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FREE

CARSPHAIRN SHOP RE-OPENS

The Carsphairn shop and tearoom is open again. The community-owned business re-opened on Wednesday 4 September after a four month closure.

The unexpected ill health of the tenant, Linda Szafran, had forced her and her husband to end the tenancy early. Linda and Chris, who had run the shop for over nine years, were enthusiastic in their support of local events and were very much part of the community.

Carsphairn Village Shop Limited (CVSL), that owns and manages the shop on behalf of Carsphairn community, immediately took steps to find a new tenant and in August it was announced that the successful applicant was Christine Lockhart, together with her husband Ian (pictured).

Christine, originally from Kirkcubrecht, has spent the last 20 years in Girvan with Ian, a Dunscore lad.

Story by Sara McNeill, continued on page 16...



COUNCIL CUTS THREATEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Dumfries & Galloway Council has withdrawn funding support for the Glenkens Community Centre in Dalry from 2014.

The decision is the result of an ongoing review of leisure services in Dumfries and Galloway. The council needs to save £200,000 from its leisure services budget and is doing this by closing a number of town halls and community centres across the region. The council's aim is to have 'fewer but better' services of this kind. Local groups, however, feel that having a 'better' facility somewhere else will, given the limited public transport links available, have no positive impact

on their way of life.

Glenkens Community Centre is currently home to Brownies, Guides, an art group, a craft group, a karate club, the Good Neighbours club and Glenkens Children's Club and GCC Playgroup. The closure would have impact across the community, from tiny babies to people of 80+ years.

It is used about a 1000 hours a year, or an average of three hours a day every day, so is well-used and supported by the community. The good news for

the community is that the centre is not being unilaterally shut, as is the case in other areas.

Because of the high usage levels, the council has offered to sell the centre to its Management Committee for a nominal sum in early 2014. This would mean that the centre has to pay for its electricity and cleaning itself, which can be managed by raising the rents, but also accept responsibility for maintaining this old and complicated building which is not water-tight at present due to various ongoing issues with the windows and roof. Taking on the centre would be a big responsibility involving large sums of money which would have to be raised through grant applications.

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Local Playgroup Running Again

A local Playgroup is once again running in the Glenkens.

Last year the Glenkens Playgroup was forced to close due to council funding cuts but, just a year later, hard-working mums have managed to re-establish a Playgroup two mornings a week.

The GCC Playgroup, affiliated with the Glenkens Children's Club (GCC), opened its doors to eight children aged from two to four on Tuesday 20 August at the Glenkens Community Centre in Dalry.

Helen Keron, Chair of the Playgroup, said: "We are excited to see all the hard work on grant applications and Care Inspectorate registration over the last year pay off and to see the Playgroup open again. We said there was an ongoing demand for the Playgroup when the council pulled its funding in 2012, forcing its closure, and we were right, especially with more families expected to move to the new houses in Dalry.

"The children love it, and it's so important for them to start learning to play away from mum and dad or their carer at this critical age of two.

"Thanks again to everyone who has supported us in this effort, we really do appreciate it."

Lucy Hermon and Gemma Green are the new Playgroup staff. Lucy said: "I feel really lucky to be getting to spend time with the children. They are amazing! It has been exciting researching topics and activities to encourage enjoyable learning experiences. We are very grateful to have the Community Centre, with such excellent facilities and toys to offer the children. This age-group is creative and engaging, and we hope to build on these qualities by facilitating a happy, positive learning environment."

GCC Playgroup is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and at present is secured for one academic year, although the committee expects to start grant applications soon to secure further funding. It is open 9.20-11.50am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during

term-time to children aged 2-4, and each session costs £5. It is held at the Glenkens Community Centre, opposite Dalry School.

The Glenkens Children's Club runs in the same premises, catering for children of all ages (accompanied by a parent/carer) on Monday and Friday mornings throughout the year. GCC and GCC Playgroup are projects under the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) umbrella, and would like to thank the board and staff of GCAT for their ongoing support.

For more information contact Helen Keron on keronh@me.com. To register a child for Playgroup, contact Lucy Hermon, GCC Playgroup Manager, on lucy@gccplaygroup.co.uk



The new GCC Playgroup in action

WELCOME BRIAN

The new Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) General Manager is that weel kent Glenkens personality, Brian Edgar.

There cannot be many people in the Glenkens who have not come across Brian at some point, either through his work as a financial adviser (which he continues to do) or through his many voluntary roles. He grew up at Kirkland Farm in Dalry and followed his father, Tommy, onto the amateur dramatic stage, where he developed a life-long love for drama and the arts. He has been involved in the development of the CatStrand and of the Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) from the start. He now faces the task of moving GCAT forward at a time when there are a number of exciting challenges to be faced.

I know that Brian has the energy, commitment and organisational skills that will be needed as the GCAT umbrella grows to cover new projects and developments in existing ones: his tireless voluntary work in the community with people of all ages has demonstrated that. He will, of course, be assisted by the many excellent volunteers and employees on whom the success of GCAT depends. I hope that everybody in the Glenkens will give Brian, and the GCAT teams in all the projects, the support they need and deserve.

Andrew Mellor, GCAT Chairman

THANK YOU

Thanks to Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Ltd (CREFL) for their grant of £300 towards Gazette running costs and our first ever Gazette-dedicated computer.

MUGA FOR HIRE

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) behind Dalry School is available for hire outwith school hours.

It is a great community facility for anyone in the Glenkens wanting to play some tennis or a friendly football game and, from only £5 per hire (call for details), provides great value for money. Dalry Community Council is now responsible for bookings - for more information or to hire the MUGA, please call Sonja Tranter on 430 244 or Nicolette Wise on 430 218.

Photo of the Issue: 'Thoughts of Summer'

Sponsored by the Ken Bridge Hotel

This issue's winner is Jeff Sutcliffe with a striking photograph of a peacock butterfly contrasting beautifully against yellow sunflowers.

Dave and Sue of the Ken Bridge Hotel, judges of the Photo of the Issue Competition, said: "This picture is so poignant; as autumn draws upon us, this is a reminder of the beautiful summer we have just had."

Jeff will receive a meal for two at the Ken Bridge Hotel Sunday Carvery. Send in your entries for the 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.



Carsphairn Coffee & Crafts

Carsphairn has set up a coffee morning to meet on a Thursday. This was originally created to support the Post Office, which is also at Lagwyne Hall and is open between 9.30 and 11.30am.

A craft group has developed alongside the coffee morning, exchanging tips, advice and sympathy. The gathering is informal between 9.30am and 12noon every Thursday and everybody is welcome, whether they are a crafter or not. For more information email Ruth at ruth.kensglen@gmail.com or phone 460 516, or just pop in for a cuppa, a friendly welcome and see what's happening.



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Various

Kilner screw-top glass jars for bottling or storage. Six 1 litre size, three 1/2 litre. Call 01644 420267

Three boxes of bubble wrap and air pocket packaging. Contact: Helen on 07789 693 698

Cycle rack. Suitable for hatchback car. Contact: Nigel on 460 545

Wine and cheese tray. Unused gift. Contact: Kath on 460 545

Red post box, old but serviceable. Contact: 460 516

Grey swivel office chair (armchair type). Contact: 460 516

Plastic mop bucket, unused. Front and rear car mats - would suit small car. Contact Kath on 460545

Barrow full of chunky sawdust. Contact: Emma on 07884 131 787

Furniture

Two G-plan chairs, beige, 1 ladies and 1 gents. Contact: Martin on 430 526

Electrical

HP Laserjet 1100 printer. A4 format plus a spare cartridge. Contact: Ian on 420 324 before 6pm

Kodak colour cartridges 10 C X 2 wrong order from Amazon brand new. Contact: John on 430 539

Electrolux 'Superbroom' lightweight upright vacuum cleaner. Contact: Kath on 460 545

Epson Photo 1200 inkjet printer plus two colour cartridges and a

"The Freecycle page in the Glenkens Gazette is such a great resource. We all seem to acquire a lot of 'stuff' over the years, much of which gets buried in a cupboard and forgotten. By putting your 'no longer wanted' items in Freecycle you can free-up valuable space at home and it is a great feeling when someone rings up sounding really excited about acquiring your battered old shelves, chimney pot covers, broken strimmer or too-small riding boots (all these items we could have found homes for several times over in the last year)." Nicolette

CD, A3 format. Contact: Ian on 420 324 before 6pm

UHF indoor antenna/aerial for digital or analogue TV reception. Contact: Nigel on 460 545

A BT Response 55 answering machine. Contact: Ian on 420 324 before 6pm

Building/DIY

Stainless steel double sink complete with monobloc tap. Good condition. Can be uplifted from Dalry. Contact: 430 387

5 Hollow concrete blocks (18 X 9) and 3 hollow concrete blocks (9 X 9). For collection from Dalry. Contact: Paul on 07973 174 342

White bathroom suite including electric shower and over bath screen. Can be seen currently installed but being taken out mid-Oct. Contact: Alan on 07769 680 938

2 modern pine cupboard doors,

39.5cm x 55.5cm. Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011

Gardening

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Eco Feature



After a cold winter and very cold, late, spring, I expected nothing more than what we've become accustomed to in recent years – a soaking wet summer. What a pleasant surprise we all had!

Though we had May (hawthorn) blossom and bluebells in June – fully a month late – nature caught up and lapped up the bounties of dry, even warm, weather. On my evening walks down the Water of Ken at Dalry, I could almost feel the relief in the bird and insect world. Seemingly endless broods of siskins, redpolls, long-tailed tits, mavis – even the sand martins had young (they were washed out three or four times last spring).

Some weeks later, in late July, I wandered deep in thought along the Ken flood bank near the confluence with Garroch Burn and Glenlee outlets, sometimes

a good spot for dippers. Almost subconsciously, I became aware of a rippling flickering noise over the water and was immediately transported back over 40 years to hearing a similar sound floating over the Afton Water on a hazy August day near my boyhood home at New Cumnock. Although I hadn't consciously remembered the scene in the interim, I could now perfectly recall it. I remember looking up and seeing something flying – thinking it must be some small mechanical model aeroplane, it was so loud – but no, it was an insect, probably a common hawk or golden-ringed dragonfly, with a damaged wing making the noise. Lost in these thoughts of yesteryear, I now looked over the Ken fully expecting to see the same but, although I continued to hear it, I couldn't pick out the beast (even with my specs on!). Frustration was setting in and, as I stood gazing fruitlessly over the water, it dawned on me that the sound was nothing other than the crackling of overhead cables

carrying current from Glenlee power station!

I continued on down the bank and, not for the first time, marvelled at the wonders of the human brain in somehow being able to store memories from long ago that seem long lost, until triggered by something. Just how does this work, I wonder? Perhaps we'll never know.

Chris Rollie

APOLOGY

The Gazette would like to sincerely apologise for any implied association between the Eco Feature article in the printed issue of the October/November issue of the Gazette and the page's sponsor, Natural Power.

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Mossdale Jubilee Path and Picnic Area

Monday 9 September saw the official opening of the Jubilee Path and Picnic Area in the centre of Mossdale.

A ribbon at the Village Hall end of the path was cut by lifelong resident Mr John Halliday, whose father was largely responsible for organising the fundraising and building of the Hall in the 1940's (see photo of Mr Halliday cutting the ribbon). Plaques at the picnic area were then unveiled by local MSP, Alex Fergusson.

The land was very kindly donated to the village in 1946 by Miss Henniker-Hughan of Airds Estate to enable a village hall to

be erected with the surrounding ground used for recreation by inhabitants of the Mossdale area. The path and picnic area, which adjoins the Red Kite car park, were created to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, made possible by a generous grant from the Big Lottery Fund (Awards for All). Granite for the picnic area bench was kindly donated by Mr James Ingall (great nephew of Miss Henniker-Hughan) from



Photograph by Jill Haslam

a platform of the former New Galloway Station. In keeping with the railway theme, the picnic area is edged with wooden sleepers. The scheme was designed and built by Mr John Robson of Crossmichael.

UP A DEGREE

A Carsphairn resident has proved that life doesn't just begin at 40, but that a new working life can start at over 50...

Kath Martin has just gained her BSc degree in mental health nursing from the University of Western Scotland in Ayr after three years of intense study. She started work at Ailsa Hospital in Ayr as a nursing assistant when she moved to Carsphairn from Lancashire almost five years ago.



"Working at a special needs facility in Lancashire was very rewarding and, as soon as I started work at Ailsa Hospital, I knew that I wanted to develop my knowledge and skills in mental health nursing," Kath said.

During her three years of study Kath has been on various job placements, but she most enjoyed working at the acute admissions ward at Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock. Kath is now working as a nursing assistant at Crosshouse Hospital until her full registration comes through, which will entitle her to move up to the post of staff nurse.

"Going back to full-time education has been three years of hard mental slog, but nothing can beat the feeling of achievement at gaining a university degree at the age of 51!" she smiled.

Abbas Rest Appeal

Our annual coffee morning in aid of Abbas Rest Orphans will take place in Dalry Town Hall on Saturday 5 October from 10am to 12noon.

We do hope you will support this event as funds are badly needed for the new orphanage at Muona which is in the process of being built, as well as the usual expenses for food, clothing and medicines for the children.

We will be grateful for any donations towards the raffle, bottle, cake and bric-a-brac stalls, as well as any help you can give on the stalls or in the kitchen.

We look forward to seeing you, and for more information please contact Avril Brown on 430 526 or Barbara Colbenson on 430 090.

Barbara Colbenson

Rosy Glow

Gazette reader Gill Stanyard has suggested a new section for the Gazette.

The Rosy Glow section will be a space for people to include, anonymously if they like, their thanks, gratitude, admiration and general positivity about something a local person or organisation has done that has made them feel good.

You can text or email your Rosy Glow comments to the Gazette (contact details on back page). This lovely idea will be started off by Gill herself.

"Thanks to the CatStrand for organising the trip to the garden of Cosmic Speculation; it was a great afternoon."

Wind farms are something we are becoming increasingly aware of across the region, particularly in and around the Glenkens where many proposed sites are situated. Recently a number of people got together to voice their concerns; below is a reader's opinion piece on this topic.

Torrential rain and weather warnings were not enough to stop a large group of people walking along the shores of Loch Urr on Sunday 8 September to highlight how distressed they are at the proposed wind farm development by E.ON.

Residents from many communities including Dalry, Corsock, Moniaive, Dunscore, Gelston, Penpont, Thornhill, Ringford, Kirkpatrick Durham and Portpatrick came to voice their concerns and show politicians, D&G Councillors, wind farm developers and the landowners who have 'sold out' to them, that 'enough is enough'.

Communities are particularly worried because the planning application for the proposed wind farm at Loch Urr will be made directly to the Scottish Government, rather than going first to the D&G Planning Department, because the capacity of the development is 50MW.

Many people attending the event were shocked by the map on display in Corsock Village Hall that showed the enormous number of wind farms proposed for this part of Galloway, which would result in thousands of acres of land being used for wind farm developments.

Liz Cole, proprietor of The Moniaive Chocolatiers, said: "I have grave concerns about the number of wind farms being proposed around Moniaive. My business relies on tourism and is likely to be impacted

by the proposed wind farms as many tourists come to Galloway because of the unspoilt beauty of the landscapes around here."

The whole landscape is at risk of being transformed into something beyond recognition with wind turbines visible from every viewpoint and nearly every road.

John and Hilary Craig, of Whiteside, Dunscore, said: "We think many people in Dumfries and Galloway, and even D&G Councillors, are unaware of the huge cumulative impact that so many turbines in such a small area will have on the landscape, wildlife and local communities. Over 200 giant turbines more than 120 metres tall are being proposed within a 10km radius."

So far, seven different wind farm developers have focused on the



area to make as much money as they can from the massive subsidies that are being offered.

Dumfries and Galloway is already generating a significant amount of renewable energy from the hydroelectric schemes throughout the region, and already has more than its fair share of wind farms.

Trevor Procter

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CatStrand Highlights

The last few months have been very busy at the CatStrand with top quality musical performances from all over the world.

This autumn we can look forward to many more quality events...

Rapture Theatre returns on Wednesday 2 October with *The Collection* by Mike Cullen. Lúnasa, internationally acknowledged as being the finest traditional Irish instrumental band of recent times, visit on Wednesday 30 October.

On Friday 15 November we have the exciting string trio, VAMM, formed in 2012 by Catriona Macdonald from Blazin' Fiddles, Patsy Reid from Breabach and Norwegian Marit Falt. They create a dynamic yet intimate sound that will take your breath away.

On the dancing front we welcome Bright Night International and Xena Productions on Wednesday 16 October who will present *925 & Heartbeats*, featuring elements of contemporary dance, acrobatics, hip-hop and beatboxing in a dance-theatre experiment. And if you would rather be dancing yourself, come along to the CatStrand Salsa Night on Saturday 9 November and dance to

the music of Son al Son; with a multi-national line up of musicians, they will play in the 'son' style made popular in 1920's Havana. There will be a beginners' salsa lesson prior to the show.

November is brought to a close with the popular CatStrand Christmas Shopping Day on Saturday 30 November, from 2pm to 5.30pm; come along and enjoy a glass of mulled wine whilst you browse a range of locally produced gifts to solve your Christmas shopping problems.

We don't get time to draw breath after that as we welcome back Heidi Talbot & Friends on Wednesday 4 December, to Dalry Town Hall. After her much acclaimed visit to the CatStrand in 2011, the award-winning Irish folk singer returns with her brilliant band, including her multi-instrumentalist husband John McCusker. Then it's back to the CatStrand for our very own Youth Players with their annual pantomime; this year we are transported to China for the traditional tale of Aladdin by John Morley. The panto will run for three performances, on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm, and on Sunday 8 December at 2pm.

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Guild Funds Youth Theatre

The Ladies Guild at St Margaret's Church in New Galloway recently gave the CatStrand Youth Players a cheque for £250.

Guild President, Christine Rankin, commented: "Following our successful Tombola stall at the Alternative Games, we were delighted to donate the proceeds to the CatStrand Youth Players. We have helped the Playgroup and the Children's Club in the past and felt that the older children and teenagers in our community could benefit from our fundraising this time. And we have all much enjoyed the Youth Players' performances in the past and look forward to their continuing success". Pictured are the Youth Players with Christine Rankin (left) and Jean Marsden from the Ladies Guild.



Alternative Games

The weather was kind to the Games this time around with the sun shining for most of the afternoon, unlike the monsoon conditions of 2012!

There was no shortage of competitors for the various events either, with several heats having to be held in the various age groups of the Gird n' Cleek competition to find the line-up for the World Championship Final later in the afternoon.

The World Championship Gird n' Cleek Final had a very high quality field who all had to battle hard to win their various qualifiers.

Once again the Alternative Games achieved their aim: everyone seemed to have a smile on their face and had a good time.



Centre is World Championship Winner for the 3rd year running, Neil Armstrong, left is Alexander McKenna (Bronze) and right is Kelsey Marshall (Silver)



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Tai Jitsu Update

The Carsphairn Tai Jitsu class finally have the new mats they worked so hard to secure.

Instructor David Birdsall says: "I can now teach to the standard that is required for the students to improve. Anybody is welcome to come along - young, not-so-young, fit, unfit, strong, not-so-strong. It's not just about self defence, it's about having fun!"

"The mats cost £700 and were funded by YouthBank. Without this funding we would not have been able to afford the mats, which would have meant the activity would have stopped as the old mats were not safe enough. So for any young people who are thinking of doing something and you need funding - go to YouthBank. It is an excellent organisation with great staff."

Tai Jitsu Classes run on Wednesday evenings with juniors at 6pm and seniors at 7pm.

YOUTH BANTER

IT'S AUTUMN!

Its Autumn! The nights are drawing in, the leaves are falling, and the pumpkins are ripe for carving. Thankfully the CatStrand is hosting plenty of exciting activities for young people to get involved in, from the exciting Access All Areas music project to the brand new Young Film Makers Club. Interested? Read on!

New Opportunities for Young Musicians

The first Access All Areas workshops took place at the CatStrand in August and September and were attended by young people from all over the region.

Access All Areas gives young people from the Glenkens an opportunity to meet and collaborate with like-minded musicians from the wider region, and also provides **rehearsal space, recording sessions, and gig opportunities**, all for free!

The first workshop involved two groups of musicians writing a song in an hour and recording it that afternoon. The results were astonishing! The second workshop allowed young musicians to jam together on a variety of instruments and before long new bands were forming! The fortnightly sessions are run by **Solway Sound Collective** with help from professionals who work in the music industry.



There's an exciting trip planned for October when the AAA students will **visit a professional recording studio** in Glasgow for a special tuition session. They will also get the chance to meet the head of Glasgow record label Chemikal Underground.

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



Walking The Tide Environmental Art at Kippford

The **CatStrand Youth Players** took part in **Environmental Arts Festival Scotland's** *Walking the Tide* project in early September by performing a specially written sketch on the shore of Rough Island. The performance was part of a huge art event involving over 100 people from all over the country. Participants carried wind catchers and formed a human chain linking the island to the shore at Kippford. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the beauty and uniqueness of the Solway landscape and its features. Many thanks to Eleanor Johnstone who took the picture from The Muckle.



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GET INTO... **FILM AND MEDIA**



NEW! The CatStrand Young Film Makers Club

Ever fancied making your own movie? Fancy yourself as an actor or director? Interested in special effects? Soundtrack music? Set design? Costumes and make-up? Whether you want to be cast or crew, the new CatStrand Young Film Makers Club gives you the opportunity to experience real live movie making. The Club meets @ the CatStrand on Mondays during in term time from 7pm - 9pm.

Established in September, the Club is currently working on a comedy horror film which will be premiered at the CatStrand Halloween party on 31st October. Although the film is being shot in New Galloway, the plot is being kept a closely guarded secret to ensure maximum scare factor. Expect suspense, drama, frights and laughs from this multi-talented and imaginative young group!!

More films, documentaries, and music videos are planned for the winter season. If you'd be interested in joining the Young Film Makers Club, get in touch!
Contact simon@catstrand.com

CAN YOU HELP?

The Young Film Makers Club and Teen Spirit are currently looking for volunteers to help out with evening sessions. If you are between 16 - 25 years old and would like some experience of youth work in a professional environment, please contact wendy@catstrand.com

FILMCLUB

Dalry School have a Film Club using ideas from www.filmclub.org. Check it out online and pick up some tips for your next movie night.

SPOOKY SEASON

Halloween is always a fun time at the CatStrand and this year there is plenty for all ages to get involved in >>>



Monsters Ball with Nokey's Disco

The CatStrand's Halloween events get underway on Friday 25th October at 8pm with **The Monsters Ball**. Come in fancy dress and monster mash the night away with Nokey's Disco. All ages welcome.



FILM: Room on the Broom & Lantern Making Workshop

Join us on Saturday 26th October for a special showing of **Room on the Broom**, a charming and funny animated short film about a grumpy witch.

After the film there is a lantern making workshop. Suitable for all ages.



Halloween Lantern Parade

On Thursday 31st October the **Halloween Lantern Parade** will take place in New Galloway. The procession starts at the CatStrand at 6pm and is traditionally led by the Town Crier. Come along and join in the fun. There will be lots of surprises along the way!



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Big Mix Summer Scheme



What a great summer! The sun shone for most of the CatStrand's Big Mix Summer Scheme Events with highlights including the week-long Act1Scene1 film making workshop and the Parkour and Beatbox street workshops. They also enjoyed trying out new activities such as Robyn Wade's innovative art workshop.



WHAT'S ON



YOUTH APPROVED @ CATSTRAND
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Access All Areas

One-day Studio Tuition @ Chem19 Studios in Glasgow. Mon 21st & Tues 22nd Oct FREE

National Youth Film Festival

Beasts of the Southern Wild
Thu 24th Oct 2pm FREE

CatStrand Halloween Parade

Plus Premiere of The Young Film Makers Club
Movie Thur 31st Oct, 6pm, FREE

Eco Drama: The Forgotten Orchard

Sat 16th Nov, 2pm, £5/4* Age 6+

Youth Players Pantomime: Aladdin

Fri 6th & Sat 7th Dec - 7.30pm

Adults £6 Children £4

Sun 8th Dec - 2pm

Adults £6 Children £2

ELSEWHERE

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<http://www.thefullarton.co.uk>

Giants in the Forest: Dark Wood

Threave Gardens, 12th/13th Oct £5/£3
<http://www.nts.org.uk>

O! Muska Carnival Band Workshop

Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries, 19th Oct 11am £2
<http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk/>

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Glenkens to Castle Douglas (520)

There:

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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
Crossmichael	15:00	15:48	17:21
Parton	15:15	15:53	17:26
New Galloway	15:29	16:07	17:40
Balmaclellan	-	-	17:45
Dalry	15:35	16:14	17:52

Glenkens to Dumfries

There:

521

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

Back:

521

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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SCHOOL SINGING

This term at Dalry the Wednesday afternoon activity offered by the music department was 'A Capella' singing.

Five S1 and S2 students elected to do this and have all really enjoyed the challenge. The sessions begin with warm-ups and games to get the voice and body ready for action and everyone loosened-up. Then there is work on singing in harmony using chord patterns. This was hard at first, but

gradually students are getting more confident about holding parts by themselves.

Students get to choose the songs they would like to learn and have chosen 'That's What Makes You Beautiful' by One Direction. They are now singing it in small groups and adding their own choreography and are learning to beatbox, and have had great fun using microphones. They will, over the next few weeks, learn to sing a variety of songs with harmony parts including Scottish folk



songs. A recent evaluation of the course demonstrated that all students felt that the variety of skills they were learning were both worthwhile and highly enjoyable.

Mindfulness

Just before the school summer holidays, Mrs Henry offered Dalry students a course entitled Music, Mood and Meditation during their Wednesday Afternoon Activities.

The focus of this course was to introduce students to the study and practice of Mindfulness. Put simply, Mindfulness is simply awareness of each moment of your life as it is happening; being aware of moment-to-moment sensations and experiences helps us focus, concentrate, put what is past firmly in the past and stops us worrying about the future.

In the course, students were learning to focus on the breath, being aware of each breath as it enters and leaves the body and, when the mind wanders (as it inevitably does), to bring it back to the breath. Part of the learning experience was to eat mindfully - to savour each taste, each tiny part of the food and think about the journey that food has made to land on your plate. Students were challenged to eat at least one meal or part of a meal mindfully during the week. They also listened to music mindfully - not just overhearing it as a soundtrack to their other activities, but being fully aware of each instrument, variation and note as it occurred.

In the last week students went out to the churchyard, walking mindfully, being aware of each step that their feet made and the colours, smells and sensations that they experienced on the walk. We all learned that focussing on the here and now means that we actually participate in our own lives fully. This helps us to maximise our experiences and cope with problems better.

Ros Henry, S1 & S2 pupils

Carsphairn - Gone to the Animals!

After such wonderful weather this summer it was great to see everyone back at Carsphairn Primary school.

Sometimes it can be difficult to come back to school after such a long time away, but this year we planned something fun early on to get everyone excited. Zoo Lab came to visit, and they brought all kinds of exciting animals that the pupils and staff were able to pick up and hold. Most of the animals were either gross or scary, but everyone was brave; we held a snail the size of our fists, cockroaches, a corn snake and a rat! There was also a tarantula, but we weren't allowed to hold it. Everyone had a lot of fun and it helped us forget that our summer holiday was over.

Walker McKenna



Creative Writing Success for Kells

Before the summer holidays pupils from Kells Primary took part in a Creative Writing Competition organised by Wigtown Book Festival on 'The Dark Sky'.

The school was delighted to find out recently that four pupils had been awarded prizes. Freya Spornagel was third in the P1-4 category. In the category for P5-7 pupils, Erin McGaw was first, Yelena Wolffe was second

Have you heard of Dalry School VRS?

Because of its history and complexity, the English Language is a powerful but challenging tool for both children and adults.

Dalry School has a strong tradition of encouraging literacy across the curriculum, as well as at home and in the wider community. Teachers of all subjects are aware of how a person's ability to read and understand competently as well as to enjoy literature can greatly

affect every aspect of life at home, school or at work. Dalry School is fortunate to have literacy support from members of the community in the form of Volunteer Readers. The Volunteer Readers' Scheme (VRS) is now in its fifteenth year, giving pupils from P1 to S4 the chance to improve their reading skills and to share and enjoy a book during the school day. A Volunteer spends about 20 minutes listening to a pupil reading, discussing the story and helping the pupil to hone their skills and boost their confidence.

Both pupils and volunteers gain a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment from the scheme.

What we read and where we read it may be changing with the advent of electronic... everything! However, the skills and enjoyment of reading still depend on a firm foundation of literacy, and VRS helps us to build that.

If you would like to know more about VRS, or would like to become a Volunteer Reader, please contact Dalry School Office on 430 259.

KELLS GO BOWLING



P5-7 pupils from Kells Primary recently visited Spalding Bowling Club.

The children received coaching from club member Mr Hamish Sinclair, and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions - they are looking forward to returning to the club in June 2014.

Carsphairn Shop

Continued from front page...

Christine has a background in retail and says that she has always loved the idea of running a small enterprise at the heart of a rural community. And they are no strangers to the village as the couple lived in Carsphairn for three and a half years, and were married in Carsphairn Church.

When Ian decided to accept a job farming in the area, they heard that the shop was up for rent and applied for the tenancy.

Christine is hoping that the community will be pleased to see an essential community facility re-open and that everyone will support them in their new business. She says: "I would

very much like to hear from people. Please let me know what you would like me to stock on a regular basis." The tea room is also back in business, serving a variety of hot and cold snacks such as baked potatoes, sandwiches, cakes, and soups. The hope is to create a vibrant, homely, warm atmosphere that is attractive to locals, visitors, and passers-by.

Both Ian and Christine are thrilled to be back in what they consider to be 'real countryside'. "It is nice to see that Carsphairn hasn't changed much. The village is a little bit bigger, maybe a little bit quieter, and the hills have definitely become a little bit steeper," says Ian, "but it is great to be back."

XMAS PANTO

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's CatStrand pantomime, Aladdin by John Morley.

The 22 cast members are all working hard under the direction of Brian Edgar and Nancy Plummer to ensure that the show is ready for taking to the stage in early December.

After last year's visit to the Wild West, this time we are off to the Far East for everyone's favourite pantomime story featuring Widow Twankey, Wishee Washee, Abanazer and our hero Aladdin along with a host of other colourful characters. Be prepared to boo and hiss at the baddies, and more importantly to cheer and help Aladdin and his friends to defeat the wicked Abanazer and ensure that everyone lives happily ever after.

The performance dates are Friday 6 & Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm and, due to popular demand, there is an extra Sunday Matinee performance this year on 8 December at 2pm with special rates for children.

Tickets are on sale now from the CatStrand Box Office (420 374) Please book your seats early to avoid disappointment!

Apollo5 In Dalry

On Thursday 8 August Apollo5 touched down again and the sun shone for their second visit to Dalry.

This time the concert was held in the Town Hall to the enjoyment of an audience of local music lovers and some from as far away as Ayrshire. Donations from the appreciative audience went to the Town Hall and to the work of Voces Cantabiles Music (the music education charity to which Apollo5 belongs). *Sheila Adams*

BOWLING NEWS

Spalding Bowling Club has enjoyed a good bowling season with most members regularly attending our sweeps and club competitions.

We held two very successful open tournaments with our own club teams coming out on top. The first competition was the triples with Gordon McAdam, John McNally and Sandy Harvie the winners. The final of our pairs competition was contested by two father-and-son teams. The winners were Jack & Gary Priddy. This year our Gents' Champion is Arthur McFegan, runner up Matt Taylor and in the Ladies', Elizabeth Peacock won with Mabel Young as runner-up. Our annual prize giving and Social will be held at the Clachan Inn on Friday 1 November. *Eliz Peacock*

Savoury Success

Well known for making ice cream, the Finlay Family at Rainton Farm, home of Cream o' Galloway, have gone in a more savoury direction.

Having made cheese throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, the industrialisation of cheese making meant that small-scale farmhouse production became uncompetitive in the 1960s, and the last batch of Rainton cheddar was made in 1971. But with the resurgence in appreciation for artisan produce made in traditional ways, the team at Rainton have decided to use the farm's organic milk for cheese as well as ice cream.

The most popular cheese so far has been the 'Black Douglas', a soft, pressed cheese with cracked black pepper which is then rolled in toasted oatmeal.

And new developments haven't stopped with the cheese; the staff at Cream o' Galloway are delighted to be taking over the operation of the new Visitor Centre at Kirroughtree in the Galloway Forest Park. The new cheeses, together with Rainton Farm beef, will feature strongly on the menu of both Cream o' Galloway and Kirroughtree Visitor Centre alongside, of course, a delicious range of luxury ice cream.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!
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Retirement Project Gets Cooking

Would you like to learn more about cooking for yourself, healthy eating, planning meals or cooking on a budget?

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CatStrand, starting on Tuesday 15 October.

On a more musical note, The existing Ukulele Group Improvers Session has continued throughout the summer season, and runs on Mondays at 1pm (starting 7 Oct). For anyone over 60 interested in learning the ukulele, a beginners' group will

run on Mondays at 11.15am (starting 7 Oct).

To contact Brian Jones about these or any other ideas for the over-sixties, please call the CatStrand on 420 374.



NEW BUS ON THE WAY

The Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) continues to move forward, always taking into account the needs of the people of the Glenkens.

Therefore, when the time came to dispose of the old Renault after 11 years of sterling work in the community, the Committee decided an 8-seater mini bus would be a valuable addition to what we can offer you.

This vehicle, another Renault with wheelchair accessibility, will be available on similar terms to our other vehicles, although because it is a smaller vehicle younger drivers without a D1 on their Driving Licence will be able to use it after undertaking a Midas Training Course, held locally by Jon Nimmo. It is hoped this vehicle will be used by groups of all ages wishing

to travel to a variety of places, used in connection with events at the CatStrand and, in time, possibly used for hospital visiting.

The new bus will be brand new and silver in colour and it is hoped we will take delivery of it during November, in time for the Christmas and New Year period.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT & RURAL TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS PROJECT

The new school run from Crossmichael to Castle Douglas High School, following which transport is provided for a number of people living in Castle Douglas to the Adult Resource Centre near Carlingwark Loch, is now well under way. This provides us with a regular source of income while giving us access to the Council-owned 16-seater Fiat Orion when it is not being used for these duties, particularly at weekends.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Sat 2 Nov - Ayr - Xmas shopping or perhaps a day at the Races.

Sat 30 Nov - Linlithgow Palace - free entry to the birthplace and residence of Mary Queen of Scots, to mark St Andrew's Day.

Mon 2 Dec - Hetland Hall Garden Centre and Moffat; we are grateful to the Glenkens Community Shop in Dalry for a generous donation towards the cost of extra Xmas trips.

Sat 7 Dec - Glasgow - Xmas shopping or visit Kelvingrove Museum etc.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

GTI now has it's own dedicated email address - gti@catstrand.com - therefore, if you have any queries or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either via email or through the CatStrand (420 374).

*Keith Cooper,
GTI Administrator*

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Helen Keron, Chair of the Centre Management Committee, said: "We were very disappointed to hear this news from the council, especially as the Centre has such thriving user groups. It seems a shame to put so much community action at risk for the sake of the relatively small sums saved. However, we are working positively with the council to try and find a solution that will keep this building open, certainly for the next school year and hopefully beyond that."

All suggestions of how to manage the centre in future, or offers of help, would be much appreciated by the Committee who feel their responsibilities to the building and to the community very strongly. In particular, they are looking for a new secretary; contact Helen Keron on keronh@me.com for more information or if you would like to help.

Coffee Morning

Balmaclellan & Kells Church is holding a Coffee Morning in New Galloway Town Hall on Wednesday 2 October from 10.30am to 12noon.

There will also be a sales table. This event is to replace the previously planned Coffee Morning which had to be cancelled due to snow in March – hopefully it will be better weather this time.

Getting to Know Our Community Constable

PC Ian Dunn, new Community Constable in the Glenkens, discusses how our local bobby can be of service.

"As Community Constable, my role is to provide a link between Police Scotland and the local Communities that we serve. To provide help, advice and reassurance as well as law enforcement. It is very much a 'two way street', as without the assistance of the public, it is very difficult to efficiently police such a wide-ranging rural area."

PC Dunn goes on to say: "I was first introduced to Dumfries and Galloway some thirty years ago when holidaying here with my wife, a 'Gatehouse girl'. I fell in love with the charm and beauty of the area and the

warmth of the people. It took us a few years, but in 1996 I managed to secure both employment and a home in the area and moved here with our three sons. In 2008 I fulfilled a childhood ambition to become a Police Officer and have served in the Galloway Division since then at Newton Stewart, Kirkcudbright and Castle Douglas before securing the position of Community Constable.

"I feel very privileged to be able to live and work in such a beautiful part of the country. In my role as Community Constable I hope to be able to return this, helping people to feel safe, secure and able to enjoy living and working here too. I hope to promote this with our many seasonal visitors so that they too can enjoy our towns, villages and countryside in a safe and



responsible manner."

PC Dunn encourages members of the community to contact him for help and advice on any matter which may concern them. He can be contacted through the Area Control Room in Dumfries by using the new 101 number, or by email at ian_dunn@scotland.pn or n.police.uk for non-urgent enquiries. In any emergency, please use 999.

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WW1 Centenary Commemoration

A meeting took place on Tuesday 3 September regarding a programme of WW1 Centenary Commemoration events.

As there were only five of us it was insufficient to elect a committee, so the meeting continued informally. Paul Goodwin outlined his vision of a committee that would co-ordinate (but not run) a programme of events and arrange a centralised bid for a grant from Heritage Lottery Funds.

Glenkens schools are keen to be involved with topical visits. Anna Campbell, representing the Carsphairn Heritage Group, expressed the wish that research should be done into those that survived and not concentrate solely on those who were killed. Also research should be done on how the war affected the families and others left in the Glenkens. The next meeting will be in early November (venue and date to be decided) and it is hoped that more will attend in order to allow things to proceed. If you would like notification of the next

meeting, please let Paul have your contact details.

In the meantime, a plea for information - if you have any information about the Glenkens during this period; the erection of war memorials, if you know of anyone who served in WW1 - here or elsewhere, killed or survived - please get in touch so we can properly record details and honour the memory of those who served.

Paul Goodwin
ww1centenary@paulgoodwin.me.uk
07973 174342

NEW GALLOWAY GOLF CLUB

The 2013 season is now almost complete and thankfully we have had a summer which has meant most of the fixtures have been played.

The course has been in excellent condition and those visitors who have played it have commented on that fact. Toast of the club is Scott Jamieson who followed in his father's footsteps by winning the Coronation Cup, a knock-out competition which ran throughout the season. Scott also made history by winning five of the monthly medals.

The Club Champion is Jonathan Dale who defeated Kenny Grierson in the 36 hole final. After the first 18 holes Jonathan was one hole down, but the break obviously did him good and he stormed ahead to win quite comfortably in the end. Linda Brown and Alex Long retained the Johnstone Trophy. The four ball better ball Open sponsored by Tilhill saw players come from around the area, but local members Dick Tulloch and Sandy Harvie won with a superb score of 57.

A bench was presented by the members to Elspeth Thomas, the wife of the late President, Chris Thomas, who died recently and who was a great supporter of the Club

for many years. The bench is sited behind the 8th tee and looks down Loch Ken - it can be accessed by the woodland walk.

The seniors will start their winter programme on Thursday 3 October, meeting at 9.15am for 9.30am start. Applications are now being taken for next season - for a good deal on membership, phone 420 737 and mention this article in the Gazette. Please visit our website for more information - www.nggc.co.uk

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LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

The Glenkens Rebellion



A previous column of the Gazette (Feb/March 2011) looked at the military occupation of the Glenkens in the early 1660s, a dismal experience for the inhabitants as they had dragoons quartered on their estates and farms.

People were abused, their persons violated, while huge fines were imposed upon individuals for non-attendance at the established church, as the Scottish state attempted to suppress the dangerous political tenets of the Covenanters, who held conventicles (church services in barns or the open air) in defiance of the government.

In a clear example of how violence breeds violence the situation erupted on 13 November 1666. What followed has been known as 'The Pentland Rising' since 1667 because two weeks later (28 November) the rebels came to grief at Rullion Green on the slopes of the Pentland Hills, near Penicuik.

The event was the subject of young Robert Louis Stevenson's first publication, but 'Pentland' is a misnomer since the rebellion was inspired by the outraged men of Glenkens.

John Maclellan, laird of Barscobe in Balmacellan parish, had been hiding out in the hills with three associates. They visited the Clachan of Dalry seeking supplies, on the way encountering, at Midtown, Corporal George Deanes and three other soldiers who were driving a few labourers to the farm of a man named Grier, whose corn they were to thresh to pay his fine for non-attendance. While in the alehouse at the Clachan they heard that the soldiers were torturing Grier who,

having been bound hand and foot, was threatened with being stripped naked and spread-eagled on a hot gridiron (used for baking bread).

Barscobe and his cohorts intervened, tempers flared, loud words were exchanged, soldiers attacked with swords drawn, and one of the local men fired his pistol loaded with broken claypipes, the only ammunition he had, wounding Deanes.

Grier was freed and the soldiers captured. It is clear that the situation was not premeditated. Word of the affray reached Balmacellan where a conventicle was taking place. The minister, Thomas Verner, or Warner, who had been outed in 1663, was at that time a farmer at Lochinvar, and was under investigation by the authorities. In his absence, the service was conducted by Alexander Robertson, minister of Urr. Since the conventiclers were likely to be deemed complicit in the Grier episode, they joined Barscobe and next day they attacked sixteen other members of the Dalry garrison, killing one.

Rebellion now seemed the only option. The hated commandant of the South-West, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Turner, was based at Dumfries. Much of the social and political unrest in Galloway was attributed to him and his pernicious actions, but in his Memoirs he claimed that he had never exceeded his orders and, if anything, was guilty of leniency. A self-admitted drunkard, described as a butcher and a bibulous despot by his opponents, he confessed that "I had swallowed in Germanie (where he served as a mercenary) a very dangerous maxim which military men then too much followed, which was that so we serve our master honestly it is no matter what master we serve".

The rebels had been joined by some fifty horsemen and 150 men on foot when Barscobe entered Dumfries to capture Turner. His party also included John Neilson of Corsock, minister's son Alexander Robertson,

McCartney of Blaiket (north-east

of Haugh of Urr), James Callum, Glover in Dumfries and a mysterious character named Andrew Gray who seemed to appear from nowhere.

Their quarry appeared at the window, "a vision of night cap, night gown, drawers and socks", begging for mercy, to which Neilson assented.

When Gray wanted to shoot Turner, Neilson replied that he should "as soon shoot me for I have given him quarters". For whatever reason Gray took charge of Turner's papers and considerable amounts of cash that he kept in a chest. Turner, still 'in his flannels' was placed upon a Galloway pony barebacked, while the covenanters, at the cross, pledged their loyalty to the king and their adherence to the covenants. The belief of these simple men was that Charles II's counsellors, rather than the king himself, were responsible for the evils that beset them, but ironically their best hope lay in using Turner as a hostage while they appealed to the merciless royal Scottish advisors in Edinburgh. In truth they had no real options and no experience whatsoever of the deadly situation in which they now found themselves.

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OCTOBER

Tue 1 to Thu 31, Exhibition: Jennie Ashmore - Leafworks, CatStrand

Tue 1, International Day for Older People Celebration Tea Event, 2pm, CatStrand

Wed 2, Coffee Morning, 10.30am, New Galloway Lower Town Hall

Wed 2, Rapture Theatre: The Collection by Mike Cullen, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thurs 3, Seniors Winter Programme begins, 9.15am, New Galloway Golf

Christmas Shopping Event



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Club

Sat 5, Coffee Morning for Abbas Rest Orphans, 10am, Dalry Town Hall

Sat 5, Street Workshop with Bright Night International, 11-12.30am, CatStrand

Wed 9, Open Stage, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thu 10, Jarlath Henderson & Ross Ainslie, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 12, The Pictish Trail, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Wed 16, Bright Night International & Zena Productions present 925/

Heartbeats, 7pm, CatStrand

Sun 20, Trunk, 11am, CatStrand

Wed 23, Home Safety & Security Seminar, 1pm, CatStrand

Wed 23 Oct to Wed 4 Dec, Digital Photography Course, 10.30am, CatStrand

Thu 24, National Youth Film Festival: Beasts of the Southern Wild, 2pm, CatStrand

Fri 25, Monsters' Ball, 8.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 26, Film: Room on the Broom, 2pm, CatStrand

Sat 26, Lantern Making Workshop, 3-5pm, CatStrand

Wed 30, Lunasa, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thu 31, CatStrand Halloween Parade,

6pm, CatStrand

NOVEMBER

Fri 1 Nov to Sun 1 Dec, Exhibition: Katie Russell - Landscapes & Water

Fri 1, Spalding Bowling Club Annual Prize Giving & Social, Clachan Inn

Sat 2, Literature: Chiew Siah Tei (Friend's Event), 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 2, Balmaclellan Bonfire Night, 6.30pm

Sat 2, Bus Trip: Ayr - Xmas shopping or perhaps a day at the Races

Sat 2, Life Drawing with Katharine Wheeler, 10am-3pm, CatStrand

Fri 8, Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Sat 9, Son Al Son CatStrand Salsa Night, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Wed 13, I could Eat a Horse: Films About Food, 7pm, CatStrand

Thu 14, Start to Write Workshop, 1.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 15, VAMM, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 16, Christmas Craft Fayre, 9.30am-3.30pm, Castle Douglas Town Hall

Sat 16, Eco Drama: What on Earth am I Eating? Food Miles Workshop, 3.30-4.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 16, Eco Drama: The Forgotten Orchard, 2pm, CatStrand

Tue 19 & Wed 20, Weaving Workshop with Katie Russell, 10am-3.30pm, CatStrand

Sun 24, Make Your Own Sock Creature, 12.15-1.45pm, CatStrand

Fri 29, Scottish Night, 7.30pm, Dalry Town Hall

Sat 30, Bus Trip - Linlithgow Palace

Sat 30, Craft Fair, 10am - 4pm, Mossdale Village Hall

Sat 30, Christmas Shopping Day, 2-5pm, CatStrand

Balmaclellan Bonfire Night

Sat 2 Nov, 6.30pm

We're not sure exactly what will be on offer in the way of food, etc, as we only have a very small committee this year - anyone willing to help out please get in touch on 420 603 or 420 604.

GTI WEDNESDAY BUS SERVICE

(registered route)

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
Ukelele Group, Mon (starting 7 Oct), 11.15am, 60+

Ukelele Improvers, Mon (starting 7 Oct), 1pm, 60+

Free Computer Training; Beginners & Improvers, Mon (starting 4 Nov), 1.30pm

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 ages 8-15

Let's Cook, Tues (starts 15 Oct), 10am

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

Let's Cook, Tues (starts 15 Oct), 10am

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

Gentle Tai Chi, Wed (starting 2 Oct), 10am, 60+

Sing it Out: Thurs, 11.30am - 12.30pm

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

Knit & Blether Club, last Fri each month, 2pm, 60+

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

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

GCC Playgroup, Tue & Thurs, 9.20-11.50am, contact keronh@me.com

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, 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

Carsphairn Coffee, Craft & Post Office Morning, Thurs, 9.30-11.30am, Lagwyne Hall

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,3rd,4th. Dalry: 12noon: 1st,2nd(Nov),3rd, 4th. Kells: 10.30am: 2nd (Oct),3rd,4th

Special Services/Events: 6 Oct, 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Carsphairn Church followed by Harvest Lunch in Lagwyne Hall. 6 Oct, 12 noon: Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Dalry Church followed by Harvest Lunch in Dalry Town Hall. 13 Oct, 10.30am: United Family Service in Kells Church. 27 Oct, 6.30pm: Vivaldi's Gloria with Glenkens Church

Choir. 10 Nov, 11am: Ceremonies at New Galloway & Balmaclellan War Memorials followed by Remembrance Service in St Margaret's Church, New Galloway.

Communion Service: 27 Oct, 12 noon, Dalry Church. 5 Nov, 12 noon, Balmaclellan Church. 17 Nov, 10.15 am, Carsphairn Church.

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

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Dalry School's Science Lab has undergone a complete transformation during the school summer holidays.

Miss Patterson, teacher of Science, Chemistry and Physics, says: "As you can see from the photographs, the lab has been completely modernised through a six-week refurbishment programme. Not only has this improved the facilities within the lab but it has created a fantastic work space for teaching and learning. I returned to work after the summer break, not only delighted with this year's examination results (well done Chemists and Physicists!) but also with the design of the new

laboratory."

And Miss Patterson wasn't the only one pleasantly surprised - here are some of the students' comments:

James Bosworth, S4: "Looks modern, spacious and laid out well; more like high-tech lab."

Michael Smith, S3: "The new science lab rules. I wish every room in the school looked like this!"

Lee Murray, S4: "It is a colourful and happy place to work."

Kimberly McAdam, S3: "The science lab is a nice place to work now that it has been done up. It also looks a lot bigger than it used to."

Hamish Harvey, S3: "The science lab is fab!"

Photos (top to bottom): the old lab, room under construction, the new lab.



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