

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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

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FREE

ROAD CLOSURE THREAT TO CARSPHAIRN SHOP

The A713 main road through the Glenkens is a vital artery along the Gretna to Ayr Tourist Route for caravanners, motorists and lorry drivers alike.

But to one couple in Carsphairn, it is more than a road – it is a crucial part of their livelihood.

Paul Smith and Lindsay Duncan run the village shop and so news of the proposed road closure by the Ayrshire Roads Alliance for five successive weekends from the end of May for

resurfacing work to the south of Dalmellington came as a complete bombshell.

They are concerned that the prolonged closures will have a devastating effect on their business.

"We only took over the shop last September and we were looking forward to our first busy summer period, but the road closures will kill our passing trade for up to six weeks," said Lindsay.

Photograph: Carsphairn village shopkeepers Paul Smith and Lindsay Duncan face a difficult time during the A713 road closures.

Story continued on p3...



KELLS SCHOOL RECEIVES FUNDRAISING AWARD



Kells school pupils with Angela McCormack and 'Mugsy'.

Recently Angela McCormack, Senior Fundraising Manager with Macmillan Cancer Support, together with 'Mugsy' the Macmillan Mascot, presented Kells Primary with an award and

certificate to recognise the school and the community's wonderful fundraising efforts over the last 22 years.

Since 1993 the school has taken part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning every year, and with the help of the community, has raised £11,863.76 for this worthwhile cause.

Recognition needs to be paid to Mrs Plummer, former Head Teacher at Kells Primary, the staff involved over the years, together with former pupils and the members of the community for all their support.

Organisation Set Up to Advance Shop Bid

A well-attended meeting of local residents in late March set up the New Galloway Development Association 2015, a necessary step towards securing funding to buy the New Galloway shop for the community.

The association, a constituted unincorporated group, has a nine-strong committee which is preparing an application for initial project funding. This will allow us to present a

professional bid for the grants needed to buy the property.

This stage requires further evidence of community support and how people feel about the local economy generally. We carried out a further survey which has been well supported, with a response rate of over 75%. The results are still being analysed but there is overwhelming agreement on the importance of continuing to have a shop. Many thanks to all those who responded very quickly to the questionnaire. We expect to have the grant application in by the end of June and to hear back by the end of September at the latest.

We are continuing to visit other community shops and ventures to learn more and several of us went to Witherslack community shop in Cumbria in April to hear about their experiences. This trip was sponsored by the Plunkett Foundation who provide support to most of the community shops in the UK. They have allocated us a mentor to help us with our business plan and grant application. We learnt some great lessons from the trip and the clear message that community shops can work and make a huge difference to village life. For further information contact Helen Keron on keronh@me or 01644 420 656. *Helen Keron*

CATSTRAND WELL ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

After what has perhaps seemed like a slow few months from the outside, the CatStrand is well on the way towards its planned re-opening in the summer.

Enormous amounts of work have been going on behind the scenes by staff and board members to get back open as soon as possible. Having been thoroughly stripped back, the building is now officially dry, and as we go to press, tenders have been received to start the reinstatement work at the end of May. This work is fully covered by the insurance, so the CatStrand will be as good as new by the summer!

Of critical importance, of course, is the need to ensure that the building does not flood again. A comprehensive Flood Risk Assessment has been completed by Flooding Risk Assessment Ltd, a local firm, which has quantified the problem and provided the scenarios that any solution must be able to cope with. The next steps are to commission this

design solution, and implement any works before the winter.

To help fund this next stage of design, which is not covered by the insurance, the Catstrand held a very successful fundraising dinner in New Galloway town hall at the end of May.

Margaret and Louise did a fantastic job of decorating the hall, five gallant hosts provided a three-course meal for their tables, Sam and Wendy did an excellent Saroc demonstration that got everyone up on to the dance floor, and many generous souls donated auction and raffle prizes to generate more funds. Thanks to everyone who contributed and attended, the event raised almost £6000, which is a critical boost to the CatStrand's efforts to get back on its feet at this time.

The board of the Glenkens Community & Arts Trust and the staff of CatStrand would like to say again how very much they appreciate the moral and actual support from the community at this difficult time. We look forward to joining you in celebrating our re-opening within the next few months.

Helen Keron

Flower & Veg Show

Arrangements have now been made for the 2015 Glenkens Flower and Vegetable Show which this year is on 15 August.

The classes in the Vegetable Section remain the same as do the Pot Plant Section. In the Cut Flower Section the class for Floribunda Roses has been replaced with Any Other Rose and in the Gladiola class the number has been reduced to one Spike.

The classes for Decorative, Handicrafts and Children's classes are in the brochure/entry form which can be found in local retail outlets.

The Photograph for this year is *Sunset* In the Produce Section there is now a class for Six Eggs.

Last year we were very disappointed that there were no entries in the Hanging Baskets, Trough or Tub Class. In the Glenkens there were some lovely Baskets. PLEASE could we ask people to enter this year. These are judged in-situ and the winner receives The General Holden Cup.

Photo of the Issue:

Sponsored by the Ken Bridge Hotel

This issue's winner is Duncan McNaught with this lovely shot of a blue tit in his Glenlee garden.

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



FOOD TRAIN

A Plant and Cake Sale at St Margaret's Church in New Galloway raised £500 for 'Food Train Friends', the award winning befriending service run by Dumfries and Galloway's Food Train. Not only does the Scottish charity provide a vital grocery delivery service for older people who have difficulty doing their own shopping but they also offer household help, home visits and phone calls, outings and group activities.

Christine Rankin, St Margaret's Ladies Guild President, says: "We all know that old age can be hard, especially when infirmity makes people housebound. 'Food Train Friends', run by local volunteers, not only helps with weekly shopping but the befriending service helps combat loneliness as well. We are delighted to be supporting this vital work through our outreach programme".



Fundraising cake table.

CARSPHAIRN ROAD CLOSURE

Continued from front page...

"We rely very heavily on people travelling through the village who stop off at our tea rooms – that's the major part of our business. Tourists and especially bikers, who arrive in groups of ten or more, make a point of calling in for a cup of tea or lunch," said Lindsay.

"Without this trade, we are going to suffer dreadfully."

Lindsay added: "If I could, I would move those road signs that will take people away from Carsphairn."

Chair of Carsphairn Community Council, Andrew Metcalf, said: "There has been no account taken of important local events; some fairly minor adjustments made but still major disruption and inconvenience for locals and businesses. They refuse to consider night time closures as is the case in Ayr where alternative routes do not require such a long detour; there will be a major blow to local businesses during the tourist season."

Ayrshire Roads Alliance have amended their total road closure plans for the weekends in the face of mounting pressure from various groups and individuals including the organisers of the Carsphairn and Straiton shows.

Although the A713 will be closed to traffic from 8.30am to 5pm on the Saturday and Sunday, it is proposed to reopen it for one hour at midday to allow vehicles through under convoy.

From 5pm, all traffic will be convoyed through the site overnight until 8.30am the next day.

"Even with these concessions, there is going to be a lot of confusion for motorists because the road signs are not at all clear," said Paul. "They just tell travellers to seek alternative routes, but to where? The whole thing has not been well planned at all."

"The loss to our business will be massive. I just hope we can survive until the end of June without this vital passing trade. It could close us down."

Lifeboats Fundraiser

Another successful evening was held at Dalry Town Hall to raise money for the RNLI.

The Glenkens committee were delighted that the fundraising event raised just over £700 with stalls selling RNLI souvenirs, home baking, plants and

books all enjoying a busy evening. In addition the tombola stall and raffle were very popular and helped bring in funds.

The Glenkens has a long history of fundraising for the lifeboats which have always been funded by the generosity and kindness of its many supporters. With increasingly more people being rescued every year, that continuing support is vital.

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

Brother knitting machine with cones of knitting yarn, wool. Contact: Annikki on 460 640

Folding glass shower screen

consisting of two decorated panels approx 3' high x 2' wide unfolded. Contact: Andi on 430 255

Vick's CleanAir air purifier, virtually unused. Contact: 430 380

WANTED

Plant and tree seedlings, chicken wire, tin sheets, any building materials. Contact: Simon on 07426 124 982

RAISING AWARENESS FOR EB

Local man Robin Hood is walking 600 miles from Kirkwall on Orkney to Mossdale, calling in at Nairn, Inverness, Fort William, Glasgow, and finishing back home.

"I will be pulling a supermarket trolley with copies of my book in, and calling in at those locations as they helped me raise millions of pounds for

DEBRA over the last 20 years. I'll be giving some people a copy of the book to say thank you."

The journey will take a month and Robin hopes to set off some time in July.

Robin's daughter Alex died in 2008 from a rare skin condition that forms part of Epidermolysis bullosa (EB), a devastatingly painful skin blistering illness.

Robin has recently released a book entitled 'Smile Daddy, I'm Dying', as featured in a previous Gazette.

The book has been endorsed by Bill Clinton and Gordon Brown and can be bought at www.smiledaddyimdying.co.uk or in local book shops. Profits go towards more research into EB.

Knit-One-Bike-One

Knit 1 Bike 1 is the name Janet Renouf-Miller, from Dalmellington, is giving to her cycling and yarn journey around Scotland which will culminate in a book and exhibition in the Glenkens.

An artistic meander round Scotland on a Brompton folding bicycle...uniting Scottish textile artists... quirky artwork with fibre and yarn...connecting with others by giving free workshops in exchange for a bed for the night and a hot meal...this is Janet's vision for *Knit 1 Bike 1*.

Janet sets off in June and will be offering free mini knitting and crochet workshops all over Scotland. She is crocheting and knitting what she sees on the journey and the work will form an exhibition which she hopes will be on display locally. The real and imaginary stories of these objects will be told in the book and the exhibition.

She will be returning home via New Galloway and Carsphairn on her way back to Dalmellington and on the final night she will stay at Hawkrigg campsite, near Carsphairn, where she will host her final mini-workshop and have a celebratory do with friends and



Janet with her bike.

others in the local area.

Janet is fundraising for the project and donations can be given via www.createwithfibre.co.uk. To follow Janet on her journey, visit her Create With Fibre Facebook page.

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SOUTH WEST ASSOCIATION FOR NATURE CONSERVATIONISTS (SWANC) VISIT TO CREE VALLEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Discussions last year on creating a community woodland in the Glenkens and the recent talk on Carrifran prompted a number of SWANC members to express interest in learning more about the experience and achievements of the Cree Valley

Community Woodland Trust (CVCWT)

www.creevalley.com

There will be a SWANC visit to the Trust's property on **Saturday 6 June** led by Andrew Bielinski of the RSPB who is also a trustee of the CVCWT. The visit, which will run from 10am to around 5pm, will cover woodland creation and management, the tree nursery, archaeology and training and will provide insight into the working of the Trust and the RSPB in the area.

For practical reasons the size

of the party will be limited to 20. If you wish to join this visit please email Mike Brown on mbrown99@dircon.co.uk to book a place. Places will be allocated in order of application and a reserve list will be held if there are more than 20 applicants.

Although no charge will be made for the visit, donations will be invited which will be shared among CVCWT, RSPB and SWANC.

Please note that the visit will entail walking over tracks and rough ground. Further information will be sent to those who have secured places.

An Update from Watson Birds

Our Watson Raptor Science Prize was taken to the Scottish Nature Fair at Musselburgh.

The 2015 runner-up, Dr Julien Terraube-Monich from the Department of Biology, University of Turku, Finland, spoke on 'Patterns and implications of individual diet specialisation in a generalist predator'.

The session talk was chaired by Roger Crofts, director of Watson Birds, and the discussion session by Prof Des Thompson, Chair of the Watson Raptor Science Prize Selection Panel.

Dr Terraube-Monich and his colleagues studied whether individual variations in the diet of radio-tracked male Montagu's harriers were associated with patterns of foraging habitat

selection and foraging success during the breeding period. They concluded that individual diet specialisation has a knock-on effect on foraging efficiency in this wide-ranging raptor, highlighting "the role of individual behaviour as a driving force of intra-population niche variation".

In the autumn we are planning a full session on presentations by all prize-winners and runners-up who have not yet had the opportunity to speak about their work. Please join us for a Watson Birds sponsored debate about the future of our land - *Looking After Our Land: New Approaches Lead To New Horizons* - as part of the Crichton Conservations series.

Given the poor attendance of previous events and continuing financial loss, it has been decided not to hold a Watson Birds Festival this year.

Roger Crofts

LITTERBUGS



This photo shows two bags of rubbish collected from the roadside by local walkers, plus two more already packed by litterbugs who then threw them out of their vehicle into the ditch, all within half a mile of the litter bin. Rubbish clearing costs the Council and therefore us the ratepayers extra money. What do these litterbugs think when they turn our beautiful countryside into a rubbish tip and why do the rest of us tolerate such behaviour?

Gerry Cinderby,
New Galloway

GLENKENS GUITAR DAY

This May, the newly started South West Scotland Classical Guitars held their first open event in Dalry Town Hall.

Being a 'classical' guitarist often has the regrettable side effect to set you apart from the popularity of other guitar styles - the fun of bands, the social aspects of orchestral instruments playing - while you are immersed in a solitary passion with your discreet but difficult instrument.

It's always been a pet ambition of mine to bring together classical guitarists of all ages and levels to play together, to share some music and fun, and possibly rub shoulders with other styles of music without feeling intimidated.

I moved down from Glasgow within the last couple of years,

where amongst other things I used to direct a guitar ensemble of school children, 'Guitar Galore'. I do miss this and would love to build up other groups in the Glenkens.

Using Dalry Town Hall for the event seemed a great idea and worked out really well. I planned the day with the help of Eva Popov, who teaches near Dalbeattie.

The participants were mostly from Dumfries and Galloway, including a couple from Dalry, but also a couple from Glasgow.

The acoustics of Dalry Town Hall are ideally suited to un-amplified guitars, many people commented on how good the sound was.



The concert at the end of the session was warmly received by an audience who, I guess, was not too sure at first what to expect. Neither had I been, really, until the day came together, but my aspiration for future gatherings, hopefully enlarged to include other styles and a wider age group, has been very much encouraged by the very enjoyable day and positive feedback.

Anne Chaurand

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CatStrand Update

This summer's selection of fantastic events will take place throughout the Glenkens. Venues are located in New Galloway, Dalry and Balmaclellan so make sure to check when booking tickets.

We are thrilled to welcome Susan Calman to Balmaclellan for her rescheduled show 'Lady Like'. This comedy event was moved from 13 March to 25 June and there are still tickets left. Don't miss this Radio 4 News

Quiz regular and star of the Scottish comedy scene.

Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas will light up Balmaclellan Village Hall on 11 June with their duo of cello and violin. The pair compose the most stunning resurrections of cello playing in traditional music with Haas providing rhythmic playing to accompany master fiddle player Fraser.

One of Scotland's foremost trumpet players Colin Steele and band perform an evening



Alasdair Fraser of jazz in Dalry on 17 July. Highly original and melodic, the trio will include guitar and bass and deliver a programme of thoughtful and engaging music.

The CatStrand Team

CATSTRAND YOUTH PLAYERS

The Youth Players recently staged their 2015 Festival plays in Dalry Town Hall. Both productions were very well received by an appreciative audience.

The emotive *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* delivered the harrowing story of life in the Terezin Ghetto during the Second World War. The play could never be described as entertaining in the traditional sense but hopefully it was appreciated as a memorable and emotive piece of theatre with an important message in the year marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the war.

The second play of the evening hopefully cheered the audience up a little before they went home – *Dream Jobs* told the story of five teenage girls waiting on their interview with their career's adviser.

Each character had their own glamorous dream job and slowly came to realise that they could only realistically get the usual mundane jobs. Once again this production had to be adapted slightly but for very different

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reasons - one of the actors had to perform at the Festival with a broken ankle resulting in her very limited movement. Thankfully she had now recovered and was able to move freely this time!!

The Youth Players now move on to their next productions. Normally the next show would be in June before breaking for the summer holidays but due to the situation with the CatStrand building at the moment, the next production will be staged in early September when the building

is open again. Rehearsals have already started for two one act plays, *Numbers* by Kieron Barry and *Pig Tale* by Ron Nichol.

Rehearsals will be held throughout the summer period in conjunction with other drama workshops, please look out for further details as part of the CatStrand Youth Arts Summer Programme.

As soon as the show is over, rehearsals will then start to get ready for the fifth annual Christmas pantomime to be held on 11, 12 and 13 December.

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Spalding Bowling Club Season Starts

Good weather brought out a sizeable crowd for the opening of the Spalding Bowling Club.

The President, Peter Hamilton, welcomed everyone and asked Valerie Russell to throw the silver Jack and first two bowls.

Valerie then declared the green open and wished everyone a happy and successful season. The season then started with 36 people enjoying a friendly game.

Valerie Russell



Valerie Russell declaring the green open.



Glenkens Transport Initiative

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1940	Castle Douglas (Tesco)
Return Journey	
2035	Depart Castle Douglas (Tesco)
2037	Castle Douglas (Market Street)
2047	Townhead of Greentown
2050	Laurieston
2100	Monardale
2110	Near Galloway
2115	Dalry

GTI has 8 and 16 seat minibuses for hire.
Hires must be registered GTI user groups.
For more information or to book call 01644 430374.

GTI Excursions June & July 2015

Phone the CatSland or see the GTI page on the CatSland website for more details

June 21 Sunday

The Kelpies & the Falkirk Wheel

Fare £7/ concession £6

July 5 Sunday

Abbotsford

Visit the fascinating and beautiful home of Sir Walter Scott near Melrose.

Fare £15 (includes a guided tour of the house)

July 12 Sunday

Andaroch Garden, Kendoon

Fare £1

July 26 Sunday

Mull of Galloway

Visit the stunning Mull of Galloway and enjoy lunch (not included in fare) with wonderful sea views

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GLENKENS FOOTBALL CLUB

The newly formed Glenkens Football Club is already into its first season in the Stewartry Sunday Amateur League.

With many members having been part of last year's Dalry United FC it was decided to reform and progress as Glenkens FC into the 2015 season. The new club is very grateful for the support that they have received from Natural Power Consultants Ltd, New Galloway Community Council, Scott Ferguson Garden Maintenance and Dalry Community Shop which has allowed them to meet registration expenses and to buy new strips, training gear and equipment for the forthcoming season.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of suitable facilities meeting the

requirements of the Amateur League, the team are unable to play home games anywhere in the Glenkens. 'Home Turf' for Glenkens FC is to be in Crocketford which will be shared with another member team of the league. Although the team would much prefer to be able to play their home games somewhere in the Glenkens it has proved impossible and Michael Lawrie (Head Coach) has worked tirelessly to secure the use of the pitch at Crocketford for the forthcoming season.

The season has already started and results have been very encouraging so far with an emphatic 6-1 win in the league



Glenkens FC proudly sporting their new strips.

and a narrow extra-time cup defeat to last season's league champions being two of the highlights from the early fixtures.

The club always welcomes help of any kind whether it be coaching, playing, book-keeping or however you feel you might be able to contribute. Please contact Michael Lawrie (07704669677) or Aaron Edgar (07917034450) for further information.

New Galloway Golf Club

New Galloway Golf Club started the new season in great fashion with the course in beautiful condition.

The scheduled competitions have all gone ahead, notably the Ladies Open, the Glenkens Tankard Greensomes which was won by club member, Marena McClymont and her partner from Newton Stewart Helen Fox.

The club's junior programme is now in full swing with club

volunteers presently working in the local schools introducing pupils to golf.

Upcoming events include the Gentlemen's Seniors Open on Thursday 4 June and Captains Day on Saturday 27 June; the club's main social event of the season.

New Galloway Golf club continues to work hard to involve itself with the local community and is looking for ways to do this. We would welcome any suggestions from



Winners of the Celts Challenge – John McQueen, David Aitken and Ronnie Ritchie – receive the Chris Thomas Memorial Trophy from the lady captain, Chris McIntyre.

the local community on this subject. Immediate membership is also available to anyone interested in playing golf.

Ian Brown

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CARSPHAIRN SCHOOL'S BELFAST ADVENTURE

In our effort to continue to expose the pupils at Carsphairn Primary School to as many rich learning experiences as possible, we have in our latest term had the opportunity to visit Belfast Titanic to support some of the learning we did last term.

It was a great day out, which was enjoyed by all. We had a chance to travel on a pretty big boat ourselves, as we took the ferry over to Larne and had a few pleasant surprises along the way.

It was an early start, with the GTI bus and our usual volunteer driver Keith Cooper collecting us from the school at 7:30am. We tiredly made our way down to Cairnryan and boarded the ferry with no problems at all. On the ferry we ate the biggest bacon

rolls ever! It was neat to travel across the Irish Sea and travel to a different country with our school.

When we got to Larne, we drove our bus across to Belfast city right down to the waterfront where the Titanic Belfast exhibition has been built. It is a very impressive building and interesting to find out that this is the exact location where Titanic was initially launched on 31 May, 1911 - over 100 years ago. We learned about all the men and women who worked to build the ship and saw some real artefacts from the ship herself.

Once we completed the tour of Titanic Belfast, we began the



Pupils enjoy the ferry crossing.

long trip home. The highlight of the trip back was on the ferry, when the Captain invited us up to the bridge of the ship and let us actually drive the ferry! We had another delicious meal on the ferry and were home in Carsphairn by 8:30pm! It was a great visit and we want to thank Mr Cooper, Mrs Duncan, Ms Tranter and Mrs Mackinnon for coming along and making the trip so much fun.

Walker McKenna

Dancing in the Glenkens

Four young people from Dalry School joined with Dalbeattie High School for *Y Dance* training in January.

They were keen to take part after having some gymnastics and dance input from Active Schools at an after-school club in Dalry.

They enjoyed the opportunity to work with people from other schools and with the tutors of the *Y Dance* course.

The four girls followed up on their training by choreographing their own dance, practising for many hours and then competing in the regional Choreography competition in Dumfries High School in March.

This was a great experience and gave the young people lots of ideas for the future as well as the determination to compete again next year.

What happened next was brilliant.

Younger students watching the girls rehearsing

asked if the S3 would teach them the dance. This led to an after-school activity for the Dalry primary children which they thoroughly enjoyed. News spread and Carsphairn Primary was the next target for the girls' efforts. After a four-week after-school activity in Carsphairn Village Hall, Carsphairn Primary children performed the dance for their friends and family.

Amy, Emily, Emma and Rebekah have shared a happy and healthy activity with a large number of young people, through their own effort and enthusiasm. They are to be commended for their efforts and they will be able to use this activity as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Well done ladies and thank you.

Jenny Smith, Headteacher



Amy, Emily, Emma and Rebekah.

SWAGAZINE



One Direction Go Two Directions!

Exclusive Reaction to the BIG SPLIT with **MIA WALKER**

The news of Zayn Malik's departure from pop sensations **One Direction** caused massive upset around the world and even gave rise to the sinister #cut4Zayn, encouraging fans to self-harm in tribute to the departed singer. The reaction at Dalry Secondary School was quite different. As far as I'm concerned, it was the best thing that has happened in 2015 so far and I hope Five Seconds of Summer are next. It seems I wasn't alone. Fraser (S1) said of the split it was the "best thing since sliced bread" whilst Mrs Nurse (English) said simply "who?" Meanwhile Lewis (S2) thinks they are "a bunch of weirdos" whilst Jessica (S2) is planning to "throw a party". Mrs Biggar (Biology) jibed that she was "heartbroken and cried for days". We suspect this to be a lie. I will leave the final word to our photographer Sky (S1) who said she hoped "their careers now die a slow and painful death".

Somehow I don't think we've seen the last of One Direction...

Candy & Freddy



Jake's TV Ferrets

Hello humans. We've been spending the last few weeks watching Cartoon Network as real human TV isn't funny enough for us. Highlights for Freddy were Adventure Time where Jake the Dog and Finn the Human battled monsters. We chuckled loads at Clarence and his failed date. Meanwhile in the The Simpsons, Homer met Peter Griffin from Family Guy. Candy is sore from laughing. In The Amazing World of Gumball, Darwin the fish was having a pillow fight with Gumball and gets a feather up his gills causing a sneezing fit. Darwin's sneezes end up destroying houses and they take him to the desert to cure him. Who writes this stuff?!

NEXT WEEK we'll be watching Ace Venutra: Nature Calls. And on that note...
NATURE CALLS!

MIA & JESSIE

TELL US WHAT'S DEFINITELY NOT
IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC



Five Seconds of Summer

Amnesia

[2015]

Dweebo douchebags Five Seconds on Simmer are just like any other stereotypical pop band. The only difference between them and bands such as The Wanted, The Vamps and One Direction is that they play their own instruments. With

Looks So Perfect and *Amnesia* they are a band on the scale of Pierce The Veil, their lyrics are cheesy and repetitive
AVOID! [0 / 5]



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re trying desperately to be a pop punk
Blink 182, Sum 41 and Fall Out Boy but
and their songs all sound the same.



Ghost Spotted in New Galloway Film Shoot

Just as CatStrand Young Film Makers were nearing the end of their location shoot for their new short film **The Light Shed**, this picture was taken which appears to show a ghostly figure in a light blue hoody. If you have any info about it, please contact CYFMC immediately. Thanks.

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid

by Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid is a series of books by Jeff Kinney. There are 10 books which in my opinion is awesome for young readers like me. I would strongly recommend these to ages 9+ and if you don't like books, there are now films of the books.

The story is about a boy named Greg and it is his first day of school. He doesn't fit in there but he makes friends with a boy named Rowley and they get up to all sorts of mischief. They always get dunked by a girl or punched by a boy. You laugh at Rowley rather than with him whilst Greg backs out of everything - in true wimpy style. I like these books because they are unique and sooooo funny. We don't know for sure but we think Jeff Kinney is writing another book.

If you like Diary I would also recommend *The World Of Norm* by Jonathan Meres and *Tom Gates* by Liz Pichon. They write similar material but they are all fun to read and of course VERY funny.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid



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CARSPHAIRN RESILIENCE TEAM

Residents of Carsphairn have come together to form a Resilience Team in order to support each other in extreme circumstances when the community may have to cope for hours, or even days, before any aid from other agencies is available.

The Team is made up of volunteers from the community

and is not a replacement for other agencies, but can be a source of practical help, advice and equipment.

A draft Resilience Plan for 2015 has been drawn up and hazards identified such as isolation of the community through severe weather resulting in blizzards, flooding and gale force winds; the loss of critical utilities such as electricity or telephones due to adverse weather; foot and mouth disease, or other event affecting the rural community.

In order to identify issues and develop the plan further, a successful consultation event

was held in Lagwyne Hall.

Representatives from Dumfries and Galloway Council, Scottish Flood Forum, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Stewartry Council of Voluntary Service, Stewartry Community Safety Forum, Age Scotland and British Heart Foundation were also in attendance.

If you think you can help, or for further information, please contact co-ordinator, Trevor Molineux on trevorgtm@talktalk.net

Arndarroch Garden Open Day

With kind permission of Annikki Lindsay, Arndarroch garden will be open to the public on 12 July, from 2-5pm, for a fundraising event.

This will be the garden's 21st opening, so come along and celebrate its 'Coming of Age'!

The 2.5 acre garden is a semi-natural, wildlife-friendly garden with fantastic views over Kendoon Loch and the Cairnsmore hills. Red kites circle over the garden as well as the odd peregrine falcon. There are collections of herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees, over 20 different types of bamboo, rockeries and a small woodland walk.

For children there will be a treasure hunt as well as the chance to perhaps see Rocky the

Kendoon Monster, and even fairies in the garden! There will also be an exhibition of beautiful cushions using many different crafts, a plant stall and teas.

Entry is £3.50, with children under 16 free, and dogs on leads are welcome. Funds raised

will go towards the Glenkens Children's Club and Dumfries & Galloway Canine Rescue Centre.

Arndarroch is situated on the B7000, five miles from Dalry or Carsphairn; follow the blue signs till you see blue balloons at the end of the drive – the postcode is DG7 3UD.

There may be a GTI minibus running to the event - contact the CatStrand on 420 374 for information.

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Photograph of Arndarroch garden by Mary McIlvenna.

Natural Power Rallies to Good Cause

The team from Natural Power got on their bikes again this year for the 10th Drumlanrig Challenge.

The 17 team members along with a handful of friends and family, joined forces to take on the challenging route.

This year's weather conditions made it one of the toughest yet, with the team battling through gruelling headwinds for much of the journey. With deteriorating conditions and the failure of some of the team to read a crucial signpost, adding a detour of many more miles to the clock, it was with sheer determination (and cake!) that the team were all able to finish. With a hearty lunch under their belts, courtesy of the fantastic band of volunteers, the hardest core element within the group pushed on to complete the afternoon circuit, putting a further 60

punishing miles on the clock.

Natural Power spokesperson and chair of the Charity and Sponsorship Committee, Shane Birmingham said "Natural Power was delighted to take part in a well organised cycle challenge that helps raise funds for much needed disaster relief programmes across the globe. As well as being a fun event, with the best cake selection, it gave staff a good chance to catch up and test their fitness on a sometimes challenging route".

The combined efforts of the team helped to raise over £15,000 for the fund, which will provide much needed aid to some of the world's poorest communities.



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Glenkens Story Launch Success

More than 100 people attended at some stage during the launch of The Glenkens Story history project at the Glenkens Community Centre in Dalry.

The five-hour programme featured a succession of brief talks on a wide variety of local history topics and was accompanied by a display of the

historical interests of numerous local groups and individuals. Two site visits to local places of historical interest are scheduled for the summer

(see forthcoming events below) and a lecture on The Lowland Clearances in the autumn.

Photographs: Left: Bill Blythe of Blowplain Farm featured in the talks programme and also displayed examples of his collection of documents on local history. He is discussing them with two other participants, Professor Ted Cowan and Anna Campbell of the Carsphairn Heritage Group.

Right above: Avril Bridgeman and Tom Carlyle gather more information for their work on the history of New Galloway shops and

trades at their stall.

Bottom: Talks on a wide range of topics attracted enthusiastic audiences.



Glenkens Story: Upcoming Events

Sunday 26 July, 10.30am

- 3.30pm: Visit to the lost farms of Blackwater of Dee (above the Raiders' Road)

Local historian and place-names expert Michael Ansell will lead a visit to the sites of old farmsteads in the hills above the Blackwater of Dee.

The cost (to cover transport) is £5 per person payable to CatStrand (420 374).

Saturday 22 August,

10.30am: Visit to the remains of the Carsphairn lead mines. To book, email mbrown99@dircon.co.uk
Joining instructions will be sent out to those attending nearer the time.

Autumn (date and venue to be announced): Lecture: The Lowland Clearances

CUB SCOUTS AS GUARD OF HONOUR

Douglas Fitch married Hannah McAndrew at 3pm on Saturday 2 May in Corsock Church.

The 1st Glenkens Cub Scout Pack were the delightful guard of honour outside the church after the service while a piper played and led everyone back up the road to the village hall for a wonderful reception party afterwards.

Hannah has been an assistant leader with Heather McIntosh at the Cub Pack for the last ten or so years and Doug now joins them as a helper.

Doug and Hannah are both potters working from their workshop at Lochdougan House, Kelton, Castle Douglas and from their Devon workshop at Hollyford in Crediton.



Hannah McAndrew and Douglas Fitch with their guard of honour.

Photograph © Claire Borlase.

URG AND I: Part II

One man's story of living with a broken ankle...

The Bath

Before we had our bath Urg and I had poached eggs (green, organic) on toast for lunch. With ground flax seed. I'm hoping the flax will help with Urg's moodiness. A sort of unipedal valium.

I don't have a TV, which I don't regret. Urg, however, is a different kettle of fish. He likes a smog of sound in the background while he revels in his inertia. So I leave the radio on all day.

Last night a voice announced: "I'm Paul Kennedy....and this....is I-deers". Urg was snoring before he got to 'i-deers'. (It's really weird having a lump on the end of your leg which snores).

Most of the time Urg just lies there and lets radio's blur wash over him, but there are some who make him twitch: "Hello. I'm Barbara Bud..." "...and I'm Carol Off, and we're funny aren't we Barbara?" "Yes we are. And this is 'As It Happens'".

Urg complains intensely when

they start up. "As what happens?" he snarls. One evening they talked to an English copper about a large rabbit he'd caught. The pain was excruciating. That certainly happened.

Anyway, 'The Debaters' has just come on. I think we'll have our bath now.

That was a lark. While getting undressed I tried to take Urg off as though he were a sock. I had to remind myself that he was coming into the bath with me.

Actually getting in was interesting. I couldn't step in because Urg refused outright to get wet or bear my weight. So I sat on the toilet seat, put my good leg in, stood up carefully (Urg well raised), did a pas de une (I love ballet) so that I was facing the taps, then lowered myself into the water while Urg stood propped in the corner. All went well thereafter, although Urg seemed a little nonplussed at the bathing routine, but I think he liked the heat.

Getting out offered new challenges.

I turned sideways in the tub (still sitting) and folded both legs over the side. I then lifted myself with my arms, pushed up, leaned forward and gradually transferred my weight to my good leg, grabbed the edge of the cabinet, pulled and pushed with arms and leg and stood, dripping, six feet from the towel.

Of course I reached the towel. Couple of hops over the clothes which have made their way onto the floor. A clumsy drying of a carefully balanced body and I sit back down. One sock for the right foot. Shirt. That's the easy part. The rest is a carefully but clumsily executed operation, a gentle manipulation of underwear and trousers around Urg's sensitive bulk, followed by an easier arrangement with the good foot, upon which I balance my weight while I draw the clothing up to my waist. Phew!

I am increasingly appreciative of the difficulties faced by the physically challenged, especially Siamese twins. Urg is not Siamese, but he complains like a spoiled cat and is maddeningly attached to my leg.

You must excuse us now. We're going to sit down for a few hours. Urg insists on it.

Kevin Ade

CARSPHAIRN CEILIDH FUNDRAISER

Carsphairn Pastoral and Horticultural Society held a dance in the newly refurbished Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn which was very well attended.

During the night a Charity Auction took place in aid of the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI). Various items were kindly donated by local farmers resulting in a fantastic £751 being raised which was a tremendous effort for a small community. The Society would like to thank all donators and also all the purchasers for their generosity which made the night a great success.



Presenting the cheque to Tessa Rouse from RSABI (right) are (from left) society president Hugh Clark Kennedy, Rory Clark Kennedy and secretary Anne Finlay.




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UPDATES ON THE WAR

100 years on... April 1915 was a relatively quiet month with only one death reported amongst the men of the Glenkens serving at the front.

George Lavender Bell was killed on 25 April at the age of 29 whilst serving with the Australian Forces in the first day of the Gallipoli campaign. That day would later be commemorated as Anzac day. George had immigrated to Australia before the war and had been one of the first to enlist. His mother still lived at Brighthouse Farm, Corsock and his name appears on the Corsock and Balmaclellan war memorials. David Paterson of Cubbox, Balmaclellan had been also been serving with the Australians when he was killed on 8 May, also at Gallipoli at the age of 25. He had been working as a butcher in Australia when he enlisted. He was declared missing in action and is commemorated

on the Helles Memorial and on the Balmaclellan war memorial.

James Gordon of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders was only 23 years old when he was declared missing just the day after David Paterson. Born on the Isle of Bute, he had been a gamekeeper on the Garroch Estate before enlisting and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, France. He is commemorated on the Kells war memorial and on the Kingarth Parish war memorial, Isle of Bute.

William Stewart of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders was 30 years old when he died of wounds in France on 13 May. Reported to be the first man from New Galloway to enlist, he had been promoted to Sergeant and was the son of James and Janet Stewart of Meadow View, New Galloway. William is buried at Le Touquet, Paris and is commemorated on the Kells war memorial.

The final death, also on 13 May, was that of James Faed of The

Bungalow, New Galloway. James was a midshipman in the Royal Navy and a member of a famous family of artists; a large painting by



James Faed, only 15 when he died.

his father (also James) can be seen upstairs in New Galloway Town Hall. James was buried at sea at the Dardenelles (Gallipoli) after his ship HMS Goliath was torpedoed. He is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent, and on the Kells war memorial and the St Margaret's Church war memorial and also has a plaque in his name in St Margaret's Church, New Galloway. James was just 15 when he was killed and had been in the Royal Navy since the age of 13. There was no age bar to Midshipmen (trainee officers) serving on ships in zones of war at the time.

Paul Goodwin



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Carsphairn Kirk: a Church in the Heart of the Hills

Carsphairn Kirk: A Church in the Heart of the Hills is the subject of the Carsphairn Heritage Group's 2015 exhibition as this year we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the building of the current church.

The exhibition does not start then

but delves further back in history to the beginnings of the church in the area, the turbulent Covenanting times and the structure of the pre 1815 church building.

Through his research Dr Bartholomew has discovered more about the central communion table, the only one still being used in the South of Scotland. Committee members of the group have researched into church life since 1815 and the exhibition is a rich gathering

of articles, artefacts and wonderful photographs portraying the life and importance of a church in an upland community throughout the last four hundred years.

The central communion table will be used for the Communion service on 5 July (see p22). There will also be a soup and sweet lunch served in Lagwyne Hall between 1pm and 2.30pm that day; all are welcome to come along before the service which is at 3pm.

Anna Campbell

MORE ON OLD MORTALITY

In the last issue of the Glenkens Gazette Ted Cowan, in his article on *Old Mortality*, asked if anyone could confirm where the statue had come from previous to its current location by Balmaclellan church. We have had two people respond to this query, so here is a little more about the *Old Mortality* statue.

Professor Ted Cowan, in his informative article on Old Mortality, referred to the statue built into the Balmaclellan kirkyard wall, and sought confirmation that it had been rescued from a sorry state in the grounds of The Holme about a mile out of the village.

This is indeed correct. There are two separate statues forming an ensemble – one of Old Mortality recumbent on a gravestone and the other of his horse standing by. They had stood for a century or more in woodland at The Holme, and are marked on the 1909 edition of the OS map. In the course of that time the figure of Old Mortality had suffered severe damage, with the head and legs broken off. When the decision was made at the time of the millenium to display them more fittingly, the statues were removed and taken to the workshop of Martin Holden at Dalshangan for the very considerable restoration necessary, before transfer to Balmaclellan and mounting on the prepared kirkyard site.

Some confusion may arise from the fact that there had

been a statue of Old Mortality in Balmaclellan before this, which some people will remember. It was brought to the village in the 1960s by 'Achie' Corrie, the smith at the time and a descendant of John Corrie, the sculptor of all four existing statues of Old Mortality. It was installed on the small green in the centre of the village, near where petrol pumps later stood, and remained there until about 1987, when it was handed over to the Newton Steward Museum, where it can still be seen. It is partnered by the figure of a watchful Cameronian, a member of the group who strove to maintain Covenanting principles even when the main struggle was over.

With thanks to Tom Corrie for jogging my memory on the facts.



Statue in broken and much deteriorated state at The Holme.

Dear Glenkens Gazette,
After reading the Article about Old Mortality I contacted a former neighbour, Peter McNicol (formerly of Walkerhill, Balmaclellan), as I recalled him and my late father, George Lothian, moving the Statue at the Holm. Undernoted is an extract from his reply. I do hope that this will be of interest and help to you.

"With reference to the Article on Old Mortality he was definitely down at the Holm big house. I used to rent the fields off Lord Templeton and Old Mortality was on the banks of the Garple burn down in the front of the Holm House. It was in a sorry state in those days in the 60s and 70s. The hand was broken off and the ears of the horse were also missing; also the foot of Old Mortality was missing. The Statue was moved from down at the front of the Holm House by myself (Peter McNicol), Joe Corrie (Blacksmith), Gordon Wallace (Estate Manager at the Holm) and George Lothian (Bogue Toll) with George's Tractor and Buck Rake and a lot of ropes. It was moved to the Holm Farm home of Lord & Lady Templeton. It was later moved to the Village under the care of Joe Corrie and was placed at the Petrol pumps near to the Smiddy. It was later moved to the Churchyard".

Yours sincerely,

Margaret W Lothian MBE, Crossmichael

LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

THE KILLING OF THE CURATE OF CARSPHAIRN



The Carsphairn Heritage Group has imaginatively staged an exhibition to mark the 200th anniversary of their church, which is famous for preserving the most unique communion table in Scotland.

Visit, and check out the photographs of the last two beadles of the kirk who look as if they had just stepped out of the pages of a Crockett novel.

In darker times Carsphairn was noted for a shocking episode, which took place in November 1684, namely the murder of Peter Peirson, the local minister, or more accurately, curate, since he was of the Episcopalian persuasion. Two contemporary accounts of the affair have survived though neither seems entirely clear about exactly what happened. Further distortion occurs because of the bias of the authors who in the heated atmosphere of 'The Killing Times' or the 'good ill times of persecution', of covenanting legend, were motivated as much by propaganda as they were by perspicacity.

Following the rescue of covenanting prisoners at Enterkin Pass in July of 1684 the Scottish government intensified its pursuit of the righteous. A dragoon was killed by 'Black' James McMichael, the fowler or gamekeeper of Maxwellton, from the Clachan of Dalry. As legislation became harsher and more repressive the covenanters retaliated with declarations; 'We utterly detest and abhor that hellish principle of killing all who differ in judgement or persuasion from us, it having no bottom upon the word

of God'. However any opposing the Covenanted Work of Reformation would be appropriately punished.

Robert Wodrow, historian of the persecutions, recounts the story of a 73 year old woman from Carsphairn who was arrested because her son attended a conventicle. When she refused to swear that she would never again see, or shelter, the offender, she was scourged through the streets of Dumfries.

Two of the most vicious pursuers of covenanters were John Graham of Claverhouse, based for some time at Kenmure Castle, and the notorious Robert Grierson of Lag who had an estate at Garryhorn, Carsphairn.

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There Lag regularly held courts, often assisted by Peter Peirson who informed on parishioners who would later be interrogated and fined, or worse. Those 'about the head of the Water of Ken' were particularly noted. Peirson was described as unmarried, violent, surly-natured, horridly severe, blustering and bold, openly provoking some of his flock by stating, 'he feared none of the whigs, nor anything else but rats or mice'. Nonetheless he seems to have kept a small armoury in the manse. Some locals decided to attempt to reason with him. A group headed by James McMichael met at Muirbroke [Marbrack?] 'three miles from the kirk of Carsphairn'. Learning that Peirson was at home they decided to visit him. Accounts vary. One states that two of them, announcing

they were friends of the curate, went to his door, putting Peirson in a rage, threatening to unleash broadsword and pistol.

They called for help and another two of the company, McMichael and Roger Padzen from Sanquhar approached. The other version has McMichael knocking on the door to be met by the well armed clergyman whom he shot in the chest in self-defence. Wodrow, like some of those present, thoroughly condemned the episode though he compared it to the assassination of Archbishop Sharp in Magus Muir near St Andrews in 1679, in providing evidence to opponents that the covenanters were guilty of 'the hellish and Jesuitical principle of assassination'. He possibly exaggerated, however, in asserting

that Peirson was an open defender of popery, alleging that on a visit to James McVirk [MacTurk?] at Holm of Dalquhairn, he spoke in favour of purgatory. The extreme covenanters branded him 'a man of death, both by the law of God and man', but they expelled the perpetrators of the crime, condemning

'the fact not material murder'. Black McMichael was killed within the year. Others were later known to be 'flies' (spies) prompting suggestions that the murder was the action of agents provocateurs.

But spare a thought for the victim! The recent General Election has once again demonstrated how easily and misleadingly one side can disgracefully demonise the other. Peter Peirson might have been just as zealous and convinced of his own righteousness as the covenanters were of theirs. In flushing out rebels he behaved as a good citizen. No one likes informers but should a man be vilified because of his loyalty to the state and thus willing to expose miscreants and wrongdoers?

Ted Cowan

JUNE & JULY

JUNE

Thu 4, Gentlemen's Seniors Open, NG Golf Club, see p9

Sat 6, Carsphairn Show, see ad below

Sat 6, SWANC visit to Cree Valley Woods, see p5

Wed 10, Open Stage, 7.30pm, Clachan Inn

Thu 11, Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, 7.30pm, Dalry Town Hall

Sat 20, The East Pointers, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Thu 25, Susan Calman: *Lady Like*, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Sun 28, Glenkens Acoustic Session, 2-4pm, Clachan Inn, Dalry

JULY

Sat 4, Carsphairn Historic Walk, see below

Sun 12, Arndarroch Open Garden, 2-5pm, see p15

Fri 17, The Colin Steele Trio, 7.30pm, Dalry Town Hall

Sat 18 & Sun 19, Portraiture with Katharine Wheeler, 10am-3pm, New Galloway Town Hall

Sun 26, Glenkens Acoustic Session, 2-4pm, Clachan Inn, Dalry

Sun 26, Glenkens Story Event: The Lost Farms of Blackwater of Dee, see p17

Fri 31, Film: Blackbird, 7pm, venue to be confirmed (call 420 374)

Walking Group

Glenkens Walking Group are a small informal group of friends who meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by the Bank in Dalry to share transport to various walks within the Glenkens of 3 to 5 miles. The pace is adapted within reason to suit the ability of whoever turns up on the day, so the elderly and less fit can participate. We do not take dogs and each walker is responsible for their own actions and safety.

Anyone interested in joining us should contact one of our walk leaders: John or Isobel McBeth (430 539), Elizabeth Peacock (430 581), Gerry Cinderby (420 852) or Terry Haine (420 880).

Carsphairn Historic Walks

On 4 July at 10.30am and 2.30pm there will be a chance to undertake a historic walk through the village starting at the Heritage Centre. There will be stories about the houses, inns, churches, shops, school etc. The walk, led by Anna Campbell, will last approx. 1.5 / 2 hours and will finish with tea and shortbread either at The Knowe or in Lagwyne Hall if it's wet. No need to book ahead, just turn up. Cost is £2 per adults and £1 for children.

CHURCH BICENTENARY

This year is the bicentenary of significant work being done on Carsphairn Church building. The church is celebrating this milestone with a special service on 5 July.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend this service which will include communion around

their historic long communion table which was constructed in 1775, and to this end the Kirk Session has decided to hold the service at 3 pm in the afternoon, rather than in the morning. Beforehand there will be the opportunity to share a soup and sweet lunch in the Lagwyne Hall from 1pm-2.30pm. The church anticipates a good attendance of its own members, but also hopes that many people from other congregations and from the wider community will be able to come along on the day.

David Bartholomew

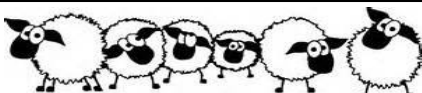
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For New Galloway & Kells Community Council. Modest honorarium available for 1-2 hours a week.

Community Council meeting attendance not mandatory.

Enquiries to Margaret Watson, acting chair, at maggs.watson272@btinternet.com by 10th June.

REGULAR EVENTS

CatStrand - RELOCATED UNTIL JULY - see below:

Exercise to Music: Mon, 10-11am, New Galloway Town Hall

Margaret Morris Movement Adult Dance Class: Mon, 2.30-3.30pm, contact Sara on 01556 612854, New Galloway Town Hall

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

Gentle Tai Chi: Wed, 10am, 60+, New Galloway Town Hall

Play it By Ear: Wed, 2pm, Kells School, New Galloway

Sing it Out: Thurs, 11am-12pm, Cross Keys Hotel, New Galloway

Pilates: Thurs, 4.15-5.15pm & 5.30-6.30pm, Dalry Community Centre

CatStrand Yukes: Thurs, 1pm - 3.30pm 60+ Cross Keys Hotel, New Galloway

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

Afternoon Tea Club: 2nd Fri each month, 2pm, postponed until further notice

Saturday Art Club: 2nd Sat each month, 10am-12noon, New Galloway Town Hall

Zumbatomic: last Sat each month, 10-10.45am

Catstrand Youth Players: Sun during term time, 2pm, postponed until the summer

Glenkens Acoustic Sessions: last Sun of the month, 2-4pm, The Clachan Inn, Dalry

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, 7.15pm, 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: Tues during term-time, 6.15pm, contact: Kath 430 281

Various Locations:

Ukelele Group: Mon, 11.15am, 60+, New Galloway Town Hall

Ukelele Improvers, Mon, 1pm, 60+, New Galloway Town Hall

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: Tues, 1-3pm, Lagwyne Hall

Coffee & Craft Morning: Tues, 1-3pm, Lagwyne Hall

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

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: 2.30 - 6pm

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Sat: 10am - 12noon

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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 Sunday Services - Balmaclellan 12noon: 1st. Carsphairn 10.30am: 1st (June), 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Dalry 9am: 1st, 2nd (July), 3rd, 4th. Dalry 10.30am: 2nd (June). Kells 10.30am: 2nd (July) 3rd, 4th. **Special Services/Events:** 14 June, 10.30am, United Family Service (Kells/ Dalry), Dalry Church.

Communion Service: 5 July, 3pm, Carsphairn Church (using central table). **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

USEFUL NUMBERS:

- Pot-hole Hotline: 0845 276 0000
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- NHS 24: 08454 24 24 24
- D&G Council: 030 33 33 3000

TEAM GALLOWAY RALLY TO THE CAUSE

Four local lads - Tom Hudson, Malcolm Middleton, Kevin Wilson-Smith and Gareth Earl-Payne - together make up *Team Galloway*.

The group are participating in the Help for Heroes (H4H) 4x4 European Rally, a non-speed touring assembly that will be part military history tour, part off-road driving.

The rally benefits the charity Help for Heroes who raise money to support members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded in the service of their country. H4H 4x4 European Rally 2015; *The Final Mission*, will start on 13 June and journey over 2000+ miles through seven European

countries, following the path and telling the story of the Allied Invasion through Europe.

"We have a strong connection to the British Armed Forces, with team members having served and/or currently serving in the Royal Navy, Regular Army, Territorial Army and ACF. We also have strong family connections to the forces," says Kevin. "We will be camping throughout the rally and will have to be self-sufficient. We are covering all the costs of the rally ourselves so all donations go straight to H4H."

The European Rally event has raised over £800,000 for H4H since 2010. To donate, visit www.bmycharity.com/teamgalloway or text TCAL99 £10 to 70070.

One of Team Galloway's



Kevin Earl-Payne and Tom Hudson at the Ladies' Night fundraiser in Balmacellan.

fundraising activities was a Ladies Night 'Swishing' Event. At this fun clothes-swap tea-party cocktail evening in Balmacellan Village Hall, an impressive £350 was raised. "We would like to thank Rachel Hudson for organising a fantastic evening," says Kevin. "It was amazing to see such strong community spirit in the Glenkens, with local businesses providing fantastic raffle prizes and Dalry Community Shop loaning amazing vintage props for the 'Cocktail Tearoom'."

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