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#### DALRY'S BURNING BUSH!

# SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR COVENANTER SCULPTURE

At lunchtime on Monday 13th September a large lorry drew up by the playpark in Dalry with an unusual load wrapped up in protective plastic. The 5 metre high Covenanter Sculpture had arrived! There was a bit of a wait for the crane to come, but after being offloaded onto the tarmac where the unwrapping was completed and numerous hands tried rather unsuccessfully to remove the sticky tape covering the shiny stainless steel leaves, it was finally swung into position a little after 3 pm. Many of the schoolchildren were there to watch the operation. It was with relief that the holes in the base were found to fit the bolts fixed into the concrete foundation!

We now have a dramatic addition to the Dalry landscape which anyone travelling the Castle Douglas - Ayr road can hardly miss. It represents the Burning Bush - the

burning bush that Moses saw in the wilderness and which the flames did not consume. This symbolises the faith of the Covenanters which continued to burn brightly even in the midst of suffering and persecution. It is an artistic creation, with three flames branching out of the slender stem and curling upwards, having cradled within them the stainless steel leaves of the bush. Some of these leaves are veined with the names of well-known Covenanting martyrs. It is remarkable how quickly the flames, which are made of Corten, lost their initial silver colour and began developing a protective layer of rust. From some angles they still appear rather streaked and blotchy, but over the coming months the colour should deepen and become more uniform as the sculpture weathers in.

On Saturday 18th September we were blessed with a wonderful sunny day for the Service of Dedication, in the midst of the wild and stormy weather we have been experiencing recently. About 250 people gathered for the service. Psalms were sung at the beginning and end of the service, and



speeches given by Bill Dunigan, the donor and designer of the sculpture, Andrew Campbell, Convener of Dumfries and Galloway Council, Very Rev Sandy McDonald, past Moderator of the Church of Scotland and Bill Niven, President of the Scottish Covenanter Memorials Association. The sculpture was dedicated by Rev Dr David Bartholomew, local parish minister, who also welcomed folk and led the gathered assembly in prayer. Afterwards a presentation of flowers was made to Susan Dunigan by Maggie Maxwell and a picture of the sculpture was presented to Bill Dunigan by young David McTurk.

The Council did a superb job in transforming in a matter of days an unsightly piece of waste ground into a beautifully landscaped haven in which one can rest and contemplate the artistic lines of the sculpture. We are grateful to the SCMA for offering to site it in the Glenkens. This memorial will be a tangible reminder to the people of the Glenkens today and in the future of how their forefathers were prepared to suffer and lay down their lives for their beliefs.

**David Bartholomew** 

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#### **MORAG PATERSON: A HARD AXE TO FOLLOW!**

The British Open Axe Throwing Championship has a new women's title holder: Morag Paterson from Dalry lifted the award last weekend at a competition at Ragley Park in Warwickshire. Morag, who also holds the Scottish title, had to throw a double headed axe at a four inch bull's eye on a target over 20 feet away. She scored 23 points out of a possible 25 to win the championship.

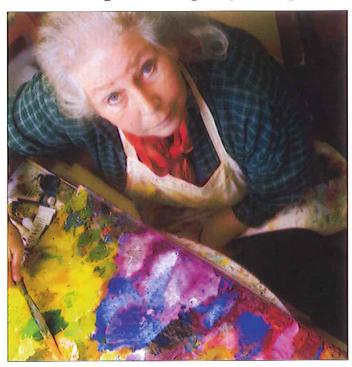


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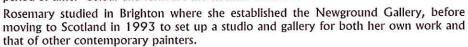
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#### **LOCAL ARTISTS** Rosemary Gascoyne, Dalry



Rosemary Gascoyne is a professional painter and gallery owner who works from her studio in the Main Street in Dalry, where she produces beautiful, colourful abstract paintings which are built with layer upon layer of oil paint. "My paintings are built intuitively," says Rosemary, "each one is individual and worked on over a considerable period of time. Colour and form are the essential elements."



Rosemary has exhibited at many prestigious galleries and art fairs up and down the country, and is currently exhibiting at the Hicks Gallery in London.

Rosemary's Studio and Gallery are open to visitors by appointment. If you are interested in visiting please contact Rosemary on 01644 430468.



Blue Angel: Oil on board

a regular item, Gazette will Glenkens local arts featuring & crafts people in each edition. If you are a local artist and are interested here, get appearing in touch with Karen on 01644 420374

#### DALRY BOWLING CLUB SPONSORED WALK

#### Climbing the three Cairnsmores in one day

Duncan McFegan and I started to climb the 2331 feet high Cairnsmore of Fleet at 8 o'clock on a wet Sunday in July. As we climbed to the top it was still misty and wet, but when we were about half way back down it started to clear and by the time we got back to the car it was dry with the sun breaking through the clouds.

We then travelled to the 1616 feet high Cairnsmore of Dee by which time the weather had cleared enough that we could see the top of the hills. After climbing Cairnsmore of Dee we travelled to Carsphairn where it was a lovely day with bright sunshine. We then proceeded to climb the 2612 feet high Cairnsmore of Carsphairn where at the top we were met by Elizabeth Peacock and Susan Bell and we celebrated the completion of the walk with champagne supplied by the ladies. The walk took us 7 hours 20 minutes to complete and raised £610 for the club funds to help buy machinery to keep the green in good condition for the members bowling on it.

We are looking for new members so if anyone would like to try bowling they should come along and will be most welcome. The green is closed for the winter and will open again in late April. Dalry Bowling is the only one in the Glenkens so why not come along and support it.



Hamish Sinclair

#### **BALMACLELLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

For some time, with police encouragement, attempts have been made to initiate a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. At the July meeting Fiona Mackinnon confirmed her willingness to act as co-ordinator, and the scheme is now in operation, as an important aid to community security.

Also on the police front, PC Ewan Cannon explained the arrangements for the new Communications Centre at Dumfries, which he welcomed as enabling him to spend more time on the beat and less time in the office.

The question of Out of Hours Healthcare came up again at the August meeting, when the community council agreed to support the move for a doctor at Castle Douglas, to fill what is considered to be a serious gap in the cover provided.

The council heard a report on the setting up of the Glenkens Affordable Housing Trust. This has the support of the council as it is seen as filling a real need, and gives practical help to young local people who are the basis of a sustainable working population.

The matter of repairs to the church entrance was again raised. The council agreed to contribute towards the cost, on the understanding that  $D \otimes G$  Council funding was first investigated.

It was agreed to hold the annual bonfire party on 5 November, provided that the necessary resources and permission to use the field were available.

After a long period of deliberation, planning and funding applications, the refurbishment work on the village hall has at last got under way, and has indeed made very good progress. The new double glazed windows have been installed, and the retaining wall on the east has been built to restore the crumbling boundary between the hall and the adjacent flats. The wall incorporates drainage, and this has already demonstrated its effectiveness in the recent heavy rainfall. Doug Carson has given valuable assistance in overlooking the work and giving advice where appropriate.

The council is grateful to Margaret Cannan for her efforts in running the raffle, which raised over £500 towards the hall refurbishment It had been intended to hold a coffee morning in conjunction with the raffle draw, but this was cancelled when it was realised that it clashed with the Glenkens Horticultural Show.

Alan Pallister

# THE ROYAL BURGH OF NEW GALLOWAY & KELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A public meeting was held in New Galloway Town Hall on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the people of the Glenkens to hear first hand the plans for the new Out of Hours medical cover. The meeting was chaired by Brian Edgar who introduced Dr. Angus Cameron, Director of NHS Dumfries & Galloway and Dr. Alan Jones, Associate Director. Almost 90 people from all over the Stewartry seized the opportunity to seriously question the wisdom of the plans, which propose that all out of hours doctors would be based only in Dumfries and Stranraer. The mood of the meeting left the directors under no Illusions as to the general feelings of the Glenkens residents and the total inadequacy of the out of hours service about to be inflicted upon us. Sadly, it was also felt afterwards that the decisions have already been made and it seemed unlikely that any enhancements would be made to improve the coverage in our area. However, we can all play our part by keeping up the pressure on NHS Dumfries & Galloway to think again before it is too late.

At the September meeting concern was expressed about the planned 8 day closure of the Ken Bridge and the inconvenience that this would cause to the residents of New Galloway. Whilst it seems that total closure of the bridge is unavoidable because of the nature of the work BT intend to carry out it is likely that the work could be completed well within 8 days. However, it was felt that much better signage should be in place at the bridge now to inform regular road users of the dates of the closure and the reasons for it, the council/contractors would be asked to provide this as soon as possible.

We have arranged on-site meetings with the relevant council officials and Councillor Prentice to press for action on the following issues amongst others — improvements to the Low Road and the junction at Clearwell; better maintenance of the grass verges and roads in and around the town; road safety improvements at Braeside/Kells School junction; replacement of missing summer seats; safety improvements to Right of Way path from West Port to Pomona Terrace; car parking issues in New Galloway and beside Loch Ken; public toilet provision and the continued use of the Portaloos in the Lower Car Park placed there as a 'temporary' measure 20 years ago; New Galloway Town Hall and it's lack of disabled access to meet the new requirements.

It was noted that our Community Constable Ewan Cannon was being transferred to Dumfries and he was thanked for his faithful attendance at our meetings, his cooperation and his efforts during his time in the Glenkens and we wish him all the best for the future.

Brian Edgar

# BACKGROUND TO THE COVENANTER MEMORIAL THE COVENANTERS

After the Reformation of 1560 Scotland reorganised its religious structure whereby the minister and an elder from each church would represent their interests in an organisation called a Presbytery, thus giving rise to Presbyterianism as the dominant religious faith. In England, the decision was taken to retain the system of bishops and prayer book.

The Church of Scotland held, as their central belief, that the spiritual head of the Church was Jesus Christ. The Stuart Kings subscribed to the belief that the monarch alone possessed the Divine Right. Many Scots signed the National Covenant in 1638 and from then, until 1688, the Covenanters were subject to intense persecution and punishments of all kinds at the hands of the Stuart dragoons.

#### SCOTTISH COVENANTER MEMORIALS ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1966 and has a worldwide membership of 400. The aims of the Association are to restore, repair and preserve the graves of the Covenanters and to promote a greater awareness of our religious and historical heritage. The Association has neither sectarian nor political connections. Bill Dunigan, a member of the Association, gifted this metal sculpture as a memorial to the Covenanting men and women who fought for half a century to uphold their religious freedoms.

#### DALRY COVENANTER SCULPTURE

St John's Town of Dalry was chosen as the location due to its important place in Covenanting history. Two Covenanters, John Grierson and Robert Stewart, who pald the ultimate sacrifice, are buried in Dalry Kirkyard under a table tomb. William Gordon and his son, Alexander of Earlstoun, Dalry, were prominent in the fight against persecution and the village was the focus of the events that led to the battle of Rullion Green in 1666. Bill Dunigan designed the Sculpture in the form of a Burning Bush, symbol of the Church of Scotland since 1691, which comprises a central stem with three flames representing the fire. Cradled within the fire is the Bush. Several of the leaves are veined with the names of well-known Covenanter martyrs - Sir William Gordon Bart, and his son, Alexander; Margaret McLauchlan and Margaret Wilson; John Brown; Richard Cameron; John Paton; Alexander Peden and James Renwick. The Sculpture is 5 metres high and weighs 3 tons. The fire and flames are made from Corten (a metal with limited rusting properties) and stainless steel is used for the Bush. Manufacture was undertaken by Mayflower Engineering Ltd, a Sheffield based general engineering firm who have executed many sculpture commissions in the public and private sectors. Dalry will be their first in Scotland.

#### PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

A number of meetings have been held with Dumfrles and Galloway Council (DGC), Dalry Community Council and the local minister, the Rev Dr David S Bartholomew. There is a great groundswell of support for the project and DGC will underwrite certain aspects of the venture - lease of a plot of ground, layout of the area in hand and soft landscaping and other support facilities, including craneage and foundation preparation. The major costs to be borne by the SCMA are hospitality, a lump sum to DGC for future maintenance and printing the order of service. Valuable assistance was received from the Dalry Community Council, Dalry Playpark Association, Glenkens Trust and The Galloway Association of Glasgow.

#### **CALLING ALL RESIDENTS IN THE GLENKENS**

The proposal to erect 44 or 29 wind turbines on the upland plateau at Blackcraig in Balmaciellan is an issue of the utmost concern to all of us living in the Glenkens. I and some of my fellow residents have taken the decision to facilitate information and discussion by publishing at our own expense a broadsheet devoted to this topic. Research, articles and comments sent in to us by our fellow residents will inform us about windfarms as well as provide a platform for discussion about their likely impact on our landscape and our lives.

The erection of these windfarms, or more properly power stations, is a serious local, national and international issue and will affect each one of us in some way. You do not have to live close to a windfarm for it to have an impact on your life, your community, the local economy or environment. Most importantly, the future of the countryside of Scotland and our own glens is at stake. All of us, irrespective of what we can see from our windows - windfarm or not - are duty bound to investigate and learn as much as we can, arriving at a clear understanding of the matter so an informed decision can be made.

As a dynamic and caring community you will have the opportunity to contribute information and opinion to this broadsheet relating to any aspect of local, national and international developments of windfarms so that in due course we can all become fully aware of what is happening especially in the Glenkens but also in Glencairn, other areas of Dumfites and Galloway and all over Scotland and the United Kingdom.

We will need your support, your response, your contribution to the debate so please contact me at the address below.

Mr Gavin Taylor, Blackmark By Moniaive, Thornhill, DG3 4ER

E-mail: g.taylor@gcal.ac.uk Tel. 0141 331 3538

#### WILL AID - NOVEMBER 2004

Will Aid is something that you may have come across. It started in 1988, and since then over £4 million has been raised for various charitles. The emphasis is on those charitles which help enable people to gain necessary equipment, skills, services and support to change their lives for the better.

As usual, the Will Aid initiative runs for the month of November. The way it works is simple. if you want As usual, the will Aid initiative runs for the month of November. The way it works is simple. If you want to make a will, or indeed change an existing will, you simply go to your usual solicitor, although you should check that indeed that solicitor participates in the Will Aid Scheme, but so far as I know, all local solicitors do. That solicitor will do this work for you in the usual way, but then (and this is the bit that clients seem to find quite pleasurable!), you do not pay the solicitor anything, instead, you make a donation to Will Aid, who will distribute the funds amongst the particular charities being supported for this year. There is a leastlet which suggests the amount of donation that you might care to make but that is really to assist and it. leaflet which suggests the amount of donation that you might care to make, but that is really to assist and it is genuinely the case that you simply make whatever donation you feel is appropriate.

There is a slight limitation in that if there is a need for a particularly complex will and very detailed consideration of a clients situation, the solicitor might have to negotiate a higher specific fee, but again, out of that, the usual donation would be made to Will Aid.

This year's charities are - ActionAid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Help the Aged, NSPCC, Save the Children UK, SCIF (Scotland) Sight Savers International, and Trocaire (N. Ireland). Wills are things that many people put off making, or alternatively put off changing, if circumstances have changed since the original will was made. If an existing will is "wrong", then it really is very important to change it since most of us will not know when our lives will end. If you have no will, then it may be that the laws of "Intestacy" will divide your estate the way you would want- but can you, hand on heart, say that you know what the Law of Intestacy would do with your estate after your death? I think that you might be surprised by the oddities that surround Intestate succession. The other area that might prompt someone to make a will if they have proviously made a home made will. These used to be very popular, and pre-printed wills is if they have previously made a home made will. These used to be very popular, and pre-printed wills with guidance notes could be bought from stationers. I say they were popular, and they were particularly popular with solicitors following a death - since very often a significant beneficiary might become the solicitor who had to sort out the messes that very often ensued from these!

Most individuals may well benefit family and friends in a will, and increasingly, wills include bequests to charitable organisations. Charities may well tend to be fairly national concerns, but they need not necessarily be and there are many local charitles and small charitles that individuals may be involved with, whose work is particularly dear to a testator's heart and provision may well be made for them in a will. In this connection. I would like to remind those in the Glenkens that GCAT (The Glenkens Community and Arts Trust Limited) is a registered charity. If you have no ofher obvious beneficiaries, or if you feel that you have surplus estate and you have essentially enjoyed living or been connected with the Glenkens, GCAT might well be a suitable charity to benefit. For most of us, human contentment relates to what is round about us and the people that are round about us, and the activities that go on there. I would like to think that already many of the activities generated through GCAT and activities that go on there. I would like to think that already many of the activities generated through GCA1 and some of the additional facilities now undertaken by them, such as the GCAT bus, and indeed this Gazette, and the people that we meet through these various activities, do already make a real difference. For those with assets above the inheritance tax limit (which is currently £263,000) charitable bequests are very efficient because they are free of the 40% tax that amounts above £263K would usually attract. Charitable bequests in wills are not just for the wealthy - many of us would love to benefit our favourite charities while we live, but simply do not have the spare cash to do so. When our time comes, particularly if we have no very obvious relatives and individual friends to benefit, bequests to charities make a real and lasting difference.

Accordingly, if you do not have a will, or want to change your will, now is the opportunity to do so without also benefiting your solicitor! I will have leaflets in my office at New Galloway on Wednesdays, and I will leave some in the GCAT shop in New Galloway, but do just phone your own solicitor, even before November, and make an arrangement for November. Please do not leave it until 30th November!!

Ian N Steele: Williamson & Henry Solicitors, High Street, New Galloway

#### **REGULAR USER GROUPS AT** THE COMMUNITY CENTRE DALRY

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Mon, Wed, Thurs. 9.15 - 11.45am Glenkens Playgroup Julie Moore - 01644 460687

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Tuesday 2.00pm - Good Neighbours Club Mabel Young - 01644 430472

Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm Craft Class Jean Maltman - 01644 430497

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We are thinking of having a classified section where you can place small ads for either free or a small charge, eg. "washing machine for sale" kind of thing. These will only be available for one-off, non business purposes.

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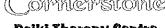
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#### NEW GALLOWAY -Our Historic Burgh

PART XXII by Helen Bolton

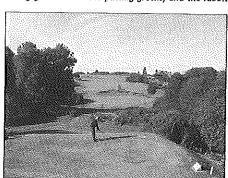
#### The Golf Club is Born

In 1457 King James II of Scotland declared that, "Fute-Ball and Golfe be utterly crylt doune and nocht usit." The game of golf, was however, continually played at all levels of society, with James IV, James V and Mary, Queen of Scots all participating. In Scotland it always was, and continues to be a totally classless game, and as early as mediaeval times a game known as golf was played "by ordinary folk in the Kirkyards!"

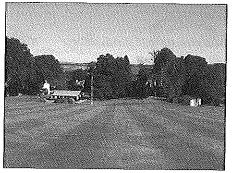
Towards the end of the 19th century the interest in golf spread across Galloway, and a number of courses appeared in such places as Newton Stewart, Glenluce, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright and Dalbeattle. It is no surprise, therefore, to find in 1902, the first reference to a proposed golf course in New Galloway. Mr Maitland Gordon of "Kenmure" was one of the leading lights, chairing a public meeting in the Town Hall on 31st January 1902, at which he offered the use of the Town Park and the adjoining "Whinniefield," which he thought would be a good site for a nine-hole course.

A steering Committee was appointed with Mr James Mitchell as Secretary, and members Mr James Maitland Gordon, Mr J Courteney, Mr W Corrie, Major Reed and Dr Cowan. Mr Maitland Gordon volunteered to contact Mr George Ballile, a major influence in the laying-out of some well known courses in Ireland, and he duly arrived in New Galloway. Having inspected the proposed fields, he marked out a course and drew up some plans. His estimated cost to start the course was £50. Work commenced in April, and despite the use of only hand tools, the course was ready for the formal opening ceremony four weeks later, on 17th May 1902.

Mr Baillie, writing of the new links, commented that, "from start to finish nature has provided both the teeing grounds and the putting greens, and the rabbit







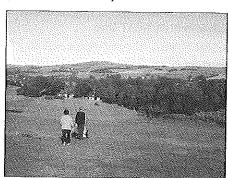
has, during many years - perhaps centuries - so nibbled and patted the turf that it resembles that of a seaside links rather than an inland one ."

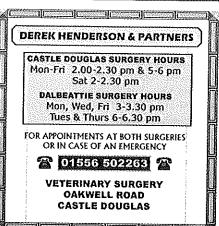
The Golf Course was formally opened by the President, Mr J C Maitland Gordon in the presence of a large crowd of members and friends. Dr Cowan, the Provost, thanked Mr Maitland Gordon and the many friends who had helped to make the project possible, then he asked Mr Maitland Gordon to open the course. The President drove off the first ball and declared New Galloway Golf Course open. Three cheers then followed, and the Union Jack was raised.

No Golf Club is complete without its "Nineteenth Hole", and with membership approaching 100 by July 1902, quotations were obtained for the erection of a wooden club house. Local builder Mr Johnstone gave a suitable estimate, a site was arranged and building commenced. By 15th September the Clubhouse was complete, and the opening ceremony took place before a large and enthusiastic crowd of on-lookers.

New Galloway now had a Golf Club of which it could be proud. Visitors to the Burgh were duly impressed, not only by the neat Clubhouse, but by the course itself. To quote the Kirkcudbright Advertiser, "On the higher ground one obtains views both extensive and beautiful, of the whole of the Glenkens, and the air is clear and bracing."

To this day we must have one of the most attractive golf courses in the country.





#### A FEW INTERESTING STATISTICS

At the turn of the century the population of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbrightshire was 39,333 living in an area of 575,565 acres.

The Glenkens Parishes consisted of :~

	401,5151		
	Area	Population	
Balmaclellan	22,978 a	cres 634	
Carsphairn	54,742 a	cres 351	
Dairy	34,505 a	cres 826	
Kells	48,528 a	cres 878	

#### REF. TO JOHN LOWE AND MARY'S DREAM

The sadness is not which of two versions of Mary's Dream came first but who today knows or even cares about such inspired poets as Lowe, Tannahill, Nicholson, Cunningham and others who tried to keep the flame of poetry burning at a difficult time for poets who had to work hard for a meagre living but were inspired to write despite financial worries.

John Lowe was, I am sure, a poet inspired by former poets, songsters and ballad writers whose unpublished works were fast disappearing. He knew Mary McGhie, knew of her tragedy and remembering the old Scots version saw fit to 'rearrange it' to suit and maybe impress Mary and/ or her sister who he was supposedly in love with.

Using old material is not plagiarism; Robbie Burns used many old songs and ballads, updating them to fit the modern requirements, as did John Clare, (England's Robbie Burns). Both poets openly admitted using old, oft forgotten material and why not?

I have done the same when inspired by the Muse! Surely it is to any poet's credit that he/she can be so inspired by previous poets and so re-generate works that would otherwise remain dead poems along with their dead and oft forgotten poets.

Peter Jeevar

#### Resurrection

Long forgotten rhymes and dultish classic themes,
Energetic plays and rague poetic dreams,
All written in a former stilled style
By anthors' now long dead,
Who'd go I'm sure that so-called extra mile
To read these resurrected words of poetry and song:
They all have done it through the years So can it be so wrong?
If William Shakespeare lived today
I wonder what he'd have to say?
I've a list of poets' now in dust
Whose thoughts I've used And so are held in trust.





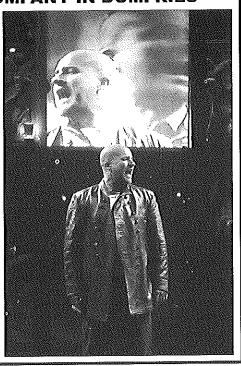
# GTI MINIBUS TRIP TO THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY IN DUMFRIES

GCAT is running a minibus trip to see Julius Caesar by The Royal Shakespeare Company at the Ice Bowl in Dumfries, on Friday 29 October at 7.30pm.

This is the first time the RSC have visited the region. They are a fully functioning mobile theatre, with 20 actors, travelling with five 45 foot articulated lorries which carry over 50 tonnes of equipment. They are completely self contained and come with everything from the auditorium, seating, costumes and set, to the tea-urn and washing machine. So you needn't worry about the bare atmosphere of the Ice Bowl — this will be a fully operational professional theatre!

The minibus will leave from various locations throughout the communities of the Glenkens. (Once the tickets are sold, and we know where you want picked up from we will let you know the pick-up points and times).

If you want to buy a ticket give us a call at GCAT on 01644 420374. Tickets are £18.00 each, although travel on the minibus is free. If you have already bought your tickets directly from the Ice Bowl, you can still come on the minibus as there are several spare seats.



#### **GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE**

# BUS SERVICE FROM THE GLENKENS TO DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ROYAL INFIRMARY

Please remember that the community bus now runs a regular evening service to Dumfries on the second Monday of every month. The times allow you to visit at the hospital or to go swimming. Full details are available on leaflets in your local shops or from the GCAT Shop.

This service will continue to operate on the second Monday of every month excluding Public Holidays. Adults £4 return, children £2 return NO OTHER CONCESSIONS.

Stop/Location	Outward	Return
CARSON'S KNOWE, N.G.	17.45	21.25
ST. JOHNS SEAT, DALRY	18.00	21.10
P. OFFICE, BALMACLELLAN	18.09	21.01
D & G ROYAL INFIRMARY	19.00	20.10

#### 200 CLUB

The committee would like to thank everyone for taking part in the 200 Club this year and apologise for the delay in starting the draw but as stated before we cannot start the draw until we have sufficient entries. However it is now underway and the lucky winners so far are as follows:

#### May Draw

1st Prize £50 no.93 - M.A. Smyth 2nd Prize £20 no.8 - Gordon Donald 3rd Prize £12 no.43 - Catriona McCall

#### June Draw

1st no.145 - Harriet Agnew 2nd no.127 - Jenny Repath 3rd no.78- Margaret Richmond

#### July Draw

1st no.87 - George McQuarrie 2nd no.184 - Rhoda Rugg 3rd no.55 - Elizabeth McFegan

#### **August Draw**

1st no.40 - Godfrey Smith 2nd no.131 - Tom Plummer 3rd no.111 - Mary Pringle

#### September Draw

1st no.167 - Colin Edgar 2nd no.46 - Andrew Frew 3rd no.127 - Jenny Repath

# JO MILLER & AMY GEDDES Traditional Music Workshops

Jo Miller and Amy Geddes will be running some traditional fiddle and song workshops at the end of November. These will be aimed specifically at secondary school pupils and will be supported by the GaelForce Festival and Dumfries and Galloway Youth Festival. They will take place on Sunday 28 November at Balmaclellan Village Hall, between 2 and 4pm. To book places, which are free, call GCAT on 01644 420374.

#### **GCAT VOLUNTEER PARTY AT THE KEN BRIDGE**

GCAT is holding a special volunteer party in the Ken Bridge Hotel on Friday 19 November at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to thank all our existing volunteers who give so much of their time and energy and also a chance for anyone else who is interested in volunteering for GCAT in the future to find out how they can help. are always looking for people to help out with the community minibus and the Glenkens Gazette as well as with events and activities, so if you want to lend a hand come along and meet us.

Entertainment will be provided by the duo Doug and Mary Carroll from Kirkcudbright and there will be a light buffet. There is no charge for the party, which has been made possible with assistance from the Volunteer Action Fund and Leader+. Please let us know in advance if you want to come along so we know how many to cater for. If you want more information or to book a place please give us a call on 01644 420374.

#### THE EMILY SMITH BAND



#### **Concert And Workshop**

The Emily Smith Band, one of Scotland's top young bands will be stopping off in Dalry as part of their current nationwide tour. Their combination of original material and traditional music, both old and new, has seen the band catapulted to the forefront of the current resurgence in new Scottish music.

Originally from Thornhill, Emily was the winner of the 2002 'BBC Radio Scotland's young Scottish Traditional Musician of the Year.' She is an excellent performer on both accordion and piano, however it is through her exceptional voice that Emily is really making a name for herself.

The Emily Smith Band will be performing in concert at Dairy School on Saturday 16 October at 8.00pm. Tickets cost £7 (£4 school pupils). The Workshops, for secondary school pupils, which will be in singing and intermediary fiddle, will take place on the Saturday afternoon from 3-4pm and are free of charge. For more details or to book places contact GCAT on 01644 420374.

These events are supported by the GaelForce Festival and Youth Festival and Leader +.



#### THE GLENKENS CENTRE **UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

In recent months GCAT has been carrying out a lot of research into the future use of the Glenkens Centre which included the questionnaire that was distributed last month. The results of this questionnaire have been very encouraging and some of the findings are published in this issue. This information is an important part of any funding application that we are making over the next few months.

We are currently in the process of applying to two Lottery funds, The Community Fund and the Scottish Arts Council, for quite substantial sums towards the building costs. There is an enormous amount of work involved in putting together applications for these funding bodies and it can take many months for bids to be processed through their systems. They, quite rightly, want to make sure that their funds will be used for as much public benefit as possible so they are very thorough when evaluating applications. To give you an example of the work involved, the Community Fund has asked us for the following:

- full details of current and planned financial procedures
- a full set of management accounts
- a business plan
- a fundraising strategy
- a list of all the funders we have approached
- letters confirming funding already received
- costing for the parts of the building to be used for community use
- floor area and accommodation schedule for above
- a marketing strategy
- a disability audit to be carried out by a professional practitioner
- details of consultations with disabled people on our plans
- a list of services to be provided in the building
- confirmation letters from service providers
- evidence of demand including confirmation letters from potential users or from agencies who might refer users
- beneficiary types and numbers
- a list of outcomes for beneficiary groups
- targets, milestones and timescales, with indicators and how we will track progress.

Many of these requirements take several weeks to carry out on their own! And this is in addition to completing a 30 page application form and attending numerous meetings. It is a very labour intensive and time consuming process and you have to do it all over again with the next application. At the end of the process success is not always guaranteed and it can be a disappointing blow when applications are turned down. Fundraising nowadays is a specialised and complicated business and it might help to explain why it seems to be taking such a long time to raise the funds to get the building work on the Glenkens Centre started!

#### **URBAN TURBAN**

The Urban Turban club will be changing its format in the future and will probably take place on a weekly basis for 6 or 8 weeks at a time. There may be other changes as well but we will let you know. Whatever happens we want to make sure that they are as good as they possibly can be. A new series of workshops will happen again in the New Year, so keep your eye on future editions of the Glenkens Gazette for more details.

#### **GCAT QUESTIONNAIRE**

The GCAT Questionnaire that was sent out to all households in the Glenkens was very well received, with a remarkable 16% response rate. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the questionnaire - your responses were most encouraging and a great help to us. It is good to know that the community is so supportive of what we hope to do and you have given us some great ideas and comments. A summary of the results is outlined below. Congratulation to the three winners of the prize draw:

- Nick Roper-Caldbeck, Old Garroch, Dalry.
  Alleen Hay, Wellwood, New Galloway.
  Sam Callender, Smiddy House, Parton.

Each winner will receive a £25 voucher to be spent locally.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

- 91.2% of respondents had heard of the Glenkens Gazette
- 62.3% of respondents read every issue of the Gazette 23.7% of respondents occasionally read the Gazette

In addition, of the 86.0% of respondents that read the Gazette, be it every issue or occasionally, 92.8% gave it a score of 3/5 or higher

#### THE OLD SCHOOL

- 84.7% of respondents knew that GCAT is renovating the Old School in New Galloway
- 64.5% of respondents strongly support the idea that the work of artists and craft makers can enhance and enrich the building
- 21.9% of respondents support this idea a little

#### SERVICES

- 14.9% of respondents think Mothers & Toddlers need additional services in the Glenkens
- 14,9% of respondents think Young Children need additional services in the Glenkens
- 47.4% of respondents think Teenagers need additional services in the Glenkens
- 29.0% of respondents think Senior Citizens need additional services in the Glenkens
- 18.4% of respondents think the Disabled need additional services
- in the Glenkens 10.1% of respondents think the Unemployed need additional services in the Glenkens

16.2% of respondents have been to more than 5 GCAT events, 39.0% of respondents have been to less then 5 GCAT events. Of the 55.2% of respondents that have been to GCAT events:

- 35.4% rated the quality of the event a score of 5/5
- 41.7% rated the quality of the event a score of 4/5
- 13.4% rated the quality of the event a score of 3/5

Therefore, 90.5% of those having been to GCAT events rated the quality of GCAT events a score of at least 3/5.

37.8% rated their enjoyment of the events a score of 5/5

44.9% rated their enjoyment of the events a score of 4/5

- 7.9% rated their enjoyment of the events a score of 3/5

Therefore, 90.6% of those having been to GCAT events gave their enjoyment of GCAT events a score of at least 3/5

- 52.6% of respondents think a local arts provision improves the quality of life a lot
- 29.8% of respondents think a local arts provision improves the quality of life a little

Therefore, a total of 81.4% think a local arts provision improves the quality

- 20.6% of respondents want lots more arts events/performances in the Glenkens
- 55.7% of respondents want some more arts events/performances in the Glenkens

Therefore, a total of 76.3% of respondents want more arts events/ performances in the Glenkens

Of the 76.3% that do want there to be more arts events performances in the Glenkens:

- 54.0% want more art exhibitions
- 60.3% want more music events
- 19.5% want more dance events
- 25.9% want more comedy nights 41.9% want more film/TV events
- 28.2% want more literary/book events 20.1% want more folk events
- 42,0% want more theatre

### GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

# THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Martin Wilson and Adam Graham from Kells Primary school serving coffee and biscuits to Jill and Russ.

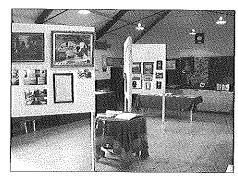
The primary seven pupils at Kells School were raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund by holding a coffee morning at The Cross Keys Hotel on Friday 24 September. This was part of a nation wide endeavour to hold the Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning. The funds raised will go directly to the Oncology Unit at the Infirmary in Dumfries. A big thanks go to Mr and Mr Roberts at the Cross Keys for allowing the children to use their premises. Kells School made £510 from the coffee morning.

#### **ABBAS REST ORPHANS**

The coffee morning which was Held in the Community Centre in Dalry recently raised £792.65 for the Abbas Rest Orphans in Malawi. The cash raised will go towards providing vital medical treatment and supplies for the orphan children who live there. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Avril Brown

# JAMES CLERK MAXWELL EXHIBITION Parton Village Hall

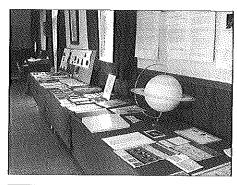


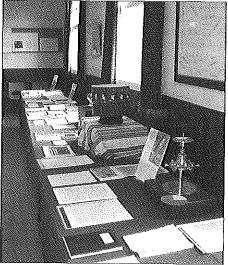
In September Parton Village Hall was host to an exhibition on the local scientific genius, James Clerk Maxwell, who was one of the greatest physicists the world has ever known and who is buried amongst the ruins at the Kirk at Parton. The exhibition was held to mark the 125th anniversary of Maxwell's death on 5th November 1879, and featured many items and displays relating to his great scientific achievements, including a zoetrope, a model of a radiometer, a mock up of Saturn's Rings and a spinning top.

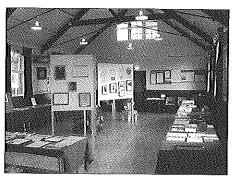
"People were very surprised at the amount of material on display" said Sam Callendar, one of the organisers, "which just goes to show the sheer range of James Clerk Maxwell's contributions to scientific understanding."

Maxwell is ranked by many physicists as being as important to the history of scientific theory as both Newton and Einstein. His most famous work, Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism, was in the field of electromagnetics. It has been described as "one of the two epoch-making books in the history of physics," with the second being Newton's Principia.

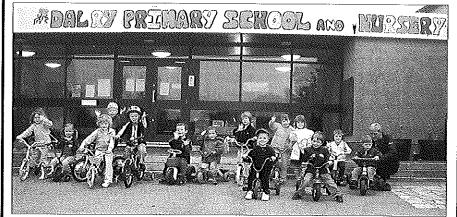
Parton Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to and helped with the running of the exhibition.







#### DALRY NURSERY PEDAL PUSHERS



Dalry Nursery Class participated in a sponsored pedal push for The British Heart Foundation on Wednesday 29 September 2004. The children brought their bikes, trikes, scooters and tractors from home to ride on. The pedal push lasted for 30 minutes, split into two with a break for snack in the middle. The children would like to thank everyone who organised and helped out on the day, as well as those who sponsored them. So far over £100 has been raised.

# COMBINED CONCERT

with
Kells Pupils
and
The Lindsay Singers
in
The Town Hall
New Galloway
Wednesday
3rd November 2004 :7pm
Admission £4.50
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#### DALRY ANGLING ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS



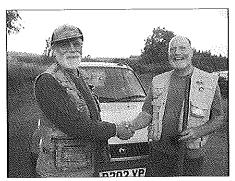
Patrick Sidebottom: 2004 Junior Winner

On Saturday 14th August The Dalry Angling Association's Junior Competition for the George McAdam Memorial Trophy took place at Carsfad Dam. There was a good turnout of juniors and parents. They had a beautiful, if not successful day for catching fish. However, after a hard fought match the eventual winner was young Patrick Sidebottom (12) weighing in a ½1b rainbow. Patrick is seen pictured proudly receiving the trophy, a fishing bag and fly line and a £25 voucher for McCowans Sports Shop in Castle Douglas from the Association's President Bill Charlesworth.

The remaining juniors; Scott Kirkpatrick, Robert Newlands, Ross Fergusson, Amanda Comrie, and Deborah Sidebottom had to settle for a re-match on Saturday the 21st August for 2nd and 3rd places. On the 21st August, Ross Fergusson caught the only fish of the day a small brown trout that he returned, sportingly declaring it was too small to take. Although disappointed all the children eagerly agreed to have yet another re-match to take place on Saturday the 28sh of August at 1pm, but this time on the river Ken at the suspension bridge.

The match duly took place on Saturday 28th when second

The match duly took place on Saturday 28th when second place was won by Scott Kirkpatrick (12) of Dalry, weighing in a 10 inch brownie and six perch for which he won a floating fly line and box with 18 flies donated by McCowans Sports Shop, Castle Douglas. Deborah Sidebottom (8) took the 3rd prize of a set of scales with measuring tape.



John McBeth : 2004 Senior Winner

Andrew Ruddock : 2004 Senior Runner-up

On Saturday 21st August the Senior Members also held their competition for the R F Hunter Trophy at Carsfad Dam. The weather was beautiful and the scene set for a good evenings fishing. As usual the old stalwarts turned out for this annual fly only event. The camaraderie between the seniors was superb as they slogged it out and swapped stories of the ones that got away. It was just about half way through the 3-hour competition when John McBeth of Dairy landed a lovely rainbow trout weighing 134lbs securing him the trophy and a litre of spirits of his choice. Runner-up was Andrew Ruddock of the Post

Office Dalry who weighed in a very respectful 1 ¼ lb rainbow for which Andrew received a fly rod and box of flies, which had been donated to the association. A delighted John McBeth is seen pictured with the winning fish and the trophy. Andrew is also pictured receiving his prizes. Later, John said that he had been trying for the last 22 years to win this trophy and he was over the moon at finally achieving his goal.

Kenneth Dahl, Secretary Dairy Angling Association Email kj@kdahl.freeserve.co.uk





A new book on life among Galloway's highest hills is about to be published on a subscription basis to raise funds for the Galloway Mountain Rescue Team and the Mountain Bothies Association. Tales O' the Back Buss is an interesting look at life at the remote outpost of Backhill of Bush, between the rugged Rhinns of Kells and the rocky granite hills of the Dungeon and Merrick ranges. This informative wee book has fourteen short chapters on life at this lonely dwelling since earliest times to present day. There are pictures going back before and during World War Two and chapters on The Silver Flowe, Siller Scythe Sand, wartime air crashes, fishing in the hills, remote herding life and much more.



The book is being sold on subscription by the author Dave McFadzean at £6.95 + £1.50 post and packing. If you would like to subscribe to a copy please send no money yet but send your details to Dave McFadzean, 16 Sawmill Green, Moniaive, Dumfriesshire, DG3 4HX or telephone him on: 01848 200410 to be added to the list of subscribers. When the book is ready for sale all subscribers will be contacted. The picture shows Backhill provisions coming in over the Rhinns of Kells in the 1930s.

(Photos Courtesy of Margaret Millar)



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# An Evening Of Traditional Music

with

JO MILLER AND AMY GEDDES
Dairy Town Hall
Saturday 27th November 7.30pm

Traditional Scottish Musicians Jo Miller And Amy Geddes (nee. Mellor), who originally hail from Dalry, will be performing a selection of their favourite folk music.

Tickets are £4 and include cheese & wine/fruit juice a raffle will be held to raise funds for the church

tickets are available from the Church or GCAT Shop

#### CAN'T STOP FILMING

Amy Neil was back in the Glenkens in September with her production company, Big Nose Films. Amy was directing a 12 minute short film called "Can't Stop Breathing," about a woman who looks after her mother who has Alzheimer's Disease, which was filmed mainly on the Garroch Estate and at Loch Grannoch. It stars two actresses, Jane Lapotaire and Lynsey Baxter, and features a very special guest appearance from Jake, our local postie.

Amy reckons the film will be ready in a couple of months and when it is she hopes to send it to various film festivals around the world. But first she plans to have a special screening locally. Amy and all the crew want to thank everyone in the Glenkens community who helped with the making of the film.

# TIMES OF WORSHIP IN THE GLENKENS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Sundays

Balmaciellan 12.00 noon 1 st
Carsphairn 10.30 am 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Dalry 12.00 noon 1 st 2nd 3rd 4th
Keils 10.30 am 2nd 4th
New Galloway 10.30 am 3rd
Town Hall 6.00 pm 1st (Nov)

**Special Services:** 

5th Sunday in October 10.30 am
United Service with Glenkens Church Choir in
Balmaclellan Church

2nd Sunday of November

The service in Kells Church on the 2nd Sunday of November which is Remembrance Sunday, will follow ceremonies at New Galloway and Balmaclellan War Memorials at 10.55 am.

Tuesday 9th Nov at 7.30 pm

Dairy Guild Centenary Celebration in Dairy Town Hall.

There is a child-friendly service in the Glenkens on four Sundays a month - at Carsphairn on the 1st Sunday, at Dalry on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and in New Galloway Town Hall on the 3rd Sunday. The children leave the main service for their own special programme of activities at each of these places.

Kells Church is up Kirk Road above New Galloway

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10.30am Holy Communion

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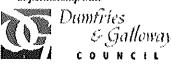




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#### **ALTERNATIVE GAMES &** CHILDRENS' FEST













There was no doubt that it was the most (only?) glorious weekend of the summer for the Alternative Games at the beginning of August. The sun shone brightly and much ice cream was consumed by all. The weekend kicked off with an entertaining evening at the alternative Burns Supper on Friday night, then many hundreds of people turned out to join in the fun at both the Children's Festival on the Saturday and the Alternative Games on the Sunday. Congratulations to the winners: Aaron Edgar who is the new Gird n'Cleek world champion, Fergus Devlin (Tossin' the Sheaf), George Dempster (Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane), Stuart Wishart (Tractor Pull) and David Grieve (Balmaclellan Skittles).

#### **GLENKENS ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE**

An amazing 694 exhibits were on display at the Dalry Town Hall on Saturday 28 August for the annual flower and vegetable show held by the Glenkens Horticultural Society. The standard of the exhibits was very high indeed with an array of impressive vegetables, mouth watering baking and stunning flower displays, as well as whole range of decorative items, handicrafts and other produce. The trophy winners for best exhibits were:

Challenge Cup (best exhibit, vegetables): David Grieve Barlae Trophy (best exhibit, pot plants): David Grieve Kirker Cup (best exhibit, flowers): Les Newby Sheil Cup (best exhibit, decorative): Ros Hardman MacKenzie Trophy (best exhibit, handicrafts): Sheila Melrose General Holden Trophy (best exhibit, photograph): Rhoda Rugg The Kathleen Urquhart Trophy (best exhibit, produce): Nicky McMath McAdam Cup (best exhibit, juvenile): Carina Smith









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#### GLENKENS PLAY IT BY EAR

When - 2nd Monday of each month, 1.30pm Where - Balmaclellan Village Hall Music, song and percussion workshops for pre-school children and their carers. Contact Alison Caldwell 01644 420272

Tickets - £2.00 per adult/child combo



When - Saturday - 16th October 2004, 3.00-4.00pm Where - Dalry School

Song and intermediate fiddle workshops for secondary school age

FREE - booking at GCAT on 01644 420374



When - Saturday - 16th October 2004, 8.00pm

Where - Dalry School
The Emily Smith Band, one of Scotland's top young bands will be stopping off in Dalry as part of their current nationwide tour.

Tickets cost £7(£4) and are available from GCAT on 01644 420374



#### BUS TRIP TO RSC DUMFRIES

When - Friday 29th October 2004, evening Where - Dumfries

GTI Minibus trip to the Royal Shakespeare Companys production of Julius Caesar at the Ice Bowl in Dumfries.

Tickets for RSC - £18.00, transport free



When - Friday 19th November 2004, 7.30pm

Where - Ken Bridge Hotel
Party for all those who have been or would like to be volunteers at GCAT, All welcome.

FREE (Please reserve your place in advance)



When - Sunday - 28th November 2004, 2-4pm Where - Balmaclellan Village Hall

Traditional Scottish Music workshops in either song or fiddle, followed by a group work session. For secondary school pupils.

FREE, booking at GCAT on 01644 420374

#### GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

FRI 8th, 2-4pm & SAT 9th, 10am-4pm, Sale Dairy Town Hall, Proceeds to Town Hall funds

TUE 12th, Good Neighbourhood Club Afternoon drive round the Ayrshire coast Leaves Dalry at 1pm Call Irene Rowe on 01644 430609 for more details

SAT 16th, 8pm Govan Spoonful, The Hen Hoose, Tynron

SAT 16th, 8pm Emily Smith Band, Dalry School

FRI 29th, GTI Minibus trip to Julius Caesar at Icebowl

#### NOVEMBER

SAT 3rd, 7pm Concert with Kells Pupils & The Lindsay Singers **New Galloway Town Hall** 

FRI 19th, 7pm GCAT Volunteer Party, Ken Bridge Hotel SAT 27th, 7.30pm, Dairy Town Hall,

**Evening of traditional music** 

with Jo Miller & Amy Geddes

SUN 28th, Jo Miller - Traditional Music Workshops Balmaclellan Village Hall

#### REGULAR EVENTS

#### **Heather Hoppers**

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Mother & Toddlers

New Galloway Town Hall Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00 am £1.00 per session

#### Thank you to all who have supported and contributed to the Glenkens Gazette









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#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAZETTE

Any contributions to the Gazette are always welcome by anyone and everyone, and all articles, cartoons or photos are considered for publication. We are very keen to receive contributions from a wider area. Please remember that we try very hard to remain politically impartial. Although we encourage you to express your views on subjects of interest to the local community, sometimes an editorial decision is taken not to print an article because it might jeopardize that impartiality.

If you are submitting an article the preferred format is by e-mail to Jonnie Dowswell at [ensys@glenke nsbb.co.uk]. He prefers to receive your article as an attachment in text or rich text format (.txt or .rtf files). If you can't email it the next preferred method is on disc which you can post or drop in to the GCAT Shop. Again ideally it should be .txt or .rtf. If you want to submit a printed document then this is OK. Please keep fonts plain so that your text can be recognized by the scanner software. (Ideal fonts are Arial, Times, New Roman, Courier. No bold or italic please).

For those of you who have no idea of what we are talking about, we are still very happy to receive hand written articles which we will happily type up for you.

Jane Trueman and Karen Donald are our chief co-ordinators so if you have a good story but aren't able to write it yourself please get in touch with either of them. They will be very happy to carry out interviews and undertake research to get your story written. Telephone 01644 420374.

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.

#### **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY ISSUE 25:**

FRIDAY 12th November 2004 e-mail: editor@glenkensgazette.com



