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CARSPHAIRN SHOW 2009

Carsphairn Show, being the first Agricultural Show of the season in the South West, has always been well recognised, and this year was no exception.

The Show started early Saturday 6th June with the first of the entered seventy dogs running in the Sheep Dog Trials at 8am. This year the Open Section winner was Fergie with Max from Straiton, Confined, Bert White from Dalry with Bracken and the young handlers were led by R Welsh from Patna with Maid. J White, with Jess, was third in the Young Handlers section. The Dog Trial goes on all day and can last until after six in the evening, when the rest of the Show is long finished.

As time drew on in the morning to 10am when the Show sheep arrived, entries were taken on the Showfield for the 28 classes. The early classes were for the local parishes, and this year's 'Confined' Blackface Champion was from Messrs Ramsay, Knockreoch. David Pringle's hogg from Marbrack was the Shepherd's Champion, and also the winner of the 100th Show Trophy. At mid-day the Open Blackface Classes began and this years Open Championship was awarded to Messrs Barrie, of Cambret, Carsluith, who also won the Overall Championship, the prize being a meal for two kindly donated by the Lochinvar Hotel. Other classes on the day were held for Bluefaced Leicester (Champion Robert McTurk, Glenhowl) and Any Other Breed (Champion McMillans, Newton Stewart). The Champion Mule went to Messrs Lockhart, Culdoach.

Just before the Judging for the Furmiston Interbreed Trophy, Alex Fergusson MSP was invited to present local shepherd David Pringle with the Royal Highland Agricultural Society's Long Service Award Medal for thirty years service at Marbrack. Alex is pictured with David and his wife Mary, past employer Joyce Hunter Blair and present employer Nick Parry.

Across the road in the Lagwyne Hall, the industrial sections of the show were judged in the morning. There was a good entry, and the Hall was filled with onlookers in the afternoon. Isobel Cuthbertson of Dalry won several cups on the day for her baking, and also won the Blackface Hoggs Stockjudging competition! The Junior sections were well supported and first prize winners included Laura Brown,

Kirsten Wallace, James Wallace, Calum McFegan, Iona McFegan, Jaqueline Pringle, Drife Finlay, Catrina Pringle, Jake Finlay, Emily Wallace, Daisy Hickman and Jenny O'Brian.

After the Childrens' Pet Show and Dog Classes (judged ably by Alex Fergusson) Irene McCreath organised sports for the children on the Showfield, and prizes were kindly donated by Carricks Stores in Carsphairn. The Hill Race had less runners than usual, and was won by Greig Lawrence of Crossmichael whose Grandad also completed the race, as he had done twenty five years ago.

The usual Dance in Lagwyne Hall rounded off the day. The Committee would like to thank all the sponsors (local, and further afield) for their financial and other input into the Show.

Jean Gibbon, Secretary



Jay Fergusson with the tup who won this year's Ryeland Male Champion at the Highland Show, belonging to his 16 year old uncle Andrew Hunter Blair of Nether Cleugh



Judging the Blackface Open Section



Alex Fergusson presenting David Pringle with Long Service Award

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Local Artist: Natalie Vardey



Natalie Vardey is a local jeweller who has recently created a unique range for The CatStrand. Fine attention to detail would probably best describe Natalie's approach to her work, with every piece being honed to perfection.

"I have been knitting, crocheting and weaving precious metals for years, developing the traditional skills I was taught as a small child, literally at my mother's and grandmother's knees." However, these are not the only techniques used by this talented jeweller, who has been living and working in Balmaclellan for the past 19 years. "I work in silver and gold and each collection is different. Whether weaving fine threads into delicate necklaces, hammering textures for highly polished earrings, or using acrylic with silver, I make each piece of jewellery by hand, using few machines and basic tools. I also make wedding rings and special jewellery for brides, work I particularly enjoy".

"The flight of the red kite has always fascinated me and it has been so wonderful to witness the success of its reintroduction to the area. Now I can marvel at such sights up here in the hills if I am lucky. When I thought of making red kites in red gold, The CatStrand had not long opened and I wanted to make something special for the area; it seemed the obvious partnership". Locally, a variety of Natalie's work can be seen at Designs Gallery in Castle Douglas, the Craft Shop at Gracefield Arts Centre in Dumfries, and at The CatStrand in New Galloway. Currently exclusively available to order, the Red Kite Range at The CatStrand has something for everyone who is interested in this fascinating bird. There are three different silhouettes of 9ct red gold kites on silver or 9ct yellow gold; a tie tack and cufflinks for men, and ear studs, pendants, a necklace and rings for women. To see more of Natalie's work visit www.natalievardey.com



Glenkens Art Show

This year's art show had the usual array of wonderful exhibits, both in the childrens' and adults' sections. There were less exhibitors than last year, but the quality and variety of the work presented more than made up for it. Below are a few examples of the artwork on display.



NOTICEBOARD

Apology

The Glenkens Gazette would like to apologise for the misprint of a name in Helen Bolton's last article - a thank you was intended for Mrs Nann Robb, not Mrs Hart Robb as was written in the last issue.

The NLP course advertised previously in the Gazette has been postponed from the 20th and 21st June to the 1st and 2nd October.

Community Smallholding

A local smallholding group is being looked into, with at present local interest being gauged to see how feasible the concept is.

It would need people with smallholding and/or building or other trade skills who are genuinely committed to improving the environment and living more sustainably and co-operatively to form a small, possibly self-build, community smallholding in the Glenkens area.

"A sense of humour, patience, energy, enthusiasm and positivity are essential and folk must be prepared to work hard and support each other", says Amanda, project co-ordinator.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about the project, call 07970 156 781.

Glenkens Business Association

Following the receipt of the grant to enhance the Visitglenkens.com website, we are pleased to have contracted Sarah Ade to produce additional information. Apart from co-ordinating the production of the Glenkens Gazette, Sarah has written for magazines such as Dumfries & Galloway Life.

We have also been given a further grant by the Stewartry Area Committee to produce an updated Directory. The main aim of the Directory is to promote local businesses but we also intend to feature community groups. Please let us know if you run a club or organisation in the area which you would like to be included. All members of the Glenkens Business Association will automatically have an entry so make sure your membership is up to date or join now.

By the time you read this the 'Homecoming on your Doorstep Guide - 3' should be available. Look out for The GBA and individual businesses who have advertised with us - send copies to customers, friends and relatives to encourage them to visit the Glenkens.

Although we got through the first stage of the Stewartry Targeted Support Fund, we were unable to meet the deadline for the final application. However, we are investigating other funding possibilities for the project to further promote the area particularly as a walking destination.

The committee is now meeting quarterly. The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm at the Ken Bridge Hotel. All members or potential members are welcome.

Membership of the GBA gives you an entry in the web directory and in the next hardcopy directory.

To join or renew your membership contact Alan Rumble on 01644 420250 or email alanrumble@gmail.com

Rosalind Hill, GBA Chairman

The Royal Burgh of New Galloway & Kells Community Council

The members were very pleased to welcome Mr Chris Newman, as the new Community Council secretary.

The main topics discussed at recent meetings were as follows: General complaints received by the members recently had mainly centred around the general lack of maintenance of the public areas and of the Town Hall. Whilst the Park grass is regularly cut, the other grass areas around the burgh do not seem to be maintained as regularly as before, if at all. However, some of the grass areas are apparently not the responsibility of the Council but are supposed to be maintained by Dumfries & Galloway Housing Partnership. As this argument had arisen in previous years it was agreed that the relevant Council department should be asked to produce a definitive map to confirm the different areas of responsibility once and for all.

The condition of the exterior of the Town Hall continues to deteriorate and many locals and visitors have commented on its dilapidated appearance. This subject is raised at every meeting and whilst the council have previously said that they would make good the exterior before the Hall was taken over by a proposed management committee, this could potentially still be some time away and the longer the situation is left, the more expensive it would be to remedy. The members felt that it would be much more cost effective to redecorate the exterior now and would press for action to be taken without further delay.

It was agreed that a street map and information regarding local facilities and amenities should be added to the new Red Kite Information Board. It was noted that an area adjacent to the Lower Car Park had now been fenced off by the land owner and the route of the footpath had been diverted and signposted. The Council now own the main area of the Car Park and are planning to carry out improvement works in the near future.

It was reported that the future funding of New Galloway Fire Cadets was uncertain. It was felt that this had been a highly successful project, pioneered in the region by New Galloway Fire Station. Every effort should be made to ensure that the scheme is continued and hopefully introduced to other areas in the region. Members were pleased to note that The Fire Cadets would be helping at this year's Alternative Games with gatekeeping and stewarding duties.

Community Council elections are due to take place in October this year.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th August at 7.30pm in New Galloway Town Hall.

Full minutes of local Community Council meetings are available to view at Dalry Library.

Dalry Town Hall 150th Anniversary

DALRY TOWN HALL will celebrate its 150th Birthday in September 2009. On 2nd September 1859 the Hall was opened with a dinner attended by about 60 gentlemen (no ladies). To celebrate this occasion a dinner will be held on Wednesday 2nd September - tickets are £15, including wine, available from Hilda McAdam and Kathy Peace.

On Thursday 3rd September a celebratory concert will be held featuring noted singer and broadcaster Alastair McDonald. On Friday 4th September there will be a D.V.D./Video Show of past events in Dalry in the Town Hall, and on Saturday 5th September there is a Cheese and Wine evening on an 'Old Time Music Hall' theme. Also on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Hall will be open for an Exhibition of Photos, Memorabilia etc of Dalry and the Town Hall.

These events are being arranged by Dalry Heritage Group. If anybody has any old photos, memorabilia etc they would be prepared to lend the Group, could they please contact Hilda McAdam, 10 Throughgate, Dalry, 01644430383 (photos can be copied and returned).

Carsphairn Community Council

There has been a problem of dog fouling in the village, and George Prentice agreed to contact the community warden and give contact details. PC Bruton reported that information was received about drugs in the village and a warrant was issued and acted upon by police. Knockengarroch World Ceilidh passed peacefully, with only one anti-social incident. PC Bruton will make enquiries about feral goats on the B729 as several people have almost collided with them recently.

Meetings were held in Lagwyne Hall in April to inform the public about proposals for grid connection at Margree and Blackcraig wind farms. Some concern has been expressed about the high voltage and the increased risk to health. It was agreed to write to Scottish Power expressing concern about health risks and asking for information.

A returning Officer has to be appointed before the elections in October. All were asked to consider before the next meeting. A new secretary will be needed after the election - the secretary need not be an elected member.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 31st August in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.

Dalry Community Council

AGM: The Chairman reported that there had been a successful party for the Senior Citizens with an attendance of 50. Appointment of Office Bearers: Chairman - G. Bell, Vice Chairman - A McKay, Treasurer - M Newton, Secretary - C Rae, Minute Secretary: M Jones. Councillor Prentice reminded the committee that in September the Community Council have to stand for election.

A survey has been carried out by the Trustees of the P Young Trust showing that in the last two years 14 people have applied for property and they have housed six. If the DGHP plan went ahead then Dalry would have a 38% proportion of affordable accommodation. The Scottish proposal recommends only 25%. Figures have been submitted to the planning office. Finally there has been no information available as to when the planning committee will meet to discuss the application. It has been agreed to support the Glenkens Business Association project 'Destination Glenkens' and further investigations will be made as to becoming a partner and electing a representative to go on the steering group.

ALTERNATIVE GAMES WEEKEND 2009
ALTERNATIVE GAMES CEILIDH
 Friday 31st July, New Galloway Town Hall, from 8.30pm to midnight
ALTERNATIVE GAMES 'WONECONING STRAMASH'
 Saturday 1st August
 The CatStrand, New Galloway, 8pm
THE ALTERNATIVE GAMES
 Sunday 2nd August
 The Town Park, New Galloway, from 2pm

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GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT



Lucy and Amber showing their sepia paintings of passengers.



Some of the class with their impressive wall mural of the ship.

SHIP AHOY!

At Carsphairn Primary we have been learning about 'The Unsinkable Ship.' We were set various special Missions, which we had to keep secret from our parents!

Our Secret Missions meant that we were given identity cards and had to accept the challenges to find out as many facts as possible about the Titanic, paint pictures of the passengers, find out about the passenger class system and the different conditions on board depending on the 'class'. P5-7 made a model of an apartment and everyone made clay models. P1-4 learned more about water and they did experiments with water, such as mixing things in water and learning about floating and sinking.

We have invited our parents to come and see our work on the 3rd July - we can then tell them about our Secret Missions and the Titanic! Some of the interesting facts about the Titanic:

- Lower class passengers had to go through a flea check before boarding!
- 2228 people were on board the Titanic and 885 of them were crew
- the biggest cruise ship nowadays is called the Genesis and it holds 6400 people

from the children at Carsphairn Primary

DALRY PRIMARY SCHOOL SKIPPATHON



Dalry Primary School raised £72.60 for the British Heart Foundation by holding a sponsored skippathon. The whole primary practised for weeks before the event in order to be able to build up our stamina to skip for longer. P4/5 challenged visiting S4s who tried their best, but a little more practice would be needed to be able to keep up!

Dalry Primary Council decided to support the skippathon as it was thought to be a worthy charity to help, especially as heart disease is a particular problem in Scotland. They were also keen to improve their own cardiovascular health by exercising more and skipping is a fantastic way to do this.

Fun Day at Dalry School

Friends of Dalry School are holding a Fun Day on Saturday 29 August 2009 at Dalry School, from 12 - 4pm.

There will be an exciting array of events throughout the afternoon, along with a variety of stalls selling everything from baking and confectionary to plants.

As well as lots of fun games and activities, there will be a bouncy castle and football competition.

Food on site will include a BBQ and ice-cream stall.

Look out for posters nearer the time giving more details!

The Wrong Trousers

On Friday 26 June, some of the Dalry Primary School children took part in 'Wrong Trousers Day'.

The money raised went to the Wallace & Gromit Children's Foundation, which supports children's health care in the UK. There was a great variety of bold, bright and colourful trousers!



Mulloch Race

After a gap of several years, we announce the return of the Mulloch Race! As part of the Fun Day organised by Friends of Dalry School on 29th August there will be a race from Dalry School playing field to the top of Mulloch Hill and return (about 1.6 miles in total). There will be four categories of entry:

1. Primary school age or under with a prize for the first finisher.
2. Secondary school age but under 16 with a prize for the first finisher.
3. Adult (over 16) with a prize for the first finisher.
4. Walkers (those who intend to walk the whole route) - no prize, just a good view from the top!

There will also be a prize for the most interesting costume or running kit and everyone who completes the race (including walkers) will receive a certificate. Registration will take place on the day from 1pm and will close at 2:50pm when a pre-race briefing will take place ready for a 3pm start. Entry to the race is free and there will be a collection for voluntary donations at the start.

GLENKENS ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Once again it's that time of the year for you to start 'encouraging' your plants to grow and getting your industrial section items prepared for the Glenkens Horticultural Show to be held on Saturday the 22nd August 2009. Schedules will be ready shortly and will be available from the Post Offices and shops in Dalry and New Galloway. They should also now be displaying the Handicraft Section to enable you to get ahead with creating that special article in time for the show. The Photographic Section theme for this year is 'A Celebration in the Glenkens'. As always we, are looking for volunteers to help with the setup of the show - you don't need to be an expert, just enthusiastic. Last year was an exceptional year in the number of entrants, with many new faces exhibiting and may I say doing rather well. This year we're looking for as many of you to participate as possible. Should you need further information/advice please contact Hilda McAdam on 01644 430 383. **The very best of luck to you all!**

Joan Berkley, On behalf of the Glenkens Society

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CLUB CORNER

News from the Stewartry Camera Club - Any Photographers in the Glenkens...?

‘Eye for Ewe’ by Mary McIlvenna



The Stewartry Camera Club returns after its summer break on Wednesday 16th September 2009.

It meets weekly at 7.30 p.m. in The Tolbooth, Kirkcudbright, from September until the end of March. Next year's programme includes talks from club members and from guest speakers who include Libby Smith, David Symonds, Ed Baxter, David Devereux and local Laurieston photographer, Phil McMenemy. There will be club competitions, the subjects for this year being 'Open', 'Landscape', 'Dereliction and Decay', 'Still Life' and 'Trees'. Members are encouraged to enter but this is optional. There will also be inter-club competitions with Loreburn and Stranraer. Other meetings include workshops and a visit to Dumfries College.

Mary McIlvenna, who lives in the Glenkens, has been a member for three years. She used a Casio Exilim compact camera in her first year and progressed to a Nikon D80 thereafter. She decided to take up photography after retiring from the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust where she had

worked and volunteered for six years. She produced three short audio visuals last year and these were enjoyed by members on a club night. 'Eye for Ewe' is a fun image of a Blackface Tup (local Glenkens of course!). Mary enjoys taking pictures of animals but her favourite subjects are the plants in her garden and in the local countryside.

Whatever your camera, whether it be film, compact or DSLR, whether you are new to photography, a keen amateur or a professional photographer, a warm welcome awaits you at The Stewartry Camera Club.

(For further information contact Mary McIlvenna 01644 420613 or George Wishart 01557 870090)

Dalry Angling Club

Dalry angling association held its first ever sea fishing trip this year on July 4th.

Ten of us fished aboard 'The Rhinns Ranger' with skipper Ian Cerexhe out of Port Patrick on a moderate sea.

We enjoyed catching a wide variety of species including cod, haddock, whiting pollock and the 'catch of the day' - a superb 38lb tope which was tagged and released unharmed. After a tiring day at sea, we all enjoyed some well deserved refreshments around the port.



YOUTH UPDATE

The CatStrand Youth Players

The CatStrand Youth Players completed their first year's programme on 1st July by presenting 'Eskimos' by David Campton and 'Round the World with Class Six' by Nick Warburton. These plays were the group's third and fourth productions and their fifth public performance, and on top of all that they have fitted in a few drama workshops in a very busy debut year!

The highlight so far was certainly winning the coveted 'Audience Choice' trophy at the SCDA Stewartry Drama Festival with 'We'll Be Home Tomorrow' by Wayne Denshy. This was an outstanding achievement by such a young group and was very encouraging for the future.

A few new members joined after the festival success and they made their stage debut at The CatStrand in the latest production of 'Round the World with Class Six'. The play follows the exploits of Class Six as they carry out their new supply teacher's instructions to re-enact Sir Francis Drake's sail around the world. The young cast attacked the play with great gusto and extracted every ounce of comedy along the way. The members of 'Class Six' were; Louise Smyth, Cameron Lindsay, Eleanor Jones, Tessa Maxwell, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Josie Oliver, Tea Oliver and Maggie Maxwell.

The Youth Players have also been awarded a grant from the Ian Wardlaw Drama Trust to help them to arrange a Drama Workshop Weekend during the Autumn. The senior members travelled to Dumfries recently to collect their award from Mrs Linda Wardlaw and the other trustees.

Most of the members are also looking forward to the Drama Summer School which is being held at The CatStrand from 20th -24th July. Once again this year it will be hosted by tutors from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama. Regular meetings will start again on Sunday 6th September at 3pm.



Youth Players receiving their grant from the Ian Wardlaw Drama Trust



Glenkens Walking Group

The group meet for a walk at 2pm on a Wednesday, outside the Bank of Scotland in Dalry.

People of all ages and walking abilities are very welcome, and we will adapt walks accordingly to the people who come.

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The CatStrand: News & Events



Exhibition: David Ralston & Ken Smyth, from 2pm on Saturday 1 August until Tuesday 25 August. David Ralston is based in Gatehouse of Fleet and produces sculptures in rock. Ken Smyth has lived and worked in Galloway for the last 10 years.

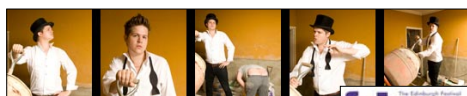
The Homecoming Stramash, Sat 1 August, 7.30pm, £7.50/£5.00 (under 18's). A Scottish Variety Show to celebrate the Year of Homecoming and Robert Burns, with singing, bagpipes, recitations, comedy, Highland dancing and a touch of Burns too. The perfect warm-up for the Alternative Games on Sunday.



Burns Feast With Catherine Braid, Mon 3 August, 11.30am. Burns Feast is a celebration of Robert Burns and food to mark this year of Homecoming.



Luke Wright; A Poet's Work Is Never Done, Tues 4 August, 7.30pm, £7/£5. Hailed as the alternative poet laureate and "hard working heir to John Hegley", Luke Wright presents a half-dozen or so poems of varying length which are by turns witty, bitter and lyrical. An Edinburgh Festival Fringe preview event.



fringe

Watercolour Painting Summer School with Hazel Campbell, Mon 10 to Fri 14 August, 10am-4pm each day. This popular five day watercolour painting summer school will be run by the Galloway artist, Hazel Campbell.



Aleksander Kudajczyk (Piano), Sat 15 August, 7.30pm, £10/£8. Aleksander Kudajczyk, the world-renowned Polish concert pianist, makes a welcome return to The CatStrand.

An Evening of Jazz with Solway Rhythm Aces and special guests Jeff Barnhart (piano) and Anne Barnhart (flute), Thurs 20 August, 7.30pm, £8/£6. American vocalist, arranger, bandleader, recording artist, composer and entertainer, Jeff Barnhart is joined by his talented flautist wife, Anne and popular local band Solway Rhythm Aces.



Creativity Workshop, Sat 27 and Sun 28 August, 10am-5pm, £30/£20. Discover the infinite possibilities offered by your own imagination. Learn to express your Self, improve your confidence in performance and develop your relationship with the audience.

Exhibition: Trevor Newton, from Thurs 27 August until Tues 1 September. Trevor Newton studied History of Art at Cambridge University and later became the first full-time teacher of the subject at Eton College.



CatStrand Cinema Club; Frost/Nixon (2008), Wed 26 August, 7.30pm, £4.50. After the Watergate scandal and his subsequent resignation, Richard Nixon (Frank Langella) sees an opportunity to make some easy money and to return to the public spotlight. Meanwhile David Frost (Michael Sheen), views this as a chance to gain fame as a journalist in America.



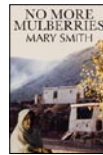
An audience with Tam Cowan, Saturday 29 August, 8pm, £12/£10. TV presenter, host of BBC Radio Scotland's Off The Ball, columnist, restaurant reviewer and after dinner speaker, Tam wears many media hats.



Exhibition: 'Through the Galloway Garden' Amanda Simmons & Jennie Ashmore, from 2pm on Sat 5 September until Thurs 1 October, CatStrand opening hours. Amanda



produces kiln formed and cameo engraved glass from her studio in Corsock. Jennie's 'leafworks' are original collages of leaves and flowers.



No More Mulberries: Mary Smith in conversation with Godfrey Smith, Sat 12 September, 3pm, £5/£4. Castle Douglas based writer Mary Smith will be discussing her debut novel, 'No More Mulberries', set in the rugged grandeur of the Hindu Kush foothills in Afghanistan. Mary spent ten years working in Pakistan and Afghanistan and brings a high degree of authenticity to her work. She is a journalist with Dumfries & Galloway Life magazine.

Dumfries & Galloway Storytelling Festival; Community Ceilidh, Sat 19 September, from 2pm. Bring your stories and songs, old photographs, toys and musical instruments any time between 2pm and early evening. Admission free but donations appreciated.



Licketyspit presents The Hare and the Tortoise, Thursday 24 September, 4.30pm, £4. The Hare and the Tortoise is a hugely popular, hilariously interactive, highly energetic 60-minute theatre show. Developed for 3-7 year olds but has a broad appeal for children under twelve and adults too.



Baroque and Blue, Fri 25 September, 7.30pm, £8/£6. Baroque and Blue will present a programme of 'Crossover Music' for flute, jazz piano, guitar and drums, featuring the works of Claude Bolling, John Rutter and Raymond Monelle.



CatStrand Cinema Club; Doubt (2008), Wed 30 September, 7.30pm, £4.50. Set in 1964, Doubt centers on a nun who confronts a priest after suspecting him abusing a black student. He denies the charges, and much of the play's quick-fire dialogue tackles themes of religion, morality and authority.

Regular events:

CatStrand Youth Players, every Sunday during term time, 2pm. The Glenkens 73 Club Youth Drama Group will meet on a regular basis on Sunday afternoons - come along and have some fun. (Ages 10-18).

Play it by Ear, every Monday during term time, 1.30-2.30pm, £2 per adult/child + 50p for each additional child. A weekly song, music and storytelling session for pre-school children and their parents or carers.



Children's Dance Classes with Margaret Morris Movement, every Monday during term time, 4-5pm, £3. A series of classes designed to develop creativity and wellbeing.

The Reading Cure, Tuesdays until 11 August, 11.15am - 1.15pm, free. Come and connect with yourself and others through the shared reading of some of the best books and poems ever written.



Storytelling Café, 1st Thursday of every month, 7.30pm. This is a regular event on the first Thursday of every month. Cakes and coffee will be available and audience participation will be encouraged! Donations on the door.

Songwriting Workshops with Nicola Black, Thursdays, 24 September, 1 and 8 October, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, free. This workshop programme will run over a three week period and the songs created will be recorded and made into a CD. There will be an opportunity to perform the songs at The CatStrand on 10 October as part of the launch of Nicola Black's CD of original music settings of Hugh MacDiarmid's poetry.



Saturday Art Club, 2nd Saturday of every month from 12 September, 10am-12noon, £4. These two-hour workshops offer expert tuition and hands-on experience across a range of fun-filled visual arts and crafts activities. (Ages 5-12).



The CatStrand: News & Events

COMMUNITY EVENTS/CLASSES

Learn Reiki: Ever fancied being able to practice Reiki..? Reiki is a complimentary therapy originating in Japan. The word Reiki means universal life force energy, the energy which animates all living things. In a treatment, the hand are used to direct and amplify this energy to support the body's natural ability to balance and heal itself.

This is an introductory level of the course enabling participants to safely treat themselves, family, friends and pets. Training is being delivered by local Reiki Master Debra Hall.

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For more information about Natalie's jewellery visit www.natalievardey.com



THE BUS : GLENKENS TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

MISSING THE BUS: Last Thursday saw the start of one of the most chaotic, and sometimes funniest, weeks in the history of GTI. Early that evening the bus was transporting 14 ladies from the local WI out for an evening meal. All were dressed in their finery and looking forward to a good night out when the bus broke down just outside Castle Douglas. A faulty clutch was the problem and the bus had to be towed to Dumfries. A quick response by a number of volunteers meant the 'Damsels in Distress' were safely transported to a venue nearer home to carry on their evening. They were probably all in need of a stiff drink - elegantly dressed ladies getting in and out of a Land Rover with no step was a new experience for some of them!

The daily school run was done the following morning when the back of the Land Rover proved more popular with young children than the night before. We have managed to continue this school run every day with the valuable help of Roy Hooker and parents. Friday evening saw us fulfil a booking by one of our user groups to and from a 21st birthday party at Threave Gardens. Again a fleet of volunteers provided transport there and back. When I arrived at Threave about mid-night for the homeward journey I heard one young lady ask another how they were getting home. The reply was: "It's all right, Brian Edgar is picking us up" - what it's like to be famous!

Arrangements were put in place for us to borrow a mini bus from Newton Stewart for our Wednesday evening run. Unfortunately this was also beset with problems, the office from where the key for the bus had to be collected having closed early. Despite Bob Peace's strenuous efforts to track down a the person with the key (this included visiting the local Police Station, where they didn't trust him enough to give him any information and also an on-going equestrian effort, where he was asked if he was a judge) - again we had to resort to a fleet of volunteer cars. How typical that it was one of our busiest Wednesday evenings, but everyone got safely home, even if we did have to enlist the help of Eileen Edgar, who was just doing her shopping in Tesco's! I apologize to all those people who have missed various trips because of the breakdown (if possible they will be re-scheduled) and I must thank all those who have helped in a variety of ways. The past life of one or two of us (Ashes to Ashes) has certainly been of benefit this week but there is one thing I am sure about...WE MISSED OUR BUS!

Keith Cooper

WEDNESDAY BUS SERVICE (REGD. ROUTE):

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1935 Laurieston

1940 Townhead of Greenlaw

1947 Castle Douglas (Market Street)

1950 Arrive Castle Douglas (Tesco)

The return journey:

2045 Departs Castle Douglas (Tesco)

2047 Castle Douglas (Market Street)

2052 Townhead of Greenlaw

2100 Laurieston

2110 Mossdale

2125 New Galloway

2135 Arrive Dalry

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK THE COMMUNITY-BUS OR IF YOU WANT ANY MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT KEITH COOPER, GTI ADMINISTRATOR ON 01644 420374.

SHAMBELLIE HOUSE: We had a full bus for our trip to Shambellie House National Museum of Costume in May. Rob, our driver, took us an interesting route round minor roads but managed to take us right to the door - with no walking involved. We were made very welcome and found the exhibition very interesting together with a small exhibition of Jean Muir fashions. The house has delightful gardens with a new wickerwork statue of a dancing lady and most of us enjoyed a walk round in beautiful sunshine. On the way home we visited Loch Arthur Farm Shop where a good supply of fresh produce was purchased.

Kath Bates

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LOCAL HISTORY

THE DEUGHSIDE COVENANTERS

Deughside, later re-named 'Bridge of Deugh', was a small, pastoral farm on the northern slopes of Dundough Hill close to the steep sided gorge on the Water of Deugh, later to be known as the Tinkler's Loup. All this area is now submerged under the waters of Kendoon Loch.

Robert Smith, who lived at Deughside, and his son William fought at the battle of Bothwell Bridge in 1679, a vicious battle in which the Covenanters suffered a severe beating by the government troops. Robert was sorely wounded but with the help of his son he managed to reach home where he died soon after.

William knew it was no longer safe for him to remain at home, and, leaving his younger brother and sisters at the farm he took to the wild hills for refuge. However, even before he had time to escape, one of his neighbours, Robert Canon of Muirdrochwood, saw him and sent a band of passing dragoons to search for him. William luckily managed to take cover below a small turf covered bridge near his house, while his faithful dog, which was with him and which he feared might give him away, fled into the hills and only returned after the dragoons had gone away.

On their way back to the garrison at Carsphairn the dragoons came upon a young woman, and thinking she might know of the hiding-place of William they arrested her and tortured her by applying the thumb screws to her, but she told them nothing and eventually she was released. This young woman was Mary McClymont of Dalmellington. Her father had suffered grievously for the cause and Mary had thrown all her youthful energy into supporting the Covenanters in any way she could.

William Smith returned home under cover of darkness, but the next evening Canon of Muirdrochwood returned to Deughside with a party of dragoons, determined to find William and get the reward for his capture. Thankfully William's dog barked a warning and William had time to escape from the back of the house and once more take refuge in the hills. He and four other men hid in a small cave at Craigdow, but soon they realised it was not safe to remain there, and they decided to scatter and find hiding places individually. William made his way west towards Dalry and was led to a refuge in a deep gorge on the Water of Girvan on the farm of Camregan by Mary McClymont, who was taking food to two men who were already hiding there - she was staying with her uncle at Camregan.

After a while a spy discovered their hiding place so Mary and the three men had to flee for their lives. Mary went to relatives at Glenmuick, the first house across the Stewartry boundary in Ayrshire to the south of Dalmellington. By coincidence William had found a refuge among the rocky cliffs at Wolf Craig to the north of Glenmuick. One of the local shepherds spoke of seeing William up near the Muick Water and Mary overheard him, so the following evening she hid near the spot where he had been seen, and saw her friend returning to his hide-out.

She took some food there the next day and left it for him, as he was not there. This went on for a number of days, then some troops arrived at Glenmuick and roughly questioned Mary. She ran from the house and along a narrow path high above the glen, followed by the drunken troops. One thrust at Mary with his sword and missed her, falling over the precipice to his death. Later she found the sword and took it to William in his hiding place.

Not long afterwards, during a brief lull in the persecution, Mary and William were married at a Conventicle held in a secluded glen near the farm of Bowmoore on the Water of Deugh, but they still had to split up each night, Mary returning to Glenmuick and William to Wolf Craig.

The local shepherds helped to protect them by constructing a secret chamber within a peat stack which they built against the gable end of Glenmuick, with a hidden access from the house. They used this secret hide-out for many months when danger threatened, and were here able to enjoy some privacy.

During a period when persecution was less intense in Galloway, Conventicles were again held and people sought to encourage one another in the faith. Robert Canon of Muirdrochwood heard of a Conventicle taking place on the march between Dundough and Marscalloch and alerted his friend McMillan (possibly a tenant in Marscalloch which was owned by Canon), also a persecutor of the Covenanters, and they alerted the troops garrisoned at Carsphairn. Soon the Conventicle was surrounded, and Mary and William with some trusty friends took up their stand beside the minister. William was wielding the sword which Mary had given him. A number of people were injured as they fled, and McMillan approached William and entered into combat with him. Eventually McMillan dashed his military cap into William's face and ran him through with his sword. Mary quickly seized her husband's sword and struggled with his murderer who overcame her and dispatched her also. It was said that from the sword wound in her breast flowed forth a mixture of blood and milk, showing that she was nursing a baby which had then been left an orphan.

McMillan was filled with remorse at the sight of this and swore never to use his sword against a Covenanter again. He returned that night with two or three more trusty soldiers and they buried the bodies in the moss where they had fallen. They took an oath never to reveal where the two were buried.

Around 1830 some locals were cutting peats on Marscalloch Koss and they found two well-preserved bodies which they believed to be the two martyrs, William and Mary Smith. No doubt they covered the bodies up again and left them to rest in peace. We do not know exactly where that place was, and no memorial was ever raised in their memory.

Helen Bolton

THE 2009 CONVENTICLE



On the afternoon of Sunday 14th June, banks of dark cloud hung over the hills of Carsphairn and the brief gleams of sun had disappeared. Thunder rumbled occasionally in the distance, and the air was still and sultry. As people gathered on the lawn in front of Mr and Mrs Ian Watret's home at 'Marscalloch', overlooking Kendoon Loch, midges appeared and bottles of midge repellent were shared among the ladies and gentlemen.

Soon the gathering of almost fifty people were settled, and it was with great pleasure that we beheld among our number Mrs Bella Wood, who at the great age of 97 is the oldest inhabitant of Dalry. Rev Dr David Bartholomew opened the 2009 Conventicle and as is traditional, only psalms were sung. This year's service began with Psalm 95, "O, come and let us to The Lord" to the tune Kilmarnock. This was followed by the Old 100th "All People That on Earth Do Dwell". Not long after the service commenced the clouds slowly rolled away, the sun broke through, and to everyone's delight a nice breeze gradually dispersed the midges!

Dr Bartholomew's sermon told of the harsh and cruel treatment of those who adhered firmly to the Covenant and refused to accept the episcopal system. All the kirkyards in the Glenkens contain graves of those who chose death rather than compromising their beliefs and principles. Dr Bartholomew then recounted the story of William and Mary Smith as, appropriately, the congregation looked down on Kendoon Loch, the waters of which now cover the site of 'Deughside'.

The collection was gathered in the traditional way, in a blanket, and after a further prayer the Conventicle closed with a spirited rendering of "O God of Bethel" to the tune Salzburg. It was interesting to note several cars, passing along the road, slowing down while the passengers obviously speculated as to why the Minister was preaching to a gathering of people on the front lawn of this attractive Galloway cottage!

Tea and coffee and some really scrumptious refreshments were provided by the ladies from Carsphairn to be enjoyed in this idyllic setting, and thanks must go to all those who made the Conventicle a delightful social gathering. Many thanks, also, to Mr and Mrs Watret for hosting the event, and for thoughtfully providing chairs for those without rugs or chairs of their own. Mr Jim Sloan did a sterling job of marshalling all the cars as they arrived.

To Dr Bartholomew, our thanks for once again finding an interesting and most attractive location in which to hold this year's service. Where will we be gathering next year? We look forward to it, where ever it may be.

Helen Bolton

NATURE & WILDLIFE

The Bum-Clock Humm'd wi Lazy Drone!

Yellowhammer - Chris Gomersall. RSPB Images



The merry month of May?! In the depths of winter, or indeed on dull days at other times of the year, the thought of May with all its delights brings comfort to my soul. This year, though, for the most part it just failed to arrive in anything but name. It wasn't so much the rain, but cold easterly winds and dreich days with little sun. However, thankfully some glorious exceptions served to charge the memory banks for future sustenance.

On one of the better days, I enjoyed a familiar stroll down the River Ken footpath from my home in St John's Town of Dalry (I usually just call it 'the burn', but I particularly remember being upbraided by an elderly man in a local hotel, who insisted on it being the River Ken – I suppose he was right). From the foot of the 'boat well' (way) and downstream from the kirkyard on Newfield is an absolute delight. Traditional and sensitive management by the Edgars on this part of their farm produce a wealth of interesting wildlife. The riverside strip as far as the Kirkland boundary is not cut for silage, and grazing in the back end allows a plethora of wild flowers to prevail, with all the attendant insect and birdlife – it is truly wonderful, especially in May when birds are in full song and insects are on the wing.

One of the dominant plants is pignut *conopodium majus*, which requires old permanent pasture of this kind. It is an umbellifer and has a delicate and loose composite head of small creamy blossoms, with succulent, bulbous nuts underground. I have fond childhood memories of digging these up and eating them - we called them groundnuts. Yellowhammers, so rare now in much of the countryside following the decline of cereal production, are still to be found on Newfield and Kirkland, thriving amongst the rougher areas and enjoying the leftovers from the traditional grain production on the former. Their haunting song 'little-bit-of bread-and-no- cheeeeeeeese' is a most welcome sound on such days – as are the tunes of chaffinch, mavis (song thrush), blackbird, whitethroat, willow warbler and greenfinch, amongst others. It really is a rich area, with wild rose, gorse and hawthorn scrub providing lots of safe nesting habitat for these birds, and the wild plants providing an abundance of seed and insect food.

An insect that very few birds tangle with is the bumclock. These magnificent creatures, also called cockchafers or May bugs, emerge from wild swards in the gloaming in springtime, especially May. The wild and unimproved vegetation of the flood bank and adjacent strip on Newfield is ideal for them and many are the times I've been dauning down the bank enjoying the air, when one of these huge hummers has drifted up past my lug, half-frightening me to death and eliciting some half-formed oath. They certainly keep you on your toes, but all part of the glorious attractions of the season. Burns cited these beauties in the perfect conclusion of his Twa' Dogs.

Chris Rollie

*'By this the sun was out o' sight,
An' darker gloaming brought the night;
The bum-clock humm'd wi' lazy drone;
The kye stood rowtin i' the loan;
When up they gat, and shook their lugs,
Rejoic'd they were na men, but dogs;
An' each took aff his several way,
Resolv'd to meet some ither day.'*
(Robert Burns)

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FURMISTON JUBILEE

On 31st May 1889 over 100 people attended the 60th Jubilee of notable farmer, Mr John Harper. He had farmed Furmiston for 60 years and a celebration had been arranged including a marquee, food, speeches, songs and poems. Even the Dalmellington Brass Band were in attendance.

And so, 120 years later to the day, Carsphairn Heritage Group were invited by David and Jean Gibbon (present occupiers) to visit and mark the occasion. The 're-enactment' included a photograph being taken in the same field as that taken in 1889, and although the Brass Band were not in attendance, Nigel from the village treated the visitors to some tunes on the cornet, accompanied by Margaret Sloan. Visitors on the day included descendants of some of the original attendees in 1889, and some previous occupiers of Furmiston. Copies of the speeches and poems from the original event can be seen at the Carsphairn Heritage Centre.



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 Carsphairn 10.30am 1st 2nd (Sept) 3rd 4th
 Dalry 9am 1st 2nd (Sept) 3rd 4th (Aug)
 Dalry 12noon 4th (Sept)
 Kells 10.30am 2nd 3rd 4th

Special Services and Events

9th Aug, 10.30am: United Family Service, Kells Church, followed by barbecue at Kells House
 21st Sept, 7.30pm: Whist Drive, Dalry Town Hall
 27th Sept, 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving, Dalry Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in Dalry Town Hall

Communion Services:

23rd Aug, 10.30am, Kells Church

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St Margaret's, New Galloway: Holy Communion - 10.30am every Sun & Wed

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Castle Douglas: Mass - Sat 6.15pm & Wed 7pm

GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS

JULY

Fri 31, Alternative Games Ceilidh, from 8.30pm to midnight, New Galloway Town Hall

AUGUST

Sat 1, Alternative Games 'Homecoming Stramash', 8pm, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 1 to Tues 25, Exhibition: David Ralston & Ken Smyth, CatStrand opening hours, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sun 2, The Alternative Games, New Galloway Town Park, New Galloway, from 2pm

Mon 3, Burns Feast with Catherine Braid, 11.30am, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Tues 4, Luke Wright; A Poet's Work Is Never Done, 7.30pm, £7, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Thurs 6, Bus Trip to Open Evening at Chrichton College, Dumfries, see p7

Thurs 13, Bus Trip to Edinburgh, see p7

Sat 8 & Sun 9, Learn Reiki, The CatStrand, New Galloway, see p7

Mon 10, Kells CC Meeting, 7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall

Mon 10 to Fri 14, Watercolour Painting Summer School with Hazel Campbell, 10am-4pm each day, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 15, Aleksander Kudajczyk, 7.30pm, £10, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Thurs 20, An Evening of Jazz with Solway Rhythm Aces, 7.30pm, £8, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 22, Glenkens Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, see p4

Wed 26, Elderly Persons Conference: Considering Future Needs, 10am-1pm. The CatStrand, New Galloway, see p7

Wed 26, Cinema: Frost/Nixon, 7.30pm, £4.50, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 27 & Sun 28, Creativity Workshop, 10am-5pm, £30, The CatStrand, New Galloway

from Thurs 27 Aug to Tues 1 Sept, Exhibition: Trevor Newton, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 29, An audience with Tam Cowan, 8pm, £12, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 29, Fun Day at Dalry School including the Mulloch Race, Dalry School, from 12 - 4pm, see p4

Mon 31, Carsphairn CC Meeting, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2, 150th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Dalry Town Hall, see p3

Thurs 3, Fri 4 & Sat 5, Exhibition of Photos, Memorabilia etc of Dalry, Dalry Town Hall, see p3

Thurs 3, Alastair McDonald Concert, Dalry Town Hall, see p3

Fri 4, DVD/Video Show of past events, Dalry in the Town Hall, see p3

Sat 5, Cheese & Wine with 'An Old Time Music Hall' theme, Dalry Town Hall, see p3

from Sat 5 Sept to Thurs 1 Oct, Exhibition: Amanda Simmons & Jennie Ashmore, CatStrand opening hours, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 12, No More Mulberries: Mary Smith in conversation with Godfrey Smith, 3pm, £5, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 19, Dumfries & Galloway Storytelling Festival Community Ceilidh, from 2pm, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Tues 22, Benefit Maximisation Surgery, The CatStrand, New Galloway, see p7

Thurs 24, Licketyspit presents The Hare and the Tortoise, 4.30pm, £4, The CatStrand, New Galloway

Fri 25, Baroque and Blue, 7.30pm, £8, The

CatStrand, New Galloway

Tue 29, GBA Meeting, 7pm, Ken Bridge Hotel

Wed 30, Cinema: Doubt, 7.30pm, £4.50, The CatStrand, New Galloway

OCTOBER

Thurs 1 & Fri 2, NLP workshop, The CatStrand, New Galloway, see p9

REGULAR EVENTS:

Scouts: Mon, 7-8.30pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Mother & Toddlers Group: Tues 9.45-11.15am, New Galloway Town Hall

Beavers: Tues, 6.30-7.45pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Cub Scouts: Wed, 6.45-8pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Glenkens Walking Group, meet Wed at 2pm outside the Bank of Scotland, Dalry.

Lions Club monthly quiz, alternating between The CatStrand & Lochinvar Hotel. For further info contact Andrew Frew on 420 323.

The CatStrand, New Galloway (see p7)

Exercise to Music: Mon, 10-11am

Play it by Ear: every Mon during term time, 1.30-2.30pm

Children's Dance Classes with Margaret Morris Movement: every Mon during term time, 4-5pm (ages 8-12)

Boxercise: Every Mon, 6-7pm

Circuit Training: every Mon, 7.45-8.45pm

Taking the Next Step in Computing: Mon evenings, 5.30-7.30pm

The Reading Cure, Tuesdays 7 July to 11 August, 11.15am-1.15pm, Free

Teen Spirit: Tues, 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesdays, Glenkens Walking Group, 2pm, outside Bank of Scotland, Dalry, see p5

Taking the First Step in Computing: Wed, 5.30-7.30pm

from Wed 16 Sept, every Wed until end March, Stewartry Camera Club, 7.30pm, The Tolbooth, Kirkcudbright, see p5

Thursdays 24 September, 1 and 8 October, Songwriting Workshops with Nicola Black, 7-9pm, Free

from Sun 6 Sept, every Sun, Catstrand Youth Players meet weekly, 3pm, see p5

Yoga: Thurs 10-11.15am

Afternoon Tea Club: 2nd Fri each month, 2pm

Saturday Art Club, 2nd Saturday each month, 10am-12noon

Youth Drama Group, every Sun 2pm

Glenkens Youth Choir, every Sun from, 5-6pm

CatStrand Playstation Tournaments: contact The CatStrand for info.

Dalry Community Centre (for info or to book contact Sarah on 430 393)

Glenkens Playgroup: Mon-Fri, 9.15-11.45am

Paint & Art: Mon 1.30-4.30pm

Ballroom & Latin Dance: Mon - Beginners 7.30-8.15pm, Improvers 8.15-9pm, Improvers 9-9.45pm

Good Neighbours Club: Tues 2pm

Kickback Martial Arts: Tues & Thurs 7-9pm, adults welcome

Glenkens Mother & Toddlers: Wed 1.30-3pm

Craft Class: Thurs 2-4pm

Brownies: Wed 5.30-6.45pm

Guides: Wed 5.30-7pm

Drama Club: for further info contact Brian Edgar on 420 288



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