

GLENKENS GAZETTE

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

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FREE

AUTUMN FEAST ON THE MENU

Get ready to enjoy the first Glenkens Food Month when we will be celebrating the wealth and diversity of local produce right here in the Glenkens.

Throughout September we will have the opportunity to celebrate, sample and purchase locally sourced and produced food and drink. An exciting calendar for the month will include new events across the Glenkens and the promotion of existing activities and businesses focusing on food and drink.

The programme kicks off with communities around the Glenkens hosting a Pot Luck Supper on Friday 6 September, and will finish with a Community Ceilidh on Saturday 28 September.

As the change in season brings us a wealth of autumn fare, including apples, berries and squashes among many others, there will be a chance to learn the delights we can create with them. Whether you want to apple-press in the Garroch Garden, hear how local food is produced, forage in the wild, learn a new recipe, taste a new wine, gin or liqueur, create pizzas or 'Rove for your Supper' there will certainly be something for everyone. And be sure to come along to the Glenkens Festival on Saturday 21 September, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy food whilst being entertained by

local performers and bands.

An event not to be missed is the Glenkens Food Trail on Saturday 14 September. Why not explore the Glenkens, taking in the sights and tasty delights of the area? Mossdale, New Galloway, Dalry, Carsphairn, Balmacellan and Parton will be offering food tasting, walks, talks, demonstrations and activities for children - a fabulous day out for everyone.

There will be a calendar detailing events available from local retail outlets from the beginning of August, as well as updates and ongoing information on Facebook @Glenkens Food Month and displayed throughout the Glenkens.

Glenkens Food Month has been made possible by grants from the Connect Local Regional Food Fund* and Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership. New Galloway Community Enterprises Ltd have donated the services of their Community Engagement Worker, Sam Rushton, to co-ordinate the event, working collaboratively with local businesses, community organisations

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and individuals.

As a project legacy we are planning *The Glenkens Gourmet* book which



will be bursting with our favourite recipes. Sam Rushton is keen to receive contributions for this - a photo of the completed recipe would be a bonus and hopefully tempt us to give it a go ourselves!

If you are an individual, business, organisation, supplier or producer and wish to be part of this project, host an event, submit a recipe or would like more information please contact Sam at samCEW@newgallowaycommunity.shop or phone 07741 656 601 or pop into New Galloway Community Shop.

**The Connect Local Regional Food Fund is financed by The Scottish Government, in partnership with industry, and has been created to promote local food and drink, in line with Ambition 2030.*



WIND FARM FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Blackcraig Wind Farm Community Fund opened on 1 June.

The fund is being administered by Foundation Scotland. The deadline for applying is 23 August 2019 with decisions due in November.

The overall purpose of the Fund is to help our communities to be even better places to live and visit for people of all ages. Groups can apply for grants of between £500 and £25,000 for projects that will help the communities become more connected, strong, creative, inclusive, healthy and long lasting. A wide range of charitable activities that will benefit the community can be funded. As is usual in these types of funds there are also some restrictions, for example awards cannot be made to individuals

or for political or religious purposes.

Drop-in sessions were held in early June across the area where representatives of Foundation Scotland and The Glenkens & District Trust, who will make the decisions on the awards, attended to answer questions and provide support. They were very well attended with people asking questions about a wide range of potential applications. Early indications are that there will be no shortage of applications!

Once the closing date for applications is reached, Foundation Scotland will review applications to ensure they are eligible. They are also likely to contact applicants to discuss the application to ensure the information is clear. They will then produce information to enable The Glenkens & District Trust to make the decisions.

The Community Councils have also received their individual awards from the fund and are making their own arrangements to use this amount within their own individual Community Council areas. As individual Community Councils they can decide how best to use the money on charitable projects to benefit their area although similar restrictions apply as in the main fund. They can decide to use the money for their own projects or to invite applications from their community.

Support and information will be available during the application phase from Foundation Scotland who have their local office in Gatehouse of Fleet.

Details on the criteria for awards, where to ask questions and how to apply are available on the following website:
www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/blackcraig

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

The opening stage of this year's Tour of Britain will take place on 7 September, starting in Glasgow and passing along the A713 through the

Glenkens on its way to the finish in Kirkcudbright.

The stage will be jointly hosted by EventScotland, Glasgow Life and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

This year's race will begin on a Saturday for the first time since 2010, heading along the A713 through the Glenkens around lunchtime.

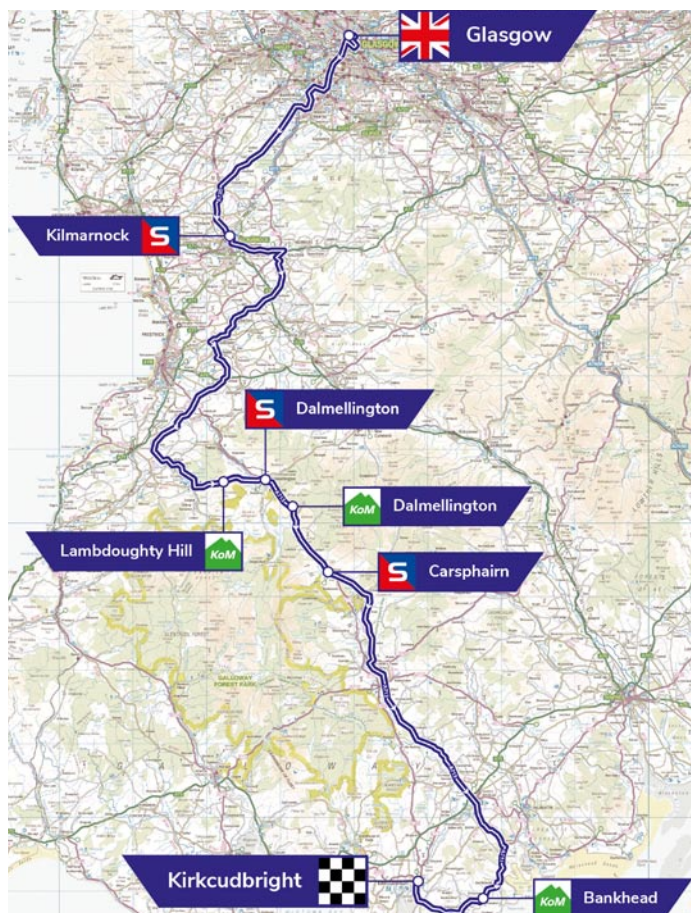
Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's Director of Events, said: "The Tour of Britain presents cycling fans with an unparalleled opportunity to see their favourite teams and riders take to the roads."

Dumfries and Galloway most recently welcomed the OVO Energy Tour of Britain in 2016, but has been a regular fixture on the route of Britain's most prestigious cycle race, having hosted stages on nine previous occasions.

Councillor Adam Wilson, the Council's events champion, said: "Cycling fans in our corner of Scotland will be thrilled with the news that the Tour of Britain is to return to Dumfries and Galloway. The Tour is a much-loved event here, and we are proud of our long association with the UK's most significant cycling event."

The event features Olympic, World and Tour de France champions, and attracts a roadside audience of over 1.5m spectators. Live coverage of the race is shown daily in the UK on ITV4 and Eurosport.

Pictured: Far left - The 2019 stage one route. Near left - Andre Greipel salutes the Castle Douglas crowd after winning the Scottish Stage of the Tour in 2016.



Help Your Community Have a Voice

Community councils are the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland.

They bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent.

There are around 1,200 community councils in Scotland. Here in the Glenkens we are lucky enough to have five active community councils - Balmaclellan, Dalry, Carsphairn, New Galloway & Kells, and Parton - and they all welcome anyone who wishes to become involved in their local community.

As a statutory body there are some rules, one of which is that all community councils must hold an election every four years - that date is now fixed for 3 October. An election

allows new people the opportunity to become involved and help their local community and existing members also need to reapply.

If you wish to become a community councillor you must be over 16 years

old, resident in the community council area and be on the Electoral Register. You will need a proposer, who should also be on the Electoral Register in your area. Nomination papers are available on the Dumfries & Galloway Council website (www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils) or by emailing community.councils@dumgal.gov.uk

Nominations are open from Tuesday 13 August to Tuesday 3 September. An election ballot will only be held, on Thursday 3 October, if there are more nominations than places on the community council.

If there is a specific project you want to get involved with it is also possible to become co-opted as a temporary member.

Community council meetings are

updates on projects such as Galloway Glens. With wind farm money starting to come through there may also be discussion on local projects that might benefit from funding. Representatives from the police usually attend as well as one of our Dumfries & Galloway Councillors (Dougie Campbell, Pauline Drysdale or Jane Maitland).

All community council meetings are open to everyone so if you'd like to find out more, why not pop along to your next local meeting, days and times as follows:

Balmaclellan, last Monday of month, 7.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall.
Carsphairn, last Monday of month, 7pm, Lagwyne Village Hall.
Dalry, first Monday of month, 7pm, Dalry Town Hall.
New Galloway & Kells, second Monday of month, 7pm, New Galloway Town Hall.
Parton, bi-monthly (next will be Sept), 7pm, Parton Village Hall.

Mossdale don't have a community council.
Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham (KPD) are joined, and have meetings monthly at 7.30pm either in Corsock Village Hall or KPD Village Hall. **Nb Parton and Corsock are in the Castle Douglas Ward, as opposed to the Glenkens and Dee Ward.**

Community councils...bridge the gap between local authorities and communities...

usually held once a month and typical items on the agenda could include: planning applications, reports of road issues such as potholes, broken pavements or street lights requiring repair, upcoming local events and

Carsphairn Primary School BBQ

Carsphairn Primary School celebrated its 296th year with a community barbecue and open house.

There were displays of school work past and present, along with many former members of staff, pupils and parents present, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the live music, delicious food and stimulating

conversation.

After the summer holidays Carsphairn School will be undergoing a process termed 'mothballing', which involves the school going into a temporary waiting period of closure until the current children in Carsphairn parish reach school age or new children move into the parish where they will be able to attend this wonderful little school. The only two pupils currently attending will be leaving to go to secondary school this August, so with no pupils, the school

has no choice but to undergo this process.

A big thank you goes out to Margaret Heuchan, Claire Edgar and all the rest of the people involved in creating this brilliant event.

With only another four more years before the school's 300th anniversary of serving the community, here's to another 296 years of this excellent rural school.



Glenkens Freecycle sponsored by natural power

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 glenkensgazette@hotmail.co.uk

OFFERED

Yamaha Electone electric organ. Very good condition. Must collect. Contact: Christine: 01556 690 530.

Tile adhesive remover. Unopened and with full instructions. **Small Black & Decker strimmer.** Suitable for small area only. **6 brake/tail light/flasher auto bulbs.** Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011.

Very old petrol-driven rotovator, engine needs work but all moving parts move. Contact: 0775 229 3138.

2-seater three piece suite, never sat on. **Electric fire** with artificial fire effect, hardly used. Contact: Mr Fisher on 01644 430 493 until 6 August; thereafter, contact Sarah on 07727 127 997.

Trampoline. Contact: 01644 430 380.

FOR SALE

Set of 15 blue and white antique plates in varying sizes. Not valuable but I can date these around 1912. £20 for the set. Contact: Sue on 07563 718 011.

Small under-counter fridge. Good condition, about four years old; £20. Contact: 07876 353 557 after Monday 5 August (I can help with removal if necessary).

Spalding Bowling Club

Spalding Bowling Club in Dalry held its open triples competition.

Pictured are (left to right): Runners up Scott McCubbin, Emma Russell, Trudy McCubbin, club president Elizabeth Peacock, Steve Papworth who presented the prizes to the winners, Eddie Harris, Daisy Davidson, Craig Cobbledick (Ayrshire) on behalf of the sponsors Clachan Inn, Dalry, and W Johnstone & Son of Crocketford. *Valerie Russell*



"I will certainly be running my ad in the Glenkens Gazette again. It has generated a good deal of interest, and brought in business already." *Ian*

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GLENKENS CLIMATE CAFE

A cafe with a difference is coming to the Glenkens.

Starting in October there will be a Climate Cafe during the autumn which will provide anyone who is interested with the opportunity to share their feelings and concerns about the climate crisis confronting us.

Anxiety about climate change is widespread but what can we do as individuals? Gathered informally in small groups in the Climate Cafe, we will be able to explore what we can do, as individuals and with others. Climate change need not be a taboo subject. Having the conversation can be empowering and energising and

reassures us that we are not facing this challenging subject in isolation.

The Glenkens Climate Cafes will be held in CatStrand on Sunday afternoons. Admission is free but booking is required. The usual range of teas, coffees and light refreshments will be on sale. The Climate Cafe is organised by the



Glenkens Climate Group, part of the Stewartry Climate Group. Dates will be announced in the next Gazette.

Growing Greens in New Galloway

New Galloway's resident 'flower fairies', Linda Garretty and Marion Briggs, have gone a massive step further in their gardening efforts this year.

The 'fairies' keep the village looking beautiful with a lovely and well-maintained community garden and

their annual scattering of colourful tubs and baskets of summer flowers. This year they have also conjured up wooden planters containing all manner of edible herbs, flowers and vegetables.

Taking inspiration from the national Incredible Edible initiative which aims to encourage communities to grow and celebrate local food, New Galloway's very own Galloway Greens was sprouted. Then, with a bit of help from their gardening friends, and some extremely generous donations from local businesses, charities and

one very special personal donation, timber was bought, planters were made, seeds were sown and now, after a lot of hard work by all concerned, the planters are producing a leafy array of green goodness!

The Galloway Greens planters have been placed in eight

accessible and well-walked locations around the village. Folk are welcomed and encouraged to help themselves to what they need – lettuce and rocket leaves for salad, a bit of broccoli or a few carrots and mangetout for dinner, or just a sprinkle of parsley for those lovely new potatoes you just bought at the New Galloway Community Shop.

Pupils and adults from Kells School have visited Marion in her polytunnel and have been learning how to 'prick' out young seedlings, a skill that will be very useful when tending their own productive school garden. Some of those children who live in the village are going to be busy watering our new little green gardens, and any help that anyone can give with watering the flower containers along the High Street would be most welcome.

If you look carefully, you will see that each planter carries a small plaque naming one of the sponsors of the project.

Galloway Greens would like to thank the following people for their interest, generosity and support: Martin & Green, Builders, Castle Douglas. Rembrand, Dalbeattie. Natural Power Consultants Ltd, Dalry. Marc Henklemann, Architectural Services, Kirkcudbright. Russ & Jill Russell, formerly of Greenhead House, New Galloway. Andy McQuaker, Contract Services. New Galloway Alternative Games Fund. Bute-II-Full Garden Centre, Castle Douglas.



New Galloway's resident 'flower fairies' and their helpers....

New Galloway Celebrates

More than 80 residents and friends of New Galloway gathered in the Town Hall for a Pie and Baked Tattie Supper to celebrate the second anniversary of New Galloway's Community Shop.

It was great to share the company of many familiar faces and also to welcome some of the newcomers who have joined the community in the last couple of years.

While guests enjoyed the meal served by committee members and helpers, a programme of entertainment was staged, compered by Anne Errington. Performers included Andrew Biellinski, Scottish songs; Andrew Frew, poetry; Bill Wiseman, hurdy gurdy; Dante Newberry, piano; Ellen Biellinski, violin; Fiona Edgar, violin & piano; Florrie Newberry, piano; 'Geoff of Dunscore', recitations and Rory Newberry, piano. It was heartening to be reminded that we have so much talent, of all ages, in our community.

New Galloway Community Enterprises Ltd (NGCE) now operates

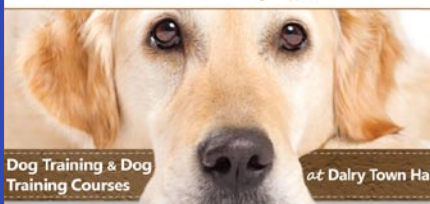
two 4-star self-catering holiday lets and a community laundry in addition to the shop. As a community benefit society, NGCE is owned by its 250 members but, with a view to building up resilience for the future, the evening also saw the launch of an Open Share offer to give residents and friends of New Galloway and Kells the chance of buying shares and becoming members if they have not already done so.

NGCE would like to thank Community Shares Scotland for sponsoring the launch, our Community Engagement Worker, Sam Rushton, and Margaret Watson for devising and organising the event, all our very able performers and everyone who helped before, during and after the event.

Pictured: Top - Participants formed a procession led by piper, Ian Wemyss, which made its way from the shop to the Town Hall at the start of the event. Right - Story-teller Anne Errington was one of those who entertained the residents and friends of New Galloway during the Supper.



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THANKS TO GUERRILLA GARDENERS

The beautiful garden at the New Galloway town sign is really lovely this year, all courtesy of our 'guerilla gardeners'.

The flower bed is stunning, and I just wanted to give a shout-out of thanks in the *Gazette* to let the gardeners know how much it is appreciated.

Nicky



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PICNIC IN THE PARK 2019

This year's Picnic in the Park in New Galloway was another great success, despite the rather damp conditions.

Kells Primary School helped with this year's event and organised a

number of table-top games and a stall.

One of the most popular activities of the afternoon was the Pet Show, also organised by the school. Pets, including a hamster, a rabbit, a chicken and lots of dogs, entered classes such as Waggiest Tail, Best Six Legs and Pet the Judges Would Most Like to Take Home.

The stocks were once again popular with various unfortunate but brave people being soaked with wet sponges!

Races were organised by Sam Rushton and her helpers, and included a three-legged race and egg-and-spoon races.

Glen Urr came along with their ice cream van, there were strawberries,

Pimm's, prosecco and a BBQ. Fabby Cakes also had a stall with their cakes, pasties and sausage rolls.

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported the event and those who donated things and helped on the day. We are planning to use some of the donations to renovate the seats in the village, and possibly also purchase another picnic table for the park. As always, any donations will be put back into the community.

Next year we are hoping to arrange a special event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day. Instead of a picnic, we are planning a Party in the Park, similar to the street parties that took place 75 years ago. Everyone in New Galloway and Kells Parish will be invited and there will be a tea – which might just include Spam sandwiches! There will also be games for the children and music from the 1940s. This is still in early stages of planning but if anyone knows of events that took place in New Galloway in 1945 please do let us know and we will try to re-enact them.

Joan Walker, New Galloway Celebratory Events Committee



Visitors enjoying this year's Picnic in the Park.



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CatStrand Highlights

CatStrand and our partner venues have some great events coming up over August and September in the Glenkens.

Our Movie in the Park is back on Sunday 18 August - bring a deck chair and wrap up against the drizzle for *The Way Way Back* (12A), a film which promises "the best two scenes ever filmed on a waterslide" (The Atlantic). The screening will start after dark, around 9pm, in New Galloway Park.

Samson Sounds lead the charge in Scotland's world dance music scene. Catch them with guest vocalist, Tom Spiral, at Dalry Town Hall on Friday 16 August as part of Dalry's new live events programme.

The Dalry Film Club are back with a selection of big-hitters in September. *Bohemian Rhapsody* (12A) will screen on Wednesday 4 September, and comedy *Stan and Ollie* (PG) on Wednesday 18 September.

Blackbird Opera perform *The Marriage of Figaro* as part of their regional tour following months of rehearsal at 'Ai the Arts' on Sunday 25 August. *A Play and Piece* returns on Thursday 19 September with a one-act play fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe, *Hindsight*, performed by local company Fox and Hound. Starting at 1pm, the play ticket includes your 'piece' and a drink.

World class Scottish folk graces CatStrand's auditorium in these late Summer months; BBC Radio Scotland Young Trad Musician finalist, Iona Fyfe, performs Aberdeenshire rooted ballads with her trio on Saturday 17 August.

Musical geniuses and old friends, Ross Ainslie & Tim Edey, combine talents for a special show at CatStrand on Friday 30 August, and acclaimed Orcadian four-piece Fara offer up their "tumbling cascade of Northern Isles fiddle" (Folk Radio) on Saturday 7 September.

Queen of the South fans should get their tickets booked for an



Samson Sounds

archive screening event on Sunday 1 September. Join CatStrand's own Brian Edgar for an evening of vintage matches, sharing of more recent action, photos and recollections of heroes past and present - during the evening Brian, who has been a loyal supporter of the club for the latter half of its existence, will attempt to explain why!

Catstrand's Summer Youth Programme

Our youth summer programme has started and it's jam-packed with workshops, trips and events for young people, most of which are free.

From gaming to photography, printmaking to magazine creation,

we've got it covered. All are welcome, so pop into the youth booth or CatStrand for a brochure. Some events to look out for are included below.

Football Heroes: Meet the Author and Kickaround (Mon 12 Aug, 1-3pm, ages 7+, booking required): Join the author of the Ultimate Football Hero series - Matt Oldfield - to hear the incredible stories of

your favourite footballers and their journeys from playground to pitch. This will be followed by the ultimate football match where you'll get to represent your favourite player. Will De Gea save the day or will Mbappé shoot his team to victory? There's only one way to find out!

Dragaoke Night (Wed 14 Aug, 7.30pm start, ages 12+): Featuring local drag queen Devine Tension, this will be an evening of amazing outfits, superb lip-synching and all the glitter. If you're interested in seeing how Devine transforms herself, come along to her makeover session beforehand.

Movie in the Park: The Way, Way, Back (Sun 18th Aug, 9pm film start, ages 12+): Our annual film night in New Galloway Park returns with this coming-of-age story about a young introvert who finds unexpected refuge and friends in a local waterpark. The BBQ will start around 8pm and remember to bring something to sit on!

In September, we'll be on the lookout for new youth volunteers to join our team. If you're in S1 or above and interested in the arts, get in touch with katy@catstrand.com or pop into CatStrand for a chat.



Pick up a CatStrand Youth Summer programme from retail outlets around the Glenkens.

Unusual Glenkens Garden Visitors

I have had some new visitors to my garden for the last few weeks...pine martens.

People who have seen my pictures of them seem really interested. Most folk have never seen a pine marten and if they have it is only one or two.

I thought others might be interested to know that we have these rare creatures here in New Galloway.

I am really fortunate to live on the edge of the Galloway Forest and have a wonderful variety of birds and other wildlife visiting the feeders in my garden.

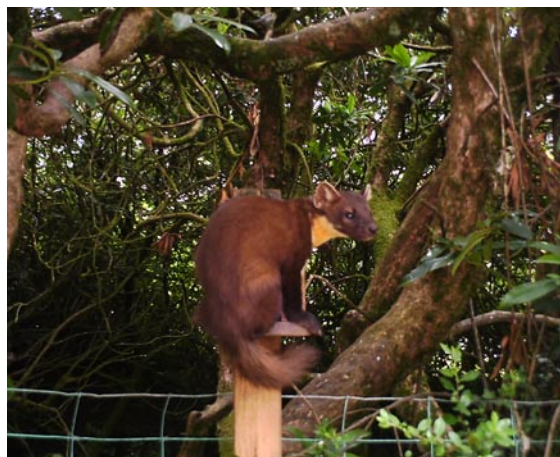
I looked out at about 9am one morning and my first thought was "that's a very big squirrel", I soon realised that it wasn't a squirrel and after a quick look on good old Google was sure it was a pine marten.

I have never seen one in the 25 years we have lived here so knew little about them, hence some more investigation on the Scottish Natural

Heritage site. It seems they are quite rare and at one time were almost extinct in Scotland except in the north but there is a small re-introduced population here in Galloway.

A week after my first sighting I saw them again so set up a wildlife camera that I hadn't used for some time. They are now coming regularly and there seems to be a family of three youngsters. Some of the videos are quite funny with one trying to open the lid of the feeder while another is sitting on it, on others one will sit on the lid while another has his head in the box! They are mainly nocturnal but I do see them early morning and in the evening.

I understand that they will take young birds which is a shame though I think the ones visiting me will have plenty food with the amount of peanuts they are eating! They also catch mice and rats and apparently



Pine marten at the feeder in Joan's garden.

also prey on grey squirrels as they are slower than red squirrels so that is good news. I still have plenty of red squirrels, when the pine martens head off to bed the squirrels come to see if they have left them plenty of nuts!

I feel very privileged to have so much interesting wildlife - the feeder in question is only six metres from my house.

Joan Walker

THE GARDEN SPOT

OK...hands up who got caught out by the late frosts and cold nights in May! (My hand is up, by the way.)

The last few years have been kind to us gardeners; when the weather turns warmer (and usually wetter) for the first time in May, we have got away with putting out our pots, tubs and baskets, and planting out our tender veg. But not this time. Night time temperatures during May were consistently cold, down to plus three to plus five in new money. That's not a frost I hear you say; no, but low soil temperatures meant that stuff just didn't get going (see how late the tatties were at coming up) and many of the ornamentals took a 'check' and just sat there in a huff for several weeks.

Yes, I did bring my pots, tubs and baskets in for the night when it looked like going down to five Celsius or below, and that helped. But I couldn't do much about the runner beans and sweet corn that

I had planted out. They got badly frosted and even the fleece wasn't enough protection. Fortunately, I had a backup set of plants coming along in the greenhouse - in a good year I don't need them so they get given to friends or the charity shop, but this year I needed them and planted out for a second time in late May. I had seed left so I planted up a third lot in the greenhouse. Just as well, because rabbits got in and demolished my second planting - such is the lot of the gardener. Rabbit proof netting and warmer nights at the start of June, saw the third set planted out and are now all doing well.

So, what am I saying? Well, have a plan, and a backup plan. If you have to go to the backup plan, create a new backup plan, it certainly saved my season. It did give me a chance to see how cold affects different plants though. Runner beans were truly frosted and they turned limp; after a day or two they turned brown and were destined for

the compost bin. My sweet corn turned very pale green, then yellow and almost white so they followed the beans. With some other plants, the leaves turned a purplish colour or curled up - most of them grew out of it OK.

Having now dug my early tatties (doesn't that leave the ground dry?) I will now be adding some compost and fertiliser, watering well and planting out with some late season veg and salads: lettuce, callaloo, pak choi, Japanese onions. But before that, a mass of dead-heading and weeding. Pots and baskets are at their best just now and the garlic is the best I've ever had, so there are always rewards.

The Intrepid Gardener



Rabbit-proof sweetcorn.

NEW GALLOWAY GOLF CLUB

New Galloway Golf Club is enjoying a great summer, not least was our Captain's Day celebrations held in June.

The day began with the now annual 9-hole Junior competition for the Les Burton Trophy. The winner, once again, was young Chloe Aitken with a fine net 31. However, much praise must go to Sophie Roberts who, although still under 10 years of age, played her heart out to come a close second with an amazing net 32.

Following the juniors the main event took centre stage, playing for the Jack McQueen Trophy and, once again, the ladies were to the fore. The winner, although only on the last 6 holes, was Janette Davidson with 38 points, with Marena McClymont second also on 38 points.

The Gents quaich was won by Scott Jamieson with 38 points. The Junior quaich was won by Fiona McQueen, who shot a fantastic 37 points. Following the main event, the traditional Junior parent putting



Prize winners on Captain's Day.

competition was won by young Hector McCulloch and his Mum.

Once again the members all contributed to an amazing buffet and we would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the day a huge success.

The Club's ladies have recently had much success outwith the club with the vice captian, Marena McClymont,

and Anne McQueen winning the Southernness Open, and Elena Rogers and Erica Porteous in the prize list at the Dalbeattie Open.

Our Junior coaching programme continues to be very popular with up to 20 children attending every Saturday morning and our coaches continuing to work in the local schools.

Ian Brown

A Lifetime Love of Motorbikes

I was brought up surrounded by motorbikes, my father being a motorcycle engineer at a time when few families owned cars

and most people got around on a bike.

I love to see all the old models brought out for their summer airing each year – especially if there's a chance of a close-up look and a chat with the owner.

Nostalgia on Two Wheels

*On our winding roads each
springtime
Touring 'neath uncertain skies,
Vintage British motorcycles
Made with pride in years gone by.*

*From their winter hibernation
Matchless, Douglas, BSA...
Royal Enfield, Francis Barnett...
To the hills of Galloway!*

*Oh, the sight of them reminds me
Of the happy days of yore,
When we travelled round the country
With our Ariel Square Four.*

*Chromework polished to perfection,
Paintwork gleaming, lamps all bright,
James, Excelsior and Norton,
Oh what transport of delight.*

*Once to grimy work they took us,
To the factories grim and grey.
Now they cruise in sleek retirement
Through the hills of Galloway.*

by Sue Wiseman

*(with apologies to anyone whose
favourite bike I have left out...)*



A reader, inspired by the theme of the new regular Crossing Words page (opposite), has shared with us this special piece of writing about her own 'crossing point'.

The subject of the piece is the bridge beside her garden, and was written while on duty as a CatStrand cafe volunteer, during the Glenkens Writers' Cafe.

The Writers' Cafe meets every second Thursday of the month from 7–9pm, and anyone interested in writing is welcome to come along – it's free and no booking is required.

A Moment in Time

Millennia ago, ice and snow covered the Rhinns of Kells and, slowly as a toe nail and as unstoppable as time, a glacier grew, pushing its dirty toes along the Polharrow river bed, ploughing deeply and cutting corners as it went.

Time passed; the weather warmed and gradually the glacier and its icy toes withdrew leaving behind its load of rocks and clay. Streams boisterously replaced it.

Time passed; people came to the valley; time passed and farming began. People chose the places with lush growth and running water. They found the boulder clay and built their houses nearby. They named the streams.

Time passed; the population grew; fewer children died; education was decreed and so a school was built on the road above the Polharrow Burn. Pupils came from up the glen and over the hill. Bare foot in summer time; shod in winter. Their path was blocked by drystone dykes, so stone stiles were built in. A footbridge was required for those

crossing the Crummieburn from Crummypark; so stout oak was found and the bare feet no longer slipped on treacherous boulders.

Time passed; pupil numbers fell from over 40 to just a few and wheeled transport was available to take them to school in Dalry. The Schoolhouse became a home and in 1980 we came to Crummypark. We rebuilt the ruined house and delightedly found the neglected wooden bridge. For years it served us well and we cherished and repaired it; children played under and over it; we walked across to visit our neighbours in the schoolhouse. But one wild winter, raging water swept it away.

New folk now live in the rebuilt house. They feel no need to cross the burn. Perhaps future inhabitants will rebuild.

Time continues to pass.

by Rhoda Rugg

*Spelling note: The burn and holding are variously called Crummie, Crummy or Crombie.



Top: repairing the bridge. Above: the bridge with the schoolhouse is visible in the background.



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Crossing Words

Deugh – Ken – Dee



The suspension bridge and ford at Dalry which we featured in the previous issue prompted the following writing...

Just a bridge. Small, neat, unpretentious. Just for people, away from the noise and hustle of traffic but with the chuckle of the river below, beautifully set in amongst the sunlit meadows, the trees and the birds; with the other bridge, the one that links us to God, watching over it. A friendly bridge, giving energy back when emerging from the hard work of running through long grass or stony track. Only a few steps but enough to lift the spirits when reaching the wooden slats and bouncing onwards. Speeding up to get to the other side but no, wait, stop. Too good to rush. No need to rush. Savour the moment. Admire the simple functional form of the bridge. Thank the Royal Engineers who analysed the river flow and the rocks, assessed the stresses, engineered for them and created this neat, practical and comfortable bridge. They knew what they were doing – no fake science or engineering would do for this. Now thoughts can drift, following the water in its hurry to the sea, when it gets there only to be lifted into clouds and come right back down again. But not here. This water has already done its work creating energy for us as it passes through our lochs and power stations. It deserves a rest when it reaches the sea. The Gulf Stream will carry it north to Greenland perhaps to rise there and fall as snow, lying quietly for a while waiting until global warming melts it so it can hurry back once again to the sea and go further on its endless journey.

Gordon Hill

I'm out for my weekend walk with my owner, we set off down the track that goes past the church. My tail quivers in anticipation of what lies ahead. Above me is where a castle once stood and below me is the river. Long ago a boat took people over the river at this point called Boat Weil.

As we approach the bridge my owner reflects back to the early 1980s, when a group of soldiers descended on the village, to build the bridge, causing a great deal of excitement. Once the bridge was completed, on a lovely sunny day, lots of villagers gathered down the river to witness its grand opening. The next memory that pops into her mind is crossing the bridge with friends, in order to reach the riverbank on the other side. They carried with them brightly coloured towels to laze on, a radio to listen to the hits of the day, and food to snack on, all chattering excitedly as they crossed. Many summer days were spent putting the world to rights on the river bank, courtesy of the bridge. But all this history and reminiscences are of no interest to me, I expect this crossing means different things to everyone who crosses it, but for me the bridge is my crossing to paradise, where I can run free unrestrained by my leash, sniffing every blade of grass.

a wee Galloway dog called Buddie

It was back in February 2008; the Hampshire schools were on half-term and our grand-daughter Erin had come up for a few days. She had recently turned eleven, and what a surprise! She had arrived with her hair all in braids and dressed more like a teenager now. We went for a walk and a chat, just we two, down to 'our' wobbly bridge. The Ken was frozen over so we couldn't play Pooh sticks or skim stones from the water's edge.

After taking a photograph or two, Erin suddenly had an idea. "Grandad, can I throw stones into the water to try and break the ice?" Naturally I agreed and she dashed back to pick up a couple of pebbles which she dropped over the edge... they bounced!

"Bigger stones!" said I as we both dashed to the far side to bring back a few with more heft. The joy on her face as they went through the ice with a satisfying kerplunk. Having had our fun, we moved on.

Looking very much the sophisticated young lady, there was still the playful wee girl inside. Even though we, and the bridge, were going from somewhere, to somewhere else, there was time to pause and enjoy what the bridge had to offer. The bridge reminded me, wherever you are going, stop and enjoy the now.

Paul Goodwin

In far off times the shadowing alders cast flickering light over your dark pools
as wandering hunters probed your banks.

In time a castle motte was raised to guard the crossing.

With what dread did early travellers walk beneath its mound as they passed this way?

The day came when its sentinel tower decayed and fell.

Yet its church still stood as a refuge for pilgrims, as a haven for weary travellers.

A place to rest weary feet in the cool calm of its sanctuary, or seek brief respite from wind and rain that had buffeted and soaked them through.

Later travellers reached your grassy banks and lay down with relief to watch cattle and horses splash through the ford.

Or on colder, wetter days when the river was high to watch black cattle swim the river and the ferry offer safe passage to horse and rider.

On wilder days of raging flood to wait for a better day.

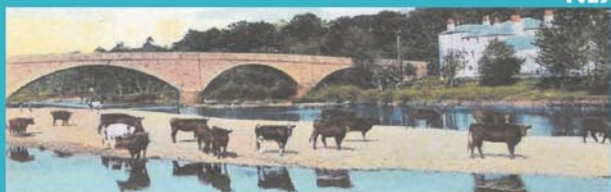
Today the crossing is easy.

A gentle walk across the swaying planks of a bridge to make forays into far-flung fields.

Until that bridge becomes like a pier jutting into the sea, powerless against nature's flood.

David Bartholomew

NEXT ISSUE...



Ken Bridge (built 1821) at the Ken Bridge Hotel (formerly the Spalding Arms). Cattle down-river at the ford between Cubbox Farm & Meadowhead.

Thanks to Dave Paterson (www.kenbridgehotel.co.uk) for the photos and for sharing his knowledge of this crossing point.



Do you have a poem or story inspired by one or both of these crossing points? Your writing (max. 200 words) can be imaginative or prompted by real events or experience. Please send your writing to me, Laura, by email: laura.kenwords@gmail.com or post c/o CatStrand by 21 August.

A selection of responses will be printed in the next issue and all submissions will be kept for possible future publication.

If you'd like to find out more about Ken Words, please contact Jane McBeth on jane.kenwords@gmail.com or 01644 420374.

The Galloway Glens Scheme

Work so far & the Summer programme of Events



Update on our work

The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme is undertaking five years of co-ordinated activity and projects in Dumfries & Galloway between 2018 and 2023, focussed on the river catchment of the Ken/Dee valley. Our aim is to 'connect people to their heritage' and in doing so, drive economic activity in the area and support sustainable communities. We have now finished the first year of our delivery phase and this is an opportunity to give an overview of work to date, with activity on a number of projects underway up and down the valley. The Scheme is primarily funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland, and supported by a range of other partners, including Dumfries & Galloway Council and the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere. The Galloway Glens is overseen by a partnership board made up of a range of public and private organisations – our thanks go to all partners for their support. The Galloway Glens offices are open 9am-5pm during the week, next door to Castle Douglas Town Hall.

Summer Programme

This week the programme of Summer 2019 Events is published, with details opposite. Items on the programme include archaeological skills training sessions, guided walks, partner events and the Galloway Glens team bringing fun activities and information to established events such as the Stewartry Show in August.

Launching the Summer Events programme, Helen Keron, Education & Community Engagement Officer, said:

There really is something for everyone in this summer programme, and most events are free to book. If you have any queries about an event, would like more information or want to put your name down, please contact me on helen.keron@dumgal.gov.uk. We take particular pride in working to make these events accessible to as many people as possible, so if you have any particular concerns or requirements, please let us know.

McNabb Laurie, Galloway Glens Team leader, added:

The work of the Galloway Glens Scheme, supported by a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and a range of partners, varies from capital build projects through to education initiatives and community activities. The launch of this summer programme of events allows us to get out and meet people, both through our own dedicated events but also, and of equal importance, supporting established events and activities.

Follow the Galloway Glens on twitter or facebook. For more information about the Scheme, how you can get involved or to sign up for our newsletter, visit our website www.gallowayglens.org



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**Midsummer Poetry Walk,
Ken Words.**

28 June. 7:30pm

Kelton Mains Visitor Centre (Threave)

Join an artist and a photographer for a guided walk around beautiful Threave Estate to draw inspiration for your writing. Ken Words, a Galloway Glens / GCAT project. Booking required, £5 per person.

Viking Encampment

15 - 19 July

Look out for more details as the Vikings find themselves a temporary home on the banks of Loch Ken! Join them for blacksmithing, jewellery making and stone-carving in an immersive experience for all ages. A Galloway Glens / GCAT / Sleeping Giants project.

Survey Skills workshop

17-18 July. 10am - 3pm.

Polmaddy, Dundee

An extended workshop to learn new skills and apply them to this fascinating site. Booking required.

**Castledykes Community
Archaeological Excavation**

19-20 July. 9am - 4pm daily

Castledykes, Kirkcudbright

Join us for test pitting and exploration into the history of Kirkcudbright at Castledykes. Come for one day or both. Booking required.

Kirkcudbright Country Fair

20-21 July. 10am - 4pm daily.

The Carse, Kirkcudbright

We'll be at this fantastic Fair with lots of information and activities for everyone - come along and say hello!

**Summer Fruit Tree Pruning -
why and how to do it**

21 July. 2:30pm

Garroch walled garden, Glenlee

An afternoon of hands-on practical instruction.

Love our Fruit and Nuts, a Galloway Glens Small Grants project. Just turn up.

Corserine Walking Survey

25 July. 9am - 4pm.

Burnhead Bridge, Forrest Estate.

Another chance to join our professional archaeologists for a survey of the high ground wrecks of Corserine. Booking required.

3D Modelling workshop

26 July. 10am

Glenkens - tbc

Find out how to create amazing 3-D models using available software. Booking required.

Butterfly Walk

28 July. 10:30am - 3pm

Mossdale

An easy walk along the disused railway, hoping to see Scotch Argus and Dark Green Fritillaries, amongst others.

Moths at Home, a Galloway Glens Small Grants Project.

Survey Skills workshop

31 July. 10am

Kirkcudbright - tbc

Learn more about the skills you need to practice archaeology responsibly and effectively. Booking required.

Stewartry Show

1 August. 9am - 5pm.

The Rugby Club, Castle Douglas

We'll be here marvelling at the tractors, with lots of information and activities for everyone - come along and say hello!

Moat Brae dig

1-3 August. 9am-4pm daily

Moat Brae, Kirkcudbright

Part of the Kirkcudbright Arts and Craft Trail. Join us for 1, 2 or 3 days of excavation into the history of this well-known site in Kirkcudbright. Booking required.

The Scottish Alternative Games

04-Aug. 2-5pm

New Galloway Park

We'll be here, hoping not to lose at snail racing, and with lots of information and activities for everyone - come along and say hello!

**An Introduction to
Pollinators workshop**

7 August. 10am-4pm

Threave Gardens

An introduction to the fascinating diversity of our local pollinating insects. Workshop and survey. A Galloway Glens / NTS / BugLife project. Booking required.

**An Introduction to Leaf
Beetles workshop**

8 August. 10am-4pm

Threave Gardens

More fascinating bug life! A Galloway Glens / NTS / BugLife project. Booking required.

**Raiders Road Community
Archaeology Exploration**

14-17 August

Join our archaeological team to find out more about the Raiders Road deserted settlements. Come for 1, 2, 3 or 4 days. Booking required. 9am - 4pm daily. Meet at Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre.

Glenkens Agricultural Show

17 August

Mains of Kenmure, New Galloway

We'll be here in this stunning setting with lots of information and activities for everyone - come along and say hello!

**Raiders Road Community
Archaeology Exploration**

21 - 24 August.

Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre

As above. 9am - 4pm daily

**Business Academy #5: Using
Green credentials to boost your
Accommodation business.**

05 September. 5:30pm

Threave Garden café

Booking required. A Galloway Glens / Business Gateway project.

**Ken Words conversation ceilidh:
'In Galloway the nicht...'**

06 September. 7pm

The Ken Bridge Hotel

An evening of conversation, poetry and song. A Galloway Glens / GCAT project. £5, booking required.

Castle Douglas Harvest Festival

7-8 September. 10-4pm

Castle Douglas

A celebration of local food and drink that we're very pleased to support.

**Ken Words Poll Madaidh
Poetry Walk**

21 September. 9:30am

Polmaddy carpark

A guided walk through this atmospheric deserted settlement, led by 2 poets. £5, booking required.

Drystone Dyking demonstration

21-22 September. 12-4pm

Threave Estate, Castle Douglas

Come and see the many different styles of drystone dyking being created.

A Galloway Glens / SW Scotland Drystone Walling Association project. Just turn up.

**Glenkens Food & Drink Festival
Throughout September**

Various locations, Glenkens

A month-long celebration of local food and drink and its heritage that we're very pleased to support.

All bookings through
helen.keron@dumgal.gov.uk.
All Galloway Glens and partner
events are FREE unless
otherwise specified. Shows
have an entry fee.

The Stewartry Bird Watchers

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

If you are, why not come along to the Stewartry birdwatchers' meetings? Since 1976 members and friends have held their monthly meetings from September to April in Kells School, New Galloway.

Officially we are called the Stewartry Branch of the Scottish Ornithologists' Club (SOC). All are welcome.

Although we have the word

'ornithologist' in our title we are not a scientific body with dry-as-dust speakers - rather should the emphasis be on the word 'club' with friendly and informal meetings. Throughout the year the more active members also go birdwatching to interesting locations on the coast as well as inland, weather permitting of course. Those new to birdwatching are especially welcome to come along and be helped in identifying the birds we find.

The first half of our 2019-20 programme has three talks about Scotland and one about an inspiring conservation project overseas. We start on Thursday 19 September when Crystal Maw, who has been site manager of RSPB Scotland's Galloway Reserves for the past seven years, will give her talk entitled *Cousin Island: From Coconut Plantation to Ground-breaking Nature Reserve*. This island is one of the group of islands which make up the Seychelles in the western Indian Ocean.

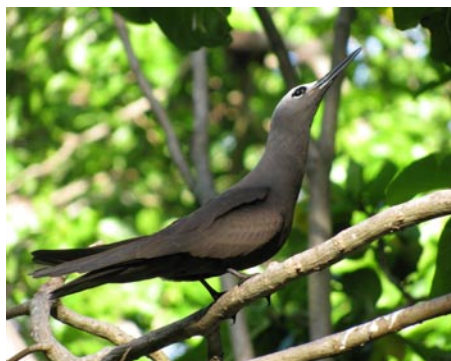
On 10 October Tom Byers will talk on *Dynamite in the Dunes: A Natural History of the Ardeer Peninsula* - a subject much closer to home. This former industrial site in north Ayrshire has been reclaimed by nature and

although it has the richest biodiversity in the region with an incredible 1,200 different species of plants, animals and birds, 30 of which are nationally rare, it is threatened by developers.

On 14 November Stan da Prato, a former president of the club and one of the editors of the club's magazine *Scottish Birds*, will give his talk entitled *Wildlife of the East Lothian Coast*. It should be interesting to compare the birdlife of that eastern coast with that of our Solway coastline.

Brian Smith, former chairman of the Dumfries branch of the club, will speak on 12 December on *Bobby's Sand Martins and a Constant Effort Site*. Bobby Smith is a retired farmer who built an artificial sandbank in 1994 at Applegarthtown between Lockberbie and Lochmaben where 17,000 young sand martins have been ringed over 25 years. If birds and all aspects of the countryside interest you please come along to our meetings - and bring your friends along too! Non-members are always welcome.

To find out more, contact chairman, Jeremy Brock, on 01557 815 098 or secretary, Joan Howie, on 01644 420 280.



Brown noddy on Cousin Island, as featured in the talk on 19 September
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The Sound of Brass Returns to Carsphairn

The sound of brass will be returning to Carsphairn Church when Kilmarnock Concert Brass perform a summer concert on Saturday 24 August in aid of church funds.



The concert will start at 7.30pm and light refreshments will be served during the interval. As in previous years, there will be no admission charge, but donations at the door are requested.

Kilmarnock Concert Brass was near extinction five years ago, but past and present members rallied round and the band is now, once again, a thriving musical group under the baton of Scott Walker, renowned for its varied and entertaining concert programmes.

Pictured: Kilmarnock Concert Brass cornet players at the Scottish championships in March.



Look who wandered into Wright's Shop the other day...

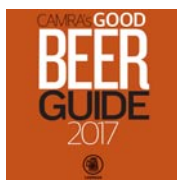


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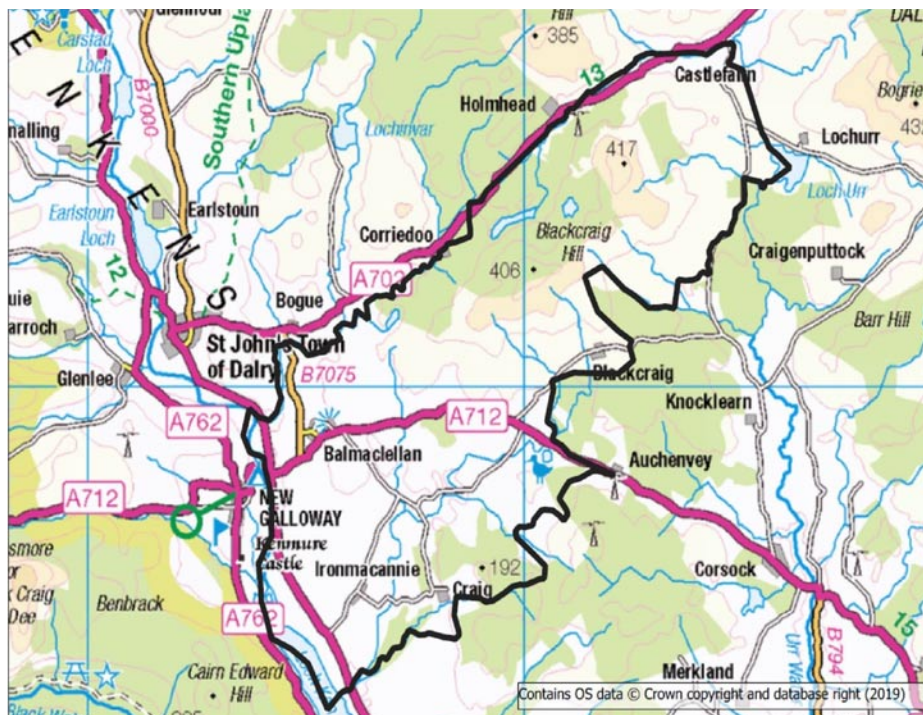
Balmaclellan Quarterly Newsletter

Balmaclellan has its very own newsletter. Denise MacDonald-Kiernan tells us a little bit about what inspired her to start it...

I started the quarterly Balmaclellan newsletter for two reasons. Firstly, I thought that it was important to tell the whole of Balmaclellan what we in the Community Council were doing on their behalf; hopefully, this may encourage people to give us ideas and feedback even if they didn't come to meetings, and perhaps join in activities to improve our community. Secondly, I wanted everyone in Balmaclellan to be interested in our area as a whole. There is often a perceived divide between those that live in the village and those outside. I wanted to show that we are keen to involve everyone in whatever way is comfortable for them; it is not just about coming to a meeting once a month (although that is important for us to make things happen), but it is also about learning, enjoying and appreciating where we live, the individuals that live with us, and how to help each other.

In the newsletter, I like to include a variety of articles about what is happening in the area and the talents, interests and experiences of our residents.

I've really enjoyed doing the newsletter although I have to say that as it gets towards each deadline, I panic because I haven't got enough to include - even when I've got ideas, turning them into the finished thing can take forever (or so it feels); therefore any ideas or articles from other people are gratefully received. This is why, with the May newsletter, I wrote something to encourage people to help; I believe that I could choose



Map showing, outlined in black, the Balmaclellan Community Council boundary.

anyone at random in Balmaclellan and there would be something interesting to write about them concerning their outlook, history, where they live, even a day with an unusual pet!

The newsletter is given out in print hardcopy as many people say they don't have access to the internet. People can ask for it to be in larger print or read out to them if they need that.

When we take the newsletters out, I am reassured that people are interested in it, and we have even heard from people in New Galloway and Dalry who are eager to read it. I'd like to think that in some small way it helps people to value our community and show that they can make a difference.

I would like to thank all those who have given me ideas or written for the newsletter. I would also like to show

my gratitude to my husband who, as I am blind, has to help me collate and distribute the newsletter, along with my tolerant 14-year-old son who helps to put some through letter-boxes.

I have helpers because of my physical disability; one has a car which is higher off the ground than ours, so I pay her mileage to take the newsletters along the more difficult farm tracks. Two people from the Community Council have also helped deliver them.

As there are elections in October, I don't know if I will be in post after that. The newsletter was my idea and I pay to print and deliver it myself, so it might not continue after October, but while it does, I hope at least some of the community carry on enjoying it.

Denise MacDonald-Kiernan

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GOING WILD AT THE GARROCH

The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership has been running a pilot project titled Go Wild.

It's a free summer outdoor activities programme focused on discovering, exploring, conserving and sharing wild places. During these sessions for children, young people naturally develop skills, confidence and a love of being outside in our amazing natural environment.

During one of the sessions children from the Glenkens are exploring Garroch Estate, Dalry, by kind permission of Nick Roper-Caldbeck, whose grandmother used to run an outdoors group on the estate for local children called 'The Wolves of St. Francis'.

Go Wild is also taking place at Threave Estate, Castle Douglas, (in partnership with National Trust for Scotland) and Barrhill Woods, Kirkcudbright, each one giving local children the chance to participate, including free transport. The children gain a John Muir Discover award in the process, presented in September at a friends and family event.



Young folk enjoying the Garroch Go Wild session.

Galloway Gaelic in the Glenkens

The Oran Bagraidh project, produced by Katch Holmes as part of Knockengorloch Off Site's programme, showcased at Knockengorloch Festival and also at Lagwyne Hall in Carsphairn.

The concert, part of D&G Arts Festival and in association with CatStrand, was a huge success with the Carsphairn event being a sell-out. One audience member comments: "The performance of Oran Bagraidh was compelling. A diverse group of musicians from all corners of the UK, brought together and fusing in a surprising and wonderful evening combining ancient sounds with unique musical creations. It felt like you were kept on the edge your seat right to the end, never knowing quite what to expect next."

As well as the performances and the music CD created through the project, Oran Bagraidh musicians, along with local musicians, teachers and gaelic organisation Feis Rois and CatStrand, also hosted a children's workshop.

Pupils from p4-7 from Glenkens schools were taught the song *Bruthaichean Beinn Beithe*, inspired by the Galloway Gaelic song *Oran Bagraidh* written by

Rody Gorman and set to music by Kate Howard. Also Oran Bagraidh performers Josie Duncan and Griogair Labhruidh taught the

children elements of gaelic music.

The Carsphairn concert was supported by CREFL and D&G Unlimited.



Top: Children's workshop.

Above: Oran Bagraidh performance in Lagwyne Hall.

SPEAK O' GALLOWAY CONFERENCE

The Speak o' Galloway is a one-day conference on the Scots language spoken in the south west.

It is the latest in a series on the languages of Galloway, following last year's highly successful event focussing on Gallovidian Gaelic.

The event is being held on Saturday 7 September in the CatStrand, New Galloway.

THOSE TAKING PART INCLUDE:

- **Prof Jeremy Smith** discussing Language & History in southwest Scotland.
- **Margaret Ferguson**, author of *Haud Yir Tongue and Mind Yir Language: A Sociolinguistic Study of the Distinctive Accent of South West Scotland*.
- **Derrick McClure**, discussing John Mactaggart's *Scottish Gallovidian Encyclopedia*.
- **Chris Rollie**, discussing Bird Names of Galloway. Rab Wilson, author *Scots Language and Cormilligan, Today & Tomorrow*.
- **Speakers of the Galloway Speak** have their say: What has happened to our language and does anybody care?

The event will be chaired by Professor Ted Cowan and Michael Ansell. Tickets are priced at £30 (students £20) and include coffee and a buffet lunch. To book tickets, contact CatStrand on www.catstrand.com or 01644 420 374.

GLENKENS TONGUES

I am very fortunate to have been born and brought up in the Clachan (Dalry) in the 1940s, when our local words were always used.

Our local tongue and dialect have always been close to my heart - to hear the different ways of saying certain words really is something. It was so good for us all when the late Tommy Edgar and the late Robbie Murray both wrote poems about the area. Their verses brought out an excellent use of our local dialect.

Tommy's verse *Peter* used a selection of Glenkens dialect such as: hae (have), yin (one), wae (with), thair lane (on their own), nocht (nothing). In Robbie Murray's *Toon o' Dalry* again many local words were used: gane (gone), wi' (with), fitba (football), pipled (piebald), guid (good), aye (always).

Unfortunately with the changes in population, not so many folk now know our local words. I'm looking forward to the *Speak o' Galloway* event when we will be able to listen to and discuss our local words.

Hilda McAdam

In Galloway the Nicht...

Inspired by the work of Glenkens poet and songwriter Logan Paterson (1951-2013), an event titled 'In Galloway the nicht...' is being hosted by Ken Words as an evening of chat, songs, tunes and poems with Jo Miller and friends.

It's an opportunity to enjoy the living 'speak' of Galloway, as it comes, in the informal setting of the Ken Bridge before the Glenkens Story Scots Galloway Conference at CatStrand the following day (see details above).

Logan had an eye for the beauty, and hidden facets, of the gem he believed the Glenkens to be. He was a modest man who didn't seek to put his writings 'out there' for publication and we are very fortunate that some

of his work has survived to help keep alive the centuries-old tradition of local poets and songwriters writing in Gallovidian Scots.

Logan's brother, Dave Paterson (landlord of the Ken Bridge Hotel), tells how "Logan had a great desire to keep the stories, the lore and the characters of the Glenkens alive and vibrant," adding, "I hope this event will instil that desire in others. Logan wanted the folk of the Glenkens to appreciate living here and to let it inspire them."

Come along, 7pm till late on Friday 6 September, and join Jo Miller and friends in the relaxed setting of the Ken Bridge Carvery Room, with bar to hand.

So that you can enjoy a drink or two, there will be a free minibus taxi-service running between 10pm and midnight, offering lifts home within the Glenkens.

Tickets are £5, available from CatStrand (01644 420374). Any queries please contact Jane McBeth on the above number, or email jane.kenwords@gmail.com



*Mist has quaitened doon the glen,
bringing peace tae everything.
My bairns the finest in the land,
in Galloway the nicht.*

*Clouds are girdled roon the moon,
sit on Millyea like a croon.
My wee bairnies coorie doon,
in Galloway the nicht.*

from *Galloway Lullaby* by Logan Paterson, 1993 ("for my boys")

LOCAL HISTORY with TED COWAN

From Galloway to Arbroath



We seem to have become deeded daily by the kindly word, 'community', whether in association with our own community councils or the European Community.

Both of these community bodies often appear at times to be intent upon displaying fierce internal disagreements which are the opposite of the communitarianism that stresses the individual's responsibility to the community and family.

The word can refer to the people of a country or a district who collectively share social values and responsibilities. Common or Commons (as in House of) derive from the same root as community, as do words such as commune which come to us through Latin and French. Plants, like humans, live in communities. In medieval Scotland there was significant reference to The Community of the Realm of Scotland particularly around the period of the Wars of Independence 1296-1371, when the very survival of Scotland seemed to be in danger due to English aggression.

The *Communitas Regni Scotie* has been described as denoting 'the totality of the king's free subjects, but also something more than this; it meant the political entity in which the Scots and their king were comprehended. It was in fact the nearest approach to the later concept of a nation or nation state that was possible when a kingdom was, first and foremost, the fief of its king'. Does any of this matter to those who once lived and now live in the Glenkens community?

Robert Heron of New Galloway in writing his lengthy 'History of Scotland' thought so. He returns to

the subject and status of community again and again to mark important historical junctures. He believed that there was much more to historical investigation than kings, queens and battles because just as importantly profound changes were taking place all the time, deep in the fabric of society. Indeed this is one of the many fascinations of studying the work of Galloway writers and historians, namely that they have a tendency to investigate the experiences of the folk that seldom get mentioned.

Heron, like most historians, recognised Robert Bruce's success in the Wars of Independence as one of the great turning points in Scotland's history. 'All the individuals, and all the different classes or incorporated bodies, in the nation, however distinguished from one another by diversity of powers, situations and duties, composed but one grand Community'. The laws and obligations which defined and established members of the community and the officers defending these rights were all viewed in their relation to its political constitution. 'These

demanding that he put pressure

on the

English king to cease his warlike activities and recognise Robert Bruce as rightful King of Scots. The propagandist document stated that if Bruce should ever submit to the English (an inconceivable notion) the Scots would drive him out as an enemy and subverter of his own rights and ours 'and we would make some other man able to defend us our king'.

This was the first explicit statement in European history of what is now known as the 'the sovereignty of the people'. Bruce, hard-pressed as he was, had been forced to agree that just as the people could depose an unfit king so they could appoint his successor. Famously the document went on to state, 'For as long as a hundred of us remain alive, we will never on any conditions be subjected to the lordship of the English. For we fight not for glory nor riches nor honours, but for freedom, which no good person gives up except with life itself'. Such inspirational and humane ideas have echoed down the centuries of Scottish history.

During the wars an association appeared briefly in the records known as the 'Community of Galloway', an early use of the term, which demanded and received certain concessions from the king, in this case Edward I

because most of Galloway opposed the Bruce claim to the kingship.

The Declaration of Arbroath was accepted into The Unesco Memory of the World Register in 2016. Next year many of us will celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Declaration and with it the Scottish regard for individual and national freedom, as well as the continuing inspiration of the democratic intellect.

• For much more in-depth discussion of some of the matters mentioned here see Cowan, *For Freedom Alone; The Declaration of Arbroath, 1320*.

"..the first explicit statement in European history of what is now known as 'the sovereignty of the people' "

all together represent the Commonwealth or social union and interests, to him who wishes to examine the nature of his public duties'. In his view the growing sense of community equated with historical progress.

Heron was one of very few men of the eighteenth-century Scottish Enlightenment to praise the ideas and arguments in a remarkable document of 1320 known nowadays as The Declaration of Arbroath, first surfacing as a letter in Latin written to the pope by 'the whole community of the realm of Scotland',

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Not long after putting his feet up since his last fundraising trek, Robin Hood is ready to set out again.

Pictured is the latest soldier statue which has been made to accompany Robin on his hike, carved by chainsaw out of £3,500 worth of cedar wood.

This fundraising journey will take Robin from John O'Groats to Dumfries via the Caledonian Canal - a trek of just under 340 miles.



Thanks from the Scouts

On behalf of the Glenkens Scout Group we would like to thank our committee, friends of Scouting and parents who helped make our 2019 jumble sale such a success.

We would also like to thank all who donated items and to those who came along and purchased goods.

Last but not least, a mention must go to the Cub Scouts and Beavers themselves - they worked tirelessly towards the sale and were a credit to the Scout movement, their scout leaders and parents, and we are very proud of them.

The total raised was an amazing £1,011.60. Thank you again for your support, it is much appreciated.

Heather, Hannah & Doug, Cub Scout Leaders and Diana, Tim & Chrissie, Beaver Leaders



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A SPLASH OF COLOUR FOR DALRY'S FOUNTAIN

The fountain in Dalry is looking particularly splendid this year, offering a lovely splash of colour for locals and visitors passing through to enjoy.

Residents would like to say a big thank you to the village's very own flower fairy, Jane Trueman.

Thanks Jane - your work is much appreciated and enjoyed!



Abbas Rest Coffee Morning

**28 September
Dalry Town Hall
10am-12noon**

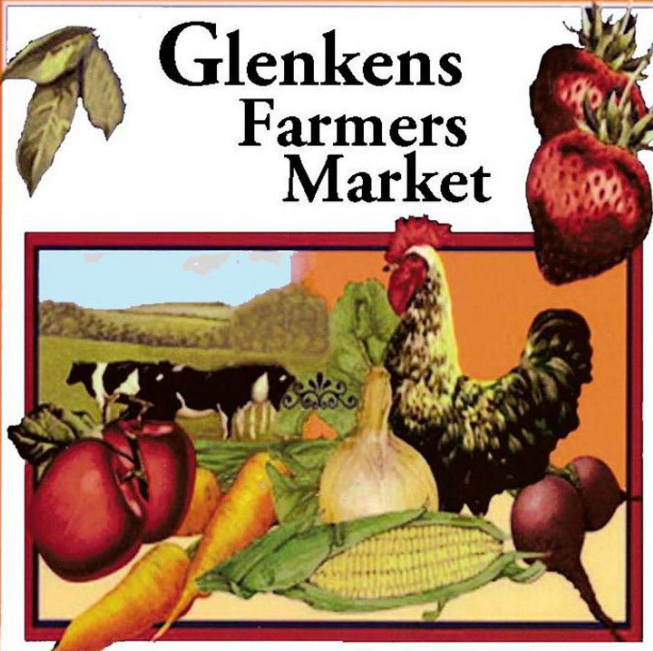
Help towards raffle, bottle stall and baking for both stall and teas would be gratefully appreciated.

Please contact Avril Brown
on 01644 430 526

Winner of the New
Galloway Town Hall
Survey prize is
Shona McKenna.

Thanks for all your support
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Ros Hill, LING



Glenkens Farmers Market

2nd Saturday Monthly

**10th August
7th September**

10am-12.30pm

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MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thursday 3rd October, 1-4.30pm

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Tea, coffee, cake and chat - come in and say hello. All welcome...



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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

REGULAR SERVICES

Tuesdays

Glenkens to Newton Stewart

Outward Pickups: Dalry (Underhill) 0930;
New Galloway (Town Hall) 0940, (CatStrand) 0942
Return Pickup Newton Stewart (Aldi Car Park) 1330

Return Fare £3.00 Booking required.

This schedule will apply from 8 July but may be subject to change when the term-time Merrick Pool swimming times are announced in August 2019

Wednesday Evenings

Glenkens - Castle Douglas (Tesco)

(Registered Route)

Out		Return
1900	Dalry (Underhill)	2115
1905	New Galloway (CatStrand)	2110
1915	Mossdale	2100
1925	Lauriston	2050
1930	Townhead of Greenlaw	2047
1937	Castle Douglas (Market St)	2037
1940	Castle Douglas (Tesco)	2035

Booking not required

Thursdays

Glenkens - Castle Douglas Day Centre

Passengers not attending the day centre may also use this service.

Outbound pickups:

Dalry (Underhill) 1015; New Galloway (CatStrand) 1030

Pickups can also be arranged from Balmacellan, Parton and Crossmichael bus stops or from passengers' homes.

Return service leaves Castle Douglas Community Centre 1430.

Return Fare £3.00 Booking required.

Glenkens to Ayr Return

Saturdays: Aug 31, Oct 26, Dec 21

Pickups: New Galloway (CatStrand) 0930, Dalry (Underhill) 0940, Carsphairn (1000).

Return leaves Ayr 1500

Return fare £6.00. Booking required

Glenkens to Carlisle Return

Saturdays: Sep 28, Nov 26

Pickups: Dalry (Underhill) 0930, New Galloway (CatStrand) 0940, Crossmichael (Shop) 1000, Castle Douglas (Market Hill British Legion) 1010. Return leaves Ayr 1600

Return fare £8.00. Booking required.

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August 18, Sunday

Gardens of Excellence - The Family Gardens, Cumbria
Lowther Castle Gardens, Penrith. Admission £9

The ruined castle, gardens within gardens, exhibitions, woodland walks, you are surrounded by history as you explore this landscape. Voted Winner 'Large Attraction of the Year' for 2018.

Refreshments available. Partially wheelchair accessible.

Larch Cottage Nursery, Penrith

Pickups: Dalry (Underhill) 0900, New Galloway (CatStrand) 0910, Crossmichael (Shop) 0925, Castle Douglas (Market Hill) 0935, Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square bus stop) 1000,
Fare £10. Concessions £9

September 14, Saturday

Gardens of Excellence - The Author's Garden,
Peeblesshire

Abbotsford House & Garden, Melrose

The home of Sir Walter Scott is world famous and sits in a rare surviving example of a Regency garden. A house and garden steeped in history.

Refreshments available. Partially wheelchair accessible.

Admission £11.20

Pickups: Dalry (Underhill) 0900, New Galloway (CatStrand) 0910, Crossmichael (Shop) 0925, Castle Douglas (Market Hill) 0935, Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square bus stop) 1000
Fare £10. Concessions £9

October 13, Sunday

Gardens of Excellence - The Autumn Garden, Tweeddale
Dawyck Botanic Garden, Stobo

See the spectacular autumn woodland colours in this 65 acre arboretum, containing trees and shrubs from around the world, all set in the beautiful Tweed Valley.

Garden centre and café available. Partially wheelchair accessible.

Admission £6.30 (RBGE members free)

Pickups: Dalry (Underhill) 0900, New Galloway (CatStrand) 0910, Crossmichael (Shop) 0925, Castle Douglas (Market Hill) 0935, Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop) 1000.
Fare £10. Concessions £9

October 26, Saturday

Creative Crafts Show, Glasgow

Includes entry to Crafts for Christmas.

Pickups: Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop) 0800, Castle Douglas (British Legion Market Hill) 0825, New Galloway (CatStrand) 0900, Dalry (Underhill) 0910, Carsphairn (Shop) 0925.

Fare £9. Concessions £8.

(Entrance to Craft Show Standard £11/Senior £10)

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

Sat 4, Alternative Games, 2pm, New Galloway Park, see p28
Mon 5, Dalry Police Station Drop-in, 5-6.30pm
Sat 10, Glenkens Farmers Market, see p24
Fri 16, Samson Sounds featuring Tom Spiral, 7.30pm, Dalry Town Hall
Sat 17, Iona Fyfe, 7.30pm, CatStrand
Sat 17, Glenkens Show, see p4
Sun 18, Movie in the Park, 9pm, New Galloway Park
Sun 18, GTI Bus Trip, see p25
Wed 21, Open Stage, 7.30pm, CatStrand
Fri 23, deadline for applications to Blackcraig wind farm community fund, see p2
Sat 24, Words Live, 2.30pm, CatStrand
Sat 24, The Sound of Brass, 7.30pm, Carsphairn Church, see p17
Sun 25, The Marriage of Figaro, 2pm, CatStrand
Fri 30, Ross Ainslie & Tim Edey, 7.30pm, CatStrand

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4, Dalry Police Station Drop-in, 1-2.30pm
Fri 6, Pot Luck Supper, see front page
Fri 6, Jo Miller & Friends; In the Galloway Nicht, 7pm, Ken Bridge Hotel, see p20
Sat 7, Speak o' Galloway Conference, CatStrand, see p20
Sat 7, Tour of Britain Cycle Race, see p2
Sat 7, Glenkens Farmers Market, see p24
Sun 8, deadline for entrants for Battle of the Bands, see p7
Sat 14, Glenkens Food Trail, see front page
Sat 14, GTI Bus Trip, see p25
Sat 21, Glenkens Feastival, see front page
Sat 21, Exhibition: Sean Watson (Mosssdale), 10am-4pm, Castle Douglas Town Hall
Sat 28, Community Celidh, see front page
Thurs 19, Cousin Island: From Coconut Plantation to Ground-breaking Nature Reserve, see p16
Sat 21, Exhibition: Sean Watson, 10am-4pm, Castle Douglas Town Hall
Sat 28, Abbas Rest Coffee Morning,

Dalry Town Hall, 10am-12noon, see p24

OCTOBER

Climate Cafe, see p5
Thu 3, Community Council Elections, see p3
Thu 3, Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, 1-4.30pm, Hair by Jayne, Main St, Dalry, see p24

Galloway Glens Summer Programme - see centre spread (p14&15)

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CatStrand, New Galloway:

Film Makers' Club, Mon 7-8.30pm

Exercise to Music: Mon 9.30-10.30am

Margaret Morris dance 1: 3-7yrs, Mon (term-time) 3.45-4.30pm

Margaret Morris Dance 2: 8-16yrs, Mon (term-time) 4.30-5.15pm

Youth Volunteer Meet-up, 1st Tues of the month, 6-8pm, FREE PIZZA

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

Animation Club, Tues 4-6pm (starts 12 Feb then fortnightly)

Gentle Tai Chi: Wed 10am

Wendletrap Tai Chi, Wed 2-3.30pm

Game Tech, last Wed each month, 6-8pm

Writers' Cafe, 2nd Thurs each month 7-9pm

Sing it Out, Thurs 11am -12pm

CatStrand Ukes, 1st & 3rd Thurs each month, 1-3.30pm

Yoga, Tues 6.30-7.30pm & Thurs 9.15-10.45am

Learn the Whistle, (starts 28 Feb; 8-week block. Ages 4-12 - 3.45-4.30pm; Age 12+ & Adults - 5-6.30pm). Contact chris@catstrand.com to find out more

Zumba Gold, Fri (term-time) 9.30-10.30am, CatStrand, 16+

Glenkens Community Centre, Dalry:

Paint & Art, Mon 2-4pm (*moving to NG Town Hall from end April*)

GCC Playgroup, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.15-11.45am

Guides, Tues 6-8pm

Yoga, Wed 7.30-8.45pm, for info call Carylann on 07817 400 287

Brownies, Thurs 6-7.30pm

Kickback Martial Arts, Thurs 7-9pm

Thursday Craft Group, Thurs 2-4pm

Glenkens Children's Club, Fri 10am-12noon

New Galloway Town Hall:

Glenkens Art Workshop, Mon 2-4pm (*restarts 26 Aug*)

LING Elevenses & Lunches, Tues 11am-2pm

Fast Broadband Access, Tues 11am-2pm

Moving On Up with CD IT Centre (offers help with filling in forms), Tues 2-4pm

Table Tennis & Carpet Bowls, Tues 7-9pm (*restarts 2 after summer*)

Circuits, Tues 5.30-6.30pm

Zumba, Wed 7.30-8.30pm, 11+

Circuits, Sat 8-9am

Various Locations:

Hatha Yoga, Mon 10-11.15am, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn

Carsphairn Post Office, Tues 1-3pm, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn

Dalry WI, 3rd Tues each month 2pm, Dalry Town Hall (except Jun, Jul & Aug)

Beavers, Tues 6-7.15pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Dog Training, Tues & Thurs 7pm, Dalry Town Hall. Contact: Eric 460 670

Mossdale Painters, Wed 9.30am, Mossdale Village Hall

A Chat, A Cuppa & A Cake, Wed 10am-2.30pm, Balmaclellan Village Hall

Dalry School Community Choir, Wed 3.30-4.30pm, Dalry Secondary School

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

Youth Writing, 1st Thurs each month (during term time) 3.30-5pm, ages 10-15, Dalry Library

Kettlebells, Balmaclellan Village Hall, Thurs 6-7pm

Carsphairn SWI, 3rd Thurs of the month, Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, for further info call Christine on 01644 460 577

Coffee & Craft, Fri 9am-12noon, Lagwyne Hall

Folk Music Session, 4th Fri each month 7.30/8pm till closing, Ken Bridge Hotel

Scouts, Thu 7-8.30pm, New Galloway Scout Hut

Dru Yoga, Thu 12.30-2pm, Laurieston Village Hall

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

Golf Junior Coaching, Sat 10-11:30am, New Galloway Golf Course, see p8

Restoring Footpaths, Sat 10am-1pm, phone 420 632 to confirm

Junior Golf & Come-and-Try for all ages, New Galloway Golf Course, Sat 10am

Men's Shed, Old Smiddy, Balmaclellan. Opening times: Mon 9.30am-4pm & 6.30-8.30pm; Wed 9.30am-1pm & woodcarving from 2-4pm; Fri 9.30am-12noon.

Glenkens Community Councils

Balmaclellan Community Council Meetings: Last 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 10am: 1st. Carsphairn 11.15am: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Carsphairn 10.30am: 5th (Sept). Dalry 10am: 2nd (Aug), 4th. Dalry 10.30am: 2nd (Sept). Kells 10am: 3rd. Kells 10am: 3rd. **Special Services/Events**: United Family Service, 8 Sept, 10.30am, Dalry Church followed by bbq at Dalry manse.

United Harvest Thanksgiving 29 Sept, 10.30am, Carsphairn Church, followed by harvest lunch in Lagwyne Hall.

Communion Service: 1 Sept, 10am, Balmaclellan Church

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES: Kirkcudbright: Sun Mass, 9.30am. Dalbeattie: Sat Mass, 5pm.

Dalry Library

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Local Community Transport Operation Broadens Horizons

In the latest development in a local transport success story, New Galloway-based Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) is about to expand its horizons to be able to benefit more people in the local community than ever.

In 2001 the then recently-formed Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT) acquired a minibus to help local people get to and from events and activities at the CatStrand. Over the years the bus was used by growing numbers of people for an increasing range of purposes. A second and then a third bus were

acquired in due course and, collaboration with Dumfries & Galloway Council, led to GTI working with Council-owned buses to provide school transport and other services.

GTI provides regular services to Castle Douglas, Newton Stewart, Ayr and Carlisle as well as excursions to places of interest and minibus hire to a wide range of community organisations.

More recently, in cooperation with the Dumfries & Galloway Community Transport Public Social Partnership (DGCPSP), GTI has been operating a very successful patient transport service carrying people referred by the Scottish Ambulance Service to hospitals in and outwith the region.

GTI's area of operation has gradually expanded and it was realised that a re-branding was required. As of 1 September 2019 GTI will become



Holehird Excursion with happy GTI passengers.

Galloway Community Transport (GCT), a Scottish Charitable Constitute Organisation (SCIO).

There will be new livery on the vehicles and a new website Galloway Community Transport but GCT will remain one of the GCAT group of organisations but with improved operational flexibility. New services will follow in due course.

For more information see www.glenkenstransport.org



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