

GLENKENS GAZETTE

incorporating news from Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

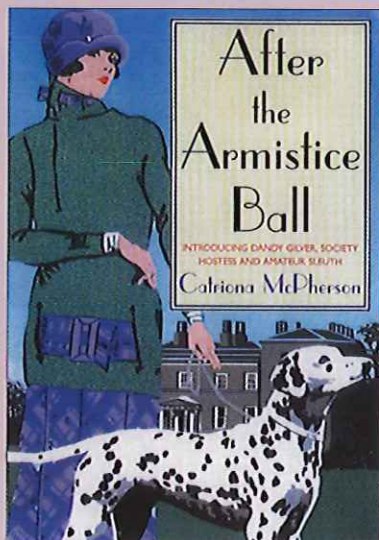
FREE IN : BALMACLELLAN ~ CARSPHAIRN ~ MOSSDALE ~ NEW GALLOWAY ~ ST. JOHN'S TOWN OF DALRY

June/July 2005

ISSUE 28

www.glenkensgazette.com

GALLOWAY THE SETTING FOR NEW CRIME WAVE !



After the Armistice Ball is the new novel by local author Catriona McPherson (of Fintloch, New Galloway). It is the first in a series of crime novels looking back to the golden age of amateur detectives. Dandy Gilver is bored to a whimper in the spring of 1922 – the War is over, her husband is home, her children are off at school – and a little light sleuthing seems like harmless fun. What starts as a case of theft, however, soon leads to a brutal murder in a lonely Solway cottage. Society and the Law would rather not rock the boat and it is up to Dandy alone to see that justice is done.

After the Armistice Ball is published by Constable on 28th July, and costs £16.99 in hardback. A launch is being held at Designs Gallery, Castle Douglas, 30th July at 6.30pm.



Catriona McPherson

BLAZE OF GLORY FOR GLENKENS FIRE CADETS



The Glenkens Fire Cadets are pictured here at their recent open evening at the New Galloway Fire Station. The event was held to give the local community, parents and councillors the opportunity to see for themselves the achievements of the cadets since their formation in September 2004.

The fifteen cadets demonstrated a selection of basic drills using fire-hoses, reels and ladders. They were then presented with Basic First Aid Certificates by Tony Turner, the Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee.

The project was set up with funding from the Local Action Fund. This fund is aimed at offering youngsters in Scotland opportunities to participate in positive activities which divert them away from anti-social behaviour. The cadets are able to learn teamwork and co-operation skills and benefit from self discipline and community responsibilities.

Norrie Davis, the Safety Commander from Dumfries and Galloway Fire and Rescue Service said "The youngsters deserve credit for all the effort they have put in so far."

IN THIS ISSUE...

2. Local Artists, NG Post Office
3. Community Council News
Morag Paterson
4. Walk towards new skills
5. Our Historic Burgh
NG Town Hall Clock
6. GCAT News - Forthcoming Events
7. GCAT News,
Liz Cole, The Worthies
GTI Bus News
8. Glenkens Schools Report
Dalry at Badaguish
9. Scouts News
Fire Safety Message
10. Church News
11. Glenkens Horticultural Show
12. Dates for your Diary



LOCAL ARTISTS

David Williams, Clatteringshaws

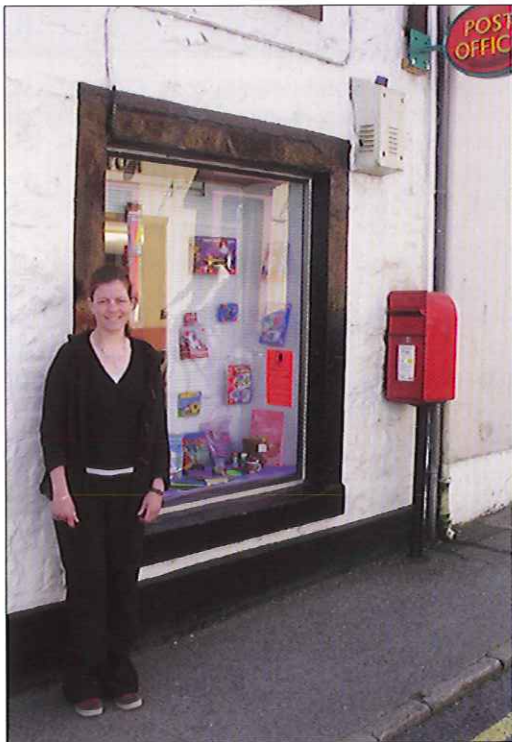
David Williams is an artist and sculptor who lives and works at Clatteringshaws Loch, near New Galloway. His artworks mainly take the form of automata, drawing engines, juggling machines and wall reliefs which are inspired by his fascination for astronomy, archaeology, mechanics, Greek geometry and other ancient sciences and technologies. He works with copper, leather, wood and other materials that historical scientists would have used. Although David's works are based on complex intellectual concepts and philosophies, they have an immediate and captivating appeal, especially for young children. "It is important that the sculptures are fun and accessible," says David.

Originally from the Black Country, David spent much of his career as a specialist teacher, lecturing in design, sculpture, prop making and special effects at colleges and universities up and down the country. He has exhibited at many galleries in the UK and abroad, including the Voltaire Gallery in London, the Paris International Design Biennale, the Saltburn Artists Gallery and the Gardner Arts Centre at The University of Sussex. He has undertaken many sculptural, pyrotechnic and mechanical commissions for a range of organisations such as The Woodlands Trust, The Teeside Development Corporation, The Middlesbrough Development Company and Rotary International, making a variety of pieces including clocks and timepieces and steel gateway sculptures.

David welcomes visitors to his studio, by appointment. If you are interested in seeing his fascinating work please give him a call on 01644 420811.



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



NEW GALLOWAY POST OFFICE

As you may be aware, the New Galloway Post Office is under new ownership. Fiona and Ian Oliver have lived in the Glenkens since July 2003 and took over from retiring Mr Eric Taylor at the beginning of March this year. Fiona predominantly works behind the counter as Ian is a postman covering Dalbeattie and Haugh of Urr. However, Ian is hoping to work a couple of afternoons a week in the Post Office too.

Fiona originally comes from York, and Ian from Lancashire, but the couple met whilst working in France 12 years ago. They have also travelled abroad and spent a year working on farms in Australia before settling back over here with their young family.

Fiona and Ian would like to thank everyone for their welcome and support both to the village itself and the Post Office.

Although no great changes are planned for the post office, you will notice a few differences. A larger range of gifts for children, books, cards and stationery are in place and Fiona and Ian would welcome any suggestions for improvements you may have. "We are here to help the community as much as we can," says Fiona.

Post Office services available in New Galloway include motor vehicle licences, foreign currency ordering, E111 and personal banking for Clydesdale, Cooperative, First Direct, Lloyds TSB, Smile, Cahoot and Alliance and Leicester. Utility bills can be paid at the Post Office and phone top-ups are also available.

Ken View, New Galloway, 4th April 2005

Following my retirement as Sub Postman at New Galloway, Marian & I would like to thank everyone concerned for the cards, gifts & donations received. Over the past 17 plus years we have received excellent support which has been very much appreciated and which will result in some happy memories of our working time here.

Thank you all once again and I hope that Ian and Fiona Oliver can benefit from your continued support.

Eric Taylor

BALMACLELLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Balmaclellan Community Council AGM was held in April. Alan Pallister stood down as chairman after 4 and a half years and was re-elected to the committee as vice-chairman. Although Alan has thoroughly enjoyed his time as chairman, he felt it time for a change and will still be active in the council in a supporting role. The Community Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking Alan for his service in his former position as chairman.

Jane Douglas was elected the new chairman and Joyce Harvey was re-elected as secretary. Fiona McKinnon was elected as treasurer although Jane Douglas will continue to administer the village hall bookings.

Other community council news is the arrival in Balmaclellan and Parton of recycling bins – they are for the collection of green, clear and brown glass items and are located on the left hand side of the hall in Balmaclellan and in the carpark at Parton next to the hall.

A number of members of the public attended the meeting to raise a variety of concerns over the recent planning permission to build three houses in the centre of the village at the site of the former petrol station. These points were noted and the discussions are ongoing.

The Village Hall is now awaiting external decoration and this should be completed in due course.

The May meeting of the Balmaclellan Community Council takes place on Monday 30 May to which members of the public are invited. FM

THE ROYAL BURGH OF NEW GALLOWAY & KELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting was held on 9th May in New Galloway Town Hall. At the meeting, Brian Edgar stood down as Provost after serving for 6 years which is the maximum term allowed under the constitution. He thanked all members for their support and hard work during his term in office and wished his successor all the best in the future.

Councillor Prentice then took the chair to invite nominations for the new Chairman/Provost. Mr. Gordon Lindsay was proposed and seconded, and there being no other nominations, he thanked the members for their confidence in him and accepted the position, moving up from his previous role as a hard working Vice Chairman.

The new Vice Chairman is Mrs. Margaret Sainsbury and Mr. John McGaw remains in the post of Treasurer. The secretarial duties will continue to be handled by Mrs. Cathy Hinton who is not a member of the Community Council.

At the monthly meeting which followed the main topic was the Town Hall. Mr. Derek Crichton, Area Manager for the Stewartry was in attendance. Many issues were raised regarding the Town Hall – disabled access, the broken town clock, leaking guttering, catering facilities, interior and exterior decoration amongst others. Mr. Crichton took note of all the concerns and agreed to arrange site visits from relevant council officials where necessary and to take whatever action was possible within the budget constraints.

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the March meeting, members heard about progress and continued their discussion of the following issues: location of the Youth Shelter; out-of-hours medical cover; the provision of a timetable at the bus shelter; tidying up of the Motte; progress with miscellaneous improvements of pavements, roads and verges; problems with street lights; the location of bottle banks in the village; the proposed windfarm at Blackcraig; affordable housing in the Glenkens and the Glenkens Walking Initiative.

Support was reported from various groups within the community regarding the possibility of an entry in the 'Beautiful Scotland in Bloom' competition. Representatives of Dalry Primary School attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the school's Eco Project which would tie in well with the village's entry. It was hoped that a meeting of interested parties would be held in the near future to appoint a sub-committee to oversee the entry arrangements.

PC Bruce updated members on outstanding and resolved police matters in the area.

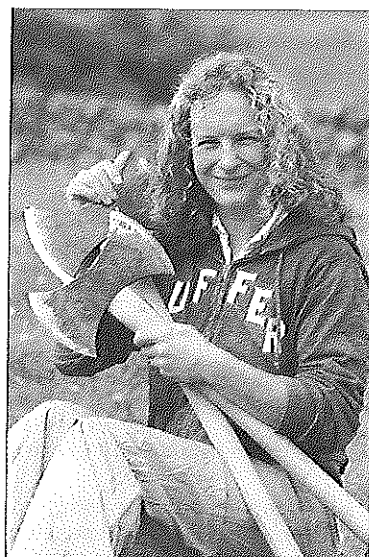
SUMMER CHOPPING SPREE FOR MORAG

Local axe-throwing ace Morag Paterson from Dalry will be competing in The Welsh Open Axe Throwing Championships at St Asaph which will be held on Saturday 4th June. This will be followed by the Scottish Open Axe Throwing Championships on Sunday 12th June at Treefest in Edinburgh.

Many competitors from all over the UK are expected at both events and hopefully some MSPs will be coming to join in at Treefest on 12th June.

Morag is the current British Open Axe-Throwing Champion. The Glenkens Gazette wishes her the best of luck in her forthcoming competitions.

For more information please contact Morag Paterson on 01644 430601 / 07788801842 or Sammy Lee on 01387 740352 / 07771687747



Carsphairn Show

Saturday 4th June

SHEEP CLASSES FOR :

Blackface, Blue Faced Leicester, Mules, 'any other breed'

**DOG TRIALS (ENTRIES CLOSED)
DOGS, CHILDRENS' PETS, SPORTS,
HILL RACE, INDUSTRIAL SECTION
CRAFT TENT, DANCE AT NIGHT**

entries on day - secretary:

Jean Gibbon

01644 460244

CRAFT AND EXHIBITION MARQUEE

(Sponsored by Carsphairn Community Windfarm Trust)

**If you would like to rent a space for
selling or demonstrating crafts or
produce, please phone above number**

The Glenkens Show

The 2005 Glenkens Show will take place this year on Saturday 13 August in the standing stone field between New Galloway and Dalry. As well as classes for cattle, sheep and other livestock there will be fun activities for all the family. If you would like to enter any of the classes or for more details please contact Rosie Mair on 01644 450223. Look out, too, for more information in the August/September issue of the Glenkens Gazette.

The Glenkens Speed Shear

Saturday 11th June

7.00pm

Viewfield

BBQ and Bar

Tickets £2.50 at the gate

FUNDRAISING FOR DALRY NURSERY

GLENKENS COMPUTER SERVICES

*The oldest computer service in the Glenkens
Serving the community for 18 Years*

**New Galloway and Balmaclellan exchange will
have ADSL broadband 2MB link
by 22nd June 2005.**

**DALRY exchange will have ADSL Broadband
2MB link by 13th July 2005.**

CALL Mike on 01644 430 162

or Maggi on 01644 430 161

Contact us for help and advice (FREE) in choosing a Broadband
connection (there are many service suppliers and prices from £15 to
£40 per month to choose from)

And for help setting it up and getting online securely.

New computers built to order – private and business use -

Prices from £400) 12 months FREE help and support

Refurbished computers from £150 (when available- call)

All Hardware and software Upgrades and repairs carried out –

PCs all versions of Windows and Linux

and Macs all versions

Help/Tuition and support for all computers and level of user

Computer running slow, crashing or freezing - Problems

sorted – Viruses removed – Spyware removed

We have compiled a CD/DVD of the best Freeware and Shareware
software available today - £5, FREE if you use our services.

We run a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year
service so call or Email any time

Mike Kaye – 8 Townhead Crescent, Dalry,

DG7 3UR. Phone 01644 430 162

E-Mail: mike@glenken.fsnet.co.uk

Walk towards new skills!

Do you have a spare few hours each week?

Are you interested in walking?

Are you sociable?

Become a Walking group Leader with us and
get:

- Free Training
- Free Equipment and clothing
- Travel Expenses
- An improved C.V. and potential job references
- Opportunities throughout the Stewartry
- A chance to make a difference to your
community



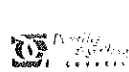
**Stewartry Walking
for Health**

For More Information Contact:

Peter Corson, Stewartry LHP Offices, 67 Queen Street, Castle
Douglas, DG7 1EG

Tel. 01556 502386 or 07736086161

E-mail peter.corson@nhs.net

**Forrest Estate**

**Dalry, Castle Douglas
SAWMILL**

we can supply:-

sawn gate posts, stobs, rails,
boards, pegs, sarking, cladding,
deer fencing, sawdust, woodchip

all timber pressure treated

sawn to order or many items

available from stock

phone for availability and prices

tel 01644 430230

fax 01644 430405

email: office@forrestestate.com

Our professional
services for your
business and financial
needs.....

**MANSON
& PARTNERS**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

51 RAE STREET

DUMFRIES DG1 1JD

Telephone 01387 269726

Facsimile: 01387 259039

Website: www.mansonandpartners.co.uk

GILLESPIE GIFFORD & BROWN

**Solicitors
Estate Agents &**

Independent Financial Advisors

☎ 01556 503744 ☎

e-mail: mail@ggblaw.co.uk

OFFICES IN :

CASTLE DOUGLAS, DALBEATTIE

KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DUMFRIES

Glenkens Gazette Advertising Rates 2005

Advert	Format	Size	Price per issue	Discount for Block of 3 ads
Basic Small	Black & white	6cm x 6cm	£15.00	10%
Basic Small	Colour	6cm x 6cm	£30.00	10%
Quarter page	Black & white	9cm x 13.5cm	£35.00	10%
Quarter page	Colour	9cm x 13.5cm	£65.00	25%
Half page	Colour	13cm x 18cm	£120.00	25%
Full page	Colour	18cm x 27cm	£200.00	25%

Contact

To place an advert please contact the Glenkens Gazette on 01644 420374

J & M SLOAN

THERE ARE MANY SHOPS IN OLD DALRY
WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT ALONE,
BUT IF SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO BUY,
TRY AT J & M SLOAN.

always pleased to see you at

**34 MAIN STREET,
ST JOHN'S TOWN OF DALRY
DG7 3UW**

TEL 01644 430368 FAX

NEW GALLOWAY - *Our Historic Burgh*

by Helen Bolton PART XXV

St Margaret's Church

Towards the end of the 19th Century the need was felt, in New Galloway, for a more permanent home for the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Prior to 1882 occasional services were taken by the Rev W M Ramsay, Rector of St Ninians, Castle Douglas, who travelled to various local towns on a small pony.

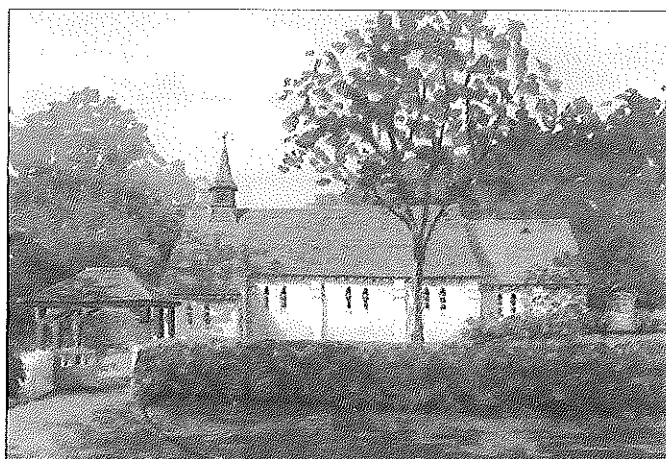
Miss Jane Maitland of Kenmure, great-niece of Adam Gordon, the last Viscount Kenmure, and her cousin Miss Copland of Colliston, pioneered St. Margaret's Church, New Galloway, each contributing generously to the expenses involved, and Miss Maitland undertook to engage clergy to take services during the holiday period when many visitors from England would be staying in the area. Services were held in New Galloway Town Hall lower hall, but by 1903 the numbers had increased so much that the congregation overflowed into passages and onto the stairs!

Some action was needed and meetings were held at "The Cottage", the home of Mr and Mrs John Courtenay, attended by Miss Maitland, Mr Augustus Spalding of "The Holm", Balmaclellan, and his sister the Hon Mrs John Grey. It was decided that a small church should be built in New Galloway and just over £100 was promised by the members of the committee.

Mr Courtenay drew up a rough sketch and a plan was prepared by Mr W H Harrison, a London architect. A site next to "The Cottage" was chosen, and Mr Courtenay supervised the building which was undertaken by local tradesmen Mr R Johnstone and Mr Wm Harley.

By 17th August 1904 the new Episcopal Church of St Margaret of Scotland was complete, at a cost of just over £512, the entire cost being covered by money subscribed.

The new Church was dedicated on 20th August 1904 the Dean of the Diocese deputising for Bishop Campbell. Music was supplied by the choir and organist of St John's Church, Dumfries. There were no less than five clergymen in the large congregation present at the service. When Bishop Campbell visited St Margaret's later, he was greatly impressed by the little Church and its furnishings, and he praised the committee for their energy and enthusiasm which had led to the building of this fine Church.



Miss Maitland moved to Dumfries about this time and as Mr Spalding and his sister were only autumn residents, church affairs became almost the entire responsibility of Mr and Mrs Courtenay, a situation they accepted for a period of ten years.

The Hon Mrs Grey died in late 1907 leaving a bequest of £1000 and also her organ and music to St Margaret's. Unfortunately the organ was found to be unsuitable and was sold for £15, this money becoming the foundation of a permanent organ fund.

As a lasting memorial to his sister, Mr Spalding had a chancel erected, 21 feet long, slightly narrower than the nave, with oak panelling and flooring, built by Mr Johnstone and Mr Coskerie. Two stained glass windows in the chancel were given in memory of Helen Mary Grey.

Bishop Campbell consecrated the Church on 10th September 1908 and a confirmation service was held the following year.

Much of the material for this article was taken from the booklet "The History of the Episcopal Church of St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway 1904-2004." This booklet is available from the Reverend John Repath at the Rectory. The above painting by Derk Pelly is available as a postcard at the Church.

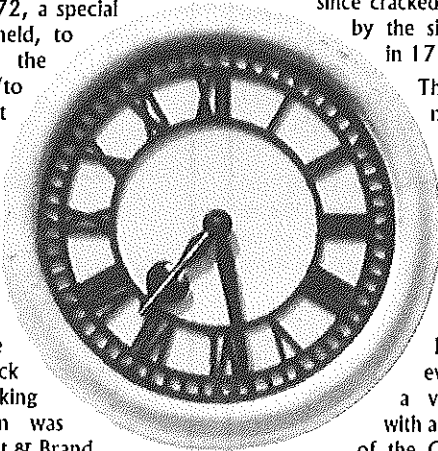
The New Galloway Town Hall Clock

A few minutes ago the Town Hall clock struck twelve times. However according to GMT, the BBC and all the clocks and watches in the house, the actual time is 10.25. So be it. New Galloway time is what it is and, as the sun is shining, at least we agree that it's daytime.

On December 13, 1872, a special Council meeting was held, to make an attempt, in the words of the Minutes, "to remove a stigma that had for many years adhered to the Burgh, in consequence of the utterly worthless condition of the Town Clock as a timekeeper, considering that numerous fruitless efforts had been made to bring the old Clock into an ordinary working state." A quotation was obtained from Mrs Gillet & Brand, of Croydon, Surrey, to supply a clock of first-rate workmanship with a patent gravity escapement and four illuminated dials, the figures and minutes of cast iron and glazed with patent opal glass, for the sum of £120.

Subscriptions were raised, ranging from one shilling to Mrs Maxwell of Glenlee's gift of £20.10 shillings. Viscountess Kenmure

donated £3. There were 272 subscribers in all, raising a total of £187. 8 shillings and 5 pence; this included 5 shillings and sixpence from 'A Friend to Time' and 2 shillings and sixpence from 'Punctuality'. Mrs Louise Bellamy Gordon paid for the recasting of the large bell, long since cracked, which had been given by the sixth Viscount Kenmure in 1711.



The Clock was set in motion by Mrs Maxwell, under the instruction of Charles Price of the Croydon Horological Works, one minute before noon on Friday, September 20, 1872. A Public Dinner was given to the Provost in honour of the event. Four months later, a violent storm, coupled with a defect in the installation of the Clock, caused the West face to fall out and be destroyed. It was replaced at a cost of £17. 2 shillings.

Today the works of the "utterly worthless" clock may be inspected in Kircudbright Museum.

Sometimes one wonders if History doesn't repeat itself?

Ron Russell

(Picture : Town Clock photographed mid-afternoon)

DEREK HENDERSON & PARTNERS

CASTLE DOUGLAS SURGERY HOURS

Mon-Fri 2.00-2.30 pm & 5-6 pm
Sat 2-2.30 pm

DALBEATTIE SURGERY HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri 3-3.30 pm
Tues & Thurs 6-6.30 pm

FOR APPOINTMENTS AT BOTH SURGERIES
OR IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

☎ 01556 502263 ☎

VETERINARY SURGERY
OAKWELL ROAD
CASTLE DOUGLAS

LOCH ARTHUR CREAMERY

ORGANIC FARM SHOP

Beeswing, Dumfries / ☎ (01387) 760298

AWARD WINNING ORGANIC FARMHOUSE CHEESES

FRESH BREADS, ORGANIC MEAT, EGGS & VEGETABLES

AND AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF DELICIOUS ORGANIC & LOCAL FOODS

PLUS OUR SUPERB SELECTION OF BASKETS, PLATTERS & CRAFTS

Different, Delicious & Definitely worth a visit!

Open: Monday - Friday 9am-5.30pm

Now Open Saturdays - 10am-3pm

From Beeswing, take the New Abbey Road. Signs after 50m

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

THE ALTERNATIVE GAMES WEEKEND

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 August 2005

Alternative Burns Supper

The Alternative Games Weekend will take place this year from Friday 5 August until Sunday 7 August. It kicks off on Friday evening with the Alternative Burns Supper in New Galloway Town Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the beginning of July and cost £8.50 each.

Glenkens Children's Festival

The Glenkens Children's Festival is happening again on Saturday 6 August at New Galloway Town Park. There will be loads of fun activities including a magician, storytelling, great performances, circus skills and lots of stalls. The event is free of charge and takes place from 12 noon until 4pm.

Alternative Games

The 2005 Alternative Games will be on Sunday 7 August, again in New Galloway Town Park. Now in its 28th year, this fun day out will again include the World Gird n' Cleek Championship. Look out for more details on The Alternative Games Weekend in the August/September issue of the Glenkens Gazette.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GCAT has been busy putting together a great variety of arts events and activities for the coming autumn and winter. The Gaelforce Festival, in particular, has been very supportive and has awarded GCAT two grants to bring performers to the Glenkens in September and October, including a visit by the renowned folk musician, Dick Gaughan. The Gaelforce Youth Festival has awarded funding for another visit by Scottish Youth Dance's Y-Dance project who will visit Dalry School, as well as support for the new production by Working Party, a Glasgow-based theatre company. This show will feature the latest work by Edwin Morgan, one of Scotland's most celebrated poets. In addition there will be more stand-up comedy with the Geordie "randomist" Ross Noble and lots more literary and book events. Whatever your taste, there really is something for everyone, right here on your doorstep.

GCAT News by e-mail

Would you like to receive regular updates and information on GCAT events by e-mail? To join our growing e-mailing list contact Karen on 01644 420374 or send an e-mail to karend@glenkensbb2.co.uk asking to join.

GLENKENS ART EXHIBITION

The 2005 Glenkens Art Exhibition will take place in Dalry Town Hall from Thursday 21 July until Sunday 24 July. The exhibition, which offers original works for sale by local artists, is open to the public from the Thursday until the Sunday, from 10am -8pm each day, except Sunday, when it will be open from 10am until 6pm.

Last year's exhibition was a huge success with 20 local artists, both professional and amateur, displaying over 70 pieces of work. The quality and range of the works on display was very impressive, and of a consistently high standard.

All artists living in the Glenkens 01644 telephone code area are eligible to enter, although there are restrictions on the number and type of exhibits which you may submit. If you would like an entry form with rules of entry, you can pick them up from shops and post offices around the Glenkens, as well as the GCAT shop, or you can call GCAT on 01644 420374 if you would like one posted out to you.

The Schools' Art Competition is run every year in conjunction with the Glenkens Art Exhibition. It is always very successful with a high standard of entry. It is part of the celebration of Art in the Glenkens, showcased in Dalry Town Hall from 21-24 July. We hope pupils and parents alike will come along to see the children's work. Each year it is judged by a different local artist, this year by Roy Hooker.

PLAY IT BY EAR 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Tony Bonning's hugely enjoyable Play it by Ear music and storytelling workshops for pre-school children have been running in venues across the Stewartry for ten years now. To mark this anniversary the Glenkens Play it by Ear group will be hosting a special celebration session in Balmaclellan Village Hall on Monday 13 June. The regular sessions will then take a break for a few months over the summer. They will start up again for the next season on Monday 12 September. Thereafter they will take place on the second Monday of every month until further notice. The session lasts an hour, from 1.30pm – 2.30pm and Costs £2.00 per carer / child and £2.00 for each child thereafter. For more information please call GCAT on 01644 420374 or Alison Caldwell on 01644 420272.

GTI NEWS

KEITH COOPER, GTI ADMINISTRATOR

The Glenkens Transport Initiative has a new administrator, Keith Cooper, who was appointed in April thanks to a grant from the Scottish Executive. Keith is a retired police officer from Laurieston who has been active in recent years as secretary of Gatehouse Golf Club. He also serves on Kirkcudbright Golf Club Committee.

If you have any enquiries regarding the community mini-bus or if you would like to book the bus, set up a user group or go on one of the summer bus trips, please give Keith a call on 01644 420374.

TRIPS

A series of trips is being planned for the summer to venues including the Falkirk Wheel, The Burrell Collection in Glasgow, Ladies Night at Ayr Races (Sat 6th August) and a re-enactment of a Siege of Caerlaverock Castle (Sat 30th July).

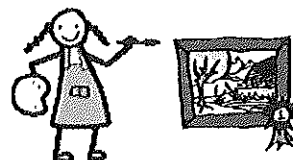
200 CLUB

It has been decided to discontinue this fund raising club. GTI wish to thank all those who have supported this club, and hope they will continue to support any future fundraising events.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Artists are invited to submit
work for the

Glenkens Annual Art Exhibition 2005



To be held in Dalry Town Hall
21st-24th July 2005

Entry forms are available
here and at:

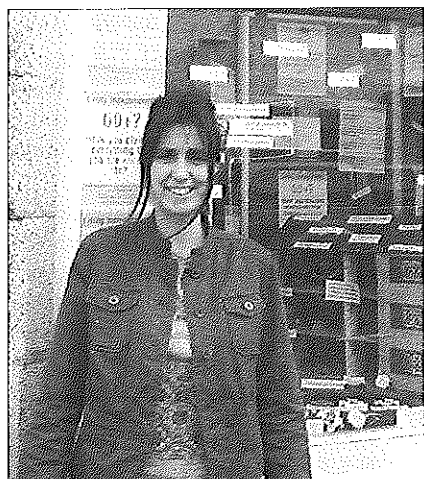
**Glenkens Community &
Arts Trust,
GCAT Shop, High Street,
New Galloway
DG7 3RN
Tel: 01644 420374**

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

LIVING INDEPENDENTLY ? 60+ ?

**'Have you claimed
everything
that you are entitled to?'**



Liz Cole has commenced a two year post with the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) funded by The Pension Service Partnership Fund. Her role is to support people in Glenkens who are over the age of sixty by giving information and advice with regards to benefit entitlement and how to make a claim. Guidance can be given on the telephone and appointments can be made for home visits.

Her career history involves over ten years experience as a Counsellor, including being employed at Strathclyde University for eight years as a Counsellor and Welfare Adviser for students. Liz is also a qualified Aromatherapist and practices in Montalve, where she lives with her partner and two young children.

The work that Liz is involved with is absolutely valuable. Statistics show that:

- there are 121,973 people over 75 years old living alone in Scotland
- every year up to £2.9 billion remains unclaimed by older people
- 1.8 million pensioners are failing to claim their council tax benefit entitlement, missing the chance to cut their bills by an average of £470 per household.

Benefits, services and automatic payments that Liz can give information and advice on include Pension Credit, Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit, Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Winter Fuel Payments, Cold Weather Payments, Warm Deal, The Central Heating Programme, The Care and Repair Scheme and Improvements and Repair Grants, together with help with health costs and other services to help older people live independently.

If you are 60 or over and want to find out confidentially what you are entitled to and how to apply, or you require help with form-filling, you can make an appointment with Liz on 01644 420374.

**Let's work together to stay
independent'**

THE WORTHIES



GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

NEWTON STEWART SCHEDULED SERVICE

A new service will operate every Thursday leaving the Glenkens at 1.00pm to Newton Stewart. Drop-off/pick-up points are available en route, with the return journey leaving Newton Stewart at 4.45pm giving plenty of time for swimming, bowling or enjoying the other facilities available. The return fare to Newton Stewart will be £3.00. Full details of this new service plus details of all other trips are available from the GTI Office and will also be advertised locally.

EVENING BUS SERVICE FROM THE GLENKENS TO DUMFRIES

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 leave just over an hour for other possible activities e.g. swimming, ice skating, golf range, meet friends etc. It can be arranged with the driver to drop off/pick up at other points in Dumfries, however a small extra fare would be payable if this involved going off the designated route.

PLEASE NOTE -

To be sure of your seat it is advisable to pre-book by contacting the GCAT Shop (420374) - THIS CAN BE DONE RIGHT UP TO 5pm ON THE DAY OF TRAVEL. Otherwise you can board the bus at the advertised stops provided there are unreserved seats available.

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 WINNERS

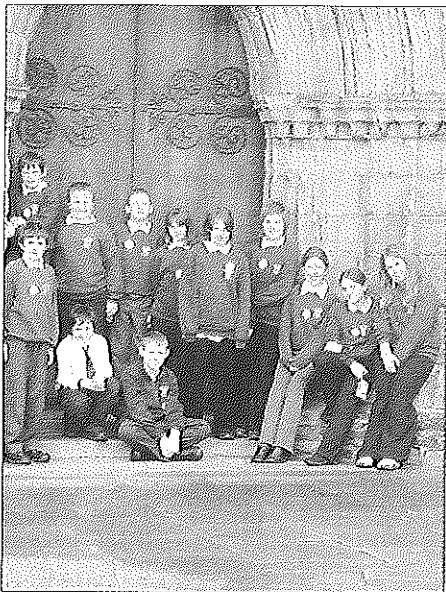
APRIL

1st : 23 - John McGaw, 2nd : 183 - Mrs Bente Sander, 3rd : 26 - Mrs Merrill

GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDED ACTIVITIES ADVENTURE

Dalry pupils were rewarded with an all expenses-paid trip to Badaguish for their hard work with their science presentation

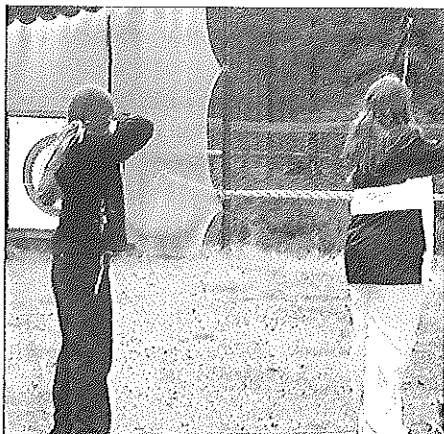


The cathedral at Dunblane

P7 at Dalry were treated to an all-expenses paid trip to an outdoor centre at Badaguish near Aviemore from 27 to 29 April. This was as a result of their presentation to teachers at this year's SETT conference. At that conference was Sean Doyle (Project Officer, Royal Observatory, Edinburgh) who declared that the Dalry pupils were by far the best presenters at this year's conference! Praise indeed.

Sean was asked to provide speakers for Continuing Professional Development to teachers and scientists at the observatory. He immediately thought of P7 Dalry.

The Badaguish trip was the last presentation the children were to make and Sean provided not just the transport, accommodation and food but also a whole day's worth of activities as a reward. The activities included abseiling, high wire walking, zip-wire flying, archery, orienteering, problem solving activities and mountain biking.



Caitlin and Gillian at the archery



Andrew Heard on the high rope preparing to jump down! Yes really!

"It was excellent" said Andrew Heard - "the best holiday ever"

"The food was superb," said Ali Harvie, "we ate with the scientists and teachers and there was a chef from a nearby 5-star restaurant who was brought in to cook for us; all the meals were 3 courses and we got food like venison pate, smoked salmon and it was all delicious."

"Yes," said Rosalind, "and on the second night all the mountain bikers - who had cycled about 15 miles - started to fall asleep at the table they were so tired."

"Yes, and the orange juice that Mrs Brown gave us was additive free, but the orange at Badaguish had a very intoxicating effect on some of us! We had a great time. I hope P6 get a chance to go next year."

"I liked the trip round the Cathedral at Dunblane. We were taken up the tower and shown where the people of Dunblane hid when they were attacked" said Alasdair Mackinnon.

"I really enjoyed the archery," said Gillian Comrie. "It was quite easy to hit the target, but freezing cold!"

"The whole trip was great," agreed Sandra Brown, class teacher. "We must never forget how lucky we are here in the Glenkens - our children are wonderful ambassadors for themselves, their parents, the school and Dumfries and Galloway. All of the scientists and teachers commented on what brilliantly knowledgeable kids they are - but more than that they are nice kids. Mr Carmichael and I



The children after their presentation with Sean Doyle.

were really proud of them."

"I would like to take the opportunity to express my profound gratitude to you and

your pupils on behalf of South East Earth and Space Consortium," said Sean Doyle, "and for presenting such a wonderful display and talk on the Dalry School Weather-watch and Globe Watch projects. Everyone at the teachers' CPD event found the presentation both stimulating and interesting (and this is reflected in written evaluations). I am sure that the pupils' endorsement of the Globe Project will encourage other schools around Scotland to participate in such an inspiring, worthwhile and empowering scheme.

"I wish every success to the pupils involved in carrying on through their lives with their scientific and meteorological skills. You must be very proud of these pupils who inspire others to follow their example in becoming excellent scientists."

MACMILLAN SUMMER FAIR

The Glenkens Macmillan Cancer Relief will be hosting their annual charity summer fair at Newfield Farm, Dalry on Sunday 26 June 2004 at 2pm (by kind permission of the Edgar family).

This year's activities include a furniture auction run by David Finlay, line dancing, tea in the byre, pancake ladies and stalls which include plants, home baking and bric-a-brac. There will also be a grand raffle.

Any donations of furniture for the auction or bric-a-brac for the stall will be most welcome.

Please come along and support a very worthy cause! For further information or if you have a donation, please contact Elizabeth McFegan on 01644 430232

ALASDAIR MORGAN

*Member of the Scottish Parliament
for the South of Scotland*

Will hold a surgery in

Dalry Town Hall

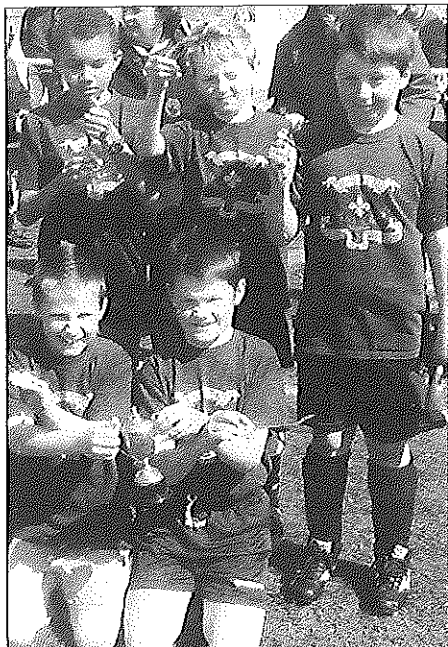
at

11:00 a.m.

on Monday 20th June

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE
TELEPHONE 0870 240 7268**

GLENKENS SCOUT NEWS



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Stewartry District Cub Scout Packs held their annual 5-a-side Football Tournament at Threave Rovers ground. There was great sportsmanship shown throughout the afternoon and the spectators were well entertained. Look out Wayne Rooney! Six teams entered, Gatehouse, Castle Douglas - Urr and Glenkens had two teams each. Glenkens and Castle Douglas battled it out in the final with the Glenkens taking the cup. Well done!!

HELP NEEDED

The Group held their AGM and although the Beavers, Cub Scouts and Scouts all have healthy numbers, the need for extra adult help was highlighted, especially within the Beaver Colony and Scout Troop. As an adult working with young people in a voluntary capacity you would have a unique role to play in their lives. Scouting makes a positive contribution to society by helping young people to develop as active members of the community. Scouting is a movement with a clear purpose. Our promise and law, if applied in daily life, can make the world a better place. It is up to us as adults to help young people apply the principles to their everyday lives – a challenging task, but worth every minute of it! If you can help please contact Heather: 01644 420375.

JUMBLE SALE

The young members of the Glenkens Scout Group would like to thank the Group Committee, parents and friends of Scouting who all worked so hard to make our recent Jumble Sale such a success, to everyone who generously donated goods and to all who came and purchased. An amazing £1,236 was raised, the best ever. Your continued support is much appreciated.

REGULAR USER GROUPS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE DALRY

Monday 1.30 - 4.30pm Paint and Art
Bill Hines - 01644 430224

Monday - Friday 9.15 - 11.45am Glenkens Playgroup
Julie Moore - 01644 460687

Wednesday 1.30 - 3.00pm Glenkens Mother & Toddlers Sarah-Jane Mackenzie 01644 430429

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

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

Drama Club
Harvey Hamilton 01644 430398

**For further details on booking the
Community Centre or any other
information needed please contact
Bill Hines 01644 430224**

**(Very reasonable rates for
private hire)**

Community Fire Safety Message MAKING YOUR HOMES SAFER

Having a BBQ should be a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. But cooking over hot coals can be hazardous. It is easy to be distracted when you have your family and friends around you whilst cooking. To avoid injuries or damage to property follow these simple tips:

- Make sure that your BBQ is in good order
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies
- Make sure your BBQ site is flat and well away from sheds, fences, trees and shrubs
- Use only enough charcoal to cover the base of the BBQ to a depth of about 50mm (two inches)
- Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area
- Never leave the BBQ unattended
- When you have finished cooking, make sure the BBQ is cool before trying to move it. Empty ashes onto bare garden soil
- Never put ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin. If they are hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire
- Remember – BBQ's should never be lit indoors

GAS BBQ'S

- Bottled gas BBQ's need special care when being turned on and off
- Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder
- Change the gas cylinder in the open air if possible, or open doors and windows to provide good ventilation
- When you have finished cooking turn off the gas cylinder before the BBQ controls to ensure any gas in the pipeline is used up

If you suspect a leak to gas cylinder or pipework:

- Brush soapy water around all joints and watch for bubbles
- If you find a leaky joint, try to tighten it, but don't over tighten it

STORING GAS CYLINDERS

- Do not keep more spare cylinders than you need
- Store gas cylinders outside
- Keep gas cylinders away from frost and direct sunlight
- Never store gas cylinders under the stairs of your home – if you are upstairs this is your means of escape from a fire
- Enjoy yourself, but remember – too much alcohol and fire never mix!



NEW
Traditional
Thai
massage

Complete
your day
with an
appointment
in our HAIR
STUDIO

ELEMIS
Products &
Treatments

HOLISTICS SPA & THERAPY CENTRE

229 King Street, Castle Douglas

Full/Half Day Spa £89/£49

Try our Anti-stress, New Energy Detox, Anti-Ageing, Luxury or Bridal Day programmes. Light Lunch included. Individual consultations available in Acupuncture, Allergy Testing, Aromatherapy, Bowen Technique, Craniosacral Indian Head Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology, Reiki, Spa Treatments, Sports/Remedial Therapy and Thai massage. 100% Natural Skin Products & Gifts. Gift Vouchers & Mail Order available.

01556 504 503

GLENKENS BROADBAND

Glenkens Broadband Ltd has been set up as a private business specifically to install and administer rural (community) networks in SW Scotland as a WISP (Wireless Internet Service Provider) using satellite systems.

Broadband offers significant benefits to businesses through cost-effective, fast and immediate access to Internet resources. One of the great benefits of broadband is the permanent always-on Internet connection it provides.

We are currently installing equipment at business and domestic premises around Dalry, Forrest Glen and Upper Glenkens, Balmacellan, New Galloway, Parton, Laurieston and Moniaive.

from £17.50 per month (domestic)
£37+VAT (business)

**TO SIGN UP FOR THE SERVICE OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**Jim Steel or Chris Macneill
on 0845 056 8655**

Email: broadband@glenkensbb.co.uk
Website : www.glenkens.uk.net

Educated Guesswork Ltd.

All your
PC & Networking
problems solved....



**Repairs
Upgrades
New Sales
Tuition**

(Group or One-to-One)

Visit

**www.eguesswork.co.uk
for full details**

**Services provided on-site
and usually same day**

**Over 20 years experience
in Hardware and Software**

**Call 01644 470384 or Email
info@eguesswork.co.uk**

TIMES OF WORSHIP IN THE GLENKENS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sundays

Balmacellan 12.00 noon 1st
Carsphairn 10.30 am 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Dalry 9.00 am 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Dalry (July) 10.30 am 5th
Kells 10.30 am 2nd 3rd 4th

Special Services and Events

Friday 10th June, 6.30 pm
Pot-Luck Supper at Dalry Manse
Sunday 12th June, 3 pm
Conventicle at the Lorg
(extreme north corner of Dalry parish)

**Kells Church is up Kirk Road
above New Galloway**

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH (C of E)

St Margaret's, New Galloway

10.30am Holy Communion

Every Sunday and Wednesday

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

St John's, Castle Douglas

Masses on -

Saturday 6pm & Thursday 7pm

GLENKENS MEDICAL PRACTICE

**General Medical &
Dispensing Services**

*The Surgery
High Street
New Galloway*

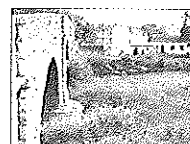
*The Surgery
Kirkland Street
Dalry*

FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL

☎ 01644 420234 ☎

the KenBRIDGE

hotel



New Galloway

**OPEN
7 DAYS**

Beautiful Riverside Location
Traditional Log Fire

MEALS SERVED

12.00 - 2.00pm, 5.30 - 8.30pm

bed and breakfast
en suite accommodation

☎ 01644 420211 ☎

Glenkens and District Music Club

presents the

Hand/Dupré Guitar Duo

Tom Hand and Richard Dupré

- Mendelssohn • Greig • Gershwin •
- Debussy • Satie • Albeniz •

Saturday 4 June
Dalry Town Hall

8.00pm

- wine bar •

tickets at the door:

£7 (children free)

programme: www.gdmc.freeuk.com

Gordon McAdam Plumbing & Heating Engineer

22 Kirkland Street
St. John's Town of Dalry

☎ 01644 430393 ☎

07834 321789



GLENKENS HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2005

Well it's that time of the year again - The Glenkens Annual Flower & Vegetable Show will be held in the Town Hall at Dalry on Saturday 27 August.

We are looking for exhibitors in all classes and don't worry you don't have to be a Delia, Jamie Oliver or Alan Titchmarsh to enter. What we are looking for is participation from as many of the Glenkens residents as possible. There is a class for everyone, even for me. I've never entered anything like this before and my husband says you can lay paving stones with my scones. Last year was the first time I have ever really grown vegetables but I will be there.

Entries in Sections 1-7 are open to people of any age who live in the Glenkens. In Section 8 the Seniors classes are open to young people aged from 12 to 16 and the Junior section is open to children aged 6 to 11 and aged 5 and under.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRIES

Entry forms should be returned to Margaret Sharpe at 69 Main Street, Dalry BEFORE 6pm on the Monday prior to the show. (Monday, August 22) Entry fees should be included with entry forms. Photo exhibits (Class 85) should also be submitted with entry forms. Entries in Section VIII (Seniors Juniors) can be made by telephone, 01644 430 326. For additional information please refer to the schedule, which is now free. Schedules and entry forms are available from your local Post Office and Dalry Garden Centre. If you have any questions that are not explained in the schedule please call Alan Wright on 01644 430 281 who will only be too pleased to help.

The Glenkens show is part of its history and community involvement, so now that we have made an appeal to potential exhibitors we would like to ask for as many visitors to come to see the range of local produce, handicrafts, flowers plants and vegetables, so please, as many of you who can, come down for a great afternoon. Here you can meet old friends (young ones as well) and make new ones. It could even possibly give you the enthusiasm to have a go next year yourself.

Joan Berkley

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible



**Glenkens
Playgroup**



in partnership with



**Dumfries
& Galloway
COUNCIL**

Education Department

managed by a local committee of Mums
**For more information please contact
Mrs Julie Moore 01644 460687**



Carrick's of Carsphairn
Main Street, Carsphairn
Convenience Store

Groceries & Household
Vegetables, Salad & Fruit
Dairy & Filled Rolls
Hot & Cold Drinks, Sweets
Newspapers & Tobacco
Fishing Licences
Off-Licence

Post Office open 11:00 to 1:00
Monday to Saturday
PHONE TOP-UP'S ALL DAY
01644 460211



www.clogandshoe.co.uk

SHOES BOOTS CLOGS AND SANDALS.
MADE TO MEASURE OR FROM STOCK
Send for a catalogue or visit
THE CLOG AND SHOE WORKSHOP
Balmacellan
Castle Douglas
DG7 3QE
Tel 01644 420465
Fax 01644 420777
footwear@clogandshoe.co.uk



Opening Times 10am-5pm weekdays
In winter ring before making a special journey
12 miles north of Castle Douglas,
follow the "thistle signs" from the A713
(footwear for special needs only by appointment)

marr financial services



Independent financial advisers & mortgage consultants

**Pensions - Savings - Investments
Retirement & Inheritance Tax Planning
Life Assurance - Protection - Mortgages**

For advice on any of the above,
or to review your existing arrangements,
contact your local adviser:

Brian J. Edgar MLIA(dip)
Tel. 01644 420288 or 07808 322421

Main Office: Central Office,
20-22 Victoria Street,
Newton Stewart DG8 6BT

Tel 01671 404540 Fax 01671 402549
e-mail - advice@marrfinancial.co.uk
web - www.marrfinancial.co.uk

An Appointed Representative of Sesame Ltd
YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A
MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST.

GCAT - BRINGING GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TO THE GLENKENS JUNE - JULY PROGRAMME



GLENKENS PLAY IT BY EAR

2nd Monday of each month, 1.30pm

Balmaclellan Village Hall

Music, song and percussion workshops for pre-school children and their carers. The June session will be the last before the summer holidays. The new season will begin in September.

Contact Alison Caldwell 01644 420272

Tickets - £2.00 per adult/child combo



IN FLAGRANT DELIGHT

Friday 3 June, 7.30pm

Dalry School

Dundee's Michael Marra, one of Scotland's most original and talented songwriters and performers, will be joining forces with Glaswegian poet and playwright Liz Lochhead at Dalry School on Friday 3 June, for an evening which promises to be an explosion of unadulterated delights.

Tickets £7 (£5) at the door or in advance from GCAT Shop, High St, New Galloway (01644 420374)



GLENKENS ART EXHIBITION

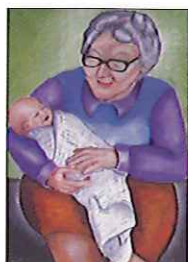
Thursday 21- Sunday 24 July,

10am - 8pm (6pm Sun)

Dalry Town Hall

The annual exhibition of work from local artists living in the Glenkens. This is an excellent opportunity to view and/or purchase local artworks. Details for entering artwork are to be found on page 6.

Admission to Exhibition is free



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@glenkensbb.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.

Karen Donald is our chief co-ordinator so if you have a good story but aren't able to write it yourself please get in touch with her. She will be very happy to carry out interviews and undertake research to get your story written. Telephone 01644 420374.

GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

JUNE

GTI minibus to Peebles

Thurs 2nd Leaves 9am, returns 5pm. Call 01644 420374 to book

Glenkens and District Music Club Sat 4th, Hand/Dupre Guitar Duo, Dalry Town Hall, 8.00pm. £7 (children free)

Carsphairn Show Sat 4th, call Jean Gibbon 01644 460244.

Glenkens Speed Shear Sat 11th, Viewfield, 7pm. £2.50

Alasdair Morgan MSP, Mon 20th, Surgery, Dalry Town Hall. 11am. For an appointment please call 0870 240 7268.

A Wartime Tea Dance Thu 30th, Dalry Town Hall, 2.00-4.30pm All welcome

JULY

Scotland's Garden Scheme Sun 3rd -

Open day at Hensol Garden, Mossdale 2-5pm

GTI Minibus Trip to Caerlaverock Castle Seige re-enactment Sat 30th Tel 01644 420374

After the Armistice Ball Book Launch Sat 30th Designs Gallery, Castle Douglas, 6.30pm

Scotland's Garden Scheme Sun 31st Open day at Arndarroch Cottage, Dalry 2-5pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Aerobic Classes

Dalry Community Centre, Every Wednesday, 7.30-8.30pm, £2.50 Contact Sam Hood on 01644 420631

Mother & Toddlers

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

Scouts

Mondays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Beavers

Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 7.45pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays, 6.45pm - 8.00pm, New Galloway Scout Hut



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

BOX OFFICE: GCAT Shop, Monday-Friday, 9.30am-4.00pm or, if available, on the door.

TICKETS BY POST: Send full payment by cheque made out to GCAT with s.a.e. and contact telephone number to :

GCAT, The Old School, New Galloway, DG7 3RN.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Tel. 01644 420374. (Answerphone outside office hours)

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 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER ISSUE 29:

FRIDAY 15th July 2005

e-mail : editor@glenkensgazette.com