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The groaning trencher there ye fill



KELLS BURNS SUPPER

Kells 13th Annual Burns Supper was held on Friday, 27 January at the school. The school hall was filled to capacity, with 135 people tucking into haggis, tatties and neeps.

As is custom, the Primary 7 pupils were the MCs and principal speakers. The honoured guests, chosen by the senior pupils to sit at the top table with them, were Mr and Mrs Walker, Mr T Edgar and Mr and Mrs Lindsay. Mrs Walker received Honorary Membership of Kells, enabling her to attend all concerts free of charge for the rest of her life. This seemed an appropriate gift since she has never missed a concert or coffee morning at Kells in over 25 years and has always sent congratulatory cards afterwards to the pupils on their success. The Primary 7s tried to upstage the Lord Lieutenant as well by awarding Mr Edgar his very own Kells O.B.E. Mr Edgar is renowned for his service to the community and he has been especially supportive to Kells. It was noted that as far back as 20 years ago Kells' pupils were reciting Mr Edgar's poetry and winning trophies at festivals and even a National Radio competition.

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DALRY PRIMARY HAGGIS BASH

This year the Haggis Bash at Dalry Primary was great! We fed 141 people and had lots of fun and entertainment.

Lara Currie chaired the evening, with Amanda Comrie giving the Selkirk Grace. The Haggis was piped in by Leah Gowans and carried by Emma Murdoch. Josh Trueman and Greig Lawrie proudly addressed the Haggis.

The speeches were a bit different this year. We had a Burns Mastermind Competition. George Lemmon asked the witty questions and our contestants were Edmund Wise, Joe Paterson, Amanda Comrie and Fiona Bartholomew. We had a Commercial Break which was performed by Jack Priddy, Jamie Bartholomew and Martin Templeton and recitations were by Connor Smith, Greig Lawrie, Deborah Sidebottom, Lauren McMath, Hayley Norris and Emily Priddy. Thomas Robb and Flora Murray helped with the acting parts.

FUNDING FOR MOSSDALE & LAURIESTON AREA

£100,000 of funding from the Scottish Executive was recently allocated to the area of Mossdale, Laurieston, Glenlochar and Ringford, to be spent on improving services, highlighting local issues and to make a difference to people's lives. This area was one of 20 such areas in Scotland, which had been identified by the Executive as suffering from rural deprivation. There are four other areas in Dumfries and Galloway which qualify for this status although this is the only one in the Stewartry.

A meeting was held in Balmaghie Public Hall, Laurieston, on Wednesday 18th January 2006 to discuss the allocation. The meeting was chaired by George Prentice (Councillor), and was attended by Derek Crichton (Stewartry Area Manager), Ian Howie (Stewartry LRP), Kenny Eggo (Stewartry Community Planning Co-ordinator), Colin Douglas (D & G Transportation Manager), as well as a good representation from the area's Community Councils and local residents.

Initially the discussion centred on a profile of the area, current problems and how best this project could assist in improving the area. The problem with the electricity supply to the area was highlighted, and it was agreed representations could be made re this. The fact that there

was only one shop in the area, that there was only very limited public transport, and that there was a desire for night classes to be held in the area were all matters raised, as was the need to enhance parking and picnic facilities in the area. All four areas had community halls and the upgrading of these would be considered.

It was agreed there were three themes that allocated money could be used to address.

These were a) improving public transport, and explore the possibility of better use of community transport and ring and ride b) local environmental improvements and c) to improve local services, with increased community information possibly been made available. Three sub-committees were set up for this purpose and further meetings would be arranged to move this project forward.

If anyone would like to discuss any issues concerning rural transport you can get in touch with Keith Cooper, the administrator of the GTI mini-bus, on 01644 420374. Keith is now a member of the community transport sub-committee which has been set up to look into the needs of the area.

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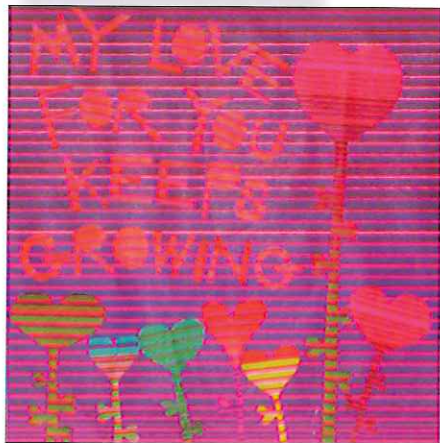
LOCAL ARTISTS

Joanna Gisbey



Originally from the Black Isle, Joanna Gisbey moved to Galloway in 1998 with her husband Donald following her graduation from Glasgow School of Art. After a short spell as a decorative cake maker then shoemaker at the Clog and Shoe workshop in Balmaclellan, Joanna returned to drawing and painting, producing colourful landscapes of the local area, primarily in pastel. Joanna pursues a variety of creative activities such as writing poetry and making sculptures. She is especially happy producing what she calls "fiddly things" such as paper cutting, making brooches and hats from felt and creating beautiful, delicate hand-made books.

Joanna now divides her time between teaching art part-time in primary schools around the Stewartry and working from a studio in New Galloway. She has exhibited at a number of galleries around Scotland including the Collins Gallery and Kelvingrove Art Galleries in Glasgow, Designs in Castle Douglas and has had her earrings featured at Liberty's of London. Joanna currently has an exhibition of work on display at the Whitehouse Gallery in Kirkcudbright from 4th February to 4th March.



WALKING FESTIVAL PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

One of the highlights of the 2006 Newton Stewart Walking Festival sees walkers explore the Rhinns of Kells west of Dalry in a challenging 13 mile high level ridge walk. The Newton Stewart area and the Glenkens have close walking links, thanks to the 212 mile long Southern Upland Way, which connects Glen Trool with Clatteringshaws before passing through the Glenkens at Dalry.

Organisers of the festival have recently released full details of their 2006 event. And despite attracting interest from across the country, including bookings from a couple in Australia, organisers are also keen to welcome local walkers and outdoor enthusiasts from the Glenkens.

Now in its fourth year, the three day festival, which takes place from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May includes 17 guided walks with something for all abilities. Challenging open moorland treks and ascents of some of the South of Scotland's highest hills are interspersed with shorter woodland walks and town trails.

Following an introductory walk and welcome ceilidh on Friday 12 May, the festival's base for Saturday 13 May is Bruce's Stone overlooking Loch Trool. The location provides not only wonderful walking opportunities around the scenic Glen Trool, but also acts as the perfect starting point for an ascent of the region's highest hill, Merrick and an exploration of Galloway's wild heart.

Sunday 14 May sees the festival move to Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, south east of Newton Stewart. From there a range of guided forest walks are offered, suitable for a range of abilities. For the more active, there is an ascent of Cairnmore of Fleet while coastal and archaeological themed walks round off the festival's offering.

Chairman of the Festival Committee, Dr Bob Simpson said: "This year's Newton Stewart Walking Festival will offer an unprecedented variety of walking opportunities. Our committee of local enthusiasts know the terrain, history and best routes through the Galloway Hills to ensure that visitors have a weekend of walking to remember. We have brought together some really cracking walks using the nearby Southern Upland Way, Wigtown Bay local nature reserve and Galloway Forest Park. Through our close working relationship with the Newton Stewart based Galloway Mountain Rescue

Team we are able to offer expert guides for our more challenging walks whilst Forestry Commission Scotland's involvement allows us to make use of their excellent facilities throughout the Galloway Forest Park."

The 2006 event also marks the first year of a link up with Lake District based independent outdoor specialists Stewart R Cunningham, who opened their first Scottish base in Newton Stewart in 2005.

Full details of the 2006 Newton Stewart Walking Festival, including the 17 walks offered, can be found at www.newtonstewartwalkfest.co.uk or call 01671 402770.



"Loch Trool in the Galloway Hills" - the base for Newton Stewart Walking Festival on Saturday 13 May 2006. Photograph courtesy of VisitScotland Dumfries & Galloway.

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The proposed closure of Dalry Library will be on the agenda at the next meeting of Dalry Community Council on 6th February. Acknowledging that there has been concern expressed within the Glenkens regarding the closure, Chairman Tom Scott reassured residents that after the discussion the Community Council will formulate its response to the proposal. At the moment Dumfries and Galloway Council insist that the library, one of four facing closure across the region, will remain open in the meantime until they have considered plans for a replacement mobile service: "Councillors decided that Dalry, Port William, Lochmaben and Easttriggs libraries will remain open until the possible introduction of an extended mobile library service," said a Dumfries and Galloway Council spokesman.

THE ROYAL BURGH OF NEW GALLOWAY & KELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**Christmas Lunch**

The Annual Christmas Lunch was held in the Cross Keys Hotel in New Galloway on Sunday 17 December. The hosts were the proprietors Mr and Mrs Roberts. Approximately forty senior citizens attended. After they received their usual dram and welcome address, Mr Vincent said grace. After lunch the guests were entertained with carols by former and current pupils of Kells School which they themselves arranged. Miss Hannah McKenna played the piano for the first time before a live audience. A sub-committee of the council had made all the arrangements with the assistance from Jim Hopkins in purchasing the raffle prizes from a wholesaler in Dumfries. At the conclusion of the occasion Mr Ewart Muir, a former councillor, gave a vote of thanks.

Town Hall

Our Town Hall is badly needing to be seen to in the near future. The Community Council had a representative from the Stewartry Office at their August meeting and it was discussed at length re. the state of the building and it was pointed out to him that they were putting the cart before the horse in that they repaired the wall and the ceiling on the stairway going up to the main hall (it was plastered, papered and painted) before they tackled the source of the trouble which is the water coming in from either a crack in the wall or from a defect in the roof. The green algae on the wall of the Town Hall facing Duke Street is now very noticeable and is probably due to a gutter requiring to be cleaned out. The whole building could do with being repainted. The lady members of the council were also a bit concerned about the lack of facilities in the kitchen. There is also no sign of any progress in installing toilets and means of getting up the stairway to the main hall for the disabled.

Maintenance Issues

Mr Charles Clemmie, Area Manager for roads, Mr George Prentice, Regional Councillor and two representatives from the Community Council met in New Galloway recently and discussed a number of issues, car parking being the priority issue. Others were: car parking at Braeside and to make the small slip road one way; the signs at the corner of High Street and the Newton Stewart road at the corner of the Doctor's surgery to be altered; Duke Street lighting in the area of the old fire station requires another pole; the pavement between GCAT and beyond the Post Office to be re-laid and

the footbridge on the right of way of Greenhead brae to have a broken step repaired. A security fence is to be installed on the right of way at Bardarroch House in the High Street as there is a large open hole there. Last but not least the repairs to the Town Hall.

Loreburn Housing Association are about to commence work on the old Bleach Green in erecting new houses. Now that this project is about to be underway perhaps we may now get something done about the Old Edinburgh Road (Bottom Road) which has been badly neglected. Over the years the Community Council have made numerous requests to have it seen to and now that the houses are to be built we may be in luck.

Gordon Lindsay

BALMACLELLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no Community Council meeting in December due to the festive break. We are presently awaiting the go ahead from Historic Scotland to remove the trees and scrub from the Motte.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was held in the Ken Bridge Hotel and was enjoyed by over 40 residents. It was a great opportunity for residents at opposite ends of the village boundaries to catch up over a satisfying lunch.

The Community Council also held a Carol Evening round the newly sited Christmas Tree at the Village Hall and this coincided with the switching on ceremony to which over 30 people attended with the carols from Kells School Choir.

F. MacKinnon

DALRY WRI PRESENTATION

Mrs Rita Harvie being presented with a Loyalty Certificate by Miss Nora Little Hon President and Mrs H Hamilton, President, Dalry WRI, 20th December 2005.

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)

CELEBRITY SURPRISE FOR SHEILA MERRILL

Mrs Sheila Merrill from Dalry had an unexpected surprise in September when she found herself in the arms of Magnus Magnusson! The occasion was the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association (SMNDA) AGM held at Stirling University and Magnus was there to present Sheila with a certificate to acknowledge her service and fundraising for them. "I had no idea I was going to be awarded the certificate," says Sheila, who has supported the association for 12 years since her husband, Harry, died of motor neurone disease in 1994, "It was a lovely surprise and I managed to express my thanks in a few words."

Over the years Sheila has raised funds by the sale of a book called *Dougal's Story*. The book was written by Harry during the later stages of his illness and tells many humorous tales of the Merrill's beloved Labrador, Dougal. Harry wrote the story with the assistance of a specialised computer which he was able to operate by using his mouth to activate an infra red beam. Copies of the book are available to purchase at the GCAT shop, priced £3 each and all proceeds go to SMNDA.

MND is a condition which destroys the motor neurones of the body. It causes progressive paralysis, loss of speech and makes eating and drinking difficult, although intelligence and memory are usually not affected. MND can

affect anyone and unfortunately it is always fatal as there is no cure.

- More than 250 people are affected with MND in Scotland.
- Over 130 people die of MND every year in Scotland.
- Over 150,000 people are diagnosed each year world-wide.
- Life expectancy is 2-5 years

Scottish MND Association provides:

- Care and Equipment Service.
- Library and Information service
- Publications and a website.
- Research Funding.

For more information on Motor Neurone Disease please contact:

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Glasgow G20 7BA
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www.scotmnd.org.uk



WINTER LEAVES MANY FEELING DEPRESSED

Breathing Space is a free, confidential phone line that anyone in Scotland can call when they are feeling low or depressed. The phone line is available to the public every day from 6pm - 2am on 0800 838587 or Minicom: 0800 317160.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), or 'winter depression' causes mood changes leaving sufferers experiencing symptoms which may include - fatigue, sleep problems, depression and mood change. Symptoms may start emerging between September and November and continue until March, April or even May.

www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk features guidance on a range of issues including Self-Harm, Alcohol/Drugs, Mental Health Conditions, Physical Conditions, Relationships/Sexuality, Discrimination, Abuse, Bereavement, Work/Income, Accommodation/Homelessness, Bullying, Depression, Stress, Anxiety, Suicide and Loneliness.

In recent years there have been up to around 835 suicides and undetermined deaths per annum in Scotland and nearly 80% of these involve men. In the last 30 years alone the suicide rate in men has increased by 250%, making suicide one of the most common causes of death amongst this group in Scotland.

Breathing Space is part of the Scottish Executive's National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well-being. Visit www.wellontheweb.net for further information or contact Geraldine Scott, Communications & Marketing Assistant on Mob: 07766 431953 or Tony McLaren, Service Coordinator Mob: 07796 941956

SCOTTISH TEAMS HEAD FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Scottish Mens and Ladies Tamburello teams will this weekend head to Meze in the south of France for the European Championships. This will be the third time Scotland has fielded teams to play on the international circuit. The competition takes place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January 2006. Also taking part are teams from France, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Spain, England, Ireland and Germany.

Based in Dumfries and Galloway the teams are as follows:

Mens:	Ladies:
Ray Nicol	Isla Craik
Malcolm Heyes	Indy Priestman
Chris Bramhall	Elizabeth Tindal
Andy Priestman	Morag Paterson
Mauricio Silva	

Competition is expected to be stiff but due to an increased training schedule at the Merrick Centre in Newton Stewart and experience in previous tournaments both teams are confident of giving the French and Italians (the two favourites) a run for their money.

For more information or results please contact Malcolm Heyes on 07850 038832 or Morag Paterson on 07788 801842.



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by Helen Bolton PART XXVIII

The First World War

4th August 1914 saw the outbreak of that terrible war which was to affect every man, woman and child in the country, and in which almost every family suffered the loss of one or more loved ones. Kells parish was no exception, and out of an adult population of 170, 25 men lost their lives, and one daughter of the parish, Nurse Jane Nodwell, Volunteer Ambulance Driver, gave her life for her country. The youngest inhabitant of New Galloway to lose his life in the Great War was Midshipman James R H Faed of The Bungalow, who was lost aboard HMS "Goliath" at the Dardanelles in May 1915 at the age of only 15 years.

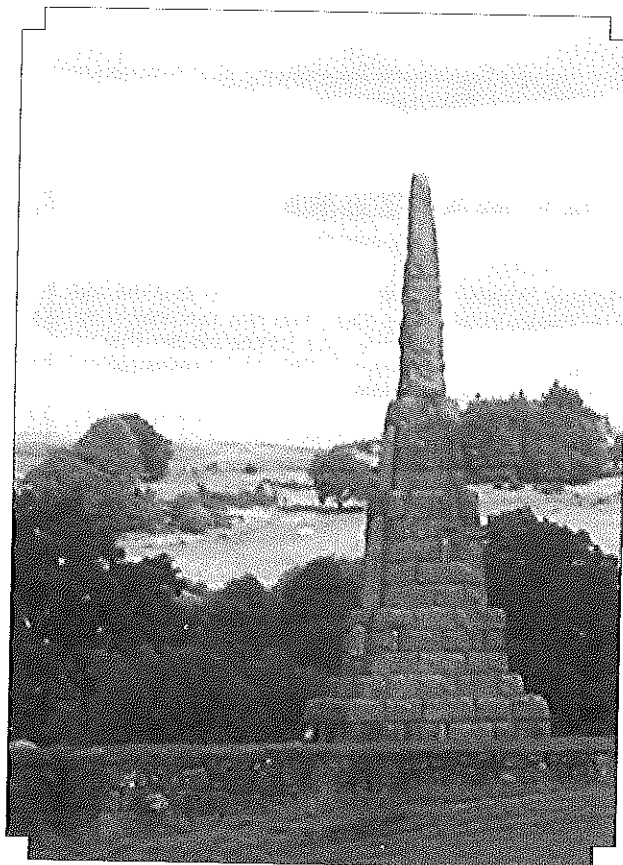
Men from Kells parish served in many different regiments, and apart from our local Kings Own Scottish Borderers many seem to have joined Highland regiments, in particular the Cameron Highlanders. Others served in the Black Watch, the Argyll and Sutherlands, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and such widely varying regiments as the North Lancashire Loyals, the Middlesex, the Lincolnshires, the Royal Field Artillery, and the New Zealand Royal Field Artillery. Also, to have two men from so far inland lost at sea seems surprising, although Midshipman Faed's family belonged to Gatehouse-of-Fleet, so maybe that accounted for his interest in the sea.

New Galloway, and indeed the whole of the Glenkens area soon began gathering up parcels of comforts for the brave men who were fighting for their country. The Glenkens Society organised knitting competitions in the schools and soon socks, scarves and other useful warm items of clothing were being collected and sent out to our boys. This continued until at last the war was over.

When hostilities finally ended the Armistice was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1919. Life gradually returned to normal and those who had survived the vicious fighting came home to resume their former occupations, and peace returned to the Glenkens.

Celebrations were organised to take place in New Galloway on 19th July 1919. Games were arranged for grown-ups and children alike, and plenty of good things to eat and drink were laid on by the local hotels. It may seem surprising to some to learn that the celebrations were held on the New Galloway Golf Course, but the land which had been used for the Golf Course was the original burgh common land. Here the inhabitants could gather fuel and graze their cattle and sheep. This was, therefore, the appropriate place for community celebrations to be held.

On 23rd April 1922 a ceremony was held to unveil the striking granite War Memorial to those who had given their lives. Almost the entire population of the Burgh joined the procession through



the village to the knoll near the public park where the memorial had been erected.

Another memorial, easily missed unless one knows where to find it, was erected privately by Mr John Murray of "Troquhain", Balmaclean in memory of his son John, 2nd Lieutenant in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, who was killed in West Flanders in 1917 aged 19. This memorial is in the form of a tall plinth surmounted by a cross, and sits high up on the side of the lovely falls on the Lowran Burn above the A762 New Galloway to Mossdale road.

As a tribute to all those who gave their lives for King and country it is appropriate to quote these poignant lines written by Laurence Binyon, and first printed in The Times, 21st September 1914. They are now used as a prayer by the Royal British Legion..

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

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GCAT MATTERS

Much progress has been made over the last six months and here is a project update.

The Building: Planning permission was granted by Dumfries and Galloway Council in December. There were two objections to the plans on the grounds of insufficient car parking but the Director of Planning was able to reassure councillors and members of the Stewartry Area Committee that the issue had been considered and resolved satisfactorily. It was suggested that Car Parking in New Galloway should be put on the Agenda for the next meetings of both Kells Community Council and the Stewartry Area Committee in an attempt to come up with a practical solution to a problem that has been discussed for the last 10 years.

Funding: The funding for phases 1 and 2 of the redevelopment of the building has now been secured. The tender process is underway and it is hoped to appoint contractors in March and for work to start on site in April. Plans for the building are on display in the GCAT shop if anyone would like to study them more closely.

Management Structure: At the AGM in December,

1. Nine Directors from the community were elected to serve on the GCAT Board for a 3-year term. They are Cathy Agnew, Marion Bone, Roger Breakwell, Anna Campbell, Wendy Davis, Brian Edgar, Gill Khosla, Chris Mason and Bob Peace.

2. Four separate committees have been established – Finance and General Purposes, Property, Events and Marketing, and Community, Activities and Enterprise. Membership of these committees will be made up of directors and members of GCAT.

Members: A GCAT Membership scheme has been set up. There are already over 100 Members who have pledged their on-going support to the organisation. Membership is open to anyone living in the Glenkens – there is no cost – and can be applied for at any time. In the future it is planned to set up a Friends of GCAT which will, in effect, become a fund-raising group.

Activities: We have had a successful programme of events including touring theatre, folk music, sell-out comedy nights and a popular series of organic cookery demonstrations. More is planned for the future with collaborations with the Puppet Animation Festival, the Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival and the Scottish International Festival. More cookery demonstrations have been arranged and we will soon be offering IT training sessions for the over 60's. Revenue funding has been secured from Comic Relief and Lloyds TSB and we have received grants from the Scottish Arts Council, Leader+ and The Holywood Trust to develop a youth project called GYROscope.

Staffing: We are looking to appoint a Financial Administrator on a 1-year contract from March 2006. Look out for details in the press or contact the GCAT Shop. As always, we welcome input from our wide network of volunteers who give as much or as little of their time as they can on an ad hoc basis.

Community Bus: Just to remind you that the GCAT Bus – Your Community Bus – is available to hire at any time. It continues to be run and managed by the Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI), a subgroup under the GCAT Umbrella. For further information call Keith Cooper on 01644 420374 or Bob Peace on 01644 430281

THANK YOU for your continued support which is much appreciated as we move into another stage of the development of THE GLENKENS CENTRE.

Y-DANCE

GCAT has received funding from the Scottish Arts Council and Leader+ to bring Scottish Youth Dance's Y-Dance project to Dalry for street dance and hip-hop workshops, starting in the spring. Y-Dance came to the Glenkens twice in 2005 and their classes were a huge hit with local young people. This time they will be coming on a regular basis for weekly workshops for secondary school pupils. Some of the workshops will be taking place within school hours and others will be after school. Look out for more details of the programme nearer the time!

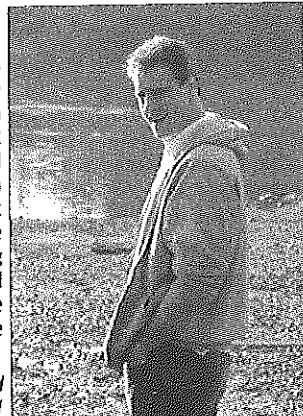
BOOTHBY GRAFFOE TO VISIT THE GLENKENS

Radio 4 presenter and award-winning comedian, Boothby Graffoe, will be visiting The Glenkens in March with his latest touring show. Boothby, famous for being the only comic named after a Lincolnshire market town, will be performing his unique collection of original comic songs accompanied by violinist Nick Pynn. Graffoe's surreal, sharp and often improvised humour has won this master of comedy a legion of fans around the world as well as The Time Out Critics Choice Award and The Adelaide Fringe Festival Award for Excellence. Recently performing to sell out crowds at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Brighton Comedy Festival, Graffoe has the comedy world at his feet. Don't miss out, this is sure to be the hottest ticket in town.

'Daftness deftly combined with clear-headed comic thinking...irresistible.' Time Out – No. 1 Critics Choice

'Wonderful, loveable, bittersweet, funny and endlessly delightful...His songs are sublime pieces of comic writing...Life-enhancingly gorgeous, wonderfully clever stuff. Go see.' The Scotsman

The event takes place at Dalry Town Hall on Sunday 5th March at 8.00pm. Tickets, which cost £8.00 full price and £6.00 concession, are available from the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust in the High Street in New Galloway, tel. 01644 420374.



ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY : MINI-BUS TRIP

GCAT is running a Mini-bus trip to see the Royal Shakespeare Company perform Part 1 of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales at the Ice Bowl in Dumfries in February. This classic work follows a group of medieval pilgrims on their way from London to Canterbury, as they entertain each other with some the liveliest and best known stories in the English language. From the tragic and moral, to the comic and the downright bawdy, this new adaptation by Mike Poulton will give audiences a flavour of the original Middle English in which the Tales were written, whilst making them entirely accessible and understandable to a modern audience. Part 1 of this production will include the Knight's, Miller's and Nun's Priest's tales each told in different styles ranging from puppetry and shadow play to opera and farce, mirroring the many narrative voices employed by Chaucer himself.

This is the second time that the company have visited the region; last year they brought Julius Caesar and Two Gentlemen of Verona which were both sell out performances. These are large scale productions which can be quite a spectacle: not only because the company bring a large cast, costumes and all the other things associated with a touring theatre company, they also arrive complete with full stage, set and seating along with all their lighting and sound requirements. As soon as the RSC arrives in Dumfries on Monday 20 February, the technical crew will set to work erecting the RSC's unique mobile auditorium. Five 45 foot articulated lorries, carrying over 50 tonnes of equipment - including everything from the auditorium, seating, costumes and set, to the tea-urn and the washing machine – will be unloaded, and by Tuesday evening The Ice Bowl will be transformed into a fully operational professional theatre, ready for the opening performance.

The mini-bus is scheduled to visit the event on the evening of Tuesday 21 February. Tickets for the show cost £16 or £12 concession and seats on the mini-bus cost £2 return. The show starts at 7.30pm – leaving times of the bus will be confirmed once we know how many bookings there are. If you would like to book a place please contact GCAT on 01644 420374.

If you have already booked your tickets for the show but would still like to travel on the bus please get in touch as there may be seats available.



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WHAT IS PENSION CREDIT?

Pension Credit is an entitlement for people aged 60 and over living in Great Britain, which could top up your weekly income to a guaranteed minimum level. And, if you have saved towards your retirement you could receive extra money too.

Over 3 million people are receiving extra money. You could join them. So make sure you're not missing out.

If you qualify for Pension Credit, we may be able to backdate any money you are entitled to for up to a maximum of 12 months. Some people have received as much as £1000.

Even if you live with your grown-up family or you own your own home, you may still be eligible for Pension Credit. And it may mean that you get help with your Council Tax Benefit.

IS IT FOR ME?

If you or your partner are aged 60 or over, you are likely to be entitled to Pension Credit if your income is less than:

- 1 **£109.45 a week for single people.**
- 2 **£167.05 a week for couples.**

If either you or your partner are aged 65 and over and have modest savings investments or income (such as a second pension), you could get extra money as well, up to £16.44 a week if you are single or £21.51 for couples.

What's more, there is no fixed limit to the amount of savings and investments you can have. If you have savings and investments over £6,000 (£10,000 if you are in a care home), you will be treated as having an income from it of £1 a week for each extra £500 (or part of £500) over £6,000.

This means you still may be able to apply even if your income is up to:

- 1 **£151 a week for single people.**
- 2 **£221 a week for couples.**

These figures would include any income you are treated as having from your savings and investments and are only a guide. If you are severely disabled or a carer, or have a mortgage or housing loan, you may be able to get Pension Credit even if your income is higher than these amounts.

You do not have to pay tax on any Pension credit payments you may receive.

WHAT DO I DO?

Liz Cole can give you all the details concerning Pension Credit and she has the application forms, as well as other benefit and services forms, at the GCAT office in New Galloway. She can come to your home and assist you with form-filling.

Or, you can find out more by phoning Freephone 0800 99 1234. The line is open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. (A textphone service is also available for people who have difficulties with their hearing or speech on 0800 169 0133).

A trained operator can fill in an application form over the phone and will send it to you to check and sign. If you would prefer, you can ask someone else to call on your behalf or arrange for a member of staff from The Pension Service to visit you to help you apply.

The information you will need at hand is:

- Your National Insurance number**
- Information about any money you have coming in.**
- Information about your savings.**
- Details of the account you would like to use to receive Pension Credit payments.**
- (If you have a partner, you will need to have the same information about them.)**

There is more information in the leaflet PC11 Pension Credit and on The Pension Service website at www.thepensionservice.gov.uk/pensioncredit

For more details and information, contact Liz Cole, GCAT

☎ 01644 420 37410 ☎

COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

Liz Cole organised a series of free cookery demonstrations, with Catherine Braid Organic Country Cook, open to all in New Galloway, Carsphairn and Dalry in mid December. Liz gave a talk concerning her work at GCAT and then Catherine prepared several different dishes. Questions were welcomed, recipe sheets handed out, and free tasters offered to everybody. The recipes varied each day.

The three day event proved to be such a success in terms of the numbers of people who attended and the enjoyment that came from the demonstrations, that Liz is planning another for the spring. Again the recipes and ingredients used will suit the time of year! In the meantime, here are some reviews of the December demonstrations:

COOKERY AT LAGWYNE HALL

The kitchen of Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, was filled to capacity when the Organic Country Cook Demonstration took place on Tuesday 6th December. Liz Cole, the Community Project Worker for GCAT, introduced Catherine Braid of The Green Tea House, Montalve, who made mushroom, celeriac and stilton soup; a pork and chestnut roll; a turkey, bacon, leek and feta quiche, and a raspberry and apple slice. A rapt audience of both men and women listened to Catherine's clear explanations and practical hints whilst she prepared the dishes which initiated questions and comments. Then conversation ceased whilst all the dishes were tasted, savoured and greatly enjoyed.

Paula Cochrane, Community Worker based in Castle Douglas for Age Concern, also came, and it was an opportunity for Liz and Paula to meet those attending and answer questions. They also provided an invaluable selection of appropriate leaflets on healthy eating for us all, but particularly for the over 60s.

The occasion was deemed to have been a great success as it gave people an opportunity to meet, to learn, to taste and to take away the recipes provided by Catherine as well as the pamphlets provided by Liz and Paula. We hope that this occasion will be repeated, but next time the word will have got around and we will have to move into the big hall to accommodate an even larger audience.

Anna Campbell

THE TASTE OF REAL COOKING

Della Smith move over! Now I'm a fan of Della but the little TV box can't compare with being there, seeing the whole thing, being able to ask questions, smelling the enticing aromas and, of course, sampling the results. So it was a great opportunity to be able to attend one of the organic cookery demonstrations set up by Liz Cole and given by Catherine Braid of the Green Tea House in Montalve. There were three and I went to the one in Dalry Town Hall in the company of around 30 ladies. Many years ago I went to a demonstration in Edinburgh and was disappointed as the recipes were far too complicated and exotic for my simple cooking talents, but Catherine's was clearly aimed at anyone who wanted to try something new but not too difficult. Of course everything was organic but I can't see any reason why good non organic ingredients wouldn't give superb results.

Catherine started with the roast butternut squash soup which involves roasting the ingredients together before boiling up with some vegetable stock, then went on to the pheasants which she stuffed with venison haggis, any haggis or sausage meat would do she said, and nicely wrapped in pancetta (ordinary streaky bacon will do) with enough red wine to keep the pheasant moist. Following that we saw how to make a chocolate and mint roulade with raspberries and, oh dear, lots of cream and finally vegetable galette with aubergine, peppers, onions, tomatoes and mozzarella cheese on a pastry base. And, OK, some of the tedious stuff had been done beforehand but that's four recipes as well as a sauce to go with the pheasant in not much more than an hour, yet clearly demonstrated and explained including where locally to buy the organic ingredients. Another great thing about these recipes is that there are many variations that you can try so that there are many different ways of doing things and you get, in effect, many recipes in one.

And wow! Did it taste good. The soup was thick and full of flavour, the haggis stuffed pheasant was juicy and just the right combination of tastes, the galette was crisp and more-ish and the roulade was, well, lets just say you couldn't finish off a tasting better!

I was surprised to be the only male present. Perhaps the thought of complicated time consuming work in the kitchen puts some off, and, yes, you can't get something for nothing but this is what I call sensible cookery. But then perhaps the men just say "let's go and eat at the Green Tea House and let Catherine do all the work!"

So what happened when I tried? I really liked the soup so did that and that's when I found the advantage of having been there to see and understand why things were done the way they were. Fortunately I had written notes beside the recipe and, using those, could recall what I had seen. I cooked for five people and everyone enjoyed it and so decided to do it again, correcting a couple of things I hadn't quite got right and it was superb. It still took me a lot longer than Catherine but not so long as to put me off doing it again.

Gordon Hill

SPRING COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

with Catherine Braid, Organic Country Cook and Liz Cole, GCAT
DALRY TOWN HALL, MONDAY 6 MARCH, 11am

Entry is free and Liz can pick you up and drop you off in the GCAT mini-bus. For more information or to book a seat on the bus please contact Liz on **01644 420374**

GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT

FRIENDS OF DALRY SCHOOL

New SMART Board for Dalry Secondary School

Friends of Dalry School have recently made the final payment for a new interactive Smart Board for Dalry Secondary School. Being at the cutting edge of new technology, these cost approximately £3,000 but the combined profits of the school's 'Fun Day' last summer and sales of the 'What's for Tea?' recipe books have raised the funds needed. Headmaster Fraser Simpson comments, "These interactive whiteboards bring major improvements for learning and teaching across all age ranges. They have transformed the work of the classroom allowing teachers to show worksheets, web pages, videos and DVDs on a large interactive screen. The staff and pupils are extremely grateful to Friends of Dalry School for raising such a fantastic amount of money".

'What's for Tea?'

The question on every child's lips as they come home from school and to the busy parent it is not always one that has a ready answer. Friends of Dalry School have helped by publishing a recipe book full of great ideas for feeding hungry families. Made up of recipes contributed from the pupils, parents and teachers of the Dalry Schools, the book has something for everyone with popular favourites such as Chocolate Fudge Squares as well as more unusual dishes such as Spicy Chicken or Alien's Soup.

In order to keep costs to a minimum, the book was published in-house with some super pictures drawn by the younger pupils in the Primary School and an eye-catching and colourful cover designed by Emily Priddy, P7. The first print-run before Christmas of 200 books has already sold out and another 100 books are now being printed. Priced at £5, these books make a lovely gift as well as being extremely useful for feeding the family. They are available from the school, the GCAT shop and the Glenkens Hair Salon.

Shop on the web and help your school

Friends of Dalry School now have their own fundraising website: www.buy.at/dalryschool where

anything you buy from the impressive array of retailers ensures extra funds for FODS with no extra cost to the buyer. And something that is of interest to us all in the winter months, there are also some fantastic holiday companies so you can book your summer sunshine and help your local school at the same time. In some cases, just sending off for a brochure ensures a donation is made to FODS by the holiday company. So get surfing! The more people who use this site the more funds for Dalry School.

FODS AGM

Friends of Dalry School held their Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the year. As usual, this was well attended and the meeting received reports from the Chairman and Treasurer. As the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary (Nicolette Wise, Issie Smith and Morag Paterson) had all held office for two years, an election was held for the new office bearers who are Linda Biggar - Chairman, Blair Templeton - Treasurer and Jane Banner and Jane Grimwood Joint Secretary. We wish them good luck in their endeavours.

Extract from the Chairman's Report 2005:

"FODS has had another busy and productive year. It has been, as always, a pleasure to work with the teachers and pupils to raise funds for the schools here in Dalry. Many parents, teachers and friends have given much of their time and expertise to help us in our various projects throughout the year and for this we are extremely grateful. Although we are a small school we are lucky to have such a large pool of support amongst the parents: without this we could achieve very little. And it is, as in many things, a numbers game - 'more hands make light work'".

Silent Auction

Look out for information in local shops about the Silent Auction that Friends of Dalry School are holding on 24th February. With lots of quality and useful items up for auction this promises to be a fun evening. Tickets will be available nearer the time and will include a complimentary glass of wine.

Nicolette Wise, 01644 430218

NEW GALLOWAY TODDLER GROUP



New Galloway Toddler Group held their Christmas party in the Town Hall on 14th December. Organisers were pleased with the great turnout and a good time was had by all. The children enjoyed party food, play and a fantastic visit from Santa who gave out presents and entertained the children around the tree. The tree had been donated by Kells school and made a lovely centrepiece for the celebrations. Thanks go to the Mace shop in Dalry for the donation of decorations and to Mrs Plummer for the Christmas Tree.

The Toddler Group meets Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.00am in the Town Hall and is open to all ages from 0 to school age, all are welcome.

The group received a grant last year from Dumfries and Galloway Childcare Partnership to provide new play equipment which has been welcomed by the group.

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ON THE BEAT : Community Police News with PC Ian Wilson SAFELY INTO 2006...

Well Folks,

As we drag ourselves out of the Festive period and into the last half of winter, I would urge you to be extra careful on the roads. Just because a road has been gritted does not mean it will not be slippery! Often a shower of rain can undo all the gritters' good work and black ice forms!

SLOW DOWN in icy weather and that applies when there is a lot of surface water around also!

The bad weather tends to help us, as criminals tend to stay at home too. There have however been four significant break-ins in the Stewartry area during the past few months. These break-ins have occurred during daylight hours and have involved the theft of jewellery, cash and antiques. Although none have so far happened in the area of the Glenkens we should not be

complacent. I would urge everyone to look out for their neighbour's property as well as their own. If you see something suspicious phone the Police or even Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

To this end there are three 'new' Neighbourhood Watch Schemes covering Balmacellan, Carsphairn and Dalry. If you wish details of these schemes get in touch and I will put you in touch with your local coordinator.

Fuel thefts are also coming to the fore with many people unaware that their heating fuel has been taken so put a lock on your tank and park larger vehicles under a light!

DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM: LOCK IT UP!

PC Ian Wilson, Constable 291, Dalry

GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE (GTI)**CHANGES TO REGISTERED ROUTE**

The registered route to Dumfries will cease to operate after Monday 13 February 2006, due to lack of passengers

It is hoped that this service will be replaced by a scheduled service to and from Castle Douglas every Wednesday evening, commencing 5 April 2006. It is anticipated that this service will leave Dalry at approximately 9.15pm and will arrive in Castle Douglas (via Parton) at approximately 10.00pm. It will then return to the Glenkens via Laureston and Mossdale, arriving at approximately 10.45pm. There is the possibility that this service will complement an improved evening service to the Glenkens, provided by the local authority. Exact details of any new services will be confirmed after consultation with Dumfries and Galloway Transportation Office.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF EASTER TRIPS**THURSDAY 13 APRIL****Half day trip to Newton Stewart****Departs 12.00 noon****Opportunity for lunch out, walking, swimming, etc.****SATURDAY 22 APRIL****Trip to Gretna Gateway****Watch out for advertisements giving full details soon.**

It should be noted that the GTI (Glenkens Transport Initiative) continues to administer the community mini-bus and should not be confused with the GTA which is an autonomous group, set up to look at the wider issues of transport provision. If you would like to book the mini-bus or if you want any more information please contact Keith Cooper, GTI administrator on 01644 420374.

**CROCKS, SHOPS,
BONNETS & BAIRNS**

Do you have an old butter-churn, cast iron griddle or other piece of "antique" kitchenalia? How about old photos or accounts of shops in the Glenkens, pre-1950? Were you born and raised in the Glenkens? Do you have a photo of yourself as a child? Would we still recognise you?

Wendy and Carol are looking for items for the GCAT window in New Galloway (after 3 years we are running out of stuff!) for a series of displays relating to the history of the Glenkens.

Also needed: get your creative heads on and decorate a bonnet for our "Mad Hatters" window, running from the beginning of April.

If you can contribute to any of the above, please contact either Wendy Davis on 01644 420225, Carol Salisbury on 01644 420693 or the GCAT Shop on 01644 420374.

We would welcome any suggestions for future displays - we're also running out of ideas!!

CS

**MINI-BUS TO
KIRKCUDBRIGHT POOL**

A number of people have expressed interest in setting up a weekly mini-bus trip to the swimming pool in Kirkcudbright. If you would like to participate in this trip please contact GCAT on 01644 420374. It will only go ahead if enough people are interested so please let us know as soon as possible.

JAZZ AT DALRY TOWN HALL

Jazz duo, Ian Miller and Dominic Spencer will be presenting an evening of Jazz in Dalry in March. The performance, which features classic jazz standards as well as original compositions was a sell out at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2004. It takes place in Dalry Town Hall on Saturday 11 March from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Tickets, which cost £6.00 are available on the door or in advance on 01968 679299.

**FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
GLENKENS TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
(GTA)**

The first public meeting of the Glenkens Transport Association (GTA) was held at the Ken Bridge Hotel on Friday 13 January to follow up the research carried out in the last 18 months and see how this could now lead to improvements in transport in the area, ranging from timetable changes on the regional bus service to new cycling routes.

The meeting heard that a Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) will be taking over transport functions from Dumfries and Galloway Council. Most of the people involved will be the same but the new structure will allow the opportunity for more initiatives. One initiative was to combine all the transport functions of the Council in conjunction with other statutory authorities such as the Scottish Ambulance Service in one authority. This could increase the availability of minibus transport by releasing school, hospital, social services and other transport for use when not needed for their designated purpose. The new RTP, starting work in April could be instrumental in achieving this.

Practical possibilities were discussed. One popular scheme was to have a local car / taxi service to allow both commercial and voluntary use. It could meet service buses, run trips to the airport to collect visitors and possibly be involved in hospital transport depending on developments with the existing NHS and voluntary organisations. This will be looked into by the GTA Trustees and a meeting called to discuss further actions once the practicability of such a scheme had been established.

There was some disappointment that the Council had not been able to implement many of the changes suggested at research meetings such as better links to Ayr although some adjustments had been made such as linking the early Dumfries bus to the railway station on request. The difficulty with changes, it appeared, was that services were delivered against a contract and it was difficult to make changes until tenders came up for renegotiation in 2007.

**COMPUTER COURSES
AT GCAT
FOR THE OVER 60S**

Liz Cole, Community Project Worker at GCAT, has successfully raised funds for two evening courses in basic computer skills for people aged 60+. The courses will be taught by the IT Centre, Castle Douglas, and will take place over a six week period at the GCAT office.

The first course is commencing next Thursday evening and is full. However, there are two spaces left for the second course which will commence on 16th March from 5.45pm - 7.45pm.

If you are interested in learning basic computer skills, please contact Liz at the GCAT office.

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FEBRUARY 2006

MON 6 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

MON 13 - MEET DALRY TOWN HALL

MON 20 - MEET KENICK BURN

MON 28 - NEW GALLOWAY CAR PARK

MARCH 2006

MON 6 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

MON 13 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

MON 20 - MEET ENTRANCE TO RAIDERS ROAD

MON 27 - MEET BENNAN VIEW POINT CAR PARK

APRIL 2006

MON 3 - MEET NEW GALLOWAY CAR PARK

MON 10 - MEET CLATTERINGSHAW

MON 17 - MEET STROAN LOCH CAR PARK

FEBRUARY 2006

WED 8 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

WED 15 - MEET DALRY TOWN HALL

WED 22 - MEET KENICK BURN

MARCH 2006

WED 1 - MEET NEW GALLOWAY CAR PARK

WED 8 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

WED 15 - MEET MOSSDALE CAR PARK

WED 22 - MEET ENTRANCE TO RAIDERS RD

WED 29 - BENNAN HILL CAR PARK

APRIL 2006

WED 5 - MEET NEW GALLOWAY CAR PARK

WED 12 - MEET CLATTERINGSHAW

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DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Stewartry Drama Festival will be held in Lochside Theatre on 23, 24 and 25 February. The Glenkens 73 Club will be entering two plays, "Cupboard Love," a comedy by Jean McConnell, on Thursday 23 February and "When a Man Knows," a drama by Alan Richardson which will be performed on Saturday 25 February. Tickets are available from Lochside Theatre from Monday 12 February. Tel. 01556 504506

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Miss P Young thanks all those who gave so generously to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal for toys and games. Your kindness and willingness to help are greatly appreciated.

TIMES OF WORSHIP IN THE GLENKENS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sundays

Balmacellan 12 noon 1st

Carsphairn 10.30 am 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Dalry 12 noon 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Kells 10.30 am 2nd 3rd 4th

The Manse, Dalry 6 pm 1st

Special Services and Events

Friday 3rd March 7.00 pm

World Day of Prayer Service, Dalry Church

Communion Services

26th Feb 10.30 am Kells Church

12th Mar 12 noon and 4 pm Dalry Church

19th Mar 10.15 am Carsphairn Church

Please note the slightly different start time for the Carsphairn Communion.

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Kells Burns Supper (continued)

Primaries 4, 5 and 6 were the hosts and hostesses for the evening and, also, provided the entertainment.

The audience had a special treat this year when one of the Dads, Mr Robert McTurk, gave a highly entertaining rendition of 'Tam o'Shanter'

Mr Euan Shaw piped in the haggis for the 6th year. Euan was a pupil at Kells (now 6th Year at Castle Douglas High) and he has, loyally, returned each year to play his pipes.

Maisters of Ceremony: Kyle Leach and Rhiannon Curran

The Immortal Memory: Iain Gisbey

Toast to the Lassies: Adam Ramsay

The Lassies' Reply: Rhiannon Curran

Gordon McKenna recited the 'Selkirk Grace' and the haggis was brought in by George Edington.

Winners of the Menu Competition were: Rhiannon Curran, Iain Gisbey, Lauren Macdonald and Kyle Leach. The School Cooks who judge the illustrations decided the standard was so high they couldn't choose just 2 pupils' drawings (for front and back covers) so there were 2 menus offered this time. The winners will receive £1 towards their bookshop savings.



Dalry Primary Haggis Bash (continued)

Children from Primary 3&4 danced the Kingston Jig. They were Amelia Trueman, Hazel Banner, Georgina Smith, Elizabeth Trippree, Fraser Cameron, Calum Wilkie, Jessica Lawrie and Kirsty McMath.

We all sang some songs and played our guitars, then we danced for a wee while to Tommy Edgar's lovely accordion music, then it was time for Auld Lang Syne then home for bed! We all felt that everyone had a really good night and all the hard work getting ready was worth it!



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Balmaclellan Village Hall
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Contact: Alison Caldwell 01644 420272
Tickets - £2 per adult/child combo



GTI MINI-BUS TRIP TO CANTERBURY TALES BY THE RSC

Tuesday 21 February
The show starts at 7.30pm - leaving times of the bus will be confirmed nearer the time
Tickets for show: £16.00 / £12.00
Tickets for mini-bus: £2 return



BOOTHBY GRAFFOE

Dalry Town Hall
Sunday 5 March
8.00pm
Graffoe's surreal, sharp and often improvised humour has won this master of comedy a legion of fans around the world
Tickets - £8.00 / £6.00

SPRING COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

Dalry Town Hall
Monday 6 March
11am
Free entry

GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Saturday 11th, Cross Keys Hotel, Valentines Dinner
Friday 17th, Dalry Town Hall, Friday Night Music Club, 7.30pm
Tuesday 21th, Mini Bus to Canterbury Tales

MARCH

Sunday 5th, Dalry Town Hall, Boothby Graffoe, 8.00pm
Monday 6th, Dalry Town Hall, Spring Cookery, 11.00am
Saturday 11th, Dalry Town Hall, Jazz Evening, 7.30pm
Friday 17th, Cross Keys Hotel, Charity Race Night
in aid of Firemens' National Benevolent Fund
Sunday 26th, Cross Keys Hotel, Mother's Day Lunch

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

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