

Monarch of the Glen Series 7

Episode Synopses

Episode 1

It's a time of mixed emotions for Golly. Following the sudden death of his partner, Meg, he is looking after baby Cameron alone and, despite Jess's support, he is finding it hard to cope. However, with preparations for Cameron's christening in full swing, Golly is pleased to welcome Duncan back to Glenbogle. He and Jess are to be the baby's godparents, but the pair clash during the rehearsal, and Jess realises she still has feelings for him. Golly is thrown deeper into turmoil when Meg's sister, Rosie, arrives and confronts him with a stark choice.

A long, hard winter has taken its toll on Glenbogle and the laird, Paul, is faced with a growing repair bill for his tenants' crofts. With money tight, he's dreading the Tenants Association's AGM and clashes with Iona MacLean, a beautiful local shepherdess, who will not take no for an answer.

Elsewhere, Donald – having gambled away the deposit for a new generator at a day at the races with Molly – hatches an elaborate plan to repay the debt before Paul discovers the truth. And Ewan faces money worries of his own when his demanding girlfriend, Zoë, pressures him into booking a holiday abroad.

Meanwhile, Paul and Iona meet and it becomes clear that there's a spark between them. But when an unfortunate misunderstanding leads to a frosty atmosphere, Paul tries to make amends – with disastrous consequences.

Episode 2

Paul's teenage goddaughter, Amy MacDougal, makes an unexpected arrival at Glenbogle. Paul is overjoyed to see Amy but, before they have time to get reacquainted, Golly has important news for the laird – Tam the poacher is back in the village. Claiming to be a reformed character, Tam lays claim to his late mother's croft, knowing that Paul can't ignore his rights. However, Tam has revenge on his mind – he blames the MacDonald family for his stint in jail and sets about maliciously disrupting estate business.

Kilwillie returns from New York with pushy PA, Edith, in tow. While Kilwillie is delighted to see his dear friend Molly again, Edith is entirely underwhelmed. Molly suspects Edith may be a gold-digger and quickly discovers she has her sights firmly set on Kilwillie.

Unaware that Amy has become a disruptive influence in the house, Paul also fails to realise his goddaughter is hiding the truth from him. Smitten by the new arrival, Ewan happily covers up Amy's mess but his jealous girlfriend, Zoë, is unimpressed.

While her croft is being rebuilt, Iona moves into the big house but is ill at ease in her new grandiose surroundings. Paul is more than a little taken with his house guest and grows closer to Iona after they join forces against Tam. Could love be blossoming in Glenbogle?

As Tam disrupts the first lucrative fishing party of the season, Paul and Golly realise that they need to find a way to stop him – and fast.

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Paul's dreams to turn Glenbogle into a luxury retreat are tested to the limit when a demanding potential investor and his spoiled wife come to stay.

The family are less than supportive of Paul's money-making idea but he insists this is a make-or-break venture – all he needs to do now is convince wealthy former Russian cosmonaut Viktor Zinchenko and his wife, Catriona (**Matthew Marsh and Ruth Millar**).

The rich couple arrive at Glenbogle, bringing with them their pet panther, Yuri, and a list of demands for the MacDonald family. Paul pulls out all the stops to make it a wonderful weekend for his important guests but things go awry after Golly is injured.

While Molly becomes nursemaid to Golly, Jess is left to take her father's place as ghillie on the all-important deer stalk. However, she inadvertently falls foul of Viktor's unreasonable demands and the day ends in disaster.

Golly finds it difficult being cared for by Molly, the woman he has spent his life serving. Exasperated with her awkward patient, Molly walks out but is faced with more woes after Iona reveals Paul's business dream is fast turning into a nightmare. There's only one thing for it – Iona and Molly must rally the troops.

Meanwhile, Ewan turns to Donald for advice about how to work his way back into Zoe's good books, much to Amy's anguish. He suggests grand gestures, including a hot tub and champagne but, as Ewan attempts to make amends, he realises he may already have lost his heart to someone else...

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