

GLENKENS GAZETTE

incorporating news from Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

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

December 2005/January 2006

ISSUE 31

www.glenkensgazette.com

TOMMY EDGAR - M.B.E.

Congratulations to Tommy Edgar who was recently awarded the honour of MBE! The ceremony was held in the Lochinvar on Sunday 30th October in the presence of over 100 family and friends. Tommy chose to have his MBE presented locally rather than at Buckingham Palace, very appropriate for a man who loves his bonnie Glenkens and rarely strays far beyond its boundaries unless he has to.

Tommy was officially appointed as a Member of the Order of the British Empire by the Lord Lieutenant of the Stewartry, Lt. Gen. Sir Norman Arthur and toasts were proposed by Mrs Marion Bone and Mr Gordon Lindsay. The proceedings were rounded off with the Lord Lieutenant's Piper, Leah Gowans, playing the pipe tune, "T D Edgar MBE", which had been specially composed by Pipe Major Ian Wemyss to mark the occasion.

Tommy was born in Dalry on 30th May 1931. He has lived and worked all his life on the family farm (Newfield and Kirkland) and still takes as much pride as ever in his prize winning ploughing. Tommy's contributions to the communities of the Glenkens are long and varied: Over the years he has entertained thousands of people in his capacity as a talented musician both on his own and as a member of several bands including Rab Fergusson's Band (1946-50) and his own band, The Starry Nights (1950-1996). Despite retiring from the band, Tommy still performs at concerts, functions, old folks homes and charity events, often free of charge. He composes and plays his own tunes and is also a renowned and very accomplished poet. He is founder and still active member of the Glenkens 73 Club, a member of the Glenkens Lions Club and is on the committees of the Glenkens Agricultural Show and Clachan Fair. Over the years he has also served on Dalry Community Council, Dalry Town Hall Committee and Dalry School Board amongst others.



GLENKENS GAZETTE FIVE YEARS OLD !



The Glenkens Gazette is five years old this month! Founder and first editor of the Gazette, Matthew Newton of Dalry, produced the first nine issues. "At that time it was an eight page publication in black and white with no images," says Matthew, pictured opposite with issues 1-5. "I had managed to find funding from Dumfries and Galloway Council and Scottish Power to pay for equipment and printing costs but it was issue 3 before we got a camera."

Matthew handed over the production of the Gazette to GCAT in 2002 when it had grown too big and successful for him to produce on his own. Over the years, hundreds of locals have contributed to the Gazette, written articles and poetry, taken pictures and helped with proof reading and distribution. It is thanks to them that GCAT has been able to produce a 12 page semi colour publication for the last 22 issues!

There are still plenty of opportunities to become involved with the Glenkens Gazette if you don't already do so. If you are interested in contributing on any level (it could be writing, selling advertising, proof reading, photography or helping with distribution) please contact GCAT on 01644 420374.

IN THIS ISSUE...

2. Local Artist : Mary Clare Cornwallis
- Fire Cadets Outdoor Activities Day
3. Community Council News
- Charity Walk
4. W R Gourlay
5. Our Historic Burgh
6. GCAT News - Forthcoming Events
7. Play it by Ear, On the Bus
- Organic Cookery, GTI Shopping Trips
8. Schools Report
9. Fire Safety Message
- Glenkens Transport Initiative
- On the Beat with PC Wilson
10. Church Service Times
- Poem - My Highland Laddie
11. Afghanistan Schools Trust
12. Dates for your Diary



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS



LOCAL ARTISTS

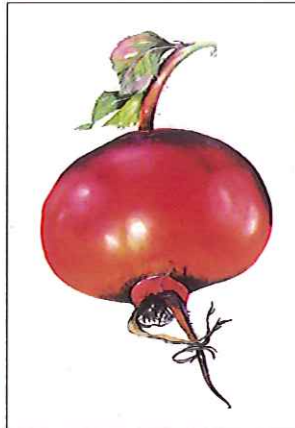
Mary Clare Cornwallis

Balmaclellan artist, Mary Clare Cornwallis combines her love of nature with her love of art to produce colourful botanical watercolour paintings. Her favourite subjects are flowers and poultry: not only does her garden include a collection of flowers which she likes to paint but she keeps a stock of ducks and hens which frequently feature in her sketchbook.

Mary Clare originally learned to paint under the tutelage of the artist Valerie Saddler of Kirkcudbright before deciding to specialise in watercolours. She has exhibited at galleries in London, Brisbane and Dumfries & Galloway and welcomes private commissions.

Originally from Kent, Mary Clare owned and ran an independent school in London with her husband, the actor Ian McCulloch, and now lives permanently in the Glenkens.

Mary Clare was inspired to paint by a wonderful collection of botanical illustrations painted by her great grandmother almost a century ago. She has recently compiled a book of these illustrations, entitled *An Edwardian Lady's Flower Album*, which will be launched at Threave Gardens Visitor Centre on the 30th November from 6pm – 8pm. Full details of the book and event can be found on P6 of this Gazette.



FIRE CADETS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DAY

The Glenkens Fire Cadets had a day of outdoor activities on Saturday 29 October. They were go-karting in the morning followed by 'Team' problem solving in the afternoon at Marthorn of Mable, which is deep in the Mable Forest at the outdoor centre.



THE ROYAL BURGH OF NEW GALLOWAY & KELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The guest speakers at the October meeting were Mr R Irving and Mr V Nix from Dumfries & Galloway Council Planning Dept. Mr Nix is responsible for all of the conservation areas in the region and he explained the implications of the 'conservation area' designation in relation to general planning issues. He also described the various different types of 'listed building' designations and the procedure involved in applying listed building status.

Mr Irving gave examples of the most common planning queries which arose in conservation areas and provided a list of the main restrictions which apply. He stressed however that this list was by no means exhaustive and any specific issues should be directed to the planning office in Castle Douglas for initial guidance. Plans were provided, for future reference, showing the boundaries of the conservation area and indicating the various listed buildings.

The November meeting was attended by Miss Lindsay Orr from Loreburn Housing Association. A presentation was made to the Community Council, and the members of the public present, regarding the proposed Loreburn housing development at Carson's Knowe. Provided that the purchase of the necessary land from Dumfries & Galloway Council was completed as expected, the first phase of the building work would commence in April 2006, subject to planning consent. This phase would see a total of eight houses built – four with two bedrooms and four with three bedrooms. The site would have scope for a further twelve houses in the future but this would require expansion of the sewage capacity and would therefore depend on the outcome of negotiations with Scottish Water regarding further investment in the infrastructure. The houses would be for rent and/or for shared ownership. The development was warmly welcomed by everyone at the meeting as it would help to address the long standing shortage of rented accommodation and affordable housing in the area.

The plans, however, were a pleasant surprise to the Community Council as Loreburn had stated several times in the past that they had no plans to build in New Galloway in the foreseeable future!

The other main topic was the proposed closure of the Clydesdale Bank in New Galloway. Although the branch has only been part time since the previous attempt to close it over eight years ago, it still plays a vital role in the town and would be greatly missed if the closure went ahead as planned. Many people felt that it was a foregone conclusion that it would definitely close this time but after discussion it was agreed that if we had taken that stance the last time, it would have closed then. It was only because of the intensive campaign conducted by the Community Council at that time that the management at the Clydesdale Bank backed down and agreed to keep the branch open, albeit on reduced hours. Encouragingly, they also then stated that they would never close one of their branches if it was the last bank in a town. Why should we admit defeat this time? The Community Council would write a letter to the Chief Executive of the Clydesdale Bank and would urge all local people to do the same to show support for retaining the branch. Further action would also be considered in an effort to secure the future of New Galloway's bank.

Festive plans have also been made to have Christmas Trees beside the burgh sign, on the Town Hall and in Mossdale. It is also hoped to have some additional lighting decorations at the Town Hall and at any other suitable points.

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch is to be held in the Cross Keys Hotel on Sunday 18th December and transport will be available as usual on request.

The last Community Council meeting of 2005 will be on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in New Galloway Town Hall.

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At their September meeting, members of Dalry Community Council were pleased to hear that the proposal for a bus shelter at the foot of Main Street has been approved.

Discussion took place regarding a proposal to site a car park adjacent to the B7000 on the Knowe. It was generally felt that this would encourage visitors to the village (including walkers) to leave their cars in a safe environment and reduce parking problems in Main Street. It was pointed out that funding for such a venture might be problematic but Cllr Prentice agreed to raise this proposed development with the appropriate Council officials.

The Community Council's response to the Boundary Commission's proposed boundary changes was discussed with a view to a finalised version being forwarded in time for the deadline.

The design of the Community Council's questionnaire to canvas views on the proposed windfarm development at Blackcraig was finalised and administrative arrangements were put in place to have these distributed once the planning proposal has been submitted.

Members were delighted to hear that the request for street lights to be installed in St John's Way had been approved and that funding was in place for this.

BALMACLELLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Balmaclellan had a very successful bonfire night party in the village. Over 80 people attended the event.

The Balmaclellan Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch will be taking place at the Ken Bridge Hotel on Tuesday 13 December at 12.30pm. If there is anyone who has not received an invitation and is eligible to attend please contact Jane Douglas on 01644 420686.

Following the results of the survey on the proposed Blackcraig Windfarm, it was decided that as the result was inconclusive the Community Council would stay neutral on the issue. A total of 297 questionnaires were sent out to the Balmaclellan community (one to every household in the parish). Of the 132 returned, 64 were against the development, 55 were in favour and 13 were neutral.

'Lighting up': we are going to light the Christmas Tree on Thursday 15th December at 7.00 pm. We will sing a couple of carols, and this will be followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies in the village hall. All welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch: anyone interested in joining this scheme should contact Fiona Mackinnon.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING WALK THANKS GLENKENS GENEROSITY

The Spencer Dayman Meningitis UK Fundraising Walk passed through New Galloway on Wednesday 5 October. The walk, which covered a blistering 540 miles from Londonderry, Northern Ireland to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, raised a total of £82,000 for the charity. Over 200 supporters joined Steve at various stages along the walk, helping to raise this impressive amount by being sponsored and collecting donations.

Meningitis UK's Chief Executive, Steve Dayman, who led the walk, expressed his thanks to those who supported it locally. "During the time we were in the Glenkens area we raised £533 in bucket collections alone," said Steve. "Without the help of the many local people who supported us on the day, we would not be able to continue our vital research into the prevention and treatment of meningitis and its associated diseases, which is being undertaken at various institutes across the UK."

The charity would like to hear from families who have been affected by meningitis or anyone who may wish to help the charity by fundraising or distributing educational literature locally. For more information or to make a donation, phone 011737 37373 or visit www.meningitisuk.org.

NEW GALLOWAY POST OFFICE

Fiona and Ian at New Galloway Post Office would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Recommended last posting dates:

Standard Parcels 14 December 2005

2nd Class 17 December 2005

1st Class 20 December 2005

**The Post Office will be closed over the festive season on:
25/26/27 December, 1/2/3 January**

Please note that many business and personal Clydesdale Bank transactions can be carried out at your local post office. We would be happy to assist with any queries. Many thanks to everyone for their custom and support over the last 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)

W R GOURLAY AND The Sayings Of Muhammad

W.R.Gourlay retired as financial adviser to the viceroy of Bengal in 1922 and died at Kenbank, Dalry in 1936. He was a man of letters and languages. The other day we received at Kenbank a large envelope addressed to him, which upon opening contained a book and a letter. My first thought was that this must be a record postal delay but the letter was of very recent date, 18 October 2005. The book, "The Sayings of Muhammad (S)" is a 2002 reprint of 450 sayings and stories of the Prophet Muhammad printed in English, Arabic and Bangladeshi. The accompanying letter from Mohiuddin Ahmad, ex Bangladeshi vice consul of Glasgow, explained why he was sending a copy of the book. It was originally compiled and printed in 1902 in English and Arabic by Sir Abdullah al Mamun Suhrawardy, sometime deputy president of the Bengal Legislature and secretary of the Indian Moslem Association of Bengal. In the mid 1930s his brother, Professor Hassan Suhrawardy, vice chancellor of the University of Calcutta, sought to satisfy a growing demand for a reprint but could not find a copy. Eventually he unearthed one with his friend, William Gourlay, who sent him the copy he had at Kenbank. As a result it was possible for a second edition to come out in 1936, in the preface of which the debt owed to William Gourlay is noted. There

were further reprints in 1998 and 2002, the latter of which included Bangladeshi for the first time. The idea of this being, as Mr Ahmad says in his letter, that the present community of Indian immigrants, particularly the Bengali settlers, be able to read the English and Bangladeshi scripts side by side.

Ghandi read the book in 1938 and wrote saying that this collection of the sayings of the Prophet are amongst the treasures of mankind, not merely for Muslims. They omit anything that Sir Abdullah Suhrawardy saw as being unduly dated so that the whole book is relevant to today and full of wise and profound sayings such as "humility and courtesy are acts of piety", and interlaced with a great deal of common sense, "Kill not your hearts with excess of eating and drinking". Amongst my favourites are, "Go in quest of knowledge, even unto China", "The thing that is lawful, but disliked by God is divorce", and "Trust in God, but tie your camel".

Mr Ahmad thought it was timely to send another copy to Mr Gourlay at Kenbank. In acknowledging his letter and the book I said that I hoped he would agree with my idea that the book should be lodged in the Dalry village library, which was built in William Gourlay's memory.

Derk Pelly, Kenbank, Dalry

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%

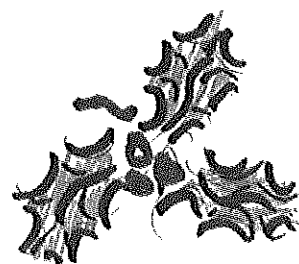
Contact

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

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Miss P Young is once again collecting toys, games, puzzles etc. for the local Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. If you have anything you can spare, please hand it to Mrs Betty McQueen, High Street, New Galloway, to St Margaret's Rectory, or to Miss Young, Kirkland Street, Dalry, by 5th December.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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) 760296

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

NEW GALLOWAY = *Our Historic Burgh*

by Helen Bolton PART XXVI

Alexander Murray's Centenary

A number of well known inhabitants of New Galloway journeyed up the Newton Stewart road on 16th April 1913 to join a large gathering of people from the Minnigaff and Penninghame areas at Murray's Monument. The occasion was the centenary of the death of this remarkable son of Galloway. Those present included Dr Cowan; Mr Johnston, the Town Clerk; Mr Milligan, "Kenmore Arms"; Mrs. Graig; Mr Mitchell; Miss Paterson, "Wellwood Lodge"; and Messrs. John and Gordon Milligan. Also present were Mrs McMillan of "Craig End", Balmaclellan; Mr and Misses Shaw, "High Park", Balmaclellan; and Dr McKie of Newton Stewart. The last named gentleman being a relative of Murray's, his Great Grandmother was a sister of Alexander's mother.

Alexander Murray was born at "Dunkitterick", a shepherd's cottage in what was described by Murray himself as a lonely glen where there was no road, and being traversed by no strangers save smugglers! At that time the road was up in the hills above the rocky crags of Craigmews.

Proceedings at the monument opened with the singing of Psalm 121, "I to the hills will lift mine eyes" appropriate words in the wild grandeur of the countryside surrounding the company gathered on the Doon, beside the splendid granite column. Prayers were then led by the Rev W H Brown Douglas of Newton Stewart, followed by an interesting speech given by Mr G MacLeod Stewart of "Cairnsmore House", who presided over the meeting.

It was Mr Stewart's father, Mr James Stewart, who had been instrumental in the erecting of the fine monument which we see today, made from local granite. The column stands 80 feet high and sits in a prominent position above the road, a striking and fitting memorial to a remarkable man. Many private individuals donated handsomely towards the cost, and the Commissioners of Supply for both Wigtownshire and the Stewartry aided the good cause. There was still a deficiency in funds, however, and in order that the work should go on uninterrupted, Mr Stewart



very generously advanced the necessary money from his own pocket.

The Very Rev Pearson McAdam Muir, DB, from Glasgow Cathedral, who was the orator of the occasion, gave a most interesting insight into Murray's life, mostly gleaned from his father's knowledge of the man. Dr Muir was a Galloway man himself, born and brought up at the Manse of Kirkmabreck.

Murray's ancestors had been shepherds for many generations, his Great Grandfather was at "Barnkirk" in Penninghame parish, his Grandfather shepherded at "Craigencallie", and his father was at "Garrery" before moving to "Dunkitterick" before Alexander was born. From all this, some folk will be wondering what was the connection between Murray and New Galloway. This was two fold. His Mother was Mary Cochrane, a native of New Galloway, and in 1785 when Alexander was eight years old, a brother of Mary's who had made some money in England, undertook to pay for the boy to have some schooling. He came to New Galloway and was

placed at Kells School under the excellent teacher, Mr William Gordon. During this time young Alexander lodged with his grandfather in the village.

The boy had already learnt to read and write under his father's tuition, and soon began to excel in writing copies using paper and ink, and was often dux of the bible classes. Although his time at school was very short due to his continued ill health, the teaching he received at our school in New Galloway no doubt set this brilliant young man on the first steps towards his career as Professor of Oriental Languages at Edinburgh.

Before the meeting at Murray's Monument closed on that memorable day several lines of Psalm 125 were sung, and the celebration concluded with the Benediction pronounced by Dr Muir.

Congratulations to Helen Bolton's mother, Helen Mawdsley, who was one hundred and five years old on 17 November.

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 ☎

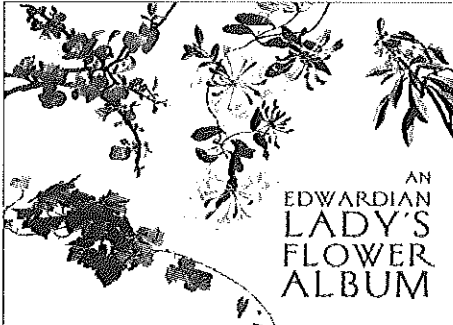
GLENKENS MEDICAL PRACTICE
General Medical & Dispensing Services
The Surgery High Street New Galloway The Surgery Kirkland Street Dalry
FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL
☎ **01644 420234** ☎

Gordon McAdam
Plumbing & Heating Engineer
22 Kirkland Street
St. John's Town of Dalry
☎ **01644 430393** ☎
☎ **07834 321789** ☎

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

SCOTTISH LAUNCH OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY'S FLOWER ALBUM



Flowers of the cheerful days of Spring
Come at my magic summoning!
Flowers of the Summer's golden age
Come when I call to deck my page!
Bright things that, as the year grows old,
Light the sad Earth with red and gold,
And flowers that bloom in Winter snows,
Sweet snowdrops, or a Christmas rose:
Come at my touch, that all who look
May see you mirrored in my book.
Anon.

Balmacellan artist, Mary Clare Cornwallis has compiled a book of beautiful botanical watercolour illustrations painted by her great grand mother, Agnes Katherine Landale, almost a century ago. The book, entitled An Edwardian Lady's Flower Album, will have its Scottish Launch at Threave Gardens on the 30th of November.

This charming flower calendar is a facsimile edition of a hand illustrated manuscript created in 1913. Agnes, or Aggie as she was known to her family and friends, was married to a Scot who specialised in Indian trade, principally jute. She lived in the pretty Surrey village of Limpsfield in a large house, where a team of eight gardeners tended a large garden with far reaching views down to a lake and the village

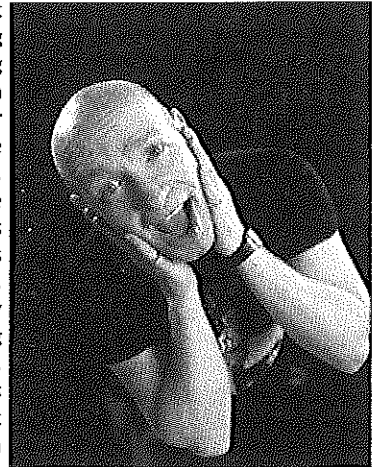
church beyond. Overflowing with plants, it had an abundance of colour. An enormous greenhouse was crammed with peaches, nectarines and grapes. Aggie took inspiration from this remarkable garden to create this lavish calendar. Every page blossoms with hand painted watercolour illustrations of seasonal plants for each day of the year and hand written poems for every week of the year.

Mary Clare knew the manuscript as a child when it was always locked in the 'treasure room' in her mother's old house. She has written an introduction to the book and will be signing copies of it at the launch. As well as being available to buy at the event, An Edwardian Lady's Flower Album will be on sale at the GCAT shop in New Galloway. It costs £14.99 in hardback and would make an ideal Christmas gift.

The launch will take place at Threave Gardens Visitor Centre on Wednesday 30th November from 6pm until 8pm. If you would like to attend or for more information please contact GCAT on 01644 420374.

CRAIG HILL AT DALRY

Scotland's brightest comedy star, Craig Hill, will be visiting Dalry Town Hall on Saturday 3rd December with his hilarious one man, stand up show. Currently gracing the small screen on Fridays on BBC2 with his cheeky, irreverent and, of course, wonderfully camp show, "Craig Hill's Out Tonight", Craig's stage act has been one of the biggest hits at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe over the last few years. His celebrity bitching, fabulous characterisations and sublimely out of context musical diva impersonations (including Shirley Bassey and Julie Andrews) have led him to be described as "funny, charming and charismatic... His unique blend of mimicry and razor sharp wit had audiences begging for more" and, "If Rory Bremner is the Daily Telegraph of topical comedy then Craig Hill is the Hello! Magazine."



Craig's first public success came at age ten when he won a local talent contest in his native East Kilbride, impersonating Cleo Laine. He never looked back, going on to enter dance contests, write songs, sing in local bands and eventually train as a hairdresser! He now performs at festivals around the world and has become one of BBC Scotland's most popular acts, presenting their hit comedy production, 'Floor Show,' and their TV coverage of 'T in the Park' (his hilarious interviews with international stars including Pink, Black Eyed Peas and Scissor Sisters were highlights of the weekend's regional, digital and national broadcasts).

Craig's show starts at 8.00pm, and is suitable for ages 16 plus. Tickets, which cost £8.00 (£6.00 concession), are available from the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT) in the High Street in New Galloway, or by phoning 01644 420374.



THE CEILIDH TREE

Top children's theatre company, Giant Productions from Glasgow, will be coming to Dalry Community Centre on Thursday 15 December with their current touring show, The Ceilidh Tree, which promises to be a wonderful festive treat for pre school children.

It's winter...the shortest day of the year and in a clearing in the forest stands a lone tree. The forest creatures are gathered for a special moment, a moment when everything is transformed. Each has a story to tell and a gift to bring. It's time to huddle up, tell stories, sing songs and wait...

Following Giant's philosophy of creating inclusive theatre for all children regardless of ability or background, The Ceilidh Tree takes place in a specially created multi sensory environment. Through the use of magical lighting, storytelling, puppetry, song and audience interaction, this winter time story celebrates our forest friends, the turn of the year, and the season of good cheer.

The Ceilidh Tree started as a local tour reaching over 500 nursery children from Glasgow and the surrounding areas in winter 2004. It proved a huge success and received such excellent feedback that Giant has decided to develop and re tour the show for winter 2005. Extending touring dates by an extra 2 weeks and taking this tale of woodland life and winter magic much further afield, The Ceilidh Tree will be playing to 1500 children across the country.

Touring to Dumfries and Galloway for the first time, Giant are looking forward to introducing their work to the audience of Dalry Community Centre for one exclusive performance from the only inclusive children's theatre company in Scotland.

The Ceilidh Tree is at Dalry Community Centre, Kirkland Street, Dalry on Thursday 15 December at 2.30pm. It is suitable for children aged 2 5 and their families. Tickets, which cost £2 for children and concessions or £3 full price are available from GCAT on 01644 420374 or by popping into the GCAT Shop in the High Street in New Galloway. Advance booking is recommended as seats are limited.

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

LINKING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GLENKENS

PLAY IT BY EAR



Tony Bonning's hugely popular Play it by Ear song, storytelling and music sessions have been taking place every month in Balmaclellan Village Hall. Suitable for all pre school children and babies as well as their carers, these workshops offer children a fun and enjoyable introduction to music and rhythm which they not only love, but which also prepares them for starting school. One primary head teacher is quoted as saying, "I can always tell which of the children have taken part in Tony Bonning's workshops." There are other academic and social benefits to participating in such a programme: according to the BBC, recent research in America has shown that children regularly exposed to song, rhythm and storytelling in the first 12 months of life go on to do better at reading and writing once they reach school.

The sessions take place on the second Monday of every month in the village hall in Balmaclellan from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. It costs £2 per adult/child group per session. If you would like more information on Play it by Ear please contact Alison Caldwell on 01644 420272 or 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.

ORGANIC COUNTRY COOKRY DEMONSTRATIONS

Liz Cole, Community Project Worker with GCAT has teamed up with Catherine Braid, the Organic Country Cook to run a series of cookery demonstrations in the run up to Christmas. The demonstrations will take place in a variety of local halls and will involve using seasonal produce to create delicious festive treats within a set budget.

The venues, dates and times of the demonstrations are as follows:

Monday 5 th December	11.00am	New Galloway Town Hall
Tuesday 6 th December	11.00am	Carsphairn Village Hall
Wednesday 7 th December	11.00am	Dalry Town Hall

Liz will be running the community minibus service for anyone who requires assistance with transport to and from the events. If you would like to be picked up / dropped off or if you would like more information on the event please contact Liz at the GCAT shop on 01644 420374.

Travel on the bus is free and entry to the events is by donation.

'ON THE BUS'

A mobile bus 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, got together with the P.U.M.A. mobile bus project and hosted a road show throughout the Glenkens region.

Liz provided information for pensioners regarding benefit entitlement and services that are available to the over 60s. Liz's idea was to offer an open space on the bus to anyone who was interested in coming along and discussing issues relating to life in later years. Leaflets and benefit forms were available on the bus to take away and Liz took names and 'phone numbers of anyone who wished her to make a home visit. She was hoping that people would come along for a chat, a cup of tea and a biscuit, and find out about the community work GCAT is involved with. Age Concern Scotland came on board with this initiative for one day.

In terms of providing information; making home visits; applying for services like the free kindling and logs service; promotion and publicity, and strengthening relations between GCAT, Age Concern Scotland and P.U.M.A., the Road Show was highly successful.

Amongst her range of leaflets, Liz can provide the 'Pensioners' Guide Scotland' (April 2005) which details benefits, services and useful contact numbers. Another useful edition is the 'Guidance for older folk in Dumfries and Galloway' (Spring 2005) which can be obtained free from The Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) by 'phoning 01387 260959 or writing to: The Administrator, Better Neighbourhood Services Fund, Crichton Hall, Queensberry West 2, Glencaple Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TG. Their website is: www.dgcommunity.net

For information and enquiries, please contact

Liz Cole, GCAT: 01644 420 374.

GTI CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIPS

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2005
LIVINGSTON SHOPPING CENTRE

DEPARTS NEW GALLOWAY 9.30AM
RETURNS TO NEW GALLOWAY APPROX 6.30 PM
£6 PER SEAT

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2005
CARLISLE - LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
PLUS CAROL PARADE, ENTERTAINMENT
HOG ROAST ETC.

DEPARTS NEW GALLOWAY 4.30PM
(PICK UP IN DALRY, PARTON & CROSSMICHAEL)
RETURN FROM CARLISLE AT APPROX 9.30PM
£4 PER SEAT (TRANSPORT ONLY)

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2005
EAST KILBRIDE SHOPPING CENTRE

DEPARTS NEW GALLOWAY 9.30AM
RETURN TO NEW GALLOWAY APPROX 6.30PM
£6 PER SEAT

PLEASE BOOK & PAY NOW -

TRIPS WILL BE CANCELLED UNLESS SUFFICIENT
BOOKINGS ARE MADE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE TRIPS

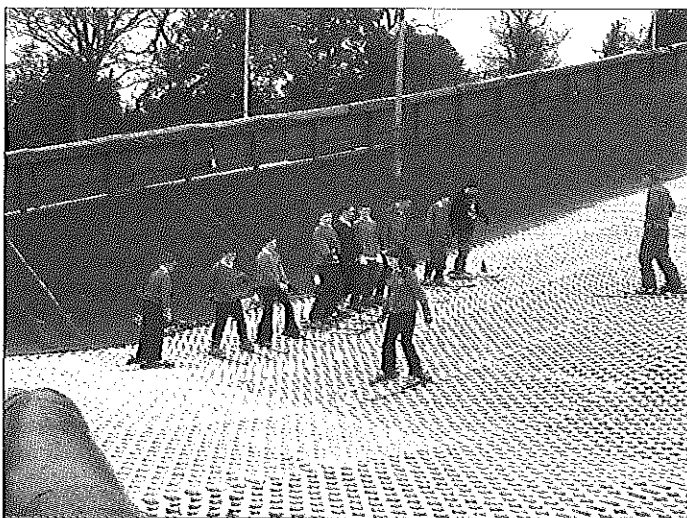
TO BOOK EITHER RING

01644 - 420374

OR VISIT THE GCAT SHOP IN NEW GALLOWAY

GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

CITY TRIP FOR DALRY PUPILS



On Wednesday 2nd November all the pupils and staff at Dalry Secondary took part in their annual city trip. This year it was Glasgow, culminating in a visit to the King's Theatre. Pupils also chose one other activity: some visited the Gallery of Modern Art and the Lighthouse, some experienced skiing and snowboarding at the Glasgow Ski Centre and some toured Hampden Park and the Scottish Football Museum.

Robbie Struthers of S4 visited the Gallery of Modern Art. "I was really impressed by a painting called "Bacchanalia". It was huge and took up most of one wall. I thought it was really clever the way it depicted a modern day hell for celebrities being chased by the paparazzi. The Lighthouse was really interesting and you could see the whole city from the top level."

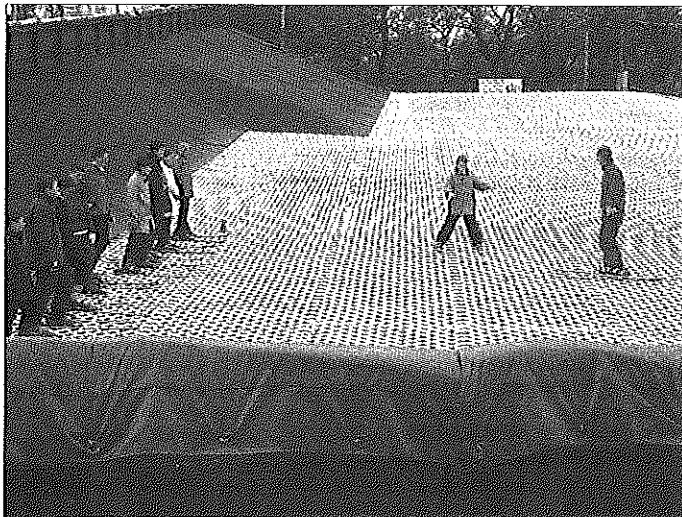
Kelly Wilson of S1 toured Hampden Park. "I really liked sitting in the royal box at Hampden; the seats were very comfortable and there was even a carpet on the floor. It was amazing seeing the dressing rooms too as we actually sat where all the great players had sat before. We took penalties in the warm up room and there was a machine which measured the speed of our shots. Ross Fergusson hit the hardest shot at 55mph. In the museum we played some football games and I liked seeing all the old trophies and football strips – especially the Rangers ones of course!"

Martin Wilson (no relation!) of S1 experienced the skiing. "I was delighted at how easy it was to learn to ski because I had never skied before. It was great fun even though I fell over the first time. It was a real struggle getting back up on my feet because my skis were crossed over. At least I didn't go down backwards like Ryan! It was raining but that made the slope even faster so we didn't mind getting wet. By the end of the session I was pretty good, even if I do say so myself! I can't wait to go skiing again!"

The King's Theatre is a wonderfully ornate Victorian building and there was a real buzz of excitement as all the staff and pupils took their seats for the matinee performance of "Stones in His Pockets", a comedy starring Andy Gray and Alan Stewart. It was a two man show with very little in the way of scenery and props but the two actors delighted the audience with the range of characters they portrayed so convincingly. The main characters were two Irish extras involved in the filming of a Hollywood blockbuster in an Irish location. Andy Gray was brilliant as Sean, the drug addict, and Angela, the director's assistant while Alan Stewart was totally convincing as the sexy star Caroline Giovanni as well as the Scots director Simon.

Tamsin Tyeson of S3 thought the play was excellent. "When the two extras were mocking the director's instructions to watch the horses galloping across the field, everyone was in fits of laughter. I also liked the way they brought the play to its dramatic conclusion when the two extras decided to make their own film. It was slightly confusing at the start because they played so many parts but by the end I was completely enthralled by the range of characters!"

The city trip is a very valuable experience for our pupils, some of whom were visiting Glasgow for the first time. Many pupils enjoyed the experience so much that they were determined to return to the city soon taking their parents with them this time.



GALLOWAY YOUNG STRINGS

It was the turn of the primary schools in the Glenkens (Kells pictured above and Dalry) to be visited by teachers from the Galloway Young Strings this week. The group was set up a year ago with funding from the education authority to give children of primary school age who play a stringed instrument the opportunity to play together in a group. The GYS teachers have visited eight Primary Schools in the area over the last four weeks demonstrating



the different instruments, the variety of pieces which can be played on strings and the benefits of playing together as a group. Children are being encouraged to join the group if they already play or, if not, to start learning either through the school system or in a new class for beginners of P3 and P4 age. For further information contact Susan Smyth on 01557 814458 or Pauline Roe on 01988 700442.

SCHOOL ART PRIZEWINNERS

Dalry Primary 4 pupil Hazel Banner has won the fantastic prize of £1000 for her school and £300 for herself in a national poster competition organised by the Food Standards Agency.

Hazel's poster was judged the best entry out of 3300 entries from a wide cross section of ages and schools; entries were scored on artistic merit, originality and effectiveness in promoting food hygiene messages.

The winning poster will now be enlarged and displayed around Christmas on advertising panels including bus shelters, shopping centres and train stations along main commuter routes in Scotland. Hazel's work will also feature in the FSA calendar for January 2006.

Meanwhile Emily Priddy of P7 has won a regional competition to design Russel Brown MP's Christmas Card.

Well done to Hazel and Emily on wonderful achievements.

Community Fire Safety Message MAKING YOUR HOMES SAFER FESTIVE SEASON

The winter period is traditionally when the Fire & Rescue Service receive most calls to dwelling fires. This is due to the darker days and nights when householders use open fires and heaters which if not properly guarded can cause a fire.

Power cuts and dark evenings see more people using candles as an alternative source of light and to provide a relaxing atmosphere. The Fire & Rescue Service advise you to ensure that you prepare for power cuts by checking that your hand lamps are working or spare batteries are available, and make sure if you use candles that suitable holders are provided. Candles have, in recent times, caused fires due to being placed on Televisions and near curtains, or because household pets have knocked them over.

December in particular is the busiest month for dwelling fires and great care should be taken hanging decorations away from sources of heat and flame, xmas presents and wrapping paper should be placed safely away from harm. Ensure your xmas lights are kept away from flammables and that they are switched off at night and when you go out.

If you are celebrating this year and having a party where alcohol is present, please enjoy yourself but take extra care as many fires and injuries can be attributed to actions related to this.

If you have an open fire, make sure you sweep your chimney regularly and watch out for sparks from logs.

Lastly, Dumfries & Galloway Fire and Rescue Service would like to wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, but make sure you have a working Smoke Alarm in your house, if you don't have one and can't get one, please phone our Community Fire Safety Section on 01387 252222

GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

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

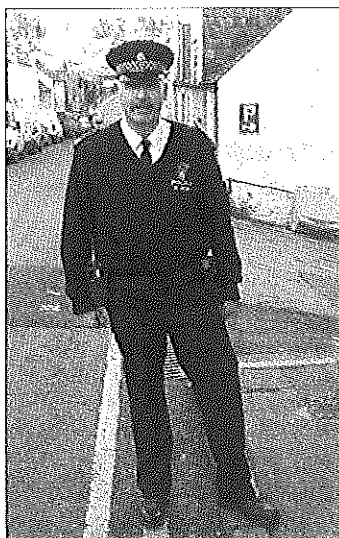
GLENKENS HAIR STUDIO DUKE STREET, NEW GALLOWAY Tel. 01644 420616

**The salon will be closed on
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th December
and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th January**

Reminder - The Barber Shop is now closed
on Thursdays 4.30 - 6.30pm

Christmas Gifts Now In Stock : Please call in.

**Eileen wishes all her customers a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**



ON THE BEAT : Community Police News with PC Ian Wilson FESTIVE POLICE MESSAGE FOR THE GLENKENS

Well it's that time of year again when your television screens and newspapers will be full of advice telling us not to Drink and Drive! I would also appeal to all those on Xmas nights out, party goers, first footers, in fact anyone who thinks about getting behind the wheel of any motor vehicle under the influence.....Don't!

This area now has a dedicated Traffic Patrol Car so your chances of being caught have just gone up! We have through, Information given to Crimestoppers and local officers, a number of possible targets already! All drivers who commit an offence or who are involved in a Road Traffic Accident are breathalysed. Please don't be a statistic in the festive drink driving figures...

At this time of year some of you will be going away for a few days to visit friends and relatives; make sure your home and valuables are locked up safely. Let your neighbours know you are away and ask them to keep an eye on your property.

Remember phone the police or CRIMESTOPPERS ON 0800 555 111 as soon as possible if you see anything suspicious happening. Hopefully someone might do the same for you if your property is being subjected to a crime!

If you are Christmas shopping in some of the larger towns nearby DON'T fill your vehicle with presents and expect them to be there when you get back. Lock them out of sight in the boot!

Be extra careful at cash points when keying in your pin or taking out large sums of money. Cover the keypad when putting in your PIN numbers! Check out who's around if using an isolated cash machine!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the People of the Glenkens for their help and assistance during 2005. I wish you all a Safe and very Merry Christmas and of course a Happy New Year!

Ian Wilson, Constable 291, Dalry

The Lochinvar

Hotel Restaurant Bar

The Black Family Presents

- Pre Christmas menus and functions
- Christmas Day Menu
- Hogmanay Menu with Ceilidh Band and midnight buffet

**Booking Essential
Phone for Menus and
further details**

☎ 01644 430107 ☎

**We wish everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

My Highland Laddie

He promised me a mountain walk:
wild flowers, streams and gentle talk
I lunged behind, grabbed bracken stalks
like some wrong footed crow I squawked
knee jerking, panting, slid on roots
then heaving, leaping rocks and shoots
fell into hollows, tangled, blocked
collapsed on heather scratched and knocked.

Our distance widened as he called
"Come on, get up or we'll get caught!"
And sure enough the gusts increased
their shadows merging into mists.
We reached the peak in circling dusk
and settled soaked on spongy tufts.
"Come on, get up - no time to waste!
we must get down - that wind's got tough!

With slashing rain and rumbling sounds
we stumbled, tumbled, zig zagged down
avoiding tree trunks, boulders, thorns
the heavy sky's encroaching storm.
We pressed on harder, dropped like hawks
squelched through the boglands, reached the shore
as dark squalls splattered rocks and walk
so much for flowers, streams and talk!

Rosemary Keith

TIMES OF WORSHIP IN THE GLENKENS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Sundays

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

Special Services and Events

11th December 6.30pm
Carols by Candlelight, Balmaclellan Church
24th December 11.30pm
Watchnight Service, Dalry Church
25th December 10.30am
Christmas Day Family Service, Carsphairn Church
1st January 10.30am
United Service with Glenkens Church Choir,
Balmaclellan Church
29th January 10.30am
United Service with Glenkens Church Choir,
Dalry Church

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH (C of E) St Margaret's, New Galloway

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10.30am " "
New Year's Day 10.30am Carol Service
10.30am Holy Communion
Every Sunday and Wednesday

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

St John's, Castle Douglas
Masses on -
Saturday 6pm & Thursday 7pm

GILLESPIE GIFFORD & BROWN

**Solicitors
Estate Agents &
Independent Financial Advisors**

☎ 01556 503744 ☎
e-mail: mail@ggblaw.co.uk

OFFICES IN :
**CASTLE DOUGLAS, DALBEATTIE
KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DUMFRIES**

LA & MW JONES

FOLK KNOW US AS DALRY'S TOP SHOP
THE NUMBER'S THE SAME FOR THE PHONE
IT'S ONLY THE NAME THAT'S CHANGED A BIT
IT'S GONE FROM SLOAN'S TO JONES'

always pleased to see you at

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

TEL **01644 430368** FAX

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

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

Afghan Schools Trust

The Afghan Schools Trust is a unique and inspiring organisation which, through the perseverance of three individuals from the Glenkens, is bringing about much needed change to another remote region half way around the globe.

It has been a phenomenal success since its inception in 2002 four schools have been started and various other necessary projects carried out in the region. And the most impressive thing is that the Trust is a completely grass roots organisation. The trust is run voluntarily by its hard working creators and donations are given directly to the coordinator in Nuristan. The Trust states; "We purposely kept the charity small so that we don't have to become an NGO and spend all the money we receive on administration. So most donations are local – we are supported by local schools and many local people."

The initial aim of the Trust was simply to open schools, as people in this remote area had no means to the education they wanted and needed so much. Then the goal became to keep them open during the war. And now the aim is to keep creating more schools and helping with necessary projects in the area. They say; "As we have the direct connection to our coordinator in Nuristan who is himself local, we are very aware of what the feelings are in the area. Nuristan has never been opened up to the outside world until now and, for the first time, the people en masse want to be connected. What they want most are roads and education. No NGOs will work in the area where the schools are. The Afghan Schools Trust is the only working body where no one dares to go – foreign agency or government. So the people are very happy to have us providing some of the education and help the area needs." Recently, the government has taken over the running costs of the schools which is a huge success as it shows they have faith the schools will survive, even in this remote location, and this allows the Trust to continue creating more schools and working on other necessary projects in the region.

During December, The Clog and Shoe Workshop in Balmacellan will become an Aladdin's Cave of Afghan treasures – the workshop will be filled with wonderful, affordable Christmas gifts. And you can be happy in the knowledge that the money you spend will support the Afghan Schools Trust, helping to fund more schools in Nuristan.

Sarah Ade



Christmas trees for sale

- Fir trees only
- Fresh cut
- Guaranteed no needle drop
- Delivering to your door
- Prices from £10.00
- Pick your own tree on Sundays 11th or 18th of December 10.00-16.00pm or by appointment
- Strahanna Farm
- Water of Ken
- Telephone: 01644 460 660




New Galloway Golf Club

Founded 1902

www.nggc.co.uk

☎ 01644 420737 ☎

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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 3OE
Tel 01644420465
Fax 01644420777
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)



Wild Venison

- Great opportunity to get some tasty and divine venison meat so you are ready for a real family Christmas
- Whole roe deer, cut and packed in separate bags; ready for cooking
- Price: £35.00-60.00 for whole carcass
- Strahanna Farm
- Water of Ken
- Telephone: 01644 460 660

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 ☎



GCAT BRINGING GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TO THE GLENKENS DECEMBER 2005 - JANUARY 2006 PROGRAMME



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.
Contact: Allison Caldwell 01644 420272
Tickets - £2 per adult/child combo



AN EDWARDIAN LADY'S FLOWER ALBUM LAUNCH

Wednesday 30 November, 6-8pm
Threave Gardens Visitor Centre

CRAIG HILL

Saturday 3 December, 8pm
Dalry Town Hall
£8 / £6 Age 16+

ORGANIC COUNTRY COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

Monday 5 December, 11.00am
New Galloway Town Hall

Tuesday 6 December, 11.00am
Carsphairn Village Hall

Wednesday 7 December, 11.00am
Dalry Town Hall

GIANT PRODUCTIONS, THE CELIDH TREE

Thursday 15 December, 2.30pm
Dalry Community Centre
£3 / £2
Age 2-5

GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th, Kells Choir is entertaining at Mossdale

Saturday 10th, Kells Choir at Kirroghtree

Sunday 11th, 12.30 - 3.00pm (lunch served at 1.00pm)

The Cross Keys Hotel : Christmas Lunch with Jim McPhee
playing a personal choice of music
3 courses £12.50 : 01644 420494

Thursday 15th, 9.30am

Dalry Nursery Christmas play
All parents, friends and senior citizens are invited.

Thursday 15th, Kells Choir at Balmaclellan
(for the switching on of the lights)

Monday 19th, Kells School Christmas Concert

Monday 19th, Dalry Secondary Christmas dance.

Tuesday 20th, 7pm Dalry Primary Concert - All welcome!

Wednesday 21st, Kells School Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st

Dalry Christmas Assembly (primary and secondary) (am)

Dalry Primary Christmas party (pm)

Last day of term

JANUARY 2006

Friday 27th, 2006 at 7.00pm Kells Burns Supper

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



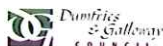
Scottish Arts Council



Scottish Enterprise Network



Direct Grants



Dumfries & Galloway Council



PROJECT PART-FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION
Europe and Scotland
Making it work together



LEADER+

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 [en sys@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.

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 FEBRUARY / MARCH ISSUE 32:

FRIDAY 13th JANUARY 2006

e mail : editor@glenkensgazette.com

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)

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.

Cross Keys Hotel
Seasons Greeting
To All Our Customers

**Bar Meals, Restaurant,
Real Ales, Log Fire**

"Real Ale Pub Of The Year"
HIGH STREET, NEW GALLOWAY 01644 420494