no reprimand, just the school's grateful thanks!!

LOCAL STUDENTS ASSIST WORLD SCIENTISTS TO COLLECT ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Students at Dalry Primary School are joining an international network of young people taking scientific measurements of Earth systems and sharing their observations with other students and scientists around the world using state-of-the-art technology systems.

Dalry Primary is joining the GLOBE Program, an international environmental science and education partnership. GLOBE students are contributing to a better understanding of the planet by making regular research observations at thousands of locations around the world and sharing their information via the Internet. Sandra Brown (Depute Head teacher) attended a workshop with GLOBE scientists and educators for instruction on the measurement procedures and the GLOBE computer technology system and had this to say:

"I enjoyed the course immensely; I couldn't wait to get back to school and start using the GPS with my class. They have now each used the GPS to locate 4 satellites to give us the exact elevation, longitude and latitude of our weather station. The children measure cloud cover, contrails, PH of rainfall and min max temperature daily. We have a rota to

ensure readings are taken every day at solar noon even at weekends and holidays. The children are amazing. They even sit on the bus going swimming saying 'Oh look, do you think those are cumulus or cumulonimbus?' - 'Not bad for 10 year olds!'

The children selected a study site near the school where they will take regular measurements of various atmospheric, hydrological, biological, and geological features. The students will then send their findings via the Internet to a GLOBE data processing facility. Their data will be combined with input from other GLOBE schools around the world and with other science sources, such as satellite imagery, to create dynamic, online images of Earth. The GLOBE student data are available to the general public on the World Wide Web at www.globe.gov.

The GLOBE Program is jointly funded and coordinated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation and with help from the U.S. Department of State. GLOBE is operated on behalf of NASA by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. Local support for GLOBE activities is being provided by Lorna Purdie (primary staff tutor). For more information, contact Lorna at Lochside Education Centre, 01387 720774.



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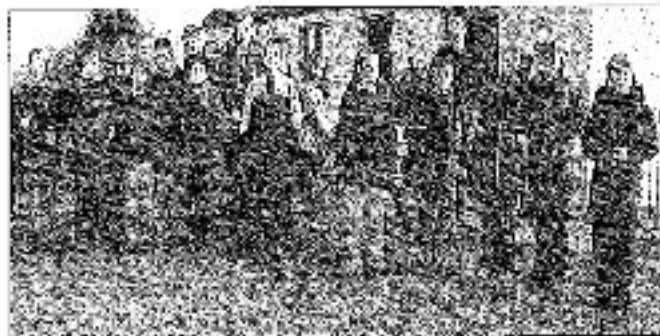
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DALRY PRIMARY VISIT THE RED KITE CENTRE



Recently we went to see the Red Kites at Lamlash Forest. The journey took about half an hour. The ride was fun but quite bumpy. We got the bus parked and soon a man named Kevin came to show us to the hide.

When we were at the hide we were waiting to look for some Red Kites. At first there were none but soon two appeared from a clump of pines. From far away they looked like crows but when we were really quiet they started to come towards us. When they came towards us their feathers shone in the sunlight. There were two telescopes in the hide. I didn't use a telescope to see the Red Kites because I got a better view from the window. I saw about six Red Kites in total but some people saw up to nine. Mrs McCall took a lot of photos of us watching the Red Kites.

After all of the Red Kite watching we went back to a farmhouse where a lady called Natasha set us out some juice and biscuits. After a break we went back into the bus and set off for home. The journey back was quite loud and noisy on the bus.

THE MAKING OF GREASE !

Grease mania is hitting Dalry Secondary School this year! Every Wednesday afternoon the school is transformed into Rydell High as pupils learn scripts, sing songs and act on stage preparing for the production of Grease in March this year.

The school is divided into four groups; one in charge of costumes, one in charge of scenery and technical side, one in charge of making posters and tickets and of course, the actors. With Aaron Edgar playing lead male Danny Zuko and Kirsty McRoberts as sweet and innocent Sandy, the play is sure to be a success. With many young people with experience on the stage, the production is already taking shape. Zarah Wheeler, our choreographer has taught us many rock and roll dances and Mrs. Henry, our music teacher is helping us to sing many of the well-known songs.

The costume department are customising clothes to suit the 1950's style with flowing skirts and polka dots. The Scenery group are with technical teacher, Mr. Murray and are currently making props for us to use. The group making posters are with IT teacher Mr. Blackhurst and responsible for making the posters and tickets.

The production will take place at the end of March. We hope that you will enjoy the final outcome as much as we have loved producing the show!

Melva Tyson, 84



FRIENDS OF DALRY SCHOOL

Previously the Dalry School Parents' Association, Friends of Dalry School became a recognised Scottish Charity in 2002 with the aim of alleviating the pressures of fundraising from teaching staff and to encourage more parents to become active in after school activities. All funds raised are for both the Secondary and the Primary Schools in Dalry.

Now entering its third year, Friends of Dalry School is delighted to report its first fundraising success for 2004 which took place on 1st January when Marilyn McMahon once again bravely jumped into the freezing waters of the Dee and, as well as getting very cold, raised well over £100 in sponsorship. Well done Marilyn!

In addition, just over £200 was raised over the Festive Season through the sale of jewellery from the Miglo range. The jewellery is beautifully made, all either gold or silver plated, and comes in some stunning designs. Due to popular demand, Friends of Dalry School will

continue to sell this jewellery throughout the year. A new catalogue is coming out in March (about a month later than the last one) but until then last year's stock is all available with an ending 20% off. As it's a Leap Year, maybe the ladies should buy themselves something nice for Valentine's Day! If you would like to buy or view any of the jewellery, please call Nicolaene Wier on 01644 430218.

Further fundraising events to look forward to include the Children's Marathon Challenge 2004, with funds raised being split between Children with Leukaemia and Friends of Dalry School. The school took part in the same challenge in 2002.

All the children participating had great fun and they raised over £375 for their school and the same amount for Children with Leukaemia. This year's challenge promises to be even more fun with new certificates as well as six brand new Mr Men and Little Miss 'Stick'emons' for the children to collect.

DALRY SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

This season Mr. Carmichael entered under 14 and under 15 years football teams into Dumfries and Galloway cups and leagues. A 4-4-2 system was successfully established with Aaron Edgar captaining the school team with intelligence and determination. The boys gained a very creditable 4-1 win over Moffat Academy in the U14 cup before going out in the next round to Sanquhar Academy. There was also a very exciting 4-4 draw at home to Sanquhar Academy in the under 15 league. Despite in some instances not matching the technical abilities of our opponents the boys have been unbeatable in terms of determination and team spirit.

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Kells	10.30 am	2nd 4th
New Galloway	10.30 am	3rd
Town Hall	6.00 pm	1st

Special Services:

5th Sunday in February 10.30 am United Service with Glenkens Church Choir in Kells Church

An Alpha Course will be held at the Warren, Daly weekly for about 12 weeks on Tuesdays from 7.30 - 9 pm, most probably starting on 29th January. All are welcome. For more information contact Rev David Bartholomew on 430385.

Daly Church Bells Drive in Daly Town Hall on Friday 27th February at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

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of Stainer's Crucifixion to take place on Palm Sunday in Balmacellach Church.

Currently there are 28 members in the choir. Practices take place during the winter months in the Session House at Daly Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30-9pm. New members are always welcome; church membership is not a requirement. If you would like to come and join us, please contact Joan Mason (01644 420089), any choir member or just come along to a practice.

OH YES IT WAS !

Another very successful pantomime from the Glenkens '73 Drama Club, who performed "Dick Whittington" to enthusiastic and appreciative audiences in December. With a cast of 2 cats, numerous rats and mice, dancing girls and pirates, as well as the traditional



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characters, there was lots of work for the junior chorus who changed from one role to another with ease and gusto. Providing the comedy were Dick Tracy - private eye and chimney sweep (Kathy Polkinghorne) and Dame Mother Hubbard, the cook (Christine Rae). Enjoying being evil was Marie Davis as Jack Robinson, financial advisor, while Angela Millar took the part of Dick Whittington who fell for a very fetching Alice (Marie-Helen Mosses).

Mention must be made of the two cats 'Car' (Hannah Sainsbury) and 'Pussy' (Calvin Gillgar), who moved with feline grace and whose costumes were made by Margaret Oiffin. The producer was Jayne Smith and the costumes were masterminded by Stella Little.

Club members are now busy rehearsing their entries for the Stewartry One Act Drama Festival to be held in the Lochside Theatre, Castle Douglas on the 26th, 27th & 28th of February. Two plays have been entered - these are as follows:-

Adult team :- "The Cross Managerie" by Isabella C. Rao

Youth teams: "Round the World with Class Six" by Nick Warburton

The Festival, which runs for three nights, is a "must see" for anyone who enjoys drama.

More information from: Christine Rae: 07714 612777 or Brian Edgar.

School Desks Required

As part of the stage set for "Round the World with Class Six" we need at least nine of the old style school desks with the hinged lids (flat tops, not sloping). The Education Authority seem to have disposed of them all and we know that many were sold off by schools some years ago - If you have one and would be willing to let us borrow it please let us know as soon as possible.

Please telephone Brian Edgar 01644 420288 or Kells School 01644 420340

DALGARNO SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Dalgarno Singers made a welcome return to the Glenkens when they performed in New Galloway Town Hall on 18th December. The thirty plus members of the choir come from the Thornhill area and one of the highlights of their musical calendar is their Christmas concert, which they perform at both New Galloway and Thornhill.

At New Galloway several members gave readings and the choir sang a wide variety of Christmas music from many countries, some very well known pieces but others newly composed that we were privileged to hear for the first time. It was a joy to hear their soloists Nick Spence and Kevin Stevenson as well as the four part arrangements.

Mulled wine and mince pies were served during the interval and in the second half the audience was invited to join in the singing of some traditional carols. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening with wonderful Christmas music sung by an excellent choir.

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RED KITES AND GLIDERS

During the last three years around ninety red kites have been released in Galloway, and these superb birds are a frequent sight around Mossdale (where I live) and the surrounding area. Many of us in the Glenkens will have admired the elegant and effortless way they ride the slightest rising air current, circling upwards towards the clouds. A friend, Jim, and I experience the red kites from an additional perspective, one that in some ways puts us into a closer relationship with them than mere bird watching. We both fly radio-controlled model gliders so are often able to fly along with the red kites. We fly outside my house in Mossdale but Jim owns a huge field in Laurieston and that is where we usually fly. This site has superb views and we can see the nearby Laurieston red kite feeding station from there.

Our gliders are thermal soarers, up to 10 feet in wingspan, and are launched from a long nylon towline (four to five hundred feet long), which incorporates a short length of very stretchy elastic tube. After stretching the towline until it gives a good pull, the glider is attached to the towline via a tow hook, and released. The glider kites up into the breeze to around four or five hundred feet and then floats off the line. We then search for rising air (a thermal) just as red kites and buzzards do, and if successful, start to circle in order to stay in the thermal. It is quite possible to climb to cloud base (flying on into the cloud does not seem to be a very bright idea!) and can fly at quite a long range. Once high aloft, a wide area can then be searched to try and find the next thermal. When there is little or no breeze, a towline launch cannot achieve much height so then we switch to gliders powered by electric motors, which can take the gliders really high. The motor is then switched off, the propeller blades fold flat, and pure gliding starts. If the glider gets low then the motor is restarted and it is climb time again. A battery pack gives four or five climbs to a good height. On a day when conditions are good, lift may be sensed when the glider is still climbing on the motor, in which case the motor can be switched off and a free thermal climb enjoyed. On an apparently still day there is usually vertical air movement and there is as much sink as rising air. Particularly in summer the lift (and sink) can be spectacular, whilst on colder days it can be much more subtle and it is the large variations



Jim and David with their gliders

in conditions which make thermal soaring so fascinating to us glider fliers.

This is where our new friends, the red kites, often help us. When we see one circling we know that is where there is lift, so we head off to join it. So for us they are excellent thermal indicators. It also works the other way round – if the glider is circling and going up, a red kite or buzzard will often come flapping over to join us for a free sky-ride. Goodness knows what sort of bird they think a glider is! Buzzards will sometimes fly over to take a close look at a glider and fly away after a minute or two of close scrutiny. Red kites are much more curious and much more often will fly across for a close inspection (up to ten feet away) and fly along with the glider for several minutes. If the glider flies away, a red kite (or kites) will often follow it, Pied Piper style. They show no aggression whatsoever but seem simply curious – that statement guarantees that my next flight alongside a red kite will result in my glider being reduced to rubble by a set of claws!

Jim and I have shared thermals with as many as eight red kites at a time and sometimes with both buzzards and red kites. The two species fly

together quite happily, with no sign of resentment on either side. A couple of years ago my glider shared a thermal with four red kites and a golden eagle, all flying in a close group. The eagle quickly glided away until it started circling in another thermal a few hundred yards away. I followed it and joined, but again it flew away. I did not want to chase it any further as it did not seem to appreciate the company of a glider. It was an amazing experience to fly along with a golden eagle, even if only briefly!

So which are the best soarers, the gliders or the red kites? In a thermal both are excellent but the birds have the big advantage of being in the sky and able to sense the slightest whiff of rising or sinking air, whilst we glider fliers have to stand on terra firma watching the behaviour of the glider for clues as to when we have found lift or sink. So of course the birds are better – but when one or more fly over to join the thermal we have found, we cannot resist just a glimmer of pride and the thought that we may have helped the bird a little in its search for food.

Jim and I say "well done" to the many folks, spear-headed by Kevin Duffy,

who have worked so hard on the red kite introduction scheme – it has helped our glider flying! Kevin has asked me if we have thought about building a glider replica of a red kite, to put aloft when bird watchers are around but the real birds are not. I think if I were to go down the look-alike track it would probably be to produce a vulture or a pterodactyl, just to get the twitchers really twitching!

David Haslam

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GCAT - BRINGING GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TO THE GLENKENS FEBRUARY - MARCH PROGRAMME



THE URBAN TURBAN CLUB

When - Monthly 1st Saturday in month, 2.15 - 5.00pm
Where - Kells Primary School, New Galloway
What - A new club for primary school aged children.
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When - Thursday 25th March
Where - Dairy School Hall
What - Musical
We hope that you will enjoy the final outcome as much as we have loved producing the show!

FIONA KNOWLES

When - Saturday 27th March, 7.30 pm
Where - New Galloway Town Hall
What - Women on the verge of a T-Junction
Fiona Knowles stars in this 1-woman comedy show where the characters in the show are acutely observed as the reactions of three disparate women who collide at a T-Junction with an hilarious outcome.
Tickets - £5

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If you would like to volunteer to become involved with GCAT either helping to plan events or co-ordinate items for the Gazette, then please do get in touch. You'd be really welcome to join the GCAT Team.

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Greystones Bar & Restaurant Carsphairn

Since taking over the Greystones Bar and Restaurant in Carsphairn the owners have made many changes. These include a completely revamped dining room and large function room in full use at the Greystones. The public bar has been modernised and the snug now boasts an open fire for the coming winter months.

The Greystones is enjoying a renaissance in its food trade. The present owner/chef Trevor Kelso intends to take the Greystones back to its roots and reclaim the trade built up by the founder of the Greystones, the late Kirby Jones.

The Greystones is now offering fresh locally sourced Beef, Chicken, Fish, Pork, Duck, Venison and vegetables in an exciting menu. The owners are now preparing to add Ostrich to their menu.

The Greystones is not forgetting its local trade and will be offering a winter of entertainment ranging from Stars in their Eyes Nights, Pub Quizzes, Country and Western Nights and Karaoke's.

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