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## Scotland's Garden Scheme in the Glenkens



The aim of Scotland's Gardens Scheme is to raise funds for charities by opening what are usually private gardens to the public on specific days of the year.

40% of funds raised at the garden openings goes to charities of the garden owners' choice, whilst the remaining 60% is shared between Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres, The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, The Gardens Fund of The National Trust for Scotland, Perennial (The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Fund) and The Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children.

There are many gardens around Dumfries & Galloway open to the public during the course of the summer. Specifically in the Glenkens we have Arndarroch which has a large and varied garden.

Until Annikki Lindsay moved to Arndarroch in 1991, what is now the garden was just a windswept grassy hillside overlooking

Kendoon Loch. Now there are a great variety of trees, roses, shrubs and herbaceous plants, as well as collections of bamboos and of oriental and medicinal plants. In addition there is a small kitchen garden, a bog garden and a young woodland containing 'A Walk on the Wild Side' which is great fun for children and adults alike. The aim has been to create a semi-natural, wildlife friendly environment - or, as Annikki terms it, "a wildlife garden". Arndarroch is situated on the B7000 between Dalry and Carsphairn, and will be open from 2-5pm on Sunday 13 June and Sunday 5 September.

The Garden Scheme is also hosting an event that looks like it will be a great evening out for avid gardeners - on Friday 11 June Threave Garden will host a Gardeners' Question Time. For more information about Scotland's Garden Scheme, and Threave Gardeners' Question Time, you can call 0131 226 3714 or visit [www.gardensofscotland.org](http://www.gardensofscotland.org)

## New Season off with a Swing

The new season at New Galloway Golf Club started with the incoming Captain, Dick Tulloch, driving off. The first competition of the season which was The Captain's Team verses The Vice Captain's Team, was very well supported.

Before the competition started the Captain, Dick Tulloch, thanked all those members who had worked so hard for the club. He then presented the outgoing Captain, Sandy Harvie, and outgoing Match Secretary, Ron Ritchie, with a life membership of the Scottish Golf Union.

The course at New Galloway although only nine holes is one of the most picturesque in Scotland and poses a real challenge to golfers no matter what handicap. Throughout the season there is a full fixture list of competitions together with social evenings. It is a very friendly club and new members are always welcome, as are visitors.

For more information log in to the club's website at [www.nggc.co.uk](http://www.nggc.co.uk) or contact Ian Brown, the Secretary at the club.



Jeff Sutcliffe (Vice Captain), Elena Rogers (Vice Captain), Dick Tulloch (Captain), Joyce Harvey (Captain)

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# Local Author: Catriona McPherson

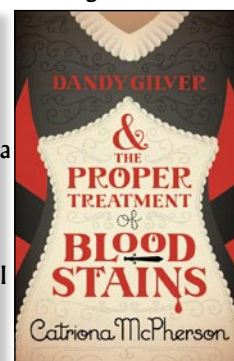
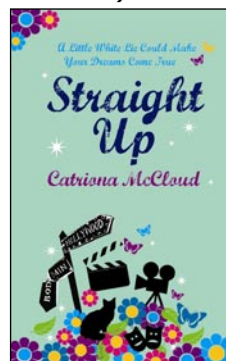


A Farewell: I always wanted to be a writer but it wasn't until I moved to the Glenkens ten years ago, at the age of 35, that I got stuck in. I've written ten books now (if you count the first one that's in a drawer, where it belongs), sitting at this desk facing out to the hills and trees, sun and rain, lambs and ewes and, of course, the midges. That's part of the reason this place is so precious to me. But it's not just that and it's not even just me; friends come from Edinburgh for the weekend and go home saying they feel as if they've had a fortnight's holiday.

Then there's the people. Just after I moved here, I was walking up New Galloway High Street when a man came down a ladder propped against a house wall. I asked if he was a window cleaner. He said no – he was doing a bit of pointing – but if I told him where I lived he'd drop off his long steps for a couple of days and then come and pick them up again. He didn't know me and I didn't know him, but I got the chance to clean my upstairs windows and realised that life here was going to be very different from in the city.

I'd like to thank that man – I still don't know who he was – and everyone else in the villages around the Glenkens for being such wonderful neighbours and friends; and – since a publication deal came along – such loyal readers and enthusiastic supporters of my books.

And if this is beginning to sound like farewell, that's because, very sadly, it is. I'm only just squeaking into this column as a 'local author' before moving slightly too far away to walk up Waterside on a frosty morning or jump in the pool under the Holy Linn on a hot afternoon. My husband, Neil McRoberts, is about to start work at the University of California and after a lot of swithering about Kitty's Tearoom and Sandgreen beach, I'm going with him. We didn't really expect to be here for ten years when we came and California is going to be an adventure, but if you hear a ripping sound and a howl of anguish around the middle of June, that'll be me leaving this valley. I hope I can still write, looking out at grapevines and orange trees instead Galloway coos... Catriona's website is [www.dandygilver.co.uk](http://www.dandygilver.co.uk) and her books are published by Hodder and Stoughton (Catriona McPherson crime novels) and Orion (Catriona McCloud comedies).



## NOTICEBOARD

### Glenkens Society Annual Flower & Vegetable Show 2010

The growing season is upon us again (and some of us may say at long last).

This year's show will be held in the Town Hall at Dalry on Saturday 28th August 2010 and schedules are now in your local Post Offices and shops. Entries as detailed on the schedule should be returned to Hilda McAdam before 6pm on the Monday prior to the show. We have expanded the junior section and have sectioned it into age groups. This does not mean that juniors cannot enter into the full schedule if they wish to do so.

As always please join in or visit the show in the Town Hall doors open at 14.00 hours (2pm in old money). We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Joan Berkley, on behalf of the Glenkens Society

### Dalry Library Opening Times & Info

Tue: 2 to 4.30pm & 5.30 to 7.30pm

Fri: 11:15am to 1:15pm & 2 to 4.30 pm

Some of the services available include free internet access, photocopying & printing, dvd hire, audio books, local reference and archives and, of course, books.

We have a general selection of books, but if we don't have what you want at Dalry, it can be requested from another library and delivered here.

### Glenkens Agricultural Show

Saturday 14th August in the standing stone field, the Grennan, New Galloway.

Sheep, cattle, goats, poultry, stock judging, horses and horse jumping, refreshments, entertainment.

Judging commences 9.30am, admission on gate.

Contact - Secretary Andrea Ramsay  
01644430509.

### Lost and found - Dalry Clachan Fair

The last Clachan fair was in 2008 and tradition says we should be looking forward to a fair this year. But several committee members decided on a well-earned retirement and it looked for a time as if the Clachan Fair might be lost. However, a last ditch open meeting at the Town Hall showed there was enthusiasm to carry on and a new committee was formed of remaining old members and several new members. Keen though they are, it was decided that it was too late to arrange anything for this year but Clachan Fair Week next year will be from the 5th to the 11th June inclusive.

Incidentally, the Mulloch Race would have been part of this year's fair week but will now be held on 4th September 2010, further details to follow.

Sally Hooker

## Readers' Photographs



Left: Louise McClure from Dalmellington would like to share with Gazette readers "Daryll and Afton enjoying day out with Grand and Papa"

Right: Fiona Norbury has submitted this photo, and says: "The picture was taken by my son when he visited. He's taking up wildlife photography. It was a sunny afternoon, spring must have been in the air although it was still only February 14th, a bit early for an adder to be out sunbathing. Not the sort of thing you expect to get on Valentines Day!" The photo was taken at Blackwater near Dalry.



## Carsphairn Community Council

*Extract from minutes of meeting held 29 March*

On the issue of removal of recycling points from Carsphairn it was explained by Councillor Prentice that the council intends to utilise the Eco Deco plant in Dumfries for all waste. Dumfries & Galloway are way ahead of the rest of the UK in terms of recycling through the plant and the reduction of landfill.

The school had asked regarding a textile bank to be positioned in the village as a possible fundraiser for the school. This was discussed and concluded that positioning would be difficult and could encourage fly tipping – it was agreed that feedback would be made to the PTC.

Notification has been received of the intended closure of the Shiel of Castlemaddy Bothy – the CC will obtain further information on this matter. Regarding the creation of the Welcome leaflet, contact has been made with all relevant contributors and final editing by a steering group is to take place, then the information forwarded for the leaflet to be completed. A grant application is being made for the Community Garden. It was agreed to proceed with the application as this would help with future costs and upkeep of the garden.

Environmental Impact Assessment of Duchrae Farm; members reported disappointment at the outcome of report and level of objections reported.

Further discussions have taken place with the Access Officer who has outlined that a new factor/owner has some issues with open access. A discussion took place regarding the relevance of core paths and how much involvement the council should have directly with landowners. It was agreed that Carsphairn Community Council would consult with other community councils to find out their position and also to request that the Access Officer enquires that all affected landowners have been fully consulted and that they are aware of the legislation that accompanies core paths. It was agreed that a copy of the legislation and associated implications would be obtained for local landowners to read.

Core Paths – Roddrie Melville from Bidwells attended the meeting to inform members of the reasons why his client had made objections to the core path development on his land. His client welcomes responsible access but identifies a risk of conflict between leisure and recreation and workforces in the forest. The Access Officer has identified a number of points to support the development of core paths in the forest but the landowner can only agree with one point namely that it will provide a health walk. The landowner has given seven points for his objections which include car parking and the various workforces that utilise the area and the traffic that goes through the forest – which may in the future double.

*Next meeting: Monday 28 June, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall.*

## Dalry Community Council

*Extract from minutes of meeting held 8 April*

It was reported that the overhanging branches on the B7075 had not yet been cut back and that there had been complaints about grit still covering sections of pavement in Dalry. With regard to the overhanging branches, Cllr Prentice said it was the responsibility of the owner of the land.

It was asked if Cllr Prentice would take issue with the appropriate department regarding the closure of the A713. Cllr Prentice informed members that East Ayrshire had been responsible for the

closure and they themselves had only found out the day before it was known to the rest of the communities. It was further noted that the repairs themselves were inadequate and that there are still road closure signs around the area. It was suggested that it may be possible for D&G Council, together with DCC, could take issue about such major road closures with the Scottish parliament. It was suggested the CC contact A Ferguson on this point.

The Forestry Commission have approved the application for the forestation at Duchrae. If the CC wish to appeal against the decision then application had to be made to the Court of sessions before 30th April. It has been suggested that Dalry CC circulate a copy of minutes to Balmacellan and New Galloway CCs, and vice versa. This was agreed. Finally, it was confirmed by Cllr. Prentice that the re-cycling bins outside the village will be removed during the course of this month.

*Next meeting: Monday 26 July at 7pm in Dalry Town Hall. This will include the AGM. Please note that there will be no meeting in the month of June.*

## The Royal Burgh of New Galloway & Kells Community Council

The Annual General Meeting was held in New Galloway Town Hall on Monday 10th May. Provost Margaret Sainsbury welcomed the members present along with Councillor Prentice, PC Bruton and two members of the public and proceeded to give her report on the activities of the Community Council over the past year. The audited accounts were then presented and approved. Councillor Prentice then took the chair and invited nominations for the office bearers for the coming year.

Margaret Sainsbury was re-elected as Chairman and Provost with Maybelle Thomson as Vice Chairman. Chris Newman is continuing as Secretary and the current Treasurer John McGaw was not present at the meeting but was nominated to remain in the post subject to his agreement. Vic McIntosh would continue to be the main contact for all maintenance issues.

The main meeting was addressed by Mrs Ros Hill and Mr Tom Carlyle giving an update on the Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING) Group's progress in their negotiations with Dumfries & Galloway Council officials regarding the future of the Town Hall. The Council had provided a copy of the condition survey that had been carried out and although it was useful to some extent, there was a lack of detail and costings in some areas. After discussion it was agreed that Dumfries & Galloway Council still seemed to be stalling on any commitment to install suitable disabled access and carry out the necessary maintenance and improvements to make the hall fit for purpose.

As a new management committee could not and would not take over the running of the hall until it was made fit for purpose it was felt that a meeting needed to be arranged with the appropriate council officials who would be in a position to make decisions about the way forward. Councillor Prentice agreed to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Stewartry Area Manager Derek Crichton to be attended by members of LING and the Community Council to establish a way forward and secure the future of the Town Hall.

Some arrangements were confirmed for the Alternative Games Weekend with a reminder that this year the Games will be held on Sunday 8th August with a Ceilidh in the Town Hall on Friday 6th August. The band for the Ceilidh was confirmed as 'Reel Rhythm', the popular young band from Thornhill led by Robert Menzies.

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

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# GLENKENS SCHOOLS REPORT



## Olivia Wise Wins!

Young Art Scotland's third annual competition was open to all children in Dumfries and Galloway. The theme for this year was 'Postcard from Galloway' and all entries included a donation to Cancer Research. Olivia Wise, from Dalry School, won the 10-12 year old section with a prize of a voucher to be spent at the Galloway Craft Centre in Castle Douglas.

## Carsphairn School Birdwatch



Children at Carsphairn Primary recently took part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch, a nationwide survey run by the RSPB. Children learned how to recognise some of the most commonly seen birds and took part in a birdwatch in February. The children prepared for the Birdwatch by making very sticky and messy fat balls and plastic bird feeders.



The results were collated and Ian Houston of RSPB recently returned to the school to discuss the results as well as teaching the children more about bird adaptations. The most commonly seen bird seen in the Carsphairn playground was the chaffinch, while it was the 10th most commonly seen bird in the national results.

They have also started an after school Garden Club and have planted potatoes, beans and peas. The children have thoroughly enjoyed digging, planting and finding lots of juicy worms!

*Pics - Top: the children making very messy fat balls for the birds. Bottom: Ian Houston of RSPB pictured with the children.*

## Dalry Primary at the Galloway Music Festival

Somehow Dalry Primary got left out of last issue's write-up of the Galloway Music Festival - so here is the update on how they did.

Popular Music Vocal Solos: Mackenzie Lawrie & Amber Brett - 3rd, Hannah Mills & Jake McMillan - 2nd, Faye Green - 1st.

Instrumental Solos: Clarinet; Kimberly McAdam - 1st, Cello; Olivia Wise - 3rd, Saxophone; Lily Langford.

Group Music Making: P6-7 Class ('Rainforest Song') - 1st, 1 - 3 Teacher Primary Schools, Choir - P4 - 7 Choir ('Hakuna Matata' and 'True Colours') - 1st.

The following classes also took part in the non-competitive sections and received very positive feedback from the adjudicators: Singing Game & Action Song; P1 - 3 Class ('Toes A-Twinkl' and 'Having Fun in Space'), Creative Music Making - P4 - 6 Class ('Disaster').



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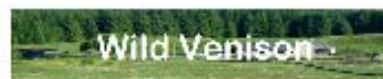
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## YOUTH UPDATE

### RSAMD Residency: Beg, Borrow and Steal

This one-week project, Mon 2 - Fri 6 Aug, is designed for young people aged 9–14 years old who are interested in making original theatre, and who care about the environment and the impact we are having on it.

By the end of this project participants should have gained an insight into using performance as a way of communicating important ideas to others, used drama to explore how the waste created by people is affecting the planet, developed performance skills including voice and movement and worked as part

of a team to create an inspiring and meaningful performance.

This course will finish with a performance for family and friends on Friday 6 August at 3pm. No previous drama experience is required for this project but enthusiasm, energy and an interest in creating new theatre is essential. Participants should dress appropriately in comfortable clothing and bring water as activities in this week will be physical. Contact the CatStrand on 01644 420 374 for further information.

## CLUB CORNER

### Walking Groups

**Glenkens Walking Group:** 1.30pm every Wednesday outside the Bank of Scotland in Dalry.

**Glenkens Strollers:** 2pm on Fridays at the top bus stop in Dalry for a slow walk on good roads and tracks, followed by tea and biscuits. For further info contact John or Isobel on 430 539.

**Glenkens Ramblers:** 1.30pm every Monday outside the Bank of Scotland in Dalry. If very wet, please phone a Walk Leader to confirm that the walk will proceed. For further info on either activity contact John & Isobel on 430539, Peter on 420219 or Gerry on 420852.

**The Glenkens '73 Club** would welcome new members whether you would like to act or help behind the scenes. Play reading evenings will be held over the next few months in preparation for next season. If you are interested in coming along please leave your details at The CatStrand or contact Marie Davie for further details (Tel. 430293).

## CatStrand Youth Players: Spud Ferret Investigates

The CatStrand Youth Players' latest production 'Spud Ferret and the Case of the Stolen Diamonds' by Jeff Gallacher transformed the whole of the CatStrand into Blip Mansion as the audience became guests at Lady Blip's (Eve Francis) weekend house party.

PC Rob Banks (Bethany Butler) kept a watchful eye on proceedings as everyone arrived to the sound of Lady Blip's resident pianist Emily Jones playing the baby grand piano. Guests were officially welcomed by Grimace the Butler (Zoe Kirkpatrick) and the three maids Chivers, Crosse and Blackwell (Téa Oliver, Liza Beth Brannock & Hannah Daly) who handed out canapés to the guests. Fortunately nobody ate one of the poisoned sausage rolls which was a fate reserved for Sir Egbert Knowe-Bacon (Jordan Pears), however he made a valiant attempt throughout the evening to settle his stomach with copious amounts of brandy.

Eventually everyone was summoned to the Drawing Room to see if Detective Spud Ferret (Eilidh Stalker) could solve the mysterious case of Lady Blip's missing diamonds. The chief suspects were the regular house guests Davinia Flimsy (Josie Oliver) a crime novelist; her rather simple friend Sebastian Crumb (Kirstin Stalker); Lindsay Lovegrove (Dylan Blore) a deluded American who thinks that

he is a famous film star; Lady Cynthia Sludge (Lowena Lindsay) a rather elderly 103 year old relative and the aforementioned Sir Egbert Knowe-Bacon a world authority on wine (mostly on how to drink it!). The staff too were not without their motives, the limping butler Grimace, the long suffering maids Chivers, Crosse and Blackwell and not forgetting Compost the Gardener (Cameron Lindsay) who continually tested his shotgun in the kitchen, blowing off various bits of the poor cook in the process!

Lady Blip was furious at the apparent loss of her valuable diamonds but the unexpected arrival of Spud Ferret, who bore an uncanny resemblance to the famous Inspector Clouseau, would surely solve the mystery. However, after his unusual investigation and rather questionable logic he concluded that the only person who could have stolen the diamonds was himself! As he made arrangements to arrest himself, famous crime writer Davinia Flimsy stepped in and declared that Lady Blip had actually 'stolen' her own diamonds. Her motive was to put everyone else under suspicion and give her an excuse to stop them all coming to her weekend house parties as she was thoroughly fed up of them all and just wanted some peace and quiet for a

change. As she waited on the police to arrest her she decided to make a run for freedom but Davinia pointed out that stealing her own diamonds was not actually a crime and as Spud Ferret was a private detective, she hadn't even wasted police time – no crime had been committed! Facing the prospect of no more house parties at Blip Mansion, Lady Blip was pursued by all of her staff and guests throughout the grounds!

Did they ever catch her? Would there be any more house parties? Where exactly did Spud Ferret appear from? Was there really a poisoned sausage roll...? Or was it all simply a figment of Davinia Flimsy's rather vivid imagination?

The evening was summed up by a 'Congratulations' card received a few days later from two visitors from Buckinghamshire – "An excellent evening's entertainment, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Keep up the good work!"

*Director – Brian Edgar; Prompter – Sue Lindsay; Costumes, Make-up & Props – Helen Kirkpatrick, Sue Lindsay & Nancy Plummer; Catering – Eileen Edgar.*

**The Youth Players regular meetings will start again for the new season on Sunday 5th September at 3pm in The CatStrand.**



## So What is the Dalry Housing Group?

It takes a lot to get a bunch of oldies like us away from the comfortable complacency our armchairs, but the prospect of having a giant quarry dug in the middle of our village did the trick. Just look at this photograph and imagine 40,000 tonnes of rock being removed from beneath the unsuspecting hooves of those gently grazing sheep in the background.

Then ask yourself what effect the resulting noise, dust and vibrations will have on toddlers in the playpark, children studying in the school or on people who just want to sit on a bench quietly contemplating the bravery and sacrifice of the covenanter martyrs and their memorial.

Finally ask yourself, as we did, is it not possible to build houses on this site without despoiling it? It was questions like that that brought us together. We are simply six people who are committed to the Glenkens. We have no power, no funding and represent no one but ourselves. Some of us have lived here since childhood, some of us came here for work or to retire, all of us want to live in a lively, tolerant prosperous community. To achieve that aim there must be sustainable development and growth which enhances, rather than destroys, the natural and built environment.

We have called ourselves the Dalry Housing Group, but this is not an accurate description of our interests. After all, it is not possible to consider housing developments without also thinking about employment and local services.

We hope that our friends and neighbours will engage in a positive conversation about what our community should be in the twenty first century. Change is inevitable but it doesn't have to destroy.

*Group Members: Professor Roger Breakwell; Mr Steve Davie; Mr Andrew Mellor; Mr Tom Scott; Lady Sinclair; Mrs Pat Woodley*

# The CatStrand: News & Events

**Storytelling Café, Thurs 3 June, 7.30–9.30pm, free but donations for tea and coffee welcome.** An informal and relaxing evening - this month's café will be hosted by Tony Bonning.



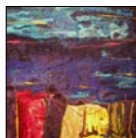
**A Guid Nicht In; Gatehouse of Fleet Festival Committee, Sat 5 June, 7.30pm, £5/£4.** On Thursday nights, the Masonic Arms in Gatehouse of Fleet has hosted a session where local musicians, singers and writers congregate. This weekly alchemy has produced two active bands and other steadfastly solo performers. Having branched out to perform at the Wickerman and Eden Festivals as well as local galas, an evening of doonhame entertainment has emerged. A Guid Nicht In features Susi Woodmass, The Geese, Gallifran and incomparable compere Ted Percy, presenting mainly original songs, tunes, poems and badinage.

**Scottish Flute Trio, Fri 18 June, 7.30pm, £10/£8.** Laura Bailie, Janet Larsson and Ruth Morley have performed at major festivals including the Edinburgh International Festival and Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. \*Pre-event fixed menu supper available. Book at least 7 days in advance.



**AL Kennedy: Stand Up, Sat 26 June, 7.30pm, £7/£5.** AL Kennedy is the author of 11 books: 5 novels, 4 books of short stories and two books of non-fiction. She also writes for the stage, radio, film and TV and a number of national and international newspapers.

**Exhibition: Mary Pugh, Sun 27 June - Thurs 22 July, CatStrand opening hours.** Mary's work is about experimenting and enjoying the experience. Mary uses brightly coloured wools and threads which come together to form a combination of colour and texture. Painting is her first learnt skill but has now become the creative design base for her work in other materials.



**Film : Up in the Air, Wed 30 June, 7.30pm, £4.50/£3.50.** Juno's Jason Reitman heads into corporate America territory once again with this adaptation of Walter Kirn's novel Up in the Air. The plot surrounds a human resource administrator, Ryan Bingham, (George Clooney) whose life up in the friendly skies becomes his only world as he works to reach his one-millionth frequent flyer mile.

**Storytelling Café, Thurs 1 July, 7.30–9.30pm, free but donations for tea and coffee welcome.** This month's café will be hosted by Stripy Dog.



**Spiers & Boden & Saltfishforty, Tue 6 July, 7.30pm, £8/£6.** Two irrepressible traditional music duos - in a high octane blend of Celtic and English folk music cultures, Spiers & Boden and Saltfishforty come to the CatStrand, aided by the Scottish Arts Council's Tune Up scheme.

**Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas performed by Guy Masterson, Sat 17 July, 7:30pm, £7/£5.** Dylan Thomas' timeless masterwork is brought vividly to life in an astonishingly brilliant solo performance.



**Film: Fantastic Mr Fox, Wed 21 July, 2pm, £4.50/£3.50.** An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm-raiding ways

and then must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation.



**Exhibition: Joan Eardley and Lady Audrey Walker, Sun 25 July - Thurs 2 Sept, CatStrand opening hours.** This exhibition offers a fantastic opportunity to see and enjoy works by the renowned Scottish artist Joan Eardley and her friend and photographer, Audrey Walker.

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**Saturday Art Club, 2nd Sat of every month, 10am–12noon, £4.** Two-hour workshops run by professional artists and teachers, offering expert tuition and hands-on experience across a range of fun filled visual arts and crafts activities. Please wear old clothes as things can get messy (ages 5–12).



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**Taking the First Step in  
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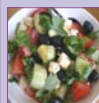
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**FAMILY DAYS OUT:** During the Easter holidays a very successful trip to Kirroghtree was organised for children and their parents (see pic) - a great day out was had by all and further trips are being arranged during the summer holidays, on 8th and 22nd July and 12th August 2010. The trip on 22nd July will be to Summerlee Heritage Park (a 20 acre site near Coatbridge which looks at Scottish Industrial life) but other trips will be nearer home.

**DATES FOR YOU DIARY:** Mon 5th July - 'Ewe to You' and The Whithorn Peninsular; Sat 28th Aug 2010 - The Viking Festival, Largs; Sat 5th Sept 2010 - The Victorian Fayre, Lanark; Mon 4th Oct 2010 - Dawyck Botanical Gds and Peebles. Other trips will be arranged including a visit to Kelvingrove Museum whilst 'The Glasgow Boys' exhibition is there, and trip to Craigieburn Gardens near Moffat - see local posters for further details.

(Photos show the family day out to Kirroghtree and wild ponies on a recent trip to the Lake District)

*Keith Cooper, GTI Administrator*



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# LOCAL HISTORY

## Maister John Makluire, of the Glenkens, Doctor in Physick (c.1600-1652)

MacClure is an old Galloway name. One of the family luminaries was Dr John MacClure who in 1630 authored the petition addressed to Charles I requesting that he establish a Royal College of Physicians in Scotland's capital city. Though the college was not created until 1681 MacClure is now claimed as a pioneer of British midwifery and pediatrics. He is renowned as the author of 'the earliest extant (Scottish) graduation thesis for the doctorate in medicine to have achieved publication', and of *The Buckler of Bodilie Health*, an early popular treatment of the subject based in his personal professional experience, 'buckler' meaning shield. Quaintly the Latin title is *Sanitatis Semita*, 'Health's Semmit', the ubiquitous flannel or woollen vest which so many Scotsmen were traditionally reluctant to relinquish even in summer. He also wrote *The Generall Practise of Medecine* (1634) and there is a strong probability that he was personally acquainted with William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, whose ideas about childbirth he may have anticipated, though in matters scientific arguments about primacy are often as pointless as they are contentious. Certain it is that he was celebrated in his own day as a man whose name 'flies splendid, above the stars'.

He represented at least the third generation of John MacClures, while naming three of his own sons, John, as one after another died. His parents were John MacClure of Nether Carmonoch and Alison Denholm; grandfather John resided at Castlemaddy. Carmonoch is today, Carminnows, just west of the Kendoon Bridge. In 1622 MacClure's parents went through a trial in Edinburgh for pre-marital adultery. Their appearance followed that of another couple on the same charge, James Finlay in Garrary and Mareon Schaw at Craigenbay, neighbouring farms north of what is now Clatteringshaws Loch. Those called to testify in this case were John Inglis in Craighinnie, further east, John and Quintin MacMillan in Craignell (now Craignell on the loch's west shore), Andrew and John Finlay of Gait, preserved in Gate Flow, east of the loch, and John Ahannay of Garroch. For John and Alison, three men were summoned from 'St John's Clachane' – John Newall, Robert McDowell and John Edger, as well as Robert Scott of Grennan. Thus were the sins of the Glenkens paraded before the great and the good of Edinburgh! Both couples received remissions. There is circumstantial evidence that Dr John MacClure may have been born at Blawquhairn on the high Carsphairn road.

The family became involved in the Plantation of Ulster, settling at Newtonards as part of the Sir Hugh Montgomery contingent. Thus the future doctor became acquainted with his landlord's second son, James, both attending St Andrews University at the same time. James' nephew, Hugh, third Viscount Montgomery, became a cause célèbre through sustaining an accident as a child which left a hole in his rib-cage exposing his visibly-beating and tangible heart, examined by William Harvey at the royal court in Edinburgh, in 1641, in the presence of MacClure, who was probably the go-between.

MacClure's writings are full of interest. His doctoral thesis investigates pestilential fever, possibly typhus. Among causes, he distinguishes melancholia, starvation, water pollution and food-poisoning, without completely ruling out the influence of the stars. He makes a number of recommendations concerning public health, including adequate ventilation, avoidance and dispersal of stagnant water, the burial of corpses, cleaning of streets and closes, fumigation of bedrooms and hand-washing with vinegar. In *The Buckler*, correct and moderate use of air, food, drink, sleeping, waking, motion, rest, bodily excretions and the passions of the mind are prescribed for prolongation of life and prevention of sickness. He complains of the scarcity of doctors and the poor pay they receive. He is in favour of annual blood-letting and purging. He includes a diatribe about alcoholic women. He condemns marriage between people of different classes. The main point of exercise is to excrete sweat. However, in his view football often does more good for surgeons than evil to physicians. Golf and archery make folk hungry while tennis and catch-ball are highly commended. He advocates running between Castlehill and Arthur's Seat as a cure for obesity. The encouragement of laughter and mirth will revive the spirit and aid digestion. Uniquely in Scotland he defines five stages of life: Infancy, up to 14; Bairnley, 14-25; Youth, 25-35; Middle Age, 35-49; Old Age, 49 onwards! He writes eloquently of childbirth and speculates on the part played by the foetus in the process.

He was, indeed, another Glenkens Lad o Pairs! For more on him see James F. McHarg, *In Search of Dr John Makluire: Pioneer Edinburgh Physician, Forgotten for over Three Hundred Years*, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, University of Glasgow 1997.

Ted Cowan



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# NATURE & WILDLIFE

## “ye wee songsters o’ the woods” (Burns)

Like sparkling sand on a wet shore, the yearly wave of spring bird migration has arrived to bring us myriad songsters from their African wintering grounds. Whilst some are less colourful than others, the musical variety in their songs is quite breathtaking. Of course, we have cracking singers amongst our resident birds – skylark and sheldie (chaffinch) come to mind – but it is the largely invisible arrival of our migrant warblers that is so striking on the ear and so wonderful when it happens.



nuthatch, Angus Hogg

The repetitive chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff of the eponymous warbler is often the herald of these wanderers; this year on the first Saturday of April, near Earlstoun power station. A day or two later I heard the willow warbler, which is by far our most common warbler these days and heard in many gardens and virtually every bit of rough ground with scrub. It's delightful descending cadence – weet, weet, weet, weet, weet, weet - gives rise to its local name (in Ayrshire at least) of 'weety'. Up Garroch Glen, amongst the splendid oak woods, the high pitched trill of wood warblers always reminds me of spinning coins coming to rest, and there too are the dapper pied flycatchers with their more delicate jingles.

Enough, this is turning into a litany of bird songs, which is all very well if one knows them I suppose, but becomes rather monotonous if not. However, my main purpose on setting off down this road was to reflect on the following remarkable change in our birdsong in recent years that is literally harking back to olden times. Many birds are mimics and incorporate the songs of other birds in their own. Starlings are masters at this and often include the evocative wheepling of the whaup (curlew) in their

own song medley. Less well known perhaps is the fact that mavis (song thrush) and blackbird also do this. The former is my own favourite and I often have great fun with them, whistling an invitation to them to repeat my suggestions, usually a tri-syllabic 'cat-call' or 'enquiry' (the spiral whistle to attract someone's attention). Initially, this causes them to cease their singing, but almost invariably they start up again within a few seconds and my own call is soon built in to their threesome repertoires.

Now, in recent years two notable new birdcalls have been heard regularly in the Glenkens, namely red kite and nuthatch, the latter rather incessantly at times. However, all is not always as it seems, because local mavis and blackbirds are mimicking the calls of these relative newcomers, and it's not just here, but throughout the new ranges of these birds. There are no historic records of nuthatch being here before the recent colonisation, but I wonder when our thrushes last mimicked the distinctive calls of the red kite?

I cannot end this piece without mentioning the strange spring weather patterns we have seen these past three years. Cool, drying northerly and easterly winds have again made for a very dry countryside that I'm sure is bringing difficulties for a range of wildlife, and probably farm stock too to some extent. The prolonged winter frosts and snow cover, exacerbated by these drying winds, have left the hills and moors bleached and quite bare-looking. Many small birds like stonechats, wrens, goldcrests and tits perished through the cold, and some like the former may take years to recover in numbers. However, larger birds also suffered, particularly herons and buzzards, which reached their natural population limits in recent years. Such deaths are of course quite natural and simply nature's way of reducing their populations to the carrying capacity at the time. Numbers will recover as things get back to 'normal', but such dry conditions don't suit buzzards, which feed extensively on worms, and neither do they suit thrushes and waders. On recent evenings I have even watched whaups coming down to the Water of Ken for invertebrates, so dry is the surrounding countryside. I'm not greatly in favour of rain, but a wee drop at night would be welcome right now; though I fear the regular summer deluge will make me eat my words.

In spite of everything, the patterns and resilience of nature are remarkable. The migrant birds arrive virtually on the same day each year, and within a few weeks, the skies are alive with swallows, martins and swifts. I feel very fortunate to live in Dalry, which has an abundance of all three, though sadly in recent years swifts have been prevented from nesting in the town hall tower, where they caused no trouble for close on a hundred years previously; perhaps we can have them back some day. And finally, bees! The other evening, I daunted down the boat weil past Dalry moat, untangling the web of work in my head, when I became aware of a loud and persistent buzzing of bees feeding overhead on the honeydew nectar of a flowering sycamore. The big, soft, fresh maple-like leaves of this tree enclosed the activity and created its own climate for these grateful insects, the whole acting like some huge, living parabolic reflector that bathed me in this spring buzz that contrasted so positively with the cool evening. In truth, I'm not even that keen on bees, for all the good they undoubtedly do, but this was lovely. I've always loved nature, but I seem to enjoy it and appreciate even more with each passing year, even in such a cold spring. If you're young and enjoy nature, then just you wait!

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**10.40am New Galloway Town Hall**

**11.30am Waverley Hall, Creetown**

**12.15pm Gatehouse of Fleet Community Centre**

**2.45pm Auchencairn Hall**

**3.30pm Palnackie Hall**

**4.15pm Memorial Hall, Crossmichael**

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## Glenkens Business Association

At the AGM members of the GBA agreed that the focus for the following year would be 'Putting the Glenkens on the Map' with various ideas being put forward to promote the area not just for visiting but as a great place for living and working.

Linking to the promotion of the Dark Skies and Biosphere projects are a couple of the ideas which are being followed up. If you didn't manage to get to the meeting but have some ideas you would like to share please get in touch\*.

In the autumn the committee will be putting together a series of meetings to provide local businesses with opportunities to gain ideas to market and promote their own individual businesses.

Even if you have missed an entry in the in the new printed directory this year GBA Membership at only £20 for businesses and free for community groups and organisations gives you immediate free entry in the online directory. Look out in shops and other local venues for the new application forms for joining or renewing membership.

\*contact Alan Rumble on 01644 420250 email alanrumble@gmail.com

Ros Hill, Chairman

## Alternative Games 2010

**This year's Games will be held on Sunday 8th August, in New Galloway Park, at 2pm.**

**Come along and try your hand at the Gird 'n' Cleek, Tossin' the Sheef, Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane, Snail Racing and more!**

*Usually they are on the first Sunday in August but this year that clashes with other local events, so it's on the second Sunday.*

### Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

Town Hall: At last we have had some information from the Stewartry Area officers following requests made last year! This was shared with the Community Council at their May meeting when George Prentice offered to follow up other queries and set up a meeting with senior officers (see Kells CC entry on p3).

Rosalind Hill, LING Chairman



## ON THE BEAT

### Crime Prevention: Doorstep Crime

*Having missed writing my police column for a few issues I am taking the opportunity to provide the first of several Crime Prevention articles. This issue I am concentrating on Doorstep Crime.*

**What is Doorstep Crime?** Doorstep Crime is the name given to crimes carried out by bogus callers and rogue traders who call uninvited at people's homes pretending to be a legitimate business or trader.

**Bogus Callers:** Some criminals make their living by preying on older and vulnerable adults. They may say they are from water and gas companies or pretend to be from the council. The main aim of these bogus callers is to distract the occupier, get into the home and steal from them. They may work alone or in pairs and could be male, female or even children.

**Rogue Traders:** Many doorstep crime incidents are committed under the guise of legitimate businesses, usually property maintenance or repair. These traders knock at the door uninvited and tell the occupier that urgent work is required on the property. Examples of this work are roofing repairs, gutters, fascias, tarmac work, garden services including tree and hedge cutting. The work is often unnecessary and to a low standard. A low price is normally quoted and often escalates to an extortionate figure once the work has commenced.

These workmen target the most vulnerable, especially older adults who live alone. They put a lot of pressure on the person to pay up, usually in cash and having established that the person keeps the cash in the house will return to offer to undertake further work or, in some cases simply break in and steal what is often the victim's life savings. It is not unknown for rogue traders to take the victim to their bank to withdraw cash.

**Stay Safe:** Always be sure of who you let into your home or agree to allow to carry out work on your home. Use local trustworthy tradesmen known to you or such as those aligned with the Stewartry Community Safety Forum/Age Concern 'workrate' scheme or the 'handyman' service.

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 Kells 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>

**Special Services and Events**

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**Communion Service:**

4<sup>th</sup> July, 10.15am, Carsphairn Church (using  
 central table)

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES**

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**GLENKENS DIARY FOR ALL EVENTS****JUNE**

**Thurs 3**, Storytelling Café, 7.30-9.30pm,  
 The CatStrand, New Galloway

**Thurs 3**, Seniors Open Competition, New  
 Galloway Golf Club

**Sat 5**, Carsphairn Show, opens 8am, see p8

**Sat 5**, A Guid Nicht In; Gatehouse of Fleet  
 Festival Committee, 7.30pm. The CatStrand,  
 New Galloway

**Mon 7**, GTI Bus Trip to Wanlockhead Head  
 Mining Museum, see p7

**Sun 13, 2-5 pm**, Ardarroch Open Garden,  
 see front page

**Fri 18**, Scottish Flute Trio, 7.30pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**Sat 26**, AL Kennedy: Stand Up, 7.30pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**Sat 26**, GTI Bus Trip to the British Pipe Band  
 Champs - Annan, see p7

**Mon 28**, Carsphairn CC meeting, 7pm,  
 Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn

**Wed 30**, Film: Up in the Air, 7.30pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**JULY**

**Thurs 1**, Storytelling Café, 7.30-9.30pm,  
 The CatStrand, New Galloway

**Mon 5**, Bus Trip; 'Ewe to You' and The  
 Whithorn Peninsular, see p7

**Tue 6**, Spiers & Boden & Saltfishforty, 7:  
 30pm, The CatStrand, New Galloway

**Thu 8**, Family Bus Trip, see p7

**Sat 17**, Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas  
 performed by Guy Masterson, 7:30pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**Sat 17 & Sun 18**, Reiki 2 workshop, 10am-  
 4pm, see p7

**Wed 21**, Film: Fantastic Mr Fox, 2pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**Thu 22**, Family Bus Trip; Summerlee Heritage  
 Park, see p7

**Thu 22**, Alex Fergusson Advice Surgeries,  
 10am in Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry  
 & 10.40am in New Galloway Town Hall, see  
 p10

**Sun 25 July - Thurs 2 Sept**, Exhibition:  
 Joan Eardley and Lady Audrey Walker,  
 CatStrand opening hours, The CatStrand,  
 New Galloway

**Wed 28**, Film: An Education, 7.30pm, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**AUGUST**

**Sun 1**, Tilhill Open Four Ball Competition

**Mon 2 - Fri 6**, RSAMD workshop, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway, see p5

**Thurs 5**, Storytelling Café, 7.30-9.30pm,  
 The CatStrand, New Galloway

**Fri 6**, Ceilidh with 'Reel Rhythm', 8.30pm-  
 12.30am, New Galloway Town Hall

**Sat 7**, Rachel Hair Trio, 8pm, £10/£6, The  
 CatStrand, New Galloway

**Sun 8**, Scottish Alternative Games, 2pm, £4/  
 £1, New Galloway Park, see p11

**Thu 12**, Family Bus Trip, see p7

**Sat 14**, Glenkens Agricultural Show, 9.30am,  
 standing stone field, the Grennan, New  
 Galloway, see p2

**Sat 28**, Glenkens Society Annual Flower &  
 Vegetable Show, 2pm, Dalry Town Hall, see  
 p2

**Sat 28**, Bus Trip; The Viking Festival, Largs,  
 see p7

**REGULAR EVENTS:**

Glenkens Ramblers, Mondays 1.30pm, Bank  
 of Scotland, Dalry

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

Stewartry Camera Club: most Wednesdays  
 throughout the winter at 7.30 pm in The  
 Tolbooth, Kirkcudbright

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

Glenkens Walking Group, meet Wed  
 1.30pm outside Bank of Scotland, Dalry

Glenkens Strollers, meet at 2pm each Friday  
 at the top bus stop in Dalry for a slow walk

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

### The CatStrand, New Galloway (see p6 & 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)

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

Carers Coffee & Chat, starts Tues 1st Dec,  
 10am-12noon

Teen Spirit: every Tues during term time,  
 7.30-9.30pm

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

Gentle Yoga & Relaxation, Thurs, 10-  
 11.15am

Afternoon Tea Club: 2nd Fri each month, 2pm  
 Baby Reflexology, drop-in last Fri each month  
 10am-12noon

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

Tone & Stretch, Fri 10am, £4/£3

Catstrand Youth Players, will start again on  
 5 Sept and run every Sun during term time  
 from 3-5pm

Glenkens Youth Choir, Sun, 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 drop-in class: Mon  
 7.30-9pm, £5

Ballroom & Latin Dance course: Mon 9-  
 10pm, for more info tel Sam Hood on 01644  
 420672

Good Neighbours Club: Tues 2pm

Kickback Martial Arts: Tues & Thurs 7-9pm,  
 both adults & children 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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 stories, cartoons, reviews, tips & techniques, fiction, photos, ads or ideas... If you  
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