

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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

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FREE

Ian's Cycling Success

Dalry resident Ian Knox has raised nearly £6000 on a 250 mile charity bike ride across Malawi.

Ian says: "A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me on this worthwhile adventure for such a needed cause. The final total raised was £5,710.90, and overall by the 28 cyclists it will be in the region of £62,000. The money will be given to the Mulanje Mission Hospital to distribute through a number of vital health care projects."

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Ian (kneeling 2nd up from the person lying down) with other fundraisers.

FOREST SCHOOLS FOR CARSPHAIRN

In the final few weeks of the 2012/13 school year, pupils from Carsphairn Primary School took their learning to the forest where the boys and girls had six sessions in the beautiful Glenlee Forest.

Children had the opportunity to learn different knots, enjoy a scenic hike around the forest, traverse the Craigshinnie Burn, learn about some of the flora and fauna, build their own shelters, find all kinds of hiding places and even make and drink a hot cup of tea!



Carsphairn Primary pupils pictured with teacher Walker McKenna.

Forest schools are a type of outdoor education in which children visit forests, learning personal, social and technical skills. Activities build independence and self-esteem, and highly valuable personal skills are also developed such as teamwork and problem solving.

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Register Now for Superfast Broadband

Dumfries & Galloway regional council has committed £12.6 million to providing superfast broadband to households and businesses across the region.

The South of Scotland Broadband Plan recognises how important this investment is by putting infrastructure in place to ensure that superfast broadband can be delivered to those areas that do not currently receive it.

To make sure Glenkens households get on the map for new superfast broadband, go online and register at:

www.southofscotlandbroadband.co.uk

Love to Eat

An entrepreneurial duo in New Galloway has started up a new Glenkens business. Helen Keron and Dawn Spernagel have created *Love To Eat*, a company offering high-quality home-made frozen meals.

Ingredients are sourced as locally as possible, with meat from Grierson's butchers in Castle Douglas, fresh fruit and vegetables and free-range eggs, as well as seasonal extras from their own gardens. These top-quality ingredients are used to create a varied and seasonal menu of mains, puddings, soups and breads that can be kept in the freezer until needed.

Helen says: "We got the idea from those busy days we all have when you just don't feel like - or have time to - cook from scratch. Yet you still want to eat high quality, tasty food made from ingredients you would choose yourself. As there was nothing like that on offer around here, we decided to fill the niche!"

The business, which started in February 2013, is really taking off, with many repeat customers around the Glenkens. This initial success has prompted the pair to expand further afield to include Castle Douglas, as well as catering for local businesses. One interesting development that Dawn and Helen didn't



expect was providing meals for elderly customers who are looked after by carers. In response to this, they have modified a number of their meals to be microwavable instead of oven-cook in order to allow them to be prepared and served in a very short time.

Dawn has always been interested in seasonal food and runs a number of 'specials' through their Facebook page. These are keenly watched for by loyal customers, and everything from Wild Garlic Pesto to Elderflower and Gooseberry Jam gets snapped up straight away.

"When they're gone, they're gone!" says Dawn. "I have always loved foraging and sourcing seasonal fruit and veg to make delicious food for my family, and it's exciting now to be able to offer it to a wider audience. They seem to love it just as much as we do!"

It's great to see new enterprises starting up in the Glenkens and with the energy and enthusiasm the pair are putting into their business - from choosing only the best ingredients to providing that little bit of extra customer care - this small business is set to go from strength to strength.

SO LONG SEAN PAUL

After two very successful and innovative years as the General Manager of the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT), Sean Paul O'Hare is moving back to his native Ireland to manage the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre in County Dublin.

It goes without saying that all of us who have worked with him are sorry to see him go. We will miss his energy, sense of humour, imagination and friendship.

However, we congratulate him on the exciting challenge he is taking up. I hope that he will not forget the time he spent in the Glenkens and that this move might help to foster the development of cultural and artistic links between similar rural communities in Galloway and Ireland.

The post of GCAT General Manager has now been advertised and we hope to hold interviews in the week beginning the 5 August.

Andrew Mellor

Roger That

Roger Crofts, from Dalry, received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science at the recent Glasgow University graduation ceremony at The Crichton Campus. Roger is Director of Watson Birds, Chair of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere and a Director of the Crichton Carbon Centre.



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Photo of the Issue: 'Midsummer Madness'

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This issue's winner is this action shot of two house martins by David Birdsall.

Dave and Sue of the Ken Bridge Hotel, judges of the Photo of the Issue Competition, said: "We loved this shot and thought it was just so perfect for the time of year, but we'd also like to give a special mention to Mary McIlvena for her wonderful shot *Misty Morning at Clatteringshaws*; it was a difficult choice."

David will receive a meal for two at the Ken Bridge Hotel Sunday Carvery. Send in your entries for next issue and it could be you next time!

We will keep all entries on file and if they suit a future theme/season, they will be re-considered.

Mossdale Jubilee Path & Picnic Area

The footpath and picnic area are now almost complete, and by the time this is printed the picnic tables and benches should have been installed too.

There will be an official opening, hopefully in September, so look out for details nearer the time. The project has been designed and carried out by John Robson of Crossmichael and, in keeping with the railway history of Mossdale, he has edged the picnic area with railway sleepers and utilised some granite that was originally part of the station platform. We are indebted to the grant from the Big Lottery Fund without which this project would not have been possible *Jill Haslam*



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

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. **Please remember that people list their items in good faith that they will go to an appreciative home - items are not to be collected simply to sell on.**

Various

Gent's bicycle - just a bit of oil and TLC to get it running again! Contact: Nigel on 460 545

Projector screen. Contact: Gerry on 420 852

Plastic mop bucket, unused. Contact: Kath on 460 545

Front and rear car mats - would suit small car. Contact: Kath on 460 545

A caravan awning that we don't know the size of. It may be complete kit, or not. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

Non-stick baking tray with lip on 2 sides, 40cm x 35cm (too big for my oven). Contact: 430 218

Vintage mantle clock, Westminster chime circa 1940s. Doesn't work due to removal men packing it upside-down! If anyone likes tinkering with old clocks, they are very welcome to it. Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011

'Airbox' Compressor made by Simair. Needs some TLC, suitable for airbrush work. Contact: 01556 503649

Strimmer (petrol), works but the line feed is no longer automatic. Contact: 430 218

Furniture

G-Plan round coffee table, wood with Glass top. Contact: Lindsey on 01556 670 545 (eves)

We have an old sun lounger, padded. Contact: Emma on

07885 611 360

Leather swivel high-backed office chair, new but broken mechanism; maybe easy to fix. Contact: Emma on 07885 611 360

IKEA Pello Chair with blue cushions. Contact: Lindsey on 01556 670 545 (eves)

Shoe rack (white). Contact: Gerry on 420 852

New 'memory foam' single mattress, barely used. Contact: Lindsey on 01556 670 545 (eves)

Children's

KELLS SCHOOL UNIFORM: (Contact: Paula on 07884 247 420)

2 x yellow M & S polo shirt, age 5 (23" chest).

1 x yellow M & S polo shirt, age 7 (24 1/2" chest).

1 x Kells yellow polo shirt - 26" chest

Green checked summer school dress, age 6-7 yrs.

2 x Kells sweatshirt - 26" chest

1 x Kells sweatshirt - 28" chest.

Sheepskin liner for pram / buggy. Contact: Paula on 07884 247 420

BabyBjorn nave blue papoose. Contact: Paula on 07884 247 420

Huggababy sling - dark green.

Contact: Paula on 07884 247 420

Electrical

UHF indoor antenna/aerial for digital or analogue TV reception.

"The Glenkens Freecycle page has been brilliant for me; a great way to de-clutter without having to do anything!" Alan

Contact Nigel on 460 545

A2 Epsom printer needs good home - although for a donation to golf club funds would be appreciated! Contact: Jeff at jeffsutcliffe@btinternet.com

Sony 28" older style tv in working order complete with stand. Digibox also available. Quite big & heavy to carry so probably easier with two to carry. Contact: trevprocter@aol.co.uk or 440 683

WANTED

Any old wooden stepladders, it doesn't matter if they're broken as they are to sit plants on in the garden. Contact: Gill on 430 156 or beebole@hotmail.co.uk

I am looking for volunteers who would like counselling as practice for my course. I have just completed the first year of a four-year course in Therapeutic Counselling and Psychotherapy, based at the College of Holistic Medicine in Glasgow. The course is fully accredited with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

All sessions are free, but a £7 room rental charge will need to be covered. Contact me in full confidence on 430 156.

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Upcycling

The eco word of the moment is 'upcycling' and it is something we can all consider when it comes to our waste products.

Everyone's heard of recycling, but upcycling is the conversion of waste into something of use. The modern generation has become incredibly wasteful and we are labelled the 'throw-away generation'. We have a tendency to regard everything as disposable and those objects in our lives that we no longer require are just thrown away.

However, upcycling is not a new concept; our grandparents and older relatives would often spend their long winter evenings converting old products into something new and useful. In fact, in developing countries, where

raw materials are expensive and not so easy to come by, upcycling is common practice.

The fashion and art worlds have long been trying to inspire us to upcycle what we see as waste. One of the most famous examples of this is Picasso's 'Bullshead' sculpture, and even here in the Glenkens you can find examples such as the CatStrand's trademark sheep, created by artist Silvy Weatherall from the old school shed!

Admittedly, not all of us are that talented, but perhaps we should all take a second look at the things we are throwing out.

So where do you start? There is a plethora of websites with information on how to upcycle everything from bathtubs to clothing, bedsheets to tyres.

I recently visited a Glenkens resident who, on having a new bathroom suite put in, upcycled her old plastic bath tub. She used wood from old pallets to build a frame around it, painted the wood and filled the tub with plants. It looks great; you'd never guess it was something otherwise destined for the rubbish dump.

Upcycling seems a sensible and eco-friendly concept, and can also inform our purchasing habits. There are more and more companies out there who are upcycling old products and turning them in to everything from jewellery to garden furniture, paving to post-and-rail fencing. So why not re-imagine your waste today!

"Nature does not know the concept of waste; the only species capable of making something no-one desires is the human species." Gunter Pauli, Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives. Sara McNeill



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Retiring in Style with the CatStrand

Brian Jones, Community Projects Officer at the CatStrand, is keen to hear from residents in the Glenkens who are over sixty and would like to join the newly-formed Connecting in Retirement group to help define and implement activities and events.

To date a number of activities have taken place or are on-going. The Ukulele Group is proving very successful with participants building up a repertoire of songs and aiming to expand and perhaps join with a youth group of ukulele players.

A trip was arranged to a Dumfries garden which was

especially opened for the group.

A ten-week Gentle Tai Chi course started on Tuesday 2 July, run in conjunction with Morag Curtis from the NHS Building Healthy Communities Stewartry Project. Sessions are aimed at helping folk with a long-term health condition. The hope is to have more of these sessions in outreach locations where Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) buses would be provided.

Other activities scheduled are: a free six-week 'Taking the First Steps in Computing' course starting from Monday 15 July.

Starting Tuesday 30 July, a free 'Let's Cook' four-week course is where participants can learn more about healthy eating, planning meals and cooking on a budget.

Early October sees a one-day 'Home Safety and Security Awareness Day' in conjunction



The Ukelele Group enjoying their session.

with representatives from the Police, Fire Brigade and other associated Agencies.

If you are interested in any of these activities or have ideas for other activities Brian would love to hear from you - feel free to call in to the CatStrand to have a cuppa and a chat with him, or get in touch on 420 374 or brian@catstrand.com



Dalry Womens Rural Institute (WRI) had a wonderful 90th party.

DANGEROUS LITTER

Please think about others when you throw away litter which could be dangerous.

On Wednesday 10 July a quantity of broken glass and litter had to be cleared from the 'beach' area on the far side of the wooden pedestrian bridge in Dalry. The glass was from Carlsberg and Magners cider bottles which seemed to have been opened by breaking the necks against a tree.

In June there was also a lot of broken glass in Dalry children's playpark from Vimto bottles; the fact that children will very likely be playing there with bare feet over the summer doesn't bear thinking about...

Broken glass is an obvious danger both to people and animals, particularly to children. Please dispose of litter responsibly.

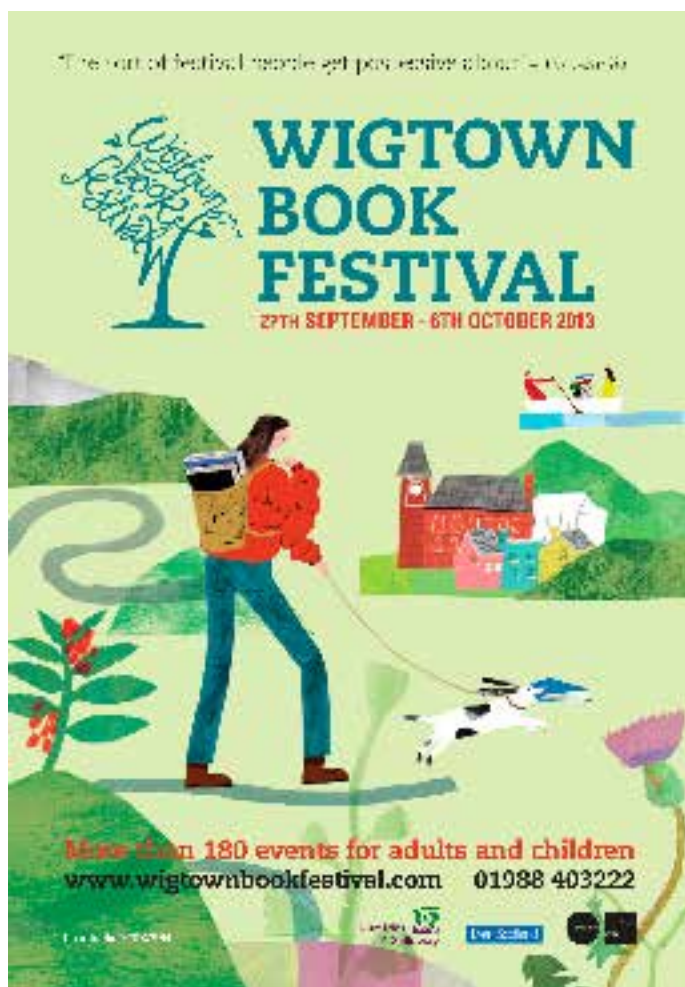
Balmaclellan Community Council meet on Monday 2 September at 8pm for their AGM followed by the usual agenda. All welcome.

£500 for Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends

The Ladies Guild at St Margaret's Church in New Galloway has given Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends a cheque for £500.

St Margaret's Ladies Guild President, Christine Rankin, commented: "Following our successful Plant and Bake Sale in May, we were delighted to donate the proceeds to Castle Douglas Hospital through the League of Friends who do so much for the hospital and its patients. Many of our friends and neighbours have benefitted from the care at Castle Douglas Hospital and we are always happy to help in any way we can".





Multicultural Shop Call-out

I am now working at Dumfries & Galloway Multicultural Centre and, after witnessing the success of our Dalry Community Shop, I thought a similar community shop within the Multicultural Centre would be a good idea.

The aim is to raise money and to aid the empowerment of members through improving their conversational English, promoting confidence, providing work experience and reducing social isolation. Most importantly, we want to create an atmosphere of happiness and fun. The shop will also stock Fairtrade goods and crafts and artwork by members, and welcome packs for people arriving from overseas to the region.

I am looking for donations of any kind - clothes, books, jewellery, pictures, general bric-a-brac, etc, as well as plant pots and plants to brighten up the front of the Centre. I also need volunteers to help run the shop, so if you know of anyone, send them my way. And next time you're in Dumfries, come in and see me! The Centre is the Georgian sandstone building with stone steps and two pillars outside at the back of Marks & Spencers (Old Assembly Close, just off Irish Street).

Many thanks, Gill Stanyard

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CatStrand Highlights

The CatStrand has had a great summer so far, and the fun is set to continue with our line-up of events over the coming months.

This season we will be making a contribution to the Scottish Alternative Games on Sunday 3 August with The Stu Brown Sextet. These outstanding musicians will be playing the jazz music of Raymond Scott, made recognisable from his work for the Loony Tunes Cartoons of the 1940s. This will take place on the evening of Saturday 2 August, and there will be an animation workshop earlier in the day to create visuals to accompany the performance.

Classical music from The Jones Trio will take place on Friday 9 August; father and daughter cellists, Nicholas and Gabriella Jones join up with pianist John Thwaites to deliver a programme of Beethoven, Mozart and Debussy. We are also pleased to welcome Steven Osborne and Jean Johnson as part of the Watson Birds Festival on Friday 20 September.

Steven Osborne is one of Britain's foremost musicians, and we are

delighted that he will be giving a concert here.

Dogstar Theatre present *The Baroness* on Wednesday 11 September starring the brilliant Roberta Taylor (pictured). Closely following this production will be another more contemporary style of theatre created by the multi-award-winning David Leddy. The comedy caper, *Long Live the*

Little Knife, will be performed on Wednesday 18 September, a newly developed show with support from the RSC and the British Museum.

We conclude the summer season programme with a special show from Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, a group of young musicians from Glasgow who combine classic Americana with Celtic soul. Catch this up-and-coming group on Friday 27 September.

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CHILDREN'S CLUB CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR

Glenkens Children's Club (GCC) celebrates its first birthday this July. It's been a busy year for the group, which is going from strength to strength.

More than 15 children routinely attend with their parents or carers during term time, enjoying the bikes, sand and water play, and plenty of dressing-up fun. A varied selection of activities is offered, from baking to planting, library sessions to painting and collage. And of course there's always time for some very messy play!

We've had an influx of new recruits in the shape of some adorable newborns, who have recently enjoyed a course of free Baby Massage and we've invested in some beautiful bright baby toys and equipment to make them feel just as at home as the toddlers.

Another important aspect of the

Club is holiday activities for all children up to secondary school age. This summer's programme is jam-packed with events - take a look below to see what's on, or visit our website (www.glenkenschilchildrensclub.co.uk) or find us on Facebook for further details. And then there's our first birthday party! Come and celebrate with us on Friday 16 August, 9.15-11.45am for some party games, dancing, face painting and, of course, some birthday cake.

Playgroup plans are progressing fast since we received the £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund. We have staff appointed and Care Inspectorate registration is nearly complete. Playgroup will start on Tuesday 20 August and run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in term-time, from 9.15-11.45am at the Dalry Community Centre. It is open to all children aged 2-4 and will cost £5 per session. Contact Helen Keron on keron@me.com for more details or to register a child.

None of these things would have happened without the efforts of the amazing group of parents and carers that support GCC. I would like to thank them deeply for their moral and practical support over the past year.

In particular I would like to thank the old and new members of the committee - with others, they routinely go above and beyond to ensure that the children of the area have these excellent facilities and activities available.

GCC is an affiliated member of the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT), and again I would like to thank the staff and board there for their ongoing support, which has been instrumental in allowing us to grow in this way. So do come along, have some fun, meet some grown-ups and make the second year even better than the first!

Helen Keron, GCC Chair



Summer Activities

Glenkens Children's Club

July

- Fri 5th - T-shirt Designing
- Mon 8th - Animal Man's Mini Zoo
- Fri 12th - Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Mon 15th - ZumbaAtomic
- Fri 19th - Mini Sports
- Mon 22nd - 'Arty Crafty' Workshop
- Fri 26th - Roller Disco
- Mon 29th - Treasure Hunt

August

- Fri 2nd - Window Decoration Making
- Mon 5th - Outdoor Activity/Bouncy Castle
- Fri 9th - Jewellery Making
- Mon 12th - Baking
- Fri 16th - GCC Birthday Party: come along and celebrate our first anniversary with party games and face-painting!

Activities are suited for children aged 3-12; all children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry
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YOUTH BANTER

It's
SUMMER!

Forget the midgies and the rain, it's officially **SUMMER** so get out and **DO STUFF**. In this issue you can read about the **Big Mix Summer Scheme**, the **Access All Areas** project and plenty of other things happening in the Glenkens. **GET INVOLVED!**

Access All Areas Gets into the Groove

Ever thought about forming a band? Fancy learning a new instrument or writing a song? Or maybe you're a secret DJ ready to spin the decks at a gig night. Whatever style of music you're into, **Access All Areas** is a brand new project that can help you to find your talents and take them to the next level.

In June, local indie rockers **Cloud Nine** came into CatStrand to record a demo of their upbeat anthem 'Good Time'. Armed with this track, they stormed their way to the finals of **West Sound's** 'West Factor' competition and also bagged a slot at this year's **Youth Beatz** festival. Not a bad start!

Next up was singer-songwriter **Jocelyn Rennie**, who recorded a full band version of her own song 'Apologise'. It was her first time in a studio but she soon got the hang of it.



The sessions were led by **Simon Davidson** from the **Solway Sound Collective**, a group of young people and adult mentors who are shaking things up in Galloway's youth music scene. Simon is also filling in for Rebecca as Youth Arts Officer at The CatStrand.

Useful Info >>>

To get involved with **Access All Areas** or the **Solway Sound Collective**, contact simon@catstrand.com

Check out the music at soundcloud.com/solwaysounds



Make it a Summer to Remember

This summer the Glenkens will be buzzing with a **Big Mix** of activities especially for YOU! The **Summer Scheme** runs through the whole of the holidays and has something for everyone. Take your pick from activities like **parkour**, **filmmaking**, **music** and **sports**, or hop on a bus for trips into the great outdoors led by **Forest Rangers** and top notch **cycling instructors**. With so much on offer there's definitely no excuse to be bored! Pick up a timetable from CatStrand or check online for updates.



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YOUTH:TEAM

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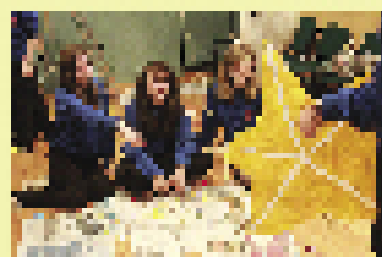
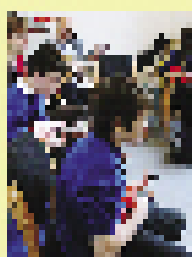
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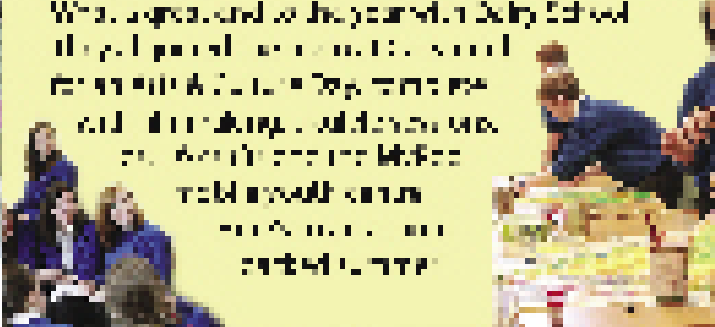
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DRYS AND GUTTER DAY



What a great day to be young in Dry School! The children had a great time with their friends and teachers, and they were all very happy to be there. They were all very happy to be there. They were all very happy to be there.



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WHAT'S ON



YOUTH REPORTED OF SEATTLELAND

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GET AROUND

SATURDAY BUSES

Glenkens to Castle Douglas (520)

There:

Cairsphairn	10:35	-	14:35
Dalry	10:50	12:30	14:50
Balmaclellan	10:55	-	14:55
New Galloway	11:00	12:37	15:00
Parton	11:12	12:52	15:12
Crossmichael	11:18	12:58	15:18
Castle Douglas	11:28	13:08	15:28

Back:

Castle Douglas (Swimming Pool)	14:44	15:30	17:09	20:47
Crossmichael	15:00	15:48	17:21	-
Parton	15:15	15:53	17:26	-
New Galloway	15:29	16:07	17:40	21:25
Balmaclellan	-	-	17:45	-
Dalry	15:35	16:14	17:52	21:35

Glenkens to Dumfries

There:

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Laurieston	09:15
Mossdale	09:25
New Galloway	09:38
Dalry	09:45
Balmaclellan	09:52
Corsock	10:05
Crocketford	10:15
Dumfries	10:33
(Whitesands)	

Back:

Dumfries (Loreburn Centre)	13:30
Dumfries (Whitesands)	13:35
Crocketford	13:53
Corsock	14:03
Balmaclellan	14:16
Dalry	14:23
New Galloway	14:30
Mossdale	14:40
Laurieston	14:50

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Sunny Sports Day

The sun was shining and a great day was had by all at the Dalry Nursery and Primary annual sports day.

The morning took the form of a potted sports event, including a variety of sporting activities such as throwing, jumping and agility. To round off the morning, the Nursery children took part in some traditional races. A picnic lunch was then held on the playing field, with parents and families enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

The afternoon session included traditional races. All the activities added up to earn points for the house teams. It was a close-run competition, with the winning house this year being Earlstoun.

The girl sports champion was Emily (P7) and the boys sports champion was Cameron (P6). The school would like to thank Newton's shop in Dalry, Tesco and the Co-op for providing fruit and water for refreshments, and the parents, friends and members of the community that came along to support the school.

Rhys and Christy in the beanbag race.



Forest Schools

Continued from front page... Part of the Forest Schools ethos is to allow children to assess risk independently to help them make safe decisions. Although taking the learning outside is a lot of fun, pupils had to make sure that they were being safe and responsible. Before we left for the forest, everyone had to dress in proper footwear and waterproof clothing and make sure that backpacks contained everything we needed that day. With help from leader Cecelia Franklin, pupils set boundaries and used rope to highlight any hazards. When it was time to leave the forest, everything was packed up and tidied away so that we would leave no trace. Carsphairn Primary would like to thank all the people that have made these sessions possible. The pupils are really hoping to return to Forest Schools in the autumn, when there should be fewer midges! In the future, it is hoped that all Glenkens Cluster schools, including Kells Primary and Dalry School, will also have the chance to experience outdoor learning the Forest Schools way.

Walker McKenna

A GREAT GRADING

Carsphairn Tai Jitsu Club recently held its first grading. Mathew Dovaston achieved his yellow belt and was awarded a Distinction, which is the highest award when grading.

Mathew applied himself fully and his manners, dedication and attitude have been outstanding. A special thanks go to the other students who helped him achieve this.

Now that the Senior students have managed to get the funding for mats, I am hoping to get the Carsphairn community to come together and help the Junior students put forward a proposal for funding for extra equipment. I am sure this will be a rewarding meeting, and a great learning experience for the Juniors as they will be included in decision-making about the Club.

Dave Birdsall, Club Instructor



BECK GOLDSMITH

CatStrand youth worker Rebecca, aka Beck Goldsmith, is going from strength to strength with her music career.

Rebecca says: "I've now signed a record contract. The deal is a partnership between a strong independent label and Island Records, so I get the backing of a major label but still keep a lot of independence and control - best of both worlds!"

Her new album will be released in September, and will include the song I Vow to Thee My Country, originally used for a BBC TV trailer, as well as some other traditional songs with contemporary arrangements and some of her own original songs too.

Spare Room Doom

This April heralded sweeping new changes in welfare reform. One of the changes, nicknamed the 'bedroom tax' by Labour, has been seen to have had the biggest effect on people.

The new legislation affects residents in social housing who are of working age, that is, those aged over 16 and under 61, and who are in receipt of Housing Benefit. If a tenant has one spare room, their benefit will be cut by approximately 14% of the rent they pay each week (an average of £11). For two or more spare rooms, this percentage increase to 25% (an average of £20 per week).

This leaves tenants liable to pay their landlord the difference between the housing benefit payment and their rent. Dumfries & Galloway Council has already responded to the implications of the bedroom tax by allocating £500,000 to help people who are facing financial difficulty due to the cuts. The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has increased the money it gives the council for discretionary housing payments from £72,000 in 2012/13 to £232,000 for 2013/14. Discretionary housing payments are short-term awards given to

help people pay their rent. Early indications show a significant increase in people applying for discretionary payments in March and April as a direct result of these changes.

Local councillor Brian Collins, SNP councillor for the Glenkens ward, is chair of a new sub-committee created to support those affected. Brian commented on the discretionary housing payment fund:

"The focus of this fund will be to assist those tenants who are unable to improve their current situation and have no alternative means to access funds. We want to support people who are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of welfare reform."

MSP Russell Brown points out that due to housing shortage in the region, many will suffer as there will be nothing they can do to avoid the cut.

If you would like to apply for a discretionary housing payment, you can either apply online at <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=4762&p=0> or can pick up a form from the local council office in Castle Douglas.

Gillian Stanyard

KELLS NEWS

Kells Primary have had a busy summer season.

At the annual Sports Day pupils all gave 100% during all the activities and races, with the Clatteringshaws team coming first. Clatteringshaws House Captains Erin McGaw and Mia Walker are pictured below with the Sports Day trophy.

Kells Primary recently won the rounders competition at Crossmichael Primary's Small School Sports Tournament.

P5-7 pupils visited Dumfries Aviation Museum as part of their World War Two topic. The pupils were History Detectives, investigating local people who were stationed at the airbase during the war.

Pupil Amberleigh Hackwood-Williams recently won an Energy Agency calendar competition organised in association with D & G Council. Her winning poster is used for the month of January in the calendar issued to all schools in the region.



GLENKENS TO GLASTONBURY

How did brothers Ben and Joe Cormack, heavy metal guitarists who grew up in Balmaclellan, end up playing at Glastonbury with The Pictish Trail? It's a far cry from the early days of learning guitar at Kells Primary with Annie Winstanley and studying with Doug Carroll as teenagers.

The connection is the Isle of Eigg, where Johnny Lynch, of

band The Pictish Trail, now lives. Eigg has a thriving music culture and vibrant community, and the brothers returned there some years ago and built a house.

"As The Pictish Trail," Ben explained, "Johnny is the best-selling artist on the Fife-based label Fence Records, and mainly performs on his own. We have our own heavy metal band, The Massacre Cave, with two mainland friends, and when Fence Records held their first Away Game mini festival on Eigg four years ago, we were surprised to be asked to play. Johnny was really impressed by our set and that's how it all began." Another Eigg resident,

drummer Brendan Greene, completes the line-up for The Pictish Trail's band. Ben says: "It's very odd to think that, after all the years of dedicated heavy metal practice, we found ourselves on the Park Stage as a folk backing band. Having said that, we bring a rock element to Johnny's music, and literally let our hair down! He's a very generous man, and it's been great fun." Asked what the best part of playing at Glastonbury was, Ben replied, "KT Tunstall said The Pictish Trail was the best act she'd seen all weekend."

The Pictish Trail will be playing at the CatStrand in October - so book your ticket now!

CYCLING FUN

Carsphairn School Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) along with Carsphairn Church Social Committee applied for funding from Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Ltd (CREFL) and arranged a day of mountain biking at Drumlanrig Castle for a group of pupils from P4 to S3.

Despite a very damp start, a great day was had by all (including the parents who didn't cycle but walked in the grounds), and hopefully this will be done again, as all the children had a great time. Thanks go to June Hay and Martin Temple for arranging the day, and also to Claire and Maggie for providing transport for the children.

Maggie Phillips (Mrs)



Some of the children with June and Martin.

Cool Summer Fun

There's loads going on at Cream o' Galloway this summer. New for 2013, Tractor & Trailer rides run daily in the school holidays, there are wildlife events during the week and you even have the chance to make your very own ice cream!

The new Tractor & Trailer rides are proving popular, visiting the highest point of the farm for a fabulous view over the Galloway Hills and Fleet Bay. Everyone's welcome to join in with 'Pond Dipping' on Tuesdays, 'Night Mammal Explorer' on Wednesdays and 'Hedgerow Safari' on Thursdays - plenty of opportunity to get up close and personal with the wildlife.

'Ready Steady Freeze' is a superb activity that continues to thrill both young and old! You can be the creator of your very own dream ice cream. This activity is fun for all, great for a birthday party for all ages, and even fantastic fun for a hen party or a family gathering!

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A Fair Success

Clachan Fair Day rounded off a successful week of fun events for the whole family, young and old, in Dalry.

Despite the rain, which didn't stop people making most of the day, The Galloway Pipe and Drums Band led off the parade with the Clachan Lad and Lass following behind in a open-top car, kindly driven by Tom Corrie.

After much deliberating, judge Jim Hume MSP gave first prize to Dalry Primary with their World War II evacuees theme, and Carsphairn Primary received the Silver Plate for best vehicle float with their Viking ship theme.

Events on the school field saw the Fire Brigade getting hosed-down by the children. In the team games, a boys versus girls tug-o-war was won by the fairer sex.

Later in the afternoon Jim Hume conducted the prize giving. Hilda McAdam won the best dressed house/window competition.

Cameron Wilkie and Drife Finlay took the under 14s Doubles Tennis Tournament trophies (kindly sponsored by Natural Power), and Drife was the overall winner of the Mulloch Race with Joshua Lawrie being the first primary entry to finish.

This year's fair hosted for the first time a 'Fun Show for Dogs', which had over 28 entries and all dogs and owners behaved impeccably.

Some other events which took place throughout the week were the Walking Treasure Hunt, Whist

Drive and Pet Show.

The finale on Saturday was an evening of Scottish Music in the Town Hall with Ewan McGowan, William Williamson and friends, which was much enjoyed by all.

The Committee would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who took the time to help, and also to all the people and local businesses who gave so generously throughout the week to make the 2013 Clachan Fair such a success.



Galloway Pipe & Drums Band

THE LIE OF THE LAND PROJECT

Dumfries & Galloway has some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere in Scotland, but many of our youngsters pass through it every day and take it for granted.

In addition, the attractions of the X-Box, Playstation, computer and mobile phone mean that fewer young people than previously now get outside to investigate the landscape which surrounds them.

To redress the balance just a little, the Education Department of Dumfries & Galloway Council, together with the National Scenic Area (NSA), recently took 18 S2 pupils from four local secondary schools (including Dalry) into some of the most scenic locations across the Stewartry. Funded by

the NSA together with the Holywood Trust and the schools themselves, this project was supported by film maker John Wallace and writer Jackie Galley who helped the young people express and record their responses to places as diverse as the Galloway Forest, Screel Hill and the Carrick Shore. Based at the Stronord Outdoor Centre, transport was courtesy of the Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI). The final outcomes of this project will be a booklet and a film which will receive its World Premiere in Castle Douglas Town Hall on the 27 of September. The Premiere, which has been incorporated into the inaugural Environmental Arts Festival Scotland, will be hosted by the pupils themselves, with an invited audience of over 250 due to attend. *Keith Walker*

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KELLS GTI SCHOOL RUN ENDS

After six years of providing transport for pupils travelling to and from Kells School, Tuesday 2 July was the end of the road for this service operated by Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI).

A review carried out by Dumfries & Galloway Council into school transport has meant that transport needs have been reduced and GTI have been asked to provide transport for pupils from Crossmichael to Castle Douglas instead. It is likely this service will be operated using a Rural Transport Solutions vehicle belonging to the Council, and will involve providing some transport in the Castle Douglas area to the Adult Resource Centre. Exact details are not yet known, but we have to remember that being involved in providing such

transport must remember this is our financial bread-and-butter, and without such income we would not be able to cater for the needs of people in the Glenkens.

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING TIMETABLE

With effect from Wednesday 7 August, the service operated from Dalry into Castle Douglas and back will have a slightly different timetable. The bus will still leave Underhill, Dalry, at 7pm, but will return from Castle Douglas at 8.35pm, arriving back in Dalry at 9.15pm – a lot better in the winter evenings, and you will still get the same amount of time for your shopping. Full details of new timetable are shown on p22.

MORE AND MORE TRANSPORT

The last few weeks have seen a record number of requests for transport and we have never said 'no' – not yet! We recently supplied transport for a new

project run over three days by the Education Department involving pupils from Dalry School and other schools in the area. The group stayed at Stronord Educational Centre (see article on p18, opposite).

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

More trips will hopefully be added in due course but the following are dates for your diaries (to book call 01644 420 374):

Sat 7 Sept – Glasgow: Silverburn, Braehead, or visit the city centre by ferry!

Sat 12 Oct – Carlisle

Sat 2 Nov – Ayr: Shopping, Nat Hunt Racing, etc.

Sat 7 Dec – Glasgow: Kelvingrove area, but easy access to city centre, etc.

Thank you to those new drivers who have volunteered to help us – we still need more and free training is still available, so please get in touch with me if you can help.

Keith Cooper, GTI Administrator

MALAWI CYCLE

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Mulanje hospital covers a population of 55,000 people, many in isolated villages with little or no health care and massive problems caused by Aids, mother and infant mortality during birth, malaria in the wet season and general malnutrition. 66% of all admissions are Aids-related and the population of Malawi is 50% children due to

the affects of Aids. However, life expectancy has gone up from an average of 37 to 57 years, so progress is being made. Ian goes on to say: "You wouldn't credit this backdrop of human misery as the people of Malawi are so friendly, spontaneous and happy. They have a very communal approach to life, much of which goes on along the roadside so cycling through gave us a good opportunity to witness it. Often we would be cycling

along with Malawians carrying a goat strapped to their bike or other huge loads of sugar cane, maize, etc.

"The bike ride took us through some stunning and varied African scenery. The challenge was very well managed and we were very well looked after by our tour guide Henck, his Kenyan and Malawian helpers, our tour doctor and EMMS (the organising charity) representative."



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FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

I believe the time is right to discuss how the people of the Glenkens wish to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War One. Many groups and organisations are now beginning their plans and Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grants may be available if their criteria can be met.

I have already approached a few groups and individuals who I thought might have useful ideas and have been encouraged so far, including receiving a supportive mail from Alex Fergusson MSP. Therefore, I have arranged an informal meeting where views can be aired and we can see if there are sufficient grounds to continue.

It might make sense to organise a small programme of events. Some ideas are: a minibus

trip around the WW1 war memorials of the Glenkens, a bus trip to the Scottish National War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle, guest speakers for a talk(s) in the CatStrand, research/display into how life in the Glenkens changed during and immediately after the first world war, a school bus trip to Devil's Porridge exhibition and possibly Quintinshill rail disaster, Glenkens children create a memorial plaque/stone/sculpture. Activities would be either recorded (for DVD) or published as a book, whichever is most suitable, and this would form a permanent record of how we commemorated the centenary. Hopefully each item would be either subsidised or funded in full by an HLF grant.

The meeting is to be in the CatStrand Cafe on Tuesday 3 September at 4pm. Coffee or Tea is on me. I would be grateful if you could come along with your ideas, or contact me if you cannot make the meeting: centenary@paulgoodwin.me.uk or 07973 174342.

Paul Goodwin, Dalry

Busy Time at the Golf Club

The last couple of months have been very busy at New Galloway Golf Club.

We started with Give Golf a Go, a day geared to encouraging would-be golfers to come and have a go. Then the Kirkcudbrightshire Golfers Association held its Stroke Play

and Match Play Championship on the course.

The Kirkcudbrightshire Golfers Association Team Championship also took place on the course, with seven teams from the area competing for the Shield. The New Galloway Team was leading up to the last group when Ross Murray recorded a 68 to take the Shield for Southernness. All the players from the other clubs commented on how good the condition of the course was.

Two of our Juniors, Scott Jamieson and Alex Long, competed in the Kirkcudbrightshire Junior Championship around the Kirkcudbright course. Playing in testing conditions, both boys played particularly well with Alex coming second in the Scratch Competition and Scott coming in eighth in the Handicap Competition.

Captain's Day saw 40 members enjoy the competition and then refreshments in the clubhouse, where the presentation of prizes took place. The Jack McQueen Quaich was won by Terry Haine, Erica Porteous was the leading lady, the winning junior was Alex Long and the winning guest was Michael Sutcliffe.

The Seniors Open attracted players from near and far, with over 50 people taking part on a beautiful summer's day.

The Open Championship, sponsored by Natural Power, also attracted a good entry from the area and scores were excellent.

We are now well through the season, but if you are inspired to come and join the Club get in touch on 01644 420 737 or visit www.nggc.co.uk.

Jeff, Captain & Match Secretary



Some of the seniors at the Seniors Open enjoying themselves.

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LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

The Man Who Founded New Galloway



Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar (1599-1634), founder of New Galloway, did not live to see his dream realised.

He was the son of Sir Robert Gordon who was the inspiration in 1622 behind the proposed colonization of New Galloway (now Cape Breton) in Nova Scotia, and who "built ships destined to propagate the fame of the Scottish name" beyond the Equator.

John was held responsible, along with his enterprising father, for the illegal seizure of a ship of Middelburg, capital of Zeeland, and its cargo. This was profoundly embarrassing for Charles I who wished at that time to maintain good relations with the Netherlands. From his father he also inherited savage feuds with the families of Herries and the Earls of Galloway, both sides having to put up sums of 20,000 merks as guarantees of good behaviour.

In fact Sir John Gordon appears to have been of rather a docile nature. While he was growing up his family stayed at Rusco, near Gatehouse of Fleet, as well as at Greenlaw, at the foot of Loch Ken and, of course, Kenmure Castle which he was credited with "having brought to the perfection of a complete fabric as it never was before". As a young man he resided for a time in France with the somewhat crazed evangelical minister, John Welch who was exiled by James VI for his radical

religious views. As patron of Anwoth, Gordon attempted

to persuade the covenanting minister John Livingstone to accept the charge and, when he declined, it was offered to Samuel Rutherford, one of the giants of the Covenanting revolution. Welch, Livingstone and Rutherford all figure in John Howie's hugely influential Scots Worthies (1775), a collection of the biographies of those who served and/or suffered on behalf of the Scottish Reformation. Surprisingly perhaps, Sir John Gordon finds a place in the book too, largely because his friend, Rutherford, tended him in his dying months and wrote 'The Last and Heavenly Speech and Glorious Departure of John Viscount Kenmuir' (1649).

The theme concerns Kenmure's fears which gradually turn to joy and certainty as he prepares to meet Christ, 'coming leaping over the mountains and skipping over the hills'.

In 1633 the king, in Scotland for his coronation, created him Viscount of Kenmure and Lord of Lochinvar but since he disagreed with Charles in matters of politics and religion he withdrew from Edinburgh supposedly on account of his wife's ill-health. He later claimed that he feared "incurring the indignation of my prince and the loss of further honour". According to Rutherford he deeply regretted his action on his

deathbed, whence he warned "it is pure popery is coming among you". Such divided loyalties would haunt the House of Kenmure until the execution of the sixth Viscount in 1716.

In 1629 Kenmure was granted a charter to erect a royal burgh to be called the burgh of Galloway on a part of the barony of Earlston, lying upon the Water of Ken.

Commentators have always assumed that the geographical description refers to Dalry though the village is not specifically mentioned in the document. Almost two years later Sir John changed his mind about the site when another charter allowed for the creation of a royal burgh on part of the lands of Roddings in the barony of Kenmure. The new site was probably preferred because the river ceased to be navigable north of Loch Ken. Robert Gordon, of Knockbren, is listed as burgh commissioner of 'Newgalloway' in the parliament of June 1633 which also ratified the earlier charter authorizing "ane hail and frie burgh royall to be callit in all tyme coming the burgh of Galloway". By 1648 New Galloway, sometimes known as Newton, had a provost, one James Gordon. In a taxation roll for 1649 the burgh was among those that paid the least monthly amount. It was never to reach its hoped-for potential but it is of interest to note that a New Galloway in Canada had been named some eight years before there was a New Galloway in Galloway!

Ted Cowan

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

JULY

Starts Mon 15, six-week 'Taking the First Steps in Computing' course, see p7

Mon 22, Glenkens Children's Club: 'Arty Crafty' Workshop, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Fri 26, Glenkens Children's Club: Roller Disco, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Mon 29, Glenkens Children's Club: Treasure Hunt, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Starts Tues 30, four-week 'Let's Cook' course, see p7

AUGUST

Fri 2, Glenkens Children's Club: Window Decoration Making, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Sat 3, The Stu Brown Sextet: Twisted Toons - The Music of Raymond Scott, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sun 4, Scottish Alternative Games, start 2pm, New Galloway Town Park

Mon 5, Glenkens Children's Club: Outdoor Activity/Bouncy Castle, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry,

9.15-11.45am, see p19

Wed 7, Open Stage, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thurs 8, Apollo5 in Concert, Dalry Town Hall, 7.30pm

Fri 9, The Jones Trio, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 9, Glenkens Children's Club: Jewellery Making, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Sat 10, Glenkens Show, Mains of Kenmure, New Galloway, see ad below

Mon 12, Glenkens Children's Club: Baking, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Fri 16, Glenkens Children's Club: 1st Anniversary Birthday Party, Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry, 9.15-11.45am, see p19

Fri 16, Film: Song for Marion, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 23, Jaipur Kawa Brass Band & Curry Night, 7.30pm, CatStrand

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2, Balmaclellan CC AGM, 8pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Tues 3, Centenary Commemoration Meeting, 4pm, CatStrand Café, see p20

Wed 4, Gordie MacKeeman & His

Rhythm Boys, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 7, GTI Bus Trip, Glasgow: Silverburn, Braehead, see p19

Wed 11, Dogstar Theatre: The Baroness - Karen Blixen's Final Affair by Thor Bjorn Krebs, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Wed 18, David Leddy/Fire Exit: Long Live the Little Knife, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 20, Steven Osborne and Jean Johnson, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 20 to Sun 22, Watson Birds Festival, mainly in Dalry, see back page

Sun 22, Gerry Cambridge Poetry Reading, 2pm, CatStrand

Thurs 26, Film: The Great Gatsby, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 27, Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, 7.30pm, CatStrand

27 Sept - 6 Oct, Wigtown Book Festival, see p8

Sat 28, Dog Olympics, Barstobrick Indoor Arena, Ringford, see p5

OCTOBER

Sat 12, GTI Bus Trip, Carlisle, see p19

Advance Notice of Youth Players' Panto: This year's production will be 'Aladdin' on Fri 6 & Sat 7 Dec at 7.30pm, and Sun 8 Dec at 2pm at the CatStrand.

The Alternative Games

The Games return to New Galloway Town Park once more on Sunday 4 August for the 13th year.

After the rather aquatic nature of last year's televised event, it is to be hoped that it will be lucky thirteen and the weather will be a bit kinder this time around. All of the usual favourites will be featured, with everyone having the opportunity to compete for the Gird n' Cleek World Title as well as take part

in the Tossin' the Sheaf, Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane, Balmaclellan Skittles and Tractor Pull. The racing snails are already in training and will be at peak fitness for their big day!

If you would prefer to try something musical rather than physical, then you can learn to play the samba drums in time to perform with the rest of the band later in the afternoon. Whatever instrument you play, bring it along and enjoy playing with fellow musicians in the Acoustic Music Tent. See the back page of this Gazette for further details.

Brian Edgar

Glenkens Agricultural Society Annual Show

Saturday 10th August

Mains of Kenmure, New Galloway

Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Horses, Show Jumping, Fancy Dress Pony, Pets & Dogs, Crookmaking, Refreshments, Children's Entertainer - Magic Monty - Magic & Balloon Modelling

Schedules from Fiona McIntyre:
01848 200 531 or
fiona_mccintyre@hotmail.co.uk

GTI WEDNESDAY BUS SERVICE

(registered route) New times start Wed 7 August.

Outward Journey:

19:00 Dept. Dalry (Underhill)
19:05 New Galloway
19:15 Mossdale
19:25 Laurieston
19:30 Townhead of Greenlaw
19:37 Castle Douglas (Market St)
19:40 Castle Douglas (Tesco)

Return journey:

20:35 Dept. Castle Douglas (Tesco)
20:37 Castle Douglas (Market St)
20:47 Townhead of Greenlaw
21:50 Laurieston
21:00 Mossdale
21:10 New Galloway
21:15 Dalry

To book a Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) bus or for more information please contact Keith Cooper, GTI Administrator, on 01644 420 374.

REGULAR EVENTS

CatStrand (New Galloway):

Exercise to Music: Mon, 10-11am

Margaret Morris Movement Adult Dance Class, Mon, 2.30-3.30pm, contact Sara on 01556 612854

Children's Dance Class: Mon during term time, 3.45-4.45pm age 3-7, 4.30-5.30pm age 8-15

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

Teen Spirit: Tues during term time, 7-8:30pm (P7 - S3) and 8-9:30pm (S3+, Duke of Edinburgh)

Sing it Out: Thurs, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Pilates: Thurs, 4.15-5.15pm & 5.30-6.30pm

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

Family Film Club: 1st Sat each month, 11am

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

Zumbatomic, last Sat each month, 10-10.45am

Catstrand Youth Players: Sun during term time, 2pm

Glenkens Acoustic Sessions, last Sun of the month, 2-4pm

Glenkens Community Centre (Dalry): (contact Kath 430 281)

Glenkens Children's Club: Mon & Fri, 9.15-11.45am

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

Ballroom & Latin Dance Class: Mon, 7.15, for more info call Sam Rushton on 420 672

Good Neighbours' Club: Tues, 2pm

Kickback Martial Arts: Thurs, 7-9pm

Thursday Craft Group: Thurs, 2-4pm

Brownies: Wed, 5.30-6.45pm

Guides: Tue during term-time, 6.15pm, contact: Kath 430 281

Various Locations:

Texas Hold 'em Poker, Mon, 7.15pm, Cross Keys Hotel, New Galloway

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

Beavers: Tues, 6-7.15pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Dog Training: Tue & Wed, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall. Contact: Eric 460 670

Tai Jitsu: Wed, Junior Class (age 6-14), 6-7pm; Senior Class, 7-8.30pm, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, contact David on 07547 134 276, see p5

Wednesday Quiz Night, Wed,

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8.30pm, Cross Keys Hotel, New Galloway

Stewartry Camera Club: Wed, 7.30pm, Ringford Village Hall, runs Wed 11 Sept till end Mar

Zumba: Wed: 7.30-8.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall, £4

Mossdale Painters: Wed, 9.30am, Mossdale Village Hall

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

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

Folk Music Session: 1st Sat each month, 8pm, The Clachan Inn, Dalry

Dalry Library (Tel: 430 234)

Opening Times: Tue: 2-4.30pm then 5.30-7.30pm;

Fri: 11.15am-1.15pm then 2-4.30pm. *There are 23 mobile library stops - to find out where and when please phone.*

Glenkens Community Councils

Balmaclellan Community Council Meetings: 3rd Monday each month, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall.

Carsphairn Community Council Meetings: Last Monday each month, 7pm, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn.

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

Dalry Community Council Meetings: 1st Monday each month, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall.

New Galloway & Kells Community Council Meetings: 2nd Monday each month, 7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND:

Sundays: Balmaclellan: 12noon: 1st. Carsphairn: 10.30am: 1st, 2nd (Aug), 3rd, 4th, 5th (Sept). Dalry: 9am: 1st, 2nd (Aug), 3rd, 4th. Dalry: 10.30am: 2nd (Sept). Kells: 10.30am: 2nd (Aug), 3rd, 4th

Special Services/Events: 8 Sept, 10.30am, United Family Service, Dalry Church, followed by a bbq & children's treasure hunt, Manse, Dalry. 22 Sept, 10.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving, Kells Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in

NG Town Hall. 29 Sept, 10.30am, United Service with Glenkens Choir, Carsphairn Church

Communion Service: 25 Aug, 10.30am, Kells Church. **SCOTTISH**

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES: Gatehouse of Fleet: Sat, 6pm. Kirkcudbright: Sun, 9.30am. Dalbeattie: Sun, 11am

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WATSON BIRDS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 20 TO SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Friday

6-8pm 'Watson Raptor Science Prize' (Presentation, Talk & Debate) **official Festival opening**, Dalry Town Hall

8pm - Classical Concert with Steven Osborne & Jean Johnson, CatStrand, New Galloway.

Saturday

8.30am-12noon - Bird Ringing with Andrew Bielinski, Barone, Dalry

10am-12noon - Guided Walk with Chris Rollie, meet outside Dalry Town Hall

10am-4pm Exhibition/Shadow Puppetry with Anne Errington, Dalry Town Hall

10am-6pm - Photography Masterclass, various venues (limited availability)

2-5pm - 'History of Eagles in Britain & Ireland' Presentation and Discussion, Lochinvar Hotel, Dalry

6-8pm - Laurie Campbell; Talk & Discussion, CatStrand, New Galloway

7-10pm - Whistlebinkies in Concert, Dalry Town Hall

Sunday

10.30-11.30am - Gerry Cambridge Poetry Workshop (Ages 7-12)

10am-4pm Exhibition/Shadow Puppetry with Anne Errington, Dalry Town Hall.

10am-6pm - Photography Masterclass, various venues (limited availability)

1pm - Demonstration with Darren Woodhead, Dalry Town Hall

2-3pm - Gerry Cambridge; Poetry Readings, CatStrand, New Galloway

4-6pm - Acoustic Session, Clachan Inn, Dalry

For any further information or tickets please call The Catstrand on 01644 420 374 and ask for Aaron or alternatively e-mail - aaron@watsonbirds.org or visit the Watson Bird website - www.watsonbirds.org.

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Tossin' the Sheaf - Snail Racing - Balmaclellan
Skittles - Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane - Classic Cars
- Pipe Band - Samba Band - Acoustic Tent -**

**Sunday 4th August
2pm, New Galloway
Town Park
Admission £4/£1
free parking**

PLUS OTHER WEEKEND EVENTS

Wright's Shop Dalry

G&M Newton now under new ownership.

New proprietor Lyndsay Forbes and her family look forward to meeting everyone and settling into life in the Glenkens.

Licenced grocer and newsagent with a wide range of filled rolls, pies, cold drinks and ice cream also available.

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday: 7am – 6pm

Saturday: 8am – 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am – 4pm

Tel: 01644 430 225

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