

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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

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FREE

SHOP REOPENING HERALDS VILLAGE REVIVAL

There can be no more visible – and welcome – sign of the recovery of Carsphairn from the devastating floods at the end of last year than the reopening of the village shop on Wednesday, 13 July.

A preview of the new-look shop was given to local residents at a wine and hors d'oeuvres party on the eve of opening its doors for business once again.

For the preceding six months, the shop had been running a restricted service from the village hall – selling a reduced product

range and limited hot and cold takeaway food – while the shop premises were completely gutted and reinstated after the flood.

But now the remodelled premises boast extended lines ranging from the basic food necessities and fresh fruit and vegetables to local crafts and gifts. A new addition to the choice is specialist produce from local suppliers.



Lindsay Duncan in the new open-plan shop and tearooms.

Paul Smith and Lindsay Duncan, who run the shop, have been delighted with the response from the community to their reopening.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL IN DALRY

Get your glad rags and dancing shoes on this

September for Dalry's very own answer to the festival season...

FoDSFest 2k16 is a fundraising Music and Arts Festival being held at Dalry School Field on Saturday 3 September from 3-9pm.

A special invitation goes to all current and ex-Dalry School pupils to come along - it's a fantastic opportunity to meet old friends, share stories and celebrate together.

The event will showcase an exciting, eclectic mix of many different genres of music, arts, performers, crafts and food. The event will feature Scottish acoustic folk and ukuleles, right through to rock and hip-hop, photography to handmade bags and gymnastics to kids' workshops.

FoDSFest is being organised by Dalry School's fundraising committee - Friends of Dalry School (FoDS) in aid of Dalry Nursery, Primary and Secondary School. It will celebrate and mark the 50th and 85th anniversaries respectively of the secondary and primary schools.

Mrs Jenna Devlin, Dalry Primary Class Teacher and FoDS Chairperson, said: "The FoDS committee decided a few months ago to celebrate the anniversaries with a bang, and what better way than a festival! FoDSFest will undoubtedly raise the profile of our fantastic wee school, showcasing the amazing talents of some of our alumni and bringing together our community in one spectacular event."

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Festival logo designed by Dalry Secondary pupil Kelsie Marshall.

PETER MARSDEN: 1946-2016

It is hard to believe that Peter and Jean Marsden only moved to New Galloway just over ten years ago.

His untimely death in May has robbed the community of an active and well-liked man whose

'can do' attitude has helped many over the years. Brian Edgar, General Manager of the CatStrand said: "Peter was a loyal supporter and friend of the CatStrand, not only when enjoying many of our classes and events but also during the difficult times when the building was flooded." John Repath, Rector at St Margaret's

Church, comments on how quickly the Marsdens became an integral part of the congregation with Peter taking on the role of Treasurer, "an office he accepted readily and which he fulfilled diligently bringing us gently into the occasional vagaries of the electronic age". He will be much missed.

FoDSFEST 2k16

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The organising committee feel incredibly lucky to have secured so much talent, particularly the headline act, Scope, a local D&G Hip-Hop artist who recently played a set at T in the Park.

"We will have three stages packed with local talent, and our acoustic tent has a carefully selected association; Annie's Acoustic Area." said Mrs Devlin. "This is named after a very special local lady, Annie Winstanley, who gave so much of her time to the school and is sorely missed by many." The acoustic area, alongside groups and artists, will also offer 'open mic' sessions for budding artists to have a go - so make sure to bring your musical instruments.

Don't worry though if you have never been to a festival before. FoDSFest is for everyone, young and not-so-young, and the young-at-heart.

FoDSFest tickets:

Full Pass (13 yrs+): £8. Each Full Pass will admit 1 free child (12yrs and under). Any additional children are £3 each. All children

12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Please remember this is a family-friendly event and is STRICTLY ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE. Anyone consuming alcohol or smoking on the field will be asked to leave.

Tickets will be on sale from 10am Saturday 30 July - look out for our posters and updates on our Facebook page 'FoDSFest 2k16' for info on how to get your hands on them. **Be quick, tickets are limited!**

A huge "thank you" goes out to the many supportive people without whom FoDSFest could not happen. Thank you to all the bands, performers and artists who have agreed to help out and perform for free, especially to *The Jack Duster Band*, *Sal Campbell* and *Eden Festival* for their immense support. Also a huge thank you goes to the amazing FoDS Committee who have worked



tirelessly to bring this all together. You are amazing! Please come along and support our incredible school and make this a double birthday party to remember.

If you have any questions or enquiries please get in touch with the FoDSFest team, email us at contactus@fodsfest.com or via our Facebook Page 'FoDSFest 2k16'.

GLENKENS MEN'S SHED 100TH BIOSPHERE SUPPORTER

Glenkens Men's Shed signed up to the Biosphere Charter and became the 100th Proud Supporter of the Biosphere.

Based in a building loaned to the group by the owner, the former Smiddy in Balmaclellan has been

transformed into a series of well-equipped workshops which have already generated interest from men and women who wish to get practical. It is a place of leisure where people come together to share skills and the activities already range from porridge spurts to repairing a boat, building a chair to creating a life-size gorilla - the only restriction seems to be your imagination.

The CatStrand's Brian Jones

is delighted to have signed the Biosphere Charter and said: "Our Men's Shed is a place which contributes to many of the Biosphere principles. It provides a knowledge hub which recycles tools and materials as well as contributing to the wellbeing of the community. Using local resources we are exploring the potential to become a Social Enterprise which will help support the local economy."

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY SHOP REOPENS

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"When the floods hit, everyone rallied round to help us relocate to the village hall and likewise when we moved back into the shop," said Lindsay.

"Many of the fittings in the kitchen, tearooms and shop are brand new, reflecting a fresh start to our business all over again. Our reopening marks a new dawn for the community which was so badly hit in the floods on 30 December last year."

The size of the tearooms has been doubled to create a light, airy space to

sit and have a hearty breakfast or just a cup of tea and a cake. Lindsay went on: "The tearooms are now a much nicer place in which to enjoy a chat and coffee with friends, whether locals or tourists. It's now the community hub that has been lacking in Carsphairn since the pub closed many years ago. There's really no other place to meet up in the village."

The extended tearooms are complemented by an outdoor garden at the rear where visitors and residents can while away the hours in a picturesque setting.

"We are able to take group bookings and small coach parties and we are now planning to put on afternoon teas on Sundays," Lindsay added. "The business is already showing a vast improvement in turnover. Paul and I are thrilled."

"We would like to thank members of the past and present shop committee for their help and support during what has been a very difficult time and also the hall management committee for the use of their facilities while the shop was being refurbished."

Although there are many properties



Diners enjoying the shop's new tearooms.

in Carsphairn which are still undergoing repair after the floods, the shop reopening is seen as heralding a fresh start for the village.

"It's great that the village has its shop and tearooms back," said Karen Hall, owner of The Knowe bed and breakfast. "Well done to all those involved and thanks to Lindsay and Paul for keeping things going in the village hall over this difficult period."

"Onwards and upwards!"

Thanks to additional funding from Foundation Scotland and Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Limited (CREFL), further improvements have been made to the interior and future flood resistance of the shop premises.

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Rare Rhinoceros Beetle Photographed in Glenkens

Local photographer Duncan McNaught caught this little critter on camera by his home in Glenlee.

He was later informed by the Dumfries & Galloway Environmental Resources Centre that this is only the fourth ever recorded in the whole of the region. "This particular day I was out with my camera looking

to get some macro shots of insects and flowers, etc," said Duncan.

"Down along by my local burn at Glenlee I noticed a very tiny beetle perched on a fence post and thought I must try get a shot of it. Being so small it was not going to be easy. However, I do like a challenge when it comes to my photography! So I took several shots and then went on the hunt for more beasties."

At this point Duncan had no idea how special this little guy would turn out to be.

"I came home, processed the image and posted the shot on a local wildlife page. The lady who runs the site then contacted me and advised me that it was a very rare rhinoceros beetle and I should report it to the Dumfries & Galloway Environmental Resource centre."

An interesting fact about rhinoceros beetles is that they are apparently the strongest animals on the planet, proportionally, they can lift up to 850 times their own weight. To put this into perspective, if a human of average height and weight had the strength of the rhinoceros beetle, it would be able to lift a 65 ton object!

Duncan McNaught has been a photographer for over 20 years, and specialises in landscapes, flora and fauna, and all things natural. To take a look at more of Duncan's photos, visit www.dmcnaughtphotography.com



Eco Feature

GALLOWAY GLENS OPPORTUNITIES

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Groups and individuals in the Glenkens have until September 2 to lodge ideas for projects to be funded by the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership scheme (GGLP).

Previous editions of the Gazette have highlighted that the GGLP has provisionally secured £2.7million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to be spent on projects from Carsphairn, through the Glenkens and down to Castle Douglas and Kirkcudbright bay. The projects must 'connect people with their heritage' and encourage sustainable communities.

At a recent meeting of the Glenkens Story local history

project, McNabb Laurie, the GGLP's development officer, explained that initial development funding has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) allowing a number of specialist studies to be commissioned. These include a heritage skills audit, and an exploration of ways of addressing species loss and challenges to biodiversity. Another study is exploring natural flood management opportunities in the area, "reconnecting rivers with their river beds."

These specialist studies will inform the list of projects to be supported but the GGLP is also keen to hear suggestions directly from individual and local groups. Initial ideas already received from the Glenkens include proposals to reconnect and advertise heritage footpaths, publicity initiatives to highlight what the natural landscape

has to offer and innovative uses of community buildings to display and engage visitors in the heritage of the area. McNabb made it clear that he welcomes project proposals from any individual or group, contributions to be received on a single sheet application form by September 2.

The meeting identified a number of concerns. These included: who would co-ordinate numerous local proposals into a coherent plan for the Glenkens; who would administer any grant if awarded and who would supply maintenance funding for projects in the longer term. A critical factor identified



Galloway Glens Partnership Scheme project area.

by the meeting is the requirement that any funding from the HLF must be supported by matching funding supplied by the applicant. It is one thing for large organisations such as the Forestry Commission and the National Trust to source other funds - though already some proposals depending on matching funding from EU agencies could be in doubt - but this could be a major obstacle for smaller groups. While volunteer effort could count as 'funding in kind' it was pointed out that volunteers were already in short supply in the Glenkens. McNabb has acknowledged these concerns and is keen to work with groups to overcome them, stressing that the scheme was not restricted to the more professional, national organisations.

Throughout the summer a series of free events will be held to illustrate the range of projects that could potentially be supported. These will be advertised through a number of media outlets and on the scheme's new website, www.gallowayglens.org, which also gives an overview of the background to the GGLP and what it is trying to achieve.

McNabb Laurie, the Scheme's development officer is keen to meet as many potentially interested groups as possible. Contact him through mcnabb.laurie@dumgal.gov.uk or 07825 721 659. To keep up to date with Scheme's progress and learn more about events taking place visit the website, sign up for the newsletter or follow GallowayGlens on twitter and Facebook.

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PLAY FOR ALL AGES IN NEW GALLOWAY TOWN HALL

A historic trophy, last used by the New Galloway Bowling Club, is back in use.

The silver cup has been presented to Tom Carlyle, winner of the Town Hall Indoor Bowling league organised by Ray Bridgeman of LING (Local Initiatives in New Galloway). The bowls had been donated by a Kilmarnock Church group which no longer needed them.

Table tennis is also available and we are trying out 'New Age Kurling'.

If Tuesday evenings don't suit but you would like to play at other times, just get a group together and book the hall by telephoning 07926 044 062 and leaving a message.

The weekly LING Lunches which started off in May have been a great success with numbers between 12

and 28 attending. Look in any time between 11am and 2pm.

The times fit in well with the buses to and from Carsphairn, Dalry and Balmaclellan but if other transport is needed, please contact us.

During July and the first week of August, Early Years Scotland are running Messy Play sessions for Under Fives.

Coming soon – a regular Stewartry Care Footcare Clinic.

Look out for the summer New Galloway Story pop-up museum and other events, and look out too for LING at the Alternative Games weekend!

Rosalind Hill



Tom Carlyle with the silver cup.

NEW GALLOWAY GOLF CLUB

New Galloway Golf Club is having a super year - the course is in superb condition and visitor numbers are up for the first time in years.

The club recently held its Captain's Day which was well attended and everyone enjoyed the competition and social event which followed. The winner on the day and recipient of the Jack McQueen Quaich was young Scott Jamieson.

The club's junior coaching programme, which is being delivered both on the course and in the local

schools, continues to attract a healthy number of local youngsters thanks to the hard work of the junior convenor and his coaches.

The club's academy is now well in place and anyone interested in giving the sport of golf a try can take advantage of this by contacting the club for details.

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Happy owners of a new Eco Dan boiler, Gary and Liz, with Ross McCulloch.

CatStrand Highlights

You can expect all kinds of fun and frivolity this summer at CatStrand, with performances ranging from live music with local band **Not Guilty** at the **Alternative Games Launch Night Party** on Friday 5 August to **Charioteer Theatre & Teatro Milano** bringing in the Autumn Season on Friday 30 September.

Kris Drever, described by BBC Music as "completely infectious", will hit the stage on Thursday 25 August, performing a collection of semi-biographical songs from his latest album *If Wishes Were Horses*.

My Sweet Patootie rolls in on Thursday 1 September with a mix of contemporary roots and ragtime, tight vocal harmonies, guitar and fiddle. "Two parts exemplary musicianship, one part vaudeville comedy" says Driftwood Magazine about their show.

Friday 16 September sees **Dance Ihayami** presenting *Silent Space*, Scotland's classical Indian dance company's latest work. *Silent Space* has been described as "classical Indian dance at its most beautiful" by The Skinny.



My Sweet Patootie

These are just a few tasters of what's on this summer and into autumn - why not come along and see what's on offer for yourself?

The CatStrand Team

See our latest brochure or visit our website for programme details. Book online at www.catstrand.com or call 01644 420374.

Planning Permission for Shop Project

Efforts to save New Galloway's last remaining general store have cleared another hurdle.

New Galloway Community Enterprises Ltd have secured planning permission for the conversion of the existing shop,

house and outbuildings into the proposed community shop and self-catering tourist flats.

Meanwhile work is reaching completion on the grant application to purchase the property, complete the renovation and contribute to the first few years of operation. This will be submitted to the Big Lottery's "Growing Community Assets" fund in the course of August and a result is expected by the end of the year.

Included in the extremely detailed 90-page submission are the results of the latest survey of local opinion gathered at meetings and events throughout the village. The evidence of popular support generated from this and earlier surveys greatly strengthens our application. The evidence of popular support generated from this and earlier surveys greatly strengthens our application and is much

A HEALING VISIT FROM DOWN UNDER

An Evangelist healer from Brisbane, Australia, will visit Dalry in August to give a series of healing sessions.

David and Heidi Bartholomew have invited the well-known Australian healing evangelist John Mellor to conduct meetings in Dalry Church on

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August.

John became involved in the healing ministry while working as a missionary among the Aborigines in Australia and now travels the globe with his wife Julie conducting meetings.

He is already well-known in many parts of Scotland, but this will be his first visit to Galloway.

Both meetings will be at 4pm and could extend well into the evening. When David and Heidi invited him to come to Dalry they assumed that he

would be conducting other meetings in Scotland during the same visit, but in fact these will be the only Scottish meetings during his coming tour.

Already the meetings in Dalry are attracting national - and even international - interest, and it is expected that there may be quite a few visitors coming specifically for the workshops to the Glenkens over that weekend.

To find out more visit www.johnmellor.org

Health and Wellbeing at the Heart of Education

The summer term has had a focus on the fundamental aspects of Health and Wellbeing woven into other aspects of curriculum.

All our school sites have enviable outdoor spaces that it is easy to take for granted, but they are still being actively enhanced.

In Carsphairn Primary the pupils have explored facets of biology, ecology and technology in their introduction to fishing. Their PE curriculum followed by their sports day set them up to be fit for their end-of-year activity which involved a mini canoe expedition on Loch Ken with a night under canvas to ensure that they all went home tired! Learning in the context of the Glenkens is a rich experience.

Kells Primary pupils p1-5 have visited the beach at the Dhoon to follow up on their classroom learning on the Ocean Life topic whilst the senior class visited the Samye Ling Buddhist monastery – exploring different aspects of wellbeing.

Kells pupils were joined by friends and family for their sports day which was a fiercely contested event yet displayed encouragement and good humour in bucket loads. The weather was very kind and a few minutes after the event concluded, a dramatic rain event hit the valley whilst Kells pupils looked on from inside the building.

Dalry Primary has been completing the Daily Mile over the summer



Pupils at the start line of the Race for Life.

term and they have consequently been improving their stamina. The opportunity for 'walk and talk' on a daily basis is good for wellbeing on many levels and it is something everyone can do in their daily lives if we make time for it. It is good physically and good for us mentally. We hope they will continue with their families in the future.

The Daily Mile on the Queen's birthday had a celebratory feel and performances on Sports Day were enhanced. The sports were excellent and many friends and family joined us for the nursery sports in the morning as well as the primary finals in the afternoon. Dalry pupils competed vigorously in the A section of the Paul Jones competition and did the Glenkens proud in terms of effort and sportsmanship.

Galloway Activity Centre hosted Dalry and Kells pupils for a day's activity, stretching individuals both wet and dry!

The Race for Life held on the school field was something Mrs Devlin championed and the nursery and primary students stepped up to the mark in a big way. Their wholehearted participation and the amazing generosity of the Glenkens community raised a staggering sum for Cancer Research - in excess of £1,480 - with contributions still coming in at the end of term. We thank pupils, staff and the community for their efforts.

Healthy, happy children learn well, so that must be at the heart of what we do.

*Jenny Smith,
Headteacher,
Glenkens Cluster*

GLENKENS TOUGH MUDDERS

Seven of the Glenkens' premium athletes took on the Scottish Tough Mudder at Drumlanrig Castle to raise funds for Help for Heroes.

The 11-mile 'extreme' obstacle course included crawling under barbed wire, plunging into ice-cold pools of water, scaling four-metre-high barriers, and waist-high mud-filled trenches, to name but a few of the challenges faced.

The novice 'Mudders' had such a great time they're already signed up for next year!



Glenkens Guides' Beamish Trip

Girls and leaders from 1st Glenkens Guide Unit enjoyed a weekend away in Northumberland.

Thanks go to a very generous grant from Cashback For Communities and extra fundraising done by the guide unit over the past year.

On Saturday 11 June the guides visited Carlisle and went ten-pin bowling, and then visited Talkin Tarn Country Park for an interesting walk and some outdoor activities. Their overnight accommodation was in Edmundbyers Youth Hostel. This was also a new experience for most of the group.

The main purpose of the outing was to visit Beamish Open Air Museum, which the girls were able to explore during a six-hour visit on Sunday 12 June. This was such a very interesting and informative day, and being able to wander at will, in and

out of different houses and shops, visiting a drift mine, a railway, a farm, an old hall, and a small town area was amazing. In many places volunteers and staff were dressed in period costume and going about their daily activities, such as baking in a kitchen in the pit village, lace making in the front parlour at the home of the dentist in the town, serving behind the counters in the shops of the small town to mention just a few. Choosing sweets made at

the confectioners in town, and eating chips cooked the old-fashioned way and served in newspaper were certainly popular choices! Getting around the site was made more interesting because you can use the vintage buses and trams.

Being a guide can be a very interesting and worthwhile thing, especially as girls are encouraged to choose their own activities and to be responsible for carrying them out. The idea for this outing came from the girls themselves, and leaders helped them to find a way of fulfilling their wish.

Our unit will start meeting again after the holidays on Tuesday 6 September, and if there are any girls out there who would like to join us please contact Mrs Peace on 430 281 or Mrs McAdam 430 393. Guides are aged 10 to 14 years, Brownies are aged 7 to 11 years, and Rainbows are aged 5 to 7 years.

Kathryn Peace



1st Glenkens Guide Unit on their trip.

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Spalding Bowling Club held their Open Triples on Saturday June 25.

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Photograph includes those listed above along with club president Peter Hamilton.

Beaten semi-finalist were Stuart Gilmore, Jim Thomson, Jackson Pringle (Castle Douglas) and Peter Hamilton, Ian Murray, Andy Kirkpatrick (Spalding).

Valerie Russell



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MATTHEW'S ADVENTURES

Gazette founder, Matthew Newton, former owner of Newton's Shop in Dalry (now Wright's Shop) has been cycling the globe.

Matthew says: "Hi Sarah.

No local news but I can tell you it's 32°+ here in Sri Lanka. I'm travelling by bike, mostly in the north - check out Jaffna on Google maps.

I continue to read online. You do a fantastic job.

I can't believe the Community Councils are being done away with - shame on the D&G Council.

Best regards,
Matthew"

To find out more about what he's up to, take a look at Matthew's fb page!



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Emma's Wild Eats

August/September

The *Boletus edulis*, known as the porcini mushroom in Italy and the cep in France, is more familiar to us here in the UK as the 'penny bun' - and when you see one you'll know why.

The cap is quite convincingly like a baked bun, complete with floured top. The texture of the flesh is firm and satisfying, not slimy, and the flavour is disgusting. Alright, it's delicious, but please don't pick them all!

Boletes are the group of mushrooms with pores rather than gills (the underside of the mushroom looks like a sponge), and these include a lot of really good edible species that are relatively easy to identify, none better than the 'penny bun'.

Key identifying features:

- Pale - chestnut brown cap, with a fine white rim and rounded shape, matt when dry. Grow to over 20 cm diameter, but you usually find them at around 10 cm.
- Pores rather than gills, white-cream and hard when young, darkening and becoming more spongy as the mushroom ages.
- Almost white to pale tan, very rotund, bulbous stipe (stem), with

distinctive white net-like reticulation. This does not stain blue when cut as many other Boletes do, some very suddenly and quite magically.

- The overall shape is a good aid to identification as few other mushrooms are quite as sturdy.

- As usual, companion species and location are helpful. Ceps often grow in the same areas as fly agaric mushrooms (the classic red and white spotted toadstools of fairytale fame) and always around trees, often spruce.

It would be possible to confuse the bitter bolete (*tylopilus felleus*) with the cep, but it has a dark network on its stipe (which is more elongated) and a pink tinge to the gills. Although not poisonous, it tastes very bitter and unpleasant. If you're unsure if it's one or the other, you can taste a tiny piece of the flesh to check.

It's really worth researching the other boletes to be sure which you can eat; none are deadly but some can make you very sick. Even less perfect boletes are great dried and powdered to use as stock.

Following a couple of simple rules can ensure that you pick the right boletes:



A classic example of a 'penny bun'

- Don't pick it if it has bright red or yellow pores.
- Don't pick it if it stains blue when you cut the flesh.

Unfortunately this rules out quite a few edibles too, but it's a good basic guide. However, as always, don't trust just me - consult at least three guides and be 100% sure of what you pick before you eat it.

Emma

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JANET'S KNITTING JOURNEY IN PRINT

Knit 1 Bike 1: 818 miles, 21 workshops and a lot of cake – and now a book...

You may recall reading about Janet's proposed Knit 1 Bike 1 project in the Spring 2015 Issue of the Gazette. In this edition, Janet gives an update, having completed her cycle journey, written a book about the experience and having also finished some of the associated art work.

So what is Knit 1 Bike 1? It is essentially an art project, which began because textile artist Janet Renouf-Miller of Create With Fibre, loves both knitting and cycling. So she set off from Dalmellington at the end of June 2015 on a ten-week cycling and knitting journey round Scotland.

She delivered 21 mini workshops on the way and cycled 818 miles, going where the workshops took her. She came home via the Glenkens and spent her final night at Hawkrigg caravan site between Dalry and Carsphairn.

Not only that, but Janet knitted and crocheted what she saw on the way. In fact she is still knitting and

crocheting the things she saw and when all the work is finished, it will form an exhibition, the first showing of which will be at the Borders Textile Tower House in Hawick and it will then tour, including a visit to the Glenkens.

Janet has crocheted things like the Glenfinnan Viaduct, which was featured in the Sunday Post, the Isle of Mull Ferry, a cooked breakfast, worms, midges and much more. She was interviewed on Radio Scotland by both the Janice Forsyth Show and the Kaye Adams Show and the story of the trip was recounted in a number of local newspapers around Scotland.

The Knit 1 Bike 1 book is a light-hearted account of the trip and



Janet Renouf-Miller with the Glenfinnan Viaduct.

contains over 140 photographs. It has been described as a 'page turner'. Maggie of Carsphairn said: "Got a bone to pick with you... it's 11.50pm and I'm now on page 107. Struggling to put it down!"

You can purchase a copy on Janet's website
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Brass is Back by Popular Request

Dunaskin Doon Band is returning to Carsphairn - and this time as national competition finalists.

After an absence of five years, on Saturday 20 August the band will perform its third summer

concert in the village.

On this occasion, however, they will be back as 2016 National Brass Band Championship finalists, having qualified at the Scottish regional championships in Perth in March. The Ayrshire band will be competing against bands

across the UK at Cheltenham in September to bring back the national title.

The Carsphairn concert will be held in the church and will start at 7.30pm with refreshments served during the interval.

Donations at the door will go towards the church fabric fund.

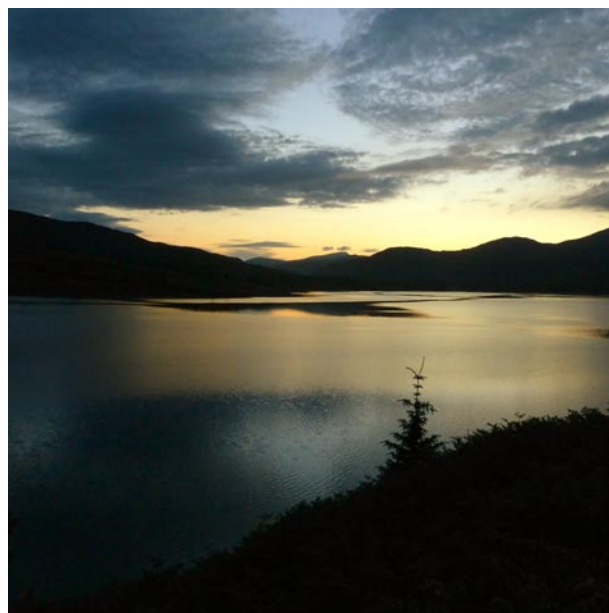
Photo of the Issue

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Competition judges Dave and Sue from the Ken Bridge Hotel chose *Clatteringshaws Silhouette* by Eric Broadhurst as this issue's winner.

"We were really impressed with the photo of Kenmure Castle by Marilyn Lothian - it was nice to see a different view, from above - but the winner this issue is the striking shot of Clatteringshaws Loch."

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



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1925	Lauriston
1930	Townhead of Greenlaw
1937	Castle Douglas (Market Street)
1940	Castle Douglas (Tesco)
Return Journey	
2035	Depart Castle Douglas (Tesco)
2037	Castle Douglas (Market Street)
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2050	Lauriston
2100	Mossdale
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2115	Dalry (Underhill)

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The Kelpies & The Falkirk Wheel

Tuesday 9 August

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Wanlockhead Museum of Lead Mining

Sunday 14 August

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Air Crashes Around Loch Doon

Following an article last year about the air crashes on Corserine, I thought that readers might be interested in the air crashes around Loch Doon.

Although two of the three crashes in this area were wartime crashes, the third was within memory of many residents, being a fatal crash in 1975.

On 24 October 1941, Spitfire mark IIA serial P7540 left RAF Ayr (Heathfield) on a training flight. It was reported that the pilot made a low pass over Loch Doon but as he banked away, a wing caught the surface which caused the aircraft to crash into the loch. The pilot was F/O Frantisek Hekl of 312 Czech Squadron RAF. Although the RAF searched for the aircraft and pilot at the time, no trace was found. In 1977 a serious search for the aircraft began by members of the Dumfries Sub-Aqua club and other clubs working with the Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum. It would take five years before the aircraft was finally located and recovered by experts operating under a RAF licence. The search involved 567 dives by 109 individual divers. The aircraft

has been partially restored and is now on display together with documentation including a photograph of the pilot at the Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum.

On 18 March 1944, Hurricane mark IV serial LD564 was on a navigation exercise (NAVEX) from RAF Ayr (Heathfield) piloted by F/O Roswell Murray MacTavish of 439 (Tiger) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force. The aircraft was flying at 3,300 feet when, for reasons that have not been discovered, it descended steeply through clouds and impacted the ground, killing the pilot. F/O MacTavish was 24 years old and came from Vancouver, British Columbia. He is buried in Ayr Cemetery. Remains of the aircraft can still be seen in a firebreak in the forest.

On 28 September 1975, Piper Cherokee serial G-BATP was flying over the Glenkens with the pilot and three passengers on board. The plane was en route from Prestwick to Blackpool when it struck high ground at Bow Hill, Carsphairn, killing all on board. A plaque commemorating the crash is fixed to a rock at

this very remote site.

If you visit any of these sites, please be aware of the Protection of Military Remains Act, which makes it an offence to remove any wreckage from military crash sites without a licence. The Piper Cherokee crash site is the only one with a memorial.

Paul Goodwin



Map with crash sites marked.

War Updates: June & July 1916

June 1916 was a relatively quiet month in terms of the war but we still saw the tragic death of Alex Nielson from Dalry.

Having emigrated to Canada in 1914, Nielson was serving with the Canadians at the time of his death. As his mother was living in Dalbeattie, his name appears on the Dalbeattie as well as the Dalry war memorials.

The battle of the Somme commenced on 1 July with tremendous loss of life on both sides on the first day of battle. By good fortune the men of the Glenkens all survived that first day, but their luck didn't last and deaths were reported in July from all four Glenkens parishes.

On 9 July Alfred Tait of Dalry was killed by the explosion of an enemy mine at Hulloch and is commemorated on the Loos memorial.

Joseph McCulloch of Main Street,

Dalry, was also killed in July at the age of just 19. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial. It is clear from the dates he served that he lied about his age and was underage when he enlisted and also when he went overseas in January 1915.

Robert McWhirter of Old Glenlee, New Galloway, was killed on 19 July at 20 years of age. Prior to enlistment he had been a shepherd at Bennan Farm, New Galloway Station. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

George Counter of the Salutation Hotel, Carsphairn, was another July death with no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

Alexander McAdam was born in Balmaclellan (the grandson

of the local schoolmaster) and served his apprenticeship as a painter in Dumfries before moving to Edinburgh. He was 30 years old when he was killed on 21 July and is remembered on the Dumfries war memorial and the St Michael's church memorial in Dumfries as well as on the Balmaclellan memorial. He was also listed on the (now lost) Dumfries Painters' memorial which was unveiled in the Globe Hotel, Dumfries.

James Good of Dalry was killed on 30 July and, with no known grave, is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

Paul Goodwin



Alfred Tait

Joseph McCulloch

Robert McWhirter

LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

What's in a Name?



I am most grateful to all of you who responded to my last contribution wherein I requested suggestions about the location of the place-name, Holm of Dawhernyn.

Although I have been up to the head of Water of Ken several times I completely forgot about the Holm of Dalquhairn. Mea culpa! Apologies to all concerned for my do-it-ness! I should have cast my net wider, which is the responsibility of all good historians. My search for the name was too narrow and restrictive.

A holm, as you will know, describes an extent of low ground beside a river, sometimes rendered as howm or haugh. The word derives from Old Norse holmr meaning a small island, a word that passed into Scots via Middle English, 'holme'. In the past, such sites were greatly valued by farmers. John Gillespie, minister of Kells, perceptively described the holm at the head of Loch Ken as 'perhaps one of the richest spots in Scotland', because it was inundated several times in winter and spring. 'Like the Nile it leaves behind it the salts, oils, and fat earths' carried down by the river, so that 'many acres produce 300 stone of natural hay and the arable is fertile in proportion'.

The downside was that if the

Lammas Spate hit at the end of July or beginning of August, as it often did, crops could be destroyed. In view of our own recent experiences with flooding here in Glenkens it is interesting to note that the reporters in the Old Statistical Account for the parishes of Dalry and Crossmichael stated that 'in some places, earthen banks or mounds have been erected, are erecting, or may be erected with advantage', but by whom, unfortunately, is not recorded.

There are actually two Dalquairns, Upper and Nether, doubtless at one time a ferme town with a not insignificant population. Dalquhairn is

covenanters in the seventeenth-century. He also notes the Whigs' Hole on Altry Hill, a hiding place used by the 'suffering bleeding remnant', trying to avoid state persecution.

North of Dalquhairn at the head of the glen is The Lorg: hill, burn, cottage and bridge. Could the name be associated with Gaelic lorg, which means both a shepherd's staff and a footprint? Nearby place-names provide a guide to the local fauna. Hawk's Craig, Corby (crow) Craig, two Glede (kite) Craigs, Cow Knowe, Hare Cleugh and Ewe Hill. The 'what'

in Alwhat Hill refers to wildcats as does Dalwhat to the east.

There must be a story behind the intriguing 'Sour Snout' the nose-shaped part of Altry Hill. Back in the day the place would

not have seemed as remote as it does now since it linked Nithsdale and the Glenkens. Now, when the glen feels like a place of the past, it is salutary to note the presence of the wind farm on Windy Standard, surely a current (and contentious) symbol of modernity. At the south end of the glen the Forestry Commission recently spent £1.2 million pioneering a new method of strengthening the road for previously destructive timber traffic.

Readers' comments are always welcome.

Sincere thanks to Linda Murtough, Michael Ansell, Peter, Suzie and Roddy Seed, David Bartholomew and Chris Rollie for their information and suggestions.

Ted Cowan

Could the name be associated with Gaelic lorg, which means both a shepherd's staff and a footprint?

locally pronounced Dawhurn, which is quite close to the sixteenth-century spelling: Dawhernyn. Dal is Gaelic for field or place, while the second element refers to the cairn, south of the farms. There are different types of cairn. Those on hilltops invite visitors to heighten them by placing a stone on the pile - "a chuckie for the cairn". Some are on the open moor as waymarkers. This cairn is a prehistoric grave, where a flat bronze axehead was found.

Rev David Bartholomew points out that the road beyond Dalquhairn leads to Sanquhar and thus would have provided an entry to the Glenkens for The Earl of Moray in 1568, or for government dragoons hunting



Holm of Dalquhairn, Water o' Ken © Lizanne Henderson, Padeapix

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Who Do We Think We Were?

Avril Bridgeman was born and brought up in New Galloway, and returned here after many years living in the Midlands and then Kilmarnock.

She has fond memories of the annual Glenkens Show, then held in New Galloway. Whether you too grew up here or have arrived in the Glenkens from elsewhere, please send in your 500 words of reminiscence. It doesn't matter how young or old you are - if you live here, you are part of Glenkens history.

Please send your contribution - of no more than 500 words - by email to margaret.elphinstone@dircon.co.uk or hand in a copy at CatStrand marked 'Glenkens Gazette - WDWTWW'

The next Gazette will have a memoir by Margaret Pringle of Dalry, who grew up in Edinburgh.

THE SHOW DAY

I jumped out of bed and throwing the skylight wide I could hear the bleating and braying of the animals as they were herded into their pens in the park and the back park.

The show day had already begun! As an only child growing up in New Galloway, I loved the day of the Glenkens Show when it seemed to me that the whole place came alive with farmers and friends meeting and greeting, laughing, chatting and

shaking hands.

After breakfast I ran to the park to meet my friends and admire the animals, spruced and groomed by their owners in the hope of a prized rosette.

The air was filled with the country smells of horses, cattle, sheep, straw and sawdust as the judges poked and prodded the creatures checking for the qualities required for a champion beast. The horses were my personal favourites.

My Mum made a huge pot of broth in case of visitors and filled the tins with tasty home baked treats. At lunchtime my Dad regaled us with his experiences of the morning in the park while the hotels did a good trade in lunches and liquid refreshments. The street buzzed with activity.

In the afternoon I would pop into my Uncle Wullie John Milligan's shop (now Williamson and Henry) to choose a treat from his wide display of sweets - maybe a lucky bag, a Tobermory tattie or a stick of rhubarb rock. Auntie Ella was busy in the tearoom upstairs.

Next stop was the Reading Room (now Torr Cottage) which housed the floral entries as well as produce. I held my breath in anticipation that I myself had been lucky enough to win a prize for my 'Garden in a saucer' or my painstakingly handwritten National Anthem.

Back in the park while the successful beasts were proudly paraded round the ring before being herded home in their floats



The man at the front of the photo is John Ewart of Glenlee Mains, my Dad's uncle. I can't name the others. Maybe someone else will remember!

and trailers, I was preparing for excitement of another kind.

After tea, the hum of the generator drew me to 'The Shows', the funfair on the old washing green, now the car park by the burn near Carson's Knowe.

Faces aglow in the brightly coloured lights we attempted to roll saved up pennies, win a goldfish or coconut or we rode on the swingboats. The air hung sickly sweet with candy floss and toffee apples.

All too soon it was time to head home at the end of a tiring day in the fresh air.

As I lay in bed, I could hear the revellers in the Town Hall at the Show dance. The sprung floor, famed as one of the best in the region, bounced to the rhythm of Uncle Tommy's 'Starry Nights' band.

When the music eventually stopped and the hotel bars emptied, the revellers shouted their final farewells, sometimes in song, I fell asleep a very contented wee lassie.

After all, it would be only a year till we could do it all over again.

Avril Bridgeman




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BATTLE OF THE SOMME CENTENARY

In line with other events nationally on 1 July, acts of remembrance were held at the War Memorials in Balmaclellan, Dalry and New Galloway to commemorate the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

At 7.30am on July 1, 1916 the battle was launched with three blows

on a whistle. The fighting continued for five months with over 1 million soldiers from both sides killed.

Exactly 100 years later, at 7.30am, the local men who died in the battle were remembered with thoughts and prayers. One of those attending reported that: "the dead were remembered, albeit in a very quiet way which perhaps they would have preferred to the noise and horror of the Somme".

This photograph of a rainbow behind the New Galloway War Memorial was taken on the same day just after 8.30pm.



Remembered in the Glenkens

Scotland's only civic memorial to ordinary soldiers who died in the Crimean War was the first stop on the latest history field trip undertaken by The Glenkens Story project.

A tour of the war memorials in two of the Glenkens parishes started at Balmaclellan where the party were shown the simple red sandstone monument to five local men who died in the 19th century conflict with Russia, immortalised in The Charge of the Light Brigade. Paul Goodwin of the Scottish Military History Group, who led the trip, explained that sometimes family memorials recorded officers lost in the war (there is one at Balmaclellan) and there were regimental memorials around the

country, but Balmaclellan was one of only five communities in Britain which had marked the loss of their own ordinary soldiers.

Members of the field trip saw no fewer than 18 memorials at six locations across the parishes of Kells and Balmaclellan. The visit included St Margaret's Church in New Galloway which houses numerous memorials including the plaque commemorating James Faed, the 15-year-old midshipman (and son of the landscape artist) who died after the sinking of HMS Goliath at Gallipoli. A relative of the dead sailor still sometimes attends the church on Armistice Sunday.

The New Galloway civic memorial includes the names of the four McCheyne brothers, a rare but far from unique instance of such a loss in one family. It also, unusually for a First World War memorial, includes the name of a nurse, Jane Nodwell, who died from illness acquired while

nursing wounded soldiers. Paul explained that each locality made up its own rules on who could be included. In some places such a case would have been excluded. Kells parish obviously displayed a more inclusive spirit, as did Balmaclellan where the memorial bears the name of one soldier who died from his injuries five years after the First World War ended.

Some of the participants were viewing the names of their own relatives. Avril Bridgeman of New Galloway told the group about her two great uncles, the McGaw brothers, whose name appears on the Kells memorial.

The Glenkens Story is an informal group of local history enthusiasts. Our next Field Trip will be a full-day event on Saturday 3 September when Dr David Bartholomew will lead a tour of Covenanting sites in the Glenkens. To learn more of this and our activities email theglenkensstory@gmail.com or call 07766 686402.

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Thu 18, FILM: Steve, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 20, Dunaskin Doon Band, 7.30pm, Carsphairn Church

Thu 25, Kris Drever, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 27 & Sun 28, Healing Workshops, 4pm, Dalry Church

Wed 31, FILM: Sunset Song, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1, My Sweet Patootie, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Sat 3, FoDSFest2k16, Music & Arts Festival, 3-9pm, Dalry School Field

Sat 3, Glenkens Story Field Trip; tour of the key Covenanting sites in the Glenken, 10am-4.30pm, starts at Dalry, contact theglenkensstory@gmail.com

Mon 5, Dalry CC EGM, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall

Fri 9, Stranded Cat Records Showcase & Single Launch, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Tue 13, Slava Sidorenko, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Thu 15, FILM: Youth, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Fri 16, Dance Ihayami: Silent Space, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Fri 23, Son Al Son, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

Wed 28, FILM: Under the Skin, 7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway

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Gentle Tai Chi: Wed, 10am, 60+
Glenkens Writing Group: First Wed each month 3-5pm

Sing it Out: Thurs, 11am -12pm

CatStrand Ukes: Thurs, 1pm - 3.30pm 60+

Choreographic Skills Lab: Thurs (term-time), 7 - 8.30pm
 ages 12-18

Zumba Gold: Fridays (term-time), 10-11am, CatStrand, 16+

Saturday Art Club: twice a month, 10am-12noon, to book call 420 374

Catstrand Youth Players: Sun during term time, 2pm

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

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Dog Training: Tues & Thurs, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall. Contact: Eric 460

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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

Mossdale Painters: Wed, 9.30am, Mossdale Village Hall

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

Coffee & Craft Morning: Thurs, 9am-12noon, Lagwyne Hall

Youth Writing Group: Thurs (during term time), 3.30-5pm, ages 10-15, Dalry School

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

Gentle Tai Chi: Fri 10-11am, Dalry Town Hall

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

Temporary Hours

Tue: 12noon - 3.30pm

Fri: 10am - 12noon & 1pm - 4.30pm

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

Glenkens Community Councils

Balmaclellan Community Council

Meetings: 4th 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 TIMES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Sunday Services - Balmaclellan 12noon:

1st. Carsphairn 10.30am: 1st,

2nd(Aug), 3rd, 4th. Dalry 9am:

1st, 2nd(Aug), 3rd, 4th(Aug).

Dalry 10.30am: 2nd(Sept). Dalry

12noon(Sept). Kells 10.30am:

2nd(Aug), 3rd, 4th.

Special Services/Events: 11 Sept, 10.30am, United Family Service, Dalry Church, followed by BBQ and children's games at the Manse,

Dalry. 25 Sept, 12noon, Harvest Thanksgiving, Dalry Church, followed by Harvest Lunch in Dalry Town Hall.

Communion Service: 28 Aug, 10.30am, Kells Church

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

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

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COMMUNITY COUNCILS REINSTATED

Following their highly controversial dissolution, three local community councils - Carsphairn, Dalry and New Galloway & Kells - are active once again.

The three Community Councils, along with many others across the region, were dissolved earlier this year, creating a huge outcry.

After following due procedure, the nominated Councillors were re-elected as of July 7, 2016.

Unfortunately, as it will take considerable time to change the overly bureaucratic and 'draconian' rules of Dumfries & Galloway Council's Amended Scheme, Community Councillors will be forced to re-adopt the very scheme that put them out of business in the first place or face

dissolution again!

This is the kind of farce that if turned into a comedy, people wouldn't believe. The lack of forethought by D&G Council staff in writing 'the scheme', and subsequent lack of obligatory support from the Stewarty Area Framework Team in particular, are almost slap-stick.

Whilst not seeing the funny side of this 'comedy of errors', Glenkens Community Councillors seem to be made of sterner stuff. By the time this edition of the *Glenkens Gazette* is available, all Community Councils should be up and running again, doing their best for the residents of our area.

Community Council meetings are open to everyone to attend and get involved with what is happening in your area. Some of the everyday

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business can inevitably be a bit 'dry', but usually there are interesting and worthy projects desperately in need of volunteer support like community resilience. Ultimately it is all about making your community a better place to live, work and play.

So why not try something different this year, go along to your local Community Council meeting and see if there's something you fancy getting involved in?

*Andi Holmes,
Community Councillor for Dalry*



The Scottish Alternative Games 2016

The Gird 'n' Cleek World Championship
Lockerbie Pipe Band - Classic Car Show
Tossin' the Sheaf - CatStrand Ukelele Band
Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane - Tractor Pull
Tug o' War - Snail Racing - The Alternative Run
Barbecue - Teas - Stalls - Sideshows - Bar

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST
2pm, THE PARK, NEW GALLOWAY
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Friday 5th August - Launch Night Party with popular band 'Not Guilty'
Dance the night away to your favourite 60's, 70's & 80's music
7.30pm, CatStrand, New Galloway - Tickets £7 (accompanied children free)
Saturday 6th August - Alternative Curling with 'New Age Kurling'
Alternative curling without ice! Evening includes a Haggis Supper
7.30pm, New Galloway Town Hall - Tickets £7.50/£3
Sunday 7th August - Car Boot Sale
Alternative Games Car Park (Monument Field), 11am-2pm, £5 per car
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