

KILRY NEWS

SPRING 2007

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Kilry News. The birds and bulbs are telling us that Spring is round the corner so hopefully we will soon be enjoying warmer weather. If you would like to contribute to the Summer edition of the Kilry News please contact Lin3mal@aol.com or any member of editing team by end of May.

EDITING TEAM

Jenny Bruce 01575 560387

Pippa Clegg 01575 560274

Linda Connor 01575 560339

Jenny Ralston 01575 560250

KILRY HALL BURNS SUPPER



Another enjoyable evening was had by all at this year's Burns Supper held in the Village Hall.

The hall and tables were beautifully decorated by the hall committee and the food and catering were in the expert hands of Linda Connor, Anne Bryce and Flo Ferrier - Hats off to these ladies for an excellent meal of haggis neeps and tatties complimented with a wee dram or glass of wine

Our waitresses, Freda, Rosalyn, Gabrielle and Laura under Edith's care did a very professional job of serving the meal and generally looking after the guests. Thanks girls.

Malcolm Connor welcomed everyone to the party and we enjoyed some stirring bagpipe tunes from Charlie Blyth.

Charlie also piped in THE HAGGIS, which was then "addressed" by Neil McGowan.

After supper Janey MacFarlane entertained us with her "Immortal Memory" which took us from the braes O Kincardine to the Clay Biggin on the banks of the Doon, from his life as a child to a young man and to his untimely death in 1796.

Roger Clegg had us in stitches with his "Toast to the Lassies" and there were more than a few nods of agreement from the men in the audience!! Likewise with Judith Dunkerley's "Lassies Reply" but this time it was the ladies who were nodding!!

Sheila Lothian recited the well loved poem "Tae a Moose" from memory and Claudette Restrict and John Park entertained with some beautiful songs followed by "Holy Willie's Prayer" from Richard Hardie complete with nightshirt and candle - "My very heart and soul are quaking"!

What a braw nicht!!!

Jenny Bruce



KILRY HALL KILRY HALL

Around 60 people turned up at the Hall on Hogmanay and had an enjoyable evening, despite the gale that devastated the area, bringing down trees, tearing a strip off the corrugated roof of shed outside the Hall and demolishing the Kilry Notice Board completely. We have just obtained approval from the Community Council for funding for a new and larger Notice Board.

On 27th January a Burns Supper was held attended by over 70 people who had a very entertaining evening. Our thanks go to all who contributed to make this such a successful and enjoyable event.

We finally had the formal presentation of First Aid Certificates to those who completed the St. Andrews Ambulance Course last year. Thanks are due to Dave and Garry who ran the course and made the presentations and to Mary and Gavin for supplying refreshments on the night. Since being refurbished the Hall is used regularly by the W.R.I., Little Glenners, Kilry Primary School and the Hobbies & Hobnobs Group and there has been a steady demand for hiring the Hall for other purposes. Should you wish to hire the Hall, please contact Pippa Clegg on 01575 560274. The fete will be held on 18th August this year and full details will be available in the next issue of the Kilry News.

Malcolm Connor

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Each meeting of the community council tends to remind me of the 'curate's egg' i.e. it is good in parts and the most recent one (22 February) was no exception. Unfortunately Cllr Mackintosh was unable to be present and therefore there was no update on the situation regarding bin collection for those living along the Middleton or up the Loanhead roads and neither are we any further forward with the ongoing saga of the recycling site.

PC Houston presented a brief police report and there were two points of note: there have been thefts in the area of machinery such as chain saws and quad bikes and we are advised to ensure that all such equipment is securely locked away when not in use; the second issue to report was that the police are aware that there are large timber lorries driving around the area at all times of day and night and some of these are, on occasion, driving

rather quickly and therefore could pose a potentially significant hazard.

On a more positive note the meeting agreed to pay for a new noticeboard to replace the one which stood opposite the kirk.

Finally I will take this opportunity to give advance notice of an additional meeting on Thursday 25 October in Kilry Hall (6-7.30pm) at which members of the community council will be available to discuss any matters of interest or concern to anyone living in Kilry. However should you be unable to contain yourself in the meantime don't hesitate to contact Sally Atkinson (560333), Dave Koller (560242) or me (560274).

Roger Clegg.

STOP PRESS AT PEEL FARM

Changes at Peel Farm Coffee shop again.....A familiar old face returns...yes you guessed it...Frances is back running the coffee shop. Starting Friday 9th March open Friday, Saturday and Sundays till 23rd March then open daily 10.00am till 5.00pm. Frances says it will be lovely to see all her old friends again and catch up over a cup of coffee.

The Courtyard will open daily from 16th March hours as above. Open Saturday and Sunday till 16th.

Some workshops and demonstrations are planned kicking off with Tina's knitting on Friday 30th March and Saturday 31st March.

For further details or to book please phone 560718

KILRY SHEEP

A wandering old Blackface ewe which made Kilry her home has caused a few headaches over the last year. She has roamed around without filling in her own regulatory paperwork and has made a bit of a nuisance of herself in terms of biosecurity. Having spent most of the winter in an Incheoch field at the side of the road just up from the Buchal, she was eventually caught up and sent to market - unable to find an owner for her the local farmers decided to give the proceeds to the church. However, going through the auction ring she was deemed to old and thin and failed to get any bid at all, until one of the drovers offered £5 to buy her and give her to one of the buyers. This act of generosity so seldom seen in the old ewe ring inspired a whip round which eventually saw £11 raised for the Isla Parishes from the staff and buyers at Lawrie & Symington's Forfar Mart.

Debbie McGowan



KILRY BRANCH OF THE SCOTTISH WOMAN'S RURAL INSTITUTE

THE RURAL

In our last article we were looking forward to the Bell Ringers Concert at Christmas and we were not disappointed. Their entertainment was wonderful and their interpretation of a pantomime was like no other. It was just what was needed to set the scene for Christmas. A finger buffet by the members was much appreciated and enjoyed by members and guests.

Safety of the home was the theme for January, making us aware of the simple steps we must take to ward off intruders. A handsome young policeman made it all the more interesting.

The weather has been kind and held for February when we were on the "Inca Trail " with Rev'd Robert Ramsay former minister of Kilry. It was a most interesting talk with really wonderful slides and as always Robert was the perfect speaker.

We are full of hopes for another successful Coffee Morning on 3rd March when members put their shoulders together and man the stalls and coffee and tea jugs. This is our main money making event and it is hoped we have maximum support.

Rural Attendance continues to be excellent as are the entries for the competitions monthly. It is wonderful to come into a lovely warm hall on a cold night which adds to our enjoyment and comfort.

We look forward to our remaining meetings in this our Special Birthday Year.

My good wishes to you all. Thank you for your continued support.

Janey MacFarlane

KILRY GARDENING CLUB TALK



Kilry Gardening Club were delighted to welcome Ian Christie of Christies Nursery, Westmuir who came to give a talk in Kilry Hall on the 12th February.

The talk had been advertised in the press and by word of mouth and posters throughout the area and by the afternoon of the 12th keen gardeners were looking forward to hearing Ian that evening. At 5.15 pm there was a power cut which affected Kilry and parts of Alyth and it seemed that the talk might not be able to go ahead. Luckily power was restored at 6.15pm and a sigh of relief was breathed by the organisers.

Ian's talk was entitled 'Growing Pains' and the reason for this became clear towards the end of his presentation. For the most part the plants were the stars with his wonderful photographs of the huge variety of interesting and rare flowers he grows and develops at his nursery. For an hour the audience were

spellbound as he talked about discovering plants in long-forgotten gardens, the quest for rare and expensive snowdrops, and his passion for exquisite and precious alpine plants which he manages to grow to perfection at his nursery. The last part of his talk showed scenes of upheaval at the nursery which he is completely reorganising. This has entailed moving some large trees and shrubs, which have all survived the move. This has been an exciting but nerve racking time for the nursery (thus the title "Growing Pains") and now Ian is planning plant hunting trips in far-flung corners of the world to discover yet more wonderful plants to grow there. The nursery is no longer open to the public but can be visited by appointment.

This was a really inspirational talk and anyone in the audience who was not already keen to try growing Alpine plants must have gone away fired with a desire to have a go.

Pippa Clegg

GOOSE CLUB

Goose Club attendance figures are better than ever with most nights almost full. The children of Goose Club enjoy a full weekly programme of play, art activities and sport. Specialised Play Together sessions are a big part of Goose Club and we look forward to nest building with the Park Rangers and smoothie making with the excellent Food Lab in March. We plan to bring in specialised Friday activities and would welcome

anyone in the area to come along with any ideas such as a craft or a science activity perhaps.

In the past we have welcomed Sarah Isaac for an art lesson and Mr Channon and his son Jonathan for bird box building and a nature trail. We hope to visit Nether Craig Caravan Park in the summer for a picnic and to re-visit our bird boxes. If you could spare an hour on a Friday or any other evening, please contact Ashley Boath on 01575 560739

LITTLE GLENNERS

Little Glenners toddler group has so far seen a visit from 'the big man' at Xmas which was very exciting for all concerned. We have had a 'sticky finger' day with the SPPA and various craft and play sessions. We are hoping to have some 'spring animal walks' when the weather gets warmer, so please come along and join in the fun. We would like to extend a welcome to the new babies Callum Skea from the Balloch steading, and Lucy Copeland from Brooklinn Mill.



Little Glenners is a Mother and Toddler group which meets in Kilry Hall every Thursday morning during term-time from 9.30am - 11am. It is for children from 0 - 5years and parents / grandparents or helpers. Everyone is very welcome, we try to incorporate music, craft, countryside ventures and healthy snacks into the program. It is designed to be fun for all and has no boundaries for intake. Please come along and join the 'happy gang'. For more information contact Debbie McGowan - 01828 633652 or Diana Eason 01575 582313. The group will be closed for Easter on the 5th and 12th April.

RUTHVEN FESTIVAL

The Ruthven Festival this year is VERYspecial. We are commemorating the centenary of the death of Edvard Grieg in the form of a homage to Grieg with a weekend of his music PLUS the music of his distant cousin Gavin Greig from Aberdeenshire. The first concert is on Friday, June 8th - a programme of well kent Grieg orchestral music and songs. Saturday June 9th we have a day's Masterclasses in Grieg song with the famous Norwegian tenor Harald Bjorkoy (he is the soloist in the Friday and the Sunday concert). The concert on Sunday June 10th brings together the music of Norway and the music of Scotland with Grieg's music and the ballads of Gavin Greig (who shared a great grandfather with Grieg) and as well as Harald singing Grieg songs, we have Charlie Allen singing North-East ballads and fiddler Paul Anderson playing Scott Skinner fiddle music - and other fiddle music arranged by Gavin Greig.

This is going to be a thoroughly memorable weekend and if you would like more information please phone Angus and Evelyn Hood on 01828 632558.

KILRY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Snow, snow and more snow! - but unfortunately none of it has stayed long enough (so far) to allow the children to have their Ski Week at Glenshee. They have, however, had great fun in the playground making snowmen and playing on make-shift sledges and snowboards!

We were please to welcome Mr Stewart back to Kilry to judge our Scottish Verse Speaking competition last month. Some of the Scottish words were a bit tricky but the children all did very well and Mr Stewart had no easy task selecting the winners who were: P1 Luke, P2 Danny, P3 Thomas, P4 Pyla, and P5/6 Rebecca.

During the mid-February holiday the painters were in sprucing up our GP Room and kitchen. It caused quite a bit of upheaval but the end result was worth it and we now have a nice bright area in which to work, eat and play.

Wallace and Bruce are keeping an eye on everyone from the classroom wall as the children study these characters from our past for this term's topic. Castles have also been made and the older children are compiling a time line for this period in history.

The week commencing 19th March has been designated as a Health/Fairtrade Week at Kilry School. During the week emphasis will be on Healthy Eating and keeping our bodies in good shape. A representative from the One World Centre in Dundee is coming to explain what Fairtrade is all about and our Healthy Tuck Shop will have products from this range. Our Active School Co-ordinator and Gym Specialist are involved in organising sporting/keeping fit activities during the week.

We shall also be busy preparing for a Coffee Afternoon on Friday, 23rd March (1.30pm - 3pm) to which you are all invited. Teas and coffees will be served and there will be a variety of stalls (including Fairtrade products) and a raffle. It will be an ideal opportunity for you to visit the school and meet the children and staff and we look forward to seeing you then.

Edith Koller

YOGA CLASSES

Julie Driscoll from Blairgowrie has offered to run Hatha Yoga classes in the Kilry Village Hall, initially she is offering four sessions this spring with the option for us to book a further six week session in the early autumn. The dates that we are booking are Tuesdays 17th and 24th April, and 1st and 15th May, 7 to 8.30 pm. It will cost £26 for the four sessions for each person. You need your own Yoga mat (and block if you wish to use one) and you need to bring a warm blanket. There is a form to fill out before the class to register (and to list in confidence any health issues that you wish considered) and the form is available from Judith Dunkerley'.Ph No 560374

HOBBIES AND HOBNOBS



Hobbies and Hobnobs have been up and running for a few sessions now and those attending are enjoying it. There is a lot of talent in Kilry as the hobbies have included painting, crewal work, embroidery, knitting, patchwork and paper crafts. You do not however need to be skilful at any craft to attend. Please come and join us for some company and to try the different varieties of HobNobs we have discovered. The group will be held at Kilry Hall on the following Mondays between 2pm and 4pm – 12th and 26th March , 9th and 23rd April and 7th May. Charge per session £1.00.For further details please phone Linda on 560339 or Pippa on 560274.

The Isla Parishes Church Services

All Sunday Morning Services are held in Kilry Church at 10.30am.

The **first Sunday morning of the month** is a **family service**. From the beginning of March all the morning services will be followed by refreshments and a time for fellowship.

The **AGM** will be held on 11th March in Kilry Church immediately following the morning service. A special West Area Team Ministry **Family Service** will be held in **Kilry Church on Sunday 25th March at 3.00pm** to be conducted by Reverend Linda Stevens. Tea will follow in Kilry Hall.

Evening services will be held throughout the Isla Parishes as follows:

11th March in Airlie Church at 6.30pm
18th March in Kingoldrum Church at 6.30pm
25th March in Glenisla Church at 6.30pm This will be a Songs of Praise.

The schedule has not yet been made up for Easter but it is definitely safe to say the service on Easter Sunday will be in Kilry Church at 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome. Details of other Easter Services will be available shortly from the minister and elders: contact numbers are listed below.

Information on any church matter can be had from the minister Ben Pieterse on 560260, church elders in Kilry namely Tony Clark on 560227, Edith Koller on 560242, Sheila Lothian on 560220, Finlay McGowan on 560236 or Jenny Ralston on 560250.

Future Songs of Praise - all in Glenisla Church – dates for your diaries

25th March to be led by pupils and staff of Glenisla School
22nd April to be led by Mrs Janey MacFarlane, Alyth
27th May to be led by Reverend Harry Mowbray, Blairgowrie
24th June to be led by Reverend Robert Ramsay, Invergowrie
22nd July & 26th August yet to be arranged
23rd September to be led by Reverend Leslie Barratt, Abertay University
28th October hopefully local Young farmers will lead a harvest Songs of Praise
25th November to be led by the Blairgowrie Handbells

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May in Airlie Hall.

This is a long established event starting at 10.00am through to 12 noon. Many people from all over come to buy their bedding plants and indeed there is a wide variety of plants of all kinds. There is a cake and candy stall and teas as well as a number of smaller tables. It is a nice friendly occasion so jot down the date and come along.

Mini Sponsored Walk on Sunday 3rd June 2007

After the success of a sponsored walk in 2006 the congregational board have agreed to organise one again. This time the event will start and finish at Airlie Hall and is also for a distance of approximately 4 miles. All age groups are encouraged to take part in this fun walk and it hoped all money raised on this occasion will be for church funds. Sponsorship forms are not yet available but can be obtained from mid April from Margaret Robertson on 01307 840581 or Jenny Ralston on 560250. They will also be able to answer any queries.

Church Gala Afternoon on Saturday 8th September at Glenisla Hall.

This is forward notice of another fundraising event. There will be an auction with some donated items and promises using a professional auctioneer, a tombola, a Boules competition, a mini craft fayre with possibly 4 tables, a balloon race when we will send off x number of pre sold balloons (our aim is 1000 but depends on sales). There will be games like netball scoring, welly boot throwing, nails in a bale, guess the birthday, sweets in a jar, lucky grid and croquet to name a few and perhaps a walking treasure hunt. In addition a fun dog show will be organised with prizes for things like best six legs, dog most like it's owner, agility course - if dog doesn't do it the owner has to! Etc, etc!! Dogs may be borrowed.

Games for children like bran tub, knocking balls into bucket etc as well as children's races will all add to the fun and there will be a BBQ & teas. SO PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY & COME JOIN THE FUN

Jenny Ralston