

# Glendale

## News and Views

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### Local Development Officer Update

Under new management the work of the LDO resumed with vigour. Having recently completed the Glendale Community Growth plan (copies available upon request and also in the Hall) the aim was to help the community bodies deliver the plan and their projects for the benefit of the area.

The key priority has been the community acquisition of the Pier, slip and surrounding area at Meanish. Having completed the detailed survey work negotiations had to be undertaken with the Highland Council and the Crown Estate to ensure the best deal was achieved for the Glendale Trust. The completion of the acquisition is likely to happen in the next week (before the end of April) allowing the community of Glendale to again focus on making this area the centre of community activity. A big thank you must be given to the members of the Glendale Moorings Association and users of the area for the help and back ground they have provided over recent months. This has helped to put in place the planning for the next stages of the project. It is anticipated that external consultants will carry out detailed study in order to determine the best use of the area and investigate revenue generating opportunities to support the current and future users along with ensuring the area is maintained to the highest possible standards.

Work has also progressed on almost all the projects detailed in the community growth plan. A brief over view is provided below.

**The Farmers Market Project** – The high level of support from local producers and the agreement of the Glendale Community Hall committee to act as the lead in this project has allowed the funding application for a detailed feasibility to be completed. This study will provide a solid basis on which the concept of a farmers market can be developed.



**Broadband and IT project.** The area will soon benefit from the provision of IT equipment and basic classes on the use of computers and internet etc. This is likely to begin in the coming months as the funding required to deliver the project is currently awaiting final approval. Advertising will take place in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in the initial very informal classes please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Housing / Mini Croft Project** – Having received another £10,000 in order to determine the feasibility of delivering community owned affordable housing we are hoping to arrange a presentation by the Chief Exec of the Rural Housing Service on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. This meeting will allow the community to understand the benefits in providing affordable housing and the mechanisms involved. It is hoped that interested members of the community along with landowners will come along. The aim is to deliver mid rental properties which are leased to specifically selected tenants.

**Signs and Digital heritage Project.** – Running a little behind due to the pace of the other projects it is hoped the final application for this project can be submitted in the coming weeks. A list of sites of interest in the area has been created along with more detailed plans on how this project can be delivered.

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**Cemetery Wall and Public Transport** – Support is being provided to the community councils cemetery wall project which aims to extend the dry stone wall around the recent extension to the Glendale cemetery. Work is also on-going

to determine the need for, and possible provision of public transport in Glendale. Glendale suffers from a very poor provision of public transport in particular during the summer months when there is a total cessation of public transport. Updates of the work carried out by the LDO will now be published on the Glendale Trust website. Help on any of the projects is always gratefully received if you are interested in any of the project are just keen to find out more details please feel free to contact the LDO.

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## Membership Application The Glendale Trust

Full Membership is for residents of Glendale.  
Associate Membership is for those with connections or interest in Glendale.

Full or Associate Member (Circle one)

Name:

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Address:

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Post code:

Phone:

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E-mail:

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Communications and newsletters will be e-mailed so please check your e-mail address is accurate. The Glendale Trust is a charitable company. In the event of dissolution then a maximum liability of £1 (one pound) will be payable from each member.

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### Harry and Florence Nicholl

saw in their garden recently a great spotted woodpecker, a stoat in winter clothing. i.e. ermine and a woodcock. Not the first time for the woodcock but first time for the others.



## Glendale Trust update

Since the reconstitution the new board members have been getting quickly up to speed on the management and priorities of the Trust and its position with on-going projects and corporate governance. During the initial period the board were faced with ensuring the accounts had been quickly brought up to date while securing the services of the Local Development Officer for another year.

The new treasurer Angela must be thanked for her hard work in not only getting to grips with the accounts in such a short period of time but also securing funds due to the Trust from the employment of the LDO over the previous year. Thanks should also be given to the Glendale Hall Committee for their provision of the hall for meetings and their patience regarding outstanding invoices as the accounting slowly gets back into order!

Another urgent focus of the new board has been to complete the work required to take ownership of Pier, Slip and surrounding area at Meanish in order to bring it under the management of the community. This was a time critical project as the much needed lottery funding was due to expire in Feb 2013. Thankfully the purchase is scheduled to be completed before the end of March 2013 and has involved lengthy negotiations with the Crown Estate and Highland Council. Importantly however, the success of this venture will provide a lasting legacy to the late Stan Farnaby and Bill Knight who were instrumental in setting up the initial project and completed the hard work in trying to ensure that the area remained in Community ownership and control as far back as 2007. Thanks must be given to the Glendale Moorings Association for their continued help in providing a great deal of background to the project and its aims as well as information key to planning for the future. The Trust looks forward to working with Moorings Association and all other potential parties more closely as this exciting project enters its next phase.

**With the AGM scheduled to take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm**, we hope that the members and community will continue to support the efforts of the volunteers on the board as they aim to meet the objectives of the Trust. Plans are afoot to continue the successful Glendale Homecoming Weekend and we would like to thank the Glendale Community Council for their willingness to share in the delivery of this exciting part of the Glendale summer. The Trust is continuing to undertake other projects detailed in the community growth plan and are excited by their potential and benefits to the area of Glendale.

Lastly but by no means least we would like to thank the community of Glendale and the members of the Trust for the support they have shown over the recent months in what has been a difficult time for all involved. We look forward to working together for the wider benefit of Glendale and really need and benefit from the continued support. The Trust is currently in a difficult financial position and will always be in need of help as our many projects begin to develop, please get in contact if you wish to lend a hand.

## Glendale Community Council

**Chairman: Norman MacPherson**

**Secretary: Fay Thompson, Treasurer: Tony Livesey**

**Members: Roddy MacKinnon, Charmain Thompson, Stuart Edinburgh, Nick Carter.**

The Glendale community council meet regularly throughout the year to discuss various subjects which affect the people of Glendale.

We are still working on the project of extending the graveyard wall. It is felt that not only would it give added weather protection to bereaved people attending funerals but would shelter and promote growth to the trees planted by the Borrodale school children several years ago. It would be of a dry stone wall construction to blend in with the existing wall. We are in the process of getting quotes for labour and materials and with the help of Elgar Finlay are trying to source funding.

As regards the fencing at the Hamara Bridge, we have contacted Gordon MacDonald at the Highland council on several occasions and are still waiting for any action on the subject. We have stressed that it is a danger to the public especially young children using the nearby play area.

The Highland council plan to demolish Colbost Jetty. We have discussed this subject and feel that considering that it is of such an historical importance to the area it would be a shame to let this happen. However we have not come up with any firm proposals as to what to do about it yet.

The problem of lack of public transport especially during the school holidays has also been discussed by the community council. We are looking into the possibility of getting a community mini bus organised for these periods, perhaps sharing it with other communities such as Dunvegan, Struan and Waternish.

We are also trying to get better signs for the Glendale area and improvements to the war memorial.

Finally at a meeting of the community council in November it was decided to donate a sum of £100 towards the cost of the senior citizens Christmas dinner. This sum was put in an article in the Glendale News. However after this was done Jan Perry was approached by our treasurer and she would only accept a cheque for £50. We are sorry for any confusion that this has caused.

### RED ROOF CAFE GALLERY

#### REOPENS FOR 2013

**On Monday 25th March, the Red Roof reopens**

for the season, with old lunch favourites and new delicacies for 2013. The coffee machine will be back on and chai lattes available once again.

**Opening hours are now 11am-5pm**

**Sun-Fri.** (Please note that we will be closed on Saturdays this year).



Due to popular demand there will however be LIVE MUSIC most Friday nights this year! With top acts such as the Budapest Cafe Orchestra, Ewan McLennan, Martin Stephenson and the return of Wingin' It, gigs are sure to sell out so get your tickets soon. To thank local customers **SEASON TICKETS will also be available with 6 TICKETS FOR**

**THE PRICE OF 5!** Details and videos of all the musicians booked so far can be seen on the 'Live Music' page of the website. We look forward to seeing you all again at the Red Roof! **Elly and Craig, Red Roof Cafe Gallery.**

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## Skye Dental Services

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I received the following from Dave Thompson's office, specifically Ian Anderson.

"Unfortunately the update on Skye dental now is not as optimistic as it was before. The main issue is, while the number of dentists working across Dunvegan, Portree and Kyle has reached 7, several have opted to reduce their hours. This is a Hobson's choice for NHS Highland as it is so difficult to recruit for the area.

The good news is that as noted below, another part time dentist has been recruited to start in March and the waiting list continues to shrink, but apparently there will still be a waiting list at the end of next year, albeit much smaller.

The other good news is that anyone not yet registered and needing emergency care is treated in Skye and Lochalsh and does not have to go further afield and this has pertained for some time. Additionally, as the waiting list shrinks, the incidences of these emergencies are becoming quite rare, and as a result they are less disruptive to the regular care of those registered."

Whilst this is a frank and honest response the fact remains that some residents have been waiting for 6 years or more and how much longer people will have to wait is evidently uncertain. Some of you have resorted to travelling away from Skye and some of you have used the hospital student services in Inverness just to get treatment. Some have been told that, given the resources available, if they are able to come to the phone themselves they are not in enough pain to warrant emergency care which suggests, albeit anecdotally, that the situation remains extreme.

Perhaps a way forward would be to conduct our own survey within the Glen on this. With some solid information we can visualise the scale of the problem and then try to find some solutions.

If you're willing to share your story would you be kind enough to get back to me with a) at what date were you put on the waiting list? b) have you purchased dental treatment privately because you couldn't get treatment on the NHS? c) have you needed emergency dental treatment? d) have you received emergency dental treatment whilst being on the waiting list and if so when?

If you have any more stories or additional information this would be very useful in building a picture. I shall pass the results of this survey to Ian Anderson and Dave Thompson and of course the summarised results will make interesting reading in the next newsletter. It will give us a concrete base from which to demand that more is done. Please email your replies to Natalie at [n.bayfield@bayfieldtraining.com](mailto:n.bayfield@bayfieldtraining.com)

Apologies I have not yet come back to you on other issues highlighted in the previous newsletter. With the time I have available I have prioritised the dental waiting list issue as this seems to be the most pressing concern at the moment.

## Ramblings from Cross's Patch

'What a gay day' as Larry Grayson used to declare! Just when you think it might be safe to put your nose outside the door to declare war on the weeds and dig over the veggie patches yet again, Somebody Up there decides differently.

But then I think, if I had to be stuck indoors with the wind howling in the chimney, the rain sleeting down, the hens and ducks tucked up in the fank and the dog sat on my feet, where would I rather be? And, truth to tell, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Those of us who are lucky enough to be able to choose where we want to live are really in the most fortunate of positions. Himself and I never really thought that we would ever manage to live on Skye, in spite of so many holidays spent up here with the children and the dog. But then a very ancient pipe-dream suddenly became an opportunity to be grasped with hope and both hands. Serendipitous, indeed!

Strange, even, how an opening can suddenly present itself and all because of studying an Open University module called 'Open to Change'. Such is the unexpected power of further education.

I don't know about you but I regularly count my blessings in that I have finally wound up staying here. I have beautiful scenery, stimulating weather, the opportunity to work outside productively in the good, fresh air when the weather and various aching bits allow, space around me to breathe yet easy access to an invaluable shop and (hopefully not too often) a usually helpful GP!

There's good company in abundance from a variety of folk with an amazing range of skills to share and stories to tell. There's the mobile library, a wonderful facility! There's good food as well, from Jan's generous cooking to when the Red Roof is open. The Three Chimneys is beyond us and we've yet to catch Ceitag's!

Yes, we're miles from the supermarkets, department stores, theatre and airport but you do become accustomed to allowing the extra hours to any journey, if you really want to go somewhere. Yes, the cost of living is higher but I look out of my windows to a view that is better than most foreign places to which I have travelled, so there's no need to go again. Yes, the family witter about the time it takes to come and see us but they are always better for a stay up here and go home refreshed, ready to cope with the demands and restrictions of 'civilisation'.

And, of course, there is the internet. Truly, most of my friends live in my laptop. Not that I'm anti-social, far from it! I just seem to blather more on-line, not to mention eBay and Amazon, so much so that sometimes I feel that I keep Donnie-the-Post in employment!

It's still blowing a gale and raining. Hooray for Andy Stables and Alan Dickson, I can play for ages with the weather forecast and the wind speeds and what's going on in the Glen, all on one web-site!

The more relaxed way of life here is not for everyone...as our son-in-law remarked on his first visit, 'Cor, innit quiet here?' Yes, it is. And save for the accompaniment of the wind and the waves, the rain and the birds, long may it remain so. Cross's Patch is our wee taster of Heaven!

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## Skye and Lochalsh Environment Forum

SLEF is a partnership open to anyone with an interest in the natural and cultural habitats of the area. The group grew out of the Highland Biodiversity Project and the creation of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan in 2003. Thanks to financial support from Highland Leader and the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Outreach Project runs until Dec 2013 to broaden our activities and bring the wonders of our surroundings to as many people as possible.

The Outreach Project has a number of specific targets – walks, talks, training events, production of a mobile display and resource kits etc. – aimed at raising awareness of the biodiversity of the area. The Group has equipment such as digital microscopes, bat detectors, bug boxes and a wide range of downloadable material from the website.

Judith Bullivant, the Outreach Project Officer, would like to hear about any objects for the display boxes, articles for the newsletter or ideas and possible venues for events, 01599534596 [www.slef.org.uk](http://www.slef.org.uk)

## Isle of Skye - U3A

**U3A Stands for the University of the Third Age.** It is not a university in any sense at all - but a self-help organisation for people who are retired or semi-retired and no longer in full time employment. It provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. There are currently over quarter of a million members in the 716 local U3As all over the UK (but only 41 of these are in Scotland).

Isle of Skye U3A is one of the smaller ones with around 60 members.

Each U3A is an autonomous unit but we benefit from the support of U3A UK in many ways – e.g. we can get access to online courses – many of them free; we get magazines, invitations to events all over UK.

But here on Skye, what do we do? We work to ensure that our "certain age" is filled with opportunities to make new friends and learn new things.

We have monthly meetings with speakers. Topics in our 2013 programme cover linguistics, photography, homeopathy, physiotherapy, music and journalism.

Apart from our monthly meetings there are "interest groups" – as many as our members want. Currently active groups are geology, nature, walking, photography and archaeology and of course IT.

Last year we were very fortunate in receiving a grant from the Award for All aka the BIG Lottery Fund. This enabled us to buy laptops, digital projector, digital movie camera and I-pad – our aim is to enable those of our generation to feel confident using this equipment. The U3A IT group offers sessions for those who nothing or those who know a little and want to know more.

If you'd like to know more, your Glendale contacts are:

Joy Davies (Chair) Tony Livesey (Vice Chair)

Pola Livesey (Interest Groups Co-ordinator)

You'll find our numbers in the local phone book.

## U3A

2013 Meetings, 2 - 4 pm on the last Friday of the month (except\*\*) (Venues include Portree Community Hall and Broadford Village Hall.

### April 5th \*\*

AGM, (not tedious), social and more.

(Community Hall, Portree)

### April 26th

Roger Hutchison, prolific Author and Journalist, will talk on "From 'Whiskey Galore' to the 'Silent Weaver' via 'Callum's Road', the author's journey"

(Broadford Village Hall)

### May 31st

Special interest groups feedback, a look back and have your say on the future

(Community Hall, Portree)

### June 28<sup>th</sup>

John Cross, physiotherapist, Doctor of Acupuncture, and author, will talk on

"Combining West and East in Therapies"

(Broadford Village Hall)

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## CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

I cannot be the only novice Skye gardener here...! could grow most things down in Devon but Skye is a whole new garden!

Is anyone interested in resuming the Glendale Gardening Club, where experienced gardeners might be willing to share their knowledge with others less experienced, have a wee blether with a cuppa and maybe swop a few seeds or plants?

If that might be you, please e-mail me on:

[skyeduck@hotmail.com](mailto:skyeduck@hotmail.com) or telephone

01470 511361 or write to, 12, Upper Milovaig

Hope to see you,

Andrea Cross (the original Andrea in the Glen!)

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## Thank you from Skye Weavers

We have been here for just over a year now and are feeling pretty much at home in Glendale and at Fasach. Everyone has been very welcoming and we would like to say thank you to all of you, who have visited and supported us through our first year. It was great to see so many of you at our first Open Day in December, even though the weather was all but inviting!

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Before we moved to Glendale, we were living and working on the Isle of Mull at Ardanish Organic Farm and Weaving Mill. Roger was working on the farm, while Andrea, as well as being head gardener for the St Columba Hotel on Iona, was sewing for the weaving mill. The inspirational philosophy of Ardanish in trying to make the most of the resources of the farm while working with the natural environment had been what had drawn us there, seven years previously. Native breeds of Black (Kyloe) Highland cattle and indigenous Hebridean sheep were the mainstay of the farm. Crops of oats, turnips and haylage were grown to feed the stock during winter.



The wish to use all the resources of the animals had led to the setting up of the weaving enterprise alongside the farm. As well as using all the fleeces from the four hundred sheep on the farm, up to 3 tons of other native breed raw wool was bought in to produce an array of natural colours. In starting our own weaving and sewing business we have been greatly helped and encouraged by Ardanish and especially by master weaver Bob Ryan, who set up the original Isle of Mull Weavers some 25 years ago. It's been a steep learning curve, but as Bob is always telling us: "you never stop learning."

At present all our yarn is bought in from spinners outside Skye, although as much as possible we try to buy wool that is grown in the UK. Our long term vision is to be able to source wool that is produced on Skye or even Glendale and for us to be able to sell a product that has genuine local provenance. We are very excited by the building of a small spinning mill on North Uist. This will give the opportunity for smaller batches of fleece to be spun locally. Likewise Tony and Eva Lambert at Shilasdair Yarns give us the possibility of having the yarn dyed naturally and locally.

Last November we put our Skye Weavers sign out on the Glendale road for the first time and have had quite a few visitors even in January. This season we'll be open for visitors to come and have a look at the weaving shed and

## Glendale Wildlife & Nature

**What a quiet winter it has been for birdlife.** The incredibly mild winter has meant that very few birds have been moving around, so after our main breeding birds disappeared in the autumn there was very little that came in to take their place.

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.In December, there was a late blackcap in the Clelands' garden at Upper Milovaig on 17<sup>th</sup> and a lapwing at Lower Milovaig on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was also a very unusual winter sighting. The first black guillemots returned to Loch Pooltiel



on Boxing Day, which was also the same day when we had a rare visit from a pair of

◀ Slavonian Grebes on the Loch

A couple of Woodcocks > over-wintered in the glen, one is still on croft 2 Lephin at the time of writing (March 6<sup>th</sup>) and a second bird over-wintered in the Hampsons' garden at Lower Milovaig. These can be observed circling around at dusk. A small family pod of harbour porpoises remained in the area all winter, being seen off both Lower Milovaig and Neist Point.



The first meadow pipits returned at the beginning of February, followed by the skylarks on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The first Lesser black-backed gulls are due to return any day now. The first of these very pretty gulls often turn up amongst Neil Alick's sheep at Fasach, so keep an eye out for them, and towards the end of this month the first wheatears will be back.

The aurora borealis has been visible, or photographable, on over twenty nights this winter, with many visitors and locals enjoying the spectacle. The aurora on the evening on January 17<sup>th</sup> was short-lived but provided a breath-taking display shortly after sunset with vivid green colours to the naked eye and an intensity of light equal to anything seen in Scandinavian countries. You can see photographs of every aurora in Glendale this winter at: Andy Stables.



[http://www.glendaleskye.com/aurora\\_borealis.php](http://www.glendaleskye.com/aurora_borealis.php)



bicycle pedal-powered loom, the warping mill and our small shop.

Our official opening hours will be from Easter to the end of October, Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 6pm, but other days and times can be arranged by appointment. We are also looking forward to re-joining our fellow arts & craft neighbours at the Glendale Craft Fair every Tuesday in the village hall.

We would be happy to welcome you, your friends and your guests at our workshop! With best wishes for the coming

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## Bill the Fish Man

**Bill will be at the Glendale Community Hall Carpark at 8.30 every Wednesday morning for your lovely fresh fish.**



Home delivery can be arranged.

Please call Bill on 01542 831911



## Have you always wanted to make your own patchwork and quilted items?

Jennifer Lewis of Skye Quilt Studio will be running a series of basic patchwork and quilting workshops in Glendale

Jennifer will be holding 4 one-day workshops over 4 Saturdays in May 2013

At the end of the 4 weeks you will have made a table runner like the one illustrated above

Cost: £125 for all 4 workshops including fabric kit

If you are interested in attending these workshops please contact Jennifer on 01470 511393 before 01/04/2013

## Hands across the Water

All of us have been training for around 18 months in Waternish mostly on static cycles in Waternish village hall. The sponsored cycle ride took place from the 5th February 2013 over 9 days, the total millage was 500 miles, the weather conditions were unusually hot and we had a strong head wind, again not usual. The cycle ride was in aid of several charities, the main one is (Hands across the Water UK) a charity set up by my wife Gill and I following the tsunami in 2004. The other charities will include Crossroads and a Hospice in Yorkshire.

The cyclists from Waternish included Gill Williams, Ian Williams, Mike Goodall, Hillary Goodall and Jim Adams. The use of the hall was donated by the Hall Committee,



however each session we all gave £1 and this suddenly added up. The current amount raised is in excess of £10,000 and still rising, if anyone out there

<The Thai Children visit Lochbay, Skye.



wishes to donate they can via a link I will send to you. I will also send you images of the riders from Waternish.

Over the years we have been sponsored generously by the kind people of Skye too many to mention and to thank but I will highlight one business Skye Skyns who provided five of us with merino wool cycle covers, they might not have looked pretty BUT they gave us great comfort during the 500 miles cycle.

kk The whole story can be accessed via Face book the link is 'hands across the water uk'. Here you will see lots of images including the wonderful children and helpers at the orphanage.



P.S. We are recruiting for 2014 the 10th anniversary of the disaster. The next cycle ride will be in September 2014, if you wish to join in this life changing event call Gill or Ian on 01470 592 732, you can also see images and purchase items from the orphanage from Ian's gallery in Waternish-Brae Fasach Gallery. **Ian Williams from Waternish.**

Note:- I heard about this project 'Hands across the water' from Ian Williams a few weeks ago. He and his wife were in Thailand some years ago helping with the aftermath of the Tsunami, with the difficult and sometime grizzly job helping identify the victims. As a result of their experience they set up a charity to fund an orphanage and that work continues successfully today. I think a highly worthwhile investment. Ocean

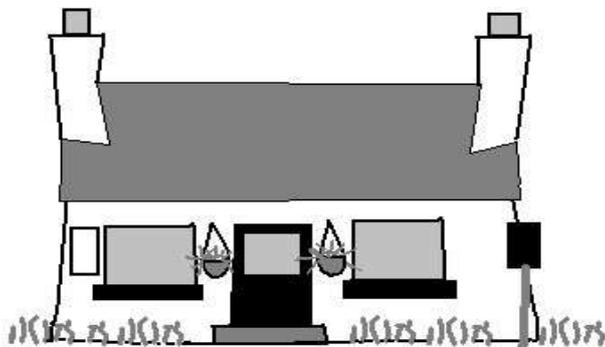
## News from the shop

**Does Glendale need a shop? Well dozens of loyal local customers obviously think so!** Thanks to all those who make it worthwhile for us to open all year. Although things are quieter over the winter we're still here 11 till 6 for local customers (and the odd visitor and returnee).

Our Loyalty card scheme has been a roaring success with nearly 48 cards completed since April last year, each one being £10 back in the pocket for our best customers, Thank you all.

We now have a supplier on Skye for local firewood. Graham Wade aka the Greenman of Staffin has been delivering bags of logs and kindling to us with very good feedback from customers on their burning so far. The large bags of kindling are particularly good value at just £7.55 if you use kindling on a regular basis.

Helen Day has recently been supplying us with fresh bread and cakes on Fridays and Saturdays. Nell's baking speaks for itself and we're hoping that her duties at the Red Roof Cafe Gallery will enable her to continue supplying us after it opens on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Ask in the shop for latest news. The recent food scandal over horsemeat in 'beef' products has affected us with the withdrawal of Birdseye lasagne and



shepherd's pie products. Most of our fresh meat is sourced via John Munroe butchers who source all their beef and lamb from Scottish farmers. Indeed, it may well be Glendale stock we get back! Nancy has been investigating the possibility of producing ready meals from this meat for sale in the freezer, contact her for latest news.

Over the next month or so we will be carrying out our annual stock take and hope to make some minor improvements before the summer silly season starts so please bear with us if things are moved around a little.

Stuart and Nancy have been quite poorly during February, missing out on the lovely winter sun with 'flu. As Stuart has been feeling better, he has been able to take a look at our website, so that we now have a little information on [www.glendaleshop.co.uk](http://www.glendaleshop.co.uk). Hopefully a full guide to the shop and links to other sites will soon be available. Please pop in and let us know if you have a website that we could link to. **Nancy and Stuart Bell**

***"Best Village Shop and Post Office"  
Finalists of the  
Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards 2009***

## Message from the Universe

You do understand, Dear Reader that you are now adventuring in the jungles of time and space by special invitation, right?

Mine? Hardly.

Actually, it was the express wish of every single one of the umpteen billion people now sharing the planet with you, plus those who came before you, and those on the verge of arriving.

Basically, they thought their little emerald home wouldn't be the same otherwise.

I agreed, The Universe

Yes, Dear Reader, I'm sure this is quite difficult for you to see from your vantage point, but they were, indeed, unanimous.

## Glendale Shop and Post Office

**Summer Opening Hours (June – September)**

**10.00am – 7.00pm**

**Off Season Opening Hours (October – May)**

**11.00am – 6.00pm**

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### Please Note.

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## KELPIE CRAFTS AND ART GALLERY

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**Open all year, 10am till late.**

**A Little Shop of Treasures**

A large collection of gifts and paintings all hand made by Linda Jackson.

Signs made to your requirements e.g. B&B's, house names, menu chalk boards, and itemised gifts available in pyrography.

Special occasion cards made to order.



## Kelpie Crafts and Art Gallery

As most of you will know I've been making and selling my crafts at the market on a Tuesday for some years now but it always seemed a shame that for the rest of the week all my gifts were stored away in boxes. Two years ago my youngest son said; "Why don't you open a shop Mam, you have always wanted to do that". He was right and what was stopping me really. A week away from lambing started, I decided it was now or never, and ordered 21 sheets of Stirling board.

I've never enjoyed anything so much in a long time. While the sheep were lambing I was happily fitting the shed out in

wooden sides and shelves. By the time the lambs were all safely delivered I had a fully fitted shop. It was next to the lambing shed and I could watch the sheep while I fitted out the shop. If you ever want a confidence boost just get your hammer and nails out and get on with it, you can do whatever you want to do.

I had great fun hanging up my woolies and pressed flower pictures and opened the doors Easter 2011. I would be fibbing if I said I wasn't a bit scared when the first car stopped, but it was fantastic, they actually bought some of my work, and I've never looked back. I get to meet some lovely people and they enjoy looking at my work and go away happy with their gifts.

I was about 12 when I first started painting, mostly in oils, but over the years I changed to water colour and now thanks to the art classes in the hall on a Thursday, I have added acrylics and line drawings. I discovered encaustic art a few years ago and use the melted wax to create pictures of the northern lights. I find the vivid colours just perfect. I have over 30 different crafts on display now, from pressed flowers on driftwood to Arran hats. I have something for everyone with prices to suit anyone. My gifts start from £2.50 for shells with Neist Point painted on them.

I'm always discovering something new. Pyrography is my latest art work, burning pictures on wood, I recycle whatever I can. A glass vase enjoys pride of place when I engrave a family of otters onto the front, or the green man when carved on the end of a 2' piece of beam.

The next time you are over at the light house for a walk give me a call. Everyone is welcome to browse. I can personalise just about any of my gifts so if you want that extra special birthday present, then let me know. I'm open every day except a Tuesday when I'm at the craft market in the hall, if you work and miss out on opening times then give me a ring and come over in the evening. If you have a venture you have always wanted to do, go for it, what are you waiting for? Life is too short, I'm pleased I did.

**Linda Jackson.**

