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CHANNEL 4 FILMS SCRAPPY RACES ON RAIDERS' ROAD



Four teams of brilliant bodgers have £1,500 and six weeks to build the ultimate scrappy racer.

Filming for Channel 4's Scrappy Races took place near New Galloway over the past three weeks.

The filming centred around the "Raiders' Road" and started on September 13, and finished on Tuesday 27 September.

All six episodes of the third series of the Channel 4 show were filmed in the area, with over fifty crew and cast members staying locally.

Four teams competed against each other, each starting off with a different vehicle, which they had to modify for the different stages.

The rally was divided into five stages – Forest, Sand, Moorland, Hill and Water. Each stage presented a different engineering challenge to the teams and they had just ten hours to modify their vehicles to undertake it!

The public was invited to attend some of the filming with the final race (the challenge was to collect a "whisky" barrel from "Barney Water" without getting themselves or their cars wet, then to race to the finish over a 1 mile of road, climb a steep bank between some trees and speed to the finish line) to see the final presentations.



It was all great fun even if rather wet with our wonderful SW Scotland weather playing its normal tricks of raining by the bucketful just when it was least needed.

Unfortunately only two teams actually managed to reach the finish line on the last day, one vehicle could not negotiate the climb through the trees and the other team (who were in overall lead up to this point) blew up their engine on the way to the start point.

True to form the winners had a champagne shower after the presentations, however, if you want to know who came first and second you will have to wait until the programme is broadcast early in the New Year.

DALRY PRIMARY SCHOOL ON INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF HONOUR

Five hundred schools in Great Britain have now registered on the Globe Programme, an international scientific organisation sponsored by NASA and the US Department of State. Only one of these schools has been recognised for its excellence by inclusion on the "Chief Scientist's Honor Roll!"

Dalry Primary School received the news last week that their efforts were to be recognised by Globe from the "Chief Scientist", Dr Margaret LeMone, at her headquarters in Boulder, U.S.A. The news was also posted on the Globe website, www.globe.gov which provides information on the worldwide activities undertaken by the organisation.



Dalry School was commended for providing measurements of the environment in a way that was "particularly helpful for research, for the Globe scientists and the Earth science community." Globe commented that Dalry had provided 4666 student measurements of cloud cover over a period of four months, data which is used by organisations like NASA to plan their environmental and space travel programmes.

Sandra Brown, Depute Head at Dalry, is the brains behind the project. She saw that her pupils could learn a great deal about the environment, scientific measurements and being part of a global community through their involvement in the Globe programme. "It's been great for the pupils, learning about cloud formations and monitoring the annual changes in weather and plants. As part of our eco friendly approach to education, involvement in the Globe programme has raised their awareness of global issues and the importance of the individual. It's fantastic to be honoured in this way. We are really chuffed to be the only school in Britain on the Globe's Honour Roll!"

The pupils too are really enthusiastic! Ross Smith said, "It's good fun taking the readings. We do it at lunchtimes and even at the weekends but that's ok because you know it is for a big project."

Well done Dalry Primary School and congratulations to Mrs Brown and her present and former pupils in P.6 & 7.

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LOCAL ARTISTS

Isobel Ellis, Mossdale

Mossdale is the favourite subject for watercolour artist Isobel Ellis, who lives and works in the village. She has painted many beautiful landscapes of the area, a lot of which feature the local scenery as well as the village itself, including several excellent historic paintings of the railway. Her interests extend beyond the village and she admits that boats and seascapes are also favourite themes

Originally from Dumbarton, Isobel showed early promise as an artist when invited as a school pupil to participate in an art competition at Kelvingrove Art Galleries. She soon gave up her paintbrush, however, when terrorised by an art teacher. She returned to painting later on in life when she enrolled in a painting course at Carlisle College and it was here that she fell in love with the watercolour medium. She has continued to paint ever since and now shows her paintings at many exhibitions and galleries around the country.

Isobel has her own website www.isobelellis.com where you can view or purchase her works. She also accepts commissions.

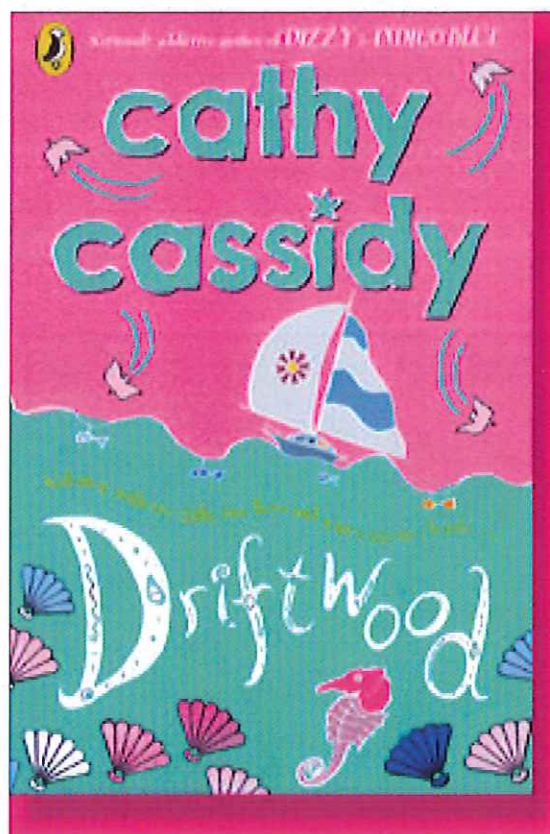
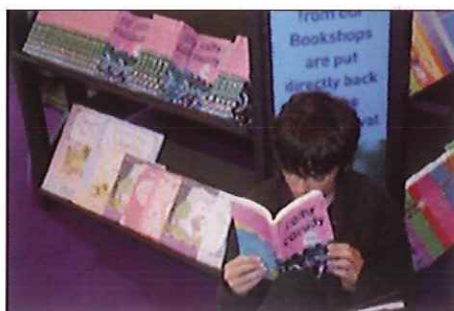


As a regular item, the Glenkens Gazette will be featuring local arts & crafts people in each edition. If you are a local artist and are interested in appearing here, get in touch with Karen on 01644 420374

CATHY CASSIDY ~ DRIFTWOOD

Local author Cathy Cassidy, aka Cathy Gilligan, threw a launch party at Designs in Castle Douglas on the 9th September to celebrate the publication of her third novel for young readers, "Driftwood", about two girls, two boys and a message in a bottle...

True to form the party featured lots of theme cakes, drinks, and a special reading by Cathy herself. After Cathy read from her book, answered questions and signed books, the partygoers drank cherryade and ate the fab party tea. The young guests were then invited to write out a message in a bottle, like Paul in the book. They could choose whether to put their message into a bottle of Mermald's Brew, Beachcomber's Brandy, Seaweed Smoothie or Starfish Champagne. Cathy later launched the corked bottles into the sea off the Galloway coast!



THE ROYAL BURGH OF NEW GALLOWAY & KELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The August meeting was attended by council official Mr Philip McGrogan who has the remit of looking after council properties in the region. Members appreciated that some interior decoration had taken place in New Galloway Town Hall recently but were concerned that the long standing problem with the ingress of water in the entrance hall had not been properly investigated and addressed first. It was felt that as a result, the redecoration was a waste of time and money as the dampness would soon reappear. Mr McGrogan took the point and stated that this problem was being investigated by Architectural Services and that they were also planning to replace the noticeboards at the front door. Full conditional surveys are being carried out at all council properties to determine what essential maintenance is required and any works which need to be done to meet disabled access requirements. Once this is completed they will carry out a community facilities review to prioritise and allocate the available budget to specific halls. Mr McGrogan made it clear that he felt the hall had a very strong future if that was what the community wanted and suggested that the Community Council should formulate a long term development plan and that he would be happy to help with this and also to look at different avenues of funding which may be available to pursue the plans.

The Boundary Commission's controversial proposal for the new council wards was discussed again and although the issue of multi member wards is non negotiable, the shape and coverage of the wards can be contested. It is certainly felt that the proposed new 'Kells' ward, stretching from west of Newton Stewart across the Glenkens to Moniaive, is totally impractical and unworkable. The Community Council has already written to strongly object to the proposal and to support the council's suggested alternative of reorganising the wards in the Stewartry to link the Glenkens with the Castle Douglas area instead. Other Community Councils and the Stewartry Convention of Community Councils have also objected to the proposed ward.

The September meeting was held in Mossdale Hall. The proposed draft priorities for the next Stewartry Community Plan were discussed. The plan for 2006 2008 will identify a three year vision for the Stewartry, assisting community planning partners to meet local needs and to deliver projects and programmes of action under the three community planning themes – Enterprise & Learning Communities, Inclusive Communities, Safe & Healthy Communities. Initial consultation with community planning partners has been used to produce twenty one draft strategic priorities for the next three years. Each Community Councillor was asked to complete a questionnaire in response to this draft document to help decide what the final priorities should be.

Arrangements were also made for the public presentation to Mrs Myra Walker to mark the occasion of her retirement, this would be held on Friday 7 October in New Galloway Town Hall at 7pm.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Monday 10 October 2005 in New Galloway Town Hall at 7.30pm.

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At their August meeting, members of Dalry Community Council agreed to contact Dumfries & Galloway Council with regard to the siting of a bus shelter at the foot of Main Street, near the Bank.

Recycling banks are now in place in the lay by on the A713 south of the village.

Members expressed their concern about the lack of progress towards completion of the New Galloway – Dalry footpath as they had hoped to have this in operation for the start of the summer season.

Comments from members on the proposed local government boundary changes were expressed in a draft letter. The points raised in this would be finalised at the next meeting of the Community Council before the letter would be submitted to the Boundary Commission.

Further discussion took place regarding a draft questionnaire on the proposed windfarm at Blackcraig to be sent out to all those on the electoral roll in the Dalry area once a planning application has been submitted. The group agreed to finalise this questionnaire at their next meeting.

A suggestion was put forward regarding the creation of a car parking area within the village. The area labelled OPP22 on the Local Plan was identified as a possible site and members agreed to consider this and discuss it further at their next meeting.

FIFTY YEARS AS REGISTRAR



Pictured above is Mr John C Ferguson the Registrar in Dalry with his wife Jean, who is also his assistant. Mr and Mrs Ferguson have just celebrated fifty years of registering births, deaths and marriages in the Glenkens, with no plans to retire yet! Mr Ferguson carries out his registrar duties from his home in the Main Street in Dalry and any interested parties can still get married in his front room!

GLENKENS HORTICULTURAL SHOW REVIEW 2005

Well that's another year over, the last petal had been swept from the floor and all the crumbs into the bin, the vegetables have been transported home and many to the pot. Decorative and Craft arrangements have been taken to adorn their owner's homes.

The trophies and prize tickets were presented by Lady Sinclair who commented on the high standard of the entries again this year and how pleased she was to have been asked to open the show. Alan Wright thanked all the Judges, Committee and the Support Team on how they had helped to make the show run smoothly.

The junior section surpassed themselves this year in both numbers and quality. The judge commented on how hard it was to decide which one was a winner as all were imaginative and creative. Well done to you all who entered. You may need to use the main hall next year if you carry on like this.

The Glenkens Horticultural Society would like to thank everyone who exhibited or visited, and if anyone would like to become a part of the team or help in any way please give Margaret a call on 01644 430326.

Just to finish, you may have thought at some point how I got on after my admission about my scones in the last letter; well you will be glad to know that I didn't enter the scone section, so the judge is still alive. However, I did enter the hand made wheaten loaf section and guess what, I was beaten into second place....by my husband!

Thank you all again from everyone and we hope to see you next year.

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)

GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

KELLS PRIMARY MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Kells' Seniors have had their most successful coffee morning ever! The event realised the total sum of £552.00 for Macmillan Cancer Fund and all monies will go to the ALEXANDRA UNIT in Dumfries. Kells' pupils do have an affinity with the unit as they, actually, bought the very first bricks for it and were invited to attend the Opening Ceremony because of this.

One hundred and six people came to the Cross Keys Hotel in New Galloway and joined others, all across the world, in the 'Biggest Coffee Morning, 2005.' Hopefully, the Guinness Book of Records will be recording an even greater number this year.

This event has been part of Kells' Citizenship Programme for the past 16 years and, as always, the children were complimented on their code of dress and exemplary behaviour.

Very many thanks to all Parents, Relatives and friends who supported the pupils' fund raising and to a host of villagers who couldn't manage to go to the coffee morning but yet their donations appeared via friends and relatives. It was a tremendous achievement for the whole community.

A huge 'Thank You' must also go to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of the Cross Keys Hotel, New Galloway, and their Staff who, literally, hand

DALRY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING



The victorious "Fun Fours" football boys are seen here with their individual cups (which they get to keep) for winning the Dumfries & Galloway "Fun Fours" Competition organised by the S.F.A. Left to right: Leo Crawford, Jack Priddy, Martin Templeton, Connor Smith, Greig Lawrie and Edmund Wise. Back row: Team Manager (and teacher) Catriona McCall and Blair Templeton (parent).

Rhea Currie (P7) was voted the "Citizenship" Award winner. "Rhea was always first to help out in playground accidents, her soothing calming manner always helped. She would raise money for charity, tidy up and, despite her shy nature, she could create and present powerpoint presentations on Global Warming and deliver them to groups of teachers. She is a very popular winner and a very good citizen", said Catriona McCall (teacher).

Rosalind Wise (P7) and Greig Lawrie (P5) are our Sports Champions. They both won Platinum Sports awards (Rosalind was the only

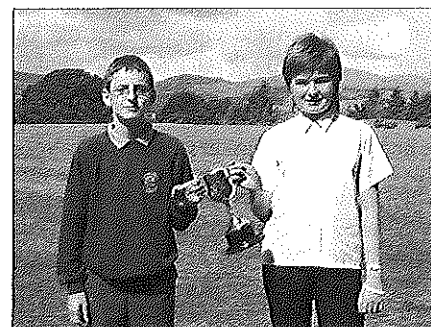
girl to do so). Greig won a 200m final against five P7 boys (all platinum award winners) to earn the Boys' award.

Reece Winspear (P7) received the "Best Prepared Student" Cup from Catriona McCall. Pupils earn points by always having pencils, homework, PE kit etc. throughout the year.

Elizabeth Trippertree received a highly commended certificate for her entry in the Glenkens Art Exhibition.

Amella Trueman won 1st prize in the Glenkens Art Exhibition. She received a certificate and an art voucher.

Olivia Wise won a printer and Greig Lawrie a Digital Camera for the school with their winning posters in a regional competition.



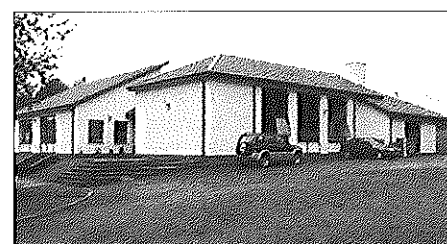
House Captains Alistair Mackinnon and Rhea Currie (both P7) proudly holding the "William Bone Sports Trophy" which was won by Milton this year.

over their dining room, kitchen - and sinks! - to the pupils. Allowing the pupils to host the event at the hotel is greatly appreciated....and not a cup was broken!

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

This will be held at the school on Thursday, 13 October at 9.30 a.m. All welcome to join us. Staff, Parents and children will then deliver the parcels of food to all Senior Citizens in New Galloway, Balmaclellan and Mossdale.

Kells School has been invited to perform at the Lochside Theatre on Saturday 29 October by the Dumfries and District Music Festival. If you would like more Information or tickets for this event please contact the Lochside Theatre on 01556 504506 (open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 12noon - 2pm).



Kells School (pictured above) is looking bright and new having recently undergone some major building work, with new doors, windows and rendering. "We are delighted with the external work," says head teacher Mrs Plummer, "and we are now looking forward to the new floor being laid during the October Week."

ON THE BEAT : Community Police News with PC Ian Wilson AUTUMN IS NEARLY HERE!

As the nights draw in this time of year can cause the most annoyance as youngsters gather on corners under street lights and it suddenly seems that they are making more noise than before....

Try a little tolerance but.... Don't wait until it's a problem; call the police before it becomes unbearable!!!

Policing through the years doesn't change much and I could just about do a calendar for crimes and like the problems with youngsters. Autumn is the time of year when travelling criminals go back after holidaying with us in the summer and, under the cover of extended darkness, steal our TV's, electrical tools, and anything else they have spotted and they know they can load it up and drive off into the blue yonder!

With the modern roads network we have, this usually means about the time you are reporting the theft, your stolen goods are being sold on by

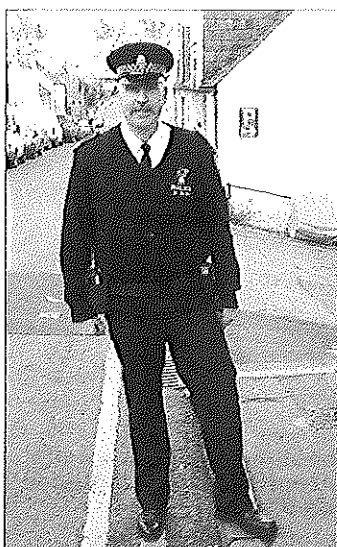
the thief hundreds of miles away.

So please give us a chance to catch them. Note down any suspicious vehicle numbers and pass them on either to the local police or free to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

Alternatively if you have any concerns or would like FREE advice regarding security for your business or property Telephone 01387 252112 and ask to speak to your local Crime reduction Officer who will help you with any security issues.

And finally my Road Safety message at this time of year is to motorists and cyclists: Check your lights. It is so dangerous to drive with defective lights! I'm sure we have all met the one head light driver and wondered how they can see!!! So don't be caught out on that first dark night CHECK THOSE LIGHTS!!!

Ian Wilson, Constable 291, Dalry



KELLS PARISH CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF NEW IMPROVEMENTS

On Sunday 2nd October, commencing at 6.30 pm, there was a special Service in Kells Church. This took the form of a Harvest Songs of Praise and was primarily to dedicate the alterations that have recently been completed.

These works have been carried out within the Church building. A section

under a gallery has been partitioned off and within that area there have been built a small Hall for meetings, including a Sunday School, a Kitchen/Flower room, a storeroom and a toilet/washroom suitable for the disabled. The exterior of the building, which is listed, has not been affected.

The Service was conducted by the Minister Dr D S Bartholomew. The Moderator of Presbytery, Mrs Flora Little, made the dedication. The Glenkens Church Choir led the hymn singing and performed several anthems during the service, conducted by Jean Mason and accompanied by Geoff Keating on organ, ably assisted by Gillian Beaver on clarinet, who both enhanced the service with a movement from Concertino by Tartini for clarinet and organ during the collection, and a Prelude and Fugue for organ by J S Bach at the end of the service.

The alterations were designed by Edgar Design Ltd of Kirkpatrick Durham and the works carried out by Alan McMorran of Castle Douglas. Approximately half of the cost amounting to £11,000 was paid out of reserves and the remainder met out of sums set aside in recent years from savings and fund raising and generous gifts from The Ferguson Bequest Fund and The Baird Trust of £3000 each and The Barscobe Heritage Trust of £2000.

The present Kells Parish Church was built in 1822 to replace an older building which stood on the same site and was probably built in the middle of the 17th Century. In 1908 it was decided to carry out much needed improvements which involved replacing the pews on the ground floor, building a new Chamber for the organ, raising the ceiling and improving the lighting and ventilation. The Church then resolved to raise the funds required before proceeding with the project and did so by seeking

contributions, a Bazaar and other fund raising events and gifts from charities which by coincidence included £250 from The Baird Trust. The total cost when the works were completed in 1911 was £970!

So ninety years on the alterations now completed should enable the Church to continue its work and meet modern requirements not contemplated years ago and its obligations to those disabled.

The original Kells Kirk stood on the lands of Achie, a little to the north of where the present West Port road joins the A712 to Newton Stewart.

In the days before the Reformation the village of Kells, now long vanished, clustered about the Church, but, as the population shifted towards New Galloway it became obvious that a new Church, more convenient to the town, would have to be built.

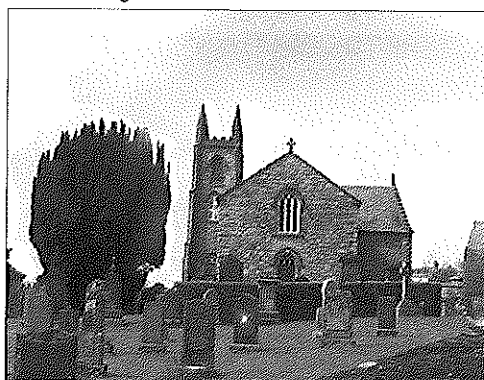
It is not clear when a church was first built on the present site, but General Roy's Military Survey, compiled over the period 1742 to 1752, shows it on that site; and John Ainslie's map of 1797 also shows it on the present site with the manse already across the road from it. The Old Statistical Account of the Parish of Kells, compiled by Rev. John Gillespie in 1793, mentions the church was rebuilt in 1745 and repaired in 1788. It is likely

the first church on the present site was built not long after permission was granted in 1633 for the building of the new Royal Burgh.

The old Kirk continued in use for a short time for occasional preaching and, it is said, that during this period, the Witch of Hannayston used to appear on the roof of a night, in the guise of a lovely girl, in order to lure unwary boys to destruction. After a while, however, the church ceased to be used and its stones were taken and used in the construction of farm buildings.

In 1806 Rev. William Gillespie became sole minister of the charge after his father's death, and it was during his ministry that the present church was built. It was completed in 1822 to a design by Baillie William McCandlish of New Galloway, who also went on to build Dalry Church and enlarge Balmaclellan Church. The date is inscribed on the bell tower above the vestry door.

Some ancient gravestones are said to have been moved from their original site and placed in the new kirkyard beside the present church, where they can still be seen today.



TIMES OF WORSHIP IN THE GLENKENS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sundays

Balmaclellan	12 noon	1 st
Carsphairn	10.30 am	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th (Oct)
Dalry	12 noon	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th
Kells	10.30 am	2 nd (Oct) 3 rd 4 th
The Manse, Dalry	6pm	2 nd (Oct) 1 st (Nov)

Special Services and Events

7th October	7.00 pm
Carsphairn	Harvest Supper, Lagwyne Hall
13th October	7.00 pm
Service for setting apart of	Joyce Harvey as a Reader, Kells Church
30th October	10.30 am
United Service with Glenkens Church Choir,	Carsphairn Church
13th November	11.00 am
Remembrance Sunday Service,	St Margaret's Church, New Galloway
25th November	7.30 pm
Concert with Gallovidians,	Dalry Town Hall

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

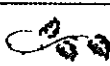
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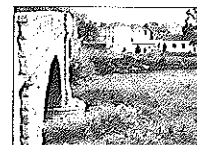
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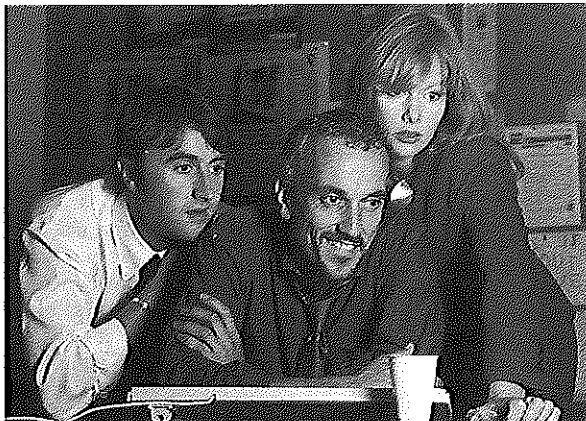
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LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

Rapture Theatre Company : Damages

Balmacellan Village Hall
Tuesday 11 October
7.30pm

Local audiences will be delighted to hear that Rapture Theatre Company, Scotland's foremost contemporary touring theatre company, will be back in the Glenkens in October with their new production Damages. Their previous show Blue/Orange was a huge hit when it came to Balmacellan Village Hall in May. It was a gripping, thrilling performance, superbly executed by a team of top class actors.



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photographer

Their new show, Damages, promises more of the same but with plenty of wit and comedy thrown in. It is set in a tabloid newspaper office with only one hour left before the presses have to roll. Three journalists desperate for the big headline have a scoop involving salacious shots of a Children's TV presenter!! However they haven't counted on the sassy legal eagle, ex girlfriend of one of the hacks, who has her own headlines to make. As the clock ticks against them, the pace heats up, the temperature rises and the race is on to print the red hot story. However just because it may interest the public... Is it really in the public interest??

The play is reminiscent of classic comedies from the 40's and 50's such as "His Girl Friday" and "The Front Page" but is bang up to date, dealing with corruption in the media and the cult of the celebrity. If you enjoyed the television's "The Office" or "Drop the Dead Donkey" you'll love this!!

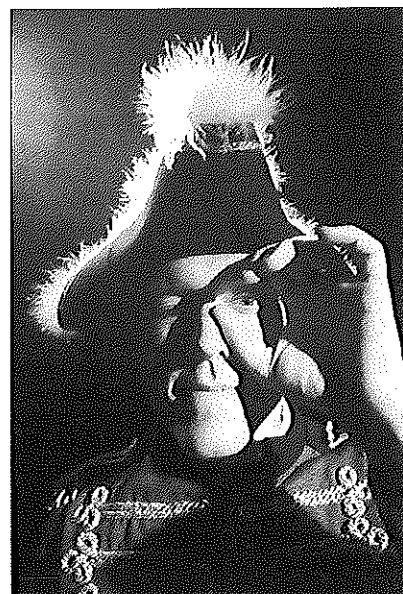
Damages was a massive success with West End audiences in London last year and played to packed houses for an extended run. This is the first ever Scottish Tour.

"I haven't laughed so long and so loudly in a theatre for a long time" – The Guardian

Tickets, which cost £5 (£4 concession) are available from the GCAT shop in the High Street in New Galloway or by phoning 01644 420374.

The Working Party Adventures of the Baron

Featuring new poems by Edwin Morgan
Friday 14 October, 7.30pm,
Dalry Town Hall



The legendary German Nobleman Baron Munchausen is known for his outrageous tall stories about his adventures. Does he really ride on cannon balls? Is he a soldier, storyteller, seducer or just a brilliant liar? He will do anything to seduce his audiences with anecdotes and historical accounts.

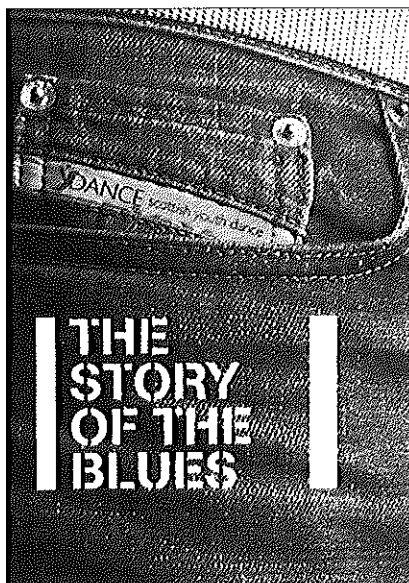
The Working Party take their audience on a flight through the fantastical world of the Baron whose stories are brought alive by specially commissioned poems by Scotland's National Poet, Edwin Morgan. The lyricism and imagination of the poems are matched by a highly physical performance to draw the audience deeply into the Baron's adventures.

This show is suitable for both adults and young people aged eleven and over. The Working Party will also be running a special Baron Munchausen schools workshop at Dalry School on the morning of the show. This event has been funded by the Gaelforce Youth Festival.

Tickets for the evening performance cost £5/ £4 (£1 for school pupils) and are available on the door or in advance from GCAT on 01644 420374.

YDance ~ The Story of the Blues

Dalry Town Hall, Tuesday 25 October, 7.30pm



Scottish Youth Dance's YDance project will be returning to Dalry in October with a public performance of their stylish, hi tech new dance / theatre production The Story of the Blues. Y Dance visited Dalry school in March when they provided a day of hip hop and street dance taster sessions for the secondary pupils. This was part of GCAT's pilot dance programme which took place in the spring. The classes by YDance were by far the most popular of all the dance types offered and now the Gaelforce Youth Festival have agreed to fund the October visit, as well as a day of street dance workshops at the school.

The Story of the Blues is an exciting, innovative and very physical production which animates the incredible journey of a pair of jeans from the cotton fields to the shops. This amazing journey translates to an exciting, captivating dance production, combining international dance styles with movement passages based on work practices, from basic cotton picking in the fields of Benin in West Africa to the mechanised dying and stitching in the factories of Italy and Tunisia. The piece culminates in a depiction of the final stage of the

journey of the blue jeans; the stylish TV advertising and merchandising and fashion shows.

The production is complemented by a new multimedia based set. Specially commissioned images and sounds will form part of the staging of the production, using projection combined with live dance on stage.

The show is suitable for ages seven and up, and it will be enjoyed by audiences of all ages, adults and young people alike. Tickets cost £3 each or £1 for school pupils. You can book tickets in advance from GCAT on 01644 420374.

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 Community & Arts Trust

LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

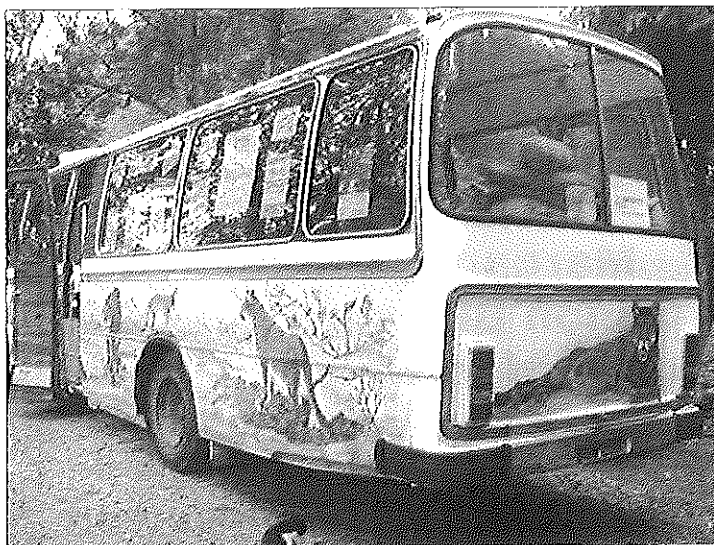
'ON THE BUS' MOBILE ADVICE WITH GCAT AND AGE CONCERN SCOTLAND

Liz Cole, Community Project Worker for the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust, funded by The Partnership Fund, the Department for Work and Pensions, has got together with the P.U.M.A. mobile bus project to host a road show throughout the Glenkens region. Liz provides information to pensioners regarding benefit entitlement and access to services that are available to the over 60s. Liz's work includes benefit maximisation; contacting relevant organisations concerning central heating installation, care and repair grants, and help with the garden; liaising with Social Services for home care assessments and installation of equipment in the home; Meals on Wheels and the Food Train, and travel passes and parking badges such as the Blue Badge. Essentially, Liz is employed by GCAT to help with any issues concerning older people.

P.U.M.A. is a mobile resource centre set in a Ford coach, which has been converted to offer a wide range of activities for all age groups. Most of the seats have been removed to provide a small seating area and a large open space for workshops. There is a lift for disabled access. The project provides a much needed facility in rural communities where access to a similar resource is hampered by distance, transport, childcare or other factors. Skilled tutors have provided a wide variety of music, arts and crafts workshops including African drumming, making masks and dream catchers, wood sculptors, water colour painting, pottery, storytelling, parachute games, circus skills and face painting. P.U.M.A. have played a part at many festivals and galas, playing host to children's workshops such as Kirkcudbright's Children's Festival and the Glenkens Children's Festival, and even having a 'baby bus' at the Solfest where a quiet space was provided for women to feed, change nappies, relax and enjoy an Indian head massage!

Liz's idea is to offer an open space on the bus to anyone who is interested in coming along and discussing issues relating to life in later years. Leaflets and benefit forms will be available on the bus and there will be a curtained section for a confidential space if required. Essentially, Liz will be there to take names and 'phone numbers of anyone who wishes her to make a home visit. She is hoping that pensioners and younger generations will come along for a chat, a cup of tea and a biscuit to find out what community work GCAT is involved with and how P.U.M.A. operates. P.U.M.A. will have a suggestions box on the bus and welcomes any ideas regarding workshops they could offer in the future in the Glenkens region.

Age Concern Scotland is coming on board with this initiative for one day. Paula Cochrane, Community Worker, will join Liz and be available for enquiries concerning issues for older people. Her work involves a range of health, safety and well being issues, working with organisations to increase benefit uptake, promoting Age Concern Scotland's annual Winter Warmth campaign including the free logs and kindling service, offering training programmes to groups of older people 'Scottish Voice and Choice,' supporting local groups in the development of services and activities, and providing leaflets relevant to older people.



THE ROAD SHOW WILL BE SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS AND THE TIMETABLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday 12th October:

New Galloway - car park	11-12 noon
Dalry - car park near play park/school	1-2pm
Balmaclellan - Village Hall	3-4 pm

Thursday 13th October:

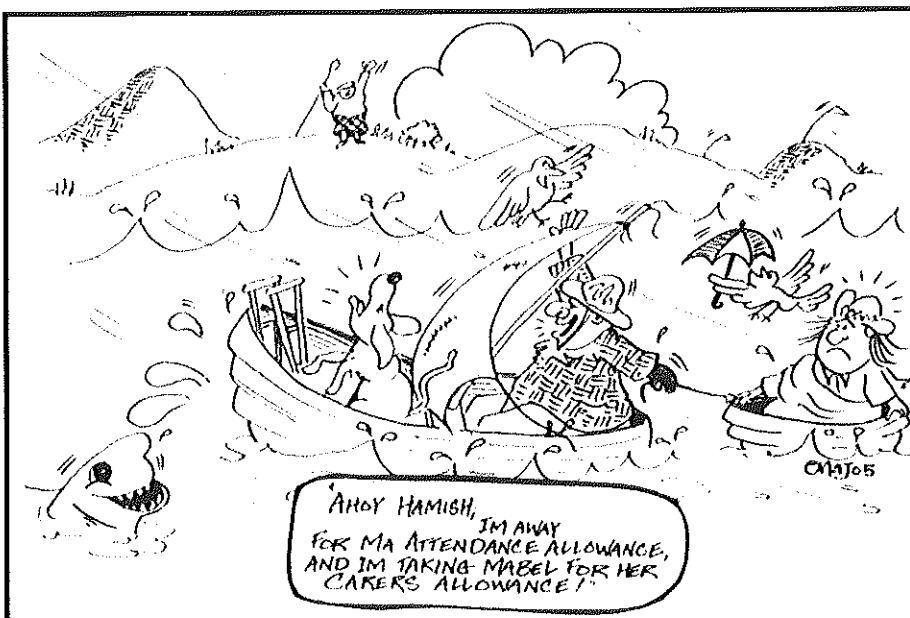
Parton - in front of the shop	11-12 noon
Corsock - by the bus stop/school	1-2pm

Friday 14th October:

Lauriston - Community Centre	11-12 noon
Mossdale - in front of shop	12.30-1.30pm
Carsphairn - Village Hall	3-4pm

This is a new joint initiative and everyone is welcome to come onto the bus and meet with us!

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RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR AT CRICHTON CAMPUS, DUMFRIES



Renewable Energy Fair

Say "renewable energy" in the Glenkens and most minds turn immediately to large scale wind developments. But there are other ways

On Saturday 5th November Browne House at the Crichton Campus will be the venue for a Renewable Energy Fair with a focus on community and household scale projects. There will be information on solar panels, heatpumps, wood pellet boilers, combined heat and power generators, hydro turbines, domestic scale biodiesel production, wind power and energy saving.

The event is free and all are welcome. Doors open 10.30am - 4.00pm.

During the day seminars will run in two rooms, one dedicated to householders projects, the other devoted to community projects. A full programme can be downloaded from the Energy Agency at www.energyagency.org.uk/renewables.htm or can be sent by post if you contact the Energy Agency on 01292 280109. Alternatively call in at GCAT where Flora from the Southern Uplands Partnership can print off a copy for you.

The event is organised by Solway Heritage, the Energy Agency, Crichton Campus and Southern Uplands Partnership. Sponsors include Airtricity, AMEC, Communities Scotland, Energy Savings Trust, Natural Power, Scottish Power Renewables.

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

Community Fire Safety Message MAKING YOUR HOMES SAFER FIREWORKS

"Fire works are dangerous and can be lethal," is the message from Community Fire Safety officer John Templeton. The utmost care is necessary in their storage, handling and use, whether you are organising a display for the family, friends or the general public. Dumfries and Galloway Fire and Rescue Service want you to have a safe event by following some simple do's and don'ts, risks can be greatly reduced."

DO'S AND DON'TS

- * Keep fireworks in a closed metal box and take them out one at a time.
- * Follow the manufacturers instructions on each firework.
- Read them by torchlight - NEVER by a naked flame.
- * Light fireworks at arm's length using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick.
- * Stand back after lighting.
- * NEVER go back to a firework once lit - it may go off in your face.
- * Keep a bucket of water handy.
- * Used fireworks should be collected after the display with care. Douse with water, bury or place in a metal container.
- * Keep children under control.
- * Keep pets indoors.

BONFIRES : DO'S AND DON'TS

- * Site well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs AND ALWAYS AWAY FROM FIREWORKS.
- * Before lighting the fire, check that no pets or children are hiding inside it.
- * Build the stack so it is stable and will not collapse outward or to one side.
- * NEVER use flammable liquids - Paraffin or petrol - to light the fire.
- * Don't burn foam - filled furniture, aerosols, tins of paint or bottles.
- * Keep everyone away from the fire - especially children, who must be supervised all the time.
- * For an emergency keep buckets of water, the garden hose or a fire extinguisher ready.
- * Pour water on the embers before leaving.
- * Bonfires present additional hazards when it's dark.

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ALTERNATIVE GAMES WEEKEND 2005

The Alternative Games Weekend in August enjoyed some of the most glorious weather of the summer. Hundreds of families turned out to the Glenkens Children's Festival on the Saturday and the Scottish Alternative Games on the Sunday. The Children's Festival featured an afternoon of top class entertainment and displays including Channel 4's Faking It magician Kevin McMahon who wowed the crowd with his sleight of hand illusions while Douglas the Clown kept everyone busy with his plate spinning, juggling and unicycling workshops. When not enjoying storytelling sessions with authors such as Andrew Wolfe, Tony Bonning or Anne Errington, the children were able to take part in African Drumming or sculpture workshop.

Displays took place throughout the afternoon and included the Dumfries and Galloway Fire Service who demonstrated how they cut passengers free from a car and the St Andrew's Ambulance Service who then 'revived' the passenger. Comedy performers Mischief La Bas then held a rodeo display with their cowboys rounding up a

'buffalo' that had escaped into the crowd! Another highlight of the afternoon included the special appearance of the King and Queen of the teddy bears who graced the crowd with their presence, but the biggest surprise of the day came from a band of Portuguese performers called Tuna Musicatta Contractile who made an uninvited (but most welcome) stop off on their way to the Edinburgh Festival! The delighted crowd loved their impromptu performance and gave them a very well deserved standing ovation!

The sun continued to shine on Sunday for the Alternative Games, drawing huge crowds who enjoyed all the entertainment on offer including music, stalls, demonstrations, a barbecue and, of course, the hugely popular snail racing! The tournaments themselves attracted many participants and the level of competition was extremely fierce especially in the Gird n' Cleek category with Neil Armstrong from Kirkcudbright fighting off a strong challenge from last years winner Jayde Devlin to take the 2005 World Championship title!

THE RESULTS OF THE 2005 SCOTTISH ALTERNATIVE GAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Gird n' Cleek World Championship

- 1st Neil Armstrong, Kirkcudbright (Primary age boys qualifier)
 2nd Jayde Devlin, Balmacellan (Men's qualifier)
 3rd Hannah McKenna, New Galloway (Primary age girls qualifier)

Other Finalists:

- Hannah Sainsbury Secondary girls qualifier
 Andrew Fallows Secondary boys qualifier
 Kate Maxwell Womens qualifier

Tossin'the Sheaf

- 1st Fergus Devlin 26ft
 2nd Jayde Devlin 25ft, 6"
 3rd Craig Coburn 23ft

Hurlin'the Curlin'Stane

- Men**
 1st Jayde Devlin 25ft, 4"
 2nd Geordie Dempster 25ft, 1"
 3rd Ralph Spornagel 24ft, 0"
Women
 1st Louise Watson 16ft, 0"
 2nd Amanda Pyle 14ft, 6"
 3rd Stacey Burns 14ft, 0"

Tug O'War

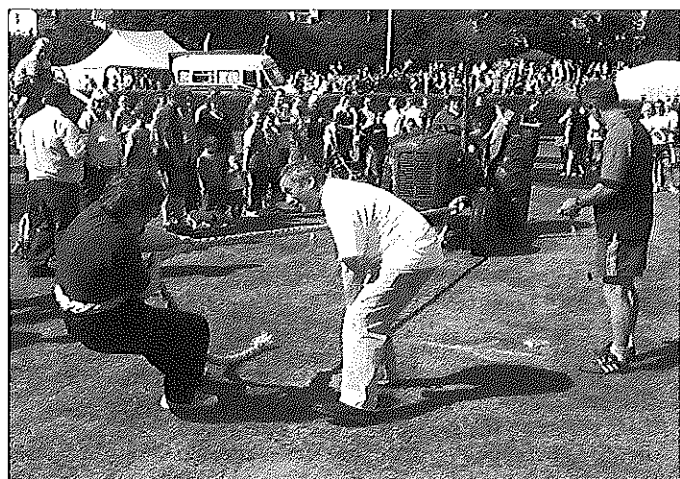
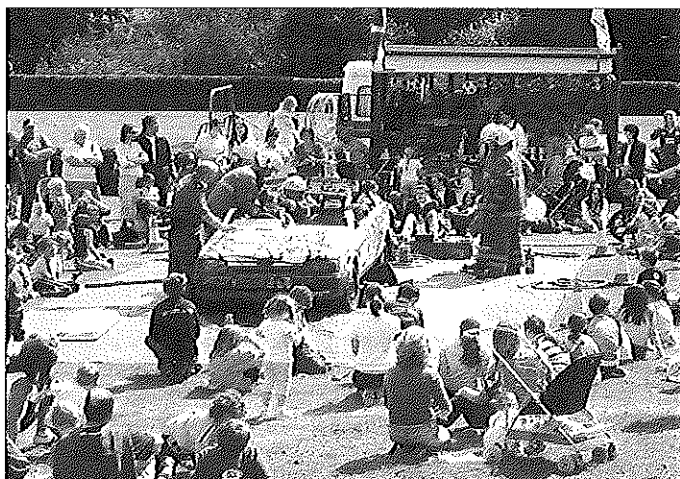
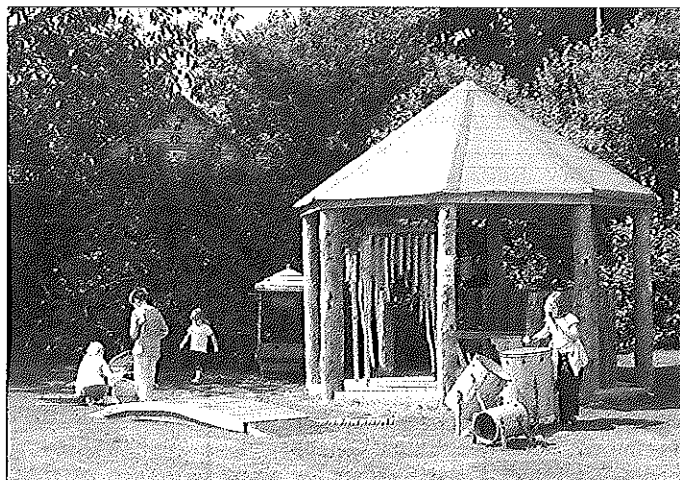
- Men's Winners – Balmacellan Brownies
 Women's Winners – Glenkens Girlies

Tractor Pull

- Men**
 1st Luke Struthers 8.84 seconds
 2nd Jayde Devlin 9.63 seconds
 3rd Fergus Devlin 9.94 seconds
Women
 1st Nicola Thomson 18.09 seconds
 2nd Harriet Curran 40.60 seconds
Under 18s
 1st Ross Fergusson 11.93 seconds
 2nd Patrick Brannock 11.96 seconds
 3rd Peter Birch 12.22 seconds

Balmacellan Skittles

- Juniors – Dale Parker, Fleetwood
 * No outright Adult winner



ALTERNATIVE GAMES WEEKEND 2005



Scottish Axe Throwers on "This Morning" TV



Scottish Axe Throwers with Philip Schofield and Lorraine Kelly of 'This Morning.' Pictured left to right: Doug Paterson, Sammy Lee, Philip Schofield, Morag Paterson, Lorraine Kelly, Maurice Flannighan.

Philip was the surprise of the day, displaying a natural talent with the axe.

The English Open Axe Throwing Competition was held at Sandringham recently. Open to experienced throwers and novices.

For more information contact Morag Paterson on 01644 430601/07788 801842 or Sammy Lee on 01387 740352/ 07771687747. (axe-throwing.co.uk)



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GLENKENS PLAY IT BY EAR

2nd Monday of each month, 1.30pm
Balmaclellan Village Hall
Tony Bonning's hugely popular Play it by Ear music, song and storytelling workshops for pre school children and their carers return on Monday 12 September following the summer break.
Contact: Alison Caldwell 01644 420272
Tickets - £2 per adult/child combo



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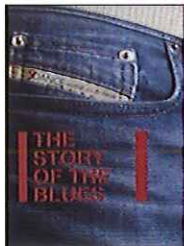
Tuesday 11 October, 7.30pm
Balmaclellan Village Hall
Damages was a massive success with West End audiences in London last year and played to packed houses for an extended run. This is the first ever Scottish Tour.
Tickets - £5 (£4 concession) available from the GCAT shop in the High Street, New Galloway or by phoning 01644 420374.



THE WORKING PARTY ADVENTURES OF THE BARON

Friday 14 October, 7.30pm
Dalry Town Hall
This show is suitable for both adults and young people aged eleven and over. The Working Party will also be running a special Baron Munchausen schools workshop at Dalry School on the morning of the show. This event has been funded by the Gaelforce Youth Festival.

Tickets for the evening performance cost £5/ £4 (£1 for school pupils) and are available on the door or in advance from GCAT on 01644 420374.



YDANCE ~ THE STORY OF THE BLUES

Tuesday 25 October, 7.30pm
Dalry Town Hall
Scottish Youth Dance's YDance project will be returning to Dalry in October with a public performance of their stylish, hi tech new dance / theatre production The Story of The Blues.
Tickets - £3 each or £1 for school pupils. You can book tickets in advance from GCAT on 01644 420374.

GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

OCTOBER

Royal Society of Arts, New Galloway Town Hall
1 October 11am

Landscape photographs by Roy Hooker
Tues 4 - Sun 30 October, 10.30am 5pm
Book Shop Gallery, Mill on the Fleet, Gatehouse

Spencer Dayman Meningitis UK Marathon Walk
Wednesday 5 October, New Galloway
To participate in this fund raising walk please call Meningitis UK on 01173 737373

Rapture Theatre Company : Damages
Tuesday 11 October, 7.30pm
Balmaclellan Village Hall

Kells School Harvest Festival
Thursday 13 October. Please look out for posters nearer the time.

The Working Party : Adventures of the Baron
Friday 14 October, 7.30pm
Dalry Town Hall

YDance ~ The Story of the Blues
Tuesday 25 October, 7.30pm
Dalry Town Hall

Kells School Choir
Saturday 29 October
The Lochside Theatre
If you would like more information or tickets for this event please contact the Lochside Theatre on 01556 504506 (open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 12noon - 2pm)

NOVEMBER

Renewable Energy Fair, Browne House,
Crichton Campus, Dumfries
Saturday 5th November.
The event is free and all are welcome.
Doors open 10.30am - 4.00pm

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

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.



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

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY ISSUE 31:

FRIDAY 16th November 2005

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