

GLENKENS GAZETTE

news from Balmaclellan, Carsphairn, Mossdale, New Galloway and St John's Town of Dalry

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FREE

CLOSE CALL FOR CLUBHOUSE



New Galloway Golf Club's Clubhouse nearly got flattened by a tree in recent winds.

In these pictures taken by the Greenkeeper, you can see that a section of tree nearly hit the clubhouse.

It fell onto the first tee box causing severe damage to it and to the Captain's van parked underneath...with a slightly different trajectory, it would have hit the Clubhouse. A very lucky escape...



Puddle Jumping

Dalry Nursery and Primary has held their annual Sports Day and, even though the weather was against them, the children still enjoyed their activities.

The morning included a variety of sporting activities including throwing, jumping and agility.

The Nursery held their sports during this time too. This had been organised by the Active Schools Co-ordinator and was a great success.

The afternoon session included traditional races. All the activities added up to earn points

for their house teams.

The winning house this year was Kenbank and the girl sports champion was Sabrina in P6 and the boys sports champions was Michael in P7.

The school would like to thank

Newton's shop in Dalry, Tesco and the Co-op for providing fruit and water for refreshments and parents, friends and members of the community that came along to support the school despite the weather.

Pictured: winners - Kenbank.



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Glenkens Freecycle

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A Big Welcome to Sean Paul

The Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) are delighted to announce the appointment of a new General Manager, Sean Paul O'Hare.

Everyone involved with GCAT would like to give Sean Paul a big welcome, and we hope that he enjoys his time here in the Glenkens.

Sean Paul has a background in community arts and social development with a wealth of experience in festivals and events in both Belfast and Edinburgh where he

has recently produced the Beltane Fire Festival.

Sean Paul has overall responsibility for the management and development of GCAT projects which include The CatStrand, GTI, Glenkens Gazette, Watson Bird Centre and the Glenkens Community Garden.

Sean Paul says: "Having previously worked in the community sector for over 15 years, in subjects ranging from drug-awareness campaigns right through to community arts projects, I am a strong advocate of community and art organisations."

It's really great to be here and I hope I can help sustain and advance the brilliant programmes, work and projects within GCAT and thus throughout the Glenkens area. I think the work that goes on in this area across the arts and community sector needs further recognition and support from both local and regional government bodies, and I hope to see that achieved."




Our skilled head chef uses the best local produce including Galloway beef, Craigadam lamb and venison, cheese from Rowan Glen and fish from the Galloway Smokehouse.

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Dalry Community Council: A main issue currently facing all our local CC's is windfarm revenues - who's going to manage them on our behalf, and will we get a fair deal for our community.

Dalry CC will be holding a by-election due to a shortfall in our numbers to one below the minimum of six. *Next meetings: 7pm, Dalry Town Hall - provisional dates are Mon 8 Aug & Mon 5 Sept, but these may have to change due to the by-election rules.*

New Galloway & Kells Community Council: At the Extraordinary Meeting Mrs Maybelle Thomson (formerly Vice-Chairman) was elected chair, and Mrs Barbara Kergon was co-opted on as a new member of the community council.

Next meetings: Mon 8 Aug & 12 Sept, 7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall.

Balmaclellan Community Council:

Next meetings: Mon 29 Aug & 26 Sept, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall.

Carsphairn Community Council:

Community Questionnaire: The Community Learning and Development team carried out a survey in the village on 8 June. The survey is confidential, and the Community Council will only see a summary of the results, not the individual questionnaires. *Next meetings: Mon 29 Aug & 26 Sept, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall.*

Full minutes of local Community Council meetings can be viewed at Dalry Library.

GTI WEDNESDAY BUS SERVICE

(registered route)

Outward Journey:

19:00 Dept. Dalry (Underhill)
19:10 New Galloway
19:25 Mossdale
19:35 Laurieston
19:40 Townhead of Greenlaw
19:47 Castle Douglas (Market St)
19:50 Castle Douglas (Tesco)

Return journey:

20:45 Dept. Castle Douglas (Tesco)
20:47 Castle Douglas (Market St)
20:52 Townhead of Greenlaw
21:00 Laurieston
21:10 Mossdale
21:25 New Galloway
21:35 Dalry

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The Programme for Glenkens Day of the Region is coming together nicely for a full celebration of life in the Glenkens in October. There is still that chance for you to get involved so don't worry if you haven't already been in touch.

Dragon Boat Teams

Have you seen the new Dragon Boats on Loch Ken? Are you inching to have a go? Paddlers for Life are looking for teams of Paddlers to join them on Sunday 2 October for a Day of the Region Dragon Boat Race Day at the Galloway Activity Centre. Teams can be made up of members from any community group or perhaps you just want to represent your

Glenkens community for a Dalry vs New Galloway race...?

No experience or prior training is necessary as teams will be joined by experienced paddlers. Team members can be of either sex and must be at least 12 years old. Teams should

be made up of 8-10 people but smaller groups or individuals are urged to get in touch too.

Contact jodie@catstrand.com or 01644 420 374 for more info or to take part.

Craft Exhibition

The Dalry Craft Group will be holding an exhibition in Dalry Community Centre on Sunday 2 & Monday 3 October and are looking for Craft makers to join them. If you are a maker and have any items that you would like to exhibit please get in touch with jodie@catstrand.com or 01644 420 374 for more info or to take part.

Remember there will be lots going on over the weekend of 2nd / 3rd October so please look out for the Day of the Region Programmes which will be in circulation soon and join up for a jam-packed weekend of activities

celebrating rural life and our community.

You can also find out what's happening by reading it here in the Glenkens Gazette!

Look out for the Day of the Region logo on the following pages for features and info on upcoming events and activities - the logo may be for one article or for the whole page.

Tell us about your events to be included in the next issue - contact Ros Hill on 01644 420632/ros.hill@rathanhouse.co.uk, or David Whyte on 01644 460296/david.whyte@btinternet.com.

The Clachan Inn, St John's Town of Dalry, is the Day of the Region Glenkens Location Sponsor.

Organisers are delighted to have this local business on board!



Winner Sarah Ade and daughter Laya with Day of the Region Glenkens organiser Jodie Noble.

Glenkens Day of the Region Winner

As part of the Day of the Region celebration in The Glenkens, a community survey was run to encourage people to give their views on how they feel about living in their community.

There was a prize draw among people in the Glenkens who submitted their views...and Sarah Ade, Gazette co-ordinator, was the winner of the £50 prize!

Communities participating

in the first ever Day of the Region celebrations in the UK are Castle Douglas, Creetown, Crocketford, Gatehouse of Fleet and The Glenkens.

Keep-up-to-date by checking out the newly launched website www.dayoftheregion.co.uk or text your name and community to 07797 80 40 30 to receive text updates direct to your handset.

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Glenkens Freecycle

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EVERYTHING listed on the Glenkens Freecycle page is **FREE** - you just need to contact the owner and go and pick it up!

Anyone can list an item they no longer want, and hopefully someone else in the area is looking for just that thing and will come and collect it. You can also list items you are looking for, in the hope that someone else is getting rid of something similar and will get in touch with you. If you would like to list something on this page, please get in touch with Sarah on 07727 127 997 or email glenkensgazette@hotmail.co.uk.

Furniture

Sealy divan single bed, without drawers. Solid pine headboard. Good condition. No mattress. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Adult bed with mid/dark brown wooden headboards. Can deliver if necessary. Contact: 430 380

Double futon with hard wood base and a very high quality green mattress; folds into a small sofa. Contact: Morag on 430 004

Two-eater sofa bed, deep pink, velvet. Contact: Helga on 460 253

Little cupboard or side table, black. Contact: Helga on 460 253

Hardwood standing lamp with shade. Contact: Helga on 460 253

2 Ikea rocker type armchairs with beech frames and black (faded) covers. Contact: Alan on 07769 680938

Round dining table, hardwood. Contact: Helga on 460 253

Clothing

Pair Jigsaw boots brown suede sz 6. Contact: Morag on 430 004

1 pair cloth gardening gloves. Contact: Morag on 430 004

5 white M & S girl's school shirts, age 13. Contact: 430 218

1 Dalry Secondary blue sweatshirt, small. Contact: 430 2181

Dalry Secondary blue cardigan (girls), 34". Contact: 430 218

1 Girl Guide navy hoodie, size 32". Contact: 430 218

1 black boy's rain jacket with detachable black fleece, John Lewis, age 11/12. Contact: 430 218

Various

Round mirror with a white painted wooden ornate frame. Contact: 430 212

LARGE family tent - sleeps six in three side compartments, with

big central area. Eurocamp. Three years old, good condition. Free to a good home. Available for collection from: Wilderness, High Street, New Galloway. Contact: 420 221

Sony Colour TV, 22 inch Trinitron. Contact: 460 516

Scanner, Epson. Contact: Sarah on 430 138

Electric radiator. Contact: 07769 696116

Scanner, Packard Bell. Contact: Sarah on 430 138

Demijohns. Contact: 430 281

5 x 15kg butane cylinders (the blue ones). Contact: Morag on 430 004

10 BBC Good Food magazine back issues. Contact: Morag on 430 004

3 (probably a lot more) mountain bike magazine back issues. Contact: Morag on 430 004

Apprx 10 photography magazine back issues (outdoor photographer/ advanced photographer). Contact: Morag on 430 004

1 Indian cloth bound notebook. Contact: Morag on 430 004

Childrens'

For childrens' clothing see 'Clothing' section.

Light blue wooden cot. Can deliver if necessary. Contact: 430 380

CHILD'S wooden single bed. Good condition. Would require a new mattress. Available for collection from: Wilderness, High Street, New Galloway. Contact: 420 221

Child seat for adult bike; suitable 6mths to 3 years. Contact: 07500 554 751

Antique wooden child's bed with removable retaining sides. Contact: 430 380

DIY/Home Fittings

Victorian cast iron bath. Roll top, claw foot. This very heavy bath has been sitting in my back garden for

many years and so will need to be renovated if you want a classy item for your bathroom. On the other hand it could be an up-market cattle trough. If you want it you will need some very strong friends to help! Contact: 430 387

Wooden fire surround and mantle with cast iron insert. Recently removed and in excellent condition. Contact: Alan on 07769 680938

Large number of radiators of various sizes suitable for either gas or oil central heating systems. Recently removed, flushed and some in 'as new' condition. Contact: Alan on 07769 680938

Worcester Danesmoor 26/32 floor standing oil central heating boiler. Working perfectly when removed. Contact: Alan on 07769 680938

Chrome towel rail suitable for plumbing into wet central heating system. Contact: Alan on 07769 680938

WANTED

Air Compressor. Ccontact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Car dog guard. Contact: Jean on 07917 683 089

Seasoned hardwood. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Fabric - any. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Wardrobe. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Anything related to fabric printing and block printing. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Toddler balance bike. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Any house plants looking for a new home. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Multifuel stove. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Garden tools. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Eco Feature

Feed In Tarrifs

scale (less than 5MW) low carbon electricity

Thanks to the sponsorship from Natural Power the Glenkens Gazette will include an Eco Feature in each issue.

This can be anything from energy efficiency to environmental shopping, from water quality to the benefits of buying locally produced food and responsible trade.

We are open to any ideas that any of you may have so if you wish to either contribute an article or have an idea as to what you would like to see as an article then let us know and we will try to include it in a future issue. Simply contact Gazette co-ordinator Sarah on 07727 127 997 or glenkensgazette@hotmail.co.uk

FITS

As I'm sure many of you may have noticed in recent months there has been in huge increase in the number of solar panels being put on peoples' roofs, or the odd domestic wind turbine being located in the Glen.

You may have even heard rumour of individuals putting a small-scale hydro electric scheme on their property.

The reason for much of this activity is due to the Government initiative known as Feed In Tarrifs or FITS.

Under the scheme the Government is seeking to:

"...encourage the deployment of small

generation, particularly by organisations, businesses, communities and individuals who have not traditionally engaged in the electricity market."

Basically what happens is that, rather than give grants for the installation of such systems as was the case in the past, the Government pays the individual a premium rate for the electricity produced from the installation - whether the electricity is exported to the national grid or consumed by the property itself.

The amount you get paid varies depending on the type and size of the installation, e.g. a 30kW hydro or 3kW of photovoltaic (electricity producing) solar panels.

The payback on such systems can vary depending on your location (eg how windy the location is where you have installed your wind turbine) but typically range from 5-12 years.

The other advantage is that every unit of electricity you produce is one less unit that you have to pay for as part of your electricity bill, so if you produce enough to meet your own domestic requirements you may not need to pay an electricity bill again during the life of the kit.

After you have paid off any loan used, you could even get a small income from your installation.

There are many specialist companies

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that can help advise you on what installation is best for you and the potential pay back periods for the kit. There are an increasing number of financial organisations that are willing to offer loans to help pay for the capital costs of the equipment and its installation.

If this has inspired you in any way and you are interested in FITS and generating your own electricity then you should do some research on the internet to gain a better understanding of the scheme.

Tap in FITS to Google and look at the Government's DECC website for this. If you think you want to take this further then approach an approved company (be sure to ask them about their proven track record in the area) which you can again find on site or look in the Farmers Weekly.

These companies can also advise more generally on the scheme and the best options for you and whether or not you need planning permission for the installation.

If it all still looks good and you think you can afford the up front payments then 'go for it'. And then you can just watch as you have taken responsibility for your own electricity generation from a clean and renewable resource.

A further scheme is due to be announced by the Government by the end of the year to help you heat your house from renewable sources, eg a wood boiler or solar panels instead of more conventional sources, eg oil, gas. A future article will keep you posted as this concept develops.

Ted Leeming

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CatStrand Highlights



August/September Highlights

The new season has been a great success so far, and things just get more and more exciting!

Our new Events Programme has been released and is jam-packed full of fun activities and events for all the family to enjoy!



Join The CatStrand on the 7th August for the Scottish Alternative

Games where Surreal McCoy will be presenting Big Rory & Ochie: A giant Scotsman and his endearing giant dog! Both visually and characteristically enormous, Ochie has a tendency to woo his audience, but beware he can be a rascal too!

Join us on Friday 19th August for a musical evening from the sounds of South America. Music from South America will be performed by students of the International Scottish Cello Festival and will include a wide variety of South American music including Tangos by Piazzolla and the famous Villa Lobos Concerto for Cellos and Soprano.

On Thursday 25th August we will be showing the film Submarine

directed by Richard Ayoade (The IT Crowd). The film captures the flavour of youth with eloquence, heartwarming sincerity and some splendid comic performances.

Lend us your ears for the fantastic Pokey LaFarge & The South City Three who are playing the CatStrand on Thursday 8th September. 2011 has been one of the busiest for the St Louis-based band, with main stage appearances at big summer festivals in America and Europe. The Riverboat Soul album carried off the 'Best Americana Album' category in the prestigious US Independent Music Awards, and Jack White of The White Stripes has declared himself a fan: "I love his voice". With their ever-growing publicity it is clear to see that they will become a great success!

Are you a musician, poet, singer or performer? You are? Oh

excellent, then why not join us for our second Open Stage evening of acoustic performance for the beginner and the seasoned performer. No matter what your ability you will be welcome to play! This Open Stage night will be hosted by Nicola Black.

We are delighted to present yet another fantastic film: Oranges and Sunshine, directed by Jim Loach (Ken's son). It tells the story of Margaret Humphreys

(Emily Watson), a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom.

We are also proud to support the UK's first ever Day Of The Region. It's happening right here in D&G with a weekend of special events taking place on the first weekend in October. Here at the CatStrand we will be exhibiting a collection of Glenkens images by local photographers Phil McMenemy, Morag Paterson, Ted Leeming and Allan Wright. We will also be host to a special CatStrand Youth Players performance and showing local film. *Written by Caitlin Gilligan*

For more Information & tickets please call the CatStrand on 01644 420 374 or visit www.catstrand.com

Webshop Success: Great news! Our new CatStrand fundraising webshop has got off to a fantastic start with sales of over £1000 already, raising much needed cash for our projects. When shopping online, you can access over 150 leading retailers using CatStrand webshop. Every time you use our webshop to go to a retailer's web site and subsequently buy something, you are automatically supporting CatStrand with our fundraising efforts. You don't pay anything extra by using our webshop, so please continue to use it whenever you can and please keep spreading the word. It really does make a difference, thank you! Find our webshop at buy.at/CatStrand. Happy shopping and thank you for your continued support!

Allotment Update

These are exciting times for the Glenkens Community Garden & Allotment Project, offering everyone the chance to grow their own, or join in the fun in the community garden, whatever their experience and ability. Following the Climate Challenge Fund grant award and employment of Project Development Officer Wendy Fenton, an exciting opportunity has opened up for Glenkens residents to get together and create a unique garden. Wendy has a range of relevant experience and enthusiasm for her work in the Glenkens, and will be there to guide those who wish to participate through various gardening activities. With draft designs well under way following a meeting

at the CatStrand, the preferred site chosen by those who attended the meeting is the field off the Old Edinburgh Road, by Carson's Knowe in New Galloway. We are now finalising the tenancy agreement with the landowner of the site and will soon start work on the site and will need plenty of willing volunteers! - Please call Wendy to get more details. There are still allotment spaces available so please call Wendy to reserve a plot. And remember - the Allotments & Community Garden is for everyone in the Glenkens, young and not so young, experienced gardeners and beginners - we will all be working together to create the gardens and have fun! Wendy can be contacted on mobile no. 07979 535 746, by email at wendy.fenton@catstrand.com, or at the Catstrand (01644 420 374).

2011 TALENT Kickabout

On the 1st June, the combined forces of Dalry Primary and Secondary Schools along with parents, friends and staff packed into Dalry School Hall for 'You've got Talent' 2011.

This took the form of a familiar TV talent show with three specially chosen judges - Mrs Nurse - English, Mrs Biggar - Biology and Mr Jackson - Physics.

The show had been organised by an extremely talented and hard-working S1 and S2 committee who had put in many hours organising every detail of the event.

There were fifteen different acts, ranging from singing to street dancing and telling jokes to magic tricks and all the children were TOTALLY FANTASTIC! There were also two numbers which invited audience participation - YMCA and the Cha-Cha Slide - and most people attempted 'Charlie Browns' and cha-chas. The decision on winners was left to the audience who all voted for their top favourite act.

While the votes were being counted, there was a catwalk to music - with the S1 and S2 classes doing a catwalk to display their amazing hats which they had recently created as part of a Curriculum for Excellence multi-subject 'HATS' event.

In the end and the winners were Eoghain Curran and Owen Glasby from S1 who were rappers for the day. In second place came Sabrina Smith with 'Hallelujah' then Charlotte Green took third with a mesmerising display of dancing.



Dalry Primary School Football team were the runners up in the Paul Jones A League Football Tournament final on Saturday 25 June.

The boys played well and worked as a team.

Staff, parents and friends were there to cheer them on - they were a credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship.

Drumlanrig Day Out

Carsphairn Primary School went on a year ending trip to Drumlanrig Castle.

The trip was funded by the PTC and caps an excellent year at Carsphairn. This year, parents have volunteered a lot of their time to help out the school in many different ways.

Parents have volunteered in the classroom doing ActiveLearning, along with the pupils they have raised money and awareness for the charity Headway, we had a cycle safety course led by volunteers and parents for pupils and an after school gardening club has the school vegetable garden bursting with food. Once you include the stalls at the Carphairn

Show and the Happy Campers float at the Clachan Festival parade, you can see that 2011 has already been a very busy year for our wee school. On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Carsphairn, we'd like to thank the parents and PTC for all their help this year, including our trip to Drumlanrig Castle.



A Few Wonderful Artworks from the Glenkens Art Show



Pictures from left to right: Bill Wiseman - *The Hunt*, Sylvia Robertson - *Cottage Garden Flowers*, Olivia Wise - winner of 1st prize in the Seniors section of the Schools Art Competition.



NEWS FOM THE WATSON BIRD CENTRE



I am delighted to report that we are making progress with the project in Dalry.

With grants totalling £65,000, we have appointed two Project Officers to take various activities forward.

David Whyte will be responsible for the business plan and fund raising strategy for the purchase

and refurbishment of Barone, the former family home of Donald Watson. David is an experienced businessman who has worked recently on community projects in the Glenkens.

Sarah Keast will be responsible for the events programme, including the major Dalry Bird Festival from 30 September to 2 October 2011, and for developing the volunteer network. Sarah has extensive experience of working with

communities, raising money and running training programmes.

They will work two days a week each for the next two years from the Session House of Dalry Kirk.

Please contact David or Sarah with any ideas you have - David can be contacted on 07767 401 084 and Sarah on 07716 179 871.

We are developing an exciting programme for the events in the autumn as part of the Glenkens contribution to the Day of the Region. Come and join one of our guided walks and talks from the RSPB and an opportunity to visit the Red Kite Feeding Station. We are hoping to have an evening Concert with Peter Cowdrey's 'Bird Swing' and Poetry and Music with Kenneth Stevens and the Rhona MacKay trio. Look out for Dalry's first Bird Race and the award of the Donald and Jeff Watson Raptor Science prize.

We have initiated a design competition asking a select group of local architects to give us their ideas for refurbishing Barone as the Watson Bird Centre that should be a magnet for locals, visitors and bird enthusiasts alike.

Roger Crofts
07803 595267

roger@dodin.idps.co.uk

Gazette reader Louise McClure from Dalmellington has sent in this picture.

She says:

"Jeannie delivers a monster! Can any Gazette readers top this?"

So, can anyone rise to the challenge and beat this egg? (no pun intended...)



Camera Club

The Stewartry Camera Club returns to The Tolbooth after the summer break at 7.30 pm on Wed 14 Sept.

The competition judges this year are Allan Wright, Dave Symonds FRPS, Kim Ayres, Keith Kirk, Alwyn Howes, Pauline Saul and Vivienne Dania. The full programme can be found at www.stewartrycamerclub.wordpress.com

The club caters for all levels of photographer - if you have an interest in photography, do come along. For further information contact Mary McIlvenna 01644 420613 or John Smith 01557 332043)



'The Hidden Road in June' by Mary McIlvenna

Bus Diversification

It's amazing the different uses there are for a Community Mini Bus, and I am sure you can all think of many more.

Having a second vehicle gives us so much more flexibility and in recent months Dalry School have used a bus for educational trips involving overnight camping, whilst a local user group organised transport for a wedding - the larger bus was beautifully decorated and appreciated by all - a further booking involving a wedding has already been made!

Please remember the vehicles are NOT available for public hire and reward but if you register a 'user group' you can use a vehicle when you wish in line with the conditions of use - for further details please speak to Keith, and if you do wish to book a vehicle please book early to avoid disappointment - we are

getting very busy!

DRIVER TRAINING: Another 'nice' problem of being busy is the number of volunteers waiting to be trained.

Following a grant from Tesco, Jon Nimmo is going on a four day course in Edinburgh in September to qualify as a 'trainer'. This will allow us to arrange training at Jon's convenience locally and will be a lot easier and quicker than the present situation. Please be patient but don't stop volunteering!

There are a number of trips in the pipeline including another visit to Cumbrae Island where we all had a wonderful day out a few weeks ago. It is in school holidays so perhaps some of our youngsters will take the opportunity to cycle round the island...

I am sure by the time you read this some people will be thinking of Xmas and the Festive Season - remember to book a bus early if you want to guarantee being able to use one during that period.

The Green Green Grass of Carsphairn

The end is now in sight for Carsphairn's project of creating its own Community Garden.

In the last week of June the laying of turf at the east end of the Garden was completed, so now with some seasonal planting and a few finishing touches it will be effectively complete – well apart from litter bins which are due in August.

David Richmond of the Garden Sub-Group commented: *"It's extremely rewarding to see the culmination of the efforts of our group of volunteers. We also greatly appreciate the generosity of*

those who donated both money and gifts in kind to enable the project to progress."

Matt Hickman, Chair of Carsphairn Community Council explained: *"The Garden will be officially opened on Saturday 24 September by Alex Fergusson MSP. We are delighted that he has agreed to this for us given his busy schedule.*

Everyone is welcome to come along – refreshments and entertainment are available for all. Let's hope for an Indian summer!"

Carsphairn Community Garden is supported by the Dumfries & Galloway LEADER Programme, Stewartry Area Committee and Carsphairn Windfarm Community Fund.

Contact: David Whyte on 07767 401084 or 01644 460296 or david.whyte@btinternet.com

Generous Funds for RnR

South West Scotland RnR is a small charity that helps wounded servicemen recover from injuries. They bring injured combatants to their lovely accommodation on the shores of the Solway and give them good home-cooked food, comfort and entertainment.

After two fires earlier in the year the charity had much work to do to ensure the living quarters were repaired. The Ladies Guild of St Margaret's Episcopal Church in New Galloway donated £600 from their plant and bake sale, on top of £700 donated last year and a further £190 from one of their Lent Lunches.

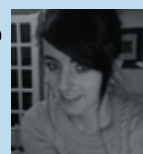
St Margaret's Ladies Guild organise fundraising events throughout the year, the money from which is donated to a variety of charities, often local organisations. Guild

President Christine Rankin said: *"After we heard about RnR we all wanted to support this worthwhile cause and we are delighted to have been able to help them over the last nine months".*

Anyone who would like to find out more about South West Scotland RnR or support the charity in any way should go to www.southwestscotlandrn timer.org.uk



CAITLIN'S COLUMN



There are times, like today, where the sun is shining and the birds are singing and all I want to do is grab a book and lie in the sun and develop the tan I will never have. It's times like these that I can really appreciate where I am in the world - Galloway is an incredible and inspiring place to live.

Growing up in Galloway has been magical, but being a teenager here can be challenging! I used to love the leafy forests and the beautiful green landscapes. As a child it was great...I was free to roam the fields and explore the endless expanse of countryside. We would go on walks and picnics or take trip up to the Otter Pool where we could dip our toes into the icy water. As I grew older, however, the more practical elements of living in the middle of nowhere come to light. My main problem with living so deeply in the countryside is the public transport. It's very hard, if you can't drive, to get anywhere. I can't go out anywhere far on a Saturday night because there are no buses back on a Sunday. I rely a lot on my parents for lifts, but obviously it's unfair on them to take me places all the time. If I could change one thing it would be the bus service!

Galloway may be breathtakingly beautiful, but there is a serious lack of things for young people to do. In the summer we can get together for camp-outs and make music around a bonfire, but in winter that isn't an option. We do have local music festivals such as Wickerman, Eden or Knockengoroch to look forward to and the Varanasi Nights in Castle Douglas, which raise money for Eden Festival, are a great way for young people to socialise. Teenagers from all parts of Galloway can meet and see young talent showcased - if more events like this happened I think us younger folks would appreciate it.

I am about to leave Galloway to go to university and I plan to make good use of city life, culture and fun. And public transport of course! I won't forget Galloway and I will definitely come back as often as I can.

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Dalry Anglers

We have an exciting website which has been recently updated - have a look at www.dalryanglingassociation.co.uk. The annual Junior Competition was held on Saturday 2 July in glorious weather. The winner this year was Annabelle McAdam and her sister, Kimberly was second. The Senior Competition will be held on Carsfad from noon until 4pm on Saturday 14 August. The Association is having problems finding Office Bearers. We have not had a Treasurer since the last AGM and despite asking members and putting a notice in Dalry no-one has volunteered. There is an Honorarium, and a Treasurer doesn't even need to be a member of the Association. If anyone could give a little time to help out, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the Secretary on 01644 430271. The President has also intimated that he will retire at the next AGM which will be held on Friday 18 November in Dalry Town Hall at 7.30pm. Should there be no interest this year, there is a danger that the Association will become defunct.

Elizabeth McFegan starting off on her sponsored walk in aid of Dalry Church, accompanied by Isabel McBeth and Mabel Young. Elizabeth was later joined by Mary Dougan and Betty Goodwin. The sum raised was £300.



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CARSPHAIRN IN ACTION

Action for Brain Injury (ABI) Week ran from Mon 9 to Sun 15 May.

Carsphairn really got involved in this worthwhile cause as a member of the community had a brain injury last year, and Headway have been a great support to the family.

John Phillips had an epileptic seizure last summer and ended up with a fractured skull and a penetrating brain injury. The whole family have had support from Headway since he came out of hospital.

The family have two children who attend Carsphairn Primary, and wanted to raise awareness of Headway.

As the first event of the week John went into the school to talk about his brain injury. The kids really listened well and asked many questions. A Primary 1 pupil said: "John was in school today. He was fantastic - no he was better than that, he was cool!". Makes it all worthwhile!

Carsphairn had now raised about £50 for Headway Dumfries and the main fundraiser hadn't even happen yet!

The second of the week's activities

was held on the Wednesday. Karen from Headway visited the school. The kids really enjoyed it all, although they were a little disappointed at not being able to eat the jelly brain!

The last of the week's events was Wear a Hat for Headway. The school had a non-uniform day and raised £27 with everyone wearing a hat all day. Carrick's of Carsphairn also took part in the day - all the staff wore hats, and they had a selection of hats for customers to wear while in the shop and tearoom.

Thanks go to Thistle Products in Dalbeattie who donated hats for the occasion. £120 was raised in Carrick's Shop, and donations have still been coming in.

Thanks also go to all who supported Hats for Headway, the children at the school rose to the challenge and looked wonderful in their costumes, and customers in the village shop, both familiar faces and complete strangers, who all entered into the spirit of the day. It was a great day, lots of fun and lots of lovely lolly for Headway!

Maggie Phillips (Mrs)

Does Your Dog Ken The Glenkens?

Come along and appreciate three walks in this lovely area with your pet!

Dumfries & Galloway Canine Rescue Centre is a registered charity which rescues and rehomes mistreated, abandoned and unwanted dogs from all over the region. Three of the charity's Glenkens supporters have volunteered to lead walks in this lovely area of Dumfries & Galloway as part of the Day of the Region.

Walk 1: 2pm, Sun 11 Sept. Led by Gerry Cinderby, this walk starts in the New Galloway car park, is around three miles long and goes over the open land around New Galloway across the flood plain to the river.

Walk 2: 11am, Sun 25 Sept. Led by Janette Dickson, this walk leaves from the Thistle Inn in Crossmichael. The walk is around two miles long, along quiet country lanes and enables owners to enjoy views over Loch Ken.

Walk 3: Sun 2 Oct. This is the Day of the Region, and this walk begins with Reverend David Bartholomew leading a service of blessing for pets and their owners in the field alongside the parish church in Dalry.

The collection will go to help the unfortunate dogs that are seeking new homes at D&G Canine Rescue Centre.

The walk which follows is led by Vorna Gilkes and will explore Dundough Island, a beautiful forested island set in Loch Ken. The walk is around four miles along forest tracks. Parking is very limited so it is best to use the car park about 100m south and opposite at Polmaddy.

You can enjoy these walks - all three or only one - either with or without a dog. It will help the Rescue Centre care for the dogs that are at the kennels waiting for new homes if you could find sponsors for your walks or give a donation. Sponsor forms can be downloaded from www.caninerescue.co.uk using the 'support us' button.

A leaflet giving further details of the Glenkens trio of walks and a sponsor form will be available from the Rescue Centre (01387 770210, info@caninerescue.co.uk), The Cat Strand, the Clachan Inn and the Thistle Inn from the beginning of August.

Diana Lord,
Chairman D&G Canine Rescue Centre

GCAT to the Rescue

The Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT), with support from Dumfries & Galloway Council, has rescued this year's Doors Open Days.

The popular weekend event in September is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust and is now in its 21st year in Scotland.

Doors Open Days has been ongoing in Dumfries and Galloway since 1993, but this year's event was threatened following the closure of Solway Heritage.

cultural and archaeological sites that members of the public would not normally gain entry to, or where a charge is usually made. The event has opened everything from thatched cottages to castles, from a farm using working horses to the jail cells under the Sherriff's Court.

GCAT Chairman Cathy Agnew said; "I am so glad that between us we have been able to put together a rescue package to save this important event. Put the date in your diaries now Doors Open Days will take place in Dumfries and Galloway on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September."

Doors Open Days provides free access to buildings,

The theme of this year's Doors Open Days is 'The Key of the Door', reflecting both the fact that in Scotland Doors Open Days celebrates its 21st birthday this year and GCAT's aspiration to increase the involvement of young people.

For more information about participating venues and special events throughout the region, pick up a Doors Open Days brochure at local venues including CatStrand, or visit www.catstrand.com

Doors Open Days
get into buildings!



CARSPHAIRN SHOW 2011

Saturday 4 June saw the sun shining for the 120th annual Carsphairn Show at The Crofts, Carsphairn. Again, there was an excellent show of sheep on display, with a good turnout of spectators.

During the day, the Hall, which accommodated the industrial and horticultural sections, was filled with visitors and admirers. Show Day was rounded off by the Childrens's Sports in the afternoon, and a well attended dance in the Lagwyne Hall in the evening.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the exhibitors and sponsors for making the day the success it was.



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NATURE & WILDLIFE

Tumbling Dice

On a long drive recently I set myself the considerable mental task of listening to the drum beat all the way through the Rolling Stones' classic, Tumbling Dice.

Not that I particularly like or dislike drums, and I really do like this track, but rather I was attempting to unravel the mystique of its attraction. For me the experience was quite remarkable and reminded me of sitting in the sun outside Peebles Hydro Hotel with a medical professor friend a few years ago. We were joint co-ordinators of a conference seminar and were enjoying a brief interval in the clear air of a golden autumn day. He said:

"Just listen to all the bird song, isn't it wonderful?"

In agreeing I observed that they were all robins, at least six of them, at various distances. Perfectly personified by Burns in his Brigs of Ayr as "whistling glee", the metallic autumn song of the robin is so evocative of the season and all its splendour. My friend was astonished and still recalls the incident occasionally when we meet. He'd probably heard the robins' symphony every year, as these incoming migrants set up their winter territories or simply sang to each other on their annual way south. However, that day he certainly assumed that the orchestra had many instruments, when in fact they were all the same.

Bird song is one of the most uplifting natural experiences for most people and

my friend's observation on its beauty was really quite unremarkable.

"Oh, listen to the birds singing" is a

common enough expression after all and certainly not the preserve of so-called birdwatchers like myself. Many people do also appreciate the variety of bird songs that combine to give us our magnificent dawn and dusk choruses.

For me there is no mystique in the attraction of bird song to our ears, it is a glorious manifestation of the cycle of life that we are all part of, and by enjoying it we are somehow reconnecting with this source of wellbeing.

However, to identify the individual parts that go to make up the wondrous whole, we must adopt the Tumbling Dice technique and fix on individual songs in the way I followed Charlie Watts's drumming in the Stones' track to appreciate the part he played in holding it all together and driving it along. Discerning individual bird song is also a considerable mental task at times, and sometimes complicated by species like the skylark, which has its own backbeat theme, but brings in a randomly repeating series of other birds' songs in its own style – like cover versions. Thus skylark song, while instantly recognisable across its world range, has slight variations between areas according to the prevailing neighbouring songsters of various kinds. However, with practice this separation is possible and indeed considerable skill is soon developed.



Greenfinch: RSPB photograph

My evening walk down the Water of Ken at Dalry provides an impressive cast of birds to unravel, and for some reason this spring brought unusually high numbers of migrant songbirds, including garden warblers, whitethroats, sedge warblers, blackcaps, willow warblers and chiffchaffs. Resident blackies (blackbirds), mavis (song thrush), shelfies (chaffinches), blue dykies (dunnocks), linties (linnets), green linties (Greenfinches), goldies (goldfinches) and others complete the throng. What colour and what sounds! Sadly, the weather of May and June was simply awful, but it at least served to heighten the pleasure of those evenings when the birds moved and sang, reminding me of how important they are in the great scheme of things.

Now summer has brought the tumbling, wheeling, wheezing swifts that so characterize the Glenkens and indeed Castle Douglas. Up on a clear day, they are simply stunningly beautiful and I just love watching them, and the visitors who stop in their tracks on the main street to marvel at the spectacle. Who needs dice?

Chris Rollie

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LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

The Spoiling of Glenkens

The issue of wind turbines is currently, to say the least, highly controversial throughout Scotland.

Back in the 1930s when the Galloway Hydro-Electric Scheme was built at a cost of £3 million many folk were deeply concerned about the environmental impact.

An editorial by Dorothy McBurnie in The Gallovidian 1931 regretted the assault on the beauty of Galloway, an event that was greeted by the wider community with 'apathy, slackness and worse'.

The Glenkens scheme had been 'conceived and launched and had gone through Parliament almost before the greater portion of the people of Galloway had heard about it'.

Late in the day the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland had become involved. To cite one example, the original plan included closing off the flow of the Dee to Loch Ken at Clatteringshaws; Glenlee was the intended 'new junction'. This was approved by a consultant, Professor Bailly, who, however, considered the construction of other dams from Allangibbon Bridge north, as well as the Doon Tunnel, unnecessary.

The matter was appealed all the way to the privy council without success. Ms McBurnie feared the whole landscape would be defaced and she lamented the loss of historic sites and beauty spots as well as the erection of pylons and other structures.

'Let us pray for a miracle', she proclaimed; 'and in the meantime let us do all in our power to help those already working in the cause of beauty. Let us keep some ideals, at least, from the welter of modern materialism and ugliness that is

making itself so evident in the literature, the cities, the general atmosphere of today'.

She ended by quoting a recent lecture by Prof Macneile Dixon:

'Despite all her victories, science stands today bewildered before her own conclusions, and reason is ill at ease upon her imperial throne'.

Another article in 1939 deplored commercialism's ability to ride roughshod over all opposition. Forests and lochs were blasted in the name of progress. A national heritage was at stake;

'unless all classes unite in a determined effort to give nature a fair deal, and compel those in official positions to do the same, the little that remains of Scotland's most priceless possession will be lost for all time'.

There is much like-minded commentary in the contemporary press.

The promoters thought they had done a very fine job and predicted that within a few years the new Hydro structures would blend in with the landscape and would indeed enhance it.

Of course this most ambitious scheme was situated right in the heart of Galloway, in what until then was regarded as the most unspoiled part of the province, recently romanticised by S R Crockett. The idyll, ironically, was becoming industrialised...

The question is who was right? Have we taken the dams and surge towers to our hearts? Has the scheme turned out to be an eyesore or do we recognize its structures as some of our finest examples of Modernist design (Sir Alexander Gibb)? What is the message for our present debate?

W G Dobie produced a poem entitled 'The Modern Raiders' inspired by Crockett's novel. It shows that he had no doubts about the issue. One verse reads:

*A raider comes today who kills
The glories of our glens and hills
With unheroic Acts and Bills*

And
"private



legislation":

The company promoter's pen
Will dam the Deugh and dam the Ken
And dam the Dee, - oh, damn the men

Who plan such desecration!

However the general editors of the Third Statistical Account (1965) pronounced the scheme 'an unqualified success. It was constructed at the cost estimated; it has done everything that was expected of it and, as regards units generated, has produced more than was expected'.

Furthermore the County Council of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright; 'had the unique distinction of being the first local authority in the UK to undertake the distribution of electricity over the whole county area and this despite the fact population density at 30 to the square mile was lower than in any other similarly developed area'.

Such ambition had provoked outbursts of outrage from English MPs in the House of Commons, scandalized that remote areas in Scotland would have electricity before some of England's major cities!

How unthinkable right enough!

For further reading consult George Hill, Tunnel and Dam: The Story of the Galloway Hydros (1984).

Ted Cowan

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GLENKENS DIARY

AUGUST

Mon 1 – Fri 5, RSAMD Drama Works Front Page, 10am – 4pm, £35, CatStrand

Fri 5, New Galloway Ceilidh with Robert Menzies Ceilidh Band, 8.30pm, NG Town Hall

Sun 7, Scottish Alternative Games, 2pm, NG Park

Sun 7, Big Rory & Ochie, 2pm, FREE, New Galloway Park

Mon 8, Dalry Community Council meeting, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall - provisional date

Mon 8, Kells Community Council meeting, 7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall

Sat 13, Glenkens Show, Mains of Kenmure, New Galloway

13 Aug – 18 Sept, From Woods and Gardens Paintings and Prints by Pamela Grace, CatStrand

Sat 14, Dalry Anglers Senior Competition, from noon to 4pm, Carsfad

Mon 15 – Thurs 18, Collage & Textiles with Mary Pugh, £160, CatStrand

Fri 19, Music from South America, 7.30pm, £10/£8, CatStrand

Sat 20, Circus Dance Fantastique with Margaret Morris Movement, 11am-12noon: Ages 3-4, 12.15-1.45pm: Ages 5-7, 2.30-4pm: Ages 8-15, FREE, CatStrand

Sat 20 Aug, Glenkens Horticultural Show, Dalry Town Hall, doors open for exhibitors at 8am to 9.30am on Sat, and the Hall will be open to the public at 2pm, trophy presentation at

3.30pm

Thurs 25, Film: Submarine, 7.30pm, £5/£4, CatStrand

Mon 29, Balmaclellan Community Council meeting, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Mon 29, Carsphairn Community Council meeting, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall

Thurs 30, Stay in touch: Skype Talk, 4.30pm-5.15pm, FREE, CatStrand

4 weeks starting Tues 30, Digital Photography, 5.30-7.30pm, £80 or free with ILA, CatStrand

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1, Waste Management and Home Composting Talk, 1.30pm-3.00pm, £2, CatStrand

Fri 2, Dalry Church Guild Sale of Work, 7 pm, Dalry Town Hall, £2 incl teas

Mon 5, Dalry Community Council meeting, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall - provisional date

Tues 6, Stay in touch: Skype Workshop, 3.00pm-5.00pm, FREE, CatStrand

Thurs 8, Pokey LaFarge & The South City Three, 7.30pm, £10/£8, CatStrand

Sun 11, Day of the Region Walk, starts from New Galloway Car Park, 2pm, see p10

Mon 12, Kells Community Council meeting, 7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall

Wed 14, Stewartry Camera Club, 7.30 pm, The Tolbooth, Kirkcudbright, see p8

Thurs 15, Open Stage, 7.30pm, £3/£2 (performers), CatStrand

Wed 21- Wed 28, CASTLES SWSDFA Young Art Competition, CatStrand

Thurs 22, Film: Oranges and

Sunshine, 7.30pm, £5/£4, CatStrand

Fri 23, Swishing Party, 7.00pm, £2.50, CatStrand

Sat 24, Jewellery Workshop, 10.00am-4.00pm, £40, CatStrand

Sat 24, Carsphairn Community Garden official opening

Sat 24 & Sun 25, Doors Open Day, all over Dumfries & Galloway, see p11

Sun 25, Jimmie Macgregor – John Muir: Wilderness Guardian, 3pm, £8, CatStrand

Sun 25, Day of the Region Walk, starts from the Thistle Inn, Crossmichael, 11am, see p10

Mon 26, Balmaclellan Community Council meeting, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Mon 26, Carsphairn Community Council meeting, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall

Fri 30 Sept to Sun 2 Oct, Dalry Bird Festival, various venues around the Glenkens

Fri 30, Glenkens 73 Club & CatStrand Youth Players, 7.30pm, £5/£3, CatStrand

OCTOBER

Sat 1st & Sun 2, Day of the Region, CatStrand

Sat 1 – Thurs 13, Photographers of the Glenkens, CatStrand

Sun 2, Day of the Region Dragon Boat Race Day, Galloway Activity Centre, see p3

Sun 2 & Mon 3, Dalry Craft Group Exhibition, Dalry Community Centre, see p3

Sun 2, Day of the Region Walk, starts in field alongside Dalry Church, see p10

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REGULAR EVENTS:

Glenkens Ramblers: Mon, 1.30pm, outside the Bank, Dalry

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

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

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

Glenkens Walking Group: Wed, 1.30pm, outside the Bank, Dalry

Stewartry Camera Club: Wed, 7.30pm, The Tolbooth, Kirkcudbright

Mossdale Painters: Wed, 9.30am, Mossdale Village Hall

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

Thursday Lunch Club: 12.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall, fortnightly starting 6 Jan, £3, contact - Raymond Vincent, 01644 420451.

Lions Club monthly quiz: alternating between The CatStrand & Lochinvar Hotel, contact - Andrew Frew, 01644 420 323

The CatStrand, New

Galloway (01644 420 374) :

Exercise to Music: Mon, 10-11am

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

Children's Dance Classes with Margaret Morris

Movement: Mon during term time, 3.15-4pm (pre-school), 4-5pm (ages 8-12)

Carers Coffee & Chat: Tues, 10am-12noon

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

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

Boxercise: Wed, 7-8pm, £4, New Galloway Town Hall

Zumba: Wed: 8-9pm, New Galloway Town Hall, £4

Gentle Yoga & Relaxation: Thurs, 10-11.15am

Sing it Out: Singing Workshop: Thurs, 11.30am-12.30pm

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

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

Circus Skills Swapping Share: 3rd Sun of the month, 1-3pm

Catstrand Youth Players: Sun during term time from 2pm

CatStrand Playstation Tournaments: contact The CatStrand for info.

Dalry Community Centre (contact - Sarah on 01644 430 393) :

Glenkens Playgroup: Mon-Fri, 9.15-11.45am (contact - Julie Moore 01644 460 687)

Paint & Art: Mon, 1.30-4.30pm & Wed, 7-9pm

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sundays: Balmaclellan:

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

Special Services/

Events: 12 Sept, 10.30am: United Family Service, Kells Church, followed by barbecue and children's games at Kells House.

25 Sept, 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving, Kells Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in New Galloway Town Hall. 12

noon, Harvest Thanksgiving, Dalry Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in Dalry Town Hall.

Communion Service: 28 Aug, 10.30am Kells Church

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Clachan Flair

Dalry's Clachan Fair week was an ambitious program of events, in fact so many that we lost count, but over fifteen for sure!

Events during the week included a Pet Show, Songs of Praise, Treasure Hunt, Quiz Night, Scottish Night and Junior and Senior Discos to name but a few. The Grand Finale was, of course, the Saturday which began with a car boot sale and stalls followed by the fancy dress competition and a parade led by the Dalry Lad and Lass in a carriage. Later there was a range of activities on the school sports field for the young (and young at heart).

The Mulloch Race was also run (or walked) in near perfect conditions and Mrs Wood was presented with the prize for the best dressed house competition, no mean feat for Dalry's oldest resident who will celebrate her 100th birthday in September.

A big thank you goes out to all the people who



Image courtesy of the Galloway News

have helped to put the Fair together this year – it is through their generosity, in time, through donations (and through the lack of claiming of personal expenses) we were able to raise the funds we did.

The AGM of the Clachan Fair will be on Wednesday 14 September at 7pm in Dalry Town Hall - please come along and support us.

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