

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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HELP SAFEGUARD OUR GLENKENS RED SQUIRRELS

The grey squirrels are coming back to Galloway in strength and urgent action is required to save the native red squirrel.

That was the dramatic message delivered by squirrel expert Heinz Traut at a 'Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels' event held recently in New Galloway which has led to local residents forming the Glenkens Red Squirrel Group.

The new group's aim is to tackle the recent increase in grey squirrels in the area. The greys, a species introduced from North America, pose a significant threat to our red squirrels through competition for food and habitat, but more critically by spreading squirrelpox disease. Greys are immune to the disease they carry but it is lethal when passed on to the reds.

"Many people living in England have seen their red squirrel populations decimated over the last decades," says Caroline, one of the group. "We are extremely lucky in Dumfries and Galloway to have a large wild population of red squirrels and need to do everything we can to protect them to ensure that current and future generations



On the left is a red squirrel and on the right a grey. Photo © northeastwildlife.co.uk of people can enjoy these magical animals, which have become something of an icon for Scottish wildlife."

The assistance of local residents is critical, whether it be reporting red or grey squirrel sightings to the group, or participating in practical conservation tasks, such as surveys or grey squirrel control.

The Glenkens Red Squirrel Group is looking for someone to take the role of group co-ordinator and for a secretary to facilitate communication for the group and

take minutes.

As it develops the new group hopes to carry out education projects and promote awareness of red squirrel conservation throughout the Glenkens.

For more information contact Martin Webber (07771 667 120) who is acting as interim group co-ordinator. For information on Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels, a project of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, or to report a red or grey squirrel sighting, please visit www.redsquirrels.org.uk



Victory for Angling Family

The sky dawned a misty grey for the Dalry Angling Association's competitions day and fish were hard to tempt, but the sun was shining on Luke and Jamie Dovaston as they made a clean sweep of the club silverware and prizes. **Continued on p8...**

Photo: Junior champion Jamie Dovaston with Dalry Angling Association chairman Robert Edgar.

Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING)

New Galloway Town Hall: The LING committee are following up suggestions for activities and events made in the surveys and open days in the summer. They are liaising with the organisation *Let's Get Sporty* to set up activities, especially for younger people.

LING have applied for a grant from the *Day Opportunities Putting You First Fund* to restart

the weekly lunch group, and keep a look out for badminton, indoor bowls and a gardening group starting-up...

In order for the Town Hall to be transferred from D&G Council, LING have to show a likely continuing income. Apart from letting charges and fundraising events, LING will be asking for regular contribution pledges from residents. For instance, £2

a month from 150 people would raise £3,600 a year - enough to ensure sufficient income to cover likely annual maintenance costs.

New Galloway Store: A questionnaire will be circulated to find out what people buy at the moment and how they would like to see the shop developed. This is necessary to show grant funders that the shop would be financially sustainable.

Ros Hill

Update on the Allangibbon Bridge

Finally, after two years of campaigning by Dalry Community Council about safety issues on the Dalry side of the Allangibbon bridge, the regional council have agreed to road improvements.

Following numerous accidents mainly involving large lorries,

Dumfries & Galloway Council have included upgrading the dangerous corner whilst carrying out resurfacing works on the bridge itself. This will involve super-elevating the bend to remove the negative camber. Whilst the work will unfortunately cause temporary disruption to traffic, it is hoped that it will bring an end to the regular accidents that have blighted this section of the A713.

However, there is still the issue

of accidents and actual road deaths occurring a little further up the road at Carsphad. This very scenic area by the reservoir has now claimed two lives in as many years, and must be close to an official 'accident black spot' designation. We, as a society, really need to end this policy of putting finances before human life; people are more important than pounds!

Andi Holmes,

Chair, Dalry Community Council

DALRY'S 'BAD WINTER' PLAN

It might seem a bit premature to be thinking about the winter months when we are still in late summer but the old adage 'forewarned is forearmed' still holds good today.

Although we are living in an increasingly technical age in which help can be available at the touch of a button, all the smart-phones and computers in the world are unable to help if the power fails, particularly for a prolonged period. Dumfries and Galloway (D&G) Council has recently been encouraging communities to prepare a Resilience Plan which means having a plan and facilities in place so that the community can look after its own in the event of an emergency.

Every community will have different needs but here in the Glenkens the most likely scenario would be bad weather such as severe flooding or snow cutting us off and/or a prolonged power cut. Keeping warm

is critical in such a situation but many homes require electricity for heating pumps even if the fuel is oil or gas. Dalry Community Council have been working on their plan for some months now and decided that in such a situation the first thing would be to look after our vulnerable neighbours, in their own homes if possible, by supplying warmth, hot food and light.

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Without electricity the approach needs to be 'low tech' so a small supply of battery-powered lamps (each battery can run for three days), food and drink thermos flasks and covered hot-water bottles have all been purchased. Dalry Community Council has also obtained a two-ring camping stove and stock of gas canisters. The plan here is to keep people warm by blanket-wrapping them with a hot-water bottle whilst providing hot food and drink twice daily with light to read by. We

are very grateful to the Glenkens Community Shop which has funded many of our purchases and we hope to augment our stores further over the coming months. We would also like to add to our team of volunteers who have alternative heating methods such as a wood-burning stove or solid-fuel range: please contact Jim Reid on 430 231 if you would be happy to have your name added to the list.

Another aspect of a potential emergency is mobility and D&G Council have given us a grit-spreader, shovels and clothing to help keep pavements and paths clear in the event of snow and ice.

However, none of the above help can happen without volunteers.

Should a heavy snow fall or big storm take place during the working day, many residents may be away from the community and unable to return to look after elderly family or neighbours; the more of us who sign up to help, the better we will all be able to cope.

Let us hope we have another mild winter, but it is better to be prepared - if you think you could help in any way during an emergency, please volunteer by contacting your community council.

Photo of the Issue: *Sponsored by the Ken Bridge Hotel*

This issue's winner is Caroline Jardin with this charming shot entitled *The Humble Bumble*.

Dave and Sue, competition judges and owners of the Ken Bridge Hotel, said: "Once again it was so hard to choose a winner, but the photo of the bumble bee is just lovely."

Caroline wins a meal for two at the Ken Bridge Hotel's renowned Sunday Carvery.

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



GERMAN TV IN DALRY

A film crew from German TV station ZDF (their equivalent of BBC2) visited Dalry in the run up to the referendum to interview residents on their views and the splits it might have been causing in families and the community.

This was brought about by a letter Andi Holmes of Dalry had written which was printed in the Galloway News and the Scotsman, a few weeks earlier. The ZDF team had already been working on the rifts opening up between family members and communities in Edinburgh and were looking for a more rural location to film for comparison.

The German public were very interested in the referendum debate as, having relatively recently reunified their country after a lengthy divide; they can't understand why anyone would want to split their nation up.

The film crew focused on the divide within Andi's own family, but also interviewed several other residents of Dalry to canvass their opinions as well. Andi says they were a delight to work with, very professional, and not trying to create their own angle. They asked some very sensible questions and got some very honest answers.

Andi hopes they come back sometime after the referendum vote to see what impact it has had on rural Scotland after the dust has settled.

If you're a fan of Facebook, check out a new page that has been set up by local resident Helen Keron.

Search for *What's Going On Glenkens* and then 'Like' the page to receive regular updates on community and social events, important meetings and other local issues. Also feel free to message the page to add your community events and activities. Helen has also created a page for toddlers; if you have pre-school aged children, check out *Preschoolers in the Glenkens* for child-oriented activities.

New Drop-in For The Glenkens

The Dumfries & Galloway (D&G) Hard of Hearing Group is pleased to announce that they have started regular Glenkens drop-in sessions.

These will run between 10am and 12noon at New Galloway Town Hall on the first Friday of every month.

D&G Hard of Hearing Group are a voluntary group, funded by

Putting You First, who hold drop-in sessions across the region. People who have hearing aids can come along, get their aids maintained and get advice and support. On average we support 312 people across D&G each month.

We understand that there are a number of people who would benefit from having a local service in the Glenkens. If you have hearing loss and would like some help and advice please do

come along to see us.

To get in touch call Julie Turner on 07896 342878 or email juliedghhg@gmail.com and to find out more visit www.dghhg.org.uk



Glenkens Freecycle

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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

Various

Chest freezers x 2, width 85cm, depth 55cm, height 84cm. Working.

Dimplex Focal Point Fire, Hursley Model HUR20, Optiflame and 2kW fan heater.

Marble hearth green, length 163cm, depth 38cm, height 6.5cm. Needs restoration.

Aluminium patio doors double glazed. Height 197cms, width 172cms. Have been lying outdoors for many years but may be useful for cold frames, etc.

Garden Canes. Approx 100 used bamboo canes.

Plant Pots. 300+ used plant pots round and square 9cm-13 cm.

For all the above items contact: Mary on 420 613

Dell computer monitor and keyboard, both in good working condition. Contact: 420 258

Wooden fire surround, mantle-

shelf with smaller lower shelf. Reeded columns on either side. Approx 137cm long by 118cm high with aperture 92cm long by 85cm high. Currently varnished but would be a suitable subject for marbling. Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011 (evenings)

Furniture

Three-tier glass table, ideal for TV unit or office, 22" high, 18" deep, 43" long. Contact: Chrissy on 07824 810 305

Light-coloured wooden child's desk. Small donation to Glenkens Children's Club requested if suitable for your use. Contact: Helen on 07789 693 698

Bookcase, dark stain, length 278cm, depth 31cm, height 110cm. Splits in half to move. Very good condition. Contact: Mary on 420 613

Bookcases x 2, dark stain, length 88cm, depth 30cm, height 150cm. Very good condition. Contact: Mary on 420 613

WANTED

Scythe, sledge hammer, pick axe, tin sheets, Dutch oven, tree saplings. Contact: Simon on 07426 124 982

Toy tools/tool box/tool bench for an 18-month-old who seems to find the screw-driver wherever we put it...Contact: Sarah on 07727 127 997

Dressage girth about 38". Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011 (evenings)

Does anybody happen to have things such as: sticklebricks, those little trike & trailer combos, wooden puzzles, etc; anything suitable for 12-24 month year-old! Contact: Sarah on 07810 256 299

Plastic coal bunker to buy (about 10 cwt capacity). Contact: Louise on 07845 412 300 or 07901696694 after 7pm.

"Freecycle has for us been a great way to unload items that are no longer required and gain much needed space into the bargain! We have also managed to freely acquire goods locally that would otherwise cost us money and inconvenience if we had to outsource them. We can feel positively that we have done something to save waste and the environment by keeping this turnover of goods local. Long may it continue!" Andi

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Eco Feature

The Masonry Stove

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Local builder Paul Moslin, who lives in Dalry, has been working for the last ten years on creating a modern version of a traditional Swedish masonry stove.

Originally inspired by a Hungarian friend who built one for him in Ireland, Paul has since built six and is now happy that he has perfected his version of the stove. The design Paul uses is called a *kakelugn* and was created in 1767 by Swedish inventor Carl Johan Cronstedt. Cronstedt's system increased the efficiency of the wood-burning stove roughly eightfold by directing smoke and heated gases along flues that wound up and down inside a brick-built stove. Using this system, you only had to light a short fire in the morning and evening for the heat to then radiate into the building day and night. This design had significant social

and economical consequences throughout Sweden and later Europe and America, and is still used up to the present day in these countries.

Cronstedt's invention also had significant environmental impact because it saved forests from excess usage – something which is hugely relevant today with the focus on reducing our carbon footprint.

Paul uses modern fire-bricks and fire-cement, along with other forms of ultra-efficient insulation, to create his own custom-made masonry stove. He says: "They have been making them in the USA for 50

years or so. The style of stove originates in Northern Europe, Russia and Scandinavia, countries where wood fuel has been the major heat source for hundreds of years. Much less wood is used for the amount of heat output. The thermal stove weighs about two tonnes, and heats up with just an armful of sticks a day. It begins to heat up within an hour (straight away right in front of the stove door), and you can also use the fire to cook, either by building a purpose-built oven into the structure or just using the fire box itself."

To have a stove built costs about £5,000, and takes three men about a week to build.

Rupert Harvey of Drumbuie Farm, along the Garroch Glen, who is a local firewood contractor and self-confessed firewood fanatic, has been burning wood all his life. Rupert had one of Paul's masonry stoves retro-fitted in his farmhouse in November 2013, and is thrilled with the results.

Cronstedt's system increased the efficiency of the wood-burning stove roughly eightfold by directing smoke and heated gases along flues that wound up and down inside a brick-built stove.

He says: "I wanted to try it out and am really happy with how it has turned out. They are the most efficient way of burning your wood, and are just so easy to live with. The heat you get is a really nice heat; not stuffy like your standard central-heating systems, but a dry, cosy heat; there is definitely a different quality to it."

Rupert's sons, Joe and Hamish, are also enthusiastic about the stove. Hamish says: "We make dinner in it almost every night



Masonry stove at Drumbuie with a lime-plaster finish.

– roast chicken, casseroles, whatever we like."

The stove at Drumbuie has a lime-plaster finish, but it can be tiled and the shape can be made to suit the building it is going into – the traditional pillar shape, or even with seating built-in.

Paul says: "The most efficient way to build a thermal store is in the centre of an open-plan

building, with a wall of each room built onto the stove. Another benefit is that because the stove is so fast-burning, you don't get creosote building up in the chimney, and

barely get any ash or smoke at all as smoke and ash are made up of all the un-burnt solids from a fire. You only need to clean the ashes out every couple of months! So it's less dusty and messy than a standard wood-burning stove."

If you would like to find out more, visit Paul's website at www.moslinstoves.co.uk or get in touch with him on 430 504 or mail@timber-gates.co.uk

CARERS TRANSITION PROJECT

Putting You First is supporting a ground-breaking, region-wide initiative aimed at helping carers to cope when their circumstances change.

The Carers Transition Project has introduced a 'Counselling for Carers' service available through Relationships Scotland and Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland.

Putting You First is a five-year change programme for Health, Care and Support services in Dumfries & Galloway. Sue Madigan, project coordinator for the project, says: "While caring can be rewarding, it is also important to recognise that taking on or losing caring responsibilities can be very difficult and stressful. Becoming a carer is often life-changing in

terms of finances, employment and hopes for the future."

Life can change in the blink of an eye and turn your whole world upside down. For example, a young man of 29 now finds himself caring for his wife. They met at university, got married and made plans for the future. However, her health deteriorated rapidly; over a short space of

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time he had to leave work and become a full-time carer for his wife. Stress and depression began to take hold. In situations such as this people can find support through the Dumfries & Galloway Carers Centre who work to improve support, services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for a family

member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental-health or addiction problems.

Census reports between 2008 and 2010 estimate the number of carers in the region to be between 14,000 and 22,000. Sue Madigan believes the real figure could be even higher. She says: "There are a lot of hidden carers needing support, many of them young people for whom it may be time to leave home or go to university, but they are worried and confused. It is estimated that some 70% of carers experience stress and anxiety during their role. We want to help."

For further information contact Sue on 01387 251 245 or sue@rsdg.org.uk, or for information on the Dumfries & Galloway Carers Centre call 01387 248 600 or email info@dgalcarers.org

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CatStrand Update

A terrific mix of family-friendly fun and sophisticated arts-offerings are available at the CatStrand over October and November.

The Elements World Theatre in association with SWAN Productions present *Lockerbie: Lost Voices* on Saturday 4 October. Connect with this tragic disaster 25 years later through a life-affirming story of loss followed by a 'Question & Answer' session from the cast and creative team.

We warmly welcome back Lorna Reid to the CatStrand for her laid-back *Lounge Sessions*. Lorna and her superb band will play their newest jazz arrangements, as well as some old favourites, on Friday 10 October - a night not to be missed.

This autumn the CatStrand is working in partnership with a number of film festivals to engage youngsters, and the young at heart, with contemporary film-making. From Luminate we present *Advanced Style* on Thursday 23 October, Discovery Film Festival's *Short's For Wee One's 2014* on Saturday 8 November, and Into Film Festival will present a very special schools' screening on Wednesday 12 November (for more information or to book a school visit email bookings@intofilm.org).

The CatStrand Halloween Party takes place on Friday 31 October at 6pm, followed by our popular spooky Lantern Parade and then to finish off the evening there will be a screening of the CatStrand Young Filmmakers' Club's newest production.

Finally, the CatStrand Christmas



Lorna Reid

Shopping Day will be held on Saturday 29 November - come along and pick out unique gifts for friends and family whilst enjoying some mulled wine, a mince pie and some festive cheer.

The CatStrand Team

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NEW GALLOWAY GOLF CLUB

The season is now entering its final stages and, thanks to the excellent summer weather, all the competitions have been played.

The course has been in great condition and visitor numbers have been good. Toast of the club is Marena McClymont who defeated Elena Rogers in the Ladies Club Championship in a closely fought contest. The Johnstone Trophy was won by Marena McClymont, playing with Iain McQueen, who beat Chris McIntyre and Jeff Sutcliffe again in a very close match. Coronation Cup winner was Gavin Aitkenhead, and the MacMillan Cup winner Tony Graham. By the time you read this article the Day of the Region will have come and gone; hopefully we will have had a good turn-out at the club and raised sufficient money to purchase a defibrillator for use not only for golf club members but for residents at the top of New



Mr & Mrs McGurkin, winners of the Laurieston Cup, with Jeff Sutcliffe (right).

Galloway High Street.

The Laurieston Cup Mixed Open Greensomes attracted players from far and wide, with the winners, Mr and Mrs McGurkin, coming from Doon Valley.

The winter season is almost upon us and winter membership is available - call 01644 420 737 for more information.

The Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation Evening takes place at the Ken Bridge Hotel on Saturday 8 November.

*Jeff Sutcliffe,
Captain & Match Secretary*

BOWLING

Spalding Bowling Club has had another successful enjoyable and happy season.

The green closes for play on

Monday 15 September. This year the champions are John Peacock, runner-up S Harvie, and in the Ladies, Eliz Peacock, runner-up Moira Jones.

Our Prize-giving and Social will be held at The Clachan Inn on Friday 7 November at 7.30pm.

Eliz Peacock

New Galloway Toddlers

New Galloway Toddler Group has been running for many years but recently there has been a drop in the number of children attending.

Of course, in our rural area numbers of children fluctuate, but if the decline continues the group will run the risk of closure which would be a great shame as it is the only toddler group in New Galloway and, apart from the

Glenkens Children's Club held in Dalry, the whole of the Glenkens.

The group runs every Tuesday in term-time from 9.45-11.30am in New Galloway Town Hall, and has a great variety of toys to suit all babies and young children. The cost is just £2 which includes a snack for little ones and a cuppa for parents/carers. So please, if you live in the Glenkens and have young children, do pop in.

If you would like any more information please contact Chrissy on 07824 810 305 or Fiona on 07900 985 837.

Dalry Angling

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The morning started on the River Ken where, despite the recent stocking, a cold northerly wind kept the fish deep and far-off. So far off that young Jamie, a pupil at Dalry Secondary School, waded out well over the tops of his wellingtons to snare the only fish landed and, as a reward for his soaking, the George McAdam trophy plus a fly-fishing outfit donated by Wishaw-based tackle manufacturer, Daiwa Sports.

In the afternoon, the adults ventured out on a extremely dour Earlstoun Loch, trying to find a trout willing to chance the now increasingly cold north wind and take a nip at the angler's fly. Despite the unseasonal weather, Luke Dovaston managed to tempt two hardy brown trout to rise and, in doing so, won the trophy and with it a New Daiwa Lexa Fly rod.

Annual Abbas Rest Coffee Morning

The coffee morning, in aid of Abbas Rest Orphans, will take place on Saturday 18 October from 10am to 12noon in Dalry Town Hall.

We do hope you will once more support this event as there are still children needing your help. Many come to the centres suffering from malnutrition, malaria and many different infections, so it is important that they receive medical care as well as food and clothing.

We will be very grateful for any donations towards the cake and bottle sales tables and the raffle, as well as help on the stalls or in the kitchen.

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

YOUNG SOLDIER REMEMBERED

A young local man who lost his life in the First World War has been remembered at a ceremony held by the charity South West Scotland RnR (SWSRnR) at the war memorial overlooking Loch Ken.

The memorial is to second lieutenant John Murray, whose father was a farmer and minister at Balmacellan, who served with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) and died aged 19.

There was a piper in attendance - Michael Hogarth from Innerleithen, ex-KOSB and also ex-pipe major of the 1st Battalion

of the Royal Regiment of Scotland - and local minister David Bartholomew conducted a service paying respect to this man who lost his life so young in defence of his country.

The people attending were also formerly of the KOSB and had been in conflicts in more recent times. These ex-servicemen have enjoyed the benefits of the care and hospitality of SWSRnR, based at Carsethorn, and we felt this ceremony was therapeutic to our former KOSB combatants as they had all served with the same regiment.

This event was featured on Border TV and by word-of-mouth we found John Murray's nephew, 78-year-old William Johnston, who laid a wreath at the memorial.

Robin Hood, SWSRnR



William Johnston, David Bartholomew and piper Michael Hogarth. Photograph by Melissa Priddy

Karate:

I recently gave a class talk in my English lesson. I chose to talk about karate because I have been going to karate for a long time, about seven years.

Karate comes from the Japanese words 'kara' which means open and 'te' which means hand. It is thousands of years old and was founded on the Japanese island of Okinawa which had a ban on weapons so people learned how to fight. It has been further

developed from other martial arts. It teaches that technique is everything, like a young girl who knows the right technique can defeat a fully grown man. You do gradings to move up belts, and are assessed on four main areas: basics, sparring, katas and ippon kumite.

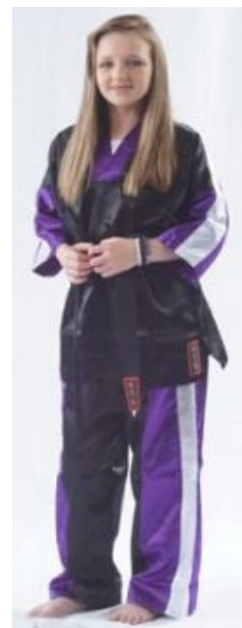
Basics are the basis of all karate and a chance to concentrate on your techniques and stances. In the beginning you generally learn four stances: forward leaning stance, backstance, kibba dachi and catstance, and as you progress you learn more stances. Stances are the most important thing in karate.

Different classes have different uniforms and you can get a

range of colours and styles although it is a uniform like that one on the right we wear at Dalry.

The belt order is white, red, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, purple-brown, brown, brown-white, brown-black, black-red then black.

Emma Jordon S2



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NEW SCHOOL HEAD'S MESSAGE

Having taken up post as the acting headteacher of the Glenkens cluster schools, I would like to say a huge thank you to the community for your warm and open welcome.

You have made it possible for me to get to know what matters to you and to see what makes living in the Glenkens so special.

Having listened to what you have to say and having read the comments you have offered, it is clear that you value the following in the education offered to your young people:

- The small schools with their capacity for treating children as individuals in their community
- The approachability of staff and good parent/school partnerships
- The good qualifications students leave S4 with and the personal qualities they develop

There were some common themes in what you would like to see changed, which are as follows:-

- The extent to which the schools work together to develop consistent approaches, within and between the stages
- Improved use of the natural environment and a focus on physical activity in the Secondary phase.

This is a very simplified summary as there were many specific and individual comments offered.

We look forward to working with the community in tailoring education in the Glenkens to the needs of individuals, utilising the advantages of the environment whilst tackling the potential limitations of a rural location.

I firmly believe that the benefits of the Glenkens, massively outweigh the limitations and that between us we should be able to further develop an enviable and unique educational provision.

*Jenny Smith,
Acting Headteacher*

Duke of Edinburgh Award Meeting

On Monday 6 October, Mr Gary Kirkpartick (Department of Education development worker, Dumfries & Galloway Council) will address a meeting at 7pm in Dalry school, to which all parents/carers of S3 and S4 students are cordially invited. This invitation is also extended to those individuals and organisations in the community who may have a part to play in helping and supporting our young people to achieve the Award in any one of the four Award sections of Service, Skill, Physical Activity and Expedition.

Gary will be giving an outline of the Award and of the training opportunities available to helpers. Further information will be distributed through the school, but this is an ideal opportunity for the wider community to come together and focus on what we can offer our young people.

Kells Primary Rag Bag Bin

Kells Primary pupils decided at a recent assembly that they would like to make the local community aware that the school has a rag bag recycling bin.

This special bin is for the recycling of unwanted clothes, pairs of shoes and blankets. Kells receive a payment for every kilogram of textiles collected. This money goes into school funds to subsidise transport costs and the hosting of events like visiting theatre groups or storytellers. The rag bag bin is situated next to the other bins in the playground to the left of the gazebo. Please feel free to use it or contact the school office for more details.

Thank you, Kells Primary

DALRY STUDENTS 'TRI' HARD

Students from Dalry School travelled to Kirkcudbright on Tuesday, 2 September to take part in a regional 'minitri' event.

Designed to introduce young people to the sport of triathlon as part of a national programme, participants had to swim, cycle

and run, in quick succession. They showed determination and real resilience in completing the event; they should be very proud of what they achieved.

Our thanks go to parents who gave up time to support their young people.

It was a pleasure to watch young people enter into something so wholeheartedly.

Jenny Smith



YOUTH BANTER

Editor: William Sainsbury

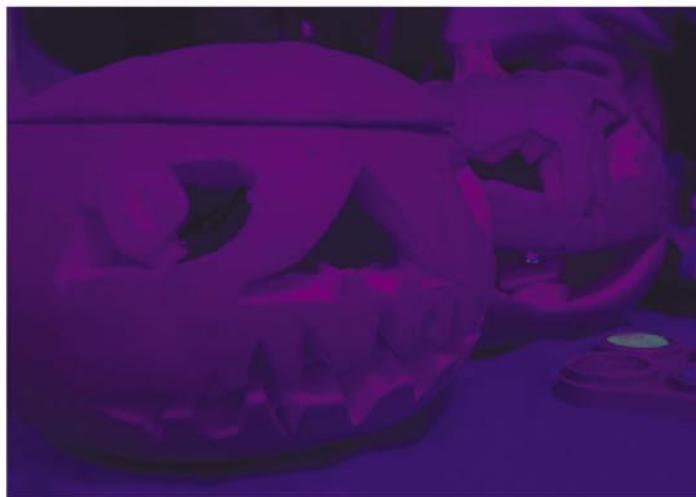
**Autumn is
Here!**

Autumn is here and the CatStrand is the place to be if you like warm lantern glows, painted faces, horror movies, and treacle toffee. We are hosting plenty of exciting activities for young people like the annual Halloween party and we also have trips away, music sessions, puppet making workshops and much, much, more. Interested? Read on!

CatStrand Youth Player Impresses in Burns Pageant Role



CatStrand Youth Player and Young Film Maker **Eilidh Thomson** wooed the crowds with her performances as Mary Begbie in the D&G Arts Festival production of *Life, Love & Liberty: A Burns Pageant* back in July. Eilidh got to act alongside some of Scotland's leading professional actors in a play written by Burns legend John Cairney. You can see Eilidh in a quite different role in the upcoming movie *The Curse of Aggy Fishbone* [12] which premieres this Halloween at CatStrand



CATSTRAND HALLOWEEN PARTY! Friday 31 October

The CatStrand's famous Halloween Party is happening on Friday 31 October. It starts at 6pm with **face-painting** and **party games** before the now traditional **lantern parade** at 7pm. At 8pm we have the world premiere of the Young Film Makers Club **horror movie** *The Curse of Aggy Fishbone* [12]. To make your own lantern for the parade, come along to the **FREE lantern making workshop** on Sunday 26 Oct [3pm - 5pm]. All materials are provided. See you there!



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YOUTH:TEAM

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

IndyRef Retrospective



Teen Spiriter **William Sainsbury** tells us why the choice facing young people in the referendum was so difficult to make.

In the early stages of the debates and discussions I was worried that most teenagers would cast their votes based on the fictitious tale of the Scottish legend William "Braveheart" Wallace. Then in the weeks leading up to the referendum things become even more heated as new facts and information gave rise to new concerns for voters who had already made up their minds. These things made the decision for undecided voters even more challenging.

As a teenager it was quite easy to get caught up in the propaganda and scare stories coming from both parties who were increasingly desperate to persuade the Scottish population to vote for their campaign. I took it upon myself to become educated in what impact my vote would have and whether or not it would benefit me in years to come as I continue my education through university. There seemed to be a growing number of teenagers who did the same. In school the topic was covered regularly, especially in the last month through PSE (personal and social education) and general conversation with teachers and pupils. However the information offered was very brief and often didn't give pupils the full picture. At times, the information was being presented in a childish way with big pictures and large text - all very aesthetically pleasing but pretty useless. So many teenagers had to go and do their own research, but despite that, I found that the younger voting population were often better informed than the adult population.

Having listened to discussions and debates, both within and outside school, I was confident that the youth of Scotland would make an informed choice.

YOUTH

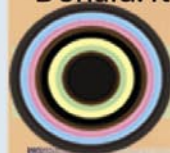
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YOUTH BEATZ 2014 by Amy McMurray



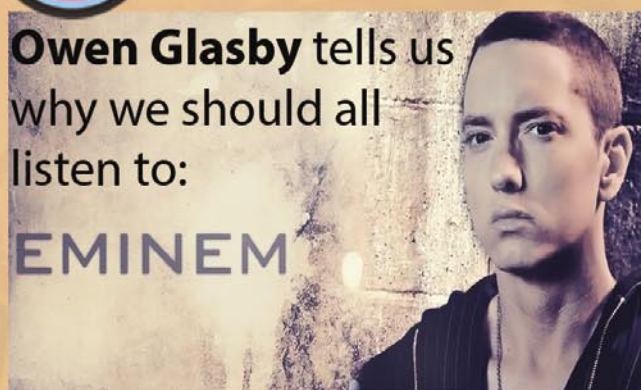
Youth Beatz is a free concert for teenagers in Dumfries. The three main acts of the night were Stooshe, Nicolas McDonald and Connor Maynard, all big names. There were DJ's before the main acts, my favourite act was Scotsman Nicholas McDonald. It was a brilliant night!



MUSIC

Owen Glasby tells us why we should all listen to:

EMINEM



Eminem is a rapper from Detroit, Michigan. He is known for his incredible skill in a genre that doesn't normally feature Caucasians. This raises the question: Why is Eminem so good? The answer is simple: the genuine emotion in his lyrics. Whether he is rapping under his humorous *Slim Shady* persona in hits "My Name Is" and "The Real Slim Shady" or if he is being himself in classics such as "Beautiful" and "When I'm Gone", the energy of his lyrics can be felt every time the rapper delivers his killer rhymes.

BYTES

REVIEWS

THE SATURDAYS by Kelsie Marshall
7 Sept, SECC, Glasgow

Seeing The Saturdays live was an unforgettable experience. They opened with the song "What are you waiting for" starting the concert off with a bang. During the 4-hour concert my favourite song was "What about us" and the best

bit was when the "yummy" male dancers came onto the stage. I had such a good night and I would highly recommend going to see them live.



Eminem had a troubled childhood which included years of drug and alcohol abuse and a long time dysfunctional (now ex) wife Kim. He has overcome many issues throughout his life and he puts a lot of his ability to overcome these issues in his music. Eminem is not for everybody: his controversial lyrics may raise the ire of the more sensitive listener. But for those that are willing to look past that and listen to his incredible ability, they will realise that the rapper truly is a "Rap God".

If you would like to submit a story to **Youth Banter** then please email it to simon@catstrand.com. Alternatively, drop a copy into Wendy at the CatStrand.

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 Leach at the CatStrand wendy@catstrand.com

WHAT'S ON



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LIVE MUSIC: Mairearad & Anna

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Do you know a company, organisation or individual who might be willing to sponsor us? We can offer advertising or editorial space in the youth pages, plus it would make us smile. A lot. (We would be eternally grateful.)

For an informal chat about sponsorship please contact:
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Carsphairn Primary School

As with the rest of the Glenkens cluster, there have been many changes at Carsphairn Primary.

With three new pupils starting (including two in P1), the school roll is now sitting at twelve.

After a very enjoyable summer everyone has returned refreshed and ready for an exciting new year.

This term we are learning all about our local community. We are lucky to have the Carsphairn Heritage Centre so close, as we are learning from the 'Petticoat Tales – the Gentle Touch of Carsphairn Women' exhibit. It has worked out especially well because this year, nine of our eldest pupils are girls.

As we did last year, we will try to incorporate this theme into the Carsphairn Calendar, which will be on sale before Christmas.



Carsphairn Primary School pupils.

Guide Trip to Denmark

Last year I was one of ten Guides from all over Scotland to be selected to take part in an international camp in Denmark.

The camp took place this summer during the holidays. It was a great experience. Before we arrived at the camp, which was in Stevninghus in southern Denmark, we had a day sightseeing in Copenhagen where we saw the Little Mermaid and went to Tivoli Gardens.

The theme of the camp was *The Vikings Strike Back* and we did various activities such as blacksmithing, sword-making and pioneering.

We had a day out to a Danish

town where we went to the beach and looked round the shops. We also had a day in Legoland, which was absolutely fantastic.

There was another group of Scottish scouts on the camp and on one of the days both of the Scottish groups taught the other people on the camp some Scottish dances and songs – 2,000 scouts and guides singing 500 Miles was pretty cool! There were people on the camp from all over Europe and there was also a group of scouts from Israel and a group from Los Angeles.

I had to raise some of the money for the camp myself and I would like to thank everyone who gave me money to help me fundraise and also Guiding Scotland and the Stewartry Guides for their contributions. Without them it



Ellen in Guide uniform.

would have been a lot harder to raise all the money I needed.

It was a great trip and I would encourage other Guides to go on selections for a chance to go on an international camp as it is a brilliant opportunity to meet people from other countries, to learn about their cultures and to try lots of new activities.

Ellen Bielinski



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GREAT SUMMER FOR GLENKENS KIDS

Glenkens Children's Club (GCC) has had its most successful summer so far, with people travelling from as far afield as Castle Douglas and Crossmichael to attend the exciting programme of events.

The theme of the holidays was 'Mind and Body', with fun physical activities set up for the children every Monday, and a Mindfulness course for parents and carers on Fridays.

The children, ranging in age from 0-10, tried their hand at zumba, martial arts, gymnastics, Margaret Morris dance, and even an outdoor bushcraft session. We also had a roller disco, a sports day and of course our second birthday party, with some sessions having over 30

children in attendance.

We were able to put this programme on at no extra cost to users largely thanks to a grant from the Glenkens Community Shop in Dalry, and GCC couldn't exist without the superb child-oriented facilities that the Glenkens Community Centre offers. We would also like to thank all of the people who shared their skills and enthusiasm over the summer to give the children such great experiences.

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During term-time GCC caters predominantly to 0-3 year olds and runs on Mondays and Fridays, 9.30-11.30am, in the Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry. The cost is £2 for first child, £1 for subsequent children and babies are free.

In other news, GCC Playgroup has new staff, Sue Curtis and Chrissy

Roberts. They were previous stalwart volunteers at GCC, and with their joint extensive experience in child-care and nursery teaching, they have already got the new term off to a great start. Playgroup is at the Community Centre on term-time Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9.10-11.40am, and is £5 for two-year-olds and free for children from the term after they turn three. There are still a few places left, so ring Sue on 07935 882470 during Playgroup hours if you'd like to join.

I would like to thank the Glenkens Community Shop, Mrs Annikki Lindsay, Natural Power and everyone who attended the very

successful Ceilidh in New Galloway Town Hall in August for supporting GCC - we couldn't do it without you. We also couldn't keep going without the committed volunteers who really do make GCC what it is.

Thank you all, as ever!
Helen Keron, Chair, GCC

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Just Published

The Galloway Hills: The area covered by this book is the central massif, bounded on the south by the Queen's Way, to the east by the Glenkens, to the north by Dalmellington and Straiton, and to the west by the Hill Road to Newton Stewart.

The book covers a variety of aspects, from the geology of the mountains, details of the lochs and rivers, to the present desire for conservation and enjoyment of the hills. There is also historical information including the times of Robert the Bruce and his connections with the district, as well as the many associations with the persecuted Covenanters. The many air-crashes that have occurred in these hills are related in detail, as well as other deaths, in particular death on the hills during blizzards.

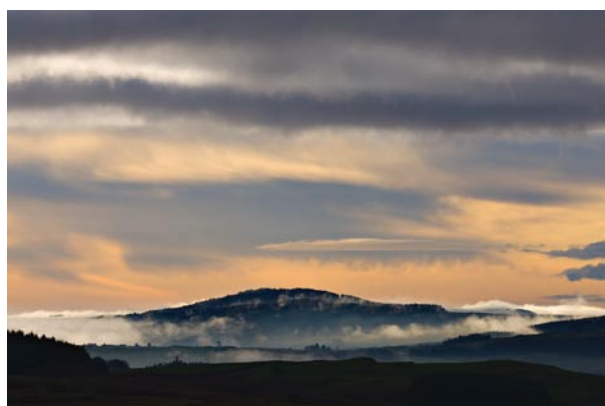
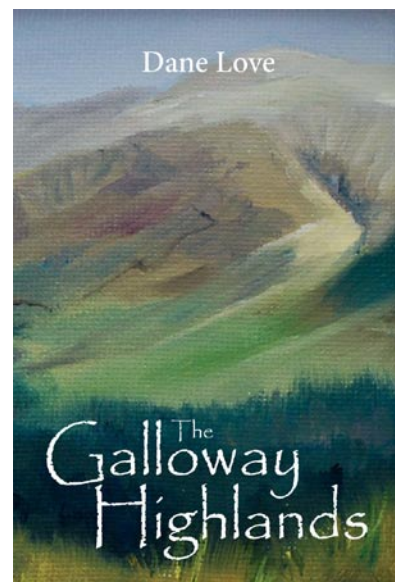
The book is now on sale, and can be bought at the CatStrand or at www.carnpublishing.com/ Galloway where there is also more information available about the book.

Zero Footprint: Having built their own low-carbon home, Ted Leeming and Morag Paterson decided to explore a similar concept with their work, in this case with literally 'zero footprint' – all the shots are taken from an area of roughly one square metre directly outside their kitchen door.

Ted Leeming and Morag Paterson are professional landscape photographers based in the Glenkens. They work collaboratively, jointly signing their work to reflect the shared creative vision.

Zero Footprint is a cloth-covered, 112-page hardback limited-edition book, and costs £40 - it is available to buy at the CatStrand or to order call 01644 430 004 or visit www.leemingpaterson.com

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WHINNYSMUIR – WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Whinnysmuir is the name of the last house on the right leaving Dalry on the Moniaive road.

This name is particularly appreciated in the spring, when the yellow whins (gorse) brighten the rising ground beyond the house on the old track over the Mulloch. However, the use of the name, when there is no topographic feature bearing that specific title, suggests a contributory and deeper significance in folk lore and ancient funereal custom.

The ancient practice of the 'lyke wake' (watch over a corpse prior to burial) is well attested. Hugh Miller, writing in the 1830s, ventured the opinion that the custom was "far beyond the reach of history or tradition". Sir Walter Scott in his *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*, quotes a dirge sung over the corpse, spelling out the challenges of purgatory, the first of which was Whinnysmuir with its vicious spikes:

*When thou from hence away are paste,
Every night and alle;
To Whinnysmuir thou comest at laste;
And Christe receive thy saule.*

*If ever thou gavest hosen and shoon,
Every night and alle;
Sit thee doon, and put them on;
And Christe receive thy saule.*

*If hosen and shoon thou ne'er gavest nane,
Every night and alle;
The whinnes shall prick thee to the bare bane;
And Christe receive thy saule.*

*From Whinnysmuir when thou mayst pass,
Every night and alle;
To Brigg o' Dread thou comest at laste;
And Christe receive thy saule.*

Having survived Whinnysmuir, the final hurdle was the purgatory fire beneath the Bridge of Dread, into which the unworthy would fall, as recounted in the remaining verses.

Scott acknowledged the North Yorkshire origin of the dirge which he recorded, but it is clear that Whinnysmuir was not any particular place in Yorkshire or elsewhere, but a metaphorical phrasing in terms that all could understand for the hazardous route that the departing soul had to face, to test his or her charity in life.

It is significant that Scott's book was published in a newly-edited form in the 1920s, followed by the

house in 1929. Knowledge of the dirge may well have played a part in the choice of name, reflecting both the picturesque position of the house and the traditional significance as recorded by Scott.

Presumably to maintain the whins connection, a patch was introduced into the garden landscaping, still flourishing, but prudently of a smaller and much more manageable variety.

Mr and Mrs Wise prefer to think of their home as being on the road to heaven rather than on the path through purgatory but, however viewed, the name's evocation of long gone beliefs is fascinating. Perhaps it is still an incentive to watch our ways and in both senses to pull our socks up!

Alan Pallister, Balmacellan



Alternative Games 2014

This year New Galloway gave a Commonwealth theme to the Alternative Games, with international flags flying and various acts who had appeared in Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games performing during the afternoon.

The terrible weather in the morning didn't deter the crowd and rain soon gave way to sunshine. The main arena events then got underway with no shortage of willing competitors; several heats were required in some of the Gird n' Cleek age-groups to establish the finalists. The Tossin' the Sheaf competition saw a new champion in the men's event with five-times World Gird n' Cleek Champion, Neil

Armstrong, turning his attention to a different skill and winning with a height of 21 feet.

The popular Tractor Pull was keenly contested too, but unfortunately due to the time lost to the heavy rain just after the start of the events there wasn't time to stage the Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane, and conditions were still a bit slippery to hold the Tug o' War. However, there was plenty of other entertainment around including the ever-popular Snail Racing attracting plenty of attention for the various races during the afternoon.

An impressive turn-out of Classic

Cars, organised by Rex Dressler, provided an appropriate backdrop to the event while members of the Commonwealth Youth Circus entertained the young and the young-at-heart with their circus skills workshops.

The organisers would like to thank all the helpers, stall holders and everyone who came along and



Gird 'n' Cleek medallists, left to right, are Alexander McKenna (Bronze), John McQueen (Gold) and Kelsie Marshall (Silver). Photograph by Fraser McCormick.

Stewartry Birdwatchers

Are you interested in birds and other branches of natural history?

If so, why not come along to the Stewartry Birdwatchers meetings this winter? Since 1976 monthly meetings have been held in Kells School, New Galloway. Meetings start at 7.30pm and run from September to April - all are welcome.

Throughout the year excursions are arranged to interesting locations such as Caerlaverock and Mersehead for Barnacle Geese, inland to the Menzies Pass for the elusive Ring Ouzel, across to Loch Ryan for Brent Geese and numerous waders, or to woodlands for small birds such as migrant warblers. Beginners are welcome as these trips are an excellent way to learn how to identify birds, butterflies, flowers, etc.

This winter's session got off to a flying start on Thursday 25 September when Keith Kirk gave his presentation 'Galloway Gems'. Keith, one of our Dumfries &

Galloway Rangers, is an excellent photographer who always accompanies his photographs with interesting and unusual bits of information.

On Thursday 9 October there will be an illustrated talk, 'The Decline of Seabirds', by Allan Whyte. Allan, who is employed by the RSPB, has been researching the worrying pollution of our marine environment and what needs to be done to ensure that Scotland remains one of the most important places in the world for seabirds. Jim Cassels' illustrated talk on 13 November is 'The Birds of Arran'. Jim retired to Arran and is now bird recorder for the local natural history society.

Thursday 11 December sees the return of another popular speaker, Angus Hogg, with his illustrated talk 'Ayrshire Birds; the changing scene'. Angus is a long-term resident of the southern part of that county and has produced the Ayrshire bird report for many years.

*Joan Howie, Secretary,
Stewartry Branch of Scottish
Ornithologists' Club (the SOC)*

DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS MAN?

Dalry school has uncovered a folder with personal papers and family photographs of Sergeant John Joseph Marshall who served in the Highland Light Infantry during WW1 and later.

We presume these were loaned some years ago to a teacher who has now left.

We would like to return these to the family. If you believe this is your family member, please contact Mrs McCall at Dalry school (01644 430 259).



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New Galloway. 6.30pm: Laurieston/over Hill Road
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11am: Slagarie/Hensol & Surrounding Area, 12.30pm
Mosssdale Village & Surrounding Area, 1.30pm-
2.30pm: New Galloway, 3-5pm: Glen Lee/Allan
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KARS CASTLE OF CARSPHAIRN

Local historian Bill Blyth of Blowplain, Balmaclellan, revisits the story of Kars Castle.

The castle's remains can be found by taking the track running east off the A713 just north of Dundegh and crossing the bridge to a car park. The ruins are in woodland just south of the car park.

The 'lost' Castle of Kars is truly a sad sight today. 'Lost' in a maturing Forestry Commission plantation, with trees growing tightly against the crumbling walls, and in the ruins itself fallen and decaying trees. 'Lost' also in the sense that it is sometimes erroneously referred to as Dundegh Castle.

Kars is situated on a raised embankment protected to the south, west and east by the fast-flowing Deugh River. The modern parish of Carsphairn derives its name from Kars.

McKerlie, in his 'History of Lands and Owners in Galloway' (1993), states in confirmation of the name "there is a pool in the Deugh at the Castle still called the Kars Pool and beside it a bridge had existed". Timothy Pont in his map, drawn up in approximately 1590, published in Blaeu's Atlas of

1660, quite distinctly shows Kars Castle with a tower symbol situated near the junction of waterways. The map also shows, a short distance away inland, Dundegh Castle, again quite distinctly marked with a tower symbol. Today all that remains of the castle at Dundegh is a large pile of stones and an old orchard. Dundegh in its later years had become a farmhouse. At the time of Pont's Survey it is almost certain that Kars was a substantial ruin and to some extent Dundegh Castle had replaced it.

... Loch Doon Castle appears to have been one of the three chief fortresses of the Earls of Carrick (Robert the Bruce's family), the other two having been Turnberry and possibly Kars Castle at Dundegh.

McKerlie also states: "the only remains of the castle now left consist of a single arch". About fifty years prior to his visit there had been two arches.

Trotter, in his 'East of Galloway Sketches' (1901), states that Loch Doon Castle appears to have been one of the three chief fortresses of the Earls of Carrick (Robert the Bruce's family), the other two having been Turnberry and possibly Kars Castle at Dundegh.

Trotter's sketch of Kars in 1865 shows the arch and the vaulted basement with a large oak tree

growing in the centre. Today the vault has all collapsed, but there remains the rotting stump and limb of an oak tree. Although Trotter labels this sketch 'Dundegh Castle', it is almost certainly Kars Castle. McKerlie's description of the remains in 1893 would support this.

The ruin has obviously been quarried over many centuries. Much of the good stone, including the facing stones and lintels, have gone and been used in building elsewhere.

The nearby medieval village of Polmaddie is likely to be contemporary with Kars and would have supplied the castle with labour and victuals. Polmaddie would have been the original village of the area long before Carsphairn itself came into being.

No doubt one day the site of Kars will be cleared of the growing and decaying trees. Another generation will excavate the site properly and expose the foundations so that a proper analysis and understanding can be made and a fuller history emerge.

In an age when conservation and heritage are very much in vogue, how can such an important and potentially lovely site be treated with such great insensitivity?

This is an excerpt from an article by Bill Blyth which first appeared in the Carsphairn Heritage Centre Newsletter No 18 in 1992.

Memories of Shops and Shopping

Currently the local history display in the CatStrand features the life and work of SR Crockett in his centenary year, but this will shortly be replaced by a display on the

shops of the Glenkens.

Not so long ago there were numerous shops in the area. We are looking for photographs and stories of shops and shopkeepers as well as

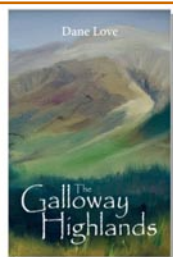
objects such as bills, ads and even equipment that we could borrow.

If you can help, please contact Avril Bridgeman on 01644 420 438 or Mike Brown on 01644 420 267.

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LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

The Glenkens Story: Sharing Our History



Somebody once observed that all history is local even though some of it is of national or even world significance.

Glenkens must be one of the least known glens in Scotland. People enter and leave it without knowing it by name. There is nothing to tell visitors about its existence yet it has been a major highway linking the Solway with the Central Belt since prehistoric times. The Romans knew of it and probably had a name for it. It was occupied at different times by Welsh, Scottish, English and Irish peoples with a dusting of Vikings and Normans. Scotland is a nation of immigrants and some of them liked what they found here: clean rivers abounding with fish, woodlands and rough pasture, the flood-enriched arable of the Ken valley. Although the glen is mentioned in many books and other sources there is no single-volume devoted to its rich and fascinating history.

Starting next January there are plans to create an informal group of folk interested in all or any aspects of our history, from the Ayrshire border to the foot

of Loch Ken. Under the umbrella title, *The Glenkens Story: Sharing Our History*, we are planning around six meetings per year to give people an opportunity to share historical knowledge and interests. Suggested topics so far include the shops of the Glenkens villages, the history of our homes, metal detecting our past, personal reminiscences, folk tales, Glenkens landholding - in short anything about the glen's past.

It is hoped The Glenkens Story will become a community effort organised by the community for the community.

Following the success of this year's conference we will organise an annual Crockett Day event. Field trips and small exhibitions are possibilities. Further ideas are most welcome. We hope to build on and share the inspirational work already being achieved by groups and individuals in Carsphairn, Crossmichael, Parton and Dalry while encouraging others to pursue their particular interests. It is hoped The Glenkens Story will become a community effort organised by the community for the community. The group, operating under the auspices of the Glenkens Community & Arts

Trust (GCAT), will hold events in venues across the area.

The times are propitious. I have the honour to chair the European Ethnology Research Centre (EERC) based in the School of Scottish Studies at Edinburgh University. Ethnology is concerned with change of all kinds, from the use of buildings to the way we dress, from what we eat to relationships in families and communities. The centre

recently has embarked upon an ambitious project on the regional ethnologies of Scotland, of which the first volume will be the Regional Ethnology of Dumfries & Galloway to appear in two volumes.

The first will be document-based up to about 1900, the second will draw heavily on oral recordings currently in progress throughout the region, including the Glenkens, which I hope will have a notable presence.

For more information on The Glenkens Story watch out for the next issue of Glenkens Gazette and the January CatStrand programme.

Ted Cowan

If you have information or suggestions to share contact me or Lizanne Henderson (01644 420 839), Mike Brown (01644 420 267) or Tom Carlisle (01644 420 750).




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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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Sat 4, Lockerbie : Lost Voices, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Mon 6, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Meeting, 7pm, Dalry School, see p10

Wed 8, Open Stage, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thu 9, SOC Talk: The Decline in Seabirds, 7.30pm, Kells School, see p19

Sat 18, Abbas Rest Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Dalry

Christmas Shopping Event



**The CatStrand
Saturday 29th November
11am-5pm**



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Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while you browse.

If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas Shopping Day, please get in touch with Wendy at the CatStrand.



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Town Hall, see p8

Fri 10, Lorna Reid's Lounge Sessions, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thu 23, Film: Advanced Style, 2pm, CatStrand

Sat 25, Happy Jack by John Godber, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 31, The CatStrand Halloween Party, 6pm, CatStrand

NOVEMBER

Sun 2, Zoe Muth & The Lost High Rollers, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 7, Spalding Bowling Club Prize-giving & Social, 7.30pm, Clachan Inn, Dalry, see p8

Fri 7, Illustrated Talk: Round Trip to the Amazon, 7.30pm,

Mossdale Village Hall

Sat 8, Mairead and Anna, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 8, NG Golf Club Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation, Ken Bridge Hotel, see p8

Sat 8, Discovery Film Festival: Shorts for Wee Ones, 1pm 3+ (under 3's welcome), CatStrand

Wed 12, Into Film Festival presents School's Concerts, 10am, in conjunction with CatStrand - see p7

Thu 13, SOC Talk: Birds of Arran, 7.30pm, Kells School, see p19

Fri 14, Box Fresh and Squish by Room 2 Manoeuvre, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Thu 20, Film: Belle, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 29, Mossdale Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, Mossdale Village Hall

Sat 29, CatStrand Christmas Shopping Day, 11am-5pm, CatStrand

SYRIA: THE COUNTRY BEHIND THE CRISIS

The last three years of violent conflict in Syria have left the country near to collapse.

Neighbourhoods have been flattened, families torn apart and lives destroyed. We all read the headlines but it is hard to envisage, particularly if we don't know much about the country.

Alan and Philippa Pallister visited Syria in 1995 and found an enchanting country and people with a fascinating and wide-ranging history. To give an impression of what Syria was like before the current crisis, they will be giving an illustrated talk on Wednesday 22 October at 7.30pm in St Margaret's Church, New Galloway. There is no charge for entry but donations to the Syria Appeal may be given.

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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, 11.15am, 60+

Ukelele Improvers, Mon, 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, 10am

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

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

Gentle Tai Chi: Wed, 10am, 60+

Sing it Out: Thurs, 11am -12pm

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

Swimming for Over 60s: transport to Kirkcudbright from CatStrand at 1pm

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, 9.30-11.45am

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: Tues & 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: Tues & Wed, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall. Contact: Eric 460 670

Bowling for Beginners: Wed, 7pm, Spalding Bowling Club, Dalry (opposite The Garage)

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 Post Office: Thurs, 9.30-11.30am, Lagwyne Hall

Coffee & Craft Morning: Thurs, 9.30-12noon, Lagwyne Hall

D&G Hard of Hearing Group Drop-in: 1st Friday each month, 10am-12noon, New Galloway Town Hall on the first Friday of every month.

To hire the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) behind Dalry School call Sonja Tranter on 430 244 or Nicolette Wise on 430 218.

Dalry Library

Tue: 2-4.30pm & 5.30-7.30pm

Fri: 11.15am-1:15pm & 2-4.30pm.

There are 23 mobile library stops - to find out where and when please phone 430 234.

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 2nd (Nov) 3rd 4th, Dalry: 10.30am 2nd (Oct), Kells: 10.30am 2nd(Nov) 3rd 4th **Special Services/Events:** 5 Oct, 10.30 am: Harvest Thanksgiving, Carsphairn Church, 12noon: Harvest Thanksgiving, Balmaclellan Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in Village Hall. 12 Oct, 10.30am: United Family Service for Dalry and B & K Church in Dalry Church. 18 Oct, 10-12: Abbas Rest Coffee Morning, Dalry Town Hall. 7 Nov, 7.30pm: Quiz Night in Balmaclellan Village Hall. 11 Nov,

11am: Ceremonies at New Galloway and Balmaclellan War Memorials, followed by Remembrance Service in Kells Church. 28 Nov, 7.30pm: Scottish Night, Dalry Town Hall. 30 Nov, 10.30am: United Service with the Choir in Kells Church **Communion Services:** 26 Oct, 12noon, Dalry Church, 2 Nov, 12 noon, Balmaclellan Church; 16 Nov, 10.15am, Carsphairn 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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GLENKENS ART WORKSHOP EXHIBITION 2014

The Glenkens Art Workshop Exhibition 2014 was a great success with over 80 entries on display.

Between Friday 22 and Sunday 24 August, the Community Centre, Dalry, was host to the work of artists from in and around the Glenkens. The Glenkens Art Workshop meets twice a week, on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, in the Glenkens Community



Centre, Dalry. Total entries for the open exhibition were 87, varying from cement gorillas, machine-embroidery, paper



Artwork by Grace Jeffery-Temple, P6, Carsphairn Primary School and concrete gorillas by Ian Knox.

sculptures as well as fine art in a wide variety of media.

The work displayed from the children of the three Glenkens Primary Schools was of a high standard and much appreciated by all who came. Our thanks go to all the children and their schools for their excellent contributions. We believe that we have been one of the few exhibitions to have had three generations of the same family exhibiting!

The standard was again very high and the comments from the visitors who attended were very positive and encouraging.

During the three days of the exhibition there was a slightly disappointing number of visitors; 111 compared to 145 last year. We will have to consider how to increase this footfall as the excellent work by all these local artists, young and old alike, deserves a bigger and better showcase in the future.

Our thanks go to the Community Centre for allowing us to use their building and to all those people who helped set up, oversee and take down the exhibition as well as to all the contributors.

The Glenkens Art Workshop members are a small, friendly group and we welcome all ages - and enthusiasm counts as much as experience! So please feel free to come along to one of our sessions, or get in touch on glenkensart@sky.com or 420 386. Tom Leach

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