

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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

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DALRY TREASURE HUNTER WITNESSES VIKING FIND

A metal-detecting trip with friends turned into an historic occasion for Glenkens minister, David Bartholomew of Dalry, when one of his companions, Derek McLennan, unearthed a Viking treasure trove.

The find is one of the largest Viking hoards ever discovered in this country and has excited experts worldwide. It includes a uniquely wide range of articles including gold, silver, glass, enamel and textiles. The location on the fringes of the Glenkens is

being kept secret.

Stuart Campbell, head of the National Museum of Scotland's treasure trove unit, said: "This is a hugely significant find, nothing like this has been found in Scotland before in terms of the range of material this hoard represents. There's material from Ireland, from Scandinavia, from various places in central Europe and perhaps ranging over a couple of centuries."

Finding the Treasure - read David Bartholomew's report on p7.

Photograph: This silver Carolingian pot, possibly the largest ever found, was part of the hoard.



Carsphairn Young Shepherds Win Awards



Rebekah (age 14) and Reuben Philips (age 12) of Carsphairn enjoyed the Scottish Smallholder and Grower Festival in Lanark.

Reuben came first in the Rare Breeds Survival

Trust young shepherd competition with his sister Rebekah very close in second. Rebekah also came second in the young goat handler competition and third in the milking goat competition.

Reuben will be going on to the UK final next summer. Rebekah will be broadening her skills and experience as she takes on the training of a working collie, alongside doing her work experience at a large working farm.

Rebekah and Reuben attend Dalry School.

Strong Support for Shop

A proposal that the local community should buy the shop in New Galloway has received substantial backing in a survey of residents.

132 local people, over 80 per cent of those surveyed,

completed questionnaires. 130 respondents backed the idea and 26 people offered practical help.

A steering group is now seeking advice and assistance from the Plunkett Foundation and the Community Ownership Support Service which specialise in aiding community initiatives. Visits are planned to community shops

already operating in Auchencairn, Carsphairn, Palnackie and elsewhere to learn from their experiences.

As reported in previous Gazettes, Jim and Margaret Hopkins, the shop's owners, are planning to retire and wish to sell the shop.

For further information contact Helen Keron on keronh@me.com

Watson Bird Festival Fun

The Watson Bird Festival, attracted many visitors over the weekend of 19-21 September.

People flocked to visit the events on offer including an art exhibition with local and more renowned artists. Live performances, science talks and - a definite favourite - a live owl display, where people could interact and get to know real live owls!

The purpose of the festival is to celebrate the work of Donald Watson, a keen birder and wonderful artist. Project Officer Lynsay Bradford said;

"In generating a festival, we can create community involvement as well as reach further afield to people including artists and scientists."

The event ran over three days with a successful opening of the exhibition on the Friday evening. Saturday and Sunday were filled with events that appealed to many people of all ages and abilities. The Raptor Science prize was well attended with Dutch speakers Ben Koks and Raymond Klaassen, promoting their Satellite tracking journal papers.

The Watson Bird Festival is an annual event;

however the project would like to promote events throughout the year to generate more local interest and widen the audience further afield, to help promote the importance of Donald's work.



Murdo and Esme enjoying the owl display.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

St Margaret's Ladies' Guild and Balmaclellan & Kells Guild are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 6 December in New Galloway

Town Hall from 10.30am to 12noon.

In addition to coffee, shortbread and mince pies there will be stalls, a tombola and a lucky dip. Please come along and support this joint venture.

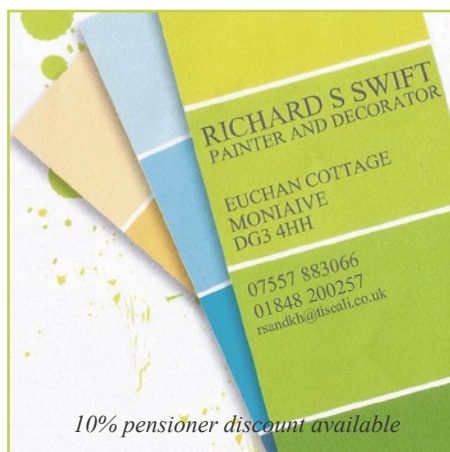
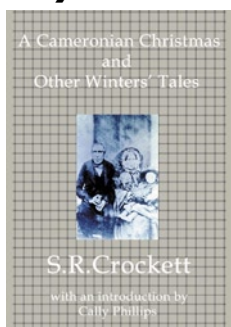
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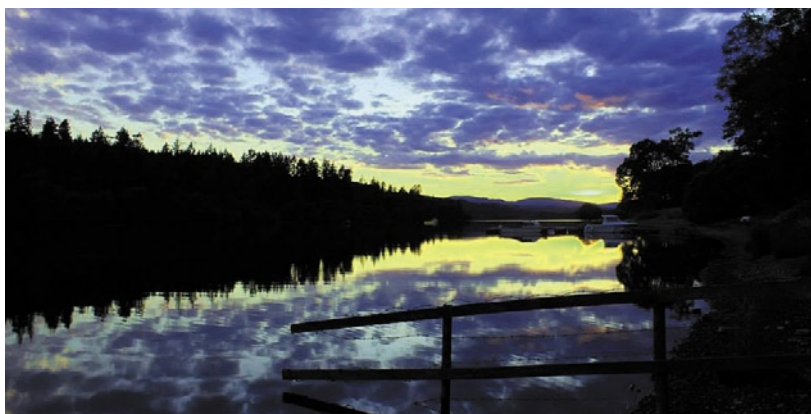
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Photo of the Issue: *Sponsored by the Ken Bridge Hotel*

This issue's winner is Finlay Carson with this view over Loch Ken.

Dave and Sue, competition judges and owners of the Ken Bridge Hotel, said: "We had so many lovely shots to choose from we just couldn't decide this time. After much deliberating, this tranquil view over Loch Ken seemed to really stand out".

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



Abbas Rest Fundraiser Thanks

A coffee morning held in Dalry in aid of Abbas Rest Orphanages in Malawi raised £672.71.

We would like to thank all the people who supported us in so many ways with donations towards the sales table, raffle, bottle stall, baking and money donations. We would also like to thank all the people who staffed the stalls and helped in the kitchen, waited on tables and provided transport as, without you, this would not have been possible.

We were very pleased to welcome Jim Walsham, the treasurer for Abbas Rest, as well as Madge Irving, one of the trustees, who had recently returned from a visit to the orphanages. This visit was to review how we can best develop, and continue to deliver, the support our donations provide.

*Our thanks once again,
Avril Brown and Barbara Colbenson*

Support for Observatory

The Knowe Bed & Breakfast, Carsphairn, opened for business in August 2013 and proprietor Karen Hall quickly noticed that much of their custom came from visitors brought in by the Dark Sky Park.

Karen said: "Over the last 14 months I have noticed many of our bookings have been in association with The Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park, which as you know is an amazing addition to our already beautiful area. Many of our guests are staying at The Knowe B&B in order to visit the Forest Park and/or The Scottish Dark Sky Observatory near Loch Doon. As the Observatory are charity-run and rely on donations to support them, I offered to donate

a fabulous new night-reflective sign to help direct visitors to the observatory from the Loch Doon Road. It seems many of their Tripadvisor reviews had mentioned the lack of signage and that some guests heading to the observatory had even got lost, making them late for their session! The staff at The



Karen Hall with David Warrington, Astronomer at the Scottish Dark Sky Observatory, with the new sign.

Observatory were thrilled at my offer and several weeks later the sign is now up and directing visitors perfectly and without fuss to this fabulous facility."

On accepting the sign Mark Gibson of Craigengillan Estates said: "As a registered charity and relatively new business we are delighted to know that one of our stated 'Core Aims' - re-generation of our local area - is clearly being fulfilled and that visitors are not only visiting our area to attend the observatory but are choosing to stay for longer. We are thrilled to know that the business we are generating is assisting other local businesses and that working together in attracting visitors to the area has provided tangible benefits on both sides. We are delighted to receive this night-reflective sign, donated by The Knowe B&B, and hope that we can continue to work closely with them and other local businesses in the future."

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

Large quantity of egg boxes, only used once. Contact: Jean on 420 372

Board game - 'Triology' - never been used so all cards, discs etc in place. Call 430218

Jigsaw puzzle murder mystery

'Death by Diet', no pieces missing. Call 430218

WANTED

Hot water storage tank, tin sheets. Contact: Simon on 07426 124 982

Filing cabinet for Dalry Community

Council (2 or 3 drawer preferred over a 4 drawer, but any will do). Contact: 430 255

Child's bike seat to suit 3/4yr old. Initially to borrow please to see if she likes it! Contact: 430 120

Gent's wind-up pocket watch. Contact: Jean on 420 372

Life-saving Equipment in the Glenkens

Dalry Community Council has recently bought a defibrillator for the village, to add to the one currently housed in Dalry school.

Carsphairn has a defibrillator which is kept in the village shop, and in New Galloway the Catstrand houses one. The Galloway Activity Centre on Loch Ken also has one, so between them these simple devices could massively increase the likelihood of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Training organised by Dalry CC in October was very well attended and delivered some simple but important messages about heart attacks and cardiac arrests.

Heart attacks are serious and painful but you may be able to function through them. If you feel that you are having a heart attack, ring for an ambulance immediately as some heart attacks culminate in cardiac arrest. At this point, every minute of delay in getting

the heart working properly again reduces the chance of survival by 10%. Manual cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can help, but the best thing is to get to a defibrillator.

Defibrillators are sophisticated devices that administer a controlled electric shock to the heart, effectively 'jump-starting' it back into normal operation. However, they are also extremely simple to use. Even if you have never used one, if you know where to find one in an emergency and can turn it on it will then speak to you and direct you through all the actions you need to take. **It is important to note that you cannot hurt someone by mistake with a defibrillator. If they are unconscious but have a healthy heart, it will not shock them.**

Some tips to remember if you suspect someone has had a cardiac arrest are:

- Check it is safe to approach them (cardiac arrest can also be caused by electrocution - don't join the casualty list)

- Try and rouse them
- Shout for help and send someone for the nearest defibrillator
- Listen and look for normal breathing by putting your ear over their mouth and looking down towards their chest.
- If they are not breathing, ring 999 and request an ambulance immediately.
- Start CPR until the defibrillator is available
- Turn the machine on. It will then instruct you on what to do.

The most important thing is to remember that this equipment exists and where your closest one is. Access will be easy, because time is of the essence. For further information, and details of where the Dalry Community Council set will be located, contact Andi Holmes on 430 255. There will also be more training events arranged locally - watch out for them on posters and Facebook.

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Eco Feature

Recycle Locally with Glenkens Schools

DALRY: Dalry School has had a few containers that have been collecting various items for recycling.

One of the containers was for old spectacles. These can be sent via a charity for reuse by people in need in developing countries. We are proud to be sending a contribution of 19 pairs off. Thank you to everybody that donated.

We continue to collect batteries and printer cartridges for recycling and are about to send off the mobile phones that were being collected to allow another defibrillator to be purchased.

Please send any of these items into school that you would like added to the recycling bins.

KELLS: To enable Kells School to keep their Rag Bag Bin, which raises funds for the school, they need to collect over 600kg of clothes each year to keep the purpose-built bin in the school playground.

220kg was collected in September, which generated £88 for the school, and another uplift is planned for December. It would be a terrible shame

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for the school to lose the Rag Bag Bin service so let's make sure we support them. If Gazette readers would keep the bin in mind when they have any old clothes, shoes or blankets which would otherwise go in the rubbish, Kells Primary would be very grateful.

Shed Shout-out

The Glenkens People's Shed (see article on back page) would like to put a shout-out for donations of hand tools - items like saws, screw drivers, hammers, etc would be gratefully appreciated. Please get in touch with Brian Jones at the CatStrand (420 374).

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GOLF CLUB

New Galloway Golf Club finished the season in style when the dinner and prize presentation evening took place at the Ken Bridge Hotel.

The season was celebrated by the Lady Captain and Gents Captain presenting the cups and trophies to the winners. Marena McClymont was the most

successful lady player whilst Alex Long and John McQueen were the pick of the gents section. The Senior Section goes from strength to strength and Terry Haine won the Alan Walker Memorial Shield. Alex Long also celebrated being called up into the South of Scotland squad. The annual general meeting of the club takes place on Thursday 4 December at



Winners with their cups and trophies.

7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

The club is always on the look out for new members so if you want to get fit in 2015 then why not give us a call - 01644 420737.

*Jeff,
Captain & Match Secretary*



The annual prizegiving.

BOWLING

This year is the first time in the history of Spalding Bowling Club that husband and wife have won the Gents Champion and Ladies Champion in the same year.

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Eliz Peacock

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CatStrand Update

Festivities begin with the fantastic **Mike Vass** on 5 December for an evening of contemporary folk accompanied by **Innes Watson** of **The Treacherous Orchestra**.

This pair represent a new wave of folk musicians making a stir in Scotland - mixing technology with trad they create a sound like no other that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. They will perform a collection of relaxed compositions written with December in mind so coorie

doon, have a (free!) mince pie and some mulled wine, and enjoy the music.

Aleksander Kudijczyk will make his third appearance at the CatStrand on 14 December. He will perform a solo Chopin recital.

It wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas film and



Mike Vass

this year Miracle on 34th St (1947) will give you that warm fuzzy feeling. Share this classic with the whole family on 19 December.

We bring in the New Year with an exhibition from **The Glenkens Art Workshop** - come and support this local art group and see some of their brand new work. This will be the group's third exhibition at the CatStrand and it is highly anticipated as always (the exhibition launches on 8 January).

The CatStrand Team

For full listings see brochure or www.catstrand.com To book tickets call 01644 420 374. And don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook.

CatStrand Youth Players

The fourth annual Youth Players' Panto will be *Sinbad the Sailor* by Paul Reakes.

This promises to be a fun-packed pantomime for all the family with plenty of audience participation and comedy moments.

Our hero Sinbad, sets off on the good ship 'Golden Hawk' to the Island of Zalabar to rescue Princess Yasmin from the clutches of the evil magician Vazar. Despite the attempts of Black Hook and his nasty pirates, Sinbad tries his best to carry out his mission helped (and sometimes hindered) by the Captain and his hapless First Mate as well as the ship's cook, Dame Semolina Sinbad, and her troublesome pet monkey Monty. Will Sinbad succeed in his quest?

The cast will take to the stage on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December at 7.30pm, with an additional matinee performance on Sunday 14 at 2pm. Tickets are available from the CatStrand Box Office priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children - all three performances were virtually sold out last year so please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

After Christmas, the company will switch their attention to the 2015 One Act Play Festival hoping to repeat their recent successes at the Stewartry round and make their fourth appearance at the West of Scotland Finals.

FINDING THE TREASURE

Continued from front page...David said: "What a privilege to be there as the hoard was unearthed - first an upper decoy hoard, which in its own right was quite remarkable; and then four inches or so below it the main hoard which included a large Carolingian silver pot which has still to be emptied of its contents. What is even more remarkable is that this find was made on the fringes of the Glenkens."

The hoard also includes an early Christian silver cross, which may have been taken by the Danish Vikings when they plundered the monastery of Lindisfarne.

Many incredible artifacts were found, and even the cloth in which the silver pot was wrapped for its preservation was remarkable. The treasures were all taken up to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. It will take time however for the whole story to be told.



Four arm rings and a silver ingot having just been unearthed.

CASTLE DOUGLAS FOOD BANK

It's tough for some families these days with the cost of living rising all the time.

It is with this in mind that I invite you to consider supporting Helping Hands Food Bank in Castle Douglas. Together we can make a difference. The food bank is run from 3a King Street, Castle Douglas (on the big roundabout opposite the old Station Hotel). It is set behind the houses and accessed by a short drive, and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays

and Thursdays from 11am to 12noon.

The project runs on a ticket-based system and currently tickets are available via health visitors and district nurses at the Garden Hill Medical Centre. They may also be available through the Glenkens Medical Practice. A ticket entitles the bearer to collect food from the Food Bank. If it is established in consultation with the agencies that there is an ongoing need, a further ticket will be issued for the following month, and so on.

Are you able to buy an extra can of soup or packet of pasta,

a tin of meat or a jar of sauce? Non-perishable items for the Food Bank can be left in the Community Shop, Dalry, at the CatStrand, or at the local shops in Dalry, New Galloway, Balmaclellan and Carsphairn; also at local churches at the time of Sunday morning worship. They can also be left at a collection point in the Co-op in Castle Douglas.

If anyone has enquiries about obtaining emergency food they are encouraged to contact New Life Church on 01556 505 855 and leave a message for a call back.

David Bartholomew

St Margaret's Ladies Guild Digs Deep for the Red Cross

At the recent AGM of the St Margaret's Ladies Guild, the plight of refugees in the Middle East and those suffering from the ebola epidemic in Africa was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to make an immediate donation of £800 to the Red Cross to help in their humanitarian work in these areas.

Treasurer Jean Marsden comments: "Newspaper and television accounts daily reveal the horror of so many people's lives and we felt strongly that we must do something to help.

Part of the remit of the Ladies Guild is to help those less fortunate than ourselves and due to our various fundraising activities we are pleased to have been able to make a substantial donation".

Photograph: From left to right, Jenny Repath, Jean Marsden and Christine Rankin of the

Ladies Guild, and Lorna Porteous and Olive Bell from Dumfries and Galloway Red Cross, receiving the cheque outside St Margaret's Church in New Galloway.



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A DECADE ON THE BUS

Keith Cooper, administrator for the Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) for almost a decade, has decided to hang up his keys and the Glenkens Gazette wishes him all the best in his retirement.

The first few years are probably the most important time for any new project as foundations are laid for the future. In the early days GTI was reliant on government funding and passenger numbers were very low. To have reached the position we are today where the initiative is financially self-sustainable, and last year over 5,000 passengers were carried, means that the foundations have been well and truly

set. I recently received an email from the secretary of the Scottish Community Transport Association saying that GTI was an example to all community transport initiatives in Scotland on what could be achieved from small beginnings to the benefit of a rural community with limited public transport.

We must never forget that in a rural community transport must always be the main priority because without it people suffer from social exclusion, are unable to get to hospitals, shops, places of interest and meet other people, and their health and quality of life deteriorates.

I have always been very grateful to Cathy Agnew and the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT) board at that time for having the foresight to buy the first minibus and forming and supporting GTI in its early days.

Much of the recent growth of GTI has been the result of the link with Dumfries & Galloway Council and the support received from them has been invaluable.

Finally, I must thank Bob Peace, Brian Edgar and all of the GTI committee who have helped me over recent years, all the volunteer drivers who have kept the wheels turning and, last but not least, those people in the Glenkens who make regular use of the wonderful asset you now have.

I was told by Bob Peace to enjoy my retirement by "walking the legs off my dog, getting my golf handicap down and keeping out of Susan's way". I can think of no better way of achieving the last than by carrying on driving the bus from time-to-time, which will also allow me to keep in touch with many of you.

Best Wishes, Keith Cooper

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Developing Talent for the Future

The Pentathlon is an event which combines the five sporting disciplines of pistol-shooting, fencing, swimming, horse-riding and running.

GB Pentathlon recently sponsored a Biathlon in Annan Sports Complex as part of a nationwide programme to encourage under-nine-year-olds up to under-17-year-olds

to compete.

William Nash, a P7 pupil at Dalry School, competed in the under-12-year-old category. He ran 800 metres in two minutes and 57 seconds, coming in joint-first.

The second event took part at Annan swimming pool where William had to swim 50 metres, where he came in fourth. Those that had competed in this event will find out in January if they qualify for the next round which will take place in London.



William Nash with his winning medal.

CARSPHAIRN SCHOOL REPORT

We are well into another wonderful year at Carsphairn Primary.

We try our best to bring our learning outdoors, and this year is no different. So, the pupils thought the best way to introduce our new headteacher, Jenny Smith, to our parents, carers and community as a whole was to invite everyone on a local hike together. We were very lucky to have Elizabeth Peacock from Walking for Health safely guide us for the three hour hike up to the old lead mines in the hills behind our school. It was a great day, enjoyed very much by everyone that took part.

To continue along with our 'outdoor learning' theme this term we had countryside ranger Elizabeth Tindale visit the school to continue our Forest School

programme. We have been building fires and different types of shelters, and even cooking. Our pupils enjoy being presented with opportunities to work with fire and sharp cutting tools, which if mishandled could obviously be dangerous. However, outdoor learning gives pupils an opportunity to identify potential risks and hazards themselves, so they learn to make safe decisions in a controlled environment.

Finally, we must also quickly mention halloween and some of the wonderful costumes that the children wore to school. Our wee monsters, zombies and princesses had the chance to show their true colours! Brilliant costumes and scary stories showed what young, imaginative minds and a little hard work are capable of producing.



Dalry School Tech Club

Dalry School Technology Club is now in its seventh season and is proving more popular than ever with a total of 23 members attending the first session.

This season is more popular than ever with a total of 23 members attending the first session. For the first time, these came from all three of the Glenkens Primary schools plus Dalry Secondary. It is a credit to the pupils that they want to come along after school to find out more about the information and communications technology that increasingly affects us all in our daily lives.

The Club always focuses on state-of-the-art technology and over the years has introduced many pupils to their first look at smartphones, tablets and other developing technology. This season we will cover 3D printing, setting up a home network, and threats to the internet, amongst other subjects.

YOUTH BANTER

Editor: Amber Brett

Winter is Here!

Winter is here and the CatStrand is getting ready for Christmas & New Year! We are hosting plenty of exciting activities for young people over December and January to keep away those winter blues. This issue has all the latest on the film makers club, Teen Spirit Youth Club, and of course all your favourite reviewers. **READ ON!**

Young Film Makers to Start Brand New Animation Project



Fresh from the success of their horror sequel *The Curse of Aggy Fishbone*, the **CatStrand Young Film Makers** are moving into a new arena of the moving image: animation! Working with professional animator **Henry Cruickshank**, the group will learn stop-motion film making combining artistic talent with plasticine, crafted sets, and computer software. The workshops are open to 8 years+ and the goal is to make a short showreel to be shown in the CatStrand. Henry told Youth Banter: "I'm delighted to be working with the CatStrand Young Film Makers, they are a talented and dedicated bunch. **Animation is great fun and much easier than people think.** I've run lots of workshops with young people aged from 4 - 84". Youth Arts Development Officer Simon Davidson said: "I recently saw an exhibition of Chuck Jones' work [the guy who did Bugs Bunny and Wile E. Coyote] and I thought it would be fun for the club to try something a bit different. Animation allows your imagination to run wild!"

The new animation project will run over **FOUR WEEKS on Thursdays [7-9pm] commencing on Thu 27 Nov.** **NEW MEMBERS** are always welcome at the Young Film Makers Club and it is free to participate but **places are limited** for the animation so please sign up by contacting: **simon@catstrand.com** or call **01644 420374**

Teen Spirit Youth Club will be able to try out the latest releases from the console gaming world when Castle Douglas' Nanotech Gaming bring their open online gaming session to the CatStrand in January. Nanotech's **Liam Brook** told Youth Banter: "the main idea behind Nanotech is getting young people out of their houses and into group settings where they can share their love of games. We'll have competitions, prizes, and try out sessions for those wanting to try new games."

The first session will take place on **Tuesday 13 January from 7pm - 9.30pm** with monthly sessions during term time after that.

Nanotech Gaming coming to Teen Spirit in January



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Teen Spirit Fundraiser!



Teen Spiriter William Sainsbury tells us about the December Fundraiser for the Youth Club and how you can help.

The Teen Spirit Youth Club who meet on Tuesday nights at CatStrand [7pm - 9.30pm] are planning to stage a one-off **Christmas Market** to raise funds. They will have an arrangement of stalls selling a variety of quality items from clothing to toys. All the items will be unwanted or unused items donated by friends and patrons of the Cat-Strand.

The sale will take place at CatStrand **Sunday 14 December from 1pm - 4pm** both before and after the annual CatStrand panto finale. All the money made from the sale will go to the Youth Club to be used for general improvements e.g. a new table tennis table, games, and trips away.

If you have anything you'd like to sell to help a good cause, please bring it along! Also handy for last minute bargain Xmas shopping!

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FILM



MUSIC

Owen Glasby tells us why we should all listen to: "Wiggle" by Jason Derulo & Snoop Dogg

In this current era of music, it is not uncommon to hear songs that are slightly catchy, with no lasting value. This however, is not one of those songs. "Wiggle" is an impressive mixture of modern music techniques, soulful voice and impressive rap skill from the long-time popular rapper, Snoop Dogg. So what makes this song different from your average modern pop tune? The answer is simple: the energy. When you hear the song, it makes you want to get up and dance. The song has such a fantastic vibe; you can't help but find yourself enjoying it. It is indeed a must for anyone who enjoys more modern music – or indeed, anyone willing to give it a try.

BYTES

REVIEW



THE WOLF of WALL STREET [2013]

by Amber Brett

The Wolf of Wall Street is a movie based on Jordan Belfort's life as a wealthy stockbroker living life to the full. Unfortunately this also involves crime, corruption and entanglements with the federal government.

The movie is pure brilliance and I would most definitely advise watching it! The sheer power of the movie and the strong statement it makes about excessive living is just too good to miss. The movie had a huge advantage as Jordan Belfort is played by Leonardo DiCaprio who in my view is the best actor that has been around for many years. He really does make the film amazing! Not for younger viewers.



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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FILM: Frozen [2013] [U]

Sat 6 Dec | 3pm | £3 or £5 child & adult

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Ages 12+

LIVE THEATRE: Sinbad [Xmas Panto]

Fri 11 Dec | Sat 12 Dec | 7.30pm
Sun 13 Dec | 2pm
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LIVE MUSIC: Alexander Kudajczyk

Sun 14 Dec | 7.30pm | £14/12
*Free Youth Tickets available - contact CatStrand

FILM: Miracle on 34th Street [1947] [U]

Fri 19 Dec | 7.30pm | £5/4

LIVE STORYTELLING: A Ghost Story for Xmas

Mon 22 Dec | 7.30pm | FREE | All Ages

ELSEWHERE

FILM: PADDINGTON (2014) [U]

The Fullarton, Castle Douglas
Sat 27 Dec 2.30pm £5

FILM: Mr Turner [12A]

The Fullarton, Castle Douglas
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SERAFINA WINS BOOK COMPETITION

Serafina Green from Dalry Primary recently won the Primary Award in the 2014 Reading Zone Picture Book Competition.

Serafina's picture book, Xandra Wants a Dog, was considered to be outstanding by the judges. It was selected as the winner of the

primary category by author and illustrator Guy Parker-Rees.

He said: "Wonderful illustrations and bold splashy washes made this book a real winner. I loved the imaginative use of photography and the thoughtful observations and details. Very well done Serafina."



Kells Children Raise Over £1,000



Pupils in primary seven at Kells Primary raised £1178.18 by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Cross Keys Hotel in

New Galloway.

Students planned and advertised the coffee morning and served parents and friends of the school on the day. They also made collection tins for local businesses to collect donations for the charity.

The pupils would like to thank everyone from the local community who supported the event.

Zane Gray

Health and Well-Being

Moves are afoot in the Glenkens to help us all develop the motivation and desire to become healthy in every sense - physically, emotionally, socially and mentally.

Young people who are being educated within the framework of Curriculum for Excellence have health and well-being up there with literacy and numeracy as being fundamental to success.

Everything we can do as a community to enhance these aspects will support the development of our young people. Leading by example is the most effective method.

A recent Dalry School assembly

was based on the quote "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step".

Young people are being encouraged to build their personal fitness levels and to see it as being something achievable by persistent effort in the right direction. Maybe that's a good place for us all to start.

*Jenny Smith,
Glenkens Partner Headteacher*



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Sharing Knowledge

An Ayrshire and Arran tourism team has been visiting Carsphairn Heritage Centre on a learning journey visiting heritage and community groups en route to the Isle of Whithorn.

The visit was organised by Julie Sloan. The 19 members of the group represented Ayrshire College, Dundonald Community, Girvan Visitor Information Centre, Biosphere, Ballantrae Development Company, Ailsa Horizon and Ladyburn B&B.

Joyce Hunter Blair and Ruth Williams welcomed them and answered many questions from the setting up of the heritage centre to how we deal with windfarm people. They were also interested in the volunteering system which successfully runs the centre.

Memorial to Rob Watson

On the beautiful sunny evening of Thursday 25 September, a granite memorial to the late Rob Watson, estate manager at Forrest Estate for almost 50 years, was formally unveiled.

Rob had been head forester and then estate manager at 'The Forrest' since January 1953 until his eventual retirement in 2002. It had been his childhood dream to create a forest and that dream was fulfilled at Forrest Estate, a place he loved dearly. As well as being in charge of the forestry operations, he was also responsible for the planning and construction of the many roads and bridges which traverse the estate, one of which is named after him. In addition he oversaw the development of the three hydro-electric schemes and was instrumental in developing

the farming enterprises for the estate. Rob and his wife Mary had moved to the Glenkens from Northumberland in 1953 and Mary was also very much involved in the running of Forrest Lodge house.

Employees past and present who had worked on the estate over the years with Rob, Mr and Mrs Fred Olsen, representatives of Fred Olsen & Co, and several of the Olsen family attended the evening. Rob's family was represented by his daughters, Marjorie and Margaret, his grandchildren, Hannah, Henry, and William, and his sons-in-law, Jack Pringle and Jeremy Sainsbury.

The memorial is sited at the head of the glen between Forebush and Burnhead bridges and looks up to Shinmount.



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GAZETTE BOOK GIVEAWAY

In this issue of the Glenkens Gazette we have three wonderful local books on offer as a festive giveaway.

Zero Footprint by Leeming & Paterson (Q1), *The Galloway Highlands* by Dane Love (Q2) and *A Cameronian Christmas and Other Winters' Tales*; S.R.

Crockett compiled by Cally Phillips (Q3) are all up for grabs. All you have to do is answer a question related to the theme of the book to be in with a chance of winning...The questions are:

- 1 - Find a photograph all in aprons (give the page number)
- 2 - Where was the spectral sighting mentioned in one of the articles in this issue?

3 - Where is S R Crockett's memorial situated?

Please either send answers to: Glenkens Gazette, CatStrand, New Galloway, DG7 3RN or email glenkensgazette@hotmail.co.uk

Good luck and best wishes for the year ahead!

Sarah Ade,
Editor,
Glenkens Gazette

A Cameronian Christmas

100 years after his death, the first new collection of stories by S R Crockett since 1909 has been released and brings together some of his fictional writing about the Christmas period and winter season in rural

Galloway and beyond.

Gifted in the art of natural description, Crockett paints in prose. In the selection chosen for *A Cameronian Christmas and Other Winters' Tales* he gives us a seasonal treat that will last long into the darkest days of winter. While we are all familiar with Dickens' transformational and redemptive Christmas stories, Crockett offers us porridge in place of turkey and snow in place of a

roaring hearth – and our spirits are somehow the better for it.

S R Crockett was born at Little Duchrae, Laurieston, in September 1859 and died in April 1914. He was a prolific writer of historical adventure romance stories of Galloway as well as further afield.

Find out more about S R Crockett and his Glenkens connections by joining *The Galloway Raiders* at www.gallowayraiders.co.uk or purchase a copy of the book at www.aytonpublishing.co.uk

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DALRY CHOCOLATIER

Dalry resident Suzanne Dawson has just set up a new business designing and creating artisan chocolates.

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chocolate is handmade by Suzanne at her home in Dalry, offering unprecedented colour and taste sensations which delight the palate. Suzanne says: "Cocoa Kalula's ethos is 'luxury is all about how you feel' and after eating our chocolates you will appreciate the difference".

Presently Suzanne is working on her chocolate designs and packaging for Christmas - get in touch if you would like to make a Christmas order: you can contact Suzanne on 430 461 or s.dawson984@btinternet.com



Suzanne Dawson with her range of Cocoa Kalula chocolates.

Eco Talks

The South West Association of Nature Conservation (SWANC) have announced their winter programme:

Jan 22 - *How Climate Change is Affecting our Wildlife:* are birds, butterflies and beetles having to change their habits or homes?

Feb 26 - *Small Homes, Huts, and Cabins - How to Live Lightly in the Country:* what are the rules? What are the problems? When does a hut become a home?

Mar 26 - *Getting On and Off the Beaten Track:* regional experts discuss new ways of improving rural transport, so we can become a bit less reliant on our cars.

Apr 23 - *The Beavers are Back:* is this good news? Do they upset fisheries? Are they a menace?

Talks are held at the Ken Bridge Hotel at 7.30pm. For further information please contact mas@craigfarm.co.uk

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1915	Mossdale
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1940	Castle Douglas (Tesco)
Return Journey	
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April 23rd Thursday

Lake District

Fare £7/ Concession £6

Suggestions are invited for one or two excursions in March and throughout the summer.

If there's somewhere you'd like to go and you think others would too, email Glen on gti@catstrand.com or phone 01644 420374.

The Great War – 100 Years On

One hundred years ago, the Great War was in full swing.

Regular soldiers had all gone off with the British Expeditionary Force to France and Flanders (Belgium) and the Territorial Battalions had been mobilised and gone off for training – the local 5th Battalion of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers was in Tillicoultry preparing to go to the front.

A big recruiting campaign was going on to get all fit and able bodied men to enlist which they were doing in large numbers. On top of this, large numbers of horses were being conscripted. This meant that most of the farm and estate work had to be done by women, children and men too old to fight, and then with not enough horses to do the job. The middle classes and better paid workers would have had staff at the time and

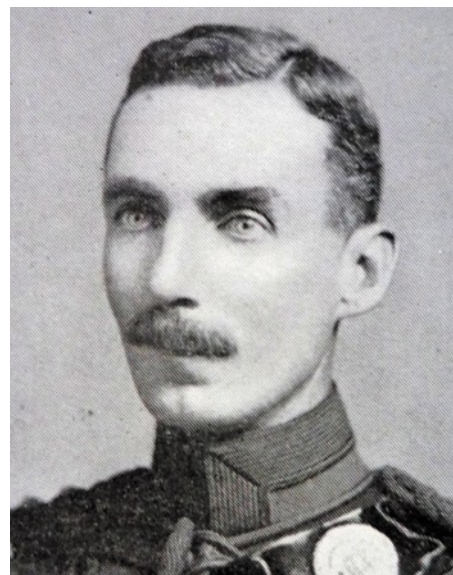
these were leaving either to join the Army or to fill the gaps left by those joining up. Life was changing fairly rapidly in the Glenkens and, as it turns out, life would never return to the way it was before.

The Glenkens had lost its first son on 14 September 1914 when Captain Augustus Ernest Cathcart of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps was killed in France. He is buried in Paissy Churchyard. His family were from Yorkshire but his Scottish home was Brockloch near Carsphairn and the family owned the lead mines at Woodhead. His brother was killed in the Boer War and is commemorated on a plaque on the rear outside wall of Carsphairn Church. Augustus was 39 years old when he was killed and left a widow and a six month old daughter.

Captain Augustus Ernest Cathcart is remembered on the Carsphairn War memorial and at

his old school, Eton.

If you have photographs or family details of any WW1 soldiers commemorated on local war memorials, please contact Paul Goodwin on 01644 430 062 or memorials@paulgoodwin.me.uk so they can be included in future articles. *Paul Goodwin*



Captain A E Cathcart



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A Winter's Ghost Story

A little-known murder mystery surrounds a farm in the Parish of Balmaclellan.

On the 1 June 1529, a letter was received at the court in Haddington describing the "slaughter and murder" of a man named Donald McEwin at Corse Farm. In the letter seven men and three women were named as being accountable for the killing.

Archivists are still working on this story and we don't yet know if any further particulars of this case have survived.

The letter refers to "Hew Johnoun, Master and his assignes one or more – of the gift of all and sundry the goods movable and unmovable tackle, steadings debts and others whatsoever which pertains to John Cairns in Cassenvey in the Parish of Balmaclellan. Andro Colyn his servant, Dungall Cairns brother to the said John. Cuthbert McKill, John Makmullan servant to the Dungall, Jonet Cairns, Bridok Cairns, Sythock

Hair, Gilbert Makgympeis and Jonet Cannan and now pertaining or any shall happen or pertain to our Soverain Lord and his estate through being of the said persons fugitive from the law and at the horn [an outlaw; rebel against the King] for art and part of the slaughter of Donald McEwin in the Cors of Balmaclellan."

This story was relatively unknown within the Parish but an interesting episode occurred some years ago. A testimony was given from a young man who told of an eerie event he had witnessed early one morning while staying at Corse Farm. He explained he had been woken by whistling which he had thought was a cockerel at first. He got out of bed and went to the window where on opening the blind he looked out and saw a horse and rider, followed by four horses pulling a hay cart, a man was driving the horses, and another was in the cart with hands bound and a chain around his neck. A small group of people, about 10 to 15 were walking behind the cart carrying torches. They were

mainly men but also one or two women wearing long greyish skirts, and wearing bonnets. They followed a road that was not the same as the existing road and which continued through the farm dykes.

The witness said he heard murmuring noises as the group moved from behind the house towards The Craig. He watched them for about a minute and a half as they went around the corner. He added "I could still see the glow, but then it vanished."

We don't know if there is any connection between this ghostly vision and the history of the murder at The Corse, but it is certainly an unusual coincidence describing the group of men and women and the one poor soul bound by chains in the hay cart slowly being taken off to some unknown fate.

Bill Blyth, Blowplain Farm

If anyone has any further information about the ghostly sightings at Corse Farm, the Gazette would like to hear from you.

The Glenkens Story Update

Next March it is planned to launch 'The Glenkens Story: sharing our history' with a gathering to celebrate and share the research already being undertaken by groups and individuals.

Everyone with an interest in the history of the Glenkens is welcome to take part. (*See the last edition of the Gazette for details*).

We are already laying plans for a programme for later in the year including another event celebrating the life and work of S.R. Crockett as well as visits to local sites of various historic significance. If you have information or interests to share or suggestions to offer please

contact Ted Cowan, Lizanne Henderson (420 839), Mike Brown (420 267) or Tom Carlisle (420 750). Further details will appear in the next Gazette.

New Galloway shops: Since requesting information in the last Gazette more details are

emerging of shops in the area. After reading the recent appeal, Christina Hockey, who moved into Columbine on New Galloway High Street three years ago, reported that she had found the sign for McLellan's bakery which had once operated from the house (see picture). If you can help with this project please contact Avril Bridgeman on 420 438

Transcribing Robert Heron: Ted Cowan is looking for help in transcribing the diary of Robert Heron. "I have a photostat of the diary of Robert Heron of New Galloway, man of the Enlightenment, polymath, and first memorialist of Robert Burns; it has never been published. A small remuneration is available for anyone locally who might be interested in transcribing it (the hand is not difficult and I can do the awkward bits)." If you can help, contact Ted on 420 839.



LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

Darkness Visible

The United Nations has proclaimed 2015 'The International Year of Light'.

While the main theme will be the application of light science and technology to future developments, it will also celebrate the achievements of individuals such as Parton's James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879). Maxwell, born in Edinburgh, was brought up at Glenlair where he conducted some of his earliest experiments. In a lecture entitled 'A Dynamic Theory of the Electro-Magnetic Field', presented to the Royal Society of London he announced, "We have strong reason to conclude that light itself - including radiant heat and other radiation, if any - is an electromagnetic disturbance in the form of waves propagated through the electro-magnetic field according to electro-magnetic laws". The paper, published in 1865, has since been hailed by those qualified to judge, including Max Planck and Albert Einstein, as one of the greatest breakthroughs in nineteenth-century science.

Maxwell's theories may be beyond the comprehension of many of us, but we all have ideas about light. The earliest verses of Genesis are very familiar: 'And God said, "Let there be light."

Since the beginning of time humankind has striven to extend the day, pushing back against night's darkness.

Despite dire and pertinent warnings about future power shortages we all take light for granted. We seldom stop to consider that the extension of illumination, which we now enjoy through such projects as the Glenkens Hydro Scheme, marks one of the greatest differences in the everyday experiences of our ancestors and us. For most folk over the centuries activities requiring light ended at sunset. Dwellings of the Galloway poor were said to be as dark by day

Since the beginning of time humankind has striven to extend the day, pushing back against night's darkness.

as by night; central hearths and a 'lumm', or hole in the roof, created a near impenetrable internal fog of smoke.

Another legacy of God's binary organisation was the notion of light as good and darkness as bad, the latter haunted by spirits, monsters and the Devil himself, as well as thieves, murderers, adulterers and drunkards. Those occasional nights of pure Galloway darkness, which render the wayfarer quite blind, and feel almost physical in their oppressiveness, are reminiscent of Lady MacBeth's, "Come thick

night and
pall thee
in the

dunest smoke of hell".

In reality the majority could not afford outdoor lights, which were in any case unreliable, just as candles indoors, if used at all, were beyond the means of most. Locals used to collect rushes from the shores of Loch Ken. Gathered in high summer, the plants would be thrown into water to keep the peel supple before it was removed, leaving the pith intact. The piths or cores were then bleached and dried for about a week after which they were dipped in scalding fat until

saturated. Rushes made from tallow, usually evil-smelling mutton fat, were said, by a man in 1911 who used to make them when younger, to give a dismal light; "darkness visible". Today one electric light bulb supplies the

equivalent of 100 candles.

Movies or dramas on historical themes always show the sets as far too richly lit. When folk told tales of Fairyland they always remarked on the brightness of the illuminations in the fairy court. Such conspicuous brightness equated with fabulous wealth, dismissed by canny Scots, including no doubt the frugal Glenkensians, as "sheer extravagance".

All the best for the Festive Season - may your days be merry and bright! Ted Cowan






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DECEMBER & JANUARY

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Fri 5, Mike Vass, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sat 6, Film: Frozen, 3pm, CatStrand

Sat 6, Christmas Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12noon, New Galloway Town Hall

Sat 6, Santa's Grotto & Christmas Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, New Galloway Town Hall

Wed 10, Open Stage, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Fri 12, Christmas Dance, 8pm, New Galloway Town Hall (see ad below)

Fri 12 & Sat 13, CatStrand Youth Players Panto, 7.30pm, CatStrand see p7

Sun 14, Glenkens Church Choir Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm, Balmaclellan Church

Sun 14, Aleksander Kudajczyk, 7.30pm, CatStrand

Sun 14, CatStrand Youth Players Panto, 2pm, CatStrand (see p7)

Fri 19, Film: Miracle on 34th Street (1947), CatStrand

Fri 19, Clachan Christmas

Party, The Clachan Inn, Dalry

JANUARY

Thu 8, Exhibition: Glenkens Art Workshop, CatStrand opening hours, CatStrand

Fri 16, Carsphairn Burns Supper, Lagwyne Hall

Thu 22, SWANC Talk: How Climate Change is Affecting our Wildlife, 7.30pm, Ken Bridge Hotel, see p18

Sat 31, Dalry Burns Supper, see below

Clachan Fair

All things change and so it is planned to change the Clachan Fair too.

To spread the fun in 2015 we're

having a few events through the year to raise money for

a more traditional Clachan Fair in 2016. There will be something for all ages so keep your eyes open for details. We'd love more ideas and help so if you feel you could do this please contact

Sonja Tranter on 07912481454 or rwilkie@toucansurf.com

One way everyone can help is with the raffle. If everyone in Dalry sold some tickets to family and friends we would have a really good fundraiser. There will be a raffle in 2015 and tickets should be available sometime in the new year.

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This will take place on Saturday 31 January 2015.

The main speaker at this will be Mr Chris Rollie from Dalry who is very well known in Burns circles.

We hope to have this event every two years, on alternate years to Dalry School's Burns Night. Please keep these dates in your diary.

Jean Lockerbie

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

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)

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.

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

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.

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- D&G Council: 030 33 33 3000

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, 4th, Carsphairn: 10.30am

1st 2nd 3rd 4th, Dalry: 12noon

2nd (Jan) 3rd 4th (Jan), Kells: 10.30am

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Special Services/Events: 6

Dec, 10.30am: Guild Coffee

Morning, New Galloway Town

Hall. 14 Dec, 10.30am: United

Family Service, Kells Church.

14 Dec, 6.30pm, Carols by

Candlelight with Glenkens Church

Choir, Balmaclellan Church. 23

Dec, 5pm: Carsphairn Church

Community Christmas Service & Children's Party. 24 Dec, 11.30pm:

Watchnight Service, Dalry Church.

25 Dec, 10.30am: Christmas Day

Family Service, Carsphairn Church.

28 Dec, 10.30am: United Service

with Choir, Kells Church.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL

CHURCH: St Margaret's, New

Galloway: Holy Communion,

10.30am every Sun & Wed

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES:

Gatehouse of Fleet: Sat, 6pm.

Kirkcudbright: Sun, 9.30am.

Dalbeattie: Sun, 11am

GLENKENS PEOPLE'S SHED

Work is progressing on the Glenkens People's Shed, a new opportunity for everyone in the area to practice and learn woodworking and other skills.

With the kind permission of the owner, a section of the Old Smiddy in Balmaclellan is being adapted to house the Shed which is part of the Connecting in Retirement Big Lottery four-year project. Work on the Shed is progressing well and insulated partitions and new electrics are in place. Benches and a range of tools are being procured, some donated or grant-funded.

Two activities are scheduled to start by the end of this year. One

is the resurrection of the wood carving class that used to be run in Dalry School by Bill Wiseman. The other activity will be wood turning and it is hoped to have two lathes in place and appoint a tutor for people who want to try their hand.

The Shed movement - originally 'Men's Sheds' - started in Australia in the 1990s to enable men of all ages to socialise and share activities they might otherwise undertake in their own sheds. The Glenkens People's Shed will enable men and women to share the tools, skills and resources they need to work on projects of their own choosing, at their own pace, in a safe friendly environment. A Shed's activities usually include making or mending in wood (for example carpentry, joinery, turning, carving, furniture renovation etc) and may include

activities as varied as bike repair, upholstery, boat renovation or model engineering.

One of the major objectives is to help younger people in the area to learn new skills or crafts from some of the local craftswomen and craftsmen who will use the Shed.

To find out more about the Glenkens People's Shed contact Brian Jones on 01644 420374 or email brian@catstrand.com



Testing out some of the Shed's new equipment.

Merry Christmas from C'est toi!

Facials . massage . make-overs . waxing . eye treatments . tanning . acrylics . natural nail treatments

Special Festive Offers:

Fabulous Skin & Glamour Eyes Package - Enriching express facial, followed by an eyebrow tint & wax. - £30 (Save £8)

Party Sparkle Package - Luxury spray tan & full set of acrylic nails (with the added option of genuine Swarovski crystals!) - £40 (Save £10)

Deluxe Pamper Package - Full Aromatherapy body massage, followed by a luxury facial. - £60 (Save £18)

Gift Vouchers Available – An ideal Christmas gift for that special person!!

Full price lists will be available shortly. Please do not hesitate to call Lorraine for further information and to book appointments.

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